

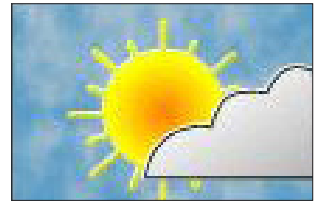
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Little Tony lets the Rev. Kelly Conklin, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, give him a blessing as the dog's owner Irma Delgado watches during the annual Blessing of the Animals held Saturday at the parish's Bennett Garden. The event was held in honor of St. Francis' Feast Day.

Bailout fallout

Americans keep making cutbacks

By **ERIN McCLAM**
 AP National Writer

Relief on Wall Street over the hard-won passage of a \$700 billion bailout package for the financial system apparently hasn't yet trickled down to the pubs, storefronts, car lots and malls of Main Street. Many Americans spent an uneasy weekend wondering whether the rescue would help in time — or at all — and trying to figure out where next to cut back as the economic screws

tighten. Would financing come through for the new washing machine? Could the old car hold out another year? Would a nice dinner out bust the budget? "People are afraid," said Linda Morrow, who owns a shoe and handbag store in a Dallas mall. "People basically don't know what the future will bring. They're afraid to spend. They want to see what the bailout

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Old Sorehead Trade Days to hawk wares this weekend

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

STANTON — More than 15 years after the first "Old Sorehead" decided to set up a booth and hock his wares, the people of Stanton are gearing up once

again for the Old Sorehead Trade Days. Stanton will once again open its arms to vendors and shoppers from West Texas and beyond for the event, which will feature an array of items and services for everyone in the family.

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. "Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Bud Lindsey, spokes-

man for the event. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and throughout the trade days — Coca-Cola collectibles, Humble Oil and Sinclair Oil signs, wagon wheels — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade

Days." According to Lindsey, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" See **STANTON**, Page 3

Winter prep

Cooler temperatures heighten hazard chance

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

With temperatures expected to dip into the lower 50s the first part of the week, many area residents will be firing-up their heating units for the first time this season, a task local of-

ficials say could turn dangerous if certain precautions aren't taken. Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the first cold snap of the fall season usually signals an

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Big Spring High School took top honors in the 15th annual Tall City Marching Band Contest Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland.

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Obituaries

Therese Sternadel



Therese Sternadel, 55, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at Baylor Specialty Hospital in Dallas. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Joel Miller officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 16, 1953, in Pecos to Loraine and M.H. Bates Sr. She married Edward John Sternadel Jr. Sept. 11, 1980, in Scotland, Texas. He preceded her in death in 2005. She managed Subways for 20 years, including Big Spring, Snyder, Colorado City and Sweetwater. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 10 years, coming from Colorado City. She was a Methodist. She enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and playing games with the family.

She is survived by one son, Clint Wills of Big Spring; three daughters, Lynn Creswell and her husband Ricky of Big Spring, Linda Billington and her husband Dennis of Mertzon, and Lisha Vega and her husband Abraham of Tahoka; eight grandchildren, Keira Creswell of Big Spring, Regan Creswell of Lubbock, Cori Vega of Tahoka, Quincey Wills of Big Spring, Marcus Vega of Tahoka, Shiloh Creswell of Big Spring, Nicholas Billington of Mertzon and Quade Creswell of Big Spring; one great grandson, Caden Creswell of Big Spring; seven sisters, Mary Shuler and Grace Harrison, both of Wink, Regina Armstrong and Cecilia Ward, both of Pecos, Christine Bishop of Douglasville, Ga., Kathleen Jone of El Dorado, Kan., and Michelle Johnson of Huntsville; and two brothers, Earl Bates of Midland and M. H. "Sonny" Bates of Odessa.

Pallbearers will be Quincey Wills, Ricky Creswell, Dennis Billington, Abraham Vega, Donnie Allen and Regan Creswell. Honorary pallbearers will be Lee Ward, David Hodges and Trey Armstrong.

The family will be at 2715 Cindy.

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

Paid obituary

Irene Chick



Irene Chick, 86, of Big Spring, formerly of Cheyenne, Wyo., died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Paris, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 25, 1921, in Kansas City, Kan., to Clara and Sherman Marsh. She married Lou Allen Chick July 5, 1946, in Eastland. He preceded her in death March 25, 1964.

She grew up at Buckner's Children's Home in Dallas. She attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood, and graduated from the Harris School of Nursing in Fort Worth. She was a veteran of World War II, serving as a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps in the Burma India China Theater.

She worked most of her life as a registered nurse in Paris, Texas, at St. Joseph's Hospital, McCuiston Hospital and the Lamar County School District. She lived in Cheyenne, Wyo., from 1971 until 1988, where she worked at the V.A. Medical Center. Upon retirement in 1988, she moved to Big Spring. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Lou Ellen DeMott and her husband Jan of Burleson, and Jennan Swafford and her husband Larry of Houston; one son, Douglas Chick of Athens; four grandchildren, Mark DeMott and his wife Tara of Burleson, Janna Stubbs and her husband Andy of Alpine, Jeff Cook and his wife Tina of Clifton, Va., and Casey Thevenot and her husband Tal of Frisco; five great-grandchildren; special friends, Lou Knight and Ruth Graham, both of Big Spring; the flower and tape committee of College Baptist Church; the staff at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home; and the staff at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, David Lee Chick; and one sister, Clarine Tiffany.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bud Graham, Mark DeMott, Jeff Cook, Andy Stubbs, Pete Ruiz, Sam Knight, Tal Thevenot and Dr. Byron Range.

The family suggests memorials to Hendrick Home for Children, P.O. Box 5195, Abilene 79602; or Buckner Baptist Children's Home, 5200 South Buckner Blvd., Dallas 75227

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

Paid obituary

Jean Stripling

Jean Stripling, 100, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Johnnie Hardyman



Johnnie Hardyman, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born April 15, 1928, in Signal Mountain, Tenn., to Lassie and Walter Hardyman. He was a retired master sergeant, serving 21 years in the U. S. Army, including the Korean War. He married Claudine Brooks in 1965 in Las Cruces, N.M. She preceded him in death in 1990. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1996, coming from San Antonio.

