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## Registration deadline nears for Nov. 8 election

□ Obtain your voter registration card at the election administration office inside the north entrance of the Howard County Courthouse.

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Area voters planning to cast their ballots in November's 2005 state constitutional amendment

election must be registered by the beginning of next week or risk missing out.

The deadline to register to vote in the November election, which is slated for Nov. 8, is Tuesday, Oct. 11, and according to Howard County Voter Registrar Sandra Bloom, it's time to check on your "voter readiness."

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Bloom. "This year the deadline actual-

ly falls on a holiday — Columbus Day — so the state is giving everyone the following working day, which is a Tuesday, to get voter registration cards in."

Bloom said voters who currently hold a blue voter registration card will be able to use them in the November election since they are good until the end of December.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is

come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election."

"For those who can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Bloom said the registration cards require a Texas driver's license or identification card number, or the last four digits

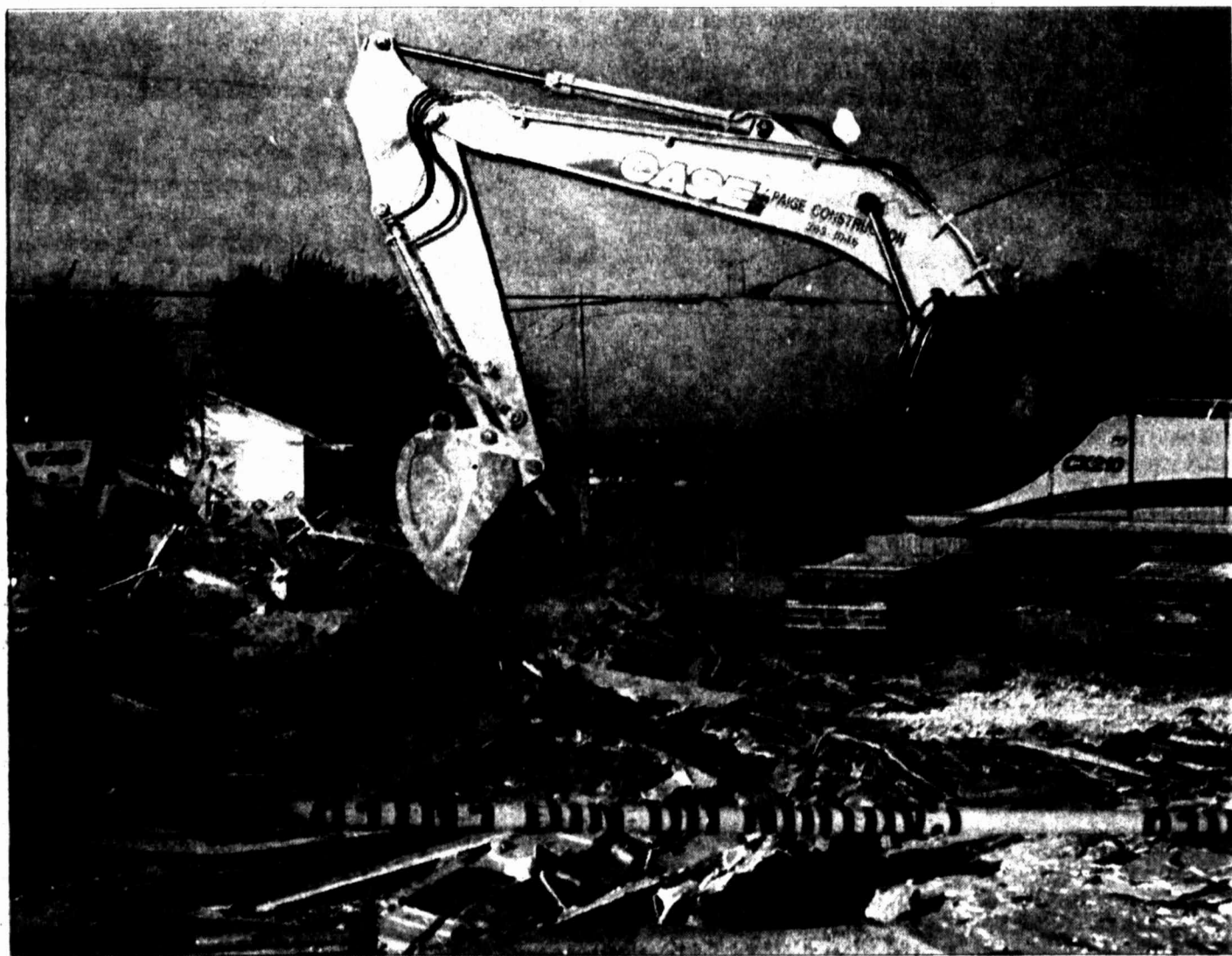
of the prospective voter's Social Security number.

"If the person registering doesn't have any of that information, there's a box on the card they can check and still complete the process," said Bloom. "However, their name will be flagged in the computer, and when they go to the polls to vote, they will be asked to present identification."

Bloom said anyone who isn't

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## CHANGING LANDSCAPE



Henry Paige, owner of Paige Construction, completes debris removal at the site of the former Mel's Catch of the Day Fish Market, 504 Gregg St. The building was erected by Doyle Vaughn in 1938 to house Vaughn's Sweet Shop, a business he had started in 1937 on Runnels Street. The Vaughns retired in 1973.

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Free depression screenings set Thursday at mall

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Free, confidential depression screenings will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring Mall.

Participants will be given a short questionnaire and will speak with a mental health expert following the form's completion. The screenings are made available through West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital.

"We do this screening each year on National Depression Screening Day to offer an inexpensive and reassuring option for people who believe they may be depressed and want to be screened," said Shelley Smith, CEO for West Texas Centers for MHMR. Mental health professionals will not diagnose depression, but suggest avenues participants can pursue based on their answers to the questionnaire and the ensuing

"We have had great success with this event in years past.

There have been a variety of people who come in and want to get help."



Cindy Smith

interview, she said.

Depression affects more than 15 million Americans each year, according to the National Mental Health Association. Clinical depression is treatable through various methods, including medications and psychotherapy or a combination of the two.

But fewer than half of persons suffering from depression seek treatment because they don't

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## Search for bodies ends in New Orleans as city prepares to welcome Bill Clinton

By AMY FORLITI

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Officials ended their door-to-door sweep for corpses finding far fewer bodies than once feared and school children returned to classes as New Orleans revved up efforts to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

The search for Katrina victims ended in Louisiana with a death toll at 964, substantially less than the 10,000 victims some officials feared. A private company hired by the state to remove bodies was on call if any others were found.

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The death toll probably will continue to rise, but authorities have said sweeps yielded fewer bodies than feared, and that the toll was likely to be well below the dire projections. Mayor Ray Nagin said soon after Katrina struck that New Orleans alone could have 10,000 dead.

"There might still be bodies found — for instance, if a house was locked and

nobody able to go into it," said Bob Johannessen, a spokesman with the state Department of Health and Hospitals. Mississippi's death toll remained at 221.

There were signs of normalcy in the city Monday — five weeks to the day since Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast. St. Andrew the Apostle elementary school in the reopened Algiers neighborhood was the first

Roman Catholic school to resume in New Orleans.

"My heart is just bursting," said teacher Jewell McCartney, fighting back tears as she welcomed her class of sixth-graders. "I just want to give them all a hug."

Archdiocese officials said their schools also were reopening in areas outside the city. Some public schools in nearby parishes also opened Monday, but public schools in New Orleans remain closed. Some may resume by November.

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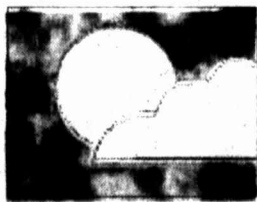


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What is left of a telephone pole hangs over the Ninth Ward. As of Wednesday, the Ninth Ward will be one of the last places in New Orleans that homeowners will still not be allowed to return.

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### BOOK SALE SLATED

Friends of the Library of Howard County will hold their annual book sale Friday through Sunday in the basement of the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street.

Sale hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's hours will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale includes works of fiction, non-fiction, best sellers, westerns, mysteries, self help, textbooks and more.

There are titles to suit any taste, Staulcup said, and all are reasonably priced.

All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the Howard County Library.

### COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Rachael Ray has emerged as one of our nation's favorite cooks, as much for her relaxed, approachable demeanor as she is for her tasty 30-minute meals. In addition to her popular Food Network shows, she has written several cookbooks and is launching a magazine. Despite her growing celebrity, she still lives in a cabin in the Adirondacks with her dog, who eats her "mistakes."

### DINE OUT DAY FRIDAY

Christene's Restaurant in Coahoma is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the take-out restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way.

The following Friday, the Dine Out Day restaurant will be Greg's Grill at the Big Spring Mall. Other restaurants participating include Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Oct. 21, and La Posada, Oct. 28.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County serves 15 local agencies.



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## Obituaries

### Patsy "Pat" Warden

Patsy "Pat" Warden, 64, of Sand Springs died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Martha Moody

Martha Moody, 102, of Garland, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, in Garland. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### James Brady "Bud" Moore

James Brady "Bud" Moore, 62, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 03, 2005, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take note

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL FALL FESTIVAL** is set for Oct. 15 at the high school. Proceeds from the concessions and rides will be used for the BSHS band trip in June of 2006. Band students have the \$10 tickets for the festival on sale today. Or call 267-1325 for more information or to buy a ticket.

