



Salvation Army Angel Trees going up Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The list has been made, and the Big Spring Salvation Army is checking it twice as the local charity gets ready to launch its annual Angel Tree program Friday.

Capt. Russ Keeney said trees will be set up at several local businesses — Wal-Mart, Big Spring Mall, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big



Keeney

Spring Herald.

"The Angel Tree is a very special program for us," Keeney. "The parents have come in and filled out an application with us to ask for assistance with their children's Christmas. Once we have the application, we put the child's first name on the Angel card, along with their clothing sizes

and things they could possibly want for Christmas, and these cards go on a Christmas tree at various locations here in town.

"If a person wants to adopt an Angel, they just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child. It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the card. Those are just suggestions based on the wants of the child. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the

gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from."

Keeney said the current angel count is made up of 90 senior angels, 50 teens and more than 300 children — with the numbers growing as the tally continues.

"We're still in the process of getting all the angels ready," said Keeney. "We're estimating the angels could total up to as many as 350 to 400 — maybe

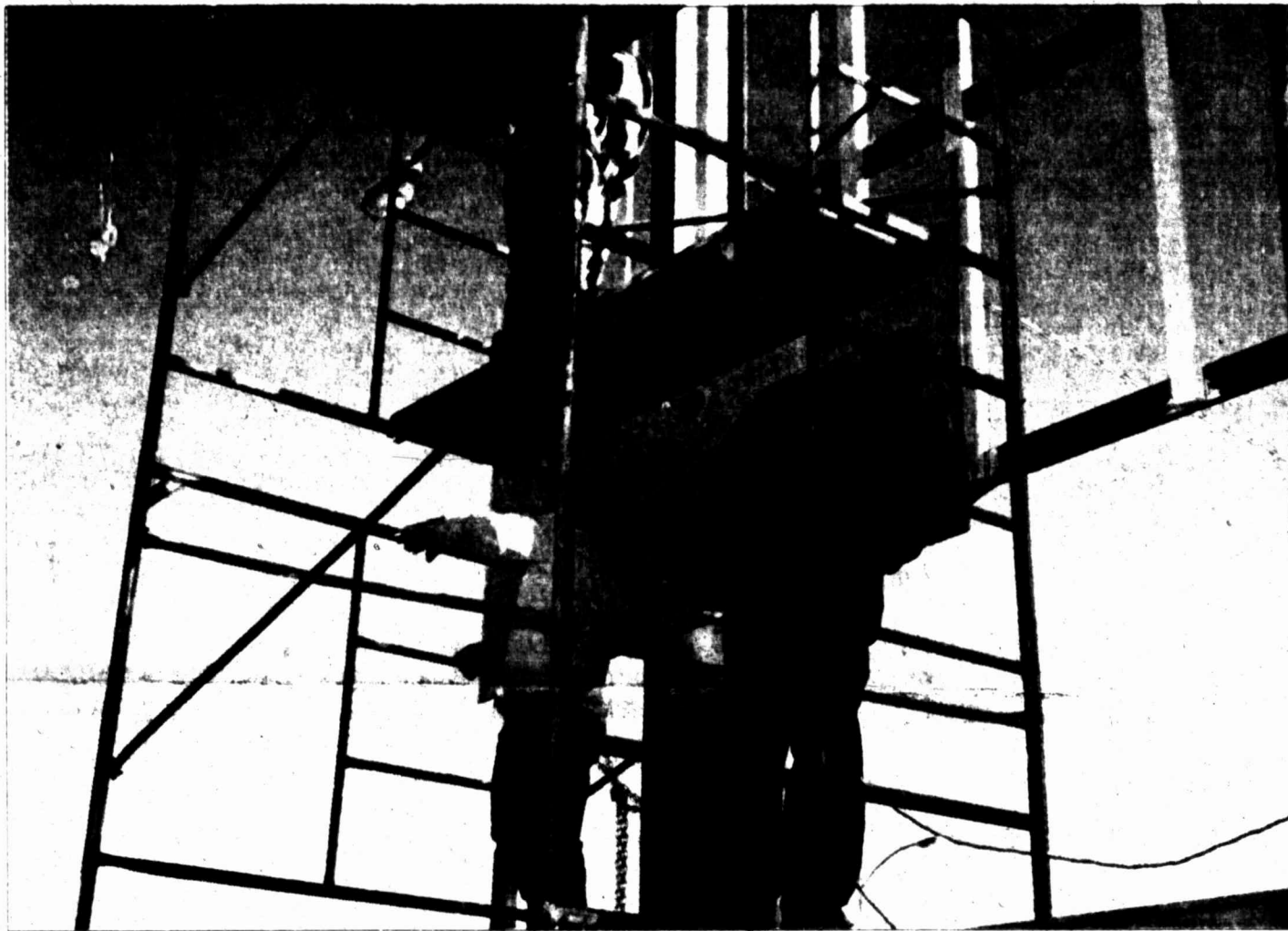
even more. All together, it's going to be well over 500 in seniors, teens and children."

Keeney said there is some concern going into this holiday season, as resources seem to have been stretched fairly thin because of recent natural disasters.

"Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have definitely had an impact on fund-raising."

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EVERYWHERE A SIGN



Herald photo/Thomas Jenkins

A crew of workers from D's & Burcham Signs erect a new sign along Gregg Street near 14th Street. Business owner Skip Burcham said the land the sign is being built on was recently leased from the city, and the site will be dedicated to announcing birthdays, anniversaries and other special events and holidays.

Parade entries mounting as deadline nears

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

There is still time to enter your organization or business into the Herald's annual Community Christmas Parade.

Not a lot of time, mind you.

Entry deadline for the 20th annual Christmas parade is 5 p.m. Friday, according to parade coordinator Elizabeth Flores.

More than 40 entries have been received thus far for the event, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Flores said.

"We've received 43 entries so far," Flores said. "That's about right; last year at this time, we had about the same number."

One entry received via fax was illegible. Flores urged the person who transmitted their entry at

JUST THE FACTS

What: Herald Community Christmas Parade.

When: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

To Enter: Contact Elizabeth Flores at 263-7331 or come by the Herald at 710 Scurry to fill out an application.

9:30 a.m. Nov. 2 to please contact her at 263-7331 to confirm the information.

Flores said the 2004 parade had 52 entries.

There is no fee to enter the parade, which will march north on Gregg Street.

The theme for this year's parade is "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and prizes will be awarded in four divisions:

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Think Big Spring for holidays, chamber officials are urging

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Think Big Spring for the holidays.

That's the message the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is trying to deliver to area holiday shoppers as the Christmas season approaches.

The chamber board of directors met Wednesday afternoon, and while the ongoing efforts by the chamber-driven VA Task Force and the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund were at the forefront of the agenda, the effort to get area shoppers to "try Big Spring first" was a major concern for all.

"Stay home and try Big Spring first," said Debbye ValVerde, director of the chamber. "That's what we're asking people to do. I know a lot of people are going to be calling

"There are a lot of gift items out there; you just have to go out and look for them."



ValVerde

and saying there's nothing here — yes there is. I mean, have you gone to Fayeres Flowers, Displays of Splendor or the mall?

"There are a lot of gift items out there; you just have to go out and look for them. A lot of the retail businesses have purchased unique gifts, not only for gift-giving, but for decor as well."

Chamber Board President Joe Conciencie said the project will soon find its way in front of area shoppers in a multitude of ways.

"This is one of the programs I feel very strongly about," said Conciencie. "We've had the business development committee supporting this and we're going to push in the media to get people to look at Big Spring first this holiday season. See if you can buy it here before you go out of town to Midland or elsewhere. Everyone's going to be hearing a lot about that as we go forward."

Conciencie also gave board members an update on the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, which has begun to decline as the money raised following the natural disaster is distributed to the survivors still living in Big Spring. The city accepted more than 100 survivors after Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and more than 50 remain in Big Spring

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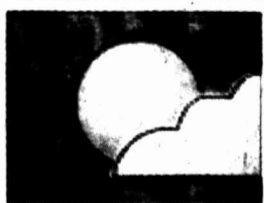


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Western National Bank Branch Manager Kandi Campbell, right, talks with Mike Yeater of Howard College during a Business Before Hours breakfast reception at the bank early today. The event is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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BATTLE OF BANDS SET

The Permian Basin Chapter Cossacks will host its annual Battle of the Bands Saturday, joined with a chili and brisket cookoff.

The event, which is expected to begin at noon Saturday, is a fund-raiser for the Cossack's "Bykes for Tykes" Christmas program.

Admission is \$10 per person. However, the equivalent of \$10 in non-perishable food items or a new, unwrapped toy will also be accepted.

For more information or to enter one of the three competitions, contact Chapter Vice President Mike Lindsey at 432-517-0368.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

The Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, will be giving flu shots from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. today, Monday and Tuesday.

Flu shots will be available for all ages.

The cost is \$10.

Medicaid and medicare clients need to bring their cards.

For more information, call 263-9775.

JUST ANOTHER WORKDAY

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A secretary and six laboratory workers at Kaiser Permanente held the winning ticket for the \$315 million Mega Millions jackpot — but they still came into work, a company spokeswoman said.

The jackpot was the third-richest prize won with a single ticket in the history of lotteries in the United States. The winners, who each chipped in \$3 for the ticket, came into work Wednesday at the medical center in Garden Grove anyway, said Kaiser spokeswoman Barbara Shipnuck.

"They bought the entire staff lunch to celebrate," said Shipnuck. "For now, they all prefer to stay anonymous."

Obituaries

Pearl Irene Iles



Pearl Irene Iles, 89, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at the Hospice House facility in Odessa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Donita Lea, pastor of the Coahoma Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born on June 24, 1916, to John and Emma Anderson in Butler, Okla. Pearl married W.H. "Bill" Iles April 5, 1952, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death Nov. 28, 1997.

Pearl had been a resident of Howard County since 1972. She was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by one daughter, Billie Sue Barnes and her husband, Carl Wayne of Big Spring; two sons, Melvin Horton and his wife, Veronica of Tularosa, N.M., and Homer Shipley and his wife, Marie of Universal City; one sister, Eunice Brantley of Brownfield; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Bill she was preceded in death by two other husbands, Lloyd Horton and Homer Shipley, one daughter, Novella Jo Minter, a son-in-law, Jack Minter, four brothers and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice House facility, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

W.E. 'Gene' Holeman



W. E. "Gene" Holeman, 84, of Midland died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005. Funeral services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at Cotton Flat Baptist Church in Midland with the Rev. Rick Holeman and the Rev. Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. He was born Jan. 19, 1921, to Richard Holeman and Beulah Pearl Mullins Holeman in Childress and married Mildred Lewis McCartney Feb. 14, 1945, in Paducah. He was a World War II veteran. He worked for Ponca Wholesale in Big Spring in 1951.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Sharon Green, brother, Clyde Holeman, sister, Myrtle Fry, father-in-law, Lewis McCartney and mother-in-law, Ethel May Darst McCartney.