He is survived by one son, Jon Hardyman of Fort Stockton; two daughters, Jan Whitehead and her husband Ray of Big Spring and Linda Berwald of Blythe, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Frank Brooks; five brothers; and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Great West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, C-32, Midland 79705.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- ROY BIDDLE, 47, of 5203 Sterling, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELVIN BIDDLE, 46, of 5203 Sterling, was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Elm.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- MAKING A FALSE REPORT TO A POLICE OFFICER was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Johnson.
 - in the 3000 block of Cherokee.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Sixth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Owens.
 - in the 1200 block of Second Street.
 - in the 1300 block of Sycamore.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Wasson.






Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- JAMES EDWARD MASON, 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JAMES DRIVER, 49, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of amending conditions of community supervision.
- RYAN ANTHONY GONZALES, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - capias pro fine and violation of a promise to appear - capias pro fine.
- JOHNNY WILLIAM BROWN, 59, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a Llano County warrant for failure to appear - theft by check and a Burnet County warrant for a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- ALAN WAYNE FLIGG, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JULIO MARTINEZ MARTINEZ, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.
- DALE THOMAS MITCHELL JR., 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.
- LESLIE LOUMENDY FUENTES, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of intoxicated assault with a vehicle.
- JUAN DUENEZ VASQUEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ALEXANDER BURCIAGA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Your Local Weather

Tue 10/7	Wed 10/8	Thu 10/9	Fri 10/10	Sat 10/11
 78/51	 82/55	 84/58	 85/60	 77/55
Mainly sunny. High 78F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Ball. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Oasis. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of San Antonio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GAS LEAK was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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will do. They're waiting till after the election."

In more than two dozen interviews with The Associated Press across the country over the weekend, Americans described those concerns, from tighter personal credit to worries about small businesses to doubts about simply making ends meet.

Matt Watson, a 41-year-old sales manager at a showroom of motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in Morgantown, W.Va., said his family has cut back on dinners out and is buying more generic products.

The other day, he grabbed a \$5 bill off his dresser and headed to a Walgreen's drugstore for milk and bread.

"I could not buy milk and bread for \$5," Watson said, shaking his head in disbelief.

Aimee Robinson needs a \$200,000 loan soon for her business, which sells eco-friendly furniture in Seattle, and wonders whether the bailout might ease the way. The interest rate on her store's credit card just jumped to 17 percent from 8 percent.

"Everything came to a standstill" this summer, she said. "It hit me really, really bad."

The bailout plan, quickly signed into law by President Bush after it passed the House by a comfortable margin Friday, will buy bad mortgage debt off the books of staggering banks in hopes of shoring up the American financial system.

It was put together during a harrowing three weeks for the U.S. economy that began with the bankruptcy of investment house Lehman Brothers and

a government bailout of insurer American International Group.

The damage has seeped into far-flung corners of the economy. At a company called Tortilla Lady in Flagstaff, Ariz., five women make 1,500 to 1,800 dozen tortillas in an average week, some sold in the shop and others to stores.

For the week of Sept. 15, the week Lehman Brothers collapsed and the crisis took hold, production was only about 1,000 dozen.

"Once this really got into the news and people started understanding what Wall Street meant to them, they've become more conscious of their own budget and the limitation of their budget," said Phebe Faus, an owner of Tortilla Lady.

An AP-GfK poll released last week before the House passed the revised bill found Americans divided on whether they supported the bailout. But a solid majority, eight in 10, said they feared the financial crisis would hit them directly. Many said they were conflicted, lamenting that taxpayers had to step in but believing something had to be done to prop up the economy.

Among that type of adherent is Morgan Cavanaugh, owner of a 75-year-old Irish pub that sits a few blocks from Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland. Standing behind the weathered mahogany bar, he said the bailout stinks.

"I don't believe we should let them off the hook," he said. "Either we pay now or we pay later. To me, it's extortion."

To him it's also necessary: The same day, he was talking on his cell phone to a man who has been trying to buy a suburban bar from Cavanaugh but has not been able to secure a loan.

"It passed," Cavanaugh told the man just after the House vote Friday. "Let's work something out." He said the man planned to try for the loan again and said the prospects were "looking up."

As for business at the bar: Cavanaugh has lowered his drink prices for his customers, a crowd heavy with bankers and brokers. He calls the special the Bankers' Booze Bailout Fund.

Tight credit remains at the heart of the crisis. In a financial climate of fear and mistrust, banks are charging one another much higher rates to borrow money, and they are snapping their wallets shut to Americans.

The bailout package may get the gears of lending moving again, but it hasn't happened yet.

Last year, Pennsylvania auto dealer Bill Rosado's customers had no trouble arranging financing for the cars and trucks they bought. Banks were lined up to provide cash even for people with a risky credit history.

Those days are gone. A customer with decent credit who might have been approved for 100 percent financing not long ago is lucky to get a loan at all today, and even then the interest rate is almost guaranteed to be higher.

"The people with horrible credit, I can justify saying, 'No more,'" Rosado said. "But this is affecting people whose credit isn't that bad. People with 650 credit scores are being turned down."

The rescue was aimed in part at restoring confidence in the financial markets. As the crisis worsened, stocks took a huge hit, and Americans seeing their stock funds and retirement savings sapped are more reluctant to spend money.

"A lot of people who come here

are wealthy people, and they've lost a lot of money in stocks," said Jaime Galvan, who manages a car wash in Long Beach, Calif. "Most of the people, they're concerned. They don't want to spend."

And a turnaround is no guarantee. President Bush has warned it will take "some time" for the full effects of the bailout bill to take hold in an economy that had a world of trouble even before the banking crisis.

In the meantime, Americans are left find ways to cut back even further.

In Dallas, sales assistant Yvonna Vaughan downgraded from Newport cigarettes to less expensive Kools and wonders whether she'll be smoking generics before long.

In Denver, secretary Bernice Adolf pays close attention to the sales at her grocery store and makes spaghetti at home with her husband on Friday night instead of their usual dinners out.

"We're trying to save wherever we can," she said. "I don't think the bailout is going to last too long."

At Zeitoun, a Mediterranean restaurant not far from the Miami airport, owner Samira Marino has noticed everyone is ordering water and more people are sharing meals.