• **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** annual book sale is from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday. Donations of books in good condition are being accepted. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

• **DENISE ZUBER WAS BORN AUG. 8, 1968 TO A GONZALES FAMILY IN BIG SPRING** and placed for adoption. She now lives in Minnesota and hopes to contact relatives in Big Spring. Anyone with information may e-mail her at nan.del@earthlink.net with Big Spring Adoption in the subject line. Or write to her, Denise Zuber, 9173 Vincent Ave So., Bloomington MN 55431-2155.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

## Support groups

### TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

### THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State

## Police blotter

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

- **CYNTHIA BOLT**, 45, of 1810 S. Monticello, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **FABIOLA HERNANDEZ**, 29, of 1407 N. Highway 87, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **SHAWNA GRAYSON**, 17, of 3811 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **RALPH RODRIQUEZ**, 41, of 407 S. Bell Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **ANTHONY LEE WRIGHT**, 45, of 4241 N. Grandview, was arrested Monday on two local citations.
- **PAMELA KAY LEFLER**, 42, of 1307 Mulberry, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
  - in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **TIMOTHY JAY CRAWFORD**, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.
- **THEODORE E. RIOS**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention, a capias warrant for evading arrest and a charge of criminal mischief.
- **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS**, 40, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **EMANUEL MINGUELA**, 51, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **BRADLEY WAYDE GRIMES**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on two charges of theft by check.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1500 block of Stallings Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 8700 block of Gillem Road. Service was refused.

Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

## Weather

Tonight—Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday—Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the east 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night—Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Much cooler. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday—Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Much cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper

60s.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Columbus day—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

### TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- 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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens 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 Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-20-34-35.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-17-34. Bonus Ball: 21.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Number matching four of four: 4. Prize: \$3,329.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$700,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-6

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By APRIL CASTRO  
Associated Press V

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# Grand jury re-indicts DeLay on new money laundering charge

By APRIL CASTRO  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Travis County grand jury has brought money laundering charges against Rep. Tom DeLay, in what the former U.S. House majority leader calls a "do-over."

The latest indictment, for one count of conspiring to launder money and one count of money laundering, was brought hours after attorneys for the former majority leader attacked last week's indictment on technical grounds. The initial charge, conspiracy to violate the election code, forced DeLay to step down from his leadership post last week.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle's office did not return repeated phone calls from *The Associated Press*, but legal experts say the new charges were likely filed to head off a potential problem with the previous charge.

Defense lawyers asked a judge Monday to throw out the first indictment, arguing that the charge of conspiring to violate campaign finance laws was based on a statute that didn't take effect until 2003 — a year after the acts in question.

The conspiracy charge was tweaked. DeLay is now accused of conspiring to launder money rather than conspiring to violate the state's campaign finance law.



Rep. Tom DeLay (R-TX), the Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, talks to reporters in the Capitol in Washington, DC.

The new indictment outraged DeLay.

"Ronnie Earle has stooped to a new low with his brand of prosecutorial abuse," DeLay said in a statement. "He is trying to pull the legal equivalent of a 'do-over' since he knows very well that the charges he brought against me last week are totally manufactured and illegitimate. This is an abomination of justice."

DeLay and two political associates are accused of conspiring to get around a state ban on corporate campaign contributions by funneling the money through the DeLay-founded Texans for a Republican Majority Political Committee.

All of the charges stem from an alleged check for \$190,000 in corporate money sent from the political committee to the Republican National Committee and the Republican National State Elections Committee. The national party then sent a similar amount of money to seven candidates for the Texas House of Representatives in 2002.

DeLay attorney Dick DeGuerin maintained that the money spent on Texas candidates was "lawfully collected from individuals who knew what they were contributing to."

The indictment alleges that DeLay knowingly facilitated the transfer of

the corporate money to help the GOP win a majority in the Texas Legislature.

Once the Republicans had secured control over the Texas Legislature, Texas lawmakers adopted a DeLay-engineered congressional redistricting plan to put more Texas Republicans in Congress, strengthening the GOP grip on Congress as well.

Two of DeLay's associates, John Colyandro of Austin and Jim Ellis of Washington, were previously indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate campaign finance laws and money laundering.

The latest conspiracy charge carries a punishment of two years probation to 20 years in prison.

## SCREENINGS

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recognize the symptoms or because of its stigma, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

Educational materials, as well as a list of treatment providers, will be offered to participants.

The screenings are appropriate for all ages from children through senior citizens, Smith said. However, parents may be asked to complete corresponding questionnaires for their children.

"We will have qualified mental health profession-

als in the mall ready to screen people from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.," said Cindy Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR governmental affairs officer. "There is no need to call ahead and make prior arrangements or appointments."

"We have had great success with this event in years past. There have been a variety of people who come in and want to get help. We are glad to offer this service to our community and hope to see a good turn-out again this year."

For more information, call Valerie Avery at (432) 816-9257.

## SEARCH

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Today, former President Bill Clinton was to travel to Louisiana to meet with hurricane survivors at a Baton Rouge shelter, get a briefing from officials on the relief effort and tour New Orleans' largely destroyed Ninth Ward. Clinton and former President George H.W. Bush are heading up the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, which has raised \$100 million to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues pumping water out of the lower Ninth Ward and efforts to rebuild the levees that breached, causing water to cascade into the city, remained under way.

However, two canals near the area were closed Monday as a precaution, because of stronger-than-normal winds and higher tides, spokesman Alan Dooley said. As of late Monday afternoon, a steady stream of water leaked through the repaired levees.

Electricity had been restored to about 36 percent of New Orleans customers and to about 99 percent of the customers in neighboring Jefferson

Parish, said Entergy Corp. spokesman Chanel Lagarde.

And as another sign that the city was coming back to life, nine ships, including four container vessels, were scheduled to call on the Port of New Orleans this week, port officials announced.

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James Brady "Bud" Moore, 62, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Patsy "Pat" Warden, 64, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Among the hot-button topics to be voted on is Proposition 2, which would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to

marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

Early voting in the election will be held at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. two weeks prior to election day.

The new yellow voter registration cards are

expected to be mailed out the first of December, according to Bloom.

For more information, call 264-2273.

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# MR. SUN, MR. MOON, AND ME

**H**e visits us every day. He keeps us warm. He helps keep us healthy. We shouldn't look at him, but it is okay to look at all the things he does for you and me.

I am talking about the big ball of fire that is in the sky every day. It is called the sun. We might call him Mr. Sun. I think he would like that name, don't you? Did you know that even on a cloudy,

rainy, or snowy day, Mr. Sun is still there even if we can't see him? He is still there, way, way up above those clouds. He keeps trying to make a sunny day for you and me, but some-

times Mr. Cloud won't let him shine through, because he has a job to do too, and that job is to let it rain and give us water

to drink, and take baths, and brush our teeth with. Did you take your bath and brush your teeth before you came to bed? Good for you!

Have you ever gone outside on a very dark night? Did you see that other big ball up there? He is not nearly as bright as Mr. Sun, is he? Did you ever see that big ball when he seems to be only a piece of a big ball? Did you ever see that big ball at night when he looked like a great big ball? Do you know why he looks this way to you and me? It is too late to tell you right

now because it will take a long time and I know you are sleepy. Will you ask the person who is reading this story to you right now if he or she will tell you tomorrow why the big night ball tricks us like that? I knew you would! What do you think we should call the big ball that is in our night sky sometimes? Did you say "Mr. Moon"? I thought you would! Mr. Moon will like that name!

One bright sunny day, Mr. Moon caught up with Mr. Sun as they were both going across our beautiful sky. "Wait, Mr. Sun," Mr.



Moon said, "Why don't you stop for awhile and

play with me?" "I can't,



said Mr. Sun, "I must stay on my journey. I can never stop. Do you see all those trees down there on the Earth?" "Why yes, I do," said Mr. Moon. "If I stay on my travels, I will make those trees just w a r m enough to be healthy a n d pretty. But if I stop to p l a y

with you, my heat will hurt those nice trees and I could never do that, for I love the trees. See those flowers down there? If I stopped to play with you, then I would hurt

those flowers and I could never do that. See those people down there? If I stop to play with you, then I would hurt those people, and I will never do that, for I love people, too"

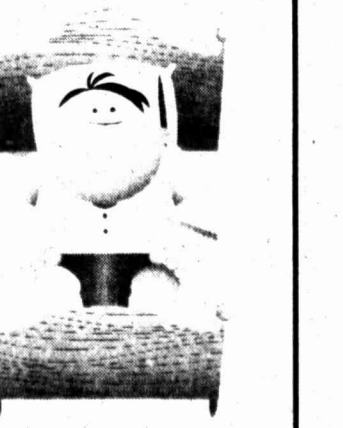
Mr. Moon understood why Mr. Sun could not ever stop moving across the wonderful sky. But there was one thing that Mr. Moon had always wanted to ask Mr. Sun. And finally he had the courage to ask him. After all, Mr. Sun seems really friendly.

"Mr. Sun, if you love the trees so much, why do you leave them each day after your work is done? If you love the flowers so much, why do you leave them at the end of each day? If you love the people so much, why do you leave them after each day?"

"Mr. Moon, it is very

simple. Of course I love them all. As I am slowly telling each one Good Night and going away, I am slowly telling people, and trees and flowers on the other side of the world, Good Morning!

Mr. Sun has gone away for the day. Mr.



Moon might be outside right now, looking down to be sure you are all tucked in and ready to go to sleep. Mr. Moon and Mr. Sun say, "Good Night!"

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Katrina mayhem was exaggerated

One of the enduring impressions from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is that New Orleans, and particularly the Superdome and the convention center, became a hell of murder, rape and brutality.

The impression is greatly exaggerated. And while the mundane truth never captures the public attention like sensational rumors, it is crucial that the national media emphasize the extent to which the lawlessness was blown out of proportion or simply untrue.

This is essential because understanding what really happened will hopefully help the country be better prepared next time. And, because Katrina will shape American views not only on disaster relief but also on questions of our country's response to race and poverty.

As the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* bluntly wrote last week: "The picture that emerged was one of the impoverished, overwhelmingly African-American masses of flood victims resorting to utter depravity, randomly attacking each other, as well as the police trying to protect them and the rescue workers trying to save them."

