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Officials estimate quake death toll at over 35,000

Rain, hail hamper relief flights to stricken area

By SADAQAT JAN

Associated Press Writer

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Heavy rain and hail forced the cancellation of some relief flights to earthquake-stricken regions Tuesday and survivors scuffled over the badly needed food. Officials estimated that the death toll would surpass 35,000.

Emergency workers in the northern town of Balakot pulled a teenage boy from the rubble on Tuesday, 78 hours after

Saturday's quake.

"He's alive!" rescuers shouted as people gave food and water to the boy and kissed him on the

Two survivors, a 55year-old woman and her 75-year-old mother, also were pulled from the rubble of a quake-hit apartbuilding Islamabad, 80 hours after they were buried. They did not appear to have suffered serious injuries.

A French search team on Monday rescued at least five children buried

in a collapsed school in the northern town of Balakot, said Eric Supara, an official at the French Embassy in Islamabad.

Earlier in the day, U.S. helicopters military helped ferry wounded from the wrecked city of Muzaffarabad, while international rescue teams joined the search for finding survivors. of Teams Britons, Germans and Turks used high-tech cameras to scan under piles of concrete,

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A father desperately looks for help for his seriously injured son from the few doctors and nurses who are working at the makeshift hospital on the grounds of the Ayub Hospital in Abbottabad, India, where many survivors of the earthquake have been taken.

KIDNAPPING

Grand jury hands down 37 true bills

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury handed down 37 indictments late last week, including charges of aggravated kidnapping following an Ackerly man's three-day rampage that took a 33-year-old woman and her 9-year-old son on a terrifying ride.

Pete Garcia, 42, was arrested at his home on Second Street in Ackerly on a charge of aggravated kidnapping after allegedly taking Sonya Renee Dean and her son from a Knott residence late in the evening of Aug. 27.

Dean and her son were removed from the home without any further injuries. Dean was immediately transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with only minor injuries sustained during the days of captivity, while her son reported no injuries.

Garcia was indicted on two counts of aggravated kidnapping (first-degree felony), aggravated sexual assault (first-degree felony), four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (firstdegree felony) and a separate charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, Dean was in the process of leaving an abusive relationship with

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Texas National Guard Brig. Gen. Eddy Spurgin takes time to honor the flags, as Spurgin and a joint task force of army national guard and air national guard provided relief in south and eastern Texas following Hurricane Rita.

Local man leads way in hurricane relief effort

By THOMAS JENKINS

Being promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Texas National Guard is quite an honor, but for one Big Spring man there wasn't much time to enjoy it. There were more pressing matters at hand.

Local resident Eddy Spurgin, who like millions around the country serves his nation in the armed reserves, was in New Orleans several weeks ago working with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort when he received his promotion to

However, thanks to the everchurning waters outside the Gulf. Coast, Spurgin said there was little time to enjoy the accolades that come with the promotion.

"We were in New Orleans continuing our search and rescue effort and humanitarian efforts," said

"We learned a lot through the evacuations on the coast, and things went very well. There was a lot of cooperation involved."

Brig Gen. Eddy Spurgin

Spurgin. "I had been there since Sept. 6, when we flew into the city. I was in New Orleans for about two weeks when we got the word that Hurricane Rita was bearing down on the coast.

"We had to work very quickly. We had to get all the equipment out of New Orleans and to a staging area in Texas, as well as airlift all of the soldiers out of there. We ended up at a staging area at Camp Swift, which is just east of Austin.

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Jail issue appears a stalemate

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite having recently failed an inspection from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Howard County commissioners say they are unsure when the matter of building a new jail facility will be back on the agency's agenda.

"I think we need to revisit the jail issue as soon as we possibly can. It's not going to go away... It just makes good sense to get it under way."

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Sheriff Dale Walker made a presentation to the commissioners during their Monday morning meeting, explaining how the jail once again failed to meet TCJS minimum standards for inmate crowding and inmate-toofficer ratio.

"As you are all aware of now, we failed our inspection," Walker told the court. "We failed based mainly on the overcrowding situation. We had 49 prisoners in here the day they were here and they're requesting we stay at a minimum of 10 percent less than our capacity so we have room for classification and segregation of our inmates.

"I've been watching on a daily basis, and we've been running between 22 to 49 prisoners. It always peaks; it's never really at

"We're also having problems with the number of staff per inmate ratio," he added. "If you have two or three jailers working a shift and you have one of them on control, they can't be counted because they're working the main office and can't respond to an inmate's needs. That's why the commission wants them

Walker said the county had previously tried to solve the overcrowding problem by housing inmates at contracted jail facilities across West Texas. However, it appears other facilities are having the same problem finding space as the Howard County Jail.

"Our contract facilities have been reporting to us for the last a constant. We're running at a two to three weeks that they holding capacity usually of 42 to were full," said Walker. "I under-

"I really don't know how much longer it will be. I really can't give you any kind of a date or anything right now. We just don't have the money to do anything."

stand they have some openings today, so we'll be moving some prisoners around. But it's a continual problem that we're hav-

TCJS Dennis -Cisneros, Inspector, said in a letter to the

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TAILGATE PARTY

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be hosting its 4th Annual Tailgate Party, Friday, at the Steer home game, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in parking lot of Memorial Stadium, west side, north end. Members will be selling beef or chicken kabobs, which will include a cookie and a drink for \$5 in advance and \$6 at the event. Tickets are available from any of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members or at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from Debbye ValVerde, Rotarian member.

Proceeds from this event will help purchase teaching aids for the special needs students of Big Spring ISD.

COMING THIS WEEKEND

Story: Texans take their chili seriously. In Terlingua (pop. 267), cooking a pot of beef, beans, onions, peppers, tomatoes and spices has

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been elevat-

ed to a culinary art form.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, 10th and Goliad.



According to the church, the point of the service is to help everyone become more thankful for their pets and more aware of their responsibilities for all of nature. Dogs, cats, goldfish, sheep, snakes and stuffed animals have been blessed in the past. There will be no collection but offerings of dog and cat food for the local humane society will be welcomed.

Obituaries

Apolonio 'Shorty' Estrada

Apolonio "Shorty" Estrada, 82, of Stanton died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, in a Midland nursing home. Vigil services are 7 p.m. today, Oct. 11, 2005, at the funeral home. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton with the Rev. Arturo Pestin, pastor of Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 9, 1923, in Elmendorf and came to Martin County in 1941. He farmed in Tarzan, then worked as a repairman for Bentley Furniture Store. He retired as the maintenance man at the Martin County Courthouse in 1982. He was a member of St.

Joseph's Catholic Church. Survivors include four sisters, Bessie Estrada of Midland, Lupe Chronister of Pearland, Frances McCann of Conroe and Mary Ramos of Stanton; two brothers, Cande Estrada of Gardendale and Emilio Estrada of Universal City; and numerous nieces and

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

J.T. "Cleo" Byers

J.T. "Cleo" Byers, 97, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 8, 1908, in Mart and married James Troy Byers July 25, 1925, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 1958. She came to Big Spring in 1911 and worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Cowper Hospital for 18 years and at the Bennett House for eight years. She had been a member of First Baptist Church since 1925.

Survivors include three sons, Dewey Byers of Big Spring, James L. Byers of Kingsland and Melvin Byers of Siloam Springs, Ark.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Bonnie Melton in 1991 and Janetta Whetsel in 1999, two sisters, three brothers, one grandchild, two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Orlline condolences can be www.npwelch.com.

Allie B. Cook

Allie B. Cook, 88, of Henderson, formerly of Garden City, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, in Longview. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-11-19 . Bonus Ball: 30. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$825,000.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-8-20-27. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-6

Take note

- APPLIZZA EXTRAVAGANZA at the Kentwood Elementary Open House and fourth grade program featuring apples and pizza from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today.
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 BARBECUE begins at noon Saturday. Carry-out is available until 1 p.m. Plates are \$7. The post is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084.
- · BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY SENIOR CIR-CLE is set for 9 a.m. unil 3 p.m. Wednesday in the parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. To make an appointment, call Anita Cline, Senior Circle advisor at 268-4721.
- BIG SPRING NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS meet at 11:45 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club. For more information, contact Ann Ward, publicity chairman, at 263-5650.
- MARCY ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL is set for 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Oct. 22. Chili dogs, nachos and frito pies are some of the items available to purchase. Tickets are 25 cents each and may be purchased at the door. Children may wear costumes, but frightening costumes are not allowed.
- BSHS JUNIOR CLASS TAILGATE FUND-RAIS-ER set for Oct. 28 before the football game in the parking lot of Memorial Stadium. Parents are selling hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chips, drinks and cookies for \$5. All proceeds go toward the junior-senior high prom. Call Angela Phernetton at 213-3119 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m.