Mike Belo of Columbia, S.C., hasn't put off any major purchases — yet. But he's keeping an eye on his business as a property insurance agent, which has dipped as new home sales have slowed.

"It's hard to get a handle on it," he said of the bailout. "I'm not in favor of bailing out a bank, but I guess if it's the No. 1 bank that offers the money ... we're in a no-win situation, really."

"If I go under," he said, "no one's going to bail me out."

Briefs

10 dead after bus overturns on its way to a casino

WILLIAMS, Calif. (AP) — A charter bus traveling to a casino overturned in north-central California on Sunday, killing 10 people and injuring several others.

California Highway Patrol officials said the crash happened around 6:10 p.m. on a rural road near the town of Williams — about 60 miles north of Sacramento — as the bus headed to Colusa Casino Resort from Sacramento.

California Highway Patrol Commander Fran Clader said Sunday night that 10 people were dead and estimated that 20 to 30 others were injured.

CHP dispatcher Terry Troth said the bus ran off the road and rolled over. No other vehicles appeared to be involved in the crash, he said.

Candidates cite old events to hurl new campaign attacks

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The gloves are off, the heels are on, and the presidential race is dredging up infamous events from 20, 30, even 40 years ago.

Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin defended her claim Sunday that Barack Obama "pals around with terrorists" because of his association with a 1960s radical.

Democrats denounced the charge, and warned that it would trigger reexaminations of Republican presidential nominee John McCain's past. Sure enough, Obama's campaign released a Web video and a letter about McCain's role in the Keating Five scandal from the early 1990s.

McCain "does not want to play guilty-by-association, or this thing could blow up in his face," Democratic strategist Paul Begala said.

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areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to

the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

For those that aren't fa-

miliar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire

affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web

at www.stantontex.com

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," he added. "If you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

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SAFETY

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upswing in the number of fire- and smoke-related calls he and the firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department respond to.

"When the temperature begins to fall and people start looking for ways to stay warm, we usually see an increase in calls," said Condray. "Some are just smoke scares, but some of them are very serious, even life threatening."

Condray said one of the most common dangers comes from heating units that haven't been used since the winter and late spring.

"Make sure that your heater is adequately prepared for the season," said Condray. "By that I mean have it serviced by an air conditioning and heating professional. You can also have the gas company come out and check it over. Homeowners can also help reduce the risk of a fire by checking their filter. A clean filter will allow the unit to be more effective

and the fan unit to operate better.

"It also doesn't hurt to go out and take a look at your burners before you fire them up. Make sure they're clean and free of debris. A lot of times, when people don't have their heating unit serviced for several years, the burning will cause a lot of carbon build-up on the pilot lights and on the flames. If that happens, you're not going to get a good mixture, which is indicated by a yellow burning flame. A good, proper flame will be blue."

And while many residents will turn to central heating systems for comfort when the mercury drops, others will rely on space heaters.

According to officials with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 25,000 residential fires in the United States every year are associated with the use of space heaters.

The CPSC suggests the following guidelines for safely using space heaters:

- Select a space heater with a guard around the

flame area or the heating element. This will help keep children, pets and clothing away from the heat source.

- When selecting a heater, look for one that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters have been determined to meet specific safety standards, and manufacturers are required to provide important use and care information to the consumer.

- Buy a heater that is the correct size for the area you want to heat. The wrong size heater could produce more pollutants and may not be an efficient use of energy.

- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions. A good practice is to read aloud the instructions and warning labels to all members of the household to be certain that everyone understands how to operate the heater safely. Keep the owner's manual in a convenient place to refer to when needed.

- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

Some heaters have very hot surfaces. Children should not be permitted to either adjust the controls or move the heater.

- Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps to prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion. Even vented heaters require ventilation for proper combustion.

- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep or leave the area. For fuel-fired heaters, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide could accumulate or uncontrolled burning could cause a fire.

- Never use or store flammable liquids — such as gasoline — around a space heater. The flammable vapors can flow from one part of the room to another and be ignited by the open flame or by an electrical spark.

- Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.

- Place heaters at least

three feet away from objects such as bedding, furniture and drapes. Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes. Do not place heaters where towels or other objects could fall on the heater and start a fire.

For more information on heater safety, visit the CPSC online at www.cpsc.gov

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Anna Mae Hyden, 85, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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OTHER VIEWS

More substance than flash in Palin v. Biden

Given the civil and reasonably substantive content of Thursday's vice presidential debate, it's likely few voters changed their minds about whom to support.

And that's not unusual. Typically, the vice-presidential candidate doesn't sway many voters toward a presidential candidate. But this year's campaign has been anything but typical.

Make no mistake. Most of the attention put on this debate did not stem from a deep yearning on the part of the American public to hear Sen. Joe Biden, the Democrat, talk about the policies of his running mate, Sen. Barack Obama. No, many viewers wanted to watch Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Since she was named to the Republican ticket early last month — the first woman on a major party ticket since Democrat Geraldine Ferraro ran for vice president in 1984 — she has absorbed a big chunk of the national attention. Indeed, she has been either worshipped or demonized beyond all recognition from both ends of the political spectrum.

And in the last few weeks viewers have watched a string of televised interview clips, most recently with Katie Couric of CBS, in which Gov. Palin seemed to struggle with answers and strangle on her own syntax. She appeared not only uninformed but embarrassingly inarticulate. Because of that, many Democrats were hoping for a clumsy reprise. And many Republicans were probably cheered to see Gov. Palin present a poised, well-briefed demeanor — no rambling vagueness and a confident expression.

Gov. Palin had clearly made good use of her days in seclusion at Sen. John McCain's ranch in Arizona being prepped by campaign advisers. Sen. Joe Biden clearly took to heart the advice from just about everyone to, essentially, put a sock in it and not ramble on until he swallowed his foot.

Her style: Avoid direct answers to some questions, face the camera and address "Joe Six Pack" and "hockey moms across the nation." Slip in a "nuke-ular" or two. Drop the final "g" as in, "Americans are cravin' that straight talk."

Her repeated phrases: "Maverick," "Main Street," "Maverick," "Greed and corruption on Wall Street."