The truth, as the *Times-Picayune* has been able to piece it together so far, is that, "the vast majority of reported atrocities committed by refugees — mass murders, rapes and beatings — have turned out to be false, or at least unsupported by any evidence, according to key military, law enforcement, medical and civilian officials in positions to know."

Those conclusions are reinforced by the reporting of other newspapers and TV networks.

Authorities have counted six deaths in the Superdome — four from natural causes, one drug overdose, one suicide. In the convention center they found four bodies, one a victim of homicide.

The *Times-Picayune* quotes Sgt. 1st Class Jason Lachney, "who played a key role in security and humanitarian work inside the dome. 'Don't get me wrong, bad things happened, but I didn't see any killing and raping and cutting of throats or anything.'"

What's needed now is not a whitewash or a blanket exoneration — just continued diligent work by authorities and journalists to make sure that false impressions are not lasting impressions.

San Jose Mercury News (Calif.).

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Heavenly insights open doors. Thank You, Lord.

Amen

## Newspapers provide key forum

Bound issues and rezonings. Sewer projects and street repairs. Housing projects and redevelopment.

Elections and recalls.

And discussion of it all — back and forth, give and take, pro and con.

Sure, there's the local coffee shop, after-church lunches, public forums. But really, there's only one central place to get all this.

It's your local newspaper.

And that's the theme for this year's National Newspaper Week — "Your Newspaper: Your Community's Town Hall."

Sometimes, that's easy to forget. We get wrapped up in all the other benefits of a newspaper, the ebb and flow of a community. Weddings and births. Graduations and deaths. Local sports. Recipes. Church services. Community events and celebrations. The latest sale at the local store.

Sometimes we tend to overlook one of the most important roles of our local newspapers — that of a weekly or daily town hall meeting, where the latest news of govern-

ment and schools, as well as other issues in the community, is laid out for all to see.

In the news columns and on the editorial pages, newspapers play an integral role in both supporting and shaping our communities.

News stories explain the issues, from all points of view.

Editorials offer the newspaper's take on those issues and suggest a course of action.

Letters to the editor give community members a chance to sound off with their own ideas.

And even if the newspaper has missed something of importance, very little gets past the community members who speak up in those letters.

Through newspapers, we have community discussions. We engage one another and debate the issues before us.

Providing that "town hall" is a responsibility the folks at newspapers take seriously. We have to. There is no other avenue that provides such varied opportunities on a regular basis for everyone in the community.

Public forums and community meetings are good only for those who attend and speak up. Radio and television are limited by air time.

Newsletters from cities and counties and school districts typically provide only one point of view, only one side of an issue.

Only a newspaper has the capability and reach — and mission — to provide a forum for everyone in the community. To frame the issues and the debate. To offer praise, when deserved, and criticism when needed. And to invite the community into the debate.

This newspaper — your newspaper — is the community's town hall. And we wouldn't have it any other way.

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## The Mullet Wrapper does its job

Every morning the people line up at the counter before sunrise, before the heat of an unmistakable

day of summer takes control of their lives and the damp fetid air weighs them down under a blanket of humidity and can be compared to walking underwater. The diminishing glow of sodium street lamps paints the street an eerie orange, and thunder rumbles in the distance like a steel sheet being hung out to dry. This is Sandy's Café, and the gathering of customers looks like patients in a psychiatric hospital waiting at a takeout window for their daily meds, in this case, steaming hot buccchi, the brewed poured thick and black, or café con leche forced through a hissing, spitting machine that froths the milk to a bubbling abundance.

The early morning assemblage is heterogeneous, a complex mosaic of people from all walks and stations of life, as different in character as bacon is from eggs, but bound together by the geography of the 2 x 4 mile island-city that is Key West. One interesting commonality is that most present are holding a copy of one of Key West's local newspapers tucked under their arms, the newspaper they individually 'love to hate', but read religiously.

One paper, not so affectionately called "The Mullet Wrapper," is the *Key West Citizen*. Some laugh at the Citizen's Crime Report that details how a man was caught leaving a supermarket with a package of pork chops in his pants. Others grumble about the newspaper's reluctance to name names in the anonymous Citizen's Voice column, which draws an equal number of admirers and detractors, from tree huggers to others who boast, "I'll drive an SUV if I want to." And the Daily Calendar listing the number of cruise ships in port on any given day can make temperatures and tempers rise or fall exponentially. "Five ships, what's that all about?" is more than enough to instigate a heated debate about the pros and cons of Key West's tourist-based economy.

Key West The Newspaper, nicknamed the Blue Paper because of the color of its headline banner, is a muckraker's playground. Its editor is a feisty piece of journalism himself, who has managed to endear himself to absolutely no one in the local government but has legions of Key Westers who at times loathe him, but are forever quoting him.



MICHAEL SUIB

Then there is Solares Hill, whose editorial slant has caused them to be labeled "that liberal rag," but is so well written that it's hard to stay mad at them, even if your politics are a full pendulum swing in the opposite direction.

These local gazettes always manage to contain the topic of the moment, the one that everybody has an opinion about. It's rarely about the cost of a barrel of oil, or the disarray in Iraq (those topics can be found abundantly in mainland's *Miami Herald* or the *Sun Sentinel*). But, more often the buzz du jour might be about the overpopulation of "Key West Free Range Chickens," who blithely roam our streets, or the beach closings being blamed this week on pelicans and iguanas, or our community college's dismissal of a popular teacher.

The customers at Sandy's Café are not shy about sharing a piece of their mind. Voices are raised, newspapers shaken, hands convey emotions that the spoken word can not sufficiently express. Real estate prices, the condominiumization of the island, the homeless; a stream of subjects presents no end of experts willing to offer advice. It doesn't matter if an article is well written, or if the "spell checker" has malfunctioned, they had better make sure that the Yard Sale section is accurate.

There is no denying it: our local newspapers are community forums that get the blood boiling and prompt the gray matter to activity. The papers' quirky idiosyncrasies, themselves are as much of a catalyst to the reader as the subject matter within.

Today, Key West is rapidly undergoing immense changes. Property values have shot through the roof, affordable housing has become nearly non-existent and we a hemorrhaging teachers, police, fire and medical personnel at an alarming rate. The service industry's workers are "gettin' outta Dodge", and there may soon be no one left to make the coffee. And our artists, writers and journalists are leaving for, if not greener, cheaper pastures. These are the very problems that our buccchi-drinking locals have debat-

ed over the years and have now set many of them thinking of pulling up stakes.

Meanwhile, the debates continue. The cast of characters at Sandy's Café is constantly in a state of flux, as it is at the Riviera Café and the small take-out window on Bertha Street, and the one in the United Street laundry. But the conversations at these cafés sound very familiar. It is akin to sitting on the front porch before television hypnotized us into becoming devotees of the goddess of the one-eyed boob tube.

People are talking to people about community concerns: conversations are heard about births and deaths, Key West baseball, hurricane season, local elections, a neighbor's arrest for pilfering quarters from downtown parking meters, a politician, of all things, misbehaving. All of those topics stir heated conversation and cause participants to wave their copies of the newspaper they love to hate as evidence supporting their positions. The content of these local newspapers causes a constant percolation; a moan-and-groan chicken-little-the-sky-is-falling-que-sera-there's-no-place-like-home atmosphere.

Key West's population is a complex dichotomy of eclectic and electric individuals as diverse and distant from each other as the earth is to the moon, but folded and molded to fit onto this tiny island, where somehow all manage to look at Key West as home. Our local newspapers help to reduce the simmering sauce in this jumbled potpourri from world to nation, to city, to community, to a dozen people hanging around a dozen cafés swapping everything from tall tales to stark realities. And just like many other small town gazettes, prompting its citizens, for the good of the community, to ask Who, What, Why, Where and When.

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## World



U.S. Supreme Court Justices, right, take part in a Senate Democratic (NV) on Capitol Hill.

## Republicans, Democrats conflicted over Supreme Court

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## World news briefs



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**U.S. Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, right, takes part in a news conference with Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) on Capitol Hill.**

### Republicans, Democrats alike conflicted over Miers nomination to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's decision to make White House counsel Harriet Miers his second Supreme Court nominee is causing some strange friction on Capitol Hill, with some Republicans unsure about her conservative credentials and some Democrats seemingly supporting her.

The mixed signals create some uncertainty about how Miers will be received in the Senate as the Judiciary Committee prepares for another round of confirmation hearings before the end of the year.

Bush portrayed Miers, who never has been a judge, as a strict constructionist, someone who "will strictly interpret our Constitution and laws."

"She will not legislate from the bench," the president said as the 60-year-old former private attorney stood with him in the Oval Office.

Miers immediately began visiting senators in the Capitol, meeting with Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, all of whom had words of praise for her.

Democrats said Miers, with no judicial record, will need to answer more questions than John Roberts did during his confirmation hearing. Most of her paperwork from her White House days will not be available to the Senate because it falls under executive privilege or lawyer-client privilege.

"If there ever was a time when the hearings are going to make a huge difference, it's now," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

### Jury awards \$30.4 million in suit against Ford

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A jury awarded the family of a Brownsville teenager \$30.4 million in damages and medical expenses Monday, finding that Ford Motor Co. was primarily at fault in the death of a 16-year-old who was fatally injured in a March 2004 accident.

The family had sued the automaker, saying the roof of their truck failed to protect Jennifer Garcia in the crash that caused the Ford truck to roll over. The accident occurred as Garcia was traveling with her parents to Corpus Christi in a 1993 Ford F-150 and the truck was struck by a motorist leaving a fruit stand near Sebastian.

Ray Marchan, an attorney for the family, said he hoped the lawsuit would result in better products from Ford.

"It's shameful that we have to come to court to fight this case when they know they are selling trucks that have weak roofs and don't protect consumers," Marchan said in a story in Tuesday's editions of The Brownsville Herald.