Gene is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mildred Holeman of Midland; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Beverly Holeman of Andrews; daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Newton Bell of Wolforth; daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Donnie Kirkpatrick of Midland; brother, Cloyce Holeman of Amarillo; son-in-law, Don Green of Beaumont, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220-E, Midland 79705 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Jose Luis Rivas



Jose Luis Rivas, 50, of Lenora, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005 in Galveston. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. Leandro Gonzales Jr. officiating.

He was born June 30, 1955, in Stanton. He was a lifelong resident of the Martin County area.

Survivors include two sisters, Anna Reyes of Midland and Mary Jane Ramirez of Greenfield, Calif.; two brothers, Tony Rivas of Lenora and Albert Rivas of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio Sr. and Rufina Rivas, one sister, Yolanda Saldana and three brothers, Raul Rivas, Danny Rivas and Jimmy Rivas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwech.com.

Royce Reynolds

Royce Reynolds, 62, of Stanton died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

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.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- **ANDREA ALENDER**, 33, 2706 Williams, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **HOWARD JOHNSON**, 21, 1211 Wood, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **DOROTHY THOMAS**, 47, 915 Ohio, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **DEMETRIUS FRUIT**, 38, 707.5 N. Scurry, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **ABRAHAM GONZALES**, 29, 414 Westover, was arrested on local warrants.
- **JERMAINE MOORE**, 33, 1100 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 291403 Sycamore, was arrested on local warrants.
- **COREY LEE HARRIS**, 25, 2502 Cheyenne, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **PAUL MORENO JR.**, 23, 538 Westover No. 250, was arrested on charges of theft, possession of marijuana and public intoxication.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued in the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported in the 800 block of Fifth and the 300 block of Benton.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg, the 1100 block of Sixth and the 600 block of Linden.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- **ABEL MORELION**, 40, was arrested by deputies on a parole warrant.
- **JOSE RUDOLFO VASQUEZ**, 39, was arrested by DPS on a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon.
- **JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA**, 19, was transferred to county jail by BSPD after being arrested on charges of criminal mischief, possession of alcohol by a minor, resisting arrest, and possession of marijuana.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported on FM 700.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 300 block of Tulane. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 300 block of Davis Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 2600 block of Alamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1800 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the intersection of N.W. Second and Dundee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported on the 1800 block of Wallace.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported on the 700 block of Lorilla.

Take note

• **BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION** for Faye Stallings, author of the cookbook, "Mama Faye's Kitchen" from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. today at Heritage Museum.

• **SMMC VOLUNTEER ANNUAL BAKE SALE** Friday in the hospital lobby. All proceeds benefit the hospital. Call 263-1211 for more information.

• **THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS** will meet for Thanksgiving dinner at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Coahoma school cafeteria. For more information, call 393-5380.

• **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** needs a cow, sheep, goats and donkeys on loan for the Drive-Thru Nativity. Call Vicki at 263-0203 or 816-9039.

• **YELLOW DOGS BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE** is set for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring Mall.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE LUMINARIA** at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Student Union Building.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW COMPETITION** Dec. 1 in the Howard College library.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

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

• Book signing and reception for Faye Newton Stallings, author of "Mama Faye's Kitchen" from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Heritage Museum.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• 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.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• 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 more information.

MONDAY

• 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.

• 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 north-west 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.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light and variable.

Friday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph after midnight.

Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-13-20-32-37 Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$20 million.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-8-13-16-35

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-5

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Texas Tomorrow college fund on hold again

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas prepaid college tuition program will be closed to new enrollees this year while program managers try to figure out how to fix the fund's problems.
 This is the third year in a row that the \$1.5 billion Texas Tomorrow Fund has closed to new enrollees over tuition uncertainty.
 Among its difficulties are gaps in how much expensive schools, including the state's flagship campuses, and lower-priced colleges charge and increase

tuition. Tuition deregulation now allows college boards to set their rates, so some charge more than double that of other schools.
 "The average increase this year moderated to 7.4 percent, but some schools were still over 20 percent," said program manager Andy Ruth.
 Current participants who register at colleges that charge higher tuition will benefit, since the fund pays the weighted tuition average for all senior colleges and universities.

However, that leaves schools with less funding to cover educating students participating in the program, so those colleges must cover that on their own.
 Those already enrolled, about 158,000 accounts, are protected and will get to use the fund to pay for tuition in the future, plan managers said. During the last open enrollment in 2003, 25,000 families signed up.
 "I am confident we will be able to meet all our obligations," Ruth said.
 It's unclear when the prepaid tuition

program will reopen to take new participants.
 The board is "uneasy that it cannot see the big picture yet, that it cannot determine what the long-term trends will be," Ruth said.
 Some other states have also faced similar problems with their prepaid tuition programs, said Joseph Hurley, chief executive officer of Savingforcollege.com. Both Colorado and New Mexico have done away with their programs.

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today.
 "The chamber, along with Moore Board and the city of Big Spring, are taking care of the Katrina Relief Fund," said Conciencie. "The funds are being kept in a charitable trust set up by the chamber and we've formed a committee to oversee it."
 "There was approximately \$77,000 in the fund, and with the last checks that have been issued, roughly half of that money has been distributed. It's gone for a number of things, from a general distribution to all of the survivors, to specific things such as cars and down payments for cars, car insurance and a number of other items."
 Conciencie said the fund committee is working with the city of Big Spring in an effort to cover the many holes left by governmental aid.
 "It's working very well," said Conciencie. "We're working with the city to make sure these

things aren't covered by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). If FEMA can't cover it, we try to take care of it with the fund.
 "I expect it will be depleted fairly soon. It won't be there forever. It's really not that much money when you look at the scope of things, but it is being monitored."
 While the Katrina Relief Fund begins to wind down, Conciencie said things are beginning to heat up with the VA Task Force — a group assembled by the chamber to assist in the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process — until the fires were recently doused by a scheduling setback.
 "We've been thrown a little bit of a curve ball," said Conciencie. "The VA administration had originally planned and announced on the Web site that they were going to hold the next hearing on Dec. 7, so we were gearing up to go out into the surrounding communities and drum up support. I made a trip to

Odessa to talk to veterans there, and I also went to Abilene to talk to the disabled veterans group there, to get their support.
 "Now, less than a week after their announcement, they've moved the meeting to an unnamed date after the first of the year. So we're sort of left without a story to tell."
 In December 2002, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi established the CARES Commission to provide an independent review of the draft national plan to realign the DAV's health care system. The commission suggested a feasibility study concerning the Big Spring facility be conducted.
 Principi later approved the award of a contract for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to conduct business plan studies of the sites.
 In August, PwC presented several options for the realignment, including an option that would call for the addition of domiciliary services at the facility. An option calling for the facility to be closed in Big Spring and reopened in the Midland-Odessa area was also presented.
 The upcoming meeting will be the third in a series of four, with the number of options to be considered expected to be narrowed down to two choices.
 Conciencie said now it's

just a simple case of hurry-up and wait.
 "We've sort of backed off and slowed down our efforts to inform the surrounding communities about the meeting," said Conciencie. "We'll look at gearing back up during the first of December or as soon as we know something. Our next task force meeting will be Nov. 30."
 "That's where we're at now, but our thrust is to get the surrounding communities involved with this third hearing. The chamber's right in the middle of that. We just need our government to tell us when the next meeting will be and what options are on the list. Then we can really get

something going. Right now, however, there's really not a lot of information coming out."
 Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
 24th & Johnson 267-8288
 Georgann Waller, 73, died Tuesday. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Thursday at Baptist Temple Church. Pearl Irene Iles, 89, died Wednesday. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday at the Coahoma Cemetery.

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said Keeney. "We're pretty far behind where we were at this point last year because resources just aren't there right now."
 "We're hoping the Howard County community will get behind us on this project. It's not just a problem here. It's a problem everywhere right now."
 Capt. Linda Keeney said the gifts donated to area needy children through the annual program can make an amazing difference in their lives, and the lives of those who give.
 "It's everything," she said firmly. "A child who has everything they need provided for them has no concept of children out there who do without. If

we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things. That's why it's important, as a parent, to show these children there are others out there that are much worse off, who do without things that we take for granted everyday. If we show that to our children, I think it makes them a kinder, more giving person as they grow."
 The local Salvation Army is also expected to start its annual Kettle Campaign Monday, according to Russ Keeney.
 For more information on how you can help, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.
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OUR VIEWS

Deadline here for registering parade entries

Friday is it. That's right, tomorrow is the "drop dead" date for registering entries for the 20th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade — the event that officially kicks off the Yuletide in Howard County.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3, but the deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Friday.

Registration forms have come in from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." But we're convinced that when it comes to parades, more is better.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. But entries will be judged in slightly different categories this year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

And remember, as was the case last year, the entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor's Trophy for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

In addition, for the first time ever, the Herald will present a trophy to the best mounted entry from a sheriff's posse or riding club.

But you have to get your entries registered by the Friday deadline to be eligible for those prizes.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

It's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate. That's why we need those entries turned in no later than Friday afternoon. And that's why we keep reminding our readers about the need to get those entries submitted.

Entry forms are available at the Herald's offices located at 710 Scurry, and you can also download them from our Website at www.bigspringherald.com.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, and you haven't yet registered, get your registration form completed and turned in.

For additional information concerning the parade, contact parade coordinator Elizabeth Flores at 263-7331, ext. 246.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on, get those entries turned in, and join us in starting another magical holiday season in West Texas.

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The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can stay directed, Lord, when we trust in You.

Amen

'Uno, dos, tres, catorce...'

On Tuesday, I met one of the sharpest politicians I've ever encountered — U2's Bono, probably the first Irish rock star to meet with The San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board.

Bono shows what one man can do if he's willing to work with people who aren't his partisan allies. He doesn't hide the fact that he lives on the left side of the political spectrum. Still, he has managed to work with the most conservative Republicans by searching for common ground in his fight to end "extreme poverty" and disease in Africa. Having worked across the aisle, Bono has saved more lives than he could have by working with the left alone.

Former Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., credited Bono for turning him into an international AIDS activist. Helms had condemned foreign-aid programs as "rat holes," but after Bono appealed to Helms' Christian values, the senator proposed a \$500 million increase in U.S. global AIDS funding.

A recent New York Times magazine profile notes that when Bono decided to bone up on the problems of African debt — and spearhead an effort to push American pols to cancel debt repayment — he was tutored by a Kennedy, Bobby Shriver. But Bono didn't stop there. He asked for a meeting with an academic who opposed debt cancellation.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Bono has criticized President Bush when he thought the president was not doing enough. But he also gives Dubya credit for the administration's large increases in foreign aid — which many other leftists don't want to do. In fact, Bono told The Chronicle, "I think I'm a pretty good judge of character," and as for President Bush, "with whom he recently had lunch at the White House, 'I really believe he has this (helping and healing Africa's poor) in his mind and heart.'"

Bono noted that because of a Bush push, 250,000 Africans are using the antiretroviral drugs now, when zero Africans were using them a year before. "It is an amazing thing he's pulled off. Three years ago, people would laugh openly, in your face, at the idea that we could work with the (Bush) administration on this stuff."