His style: Narrow his eyes. Talk about what really happened in the Senate. Avoid pithy, memorable remarks. Repeat references to his "good friend" John McCain. Make weird reference to "Bos-niac" (Bosnian).

His repeated phrases: "Simply not true." "John McCain is out of touch." "The last eight years." "Kitchen table."

Each hewed to standard campaign messages. Sen. Biden hammered on health care, the failing economy and tried to link Sen. McCain to President Bush.

Gov. Palin talked about cutting taxes and ended with a paean to Ronald Reagan. She tried to portray Sen. Biden as a stale Washington insider. By appearing well-informed, she probably eased the worries of some McCain supporters.

Who won? Gov. Palin exceeded ridiculously low expectations. Sen. Biden sounded substantive and knowledgeable without coming off as stuffy or tedious. The upshot: People who liked Sarah Palin before the debate probably saw nothing to change their minds. The same is likely true of those who back Joe Biden.

As substantive politics, the debate was a winner. But as rollicking political theater, we give it only two stars.

THE CHARLOTTE (N.C.) OBSERVER

Election-altering media bias

It would be foolish of me to deny the obvious truth in a recent e-mail message I received pointing out how different the presidential polls would be today if the mainstream media were not so liberal.

Quit complaining, you say; there's an alternative media led by your brother, you whiner. Quit calling me a whiner, especially about the current plight of Republicans. It's my party, and I'll whine if I want to.

Unlike the MSM, the alternative media are honest that they are in the opinion business and freely admit their ideological leanings. They don't pretend to exemplify objective journalism. But unlike the MSM, their ethical commitment to truth is not routinely compromised by their mind-altering bias, as with that disgraceful episode known as Rathergate.

The MSM are a case study in psychological anomalies. They don't just deny their biases to us; they deny them to themselves, all while conspiring to affect the outcome of the election.

How do you reconcile their sincere self-denial of bias with their simultaneous demonstrations of bias? An epidemic of liberal insanity, with one side of the liberal brain forgetting to inform the other of what it's up to?

No, I think their closed culture teaches them that liberalism is so manifestly correct that its proponents embody objectivity. Bias is defined as any deviation from the only correct worldview: liberalism.

Their bizarre logic tells them that liberals care about people and are intrinsically altruistic. Only someone driven by greed and bereft of compassion could harbor a conservative worldview. Someone such

as Sarah Palin, a former journalist who is unashamed of her pro-life position, to the utter astonishment of "objective" journalist Katie Couric.

Liberals seem to believe that because they hold enlightened positions, they possess an ideological holiness that prevents them from committing certain sins. How else do you explain the unmerited immunity liberals conferred on Joe Biden for his obviously racially demeaning remarks about Barack Obama's cleanliness and articulateness or his references to Indian workers at Dunkin' Donuts?

It's not just that they want Biden to win; it's that they believe that as a fellow liberal, he couldn't possibly make a prejudiced statement. But he did, and we all know it. For normal people, it's "live by the sword, die by the sword." For anointed liberals, it's "live by the sword; long live the sword wielder."

This same mindset drives Chris Matthews to incredulity over charges that the MSM are trying to destroy Sarah Palin. We Neanderthals must learn to ignore our lying eyes.

The MSM's jaw-dropping denial of presidential debate moderator Gwen Ifill's flagrant and undisclosed conflict of interest is another example. But understand that it's not just that she stands to make a profit from her book if Obama wins. It's also that the very theme of her book screams her Obama-favoring bias.

The response of the MSM further proves the point. They don't challenge her conflict of interest but instead imply that because of her journalistic integrity (read: proven track record of liberal journalism), she's above charges of bias.

The Ifill affair is a minor example of MSM bias, however, when compared with their potentially election-determining coverage of the current financial crisis. I knew as this drama was unfolding that Democrats, though demonstrably

responsible for the government actions that made this meltdown inevitable, would succeed in pinning it on Republicans — right before the election, no less.

Sure enough, though McCain was edging past Obama as this mess began, Obama has now taken a significant lead, and it's largely because the MSM are promoting the Democratic template that capitalism and corporate, Republican greed caused it, not bleeding-heart, social-planning liberalism. (Isn't it ironic that liberals continue mouthing the absurd argument that the crisis is being caused by federal deficit spending born of Bush tax cuts yet this bailout plan involves enormous increases in the federal deficit?)

And if the MSM were scrutinizing and reporting on Obama's truly scandalous record with one-tenth the intensity they are investigating the Palin non-scandals, the American public would be irreversibly horrified at the prospect of an Obama presidency.

All of this said, this election is far from over. And the alternative media are doing a valiant job busting MSM myths and countering their denied biases.

But it's hard to help those who are disinclined to help themselves. John McCain certainly has plenty of fight left in him. But it's time he finally got a divorce from the adulterous MSM, who just pretended to love him when it suited their ends.

It's time he quits giving Dems a pass (especially for this crisis they caused), unleashes Sarah Palin from her constraints, and re-energizes the base to deliver him a victory. Give us some red meat, senator — please.

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Bonanza. Bailout. Bonanza

Who do I blame for this financial disaster? Let me count the villains. Start with President

Bush and Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson. By their own actions, they have shown that they believe markets have become too vulnerable under their watch.

The Bushies have mishandled the \$700 billion bailout at every juncture. They pulled a too-large number out of the hat, then asked Congress to write a blank check. Paulson even rejected limits on the compensation of the geniuses who bought bad mortgage paper with other people's money. No way was Congress going to go along with that scheme.

Like many Americans, I am angry and have strong doubts as to whether the bailout is necessary. Having proposed it, however, Paulson probably made it necessary. If there is a 10 percent risk of an economic collapse without a bailout, Washington probably has to pass something.

I blame Democrats, who pushed to give government-supported mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac more flexibility to buy dicey home loans, despite their accounting irregularities. It was Senate Banking Committee Democrats who blocked GOP-backed reforms of Fannie and Freddie in 2003 and 2006 — but that doesn't stop them from disowning any role in this fiasco now.