Ford plans to appeal the jury's decision.

Ford spokeswoman Kathleen Vokes said Ford products are safe and meet strict government safety standards.

"Our condolences go out to the family, but Miss Garcia died because of

### Tour boat that capsized was crewmember short during crash that killed 20

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. (AP) — With only one crewmember and just a passenger shy of full capacity, a tour boat that flipped over and killed 20 elderly tourists was unprepared to handle the dangers they faced, authorities said.

The state late Monday suspended the operating certificates for all five boats run by tour company Shoreline Cruises, including that of The Ethan Allen, which sank Sunday afternoon during what was supposed to be a relaxing, one-hour fall foliage tour for a group of senior citizens.

The suspensions followed the determination that The Ethan Allen carried only one crewmember, 74-year-old Capt. Richard Paris, according to Wendy Gibson, spokeswoman for the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The Ethan Allen has a maximum capacity of 50 people — 48 passengers and two crew, Gibson said. Commercial boats in New York that carry between 21 and 48 passengers must have two crewmembers.

Police said a wave from a passing boat and a sudden shift of passengers' weight on the boat's long benches may have factored into the capsizing. An investigation is ongoing.

State officials originally suspended the certificates for two small boats similar to The Ethan Allen — The de Champlain and The Algonquin — but Gibson said they had expanded the suspension to include The Adirondack and The Horicon.

Those larger cruise ships carry 400 and 200 guests, respectively, compared with the smaller boats that carry between 30 and 50 people.

Shoreline Cruises did not return messages left at its office Sunday and Monday.

### American soldiers in Iraq launch another offensive against al-Qaida insurgents

HAQLANIYAH, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military launched a major offensive early Tuesday in a cluster of cities in the Euphrates River valley, an operation aimed at insurgents using the area as a safe haven in a region where 20 Marines were killed in August.

It was the second U.S. offensive launched against al-Qaida in Iraq militants in the western Anbar region in four days.

Air strikes by U.S. warplanes and dozens of helicopters set off explosions

that lit the city skylines of Haqlaniyah, Parwana and Haditha before dawn Tuesday. Bridges across the Euphrates River between Haqlaniyah and Haditha were bombed to prevent insurgents from using them.

About 2,500 U.S. Marines, soldiers and sailors, and hundreds of Iraqi troops, took part in the operation, codenamed River Gate, the largest U.S. offensive in Anbar this year, the military said.

More Iraqi soldiers appeared to be participating in the operation than any other offensive conducted in the region.

The military reported some U.S. casualties but wouldn't give details. No information was immediately available on insurgent casualties.

### EU opens momentous membership talks with Turkey

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Union overcame last-minute doubts and opened membership talks Tuesday with Turkey — a historic move to include a

predominantly Muslim nation that both sides said would benefit all of Europe.

"We have just made history," British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said after chairing the opening of the momentous talks. He added that the future for the union is "an EU based on values, not just history. Turkey has always been a European country."

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul, who flew to Luxembourg late Monday to attend the brief, middle-of-the-night ceremony to formally open the negotiations, said both Europe and Turkey stood to gain.

"Our relations with Europe began in 1963, a period of more than 40 years. We have arrived today at a historic stage," he said. "It is not just Turkey that will win, but also the European Union will win."

It took last-minute wrangling among EU foreign ministers during arduous Sunday-Monday talks to secure a joint position on opening the negotiations with Ankara.

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# Chick flicks and brain freezes

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary update gives meanings to 18 new terms

By ADAM GORLICK

Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Go ahead, treat yourself. Check out the latest "chick flick," get a "bikini wax" or enjoy an ice cream — but be careful about "brain freeze."

If any of that isn't clear, it might be wise to consult the latest edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, which formally defines words that have taken root in American conversation.

Those terms are joined by 15 other new entries that make up the 1,664 pages of the newly published book. So if you're not interested in movies meant to

appeal to women, discreet hair removal procedures or running the risk of a sudden shooting pain in the head caused by very cold food, maybe there's another endeavor to catch your fancy.

Try "steganography," the "art or practice of concealing a message, image, or file within another message, image, or file." That may not be the latest craze, but it's an activity that caught the attention of Merriam-Webster's lexicographers.

"We have editors who spend a part of each day reading magazines and newspapers, looking for evidence of how words are being more commonly used,"

**It takes about 10 years for a promising word to get into the dictionary from the time it first gets noticed.**

said John Morse, Merriam-Webster's president and publisher. "We're looking for words that show up in the contexts that the average adult might encounter."

The new words reflect changes and developments in American society. You could try your hand at being a "cybrarian" (a person who finds, collects, and manages information available on the

Internet,) or as a "hospitalist" ("a physician who specializes in treating hospitalized patients of other physicians in order to minimize the number of hospital visits by other physicians.")

The Springfield-based dictionary publisher has an ongoing list of about 17 million entries it monitors. Every year, a few of them make it into print, followed by a succinct definition.

It takes about 10 years for a promising word to get into the dictionary from the time it first gets noticed. But some have a speedy rise to Merriam-Webster legitimacy, depending on the urgency of their meaning and impact.

Among this year's fastest

climbers is "SARS," the acronym for the severe acute respiratory syndrome that began making headlines just two years ago with an outbreak in Asia.

"That was enough of a public health concern to get it in the dictionary right away," Morse said. "Now, one of two things could happen. Either we'll never hear about SARS again, and if so, I've wasted three lines of type in the dictionary. Or it will come back, and everyone will go to the dictionary in a time of need to see how SARS is defined."

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## Remembering just what a hurricane survivor experiences

What is a hurricane? Now wait. I'm sure somewhere out there, there's a meteorologist putting pen to paper with an answer that involves a lot of big words I probably can't even pronounce. However, that would be missing the real significance of the question.

What is a hurricane, really?

To answer that question we have to go all the way back to Sept. 21, 1989. I was 15 years old, attending high school at Furman High in Sumter, S.C. To be honest with you, at that point I didn't really know what a hurricane was, and I certainly didn't care. Hey, I had important stuff to worry about, like MTV and video games.

We got out of school early that day because a storm — dubbed Hurricane Hugo — was threatening the Carolina Coast. Bear in mind Sumter is almost two hours from the coast, so the idea of a hurricane threatening our city seemed almost alien. I heard a lot of the adults laughing about it, saying the people that were leaving town were a bunch of nuts.

I was growing up on a farm, complete with livestock and gardens, so we were pretty self-sufficient. We got our water from a well and a great deal of our vegetables, eggs and other foods right where we lived.

My parents had decided to ride it out, so we battered everything down that we could, gathered as much clean water and other sundries as we could manage and got ready to brave the Category 4 storm. Little did we know what would await us when we opened our doors the next morning.

Try to imagine every square inch of barren land in West Texas — flat, sandy and desert-like — with huge pine trees on either side than most people in the area. That should give you a pretty good picture of my former home in South Carolina.

Trees were leveled as far as the eye could see. Trying to get into town was nuts. You could only drive a few feet before you were met with the next huge tree lying in the roadway. For weeks after Hugo, all you could hear where ever you went was the whine of chainsaws. I imagine it sounds a lot like that right now in New Orleans and Beaumont.

Our family was without electricity and running water for nearly two weeks. We cooked our food on Coleman stoves, used water from a swimming pool and candles to light our way in the evenings. It wasn't easy, but it was a far cry from the type of devastation we've seen from Hurricane Katrina.

After the storm, then Governor of South Carolina, Carroll Campbell, said that the storm destroyed enough timber to frame a home for every family in the state of West Virginia. He also noted that there were about 3,000 tornadoes embedded within the hurricane, which accounts for extensive damage in some areas not within the path of the eyewall.

In South Carolina, which bore the brunt of the storm on the continent, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was slow in responding and Senator Fritz Hollings referred to them as "a bunch of bureaucratic jackasses." An investigation was launched, which led to some reforms in FEMA procedures that helped the agency do a somewhat better job during Hurricane Andrew, the next catastrophic hurricane to strike the United States.

When you don't have school, can't watch MTV and the candles aren't quite bright enough to read, you have a lot of time to just sit and think. It was hard for me to digest the magnitude of the destruction in Sumter, especially when no one really thought the city was vulnerable to a hurricane.

You also have a lot of time to sit around with your neighbors and talk.

And that's when the question was posed. What is a hurricane, really? It was one of those rather strange moments when my father seemed to sit and consider the question — the emotion of years in the Air Force and all of the destruction witness moving slowly across his face — and then he spoke.

"A hurricane is a reminder from God," my father said. "It's a reminder of where we've been and where we come from. It's a reminder that we need each other, and no matter how big or bad we think we are, we're not as independent or as big as we think."

Those words now, as the destruction of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are still fresh in my mind, ring so true.

And while thousands of families either begin anew away from their former homes along the Gulf Coast or try to pick up the splintered pieces of their lives, we are forced to endure another storm. A storm of words and accusations.

Democrats are pointing their fingers at the Republicans. Republicans are pointing their fingers at various heads of FEMA. FEMA is pointing its fingers at state and local governments. Obviously, our elected officials learned nothing at all from this mess.

I saw the blame game unfold in South Carolina following Hugo, much like it is now with Katrina and Rita. Honestly, I wouldn't have paid it a bit of attention if it wasn't for Burchell Richardson, the high school history teacher that showed me a lot can be learned for tomorrow by paying attention to today. It was ugly, a lot of people got fired or reprimanded and

in the end, no one came out without some mud on them somewhere.

And while all of that was going on, me and my family sat around a Coleman stove, roasting marshmallows — thank God someone had the good sense to buy them — oblivious to the politicians and their ranting.

What is a hurricane, really?

My dad had it right. It's a reminder from God how insignificant we really are in the scheme of things, rearranged on a map much like an ant farm that's been shaken violently. Will FEMA "get it right" next time? Probably not. Will our politicians do much more than run their pie holes? It's doubtful.