Overall, the Bush administration has trebled American aid for Africa. That's big. Bono is the guiding light for The One Campaign to Make Poverty History (www.one.org), with its goal of pressuring Congress to dedicate 1 percent of the federal budget to improve life in the poorest nations. He helps his cause with his practical approach. While the — all bow — international community has blasted the Bush approach to dispensing aid, One's website notes, "Approaches like America's Millennium Challenge, which directs assistance to honest governments, are the most effective."

He also sees where the policy of requiring African countries to open their markets has hurt those

countries. Consider Ghana: Thanks to free trade, you can now buy American rice in Ghana. That's not good, as so-called free trade has destroyed African agriculture. Bono rightly opposes America's farm subsidies, while noting, "Europe is worse."

Bono also understands that if you want to sell the fight against world poverty, you get further selling the effort as a great "adventure," not "a burden."

So Bono has taken a cue from the right, by setting out to create an "NRA for the poor." It is his goal to change the face of politics in Washington so that members of Congress want to broadcast their votes to boost foreign aid, not downplay them.

National Rifle Association chief lobbyist Chris W. Cox noted that it took the lobby 135 years to reach 4 million dues-paying members. He figures that if Bono wants to mirror the NRA, that means he's "pretty smart."

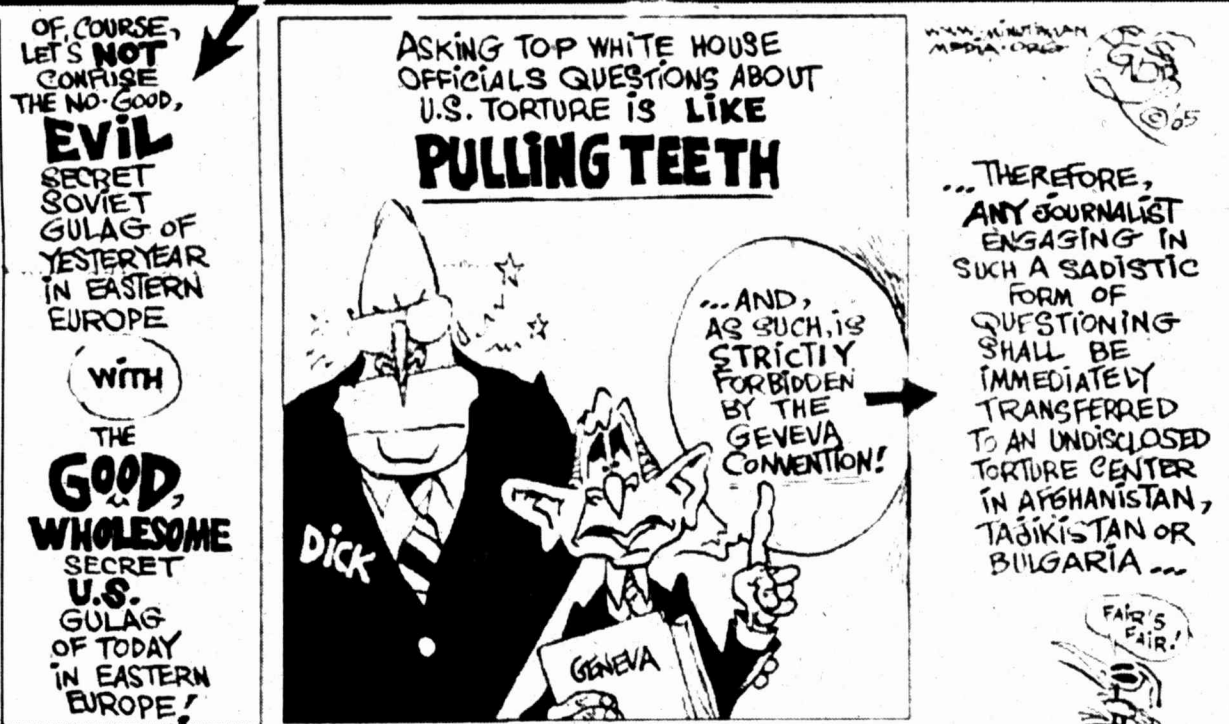
Smart and effective. In his trademark wraparound sunglasses and a cowboy hat, he's the John McCain of the left — a man who wants to get things done, not just beat the other side.

On a recent "Saturday Night Live" episode, comedian Tina Fey quipped on the show's weekend update: "U2 lead singer Bono met with President Bush in the White House on Wednesday and urged the president to help the world's poor. The president urged Bono to get back together with Cher."

Funny joke, but what Bono and Bush have done together is save lives.

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BUSH ADMINISTRATION: ZERO TOLERANCE FOR TORTURE



What Alito thinks does too matter

"I am particularly proud of my contributions in recent cases in which the government argued that racial and ethnic quotas should not be allowed and that the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion," Samuel Alito Jr. wrote in 1985.

"I'm not sure it is news that Judge Alito is pro-life, nor that Roe v. Wade was poorly reasoned," Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, a Republican member of the Judiciary Committee, argued.

He's wrong. It's front-page news in every newspaper in the country, and with reason.

Whether Sam Alito thinks the Constitution provides a right to abortion matters because Justice Alito may cast the deciding vote someday in determining the rights of American women to control their bodies. And how he votes is not just a matter of interpreting the law.

That is why Judge Alito is spending the day distancing himself from his earlier views. According to Democratic judiciary committee member Dianne Feinstein, he said "it was different then. He said: 'I was an advocate seeking a job. It was a political job. ... I'm now a judge. ... I've been on the circuit court for 15 years. And it's very different. I'm not an advocate. I don't give heed to my personal views. What I do is interpret the law.'"



SUSAN ESTRICH

Not so fast.

Court of appeals judges interpret the law. Supreme Court justices have no choice but to make it. Their personal views, their ideologies and philosophies, count, as conservatives are the first to recognize, precisely because when all is said and done, that is what they have to go on. That is why conservatives opposed Harriet Miers and why they are supporting Samuel Alito Jr. It is why statements like this, even when 20 years old, deserve consideration.

The Supreme Court does not decide easy cases. Unlike every other court, its caseload is almost entirely discretionary. It exists to make law, not to settle disputes. It only takes cases where the law is unclear, the lower courts are in conflict or important precedents are being challenged. The role of the law clerks in reviewing the petitions for certiorari and the statements of appeal is to find cases that deserve the attention of the justices — that is, to find hard cases where there is no clear answer to be found simply by "interpreting the law."

To be sure, the judicial process imposes limits on judicial lawmaking. Unlike legislators, judges are limited to actual cases and controversies between parties. They can't go out and make law just because they're interested in a problem — they have to wait for a case to raise it.

They also have to explain what they're doing: They make law through opinions, which generally take a practiced form of reasoned elaboration, using precedent as their text. But at the Supreme Court level, those limits are about

form, not substance. If you want to respect the precedent, there is one line of cases you refer to, about the weight of precedent and the importance of predictability. If you want to overrule the precedent, there is another line of cases, about the need to take a fresh look and not respect wrong decisions — like the decision upholding slavery or the internment decision — just because an earlier court made a mistake.

Every law student knows this game. Tell me the result, and I'll tell you how to get there. Appellate judges have to follow the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court decides for itself. Its decisions are "right" only because they are final. Five votes means you're right.

So what happens the next time the government comes to the court and asks, as it did in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, that Roe be overruled? It will happen. Will Justice Alito respect the precedent, or will he, as Sam Alito Jr. did, conclude that the Constitution does not protect the right to an abortion?

Judicial nominees cannot be expected to testify about how they would decide cases. But they can be asked about their personal views, particularly when an issue has been put squarely on the table by the judge's own words. Saying he's applying for a different job now is just not enough. Senators have every right to ask Judge Alito whether he has changed his mind about the Constitution over the last 20 years.

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Kinky Friedman signs supporter Erin Henschel's pant leg at a Wichita Falls rally. KRT photo/Barbara Davidson, Dallas Morning News

Could Kinky Friedman really be the Lone Star state's next governor?

By CHRISTY HOPPE

The Dallas Morning News

WICHITA FALLS — Author, musician and independent candidate for Texas governor Kinky Friedman insists he doesn't have a stump speech. And in a way, he's right. It's more like a stand-up routine.

At the Kemp Center for the Arts last week, a couple hundred flannelled ranchers, angry educators, coiffed Republicans and bell-bottomed youngsters came on a week-night to gather around the self-proclaimed Jewish cowboy as if he were dispensing water to the thirsty. So he began laddling one-liners:

"Texas: 50th in education, first in executions. As Dr. Phil would say, 'How's that working for you?'"

"I intend to take Texas off of eBay and give it back to the people."

"I met a man at the State Fair last month and he told me, 'Kinky, you may not be worth a damn, but you're better than what we've got.'"

The crowd cheered when he demanded Texas stop teaching for the TAKS test or when he said the sieve-like border with Mexico is a disgrace.

He is for the Ten Commandments in the classroom — "We might have to call them the 10 Suggestions" — and thinks the gay marriage ban approved last week was a waste of time because gay couples

Judge convicted in Houston tampering case

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury convicted a long-time judge Wednesday of tampering with a record in a dispute over a handicapped parking permit.

Harris County Justice of the Peace Judy Brock Bell in 2004 tried to use her deceased mother's name on an application to renew the parking permit, prosecutors said.

The defense maintained that Bell, 56, made a mistake on the application. Her attorneys also argued that the investigation was sparked by her decision to fire a former employee.

The punishment phase was scheduled to continue today.

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Tough road to get on ballot

Kinky Friedman faces a high hurdle to get on the ballot next fall. Under Texas' election rules, independents must:

— Acquire valid signatures from registered voters in a number equal to 1 percent of the total votes in the last governor's race. In Mr. Friedman's case, the target is 45,540.

— Get those signatures only from people who did not vote in either party's primary or in a runoff.

— Gather them in, at most, about 60 days after the primaries. If there's a runoff, the window is shortened to about 30 days.

"have every right to be as miserable as the rest of us."

Sure, the crowd laughed. But then they wrote him checks and bought dozens of campaign T-shirts saying "Why the hell not?" One bumper sticker proclaims hopefully "My Governor is a Jewish Cowboy."

But seriously folks, as the Kinkster might say, next year at this time, he fully expects to be governor-elect.

First, he'll have to raise money, gather signatures to win a spot on the ballot and — the part where he may have the farthest to go and the most trouble getting there — convey serious ideas about issues without abandoning all that makes him Kinky.

He has hired Dean Barkley, the man who got Jesse Ventura elected governor of Minnesota, to be his campaign manager, and Reid Nelson, who ran Dan Quayle's first congressional campaign in Indiana, to coordinate the petition drive.

The campaign is on track to raise \$1 million by March to collect more than 45,000 signatures, a brick wall of a hurdle for an independent to get on the ballot. The only man

to do it was Sam Houston. But then, Sam didn't have the Internet: 30,000 have signed up at www.kinkyfriedman.com.

In these days of voter unrest, with poll numbers lousy for Congress and the president, and not so hot for Gov. Rick Perry either, the mustachioed man in black is mesmerized by news of a survey that shows 21 percent of likely voters support him.