I blame Democratic leaders for

larding the Senate version of the bailout bill with what the national political news website Politico.com described as a landmark provision that would require that "insurance companies provide coverage for mental-health treatment — such as hospitalization — on parity with physical illnesses."

This bill is in trouble, and the Democratic leaders decide to add \$100 billion to the total tab — as well as make a new enemy, insurance companies. And they think Bush is dumb.

I blame congressional Republicans for being addicted to pork-barrel projects and driving federal spending so high that they lost control of the House and Senate in 2006. In their greed, they forfeited their credibility.

House Republicans didn't help themselves when they said that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's partisan pre-vote rant killed 10 Republican "yes" votes. They showed America that — like Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid — their instinct was to throw the blame at the other party first, then to think about what is best for America.

Oh, and you can thank Senate Republicans for a five-year, \$3.3 billion rural school aid measure packed onto the bailout bill. Shameless.

Pelosi and Reid have played this as poorly as Bush. Last week, they said they had a deal. Clearly, they don't know the meaning of the word "deal." The leadership of the party that believes in more government regulation cannot count votes (a simple accounting procedure) and cannot regulate itself.

When she was supposed to be rallying all House members, Pelosi instead brandished her dagger, as she parroted that lame old line about Republicans believing in "no regulation." It is amazing how a party that flatters itself for its intellectual wattage can disseminate such patently false drivel with wide eyes.

Sure, maybe two Republicans in Washington oppose most regulation. But look at the party's nominee, John McCain. Not only did McCain push for improved regulation of Freddie and Fannie, he also voted for the 2002 accounting oversight measure, Sarbanes-Oxley — that was supposed to prevent another Enron — and authored a measure to regulate campaign spending.

I'm a small-government conservative. But I've worked for other people since I was a teenager — and that sort of experience leaves me with only a jaded respect for how the "free market" works. It doesn't work without regulation.

Most of all, I blame the financial masterminds on Wall Street, who have justified their high salaries because they were supposed to be so clever — yet apparently had no idea that they were buying inflated paper.

Although if Congress keeps larding the bailout to the point that America will need a bailout for the bailout, then the order of my list could change.

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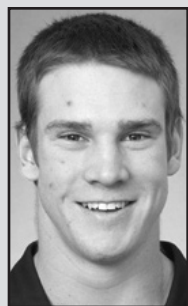
HERALD PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Ryan Tannehill

Former Big Spring quarterback, current Texas A&M receiver

Tannehill caught the first and second touchdown passes of his college career Saturday in A&M's 56-28 loss to No. 21 Oklahoma St.

He led the Aggies with seven receptions, accounting for 49 yards. Both touchdown receptions came from QB Jerrod Johnson and were from 6 and 4 yards out.



Tannehill

Cerbi Ritchey

Big Spring freshman netter

In the Lady Steers most impressive performance of the season, Ritchey shined, leading the team with 26 assists.

She set up five different teammates to earn kills in the match.

Big Spring won its first district match of the 2008 season, defeating Lake View in four sets.

Jordan Valle

Big Spring senior CC runner

Valle claimed his third victory of 2008 with a 15:29 performance at the McNeil Invitational at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

He won by more than six seconds on the same course that will be used for the state meet in November.



Valle

Daniel Armendariz

Sands junior running back

Armendariz scored six touchdowns in the Mustangs' 64-58 loss to Dawson Friday night.

He rushed for three, caught one, returned a kickoff for another and took a fumble recovery back 30 yards for Sands' final points of the game.

Robbie Noland

Stanton junior running back

Even the fifth-ranked team in the state struggled to completely slow down Noland.

He rushed for 118 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries in Stanton's 33-15 loss to Iraan Friday night.

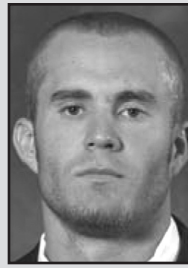
Sam Tindol

Former Coahoma quarterback, current Angelo State receiver

Tindol led the Rams with a game-high 79 yards on five catches in ASU's 25-13 victory over Eastern New Mexico University Saturday.

He leads the Rams in receiving this season with 21 receptions for 279 yards.

Also with local ties, Ian Ritchey, son of BSHS Athletic Director Phillip and Carmen Ritchey, led the Rams with 10 tackles Saturday.



Tindol

Valle victorious in Round Rock

Big Spring finishes sixth as senior wins third race of season

Herald Staff Report

ROUND ROCK — The McNeil Invitational serves as a great preparatory cross country meet for athletes anticipating to run the course at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock in November for the state competition.

While more faces will be added to November's race, if Saturday served as any indication, Big Spring's Jordan Valle should be able to handle to course and contend for Class 4A state title.

Running in the Gold Division, Valle won his third race of the season, finishing the 3-mile course in 15:29.7 — close to six seconds better than second place Donovan Torres of Lubbock Coronado.

The last time Valle ran this course he finished 12th with a time of 16:01.35 at the 2007 state meet. His time Saturday was more than 30 seconds better than what he ran last November.

As a team, the Steers finished sixth behind

five Class 5A schools. Kade Parker was the second Steer to cross the finish line in 21st with a time of a 16:30.1. Shane Allen came across in 54th while Sammy Segundo finished 62nd.

Catherine Leubner finished 20th in the Class 4A/5A girls division, finishing the 2-mile course in 12:21.4.

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Big Spring stops skid

Lady Steers claim first district win, defeat Lake View's Maidens in 4 sets

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — After coming up just short of defeating San Angelo Lake View's Maidens twice this season in tournaments, the Big Spring Lady Steers finally had a breakthrough Saturday.

The third time was the charm for the Lady Steers (6-25, 1-2) against the Maidens (10-24, 0-3), beating them in four sets, 25-17, 15-25, 25-22, 25-22, and claiming their first District 4-4A win of the season.

According to Big Spring Head Coach Meghan Blake, it was the best performance of the season for the Lady Steers.

"That was a big win," Blake said. "We played well. It was probably the cleanest game we've played this season. We played good defense and passed the ball well. That was the best we hit all year. We talked about how important it is for us to not wait for them to make a mistake, but for us to force them into mistakes."