- · JEANNIE SANCHEZ, 20, of 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 66, was arrested Monday on a Howard County
- JEREMY JAMES WHITE, 26, of 1505 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR., 26, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant. THEFT was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th
- Place. · ROBBERY was reported in the 1500 block of
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

JEANNIE SANCHEZ, 20, was transferred from BSPD after her arrest on a charge of theft.

• KEVIN DUANE RUTLEDGE, 29, was arrested by HCSO deputies on motions to revoke probation for theft by check and possession of marijuana.

 ARNULFO CHAVERA JR., 25, was arrested by HCSO deputies on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

• DERRICK DAMON WILBERT, 24, was arrested by HCSO deputies on a motion to revoke probation for

possession of a controlled substance. · RECKLESS DRIVER was reported on North

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on Salem Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of Goliad. Three persons were transported to

 MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Service was refused.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Runnels. Service was refused.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the northwest after midnight.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper

Around Town

- · RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.
- POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.
- HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.
- FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

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 Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Blood drive sponsored by Senior Circle is set for 9 a.m. unil 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. To make an appointment, call Anita Cline, Senior Circle advisor at 268-4721.

 Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

 Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

W. Highway 80.

 Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

· Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

· Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets. American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

· Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-5650 for more information.

• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

FRIDAY

· Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. antil 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. • AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. • Big Spring High School Harley Davidson Pep Rally at 3 p.m. at Blankenship Field. Public invited.

 Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

 American Legion Post No. 506 barbecue begins at noon. 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. • Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for

MONDAY

more information.

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

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Commissioners approve key changes at Senior Center

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As the newly appointed board of directors for the Spring City Senior Citizens Center continues its "restructuring" of the local organization, it appears the cost of a balanced budget for the coming year will involve the loss of at least one

Bebe McCasland, president of the board, along with Center Director Rhonda Campbell, went before Howard County Commissioners Monday morning to present a plan that would change the structure of the agency and result in a balanced budget, something the center has failed to have for years.

"What I pointed out to our board is some 74 percent of our expenditures involved salaries and benefits," said McCasland. "That's 74 percent. That doesn't

leave much to operate on. So, with Rhonda's help and guidance, the members of the board came up with a restructuring plan. We also came up with a balanced budget. Both the plan and the restructuring were adopted unanimously by the board."

Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the plan, which would eliminate at least two positions from the Senior Center's roster.

The position of assistant director, which has been held for several years by Yolanda Mendoza, would be eliminated, saving approximately \$21,320 for the center's budget. The elimination also frees up approximately \$10,000 in benefits, bringing the savings to

more than \$31,000. "I feel like I can handle the duties of that position in addition to my current duties," said

The plan would also eliminate a maintenance position at the center, moving long-time employee Jessie Bravo into the county's current pool of maintenance workers.

"Under this restructuring, ... Bravo would be working for the county's maintenance department instead of solely for the Senior Center," said Campbell. "If there's a big maintenance problem, we would contact the county and they would have someone from that department come and make a recommenda-

In addition to the changes in personnel, McCasland said there has been a big change in the center's budget, which previously relied on grants for operating funds.

"Another thing we took into account was that for about 11 years grant money was used for operating capital," McCasland. "The board, along with Rhonda (Campbell), realized that has to stop. You don't always get grants. So we had to come to you (the commissioners court) and recommend a budget that's practical. That we

can pretty well confirm our

sources of income. "If we're able to obtain grants in the future, perhaps it can be put into an endowment or special needs. But never again do we need to take grant money and apply it to operating costs."

Commissioner Gary Simer said moving Bravo to the county's central operation bothered him because it gave the center the appearance of being "overbudgeted."

"It looks like they just transferred their maintenance man over to the courthouse to help their budget," Simer said.

"They'll still be using him, but

it will help their budget by said about \$50,000. I'm concerned about the paperwork on it, mostly. What it amounts to in money, we'll still have to pay that one way or the other." disagreed.

Commissioner Bill Crooker

"I don't see the move causing any problems at all," said Crooker. "In fact, I think we'll be able to make better use of Jessie. He'll also have the chance for possible advancement down the road. So I really see this as a positive move for

In all, the restructuring and changes in the Senior Center's budget are expected to generate approximately \$86,000 in sav-

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court the problems merit immediate action.

"The facility inspected ... and it was determined that deficiencies exist," said Cisneros. "You (Howard County) are urged to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration and to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures.'

Bill Commissioner Crooker said the failing grade is a clear sign the court needs to begin working on the issue which as it stands, involves building a new, multi-million dollar facility — as soon as possible.

"I think we need to revisit the jail issue as soon as we possibly can," said Crooker. "It's not going to go away. We're looking at a time element of at least two years or more before a jail would be available for us to use. It just makes good sense to get it under way."

Commissioner Simer disagreed, saying the county simply doesn't have the funding to study the matter, much less move forward on a construction issue.

"It's failed for years. It's nothing new," said Simer. 'We spent \$200,000 last year that we didn't have budgeted (on the jail issue) and it really had an effect on our bottom-line budget. This year we're

trying to do some other things to make up for the loss. At this point in time, however, we just don't have the money to do another study on the jail. So we'll have to hold off a little bit longer before we're able to do anything. There are some other places we can house prisoners and some other things we can do ourselves to help out."

Simer said when the court will once again pick up the issue is anybody's guess at this point.

"I really don't know how much longer it will be," said Simer. "I really can't give you any kind of a date or anything right now. We just don't have the money to do anything. We just have to try to keep our head above

water."

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when Howard County commissioners identified jail overcrowding and noncompliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

In a facility needs-analysis from TCJS, the state agency projects approximate increase in population of 3,000 residents by the year 2020, with only a .03 percent increase in the rate of incarceration. In that time, the jail population is expected to grow from 92 inmates to 102 inmates.

The study recommended a 144 bed facility based on current conditions, as well as those projected 15 years from now.

dividing commissioners. It will cost approximately \$12 million to construct the joint law enforcement center — supported by commissioners Crooker and Jerry Kilgore county and city officials

have envisioned.

There has been no firm estimate on how much a 96-bed jail-only facility currently supported by commissioners Emma Brown and Simer — will cost, but supporters have said it could be constructed for as little as \$7 mil-

Commissioners tabled the jail issue in July to concentrate on the county's budget and tax rate, missing any chance of placing a bond election in front of area voters in

Cost is the major point November.

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MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME**

Hernandez, 66, Saturday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial

Saturday. Graveside Trinity Memorial Park.

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Garcia when he abducted her from the residence in Knott where she was stay-

Aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault are both firstdegree felonies, carrying a possible sentence of five to 99 years, to life in Aggravated prison. assault with a deadly weapon is a second-degree felony, punishable by two to 20 years in prison. All three charges carry an optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Walker said Garcia was taken into custody by Martin County Sheriff Randy Cozart without resistance and was turned over to HCSO deputies at the scene of his arrest.

The grand jury also issued a true bill for a 29year-old Big Spring man who was arrested and charged with robbery in the brutal mid-August attack on an employee at the Northside Community

Howard Foster of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 14 was arrested Aug. 17 for the attack which occurred the previous day in the 100 block of N.E. Eighth Street.

Foster was indicted on charges of theft (state jail felony) and aggravated robbery (first-degree felony). According to information provided by the Howard County District Attorney's Office, both charges could be upgraded to first-degree felonies in the future.

According to reports from the Big Spring Police Department, the victim sustained injuries when he was allegedly pushed by Foster during an attempt to steal his

wallet. Everett said Foster had entered the community center seeking assistance.

"While talking to the suspect, the victim turned away momentarily. At that point the suspect tried to take his wallet,"

said Everett. "The victim fought back and was pushed into a table or some other piece of furniture, hitting his head."

Everett said the suspect then fled the building.

felonies, Foster could face (third-degree felony). a possible sentence of five prison, including a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Also indicted were: Andrea Denise Alender, 33, of 2807 S. Anderson Road, forgery

(state jail felony). · John Henry Chappell, 28, of 1704 Cuiberson in San Angelo, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

 Adela Perez Deanda, 37, of 1510 Oriole, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree

felony). Dickiè Dwayne Dodson, 29, of 5301 S. Hwy. 349 in Midland, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

• Brandon Edwards, 19, address unknown, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

· Alisha Faulkner, 18, of 1608 Bluebird, criminal mischief (state felony).

Jeremy Carl Fortenberry, 29, of 1659 11th St. in Lubbock, possession/transportation of chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance (seconddegree felony) and possession of a controlled sub-(first-degree stance

felony). Armando Franco, 20, of 1016 Bluebonnet, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

1801 Rose St. in Wichita Falls, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

McKinley Haskin, 23,

of 1720 Auburn in

Lubbock, sexual assault

of a child (second-degree felony.) · Anna Maria Hoffpauir, 24, of 1905 Wasson Rd. No. currently in Howard 72, burglary of a habita- County Jail, forgery (state

 Frankie Lopez Juarez, 36, of 1008 Second St., assault on a public servant (third-degree felony).