It has brought the campaign into focus. And Friedman is walking softly but carrying a big schtick.

"This is the right race at the right time. This is the moment," he said. "If I lose, I will retire in a petulant snit. I really will."

Serious he may be, but he is still a long way from becoming relevant. SMU political professor Cal Jillson said.

"The entertainment factor is real. Kinky Friedman is a Texas personality," Jillson said.

"But he's got to be able to pivot from the one-liner to the paragraph on what you would do on the issues that are the deepest concern to Texas voters," he said. "And we don't know if he can maintain that."

As a singer of goofy country ditties and writer of modestly successful mystery novels, Friedman, 61, is not the mega-star that Arnold Schwarzenegger was before switching effortlessly to politics. He may not even be as big as Ventura was before he got elected.

His campaign is plotting how to add substance and content. Friedman readily acknowledged that he is raising questions to which he doesn't have an answer, other than: "I'm a Jew. I'll hire good people."

But before he can get there, he has a huge first step, the big-fat poker hand that will let everybody at the table know if he can break the political bank: Can he get on the ballot? That in itself might be the proof that he's a serious player, policy issues aside.

"Tell me, why shouldn't my campaign be taken seriously and the Legislature be considered the joke?" he told one newswoman.

Barkley said the sharp-edged quips will persist throughout the campaign, but once on the ballot, "we are going to come out with some policy positions."

"People are going to expect more details than what he's given. And that detail will be forthcoming," he said.

Texas briefs

Man indicted in substitute teacher's death

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Rockport man has been indicted on a murder charge in the death of Edinburg substitute teacher whose partially nude body was found in a South Padre Island sand dune.

Amit Livingston, 37, has been in custody since Oct. 18 on a \$1 million bond that was later reduced to \$500,000. A grand jury indicted him Wednesday.

Livingston was arrested two weeks after a tourist found the body of Hermila Hernandez with a cracked skull and bullet wounds to the head.

Investigators say Livingston killed Hernandez because she planned to break off their relationship.

A murder weapon hasn't been recovered but authorities say Livingston bought a .357-caliber handgun in Corpus Christi before the killing. Livingston also bought an interchangeable .40-caliber barrel, prosecutors say.

Woman killed on highway by loose tire

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman was killed when a tire fell from an 18-wheeler and crushed the roof of her car.

Dilia Lopez, 31, was driving on Interstate 35 near Georgetown Wednesday morning when the rear driver side wheels came off a tractor-trailer in the southbound lane. One of the wheels went over the divider and bounced on the northbound lanes, where it struck the roof of Lopez' car and killed her instantly, said Kevin Stoffe, Georgetown Police assistant chief.

"The odds of something like this happening are astronomical," said John Hurt, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Motorists driving in both directions of the highway swerved to avoid the wheels. No other cars were struck or collided while dodging the tires, Stoffe said.

The truck driver maneuvered the tractor-trailer, to the right shoulder, the rear axle dragging on the highway, Stoffe said.

The truck was licensed to McRyan Hauling Inc. in Roanoke and was driven by Alan Louis McKinney, 41, of Dallas.

Tires and brakes on the truck passed an inspection after the accident, and the truck's load did not exceed the weight limit, Stoffe said.

Lufkin postmaster and wife arrested

LUFKIN (AP) — The Lufkin postmaster and his wife have pleaded not guilty to charges accusing them of embezzling \$85,000 in cash and property from her elderly mother.

Stanford and Pamela Logan were arrested in Oklahoma Tuesday and released on bond following a hearing, said Bill English, the couple's attorney in Norman, Okla.

"We believe this is a big mistake, and we're going to do the right thing," English said.

Margie Allred, 69, of Moore, Okla., said that after she was released from the hospital following a stroke in June, family members discovered that \$30,000 was missing from her account and that her house and truck titles were placed in Stanford Logan's name. She said she had given her daughter Pamela Logan power of attorney during an earlier illness.

Stanford Logan, 48, said he and Pamela Logan, 44, took control of Allred's money and property to buy a bigger house that they planned to move the elderly woman to, according to an Oklahoma arrest affidavit. The affidavit also stated that Pamela Logan's name was on a \$30,000 bank withdrawal receipt, which is still missing.

Four charged with fraudulently seeking aid

HOUSTON (AP) — Four people have been charged with fraudulently applying for thousands of dollars of emergency aid meant for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday.

The recent indictments bring to five the number of people charged in the Southern District of Texas with faking Louisiana and Mississippi addresses to get aid checks from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

LaToya Harris, 33, and Jimmie Williams, 27, both of Houston; Robert Foster, 39, of Galveston and Royce Allen, 39, of College Station, all are accused of listing addresses in Louisiana or Mississippi, to make claims for disaster relief. All got checks at their home addresses in Texas.

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Lexus believes its new models can face BMW

By MATT NAUMAN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

When Lexus introduced the IS 300 in 2000, it said the edgy sports sedan would attract young, male buyers who might otherwise opt for a BMW 3-Series.

It did, but not too many of them.

Lexus executives predicted they would sell 24,000 IS models a year. Sales neared that in 2001 (22,486), but they've been dropping ever since. In 2004, Lexus dealers sold fewer than 10,000 IS 300 sedans and wagons. BMW dealers sold more than 100,000 3-Series models.

It's not a totally fair comparison as Lexus also sells the ES 330, a more conservative sedan that's also in the near-luxury segment with its around-\$30,000 price range.

Still, there's no doubt the IS 300 didn't put much of a scare into BMW.

So, now, Lexus will try again.

This time, it will offer something more and something different. The more is the 2006 IS 350, which will have a segment-leading 306 horsepower from its 3.5-liter V-6 engine.

The different is the IS 250. It probably will be cheaper than BMW's 325i, and it will come in both rear- and all-wheel-drive variants.

What IS owners want, said Jim Colon, the brand's vice president of sales and dealer development, "is stronger, bolder styling and a heavier dose of performance without compromising the core values of what makes a Lexus a Lexus."

The new IS 250 and IS 350 models "will send a loud and clear message to our competitors," Colon said in Napa, Calif., in July at a media introduction.

Jack Nerad, editorial director of Kelley Blue Book's www.kbb.com Web site, was impressed after driving the new models. But he questioned whether they truly will compete with the BMW 3-Series.

"That's a tough bar to try to reach," he said. "I think they've come close to that bar. My personal impression is they're not quite at that bar. I think the car will probably appeal to Lexus buyers more so than the BMW buyer."

The car is built in Japan on platforms modified from the larger GS sedans. The new IS is longer and wider with a longer wheelbase than the previous model. Both engines are new. So are the car's suspension systems and brakes.

The rear-wheel-drive IS 250 comes with a 204-horsepower, 2.5-liter V-6 engine and either a six-speed manual or automatic transmission. The IS 250 AWD comes with the same engine, all-wheel-drive and a six-speed automatic with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

The rear-wheel IS 350 has a 306-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 and a different six-speed automatic.

With the IS 350, Colon said, "we have taken dead aim at class-leading per-

formance." The car will go from 0 to 60 mph in 5.6 seconds and have a top speed of 142 mph. The 2005 IS 300 with its 215-horsepower in-line six-cylinder and manual transmission could get to 60 mph in 6.8 seconds.

Colon insists the first-generation IS, sold from the 2001 to 2005 model years, was a success for Lexus.

It attracted young buyers with a median age of 29 vs. 39 for a median 3-Series buyer. In fact, only one other vehicle, the tC from Toyota's youth-oriented Scion division, has younger buyers than the IS, Colon said. It also attracted new people to Lexus showrooms — 90 percent of IS 300 buyers were first-time Lexus owners.

Still, Colon said, the original IS "did not have the true characteristics of what makes a Lexus." It was sporty, but not sporty enough. It was fun, and it offered the Lexus name and dealer network, but wasn't luxurious enough.

This time around, the IS models will have roomier, classier interiors highlighted by Optitron chronometer-like gauges. Eight air bags, a 13-speaker audio system and a six-



The 2006 Lexus IS 350

disc in-dash CD changer are standard fare.

Options, although much is standard on the top-line IS 350 model, include 18-inch wheels, leather seats, 10-way adjustable front seats, a power moonroof, a navigation system and a 14-speaker, 300-watt Mark Levinson audio system.

Prices won't be announced until closer to the car's October sale date, but Colon vowed it would be "the best value in the segment." The 2005 IS 300 sedan and SportCross hatchback wagon sells for \$30,280 to

\$31,650. The 2006 BMW 325i and 330i sedans sell for \$30,995 to \$36,995.

The introduction of the IS this fall will conclude a busy year for Lexus, which hadn't introduced a new car in several years before launching the GS sedans in the spring. It also started selling its first hybrid, the RX 400h sport-utility, in midyear.

Toyota, which owns the Lexus brand, will sell the new IS in Europe, Asia and North America.

Colon said Toyota is "going to look" at adding coupe and wagon versions to the IS lineup. Merrill

Lynch auto analyst John Casesa, in a research report issued last month, said Lexus will be putting out coupe and convertible versions of the IS in addition to the sedan.

Going from less than 1,000 sales a month to 40,000 a year is a "very, very high" target, and one that Nerad said Lexus might have trouble reaching.

That's especially true with such strong competitors.

One key, Colon said, is the continuing growth of affluence in the United States. Luxury-car sales,

which used to represent just 8 percent to 10 percent of the market, now account for 12 percent, and that number is growing.

Lexus will be targeting technology-savvy young buyers, Colon said, describing them as "aspirational sport consumers." Marketing for the new car will focus strongly on the Internet.

"For these consumers," Colon said, the Internet is "how they are entertained, how they do business, how they socialize, how they winnow down their purchase decisions."

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IN BRIEF

Pep rally, sendoff set for Steers

Big Spring will have a short community-wide pep rally for the football team tonight at 8 p.m. at the Amphitheater.

The community is also invited to participate in a sendoff Friday at 9 a.m. Fans will line the streets near the high school and wave the team off as it heads to El Paso for an Area Championship game against El Paso Chapin.

The game will take place Saturday at El Paso Andress High School Stadium beginning at 3 p.m. MST.

Hughey shines for UTPB at McMurry

ABILENE — Former Big Spring swimmer Jessica Hughey helped her UTPB swim team to a victory against McMurry Nov. 5. Hughey took first in the 200 Individual Medley and also captured a third place finish in the 100 backstroke.

The Lady Falcons defeated McMurry easily in team competition, winning 153-53. McMurry dropped to 0-5 on the season.

Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

Sign ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.

Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Flag football touney benefit announced

A flag football tournament to benefit Templo Belen A/G has been announced for Saturday at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Chris Enriquez at 432-213-0697, 264-0924 or 816-6115.

Celtics guard Allen indicted after fight

CHICAGO (AP) — Boston Celtics guard Tony Allen was indicted on three counts of aggravated battery stemming from a fight.

Allen did not enter a plea.

Garden City excited for much-anticipated rematch

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The rematch Garden City has been waiting for all season is finally here.

Grandfalls-Royalty (10-1) hosted the Bearkats in Week 0 earlier this season and defeated Garden City on the last play of the game.