"We came into this match actually believing we could win," she continued. "I don't know why we aren't always this way. I really believe everyone in this district is very beatable. We're all good teams, but I think there are four of us that are beatable on a regular basis. We just

have to believe we can beat anyone we come up against."

Big Spring opened with a dominant first set, leading by at least five points throughout most of the game on its way to a 25-17 win.

The loss awakened Lake View in the second set as the Maidens used an 8-0 run to take a 17-9 advantage, en route to a 25-15 win.

Tied at one set apiece, the two squads played even through most of the third set. Trailing 20-19, Big Spring won six of the final eight points of the match for the 25-22 win.

The final and decisive set was played at similar pace with the Lady Steers once again prevailing in the end.

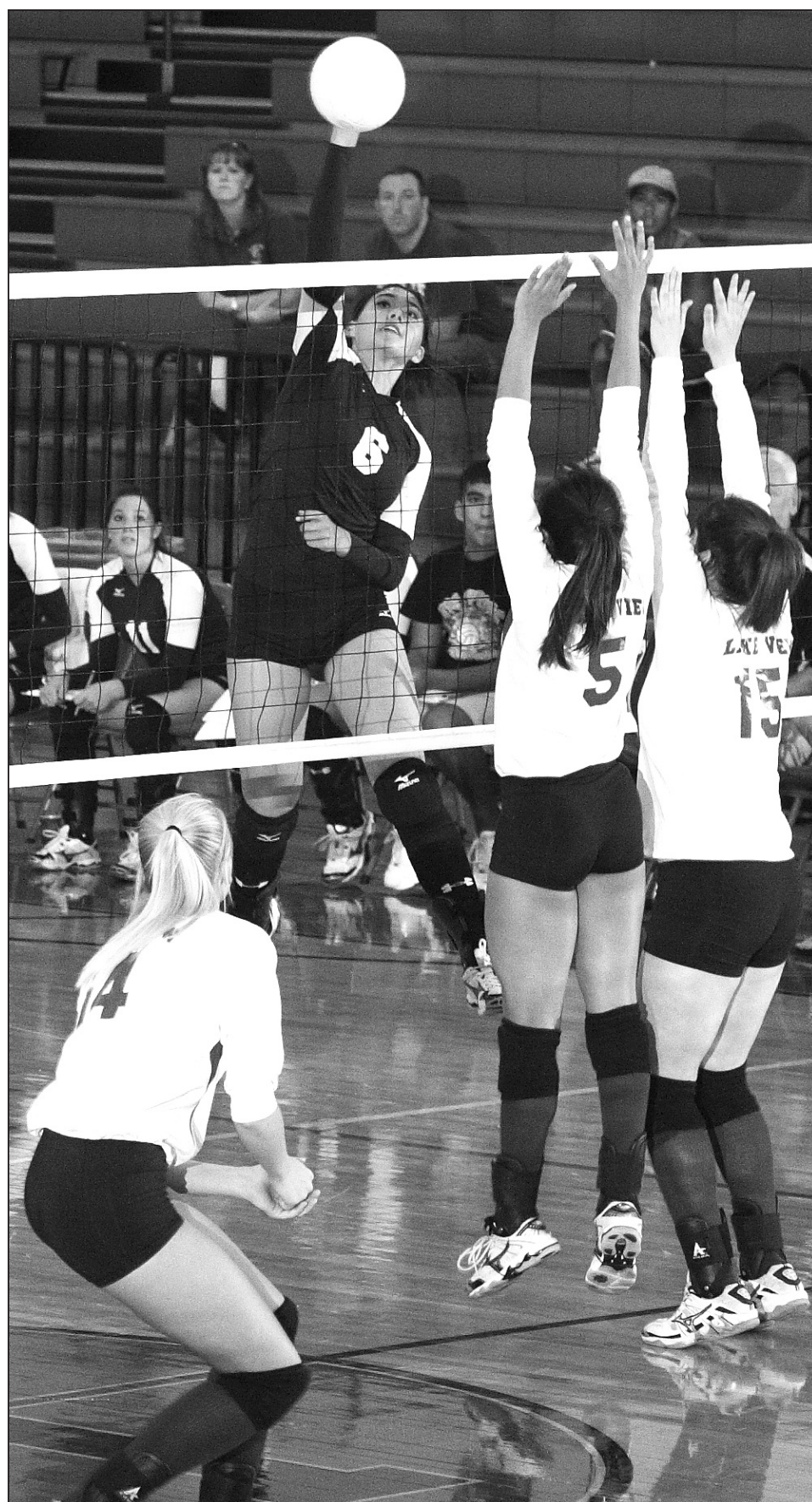
Macy Graves and Halee Thomas led the Lady Steers in kills with 10 apiece. Cerbi Ritchey had 26 assists, setting up five different teammates for kills.

Senior Andrea Claxton led the team with eight digs and five blocks. Claxton added five kills.

As if the danger of falling to 0-3 in district play wasn't motivation enough for the Lady Steers, Lake View Head Coach Shelley Evans added some fire to Saturday's match.

Following a straight sets loss, 25-13, 25-14, 25-17, to

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Andrea Claxton hits one of her five kills in volleyball action from Saturday against Lake View's Maidens in San Angelo. The Lady Steers won their first District 4-4A match of the season, defeating the Maidens in four sets.



AP photo/Matt Slocum

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Patrick Crayton (84) celebrates his 15-yard touchdown reception against the Cincinnati Bengals in the fourth quarter during an NFL game Sunday Irving. Crayton caught the ball after it was tipped by teammate Miles Austin. Dallas won 30-22.

Cowboys overcome struggles to defeat Cincinnati, 30-22

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The turnovers, almost blowing all of a 17-point lead and Terrell Owens' obvious disappointment.

Of course, Tony Romo would have preferred the Dallas Cowboys having an easier time Sunday in their 31-22 victory over winless Cincinnati. Yet he's certain that ultimately only one thing will be remembered.

"It's going to be a 'W'. It's going to be that," Romo said. "You'll forget about this game."

While Romo may be right, especially if the Cowboys (4-1) keep winning, the struggles against the NFL's only 0-5 team certainly stand out now.