But in the end, it's the men and women you see every day in life — your friends and family — that will roast marshmallows with you around a Coleman stove while the sounds of chain saws reach long into the night.

Note: Anyone that asks my father about Hurricane Hugo better be prepared to hear him rant about the guy that borrowed his video tape of the storm and never returned it. Just a friendly warning.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)



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### IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets booster club

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim N. Classroom. The football season meetings will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Wright at 267-6

Quarterback sets remain weekly meet

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

For more information, contact Piercefield at 8

Big Spring junior tennis

Big Spring pro Ted Oles announced the a junior tennis League play take place Monday at the 7 Tennis Center. Comanche Tr and will last p.m. to 7 p.m. The league children in four through 8-12.

Participants bring a Provided rack be limited.

For more information, contact C 806-236-8901 (bigspringtenni

Hunter Education Class announce

The date for hunter education course will be and 16 beginning a.m. in the Bl Chamber Commerce Bu. The cost is each student w his/her social number and or guardian 17.

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For more information or to contact Poitevint at 26

Softball tournament announced

There will Raza Unida tournament and 15 at Cot Field Comanche Tr.

The entry fee \$110 per team. There will trophy, plaques and awarded for place, while and third place get a team t-shirt.

The tournament part of the Unida Celebration. There will speakers, entertainers, booths and vendors. The festivities at 11 a.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Patton at 263-4185.



## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma sets booster club dates

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

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

### Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

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

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

### Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the start of a junior tennis league.

League play will take place every Monday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The league is for children in grades four through six (ages 8-12).

Participants should bring a racket. Provided rackets will be limited.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit [bigspringtennis.com](http://bigspringtennis.com).

### Hunter Education Class announced

The date for the next hunter education course will be Oct. 15 and 16 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building.

The cost is \$10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under 17.

Texas law requires this course to be taken if you want to hunt in the state.

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

### Softball tournament announced in B.S.

There will be a La Raza Unida softball tournament Oct. 14 and 15 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park. The entry fee will be \$110 per team.

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

The tournament is part of the La Raza Unida Celebration. There will also be speakers, music, entertainers and booths and vendors at the Amphitheatre. The festivities begin at 11 a.m. Saturday.

For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 263-635 or leave a message at 714-4185.

## Big Spring takes second at Class 5A McNeil Invite

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
ROUND ROCK

Another Saturday for the Big Spring cross country team equaled another dominating performance for the Steers as they captured second place in the Class 5A Division at the McNeil Invitational at Round Rock.

Big Spring defeated

such teams as San Angelo Central, Odessa Permian, Midland High, North Crowley, Georgetown, two schools from San Antonio and two schools from Houston.

The Steers only trailed first place Odessa High by eight points.

The boy's team was led by junior Michael Rodriguez, while sophomores Esther Tobar and



RODRIGUEZ runners in the girl's division.

Rodriguez placed in a tie for second overall out

Mistie Aguilar finished 89th and 94th, respectively, in the girl's division. There were 205 runners in the girl's

of 195 runners as he crossed the line in 17:06. Odessa High's Jonathan Hernandez won the race in 16:36.

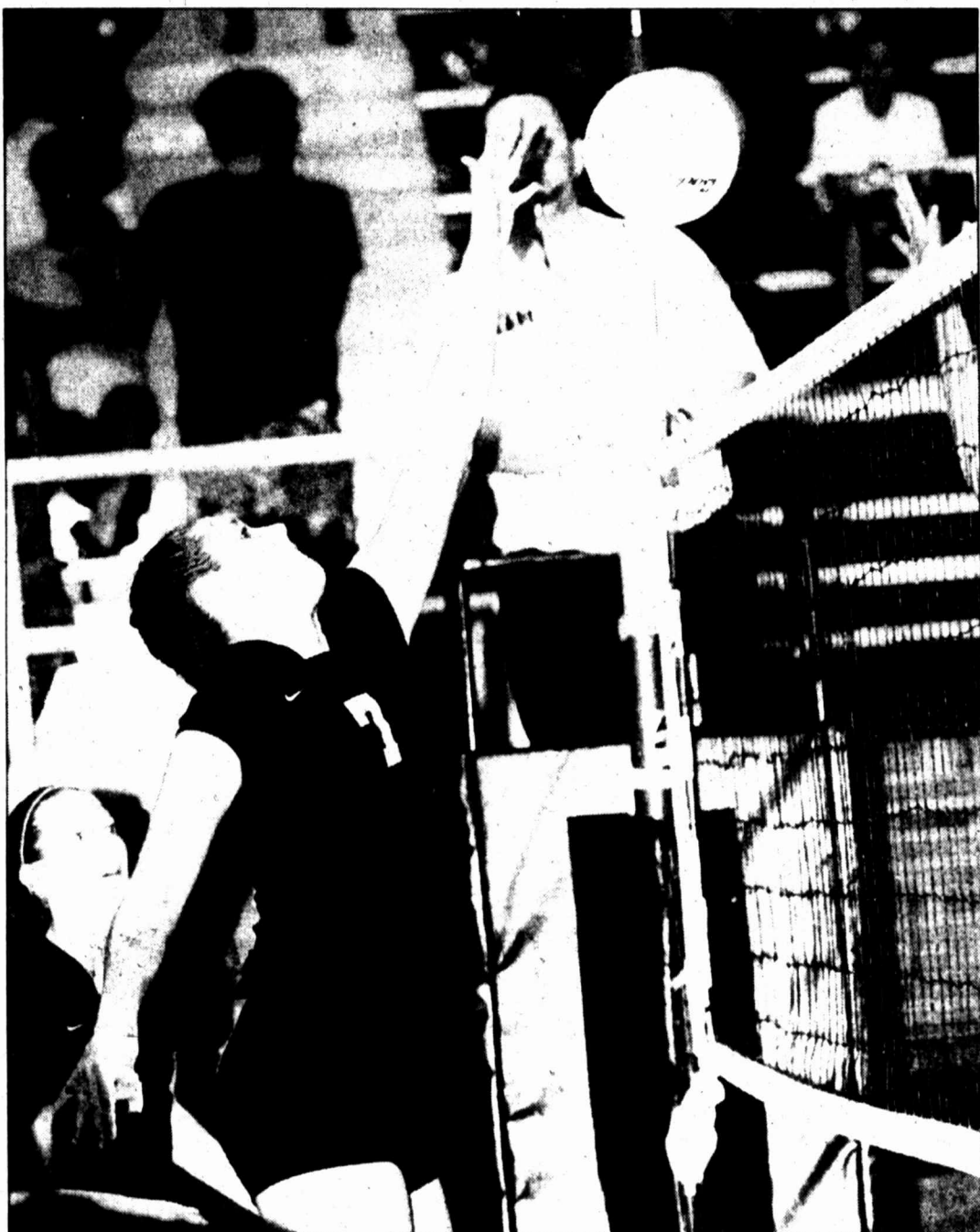
David Reyes of Americas High School tied Rodriguez with a 17:06.

Big Spring's next best finisher was Chris Salazar, who finished 11th overall in 17:39. Jessie Sanchez (17:50) came in

19th, while Zack Dawson was just behind at 22nd and 17:53. Junior Chris Martinez ran an 18:11 and finished 34th.

Also finishing in the top 75 for Big Spring were Mike Salazar (54th), Kade Parker (73rd) and Dylan Yarbrough (75th.)

Big Spring runs in Odessa Saturday before competing in Midland Oct. 15.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Brenn Swinney goes up for the attack shot against Frenship last Tuesday. The Lady Steers defeated Plainview in three games Saturday and improved to 4-1 in the district. They host rival Lake View tonight at the Steer Gym.

## Lady Steers bounce back with easy win over rival Plainview

• Big Spring finishes 4-1 in District 4-4A's first run-through

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — The Lady Steers' volleyball team bounced back from an upset loss at the hands of Frenship with a sweep of rival Plainview Saturday. Big Spring, which improved to 4-1 in District 4-4A play, won the match 25-21, 25-16 and 25-21.

"I was curious to see how we would respond after the upset against Frenship and the response was very positive," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "We came out focused and ready to play."

The Lady Steers did not have much trouble in the match as McAden said the team only trailed twice in the three games — once midway through



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the second game and again early in the third game.

"The team never got down when we trailed a bit," added McAden. "We played with enthusiasm, a whole lot of effort and teamwork and, in my opinion, those things win ball games."

Seniors Raegan Ritchey and Carmen Lewis led Big Spring. Ritchey had 13 kills, nine digs and eight blocks, while Lewis added 11 kills, nine digs and four blocks.

Senior Krista Chesworth added 13 digs and seven kills for the winners, while junior Katy Abner had 13 digs and senior Brenn Swinney added seven digs.

The second round of district play begins tonight at the Steer Gym as the Lady Steers take on rival and defending champion Lake View. The Maidens went 10-0 last year, but lost to Big Spring in San Angelo in five games earlier this year.

The varsity match follows the junior varsity and will start around 7 p.m.

## Knight's son waiting to take over at Tech

By Troy Phillips

Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
LUBBOCK — Pat Knight can look back now at the disaster that was his first basketball head coaching job and laugh a little.

Knight, named Texas Tech's head coach-designate Saturday, lasted 11 games in 1998 as coach of the USBL expansion Columbus Cagerz. The cash-poor Cagerz wouldn't let Knight sign players outside the Columbus area for a doomed franchise that started 4-11.

The funniest part was never getting to clean out his desk. He found out he was fired in a hotel parking lot when the owner opened his trunk and unloaded Knight's stuff. Knight was replaced by the owner's nephew.

"The guy didn't have enough money to pay us," Knight said. "They also didn't like my, uh, style. I was a little brash then. We needed to get things done, and he didn't like it."