The Bearkats turned the ball over five times in the game and four of those came in the red zone.

"Our kids have been waiting to play this team again since the loss earlier this year," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins after his team's win over Borden County last week in the bi-district

round. "We definitely need to take care of the football this time around."

The 10th ranked Bearkats will get a chance at payback Friday in Big Lake as Garden City faces Grandfalls-Royalty in the Area Championship. The game is set for 7:30 p.m. and the winner will take on the winner of Valley and Witharral.

The Cowboys are led by their mobile quarterback B.J. Santiago.

"He makes plays when plays aren't really there to be made," said Hoskins. "We have to contain him if we want to win."

Matthew Santiago is the team's best running back, while Robby Garcia and Stevie Cavazos are the go-to receivers.

"He'll throw it to whoever is open, but those guys seem to be the ones that make the big plays when they need them," said Hoskins. "They'll send the ball deep downfield and just leave it up in the air and let one of those two make a play. We have to limit our big plays and we have to be able to tackle."

Grandfalls-Royalty, whose only loss was to district rival Sierra Blanca, uses four to six formations on offense.

Hoskins said his team has to recognize what is going on and be lined up properly.

"At this point in the season, I don't think we will surprise them and they won't surprise us," said Hoskins. "Both teams are familiar with one another."

Garden City's defense is led by its front four. Cade Doss leads the team with 93 tackles, while Cory Multer and Blaine Walker each have 80 tackles. Colton Schwartz has taken down a runner 57 times this season. The Bearkats' defense is giving up 10 points per game and is only surrendering

160 yards per game, as well.

The Bearkats are prepared to run or throw Friday, but what they do will depend on what the Cowboys do defensively, said Hoskins.

"Last week, Borden County wanted to stop our pass so we just ran at them," said Hoskins. "It might be different this week, but we are prepared to do what it takes to win. We will open up the playbook because there is no tomorrow in the playoffs if you lose."

The Garden City offense is averaging 50 points per

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Israel Sanjuan, left, carries the ball downfield last Thursday during Grady's playoff game against Grandfalls-Royalty. The Wildcats lost the game. Grandfalls-Royalty will take on Garden City Friday in Big Lake.

Helms shares Coach of the Year honors in District 5-six-man

• Grady, Sands land several to first, second team squads

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Several players from Grady and Sands earned all-District 5-six-man honors as the season is over for all representing teams.

Grady's biggest honor came from the coach as Joe Helms was awarded Co-Coach of the Year along with Wellman-Union head coach John Cornelius.

The Wildcats landed six representatives on the first team, while Sands was honored with one selection.

Taylor Fields made the team as a tight end, while Justin Tubbs (wide receiver) and Lane Shands (spread center) were also named to the offensive first team. The Wildcats' Aguedo Najera (defensive

lineman), Fields and Roy Rodriguez were honored on the first team defense squad.

Sands' lone first representative was Santos Ybarra, who made the squad as a running back.

Each school had several others make the second team.

Ernesto Juarez (tight end), Clay Mitchell (wide receiver), Rodriguez (running back), Tommylee Rivas (spreadback), Najera (kicker) were second team offensive selections for Grady. Shands (defensive lineman) and Juarez (cornerback) also made the second team on defense.

Sands had several on the second team offensive squad. Greg Carter made the list as a tight end, while Mathew Ybarra was voted in as a wide receiver. Trent Rogers made the team as a tight end and Kenneth Peacock (spread center), Martin Dominguez (kicker) and Cevan Smithson, who missed most of the year due to injury, also made the second team on offense.

Rogers, Jesus Casas, Santos Ybarra, Peacock, Mathew Ybarra and Carter also made the second team defensive units.

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Ruiz, Holguin each earn spots on both offense, defense in district

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Coahoma's Joe Holguin and Stanton's Matthew Ruiz each earned first team honors on both offense and defense recently as District 4-2A released its postseason football honors.

Holguin and Ruiz were each named as first team wide receivers and defensive backs.

Coahoma landed nine players to the first or second teams on both sides of the ball, while five players from Stanton were honored.

Besides Holguin, senior Terrell Bibb also earned first team honors as an inside linebacker. Bibb was also honored as a second team center. Earning spots on the second team were freshman Donnie Garcia (inside linebacker and running back),

Dakota Teaff (wide receiver and outside linebacker) and Jake McCain (offensive lineman). Senior Antonio Gonzales also made the first team as a special teams player.

Coahoma had several players earn spots on the honorable mention team. The list includes: McCain, Gonzales, Alecc Herrera, Patrick Croft, Blaine Kerby, Cody Griffith, Cory Clanton and Domingo Rodriguez.

Stanton's Sloan Kelly made the first team as an inside linebacker and Travis Jezek made second team wide receiver and secondary, while Angel Veristigui made second team inside linebacker. The other first team selection for Stanton was Tomas Salgado.

Colorado City swept both MVP categories as Chris Martinez and Kenneth Scott each won the offensive and defensive awards, respectively.

District 4-2A
Offensive MVP: Chris Martinez, Colorado City
Defensive MVP: Kenneth Scott, Colorado City

Offense
First Team
Quarterback: Devin Robinson, Anson
Running Back: Kyle Sloan, Hawley
Fullback: Josh Stevens, Hawley
Center: Jeremy Arce, Anson
Linebacker: Scott Colorado City, Leandro Lozano, Anson, Payton Heimon, Stamford, Austin Atkins, Hawley
Tight End: Ben Moreno, Anson
Wide Receivers: Joe Holguin, Coahoma; Matthew Ruiz, Stanton; Wade Ivy, Stamford; Frankie Arguio, Colorado City
Kicker: Jake Marsh, Colorado City
Punter: Scott Colorado City
Special Teams: Johnny Juarez, Anson; Detrich Mays, Stamford; Antonio Gonzales, Coahoma; Cortin Coonrod, Hawley; Dwayne Whitaker, Stamford; Michael Pineda, Colorado City

Second Team
Quarterback: Brix McGuffin, Colorado City
Running Back: Donnie Garcia, Coahoma
Fullback: Cord Garcia, Anson
Center: Terrell Bibb, Coahoma
Linebacker: Cyrus Goodman, Colorado City; Jake McCain, Coahoma; Andrew Cadie, Hawley; Jeremy Jones, Anson
Tight End: Wes Lambert, Hawley
Wide Receivers: Yancey Burnett, Stamford; Dakota Teaff, Coahoma; Marsh, Colorado City; Travis Jezek, Stanton; Tony Salazar, Colorado City

Defense
First Team
Defensive Line: Eric Lozano, Anson; Tomas Salgado, Stanton; Ray Ryan, Colorado City
Defensive Ends: Tommy Atkins, Colorado City; Josh Ramos, Anson
Inside Linebacker: Bibb, Coahoma; Justin New, Hawley; Sloan Kelly, Stanton; Arce, Anson
Secondary: Ruiz, Stanton; Brandon Beghts, Colorado City; Trenton Bounds, Anson; Holguin, Coahoma
Outside Linebacker: Martinez, Colorado City; Stetson Gartman, Hawley

Second Team
Defensive Line: Jones, Anson; Chad Tailor, Hawley; Adrian Arrellano, Colorado City
Defensive Ends: Seth Lockwood, Hawley; Goodman, Colorado City
Inside Linebacker: Heron, Reyna, Colorado City; Garcia, Coahoma; Angel Veristigui, Stanton; Cord Garcia, Anson
Secondary: Roland Rivera, Colorado City; Justin Lewis, Anson; Yancey Burnett, Stamford; Casey Wilkerson, Hawley; Jezek, Stanton
Outside Linebacker: Michael Leura, Colorado City; Teaff, Coahoma



Coahoma's Blaine Kerby, left, and Joe Holguin take down a ball carrier from Hawley during action in Coahoma earlier this season.

Area Playoff Football

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Garden City (10-1) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (10-1)
@ Big Lake, 7:30 p.m.

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Big Spring (4-7) vs. El Paso Chapin (10-1)
@ El Paso Andress, 3 p.m. MST



KRT photo/Ben Noey Jr., Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb throws a pass in the first quarter against the Dallas Cowboys at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn., Monday. McNabb has battled injuries most of the season and was hurt again in the Monday game. He has been ruled out for this weekend's game against the New York Giants.

Congress dishes out tougher steroid policy, warns other leagues

• Every sport now under Congress' steroid microscope

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — For months, at hearing after hearing on Capitol Hill, lawmakers chided baseball, championed the NFL and mostly left the NBA and NHL alone.

One steroid-testing agreement later, that landscape has changed.

Now that major league baseball players will be facing harsher penalties, Congress is sending a message to other professional athletes: We want you to catch up.

It seems clear, though, that those other leagues and unions aren't necessarily planning to get right to work rewriting drug-testing programs that already have been made tougher since lawmakers began focusing on the issue in March.

"We don't think we need to stiffen our penalties," NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw said Wednesday. "Let Congress act if they want to. We have put a responsible model in place. We didn't need Congress to tell us to put it in, so why would we need them to modify it?"

"It's actually our model that they have been holding up as the way to go," he noted.

That's true: During the series of House and Senate hearings on steroids in sports, the NFL's program — older and more stringent than other sports' — was heaped with praise. As NFL spokesman Joe Browne said, "Other sports have modeled their drug programs after ours, which has been around more than 15 years."

Baseball owners and players agreed Tuesday to a 50-game suspension without pay for a first offense, a 100-game suspension for a second offense, and a lifetime ban for a third. Baseball also added testing for amphetamines.

So, suddenly, a sport that was criticized in

March for allowing \$10,000 fines instead of 10 day suspensions after a first failed test is now considered a leader.

"I think it's safe to say that most members of Congress will now view MLB as the minimum standard, so they'll be watching any leagues that don't meet that standard currently," Dave Marin, spokesman for Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., wrote in an e-mail to the AP.

Under the new deal, a major leaguer would miss nearly a third of a 162-game season after a first failed test. The NFL's initial four-game penalty costs a player a quarter of a 16-game season; the NHL's 20-game initial penalty is about a quarter of an 82-game season; and the NBA's 10-game initial penalty is about an eighth of an 82-game season.

In recent months, the NFL increased the number of tests players may be subject to, the NBA doubled its initial penalty and the NHL began testing for performance-enhancing substances for the first time.

And yet, commissioner Bud Selig could say at the baseball owners' meeting in Milwaukee on Wednesday, "We have the toughest program now in American sports, and I'm proud of that."

Davis and Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., sponsored a bill with a two-year ban for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second across pro sports.

By Tuesday, though, they were supporting legislation sponsored by Sens. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., and John McCain, R-Ariz., with a half-season ban, followed by a one-season ban, then a lifetime ban.

While that legislation was put on hold after baseball's announcement, those four lawmakers, plus the sponsor of another House bill, Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., all made clear the threat of congressional intervention isn't disappearing.

"We'll leave it there and see what the other major league sports do," Bunning said.

Texas rolls past Samford at Guardians

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer
AUSTIN (AP) — Two games, two easy wins. Throw in a smothering defensive performance and the No. 2 Texas Longhorns are pretty pleased with the start of the new season.