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• John Eugene Kelley. years to 99 years, to life in 39, of 1307 Oil Mill Road, possession/transportation of chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of controlled substance (first-degree

> Heather Dawn McNew, 30, of 2703 Cindy, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. tion under Texas CS Act (state jail felony).

(second-degree felony). Emanuel Thomas Minguela, 51, of 1014 E. 21st St., burglary of a building (state jail

felony). • Jerry Dale Moore, 42, of 707 Bent Tree, driving while intoxicated with child passenger (state jail

felony). Mike Moreno Ortega, 47, of 603 Bell, driving while intoxicated (seconddegree felony, enhanced).

• Bryon Payne, 19, of 1509 Stadium, burglary of a habitation (seconddegree felony).

• Sarah Peterson, 19, of 1104 Lancaster, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony). · Curtis William Potts,

45, of 1314 Birdwell Lane, evading arrest (state felony jail). Jose Herminio Ramirez, 42, of 12905 Gail

Highway, driving while intoxicated (seconddegree felony, enhanced). David James Renteria, • Jon Eric Gelb, 38, of 39, of 1009 N. Bell., viola-

tion of a protective order

(third-degree felony). • Patrick Rios, 34, currently in Howard County Jail, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony) and aggravated robbery (first-degree felony).

 Rene Rodriguez, 17, (second-degree jail felony).

· Becky Jean Salgado, 38, of 1701 Alabama, tampering with governmental records (third-degree

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· Charlene Storie, 25, of furnishing false informa- 151, credit card abuse

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(state jail felony). Joshua Matthew Wilson, 18, of 3612 Hamilton St., credit card abuse (state jail felony).

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Managing Editor

Bill McClellan

OUR VIEWS

Funding needed for Herald to put papers in school

he Big Spring Herald's 2005-2006 Newspapers In Education program needs help. While it seemed to get off to a good start, it's simply not what we'd like for it to be. Not even close, and that means it's not reaching as many students as we'd like.

So, once again we're asking all of Howard County

Requests for sponsorships have gone out to Big Spring businesses and some responded. Sadly, only a small portion of the \$10,000 targeted for the program has been received.

That means Herald representatives are still contacting local businesses and individuals seeking

School principals and teachers are supporting the program on their end, but to really make the program work, we need partnerships to fund the pro-

Gold sponsors are those that donate \$5,000 or more to the program, silver sponsors would be those contributing \$2,500, bronze sponsors contribute \$500, classroom sponsors provide \$125 to the program annually and scholastic sponsors provide \$50. In addition, businesses that sign up to provide \$40 per month will be recognized as bronze spon-

Obviously, there aren't any gold and silver sponsors for us to tout as yet. We'd really like to do just

As with any such program, however, even the smallest of donations is important and greatly appreciated.

"That's why businesses that sign up to provide \$40 per month will be recognized as bronze sponsors," explained Herald Circulation Manager Duane McCollum, who coordinates the program. "And we will be recognizing sponsors throughout the year."

Those interested in contributing to the program at any level can contact McCollum by calling 263ext. 244, or by: e-mail circulation@bigspringherald.com.

The Herald's focus on coverage of local events and issues is just one the important tools teachers. will have at their disposal as a result of using the newspaper in their classrooms.

"The newspaper is not only a true living history book of current events," Herald Publisher Susanne Reed noted, "it's also a tool for teachers to use in a variety of subjects."

In addition, the NIE program is also intended to help create the newspaper reading habit in students.

While we freely admit we want young people to become newspaper readers, enhancing our business in the future, our commitment to the NIE program is much more than an effort to secure our role for the future.

We steadfastly believe newspaper readers are the best-informed segment of our society. And by creating a life-long habit of newspaper reading, we make certain tomorrow's voters and leaders are both well educated and well informed.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can not please everyone, Lord but we can please You when we come to You.

Bush down, but he's far from out

rom everything we read from the mainstream media, President Bush is a man on the ropes, beaten, discouraged and out of gas in the middle rounds of his presidency. Already reeling from his problems in Iraq, Katrina nearly delivered the knockout blow.

Liberals have hated him from the beginning, even when he's given them reason to rejoice, such as lavishing federal money on public education. They have been saying that Katrina exposed him as the emperor with no clothes. We can now see, they say, that

DAVID LIMBAUGH

his aura of resoluteness and leadership following 9-11 was an illusion.

According to them, he never was a real leader, but a man who opportunistically capitalized on the nation's wartime unity and delivered a few good speeches acting tough and decisive. But in one fell swoop (or onrush-

ing flood), say his critics, his mask was removed. Left exposed is the true face of a man utterly out of his element and who, but for his privileged birth, would never have made it in state politics, much less to the highest office in the land.

If all this weren't bad enough. many conservatives are now feeling betrayed by him for various reasons, not the least of which are his refusal to restrain discretionary spending and his lax immigration policies.

I don't think President Bush has betrayed anyone. To me, he has been a study in contrasts since he emerged on the national stage.

Contrary to thoughtless charges from the Left that he's an extreme conservative, his ideology has never been easy to pigeonhole.

He has always been somewhat of a political anomaly, conservative on many things, a bleeding heart on others, resolute and firm at times, tentative and malleable at others, righteously indignant about some policies and almost apologetic on others. He's a man who demands and returns deep loyalty, yet rewards some of his enemies, like Bill Clinton and Ted Kennedy, for stabbing him in the back. He has a tough side and a soft side, both genuine and both very much of part of who he is.

The strong president we saw taking charge after 9-11 is the authentic George W. Bush. But he is his father's son, and he apparently acquired from him the unfortunate notion that Republicans should be more compassionate and kinder and gentler.

Some reject Bush's sincerity about compassionate conservatism and believe he was merely engaged in political maneuvering, for example, when he said during his first presidential campaign that we should not balance the budget on the backs of the poor.

I don't think so. I believe he meant what he said. While he is philosophically committed to lowering taxes, he has always been insufficiently allergic to profligate federal spending. So I don't see his unbridled domestic spending and refusal to use the veto pen as betrayals, but as manifestations of concerns many conservatives had about him from the beginning.

Up until now I don't think his dual nature - for lack of a better description – has caused him to be conflicted. But I'm afraid that Katrina, coupled with all the other pressures and assaults to which he

has been subjected, threatens to take him off his game.

I believe his legacy, and, more importantly, the course of the nation will be determined by which side of his nature he allows to be dominant over the next three vears.

The sooner he realizes that he cannot bargain or compromise with his political enemies, the better chance he'll have of accomplishing his agenda. Their agenda is solely to thwart him, and he must proceed with no illusions about that indisputable fact. He must not let them shame or deter him with false charges about Katrina, Iraq or anything else.

It has to be tough to stay the course in Iraq, when his political opponents and the media suppress all the good news and accentuate the bad. But assuming he persists until the Iraqi forces are able to ensure the security and stability of their own government, I believe he will go down as a great president on that score alone, notwithstanding the polls today.

To the extent that he implements conservative policies on the domestic front as well — taxes, spending, immigration, conservative judges, and the rest — he will further augment his legacy and advance the best interests of the nation. And above all, relative to Katrina, he must ignore the racebaiters, promote colorblindness and encourage self-reliance.

I'm sincerely optimistic, mainly because of his strong character, that President Bush will persevere and close out his presidency very constructively and productively. Besides, can you imagine what would happen with the kook left in charge? Forget about it.

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Big picture shows definite pattern

ometimes it helps to draw back from what's going on, to see if any patterns emerge from the chaos of daily events. In the news biz, attempts to see the Big Picture are known as thumbsuckers and regarded with appropriate contempt:

On the famous other hand, it's also sometimes the only way to see the much bigger stories that seep and creep all around us without anyone ever calling a press conference, or issuing talking points, or having gong-show debate over them.



MOLLY IVINS

Everybody and his dog in the political commentating trade now agrees the Bush administration is experiencing hard times — the going is getting tough, and Bush is getting testy. Bush always gets testy under stress. This is not news.

It seems to me what we are looking at was put best by noted journalist Billy Don Moyers, formerly of Marshall, Texas, who was home last week and observed that the Republican right came to Washington to start a revolution

and stayed to run a racket. It has become a game of ideological flimflam, a scam in which all manner of distracting hoo-hah — abortion, judicial activism, even "the war on terra" — is used to obscure the fact that the government has been taken over by people who are using it to make money for themselves and their friends.

In the business world, this is called "control fraud," and it refers to an organization, like Enron or Tyco, that is rotten at the head. One of the key figures in this web of malfeasance is Jack Abramoff, the super-lobbyist, top fund-raiser for Bush's re-election and close buddy of Rep. Tom

DeLay, himself the architect of the "K Street Strategy" to convert the entire business lobby into the fund-raising arm of the Republican Party in return for whatever legislative favors the

major donors want. Abramoff is also the close ally and former college roommate of Grover Norquist, a key right-wing political activist and major leader of the "movement conservatives" in Washington. Abramoff has also bragged that he contacted Karl Rove on behalf of Tyco.