A week after losing a division game at home, then jumping out to a 17-0 lead with scores on its first three drives, Dallas let that margin shrink to one, then had to break up a 2-point conversion that could've tied the game midway through the fourth quarter.

"What you're frustrated about and disappointed in ... you've got a chance to put them away and we didn't do that," tight end Jason Witten said. "At the end of it, you've got to be happy

that you've got the win."

Romo was 14-of-23 for a season-low 176 yards. He had a fumble and an interception, making it eight straight games that he's been picked off. Both turnovers led to field goals by Cincinnati, but Romo salvaged his day by throwing two of his three TDs in the fourth quarter.

Owens had a 57-yarder with 12 minutes left that proved to be the winning touchdown, leading T.O. to ecstatically raise his arms over his head and clap while still grasping the football in one of his hands. Then he went to the sideline, sat on the bench, bowed and put a towel over his head to cover his tears.

"What I saw was him wanting more," said owner Jerry Jones, who was on the sideline and had earlier visited with Owens. "He didn't have the attitude I've made a big play, I've done my part today. It was just a very competitive attitude and look in his face."

But Owens had only two catches for 67 yards, a week after having 20 balls thrown his way in the loss against Washington.

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Angels outlast Red Sox through 12 innings, tighten series deficit to 2-1

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — After 11 consecutive losses and two straight play-off sweeps, the Los Angeles Angels had grown tired of being a bump in Boston's road to the World Series.

"I don't ever want to hear about that streak again. Ever. It's over," center fielder Torii Hunter said Sunday night after the Angels beat the Red Sox 5-4 in 12 innings to force their first-round AL playoff series to a fourth game. "We were trying to get that first win out of the way and then you could see the smiles on people's faces when we got in here."

Mike Napoli hit two early homers off Josh Beckett, then singled

and scored the go-ahead run in the 12th to help Los Angeles stave off elimination and snap an 11-game postseason losing streak against Boston. The Red Sox came back from a 3-1 ALCS deficit to reach the 1986 World Series, then swept the Angels 3-0 in 2004 and last year en route to their two World Series titles this decade.

Napoli took care of that, hitting a mammoth shot off the Green Monster light stanchion to tie the game 3-all in the third, then giving Los Angeles a lead with his second homer. The Red Sox tied it 4-all in the fifth, and it stayed that way until Napoli took part in a little small ball to score the decisive run in the 12th.

After hitting a leadoff single,

Napoli went to second on Howie Kendrick's sacrifice and scored when Erick Aybar looped a single to left-center.

Jon Lester will face Angels right-hander John Lackey in Game 4 on Monday night, and if the Angels can win that one they would return home for the decisive fifth game on Wednesday.

Phillies 6, Brewers 2

MILWAUKEE — With plenty of power to go with their improved pitching, the Philadelphia Phillies are ready for anything in the NL championship series.

Bring on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I like our chances," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Sunday after Philadelphia

clinched its first trip to the NLCS since 1993 with a 6-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

After scuffling through the first three games of the NL division series, Philadelphia's offense broke out in a big way against the Brewers in Game 4 of the best-of-five series.

Not to be overlooked, midseason addition Joe Blanton threw a gem, holding the Brewers to one run after an eight-day lay-off.

The Brewers never could, and the Phillies rushed the mound at Miller Park after the final out, setting off a raucous celebration.

In the clubhouse, the Phillies sprayed each other with champagne and beer, with Rollins wearing swimming goggles and

a big grin as he searched for unsuspecting — not to mention dry — teammates.

White Sox 5, Rays 3

CHICAGO — Thanks to John Danks and the White Sox, Chicago still has one team standing.

For the second time in less than a week, Danks pitched a strong game to save the season as the White Sox beat Tampa Bay 5-3 Sunday and trimmed the Rays' lead in the opening-round AL playoff series to 2-1.

Game 4 in the best-of-five matchup is Monday in Chicago, with Gavin Floyd facing Tampa Bay's Andy Sonnanstine.

"We're going to put a lot of pressure on them," Manager Carlos Guillen said.

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Big Spring heads to Georgetown Saturday for an invitational meet. The race will take place in San Gabriel Park.

Boys

1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring 15:29.7; 2. Donovan Torres, Lubbock Coronado 15:36; 3. Jim Stitt, Mansfield Timberview 15:42.7; 4. Andrew Herrera, FW Southwest 15:48.6; 5. Palo Ponce, Del Rio 15:57.8; 6. Ramiro Garcia, FW North Side 15:59.2; 7. Michael Medrano, Mission Sharyland 16:01.4; 8. James Webb, Houston Strake Jesuit 16:02; 9. Dennis Hodapp, St. Michaels Catholic 16:02.8; 10.

Austin Roth, Richardson Lake High 16:07.7; Notables: 21. Kade Parker, Big Spring 16:30.1; 54. Shane Allen, Big Spring 17:13.8; 63. Sammy Segundo, Big Spring 17:22; 133. Sergio Torres, Big Spring 18:26.3; 142. Dalton Greiner, Big Spring 18:42.7.

Girls

1. Ashley Flores, Haltom City Haltom 11:30.7; 2. Maggie Escobar, FW Boswell 11:42.3; 3. Catie Daigre, Humble Kingwood 11:44.5; 4. Sophie Blake, Humble Kingwood 11:47; 5. Alyssa Diaz, Hereford 11:59.1; 6. Maddi Kauffman, Lubbock Coronado 12:07.3; 7. Janel Campbell, Ingram Moore 12:07.7; 8. Lakeisha Johnson, Odessa Permian 12:09.6; 9. Megan Siebert, Richardson Pearce 12:10.2; 10. Kerstin Sheehan, Humble Kingwood 12:11.5; 20. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring 12:24.1; 274. Crystal Ramirez, Big Spring 14:42.9.

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After the game, T.O. went to the podium and made a statement while referring to notes on a sheet of paper. He left without answering any questions.

Cincinnati is 0-5 for the first time since 2002, a 2-14 season after losing its first seven games.

The frustrating part for the Bengals is that this was their second near-miss of a huge upset. They took the unbeaten New York Giants to overtime, also on the road.