When Knight eventually succeeds his father, Tech coach Bob Knight, chaos and a paper-thin budget won't rule his days. Tech announced that Pat Knight will receive a five-year contract as coach when Bob Knight either retires or leaves Tech.

Bob Knight's current contract runs through 2008-2009, but Pat Knight said Monday he doesn't

know if his father will stay to the end.

"I'm going to try to get him to go as long as he can," Pat Knight said. "He wants ... we want him to get the record. He's accomplished everything. He may just say, 'Heck, there's places I want to go fishing.'"

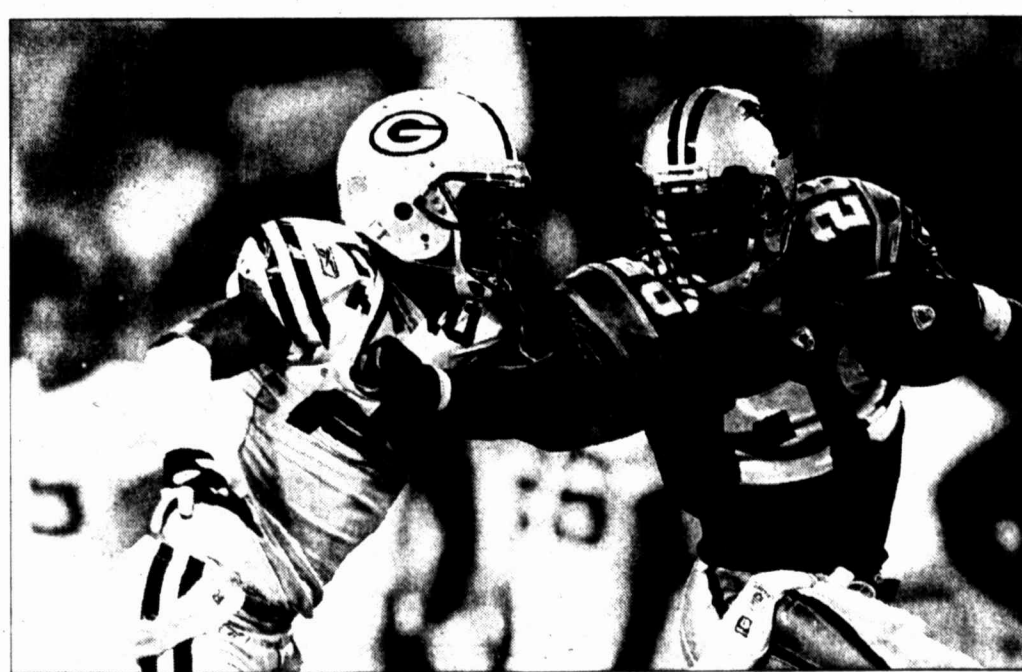
Bob Knight needs 26 victories to pass Dean Smith (879) as the winningest coach in NCAA Division I.

Besides his partial season leading the Cagerz, Pat Knight has one other full season as a head coach, with the minor-league Wisconsin Blast, which went 19-15. He has also been a scout with the Phoenix Suns and an assistant at Akron and for another minor-league team.

Mostly, he has learned under his father since their days at Indiana. Now, he runs virtually all of Tech's recruiting operations, all the way down to making the final scholarship offer in most instances, he said.

"I do everything in this program," he said. "When we got here, I was even involved in designing the business cards and locker room signs, all the way up to recruiting."

Since 2003, Knight has interviewed for head coaching jobs at Fresno State, New Mexico State



KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY PATRICK SCHNEIDER/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Carolina Panthers running back DeShaun Foster (26) races up field against Earl Little of the Green Bay Packers during first half action at Bank of America Stadium, in Charlotte, N.C., Monday. The Panthers held off the Packers late and improved to 2-2 on the season. The Packers fell to 0-4 with the loss.

## Packers begin 0-4 after rally falls short against Panthers

By AARON BEARD

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Brett Favre never believed his Green Bay Packers were out of it. Not when they trailed by 19 points in the second half, and certainly not when he was down to his final chance to finish another improbable rally.

"I tell the guys, 'If you lose, go down swinging,'" Favre said.

Fortunately for the Carolina Panthers, Favre's final flurry

missed the mark.

Favre threw four touchdown passes, but couldn't overcome two early turnovers that the Panthers used to build a big lead, and Carolina held on for a 32-29 victory Monday night.

Rallying Green Bay from a 19-point deficit in the third quarter, Favre threw two touchdown passes and two 2-point conversions in the fourth and had the Packers in position to win the game on their final drive. But he couldn't complete the

comeback, and the Packers fell to 0-4 for the first time since 1988.

Favre finished 28-of-47 for 303 yards and four scores — his 19th game of four or more touchdowns — second to Dan Marino's record of 21. Not that any of that mattered to the 15-year veteran and likely Hall of Famer who's possibly playing his final season.

"This is as bad as I've ever felt," Favre said. "The only thing I'm thinking about right

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## FOOTBALL

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now is this loss."

With running back Ahman Green sidelined by an injured knee and no timeouts, Favre had to do it all on his own when Green Bay got the ball back with 1:58 to play. He completed two passes before Carolina (2-2) stopped the Packers on a fourth-and-2.

Favre threw the ball to Donald Driver past the first-down line, but Chris Gamble knocked the ball out of his hands and it fell incomplete. Favre stood alone on the field and watched as the Panthers celebrated.

Soon, several Panthers players approached him in a show of respect. Among them was Mike

Wahle, the left guard who spent seven seasons protecting Favre before signing with Carolina. The two embraced.

It might as well have been a show of relief by the Panthers, who barely avenged last year's 24-14 loss here.

Jake Delhomme threw two touchdown passes and Stephen Davis ran for two more for the Panthers, who built a 26-7 lead midway through the third quarter.

Green, who ran for 119 yards and scored three TDs in a win over Carolina last season, was held to 36 yards before leaving with the leg injury in the third quarter.

The Panthers scored 19 straight points to push ahead for a 26-7 lead on John Kasay's 38-yard field goal midway through the

third quarter. But that's when Favre — as he has throughout his career — turned it up a level to give his team a chance.

He finished off an 80-yard scoring drive with a 26-yard TD pass to Driver — his 50th touchdown pass on Monday Night Football, second only to Marino's 74 — that cut it to 26-13.

After Davis scored his second touchdown to make it 32-13, the Packers took advantage of a fumble by Delhomme deep in Panthers' territory. Favre made Carolina pay, connecting with Donald Lee for a 16-yard touchdown.

On the next drive, Favre went 8-of-12 on a 90-yard march, hitting Antonio Chatman for a 4-yard touchdown in the back of the end zone.

Favre threw the 2-point conversion to Robert

Ferguson to make it 32-29 with 3:07 to play.

But in the end, it was Favre's two early turnovers that he couldn't overcome.

He was sacked on the third play of the game, fumbling the ball away on Green Bay's 7. It took the Panthers three plays to turn that miscue into a touchdown, with Delhomme throwing a 2-yard TD pass to Kris Mangum for a 7-0 lead.

The Panthers got their second takeaway when Ken Lucas ripped away Favre's pass from Ferguson to end a drive that had reached Carolina's 29. The Packers were hit with two personal fouls on the return that pushed the ball to the Green Bay 32, and Davis scored two plays later on an 11-yard run for a 23-7 lead.



MRT photo/Patrick Schneider, Charlotte Observer  
Carolina Panthers cornerback Ken Lucas celebrates after his interception against the Green Bay Packers Monday.

## Cowboys cutting things close in first four games

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys didn't sit around Monday wondering how different things would have been had Drew Bledsoe's fourth-down pass to Terry Glenn in the final two minutes been completed.

For the Cowboys (2-2), their 19-13 loss at Oakland was another close game, just like all the others this season.

If the Cowboys convert that fourth down from inside the 5 and score a touchdown against Oakland Sunday, they might be 3-1.

But, they could just as easily be 4-0 — or 0-4.

The Cowboys' victories — by a combined seven points — were comebacks completed when Bledsoe hit Keyshawn Johnson for TDs in the closing minutes at San Diego and San Francisco. Their other loss was 14-13 to Washington in Dallas' only home game when the Redskins scored twice in the final 3:46 to win.

Only five NFC teams have records better than 2-2, but three of them are the Cowboys' division

rivals: Washington (3-0), the New York Giants (3-1) and Philadelphia (3-1).

The Cowboys play three of their next four games at home. The Eagles visit Texas Stadium Sunday, followed by the Giants.

At Oakland in the closing minutes, Bledsoe was looking right all the way, aiming for Glenn, and his throw came out low and short. Tight end Jason Witten had taken off for the left side without a single defender following him, but may not have been as open as he appeared.

"It's the quarterback's choice there to pick a side," Parcels said. "If you throw to Witten, there's a chance that he might not have been able to get in."

That can't be changed and neither can that 2-2 record. But Parcels and his players will quickly remind every one that they're only through the first quarter of the regular season.

"We won two close games and lost two close games. I'm optimistic about what I've seen," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said.

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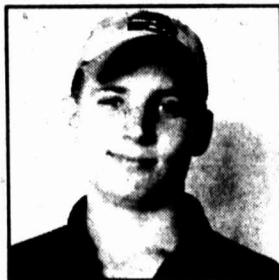
and Wright State. He said headhunting firms, search committees and having to impress people who never played basketball left him cynical of the process.

"Who cares if you don't get this job?" he said. "I did it for the process and to go through it. It's a game. Go play it."

Knight, 35, said he and his father, 64, are different in demeanor, but their coaching styles and emotional fire during games will look alike in time.

"If you know Pat, you know he's not a follower," said Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich, who has known Knight since he was 11. "His decision to coach was made when he was comfortable with doing it his way, not doing what his dad did."