Tim Flanigan, Bush's nominee to be deputy attorney general, left the White House Office of Legal Counsel in December 2002 to become the top lawyer for Tyco. Flanigan hired Abramoff to lobby for Tyco. He was to work against proposed legislation that would take away tax breaks from "Benedict Arnold" corporations that locate in tax havens outside the United States in order to get out of paying corporate taxes. Tyco is based in Bermuda.

Abramoff told Flanigan he would use his contacts with both DeLay and Karl Rove, "Bush's Brain," to lobby for keeping the tax breaks for Tyco.

Think about it. Bush now proposes to put in as second in command of the Justice Department, which is investigating this whole mess, the man who is Tyco's lawyer and who hired Abramoff. If Flanigan is confirmed, that will mean the five top appointees at Justice have zero prosecutorial experience among them. But Flanigan does have the only quality that truly matters in a Bush appointee: absolute loyalty to the administration.

Washington, D.C., is theoretically covered by the largest concentration of journalistic talent anywhere in the world. This is just a straight, old-fashioned corruption story of the sort theoretically uncovered by many Washington reporters earlier in their lives at

various city halls. Did everyone

forget how it's done? Equally, the arrest of David Safavian, former head of procurement at the White House Office of Management and Budget, for having impeded justice by lying or covering up material facts opens up all kinds of lines of inquiry. Safavian was previously a partner in Norquist's consulting firm Janus-Merritt. Safavian also worked with Abramoff at another law-lobbying firm.

One definition of Establishment journalism is relying solely on press conferences held by people with public office and power. With the exception of The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, the Washington press corps appears to be standing around waiting for word from the official investigation. Why aren't they ahead of the official investigators?

Seems to me we have all mourned the descent of politics from the noble (if messy and comically picturesque) doings of democracy into a system of legalized bribery. Taking huge campaign contributions from special interests and doing legislative favors in return is so common one barely blinks at it.

Rep. Roy Blunt, the man Republicans chose to temporarily replace DeLay while he's under indictment, tried to alter a Homeland Security bill in 2003 with a last-minute provision to benefit the cigarette company Philip Morris. Philip Morris had not only contributed heavily to Blunt's campaign, it also employed both Blunt's girlfriend and his son. DeLay gets indicted, and the Republicans replace him with another DeLay.

The executive branch scandals seem to me to be a new and more sinister level of corruption. I can't wait to have Tim Flanigan investigate them.

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Wednesday blood drive at SMMC gives donors chance to double up

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United Blood Service bloodmobile is set to arrive in the parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday and appointments are being accepted

from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Additionally, because blood is in critical need, donors may elect to provide two units of blood at this drive.

"United Blood Services uses a high-tech process that makes it possible for blood donors to give two units of red blood cells in only one visit to the bloodmobile, doubling the lifesaving effect of their

Hards, public information officer for the San Angelobased agency.

Along with meeting the regular blood donor qualifications, double red cell donors must meet special requirements.

Men must weigh at least 130 pounds and be at least 5-foot, 1-inch tall. Women must weigh at least 150 pounds and be at least 5foot-5-inches tall.

"At first glance, the qualifications look backwards, but they're not. That's because men's bodies carry a greater blood volume than women's bodies. So, generally speaking, a man who is 5-

generous gift," said Peggy foot, 1 inch and weighs 130 has about the same blood volume as a woman who is 5-foot, 5 inches and weighs 150," Hards said.

United Blood Services' qualifications are based on blood volume, which has been translated to height and weight, she said.

To donate one unit of blood, donors must be at last 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. a list of daily medications is also required.

The blood drive is sponsored by Senior Circle. To schedule an appointment, call Anita Cline at 268-

pared and handled it

full force of the storm,"

said Spurgin. "But Texas

responded well. Like any-

thing, however, improve-

ments can be made. We

learned a lot through the

evacuations on the coast,

and things went very

well. There was a lot of

While Spurgin was at

the head of the effort fol-

lowing Hurricane Rita,

he's quick to point out the

men and women who

made the relief effort

"I really had a great

staff. We had all worked

together before and had

just come back from New

Orleans," said Spurgin.

"You're not alone. You're

such a tremendous suc-

cooperation involved."

"We really didn't get the

quite well.

QUAKE

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steel and wood.

Thousands of civilian volunteers walked north toward quake-hit towns.

Bad weather compounded the misery in the region, with heavy rain and hail forcing some helicopters loaded with food and medicine to cancel or delay their flights.

official That remained at around 20,000 people, but a senior army official close to the rescue operations said government officials were estimating that between 35,000 and 40,000 died. The official asked not to be identified because he wasn't authorized to disclose the estimate to journalists.

About 10 trucks brought by Pakistani charities and volunteers rumbled into that city, where efforts by relief workers to distribute aid turned chaotic as residents scrambled for handouts of cooking oil, sugar, rice, blankets and tents.

It was the first major influx of aid since the monster 7.6-magnitude

quake struck Saturday morning, destroying most homes and all government buildings in this city, and leaving its 600,000 people without power or water. Most have spent three cold nights without shelter.

Two or three police looked on helplessly as more than 200 people raided a stock of food arranged by relief workers at a soccer field near Muzaffarabad's center. One man made off with a big sack of sugar, another left on a motorized rickshaw with a big crate of drinking water.

BSHS pep rally offers a ticket to ride

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Shannon Stuteville, secre-

Features Editor

Riding to victory is a theme for the Big Spring High School pep rally Friday as all Harley Davidson owners are invited to meet at Blankenship Field at 2:30

"This is our Harley pep rally and the riders will bring the football players into the pep rally on their motorcycles," said

tary for Career and Technology for BSHS.

Stuteville said the students will be dressed in Harley gear, t-shirt, leather and other motorcycle enthusiast wear.

"We're asking the Harley riders to contact us to let us know we have enough riders for the football players," she said.

This is the fourth such event for BSHS. Last year the rides were canceled

due to rain, she said.

"And we'll have to cancel for rain again this year, so we're hoping for good weather," she said.

To volunteer to participate as a rider, contact Stuteville at 264-3641, ext.

"This is really cool and a great way to have a pep rally.

"The public is invited to attend the pep rally and we need riders to volunteer," she said.

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about 2,600 personnel who task force established were ready and willing to between the Air National "Going and helping the Guard and Army National Guard, and we people, of New Orleans went to work together was one thing. But it's with mass care strike something very different teams. Each team had when it's your state. It's trucks and we used different then, and they Blackhawk and Chinook really gave their all." helicopters to fly in supplies." Contact Staff Writer Spurgin said while the Thomas Jenkins at 263property damage caused 7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail by the storm was consid- at citydesk@bigspringhererable, Texans were pre- ald.com **HENRY BACKES** National Guard's relief

SPURGIN

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Leaving New Orleans was one thing, according to Spurgin. Getting the images of destruction from Hurricane Katrina out of his mind was something different.

"It was terrible. We flew in at night, so it was the next day when I could really see what the hurricane had done," said Spurgin. "I toured the area from a Blackhawk helicopter and all you could see was water. The flooding was unbelievable, and the damage to structures immense. About 80 percent of New Orleans was flooded. What people saw in television was a very accurate portrayal of what the area looked like.'

Spurgin said he and his troops established a headquarters in the library at Loyola University in the Orleans Parish, and the mission was in the process of winding down. That is, until Hurricane Rita decided to head for the coast only days

behind Katrina. Spurgin, who was in charge of the Texas effort for Hurricane Rita, said he and his men were prepared for the worst as the storm approached

"The eye of the hurricane looked like it would come ashore around the Lake Charles area," said Spurgin. "It could have been a lot worse. However, Texas took a pretty good hit from the storm. There were people near the coast and in East Texas that were without electricity for two weeks. There was a lot of destruction."

Once the storm subsided, Spurgin said he cess. and his troops went to work.

"We mainly delivered food – most of it was MREs (meals ready to eat) along with water, ice and medical supplies," he never alone. We had said. "There was a joint

WHAM WHALE AND STUDEBAKER SHRIMP

Wham. He lives in a great him big and strong. Do big ocean. He is big. He is tough. He depends on no one to help him, ever! At least he thought so. But you and I know that no matter how big and strong we are, we must have a friend help us from time to time. Wham is



about to find that he will need a friend, too! And this friend is hardly bigger than one of Wham's teeth!