P.J. Tucker had 22 points and eight rebounds and Texas overwhelmed Samford defensively in a 77-33 victory Wednesday night in the second round of the Guardians Classic tournament.

Texas held the Bulldogs to 13 points in the first half, matching the second-fewest points allowed in a first half by the Longhorns since the 1949-50 season. The Texas record is 12, a mark accomplished twice, most recently in last season's 97-52 win over Centenary.

The Longhorns also out-rebounded Samford 54-15. The plus-39 margin smashed the old school record of 33. And the 33 points allowed matched the fewest surrendered since a 33-32 loss to Texas

A&M in 1951. The Longhorns (2-0) now move on to the tournament's next round Monday in Kansas City, where they'll meet No. 14 West Virginia, a team that came within one win of reaching the Final Four last season.

"West Virginia is a real good team. They made an unbelievable run in the tournament," Tucker said. "We just went against a zone, so we got a little time to get ready for it."

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Longhorns who just missed having three players record double-doubles. Brad Buckman finished with nine points and nine boards.

"It gets pretty selfish out there" rebounding, Buckman said. "That's our goal every game."

Although the numbers were ugly by the end, Samford (1-1) served up an early lesson in frustration for the Longhorns using a zone defense that drew Texas fouls and a

slow-paced Princeton offense that kept the Texas offense in check.

While Aldridge was 4-of-6 shooting with seven rebounds in the first half, Texas point guard Daniel Gibson went to the bench after two offensive fouls and the Longhorns generally looked out of sync with nine turnovers.

"It's great for us to face a team like that," Buckman said. "It really forces us to play great defense."

Texas made up for the offensive miscues with a 28-8 rebounding edge in the half and a defensive effort that held smaller and slower Samford to 5-of-23 shooting. Overall, Texas held Samford to 26 percent shooting — 13-of-50.

"I thought that the first half, we really battled them. (But) our defensive energy really continued to fall," said Samford coach Jimmy Tillette.

Texas led 11-5 before Tucker and Aldridge scored eight straight points. J.D. Lewis hit two 3-pointers as the

Longhorns built the lead to 25-13.

Tucker closed the half with consecutive layups, the second on a steal and fast break with 12 seconds left, to make it 30-13.

The Longhorns offense started clicking in the second. Tucker and Aldridge teamed up for the comical highlight of the game when a Samford pass bounced off the back of Tucker's head right to Aldridge, who lofted the ball back to Tucker to finish a fast break with a dunk.

A.J. Abrams hit consecutive 3-pointers as the Longhorns built the lead to 59-26 with 10 minutes left.

A night after hitting 10 3-pointers in their season opener, the Longhorns went 6-of-20 from long range. The tournament is using an experimental distance of 20 feet, nine inches, one foot deeper than normal.

Travis Peterson led Samford with 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting on 3-pointers.

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game on offense this season. They average 218 yards rushing and 181 yards passing per game, as well.

Junior Alex Halfmann is a duel threat quarterback. He has thrown for 1,718 yards, 26 touchdowns and three interceptions this season, but has also ran for 507 yards and scored six times.

The featured running back at the current time is sophomore Bo Eggemeyer. Eggemeyer is the perhaps the biggest surprise on this year's team. He has ran for 1,071 yards in just 57 carries this year, has scored 17 touchdowns and averages 18.8 yards per carry. Eggemeyer also has 354 yards receiving and two

touchdowns.

Another duel threat runner for Garden City is Jared Bradford, who has emerged as the team's best receiver after starting the season as the running back. He has caught 34 passes for 716 yards and scored 10 touchdowns, but has also ran for 470 yards on the ground with 11 scores.

And if these guys can't make plays with their speed, Halfmann usually finds Multer barreling his way downfield looking to get open. Multer has caught 13 passes this year for 244 yards and five touchdowns.

As good as Garden City has been this year, Hoskins knows that alone won't get them the win.

"We are as ready as we can be, but we still have to go out and perform," said Hoskins.

DISTRICT 5

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Wellman-Union's Hector Longori won the Newcomer of the Year award, while Aaron Martin and David Franco, both of Wellman-Union, won offensive and defensive MVP, respectively.

Grady also picked up an honorable mention vote as Israel Sanjuan was picked as the Newcomer of the Year.

District 5 six-man Coaches of the Year: John Cornelius, Wellman-Union; Joe Helms, Grady; Newcomer of the Year: Hector Longori, Wellman-Union.
Offense: First Team: Offensive MVP: Aaron Martin, Wellman-Union; Tight Ends: Taylor Fields, Grady; Josh Whitfield, Loop; Wide Receivers: Justin Tubbs, Grady; Longori, Wellman-Union; Gilbert Gomez, Wellman-Union; Tight Center: Randy Garza, Wellman-Union; Spread Center: Lane Shands, Grady; Quarterback: Aaron Martin, Wellman-Union; Running Back: David Franco, Wellman-Union; Weston Phillips, Wellman-Union; Santos Ybarra, Sands; Spreadback: Drew Hunt, Dawson.

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Utility Back: Jason Conne, Loop; Kicker: Longori, Wellman-Union; Special Teams Player: Willie McKenzie, Loop.
Second Team: Tight Ends: Brent Thurman, Dawson; Ernesto Juarez, Grady; Greg Carter, Sands; Wide Receivers: Kenneth Franco, Wellman-Union; Clay Mitchell, Grady; Mathew Ybarra, Sands; Trent Rogers, Sands; Spread Center: Kyle Bell, Dawson; Kenneth Peacock, Sands; Quarterback: Kyle Mitchell, Loop; Drew Hunt, Dawson; Running Backs: J.P. Ramirez, Dawson; Cevan Smithson, Sands; Roy Rodriguez, Grady; Jason Haddock, Wellman-Union; Spreadback: Tommylee Rivas, Grady; Utility Back: Ken Miller, Klondike; Kicker: Aguedo Najera, Grady; Martin Dominguez, Sands.

Defense: First Team: Defensive MVP: Franco, Wellman-Union; Defensive Linebacker: Najera, Grady; Haddock, Wellman-Union; McKenzie, Loop; Weston Phillips, Wellman-Union; Linebackers: Franco, Wellman-Union; Conner, Loop; Cornerbacks: Aaron Martin, Wellman-Union; Fields, Grady; Safeties: Mark Gregory, Wellman-Union; Rodriguez, Grady; Utility Players: Whitfield, Loop; Punter: Miller, Klondike.
Second Team: Defensive Linebacker: Shands, Grady; Jesus Casas, Sands; Longori, Wellman-Union; Rogers, Sands; Preston Clark, Klondike; Linebackers: Hunt, Dawson; Santos Ybarra, Sands; Cornerbacks: Juarez, Grady; Randy Castillo, Klondike; Peacock, Sands; Safeties: Miller, Klondike; Mathew Ybarra, Grady; Troy Moore, Loop; Utility Player: Carter, Sands; Punter: Hunt, Dawson.
Honorable Mention: Newcomer of the Year: Israel Sanjuan, Grady.

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The screaming female fan finally got the attention of her beloved NASCAR driver during a commercial break of the live broadcast of SPEED Channel's Trackside at Texas Motor Speedway. She held up a homemade doll of Rusty Wallace's likeness, complete with his Miller Lite fire suit. Wallace wasn't sure what to make of it, but profusely thanked "the nice lady from Shreveport." A few minutes later the doll made its TV debut.

Wallace appeared as comfortable in front of the camera as he does inside his racecar, clearly explaining why there has not been a repeat Cup winner at Texas and chiming in on co-analyst Steve Hammond's cowboy getup.

Wallace announced to the world in 2004 that 2005 would be his last season.

The Missouri native would never leave racing quietly, a la Ricky Rudd. Wallace is going out with a big splash farewell tour called "Rusty's Last Call" in honor of his longtime sponsor Miller Brewing Co. A free 12-city concert series began at Daytona and ended with country music's Pat Green entertaining his fans

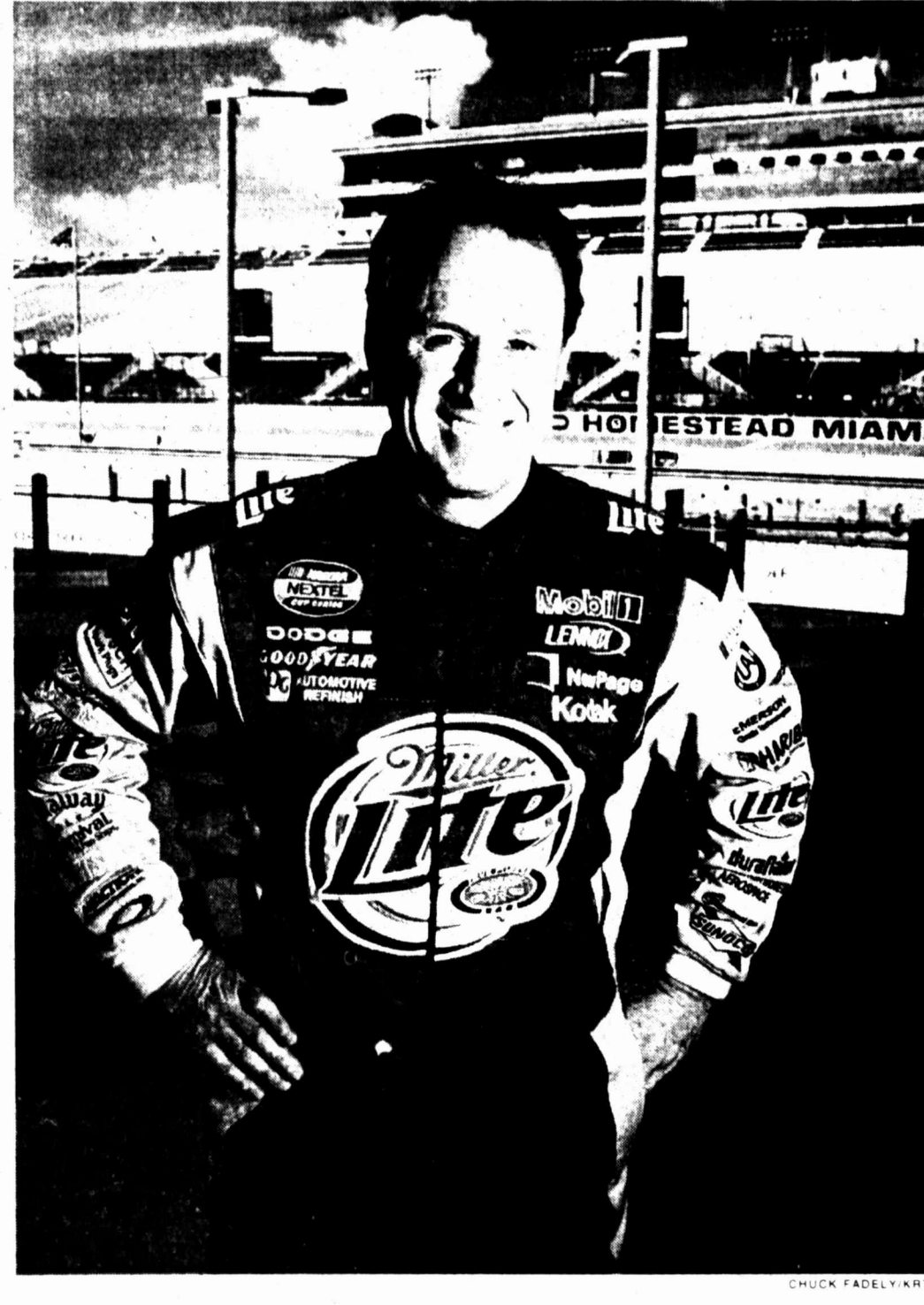
during a tribute at Seminole Hard Rock Casino. His long, illustrious Cup career that began in 1980 with a borrowed sedan collecting dust in Roger Penske's warehouse will come to a screeching halt Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

You can bet Russell William Wallace, the son of a weekend racer who made a living from his vacuum cleaner repair store, will shed a tear. "His last race is going to be a very emotional thing for him," Penske South Racing president Don Miller said. "He's doing a very difficult thing."