## Pigskin Picks Football Contest



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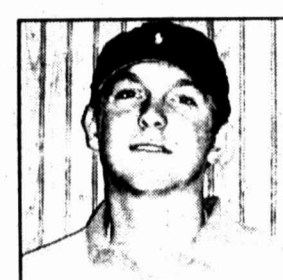
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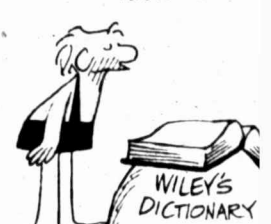
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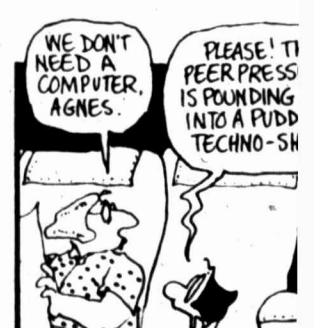
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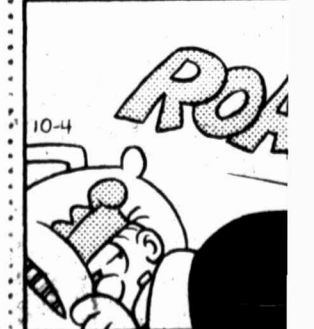
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## BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

A conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter has been in effect since Oct. 1 and continues until the seventh. In some cases, this spawns conversational reminiscence of the childhood challenge: "My dad can beat up your dad." In other cases, we're obsessed with the size of good news. Why not? The bigger the news, the bigger the celebration.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're in a large mood and have an appetite to match. The diet goes out the window with the budget. The only carrots you're interested in are the number carats in the gold and diamonds you're dreaming about.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The degree of mental clarity that you possess

now doesn't happen every day, so take advantage of it. No one else can, will or should tell you what to want. If they do, stay away!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It would be so cool if all of your good deeds and bad deeds would cancel each other out. Then you could always make up for something bad by doing something good. But since it's more complicated than that, just be good.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Experience may very well be the best teacher, but that doesn't mean you have to have done something before in order to be fantastic at it. Sometimes you're just a natural — like you are when you try something new today.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Eating celery doesn't make you skinny, just as going to church doesn't make you a saint. But hey, it's a start, which is exactly what you need now. Every time you fall, get right back up.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can try to discard an experience, but it won't work. Everything that happened really happened. The way to "rid" yourself of the past is not to deny it, but to transcend it by forming a new opinion about it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're open-minded, but somehow even your most out-there beliefs are not controversial. This is probably because you approach life with such levity now that it's practically impossible to offend anyone.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't help but notice all the superficial and plastic stuff around you — and you're the reality check. A gem. Beautiful and raw. So speak up, and blow the cover off the whole operation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your identity as a traveler is featured. You've always roamed and you will continue to, even if it's only in your own neighborhood. Consequently, you know things about your neighborhood that nobody else does.

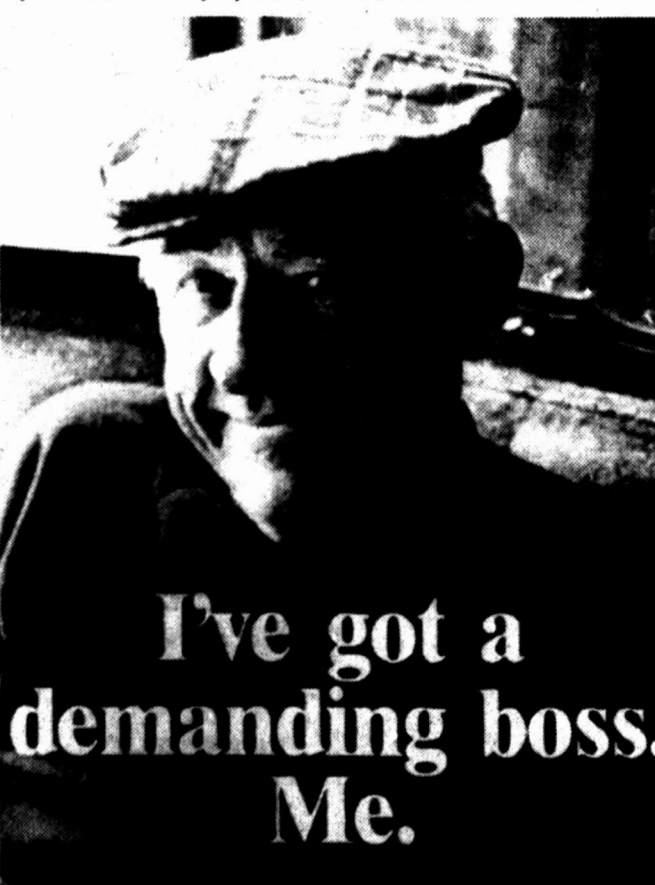
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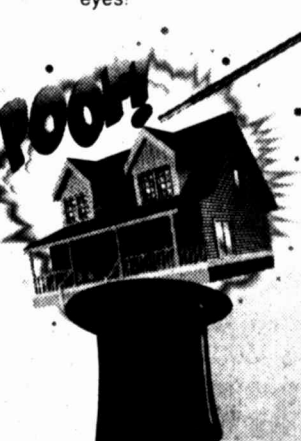
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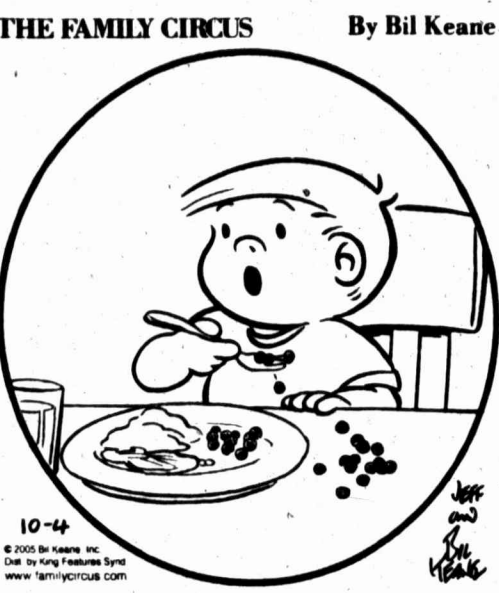
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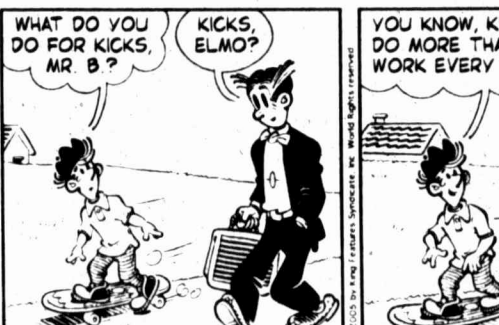


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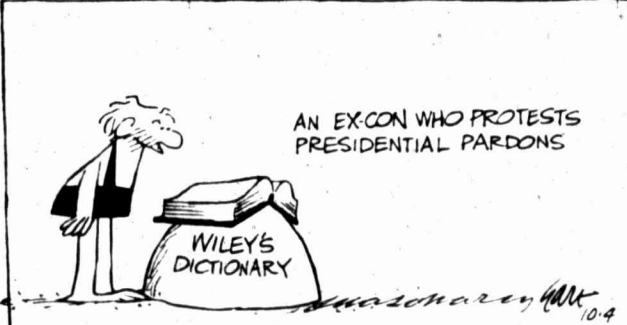
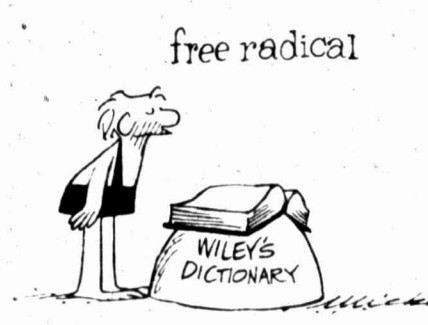
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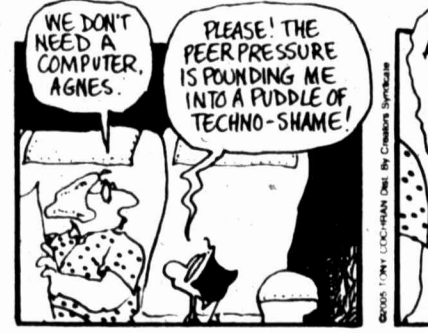
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2005. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, into orbit.

On this date:

In 1777, George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps, where the Nazi leader sought Italy's help in fighting the British.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI became the first reigning

pontiff to visit the Western Hemisphere as he addressed the U.N. General Assembly.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1978, funeral services were held at the Vatican for Pope John Paul I.

In 1980, some 520 people were forced to abandon the cruise ship Prinsendam in the Gulf of Alaska after the Dutch luxury liner caught fire — no deaths or serious injury resulted.

In 1985, Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying it had killed American hostage William Buckley, (Fellow hostage David Jacobsen, however, later said he believed Buckley had died of torture injuries four months earlier.)

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Jan Murray is 88. Actor Charlton Heston is 82. Country singer Leroy Van Dyke is 76. Author Anne Rice is 64. Actress Lori Saunders ("Petticoat Junction") is 64. Actress Susan Sarandon is 59. Playwright Lee Blessing is 56. Actor Armand Assante is 56. Actor Alan Rosenberg is 55. Producer Russell

Simmons is 48. Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 46. Country musician Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard (Sawyer Brown) is 45. Singer Jon Secada is 44. TV personality John Melendez ("The Tonight Show") is 40. Rock musician Andy Parle is 35. Actress Alicia Silverstone is 29. Actor Phillip Glasser is 27. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 26. Actor Jimmy Workman is 25. Rhythmic-and-blues singer Jessica Benson (31w) is 18. Actor Michael Charles Roman is 18.