As Wham swam through the cool waters of the Atlantic Ocean, he had to eat and eat, all the time. He was a big whale, and he just had to eat, and eat the proper things that made him strong. And he was still growing into an even bigger whale. He loved to eat some of the

his is a story about smaller fish that lived in a very big whale. the ocean, too. After all, eating fish helped make you like to eat fish? Did you know that eating fish is good for us humans, too? Wham was chasing a fish

> that he wanted for lunch one bright day, and the little fish was a much faster swimmer than Wham. He could not catch the little fish. Henry Shark saw Wham chasing the little fish and said to Wham, " I am a much faster swimmer than you are. Would was you like for me to catch that little fish for you?" "No," said Wham, "I am big and I am tough, and I will never need help from anyone!" Henry thought to himself, "He is rude, and I will never try to help him again!" As Henry Shark



swam away, he looked back at Wham, still trying to catch the little fish. But he never did!

little fish all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Do you know where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are? Can you find them on a map? Tomorrow, after you wake up, hug your parents, have your breakfast, and brush your teeth, find the oceans on a map. Can you?

Just about the time that Wham was getting so tired from chasing that little fish, he

realized that he very long w a y from his home in t h e

Atlantic Ocean. "Maybe I should have let Henry Shark help me," he thought, "But I am big and

need help from anyone!" Wham had a watch that his mother had given him when he was just a little whale. Are you thinking that whales do not have watches? Remember, this is a bedtime story, and

strong, and I will never

whales can wear watches!



Especially if his mother gave it to him! It was a very pretty watch and Wham just loved it! It was precious to him because his mother had given it to him. He carried it with him always!

But as he was chasing the little fish, he was growing weaker and weaker, and thinner and thinner! He wanted to show everyone that he needed no help from anyone. He had lost so much weight that his precious watch just slipped off him, and fell to the ocean floor. The watch slipped into a little crack between two rocks. Wham could not reach it! If Wham had still been big and strong, he could have moved those rocks and easily gotten his watch back. "If only I had let Henry Shark help me

catch that little fish, I

Wham Whale chased that yes, in bedtime stories, would still be big and a friend today, and if you strong, and I would still ever need any help, just let have my beautiful watch," he thought.

> Wham sat on those rocks for a very long time, and he was getting sadder and sadder. Then, along came Studebaker Shrimp! "Why are you so sad, Mr. Whale? Studebaker asked. "I am sad because I dropped my precious watch down in between these rocks and I cannot reach it," Wham answered.

> " Would you like for me to . help you?" Studebaker asked. "I am small and I can reach in between those rocks easily." "No, I am big and I am strong, and I----" Wham stopped talking and thought to himself, "No, I am not big and strong anymore, I am not so tough, and I could use some help from a friend!"

"Please, yes, I do need help," Wham said to the tiny shrimp. Studebaker slowly climbed down in between those rocks and in no time at all, handed that watch to Wham! "Oh, thank you," Wham said to Studebaker, "I have made

me know, for one day soon, I will be big and strong and tough again, and I will help you, because you helped me!"

Wham slowly started swimming back to his home in the Atlantic Ocean, this time being very careful to help anyone that needed a friend. By the time he finally reached his home, he was big and strong again. He was tough again. But he never said that he will never need help from anyone again.

Wham saw that no matter how big and strong you are, you will always need help from a friend, even if the friend is not as big and strong as you. After all, Wham is one of the biggest creatures that lives on this earth, and he needed help from one of the smallest creatures, Studebaker Shrimp!

Wham and Studebaker said to tell "GOOD NIGHT"

Bush heartened by cooperation in rebuilding efforts

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer COVINGTON, La. (AP)

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- President Bush pledged Tuesday that the federal government will not seek dictate terms for rebuilding the hurricanedevastated Gulf Coast but will instead allow state and local officials to make the key decisions. He rejoiced in what he said is a spirit of revival there.

"I think we've seen the spirits change," Bush said in an interview with NBC's "Today" show. "Local people are beginning to realize there's hope." In the interview, both he and his wife. Laura, defended his choice of Harriet Miers for the Supreme Court. Bush reiterated that he was confident she would be confirmed by the Senate.

Bush and his wife were interviewed at a Habitat for Humanity work site, in a town just north of New Orleans where the nonprofit organization is building houses for displaced people.

In response to the government's initially slow response to Hurricane Katrina, Bush said, "If I didn't respond well enough, I'm going to learn the lessons." The federal government's response to the second huge storm to slam the area, Rita, has gotten better reviews.

"The story will unfold. I mean, the facts of the story will come out over time, and the important thing is for federal, state and local governments to



An angel statue in front of a house damaged by Hurricane Katrina in the Chapel Hill development in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

adjust and to respond," Bush said.

The president joined other volunteers hammering nails into a sheet of plywood. The first lady, a cloth nail pouch around her waist, accompanied him. Bush spent most of his time chatting, signing autographs.

At one point, a woman threw him some Mardis Gras beads that fell to the ground. "I couldn't catch them during the real Mardi Gras and I can't catch them now," he quipped.

Bush rejected criticism

visits were largely for publicity and that he lacks a coherent reconstruction plan.

don't think Washington ought to dictate to New Orleans how to rebuild," he said. Bush said he had told New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin that "we will support the plan that you develop."

Of his Supreme Court selection, Bush was asked about growing criticism from the political right that Miers lacks proven conservative credentials.

"My answer is Harriet

from Democrats that his Miers is going to be confirmed and people will get to see why I put her on the bench," he said. Mrs. Bush was asked if she shared her husband's conviction. "Absolutely. Absolutely," she said.

> "She's very deliberate and thoughtful and will bring dignity to wherever she goes, but certainly to the Supreme Court. She'll be really excellent," Mrs. Bush said:

> Asked if she believed some of the criticism reflected possible sexism, she responded: "I think that's possible.

On other subjects, Bush: • Predicted the Oct. 15 Iraqi elections on a new constitution would be marked by violence from "a group of terrorists and killers who want to stop the advance of democracy." And, Bush said, "I also expect people to vote.'

• Expressed confidence that the government would develop a plan "to handle a major outbreak" of bird flu if it spreads to this country.

 Declined to discuss a federal grand jury investigation that includes an inquiry into the role, if any, that top adviser Karl Rove played in disclosing the identity of an undercover CIA agent. "I'm not going to talk about the case. It's under review. Thank you for asking,' Bush said tersely.

Bush was asked about criticism by some Democrats that while Iraqis were not required to repay money they have received Washington, hurricane victims were required to do just that under recent relief legislation passed by Congress.

What Congress has said is, you'll have five years to repay plus an additional five years to repay. And so I think it's the kind of package that Congress was comfortable with giving and I was happy to sign it," Bush said.

Mrs. Bush was asked how her husband was holding up personally under the strains of recent major crises and setbacks. But before she could answer, Bush interjected: "He can barely stand. He's about to drop on the spot."

Laughing, Mrs. Bush said: "He's doing great. He's got big broad shoulders.'

Bush's motorcade wended its way through the dark, down pitch Covington's largely unscathed streets, to the brightly lit Habitat site a small patch of land amid a still-sleeping, modest neighborhood turned into a makeshift TV set.

Snow pounds Colorado; thousands without power ByMEGAN MCCLOSKEY including 21-year-old

Associated Press Writer early blast of winter walloped Colorado's moun- road in whiteout conditains with almost 20 inch-tions while towing a 17es of snow, killing three people, making driving conditions treacherous and canceling dozens of flights.

storm The forced motorists to seek shelter as whipping snow on Monday reduced visibility and knocked out power to as many as 80,000 homes. To ski resorts eager to open, the snow was a boon.

Crews were out in force across the Front Range and the eastern plains placing de-icer on the roads to keep freezing temperatures from turning water on roads into ice.

More than 60 people took refuge in Red Cross shelters in Strasburg, Byers Bennett, and

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Robert, Wade, who was DENVER (AP) - An stuck in the snow for four hours after driving off the foot U-Haul trailer.

"The snow got ridiculous," he said. "The U-Haul is pretty hard to handle. I'm used to driving a Toyota Camry."

Interstate 70, the main east-west route across the state, reopened to traffic early Tuesday, said Mark Aultman, of the Colorado Department The Transportation. entire highway had been closed for 80 miles between Denver and Limon, where truck stop parking lots were overflowing.

An unidentified man and a woman died after a van carrying 11 people crashed into a guardrail about 20 miles northeast of Denver along Interstate

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5:30 pm October 26 • Wednesday

Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am

(Chair Exercise)

Senior Circle Activity Room October 27 • Thursday

Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together) Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

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Coahoma sets booster club dates

Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

Quarterback club sets meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

C.G.A. announces year's final tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year - the Grand Tournament - will take place Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Participants must be registered by 9:45 a.m. and nonmembers are welcome. There will also be food and refreshments after the tourney.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Hunter Education Class announced

The date for the next hunter education will course Saturday and Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. in Chamber

Commerce Building. The cost is \$10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

Softball tournament announced in B.S.

There will be a La Raza Unida softball tournament Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field Comanche inside Trail Park.

The entry fee will be \$110 per team.

There will be a team trophy, player trophies and T-Shirts awarded for first place, while second and third place will get a team trophy and T-Shirts.

For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 263-6351.