Miller, a friend and business partner of Wallace for nearly 30 years, tried to find the right words: "I don't want to say egotistical, that wouldn't be right. But he's very 'fan conscious.' He wants to be the center of the entire attraction. He thrives on it."

Rusty Wallace hangs it up after more than two decades of Cup racing

LAST CALL



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"I think when it dawns on him that this is the last race, and there won't be any more, it will hit him pretty hard."

Wallace, 49, was working in a chassis shop in St. Louis when Miller walked in, needing an axle housing shortened for his hot rod.

A friendship and partnership developed. Soon the duo and Charlie Chase started "Poor Boy Chassis" in a rented shop behind a horse stable.

Wallace built cars to support his racing. He won a lot. But he'll never forget his crash during a victory celebration.

"Destroyed the car and made the owner mad," he said. Who was the owner? "Me."

It was 1980 when he drove in his first Cup race. Wallace finished second to Dale Earnhardt. But Penske's focus was on his Indy program, and said the duo could have the car. But they didn't have the money to race at that level.

Wallace continued cheaper racing until he got hooked up with owner Cliff Stewart for his first full Cup season in 1984. He finished a respectable 14th in the standings.

But the next season Stewart decided to build his own engines. Big mistake — Wallace blew 14 engines.

Wallace won his first and only championship in 1989, at Atlanta on a day when "you name it and it went wrong."

But Wallace mustered a 15th and won the title by 12 points.

However, he's most remembered in 1989 for his win at The Winston all-star race.

Wallace's oldest son, Greg, was 9 at the time. As Greg tells it: "Darrell Waltrip was the villain at the time called Jaws. Everybody hated him. Dad was the fast talking kid from Missouri, the guy in white more than black. Then what happened (Wallace nudged Waltrip's car late in the race, causing him to wreck) and everything changed. Dad was the one hated, getting death threats."

As Rusty tells it: "Back then I was a smart-ass. Young and cocky. We've got a lot of those drivers in our sport right now that were just like me. I deserved the negative press and had to learn it the hard way."

Wallace and Miller reunited with Penske in 1991, founding Penske South Racing. But after two mediocre seasons, Penske met with his co-owners at a Holiday Inn and told them: "I think I'll just get out. I'll let you guys run this thing."

Three weeks ago, Penske chuckled at Wallace's response: "Let me tell you something, pal. Don't spin me out now."

They won 10 races the next season and have been together 15 years, winning 37 races in all, but no championships.

Wallace failed to make the Chase in its inaugural season last year, and coupled with teammate Ryan Newman's eight wins, some thought the sport had passed him by.

But Wallace, always the survivor, did not want to go out as a has-been. He wanted to go out "on top of my game."

If not for four consecutive weeks of bad luck during the Chase, Wallace would likely have a shot at the championship Sunday. But he is content to finish in the top 10, despite not winning a race this season.

Wallace will continue his endorsement with Miller Brewing Co. through 2014. He also has what seems like a zillion business ventures. Then there's the budding career of his teenage son, Stephen, who is scheduled to drive in the Busch and the Craftsman Truck series next season.

Back at Trackside, the crowd of 150 waited, hoping to get an autograph. Finally the individual calls for "Rusty" turned into a unison chant: "Rusteeeee, Rusteeeee."

Wallace smiled. And then he began to sign.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- 1. Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Said it'd be nice to clinch the title in style with a Homestead win. We second that. Last week: 1.
- 2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Really must make up 53 points to win the title because Stewart has the tie-

- 3. Carl Edwards (car No. 99):** Four Cup victories and five Busch wins this year. Is he NASCAR driver of the year? Last week: 3.
- 4. Greg Biffle (car No. 16):** Remarkably calm after not winning a race he dominated at Phoenix. He's maturing. Last week: 4.
- 5. Mark Martin (car No. 6):** All class. He's the opposite of what happened to another of his teammates

- 6. Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Said having Kurt Busch as his teammate will be an improvement. Reckon he's sure? Last week: 7.
- 7. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** Phoenix was his third Chase finish outside top 25. Five of the other six have been top fives. Last week: 6.
- 8. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2):** Takes his final curtain call this weekend at Homestead and hopes to finish

- 9. Kurt Busch/Kenny Wallace (car No. 97):** This is a team ranking, not driver. Team did a solid job in a tough spot at Phoenix. Last week: 8.
- 10. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Three top-three finishes in his past four races. Nice momentum boost for 2006. Last week: 11.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatstracin.com.

Easygoing Stewart has Cup title in sight

The guy who should be feeling the most pressure going into the final week of the Nextel Cup season seems like a beekeeper strolling through a swarm of yellow jackets.

These days Tony Stewart is an ice cube at a Jell-O festival. Nothing seems to shake him.

Stewart will enter Sunday's Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway with a 52-point lead over Jimmie Johnson in the Chase for the Nextel Cup. Stewart will clinch the title with a finish of ninth or better, and since June 19, he's finished ninth or better 19 times in 21 races.

Even numbers like that, though, don't completely convey how Stewart has been the constant amid a tossing sea of turmoil since at least the season's midway point.

He's ceded the points lead once since he first took it with the biggest victory of his career in the Allstate 400 at Indianapolis. He finished 18th at Dover, Del., in the second of the 10

Chase races and dropped to fifth, 23 points behind then-leader Jimmie Johnson. But while several of his championship rivals took a big fall at Talladega, Ala., the next week, Stewart finished second and reclaimed the lead.

His worst Chase finish was 25th at Lowe's Motor Speedway in a race he'd led before falling victim to the same tire woes that so messed up that race. It makes it impossible to count that 25th-place finish against Stewart and his team.

He hasn't won a Chase race, at least not yet; he's finished second in three, and sixth or better in six.

He's led the most laps three times in the nine playoff races, too. Most of all, what he has done is steer clear of all the wackiness that has, at times,

overshadowed the 2005 Chase.

Stewart spent a lot of time in the interview room at Phoenix International Raceway over the weekend, and time after time he answered the same question the same way.

"You guys think that we're reinventing the wheel here, but it is so simple," he said. "We are going to go out and practice like we always do and try to get the car driving good."

"Then, we're going to go out for qualifying and we're going to get the best starting spot we can qualify. And then when the race starts and they drop the green flag, we're actually going to go out and, as odd as it's going to sound, we're actually going to go out and try to win the race."

"I know that sounds crazy, but that's really what we're going to do. The last time I checked in my con-

tract, that's what I get paid to do. ... And if we don't win the race, we want to make sure (we stay) ahead of the (contenders) and get enough points to win the championship. If we win the race, we win the championship, right? It's a pretty simple philosophy."

Stewart said his team plans to use the car it won with at Indianapolis in August in Sunday's season-ender. Between now and then, he had some commercials to shoot and a fishing outing with his team. Then he'll head-line a news conference in Miami, where he'll say the same things he said 40 times this weekend in Phoenix.

As strange as this season has been at times, it's tempting to anticipate something bizarre for the final race. And that certainly could happen.

As long as Stewart doesn't bring his beekeeper's suit with him to Florida, it won't.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

FORD 400

Where: Homestead-Miami Speedway, a 1.5-mile paved banked oval located in Homestead, Fla.

When: 4:10 p.m. (all times ET) Sunday. Qualifying is 1:10 p.m. Saturday.

TV: NBC
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Last year's winner: Greg Biffle
Also this week: As part of Ford Championship Weekend, the Craftsman Truck Series will determine its champion in Friday night's race at Homestead. Ted Musgrave holds a 58-point lead over Dennis Setzer. ... Martin Truex Jr. will attempt to win his second Busch Series title in a row in Saturday's race at the track. Truex leads Clint Bowyer by 64 points with one race remaining.

Worth mentioning: Tony Stewart has earned 50 lap leader bonus points in the Chase, five more than Greg Biffle. ... Stewart, Jimmie Johnson and Carl Edwards each has seven top-10 finishes in the first nine races of the Chase.

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POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

It's a heck of a thing to be racing for, but who do you like for 11th place in the final NASCAR Nextel Cup standings?

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

With only a pair of races remaining, Tony Stewart leads and has four Nextel Cup rivals within 123 points. Who's your 2005 champion?

Number of votes: 9,843

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Tony Stewart	6,097	62%
Jimmie Johnson	1,494	15%
Carl Edwards	1,379	14%
Mark Martin	763	8%
Greg Biffle	110	1%

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

- **Denny Hamlin** has four top-15 finishes in his six career Cup races (three were top-10). His seventh-place finish at Texas is his career-best.
- **Carl Edwards** has top-10 finishes in seven of the last eight races.
- **Jeff Gordon** has three top-five finishes in the last four races, climbing from 17th to 11th in points.
- **Tony Stewart** has led the most laps (599) in the first nine races of the Chase, more than double any other Chase driver.