Thought for Today: "Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested." Guinean saying.

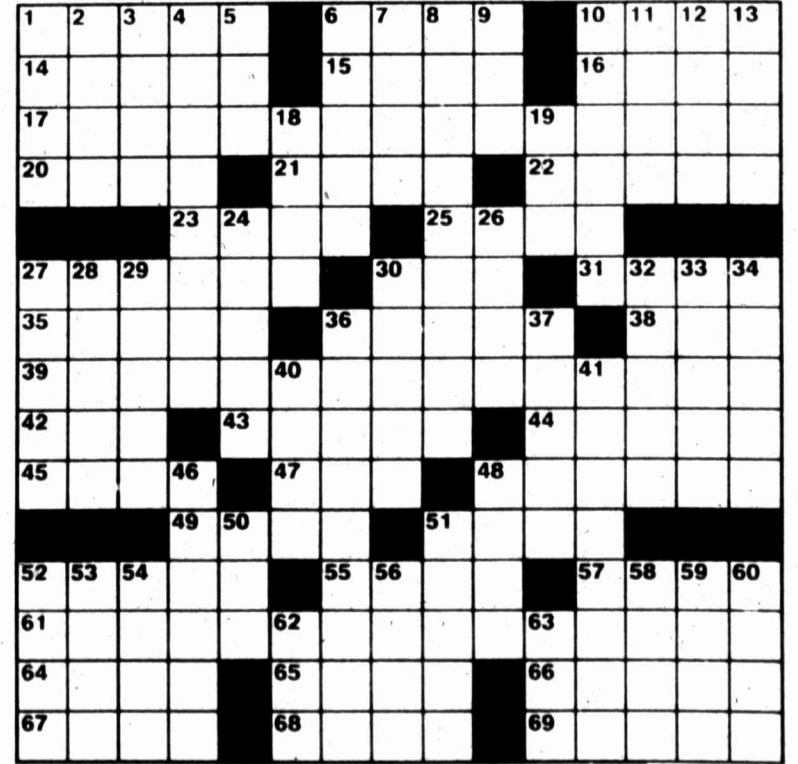
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Newsday Crossword

DON'T 56 DOWN by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 South Florida city
  - 6 Stars and Stripes
  - 10 Italian wine region
  - 14 Movie award
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  - 16 Once a time
  - 17 Physicist's fanciful quest
  - 20 Appear to be
  - 21 Gumbo vegetable
  - 22 Mom's sisters
  - 23 Mem. of the bar
  - 25 Real-estate ad abbr.
  - 27 Bike-wheel parts
  - 30 Adversary
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  - 35 Wigwag relative
  - 36 Thanksgiving meal
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  - 42 for the course
  - 43 Sedately dignified
  - 44 Hay processing machine
  - 45 Thick piece
  - 47 Dirt + water
  - 48 Like B.B. King's music
  - 49 Supermarket shopper's reference
  - 51 Borscht ingredient
  - 52 Military decoration
  - 55 Tahiti, for one
  - 57 Line on a 49 Across
  - 61 Newlyweds' pledge
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Phrase of understanding
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  - 6 Happening by accident
  - 7 Fib teller
  - 8 Train conductor's cry
  - 9 Exercise locale
  - 10 Harvest season
  - 11 Rotate
  - 12 Whistle sound
  - 13 Quaint hotels
  - 18 High-chair users
  - 19 Rowboat implement
  - 24 Promgoers
  - 26 Amaz of early TV
  - 27 Stairway parts
  - 28 Rose leaf
  - 29 The Magic Flute, e.g.
  - 30 Foul-smelling
  - 32 Hawk relative
  - 33 Just hangs around
  - 34 Suspicious
  - 36 Certain woodwind players





## Wacky Facts

■ Hannibal, an aggressive general of the North African city-state of Carthage in 218 B.C., used elephants to help transport his army across the Alps from France into northern Italy.  
— *World Almanac for Kids*

# KID NEWS

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## Chatter Box

"The smart thing to do is walk away with your dignity. Anybody can throw a punch, but it's the smart one who will stand above the rest by walking away and saying, 'I'm better than you.'"  
— *The Rock, on his advice to kids who get bullied, in Teen People.*



## In The News

## Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates a rich culture

From mid-September through mid-October, America recognizes the contributions, culture and heritage of Hispanic Americans.

The monthlong celebration began on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independence on Sept. 16, and Chile gained independence on Sept. 18.

## HONORING THE DAY OF THE RACE

The celebration extends into October to mark "El Dia de la Raza" or "The Day of the Race" on Oct. 12. "El Dia de la Raza" is observed throughout most of Mexico and Latin America. The day celebrates the many nationalities that are present in the history of Mexico, Central America and South America. These nationalities include Native Americans such as the Mayas, Aztecs and Incas; and European nationalities such as Spanish, Portuguese and French.



Rodriguez

## HISPANIC HERITAGE HISTORY

Hispanic Heritage Month actually began as National Hispanic Heritage Week to honor the independence of Hispanic countries Sept. 15-18. In 1974, President Ford proclaimed the week beginning Sept. 10, 1974, and ending Sept. 16, 1974, as National Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1989, it became a monthlong celebration that we now honor every year.

## STARTING EARLY GROWING QUICKLY

Hispanic people were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, what is today the United States. Hispanic Americans have roots in Europe, Africa and South and Central America and close cultural ties to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, South America and Spain. Today, the Hispanic or Latino population in the United States is estimated at 39.9 million people. According to the U.S. Census (a study that tracks population growth), the country's Hispanic population grew by 58 percent from 1990 to 2000, making it the fastest growing minority group in the country.

## FAMOUS HISPANIC AMERICANS

From sports to government to entertainment and science, Hispanic Americans have played important roles in America's history, its values and culture. They include baseball star Alex Rodriguez, women's basketball player Rebecca Lobo, actor George Lopez, actress Cameron Diaz, astronauts Michael Lopez-Alegria and Ellen Ochoa, and author Isabel Allende. As of 2002, more than 63,000 Hispanics were on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, according to the U.S. Census.



Diaz

## EVERYONE CAN CELEBRATE

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated with community festivals, government gatherings and educational activities. Many schools celebrate the month by learning about contributions of Hispanic Americans both past and present.

— Dina El Nabli

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# MINIMIZE THE MENACE

BY EMILIE LE BEAU  
*Chicago Tribune*

Out for a bicycle ride with his cousin, Adam K. encountered the neighborhood bully. "He started chasing us, and we both had our bikes, so we went another way and got back home," says Adam, 10.

Adam says bullies are people who are mean to other people on purpose. Knowing there is a bully lurking in his area makes Adam feel like staying inside. "You have to watch out for bullies," he says. "You have to make sure they aren't coming after you."

Since the bully doesn't go to school with him, Adam says he doesn't have to worry about being picked on there. But many other kids have big bully concerns at school. In fact, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime, three out of four kids say they've been bullied at school.

Bullying isn't just threatening to beat someone up. Bullies can name-call and use words to harass other kids. And some bullies

use rumors to break up friendships or hurt feelings.

Even if a kid never hits anyone, his mean methods can still make him a bully.

When it comes to bad behavior, girls are more likely to use mean words, threats and rumors to bully other girls. Boys, on the other hand, are more likely to deal with the type of bullies who get physically violent.

So why do bullies like to pick on other people? Patrick Tolan of the Institute of Juvenile Research at the University of Illinois at Chicago says most bullies have been picked on before. Being a bully gives these kids a feeling of power and status, he says.

"Most of the time, bullies don't have many friends and aren't liked by other kids," he says. "They aren't very good at being friends."

Tolan says kids should avoid bullies whenever possible. But if you're paired with one on a gym team or school project, it's a good idea to be nice to the bully. "That's one of the best ways to get bullies to stop bullying. Help them find better ways to make friends," he says.

If all your efforts to stop being bullied aren't working, then it's time to tell an adult. Tolan says many kids are afraid they'll seem like snitches if they ask an adult for help.

But telling an adult about bullying is not the same as tattling, says Krista P., 11. "A tattletale just tells on the smallest things," she says. "You're trying to protect yourself."

Tattletales just want to see someone else get in trouble. Telling your parents how your brother forgot to take out the garbage is being a tattletale. Asking a parent or teacher for help with bullying is being smart.

## Getting the best of a bully

Here are some dos and don'ts for dealing with a bully:

■ **Don't give up your lunch money.** "Don't try to buy bullies off," says Patrick Tolan. "Sometimes bullies want your money or something you have." Giving into a bully's demand lets them know you're a good source for what they want. Tolan says you shouldn't give in — you should tell an adult instead.

■ **Don't be intimidated.** Acting like everything is OK when you're scared to death may seem impossible, but Tolan says it's important. "Bullies look for the person they can push around and go back to them over and over again," he says.

■ **Ignore the bully.** He might get bored and give up picking on you.

■ **Stick up for yourself, but don't fight.** Emily R. says getting into a physical fight with a bully is a bad idea. "It get can out of hand and you can get very hurt," she says. "You can stick up for yourself with words, but not physical contact."

■ **Buddy up.** When people are around, bullies are less likely to start trouble. "Bullies are like wolves looking for the weak sheep," Tolan says.

■ **Don't take it personally.** Bullies are mean because they have a problem, not because you deserve to get picked on.

— Emilie Le Beau

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## Cold

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

You better buckle up because it looks like autumn is finally in the area.

A cold front south from the Mountains is expected to pass through Big Spring early this evening bringing overnight temperatures into the 40s, bringing a good

## Tax notices ready to mail

By THOMAS JENI  
Staff Writer

The Howard County Tax Collector's Office is gearing up for tax season as the staff prepares to send out more than 100,000 tax letters in the next few weeks.

Tax Assessor Sayles said this is a busy time of the year for her and her staff as they race against the clock to get the tax statements ready for mailing.

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