Illness sidelines Rams' coach Martz

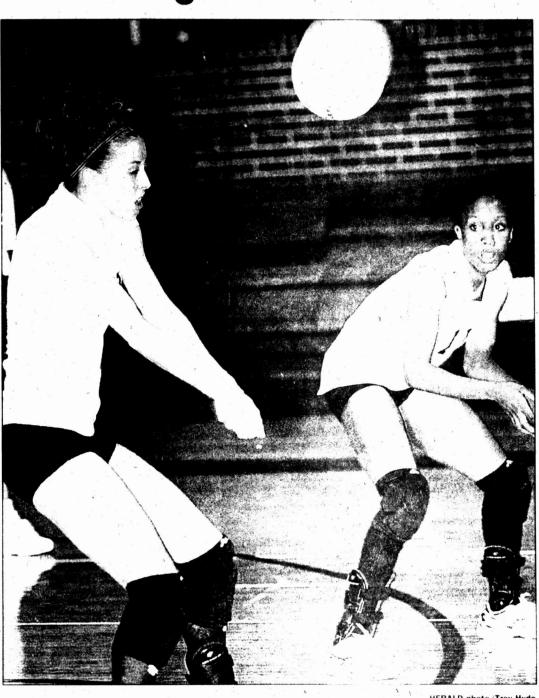
ST. LOUIS (AP) -Mike Martz is out indefinitely as coach of the St. Louis Rams with a bacterial infection of the heart.

Martz was told by a specialist that his condition, which kept him out of two practices last week, had worsened.

president Rams John Shaw said that Martz will be hospitalized four to 12 days.

Assistant head coach Joe Vitt will take over as coach.

Andrews grabs hold of District 4-4A lead after win



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Heather Policky, left, bumps the ball into play during volleyball action last Tuesday against Plainview. The Lady Steers lost to Andrews Saturday, but will try to get back on track with a win tonight at home against Lubbock Estacado.

Heat take down S.A. in Katrina fund-raiser

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer MIAMI (AP) - The Miami Heat and hurricane relief charities came away winners Monday night.

Miami opened the preseason by beating the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs 103-101 in a game added to the schedule to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. A check for \$1.1 million was presented at halftime to the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation

Army and Feed the Poor. "It's great to be able to do something for people," Heat coach Stan Van

Gundy said. The game drew a capacity crowd of 19,600, with many tickets donated, and the teams gave fans what they came to see: dunks by Shaquille O'Neal, breakneck drives by Dwyane Wade and plenty of firepower from

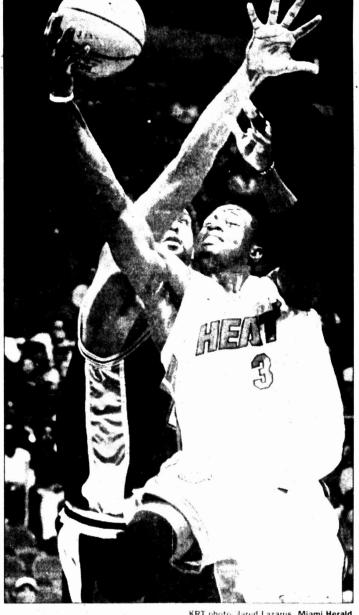
the Spurs. Following a timeout with 2.4 seconds left, Heat rookie Kevin Braswell hit a layup for the winning

score. "On the bench Shaq said, 'The ball's coming to you," Braswell said. "With all the people in the stands, it felt great."

As officials reviewed a TV replay to make sure Braswell beat the buszer, Spurs coach Gregg Spurs coach Gregg Popovich urged them to let the basket stand.

"It was a great night," Popovich said. "It was a win-win for everybody. It was really great for the people who were so unfortunate during the hurricane."

While San Antonio's lineup was unchanged from the end of last sea-



KRT photo Jared Lazarus, Miami Herald Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade drives on San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan during first half action in an exhibition game at American Airlines Arena in Miami.

son, the game marked the points all in the first debut of a revamped lineup by the Heat, who rebounds in 24 minutes. acquired three new starters after losing in the Eastern Conference finals last season.

Wade's daredevil acrobatics, Tim Duncan's shooting touch and Alonzo Mourning's scowl were all in midseason form. Perhaps the biggest surprise: O'Neal made his first three free throws, one a bank shot.

Despite only a week of practice and a steady stream of substitutions. both teams showed considerable offensive flair and shot better than an percent.

Duncan scored 16 five steals.

half, and added 10 Manu Ginobili had 13 points in 16 minutes. Michael Finley, who

spurned the Heat for the Spurs this offseason, made three of four shots. Wade took several hard spills to earn his 18 points. He sank a 40-foot runner that banked in as the buzzer sounded to end the first half.

O'Neal had 17 points and eight rebounds in 22

minutes. . New teammate Antoine, Walker drove almost the Tentin'e length of the court for one layup and finished with 20 points and

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor ANDREWS — The Big Spring volleyball team's chances at a District 4-4A title took a bit of a hit Saturday as the Lady Steers fell to arch rival Andrews on the road in five games. The Lady Mustangs took the first two games 25-15 and 25-18 before Big Spring battled back to forced a fifth and decisive game.

The Lady Steers won Game 3 25-18 and Game 4 26-24, but then fell short in the final game, losing 15-12.

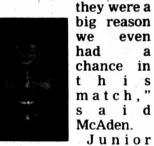
"We got off to a slow start, but came back and fought hard," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "Andrews is a good team and deserves a chance at the district title. A month ago we would have lost this match in three games, but the girls refused to give

The two teams split with one another this season as Big Spring defeated Andrews at the Steer Gym earlier in the season in four games. However, phy. Big Spring is 5-2 in the district, while Andrews is

Seniors Carmen Lewis and Krista Chesworth led Big Spring with 22 kills and 23 digs, respectively. Chesworth also had eight kills. Senior Raegan Ritchey had eight kills, 16

digs and seven blocks. Senior Brenn Swinney had seven kills and five blocks, as well.

"I am pretty demanding of my seniors and I think



SWINNEY Mallory

Dunn had a team-high in assists and also had 17 digs, while junior Katy Abner added 16 digs from her libero position. Freshman Shelbi Stewart had five blocks.

The loss to Andrews means Big Spring has to get some help from Frenship tonight. The Lady Tigers take on the Lady Mustangs and a win Andrews over Frenship would create another three-way tie for first place in the district. A win by Andrews puts them in the driver's seat for the championship tro-

"We've just got to hope Frenship can beat Andrews," said McAden. "If they do that tonight and we take care of business in our match then the race is wide-open."

Big Spring hosts Lubbock Estacado tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

Angels advance to ALCS after Game 5 win over New York

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) With an injured ace and a struggling slugger, the Los Angeles Angels turned to a few seasoned veterans and a poised rookie pitcher making his postseason debut.

And the Angels eliminated the Yankees playing the way they did all year: with solid defense, aggressive at-bats and another strong night by the entire pitching staff.

Ervin Santana bailed out the Angels when Bartolo Colon left early with a stiff shoulder, Adam Kennedy hit a goahead triple that sent Yankees outfielders crashing to the ground, and Los Angeles advanced to the AL championship series with a 5-3 victory over New York on Monday night in the decisive Game 5 of their firstround series.

"It shows you something about this team. Different guys know how to step up," catcher See ALDS, Page 2B

Bengie Molina between champagne showers from younger brother, Jose.

Garret Anderson homered and drove in two runs, and the Angels produced enough offense despite getting no RBIs in the series from reigning MVPVladimir Guerrero.

Less than 24 hours after arriving in California, the Angels got ready to leave for the start of the ALCS against the White Sox in Chicago on Tuesday night.

Santana, who started the season at Double-A, replaced Colon in the second inning and got the win by allowing three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings. He "had flashes of brilliance" according to Angels manager Mike Scioscia and left to a standing ovation with one out in the seventh after allowing a leadoff homer to Derek Jeter.

"I don't have to be ner-

Wash just misses medal at annual Lamesa Invite

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

LAMESA The Forsan cross country teams traveled Lamesa over the weekend to take part in the O'Donnell Annual Romp in the Park.

Kassi Wash just Dillon Walker each missed medalling in the varsity girl's division as she placed 23rd with a time of 15:59.

and he finished eighth ing in 13:24.



with a time of 22:00. Zack Gilliam and earned medals for their

level. Gilliam finished 10th Kaleb Willey ran in with a time of 13:23 and the boy's JV division Walker took 11th, cross-

runs at the junior high

Local shooters win top honor in Austin

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — High school students from Abilene, Knott and Port Lavaca walked away with top shooting honors after 15 leading youth shotgun shooters from 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs across Texas competed in the Whiz Bang state finals at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo Sept.

This year's winners were Michael Hahn of Port Lavaca in the senior category; Logan Gaskins of Knott in the junior category; and Miles Rand of Abilene in the sub-junior category.

The top three winners were awarded Browning Gold Sporting Shotguns, courtesy of Browning Arms. Beaumont attorney Mark Faggard also procustom-made vided Montana Silversmith belt buckles for each of the top three winners.