WHO'S NOT

- **Robby Gordon** leads all drivers, having failed to finish 13 races this season.
- **Michael Waltrip** has not finished in the top-10 since Michigan in June.
- **Rusty Wallace** has finished 19th or worse in the last five races.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** has one top-10 finish in the Chase, the least among the 10 Chase drivers.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Nov. 13:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Tony Stewart	6415	21. Ricky Rudd	3615
2. Jimmie Johnson	6363	22. Kasey Kahne	3496
3. Carl Edwards	6328	23. Casey Mears	3477
4. Greg Biffle	6313	24. Bobby Labonte	3427
5. Mark Martin	6253	25. Michael Waltrip	3376
6. Ryan Newman	6208	26. Kyle Petty	3206
7. Matt Kenseth	6187	27. Jeff Green	3168
8. Rusty Wallace	6016	28. Mike Bliss	3135
9. Kurt Busch	5974	29. Dave Blaney	3134
10. Jeremy Mayfield	5939	30. Sterling Marlin	3093
11. Jeff Gordon	4031	31. Ken Schrader	3062
12. Jamie McMurray	4021	32. Travis Kvapil	3010
13. Elliott Sadler	3990	33. Scott Wimmer	2992
14. Kevin Harvick	3925	34. Scott Riggs	2916
15. Joe Nemechek	3857	35. Mike Wallace	2929
16. Dale Jarrett	3848	36. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	2128
17. Brian Vickers	3813	37. Robby Gordon	1996
18. Jeff Burton	3715	38. Jason Leffler	1538
19. Kyle Busch	3713	39. Kevin Lepage	1402
20. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3674	40. Terry Labonte	1071

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Nov. 12:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Martin Truex Jr.	4791	11. J.J. Yeley	3652
2. Clint Bowyer	4727	12. David Stremme	3627
3. Carl Edwards	4495	13. Johnny Sauter	3565
4. Reed Sorenson	4389	14. Ashton Lewis	3553
5. Denny Hamlin	4091	15. Stacy Compton	3233
6. Kenny Wallace	3992	16. Jon Wood	3196
7. Paul Menard	3946	17. Justin Labonte	3185
8. David Green	3765	18. Kevin Harvick	3099
9. Jason Keller	3743	19. Randy LaJoie	2880
10. Greg Biffle	3685	20. Tony Raines	2736

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Ford 300, Homestead, Fla.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Nov. 11:


Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Ted Musgrave	3429	6. Bobby Hamilton	3094
2. Dennis Setzer	3371	7. David Starr	3018
3. Todd Bodine	3272	8. Jack Sprague	2962
4. Ron Hornaday	3231	9. Matt Crafton	2961
5. Mike Skinner	3141	10. Jimmy Spencer	2929

NEXT RACE: Friday, Ford 200, Homestead, Fla.



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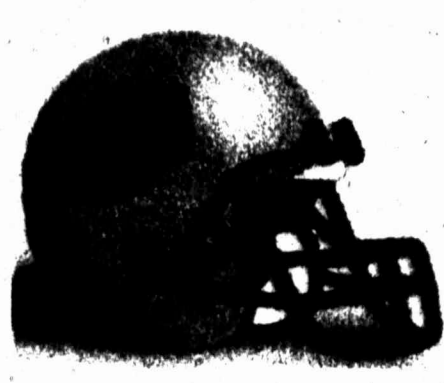
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3 FAMILY Garage Sale: 3216 Drexel. Saturday. Only 8:00-12:00. Baby stroller, pictures, clothes, shoes, too many items to list.

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Garage Sales

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Legals

No P-13-347 ESTATE OF **MARTHA L. MOODY, DECEASED** IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS **NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Martha L. Moody, Deceased, were issued on the 14th day of November, 2005, under Docket No. P-13-347 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Charles Vessel.

Claims may be presented in care of Charles Vessel to the Estate addressed as follows: Estate of Martha L. Moody c/o Charles Vessel 1002 Worcester Garland, Texas 75704

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2005 Charles Vessel, Independent Executor of the Estate of Martha L. Moody, Deceased #4790 November 17, 2005

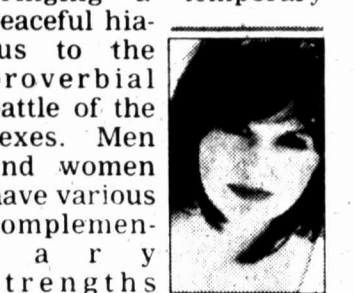
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Venus and Mars are harmoniously arranged, bringing a temporary peaceful hiatus to the proverbial battle of the sexes. Men and women have various complementary strengths and weaknesses. These gifts and deficits seem to either cancel each other out or fit together snugly to form a bigger picture like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Considering the limitations you're operating under, you're doing a fantastic job all around. Now about those limitations O there's a chance to lift one today. Seize the moment, and "poof" — it's gone. Will you miss it?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships are like any other endeavor in your life. Try to see them this way instead of being so mystified by the rules of engagement. When you consistently give your very best, you will get favorable results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's great to have a wide variety of wishes — you wouldn't be the well-rounded person you are if you didn't! But narrow it down to one focus today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in a rather extreme mood. Resting is essential and so is high activity. Everything in between seems to drain you. Whatever you take on, do it with vigor, or don't do it at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Lighten up! You tend to agonize over things that need not be agonized over — moving furniture or painting a wall, for instance. If it doesn't look good, you can always do it over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Exercise and well-being are inexorably linked. Your habit of moving your body even when you don't feel like it will make you, to a greater degree, impervious to a stress and illness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your job is to inspire. When the going gets tough, your impulse to jump in and work harder will set the tone for your whole team. The connection between sweat and success is undeniable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're unclear as to what the correct next action is, mostly because your mind is buzzing a million miles a minute. You'll walk into a room, and in the next moment, forget why. A long shower or a short walk is a cure-all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have stringent standards and expectations for yourself that you wouldn't dare impose on others. Ease up. Bottom line. Other people's lives are made better by your contribution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars favor solving your financial dilemma. You spend money on the things that mean something to you. The receipts in your wallet tell a story. Do you agree with the person your receipts say you are?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel you're at the mercy of someone else's schedule — it certainly appears to be the case. This afternoon, you can take back your power with a simple, unceremonious statement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When U2's Bono sings, "You've got stuck in a moment and now you can't get out of it," it's like he's singing to you. Except you can get out of it. And you will — perhaps as soon as this evening!

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6:30 PM	News (CC) Ent Tonight	News Wheel Fortune	Spanish Pel de Otono	My Wife-Kids Raymond	Odessa Ent Tonight	Telemundo La Tormenta	Midland News Be a Millionaire	Atlanta Raymond	Odessa Joe McGee John Hagee	Odessa News-Lehrer	Discovery MythBusters (CC)	Classics	Spike TV CSI: Crime Scene Investg	NBA Basketball	Black Ent. Live BET Style	Diary That's-Ra-ven That's-Ra-ven	With Smith NFL's Greatest	Sports College Basketball	Science Fic. Movie: Threshold	
7:30 PM	Alias (CC)	Alias (CC)	Contra Viento y Marea	The O.C. (CC)	Survivor: Gua- temala - Maya	El Cuerpo del Deseo	Joey (CC) Will & Grace	Serifeid (CC) Serifeid (CC)	Update/Israel Tim Cohen	The Jhs Old House Hour	Red & Blue	Movie: Tommy Boy (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investg	Killer Squad (CC)	MXC	Movie: Smart House (CC)	Pres:ason NIT - Terr.: TBA	College Basketball	Coaches vs. Cancer	Movie: Threshold
8:30 PM	Night Stalker (CC)	Night Stalker (CC)	La Esposa Virgen	Reunion (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investg	Corazon Partido	The Apprentice (CC)	The Serifeid Story (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Killer Squad (CC)	Movie: National	Movie: Beavis and Butt-head	NBA Basketball Houston	The Ultimate Hustler	Proud Family	College Basketball	Coaches vs. Cancer	Movie: Locusts The	
9:30 PM	PrimeTime (CC)	PrimeTime (CC)	Noticias Univ	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	Without a Trace (CC)	Decisions	ER (CC)	Movie: Demolition	Man (CC)	Charlie Rose (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Lampoon's Animal House	Do Amencia	Rockets at San Antonio Spurs	In Living Color Jame Foxx	That's-Ra-ven That's-Ra-ven	Pre:ason NIT - Teams TBA	College Basketball	8th Plague (CC)	
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	10 Movie: Judge Dredd (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Sign Off	Red & Blue	Movie: Dazed and Confused	CSI: Crime Scene Investg	Inside the NBA (CC)	Jame Foxx Jame Foxx	Phil of Future Kim Possible	ESPN Holy Quite Frankly (CC)	Seminal SportsCenter	Movie: Curse of the Komodo	
11:30 PM	Ent Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Ent Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora Buzbez	Becker (CC) Macorp Md	Letterman Late Late	Laura Al Rop Vivo	Late Night: Conan O'Brian Serifeid (CC)	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Del Sanchez Jesse Lee Pe	Sign Off	Red & Blue	Movie: Dazed and Confused	CSI: Crime Scene Investg	Inside the NBA (CC)	Jame Foxx Jame Foxx	Phil of Future Kim Possible	ESPN Holy Quite Frankly (CC)	NFL Live (CC)	Movie: Curse of the Komodo	
12:30 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Amigas y Rivalas (SS)	Becker (CC) King of the Hill	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	Update/Israel Faye Harden	

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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1917, sculptor August Rodin died in Meudon, France.

In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born in Winnetka, Ill.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as "Lady Bird."

In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

(New Edition: Bell Biv DeVoe) is 38. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 38. Rhythm-and-blues musician Jeff Allen (Mint Condition) is 37. Actress Leslie Bibb is 32. Actor Brandon Call is 29. Country singer Aaron Lines is 28. Actress Rachel McAdams is 27. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 25. Actor Justin Cooper is 17. Actress Raquel Castro ("Jersey Girl") is 11.

Thought for Today: "Education is a private matter between the person and the world of knowledge and experience, and has little to do with school or college." - Lillian Smith, American writer and social critic (1897-1966).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bivouac
 - 5 Mag formerly titled *Modern Maturity*
 - 9 *Shrugged* (Rand novel)
 - 14 Most populous continent
 - 15 Cognac letters
 - 16 "Mule Train" singer
 - 17 Tibetan dog
 - 19 Bend in a river
 - 20 Winter festivals
 - 21 Dairy-case offering
 - 22 Pillbox hat designer
 - 25 Burnt
 - 26 Freight unit
 - 27 Singer Julius
 - 28 Home Depot competitor
 - 29 Prima *di-dah*
 - 33 Variety of 21 Across
 - 34 Law-school class
 - 35 *cake* (kids' game)
 - 36 Home of Dover AFB
 - 37 Tours "Thank you"
 - 38 Water craft
 - 39 Secure
 - 41 Summed (up)
 - 42 Property recipient
 - 44 Blixen's pen name
 - 45 Easter parade headgear
 - 46 Vacation goal, briefly
 - 47 Home of a Biblical witch
 - 48 Tomato
- DOWN**
- 1 "Silent" president
 - 2 Fireplace residue
 - 3 Farrow of *Peyton Place*
 - 4 Broadcast medium
 - 5 Frequent Funicello costar
 - 6 Colorado resort
 - 7 Supremes lead singer
 - 8 Health insurance grp.
 - 9 Farewell song at a luau
 - 10 Revenue collectors
 - 11 Academic track
 - 12 Win by *map abbr.*
 - 13 Put in stitches
 - 18 Mercury and Saturn
 - 21 Rock of comedy
 - 22 Like looseleaf paper
 - 23 Battery terminal
 - 24 Abdul-Jabbar, formerly
 - 25 Desert sights
 - 27 Variety of pine
 - 29 What dynes measure
 - 31 *Grows in Brooklyn*
 - 32 *The Creation* composer
 - 34 Former CIA director
 - 35 Barrie boy
 - 37 Twenty Questions category
 - 38 *On Golden Pond* star
 - 40 Poe woman
 - 41 Musical liability
 - 42 At 90-degree angles, nautically
 - 43 Start and end of "O Sole Mio"
 - 44 Jones and Crockett
 - 46 Some marsupials
 - 48 Pelican State sch.
 - 49 *Beta Kappa*
 - 50 Chat-room chuckle
 - 51 Hurricane center

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