Total prizes to all contestants were valued at more \$15,000 in supplies and equipment donated specifically for the event. Browning Arms also provided three additional Gold Sporting shotguns for three 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs represented at the shoot. Numerous other prizes that went to all participants included gift certificates for choke tubes courtesy of Briley Manufacturing Houston and three automatic trap machines courtesy of La Porte, Promatic and Atlas. An

additional manual trap

machine was provided by

Lincoln Traps. Shooting

glasses were provided by

Decot Hy-Wyd Sport

Glasses and a custom gun

case was given by

Americase. Each of the

fifteen finalists were pro-

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a baseball game.'

-vous," Santana said. "It's

George Steinbrenner's

\$203 million Yankees

again learned that money

doesn't buy success. Even

with Randy Johnson com-

ing out of the bullpen for

4 1-3 shutout innings,

New York was eliminated

by the Angels in the first

round for the second time

in four seasons, scoring

20 runs in the five games

with four homers — all

Just like last season,

when the Yankees lost

four straight against

Boston after taking a 3-0

lead,

Sheffield were virtually

invisible when New York

needed their bats most.

Rodriguez, the \$252 mil-

lion man, hit into a dou-

ble play after Jeter's lead-

"This is as low as it

gets," A-Rod said. "It's

one of those things you

can't figure out. ... I've

got to take a long look in

the mirror at myself

because I didn't do my

part. I mean, you win and

lose as a team, but I did-

The Yankees got two

singles after Rodriguez's.

double play, bringing the

go-ahead run to the plate.

But Francisco Rodriguez

retired Hideki Matsui on

a sharp grounder to first

for his second save of the

The Angels threw their

arms up in celebration

and formed a group hug near first base, fireworks

going off behind them

beyond the outfield and

streamers coming from

the upper bleachers as they advanced to the

ALCS for the first time.

since winning the World

Series in 2002.

n't show up."

series.

off single in the ninth.

Gary

Rodriguez and

solo shots.

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vided with five cases of ammunition from Fiocchi, Winchester and Remington.

Charlie Wilson, Mebile Shooting Range coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, developed the Whiz Bang more than 12 years ago. About 25 events are hosted by TPWD each year across the state, and the top shooters are selected in three categories.

This year, there was a shoot-off in each category for the first time. Winners were announced and awards were presented by Kim Rhode, Olympic Doubles Trap Gold Medalist. The top three winners and their parents were guests at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo Friday night banquet courtesy of Dallas Collectors Arms Association, Inc.

The sub-junior group consisted of Dustin Butler, Boerne; Judson Chevalier, Coahoma; Chris Clark, Crockett; Kyler Ford, Burleson; and Miles Rand, Abilene. Junior contestants include Harrison Chevalier, Coahoma; Logan Gaskins, Knott; J. Henderson, Mansfield; Joseph Rogers, Roanoak; and Leo Ybanez, Corpus Christi. Rounding out the senior level participants Dylan Burg, were Stonewall; Michael Hahn, Port Lavaca; Tony Held, Clyde; Mark Minihan, Boerne; and Joseph Schreiber, Spring Branch.

At least 10 participants from previous Whiz Bangs have gone on to shoot in collegiate level competition, and 15 have participated in Junior Olympic competitions.

After winning four-

World Series in their first

five seasons under Torre,

the Yankees are without a

New York staved off

elimination with a 3-2 vic-

tory Sunday night at

Yankee Stadium, forcing

a fifth game across the

country in Anaheim. The

teams traveled all night,

both landing around 3:30

inning homer started the

comeback against Game 1

winner Mike Mussina

after New York had taken

a 2-0 lead in the top half.

Kennedy, the No. 9 hit-

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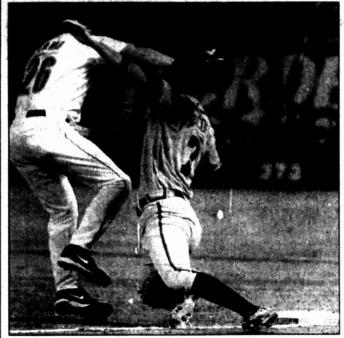
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Atlanta Braves rookie Jeff Francoeur (right) collides with Houston Astros first baseman Mike Lamb in the second inning of their National League Division Series game Saturday. Houston won the series 3-1 and will now play St. Louis with hopes of getting to the World Series

Steelers win game, Roethlisberger goes down late in fourth

By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Ben Roethlisberger had just moved the Pittsburgh Steelers inside the San Diego 30-yard line when his left knee took a blow from a rookie defensive lineman's helmet.

A few moments later, Jeff Reed kicked a 40-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to give the Steelers a 24-22 win over the Chargers Monday night in San Diego.

Roethlisberger thrust both fists in the air in celebration from the bench,

his left leg wrapped in ice and bandages.

Trailing Roethlisberger had completed a 9-yard pass to Antwaan Randle El when he was hit on the knee by the helmet of Luis Castillo.

Roethlisberger, whose knee was bent back awkwardly on the hit, was driven off the field on a cart after the final gun.

Roethlisberger replaced by Charlie Batch.

Batch handed off three straight times to Jerome Bettis before Reed's kick.

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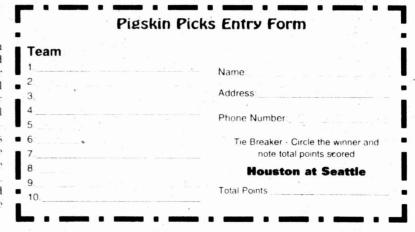
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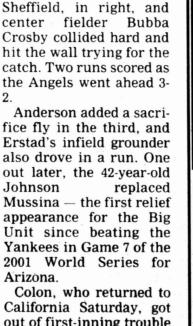
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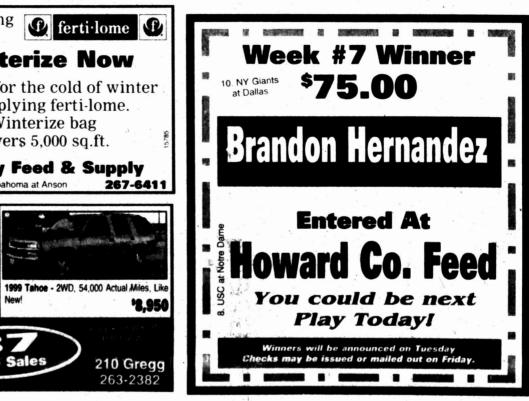




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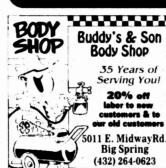
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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon enters inventive Aquarius, making preta music with the prevalent Libran influences. To be quick and bright is to be attractive, and to be attractive is to have more of the good stuff. You'll have to define what the "good stuff" is to you. This is the right day to do it, since you're more in touch with your unique needs and desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars say you're "on" today. Without even trying, you have an eloquent (and at times even poetic) way of stating your needs and desires. They are graciously fulfilled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The intense conversation you have with a loved one may unsettle you for hours afterward. But much good comes of the exchange. No matter what you say now, you'll remember this fondly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Promises, promises! The sparkling words of someone close to you mesmerize you like a hard jewel. You want to believe in lovely possibilities, but part of you is still afraid. Ignore that part.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A personal issue weighs heavy on your inner world, dulling your senses to the outside world. People who cross your path are almost indistinguishable. But by the evening, you'll have your solution and be back to "now."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You already know the risks involved in your "impossible" goal. Hearing others point them out again is like attending a lecture on the dangers of gravity. However, try to listen past the obvious points. You're given a gem of information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While people around you tend to be annoyingly overstated and dramatic, you show subtle sophistication, remain in excellent taste and stay to the point. Continue to keep everyone on track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You strive to be smart because you equate brilliance with attaining affection approval. But you are loved exactly how you are. So strive to be smart because it makes you happy and for no other reason. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're no bionic-human, but you're certainly competitive with anyone else who is doing a job like yours. Give yourself credit for all you do in a day. With this acknowledgment, your strength and stamina

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your skills are put to use, which feels good. Problems disappear when you figure out what you have in common with your client, customer or boss and hold that idea in your mind while you work. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not one to dally around or

gossip, you only need a quick

exchange of information and vou're off! However, you'll learn more and be more effective if you relax and shoot the breeze with someone knowledgeable. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like a jazz musician, you've cultivated your improvisational skills. "Winging it" takes

practice, too! The way you

combine chaos and order is

impressive. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a well-deserved reputation and will be doing something to strengthen it or protect it. Watch that every word, job or project credited to you meets your approval. 2005 CREATORS SYNDI-CATE, INC.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING TRAFFIC COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING** 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, **OCTOBER 27, 2005** CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET, **BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720** PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES

SPEED LIMITS-GENERALLY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-72, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 3. OPERATION OF VEHICLES GEN-ERALLY SECTION 18-72. SPEED LIMITS GENERALLY. No person shall drive a vehicle

upon any street or highway in the City at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing. Unless otherwise designated by ordinance, the prima facie maximum reasonable and prudent speed for City streets shall be twenty five (25) miles per hour (mph). The Traffic Commission will hold a

Public Hearing concerning these Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments or mail to Todd Darden, Public Works Director, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, 79720 (432)264-2501

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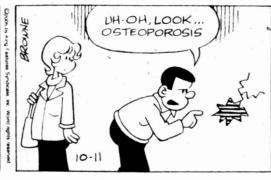




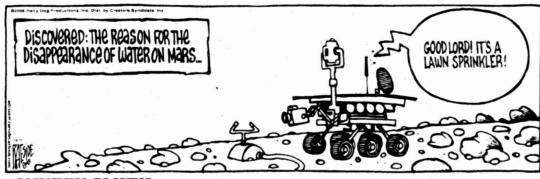


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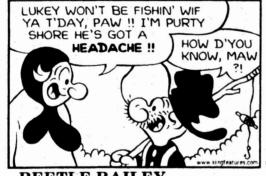




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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2005. There are 81 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Thirty years ago, on Oct. 11, 1975, "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin

On this date:

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga. In 1811, the first steam-

Juliana, was put into operation between New York City and Hoboken, N.J. In 1890, the Daughters of

powered ferryboat, the

the American Revolution was founded in Washington,

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomons, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth. and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the first session of the Roman Catholic Church's 21st Ecumenical Council, also known as Vatican II. In 1968, Apollo 7, the first

Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard: In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in

manned Apollo mission, was

launched with astronauts

space. In 1985, Arab-American activist Alex Odeh was killed by a bomb blast in Santa Ana, Calif.

In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Today's Birthdays: Author Elmore Leonard is 80. Actor Ron Leibman is 68. Country singer Gene Watson is 62. Singer-musician Darvl Hall is 56. Senator Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 55. Actress director Catlin Adams is 55. Actor David Morse is 52.

Country singer Paulette Carlson is 52. Football player.Steve Young is 44. Actress Joan Cusack is 43. Comedy writer and TV host Michael J. Nelson is 41. Actor Luke Perry is 39. Country singer-songwriter Todd Snider is 39. Singer NeeNa Lee is 30. Actress Michelle Trachtenberg is 20.

Thought for Today: "What is time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, sum-mer and winter, months, years, centuries _ these are but arbitrary and outward signs, the measure of Time, , not Time itself. Time is the Life of the soul." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807-1882). 1 2005 The Associated Press.

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■ The Schottengymnasium, a school in Vienna, Austria, has been open since 1155.

■ The "scotch" in hopscotch has nothing to do with Scotland. It comes from the Middle English word "scocchen" (to cut), and refers to the diagram cut or scratched in the dirt. - World Almanac for Kids



"I've gotten many letters to go to high school proms. I almost took one up because he was willing to do car washes to raise money for my plane ticket. I thought, 'I want to go just because he's a hard worker."

- "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria, in People magazine.



THE RECEDING RECES

How are schools picking up the playtime slack?

YOU NEED A BREAK

Some schools have breaks built into their schedules.

breakdown on break time at some Chicago-area schools:

■ Students at Charles R. Darwin Elementary School

have recess for 15 minutes after lunch. Gym class is once

or twice a week for 40 minutes, plus every teacher leads

his or her class in physical activity for 15 minutes a day.

Kids also can stay for after-school sports, such as basket-

week for 40 minutes. There also is a 15-minute recess

after lunch. After-school sports include soccer, basketball

and softball. And sometimes the park district swings by

three times a week. Teachers also lead their students in

physical activity twice a week for 25 minutes. Kids get

■ Kids at Samuel Sewall Greeley School call their

gym class "kinetic wellness" and go four times in a six-

day block for 25 minutes. Students also have recess dur-

ing lunch for 30 minutes. And third- and fourth- graders

can go to after-school sports programs one day a week.

after school with cool activities such as tumbling or tennis.

■ Madison School students have gym for 25 minutes

■ Kids at Bardwell Elementary have gym class twice a

ball, volleyball and soccer.

30 minutes of recess every day.

Other schools squeeze in breathers when there's time.

Wondering how your school compares? Here's the

BY EMILIE LE BEAU Chicago Tribune

or many kids, elementary school isn't only about learning how to read and write. School also is the place to pick up the finer points of kickball, figure out how to capture the flag and master the best bounce in four square.

Disney even has a cartoon devoted to this traditional scheduled time when kids blow off steam and clear their heads before heading back to class. But at some schools, break time and gym

classes are dwindling. And kids like "Recess" TJ and Spinelli will never hear that highly anticipated bell ring.

Forty percent of American schools do not have recess. according to the American Association for the Child's Right to Play. And the average lunch break is just 23.7 minutes, according to Erik Peterson of the School Nutrition Association.

Why are some schools clamping down on fun, especially now, with an increased focus on kids getting exercise? Peterson thinks these schools may be struggling to prep for the tests required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"More time is spent on reading, writing and arithmetic, and less time on lunch and extracurricular," he says.

Natalie P., 11, has gym once a week at the Chicago Academy, a contract school of

five hours long, so Natalie doesn't have recess regularly.

"Sometimes on Fridays we get to play games," she says. "We have lunch and then our specials. It's fine that we don't

have recess. We do learning games, so it's pretty fun."

always fun. I'm always excited to go there," Natalie says. Her school also offers after-school sports, and Natalie plans

to try out for the basketball and softball teams. Sydney F., 11, a sixth-grader at Morgan Park Academy in Chicago, also plays a school sport. She's in the tennis club, so she skips gym and goes to tennis practice instead.

"We don't compete. It's just a way to play tennis," she says. "The actual teams, like basketball and soccer, have an afterschool commitment."

Middle school kids can sign up for a club sport like Sydney,

or take a 45-minute gym class instead. "In P.E., they have units and rotate the units, so you could have a two-week unit on softball," she says. "You get to try lots of different sports, and that helps you decide whether you want to play on a sports team."

Thanks to gym class, Sydney knows she likes baseball and soccer. Volleyball hurts her arms and running "just isn't my thing," she says.

Besides gym, kids at Morgan Park Academy, even the high schoolers, also get a 15-minute recess. "Some of the kids play with equipment like football and Frisbee," Sydney says. "Other people play on the equipment. And four square was one of the big (games) last year."

Sports also are big with sixth-grader Jimmy A., 11. At his school, in Elmwood Park, Ill., they just started a new program that gives students health or gym class every day. He has

the Chicago Public Schools system. The school day is less than gym on Mondays and Fridays for 40 minutes, and he says they start with exercises and move on to fun games.

Jimmy's class gets to go outside for recess on days they don't have gym and on Fridays, if they're "good," he says.

A double dose of play is an excellent reason to behave. "I think it's fun to go outside," he says. "It's a good break. It's very important ... so you're not inside the full day working."



In The News

Education secretary shares goals

To kick off the new school year, U.S. Secretary of **Education Margaret Spellings** sat down to discuss her favorite subject — school! with Time For Kids kid reporter India Pasiuk. Spellings is the first secretary of education to be a mother of school-age children.

TFK: This year, some school districts began regular school year classes in July. In some cases, kids and parents were very upset that the school year started so early and interfered with traditional summer vacation. But school officials say the extra time is needed to expand the amount of instruction kids get before they take standardized tests. Do you think it's a good idea to start the school year in late July?



Margaret Spellings

Spellings: That's an issue really not for the federal government to decide, but for states and local school districts to decide. But, as a parent, I have to say that what I know is, most of the countries in the rest of the world go to school a lot more days than we do. Some of the countries that are getting the best results for kids are working harder at it. In some cases, we're going to have to work harder to get results.

TFK: Do you think standardized testing is nec-

Spellings: I absolutely do. I know sometimes kids don't like to take tests, but it's one of the things, just like going to the doctor. You have to have your temperature taken. They can't fix what's wrong with you if they don't know what made you sick, or what you need. And, so that's true in education, too. It's important that we find out how kids are doing and what they're doing well on and where they need help, and the way that we do that is through testing.

TFK: What advice would you give kids who want to help make changes in their school's programs or procedures?

Spellings: First, I would tell them to talk to their teacher or principal about what they saw or observed. If you wanted to have an orchestra program, or Spanish, or take recess away so you could learn more ... then I would tell you to go to your principal and see if you could get some support there. Then I would go to the PTA or parent organization that's at your school to see if you could get support. Then you work your way to the school superintendent and the school board. I think that would be an interesting lesson in democracy and government to try to make a change in

TFK: How have your daughters helped you in your job? What can kids teach adults about improving our education system?

Spellings: That's a great question. ... I see my own kids ... they're like a little focus group about what we need in education, what we can do better, and what we're doing well. I think we really do have work to do in middle school. I think it can be more rigorous.

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