Carson Palmer, after missing the previous game with a sore elbow, was 23-of-39 for 217 yards and two

touchdowns, both to T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

Palmer led the Bengals 72 yards in 11 plays on his first drive after half-time, hitting Houshmandzadeh for an 18-yard TD that made it 17-13. Romo's interception led to another field goal that got the Bengals within a point.

Cincinnati then recovered an onside kick, but gave the ball back when Tank Johnson forced running back Chris Perry to fumble.

Two plays later, Romo hit Owens going across the middle and he ran away from everyone for the long touchdown.

"That's an exceptional play at a time when we needed an exceptional play," Jones said.

Except Glenn Holt returned the

ensuing kickoff 60 yards and Palmer followed with a 10-yard TD pass to make it 24-22. On the 2-point try, Keith Davis — a special teams ace starting at safety because of injuries — got enough of Palmer's lobbed pass to prevent tight end Ben Utecht from making the catch.

The Cowboys got another break in the closing minutes when a pass went through Miles Austin's hands at the 1, by a defender and to Patrick Crayton in the end zone.

"That's something we have fight sometimes around here, if you don't win pretty or something, it's not a positive," Romo said. "You don't get crowned champions for being the best looking team right now."

That's a good thing for the Cowboys.

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Abilene Cooper last week, Evans commented to the *San Angelo Standard Times* that the Maidens only needed to play as well as they did against the Lady Cougars to defeat Big

Spring.

"We played Big Spring a couple of times this year, so we know what they're like," said Evans. "(If we) play this level against them, we shouldn't have a problem."

Blake posted the comment on the locker of each Lady Steer.

"I think it served as a motivating factor because it was a challenge to us," Blake said. "You want to be challenged like that."

"We could've gone one of two ways after losing to Plainview last Tuesday," she continued. "We could've sunken even more or we could step over that hump. I think we finally stepped over that hump with this win. If we

can take what we've learned from this past week, then we're going to be alright through the rest of district."

The Lady Steers test their confidence level with a home game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against Abilene Cooper (16-15, 1-1). Cooper fell to Frenship Saturday in straight sets, 25-14, 25-19, 25-20. Frenship remains atop the district at 2-0.

Blake admits the Lady Cougars will present a different challenge for the Lady Steers.

"Cooper runs a quicker offense because they have a very good setter," explained Blake. "We'll work on blocking a lot this week because it's different at the net against a quick-

er offense. If we can be in the right place at the right time, then we can really disrupt what they're trying to do. Cooper is also very scrappy on defense. If we can play like we did today, then we've got a chance of keeping up with them."

Big Spring defeats Lake View

- 25-17, 15-25, 25-22, 25-22
- Kills — Macy Graves 10, Halee Thomas 10, Andrea Claxton 5, Desiree Anderson 3, Belle Feaster 2, Cerbi Ritchey 2.
- Assists — Ritchey 26, Feaster 1.
- Aces — Claxton 2, Baylea Fox 2, Anderson 2, Thomas 1, Ritchey 1, Valerie Ross 1.
- Blocks — Claxton 5, Graves 2, Ritchey 1, Thomas 1, Anderson 1.
- Block Assists — Anderson 3, Graves 1.
- Digs — Claxton 8, Fox 7, Ritchey 6, Thomas 4, Sloan Davis 3, Ross 2, Anderson 2, Feaster 1.

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Community Christmas Parade
5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6
Parade theme:
"Star Of Bethlehem"
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

\$100 Herald's Best Of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme
\$75 Mayor's Award: for best use of lighting
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1. Individual or family 2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial 4. Industrial

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Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

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3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
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2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form

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The Promised Land of Milk and Honey

Could it have been? Could the dream still come true?

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What are the facts?

A solution not accepted. Wishing to end the bloodshed and to create a stable and, hopefully, permanent solution to the decades of conflict, the U.N. decreed a partition of the country west of the Jordan River into an Arab and a Jewish state. In deference to Arab Muslim insistence that it was their "third holiest city," the city of Jerusalem, the focus of all Jewish aspirations for two millennia, was to be "internationalized." For the Jews this was bitterly disappointing. Still, in order to create their dreamed-of state, to normalize the lives of the Jewish inhabitants, and to make possible the ingathering of the Holocaust survivors, they accepted the partition plan. They declared their state, *Eretz Yisrael* — the Land of Israel — and became a nation. Forever in his credit, US President Harry Truman recognized the nascent state of Israel within minutes of its declaration of independence.

The Arabs rejected the partition proposal out of hand. Instead, six Arab armies invaded the country from all sides. They vowed to wage a war of extermination. The Jewish population of only 650,000 people was lightly armed and almost hopelessly outnumbered. But in an almost Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. They suffered horrendous casualties — about 1 per cent of the population. It was as if the United States were to lose 3 million people in a conflict. The Arabs also suffered greatly. Goaded mostly by their leaders to make room for the invading armies, about 650,000 fled the fighting. They were not accepted by their Arab brethren. They were interned and live to this day in so-called refugee camps, slum cities, in which they lead miserable and totally unproductive lives, dependent on the dole of the world. They are consumed with hatred against the Jews who, they believe, have deprived them of their patrimony.

At the end of Israel's War of Liberation, Jordan remained in possession of Judea and Samaria (which were renamed "The West Bank") and the eastern part of Jerusalem. Egypt

remained in control of the densely populated Gaza Strip.

Prosperity despite unending attacks. But Israel was not allowed to live in peace. Virtually without interruption, it was victimized by attacks from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt. There were two major wars: the Six Day War of 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Israel prevailed in both. It acquired major territories, most of which, in its never-ending quest for peace, it returned. Following these unsuccessful wars, the Palestinians subjected Israel to almost uninterrupted "intifadas," essentially one-sided civil wars, in which suicide bombings and other assorted terrors

were the main weapons. Despite these unending tribulations and absorbing close to 4 million migrants from all parts of the world, Israel

prospered mightily. Its population is now close to 8 million. Over 1 million of them are Arabs. They are Israeli citizens, have all the rights of their fellow Jewish citizens, serve in the Knesset (Israel's parliament) and in the diplomatic corps. They are full participants in the economic prosperity that permeates Israel. Israel's product per person is on the same or higher order as that of most European countries. It is a center of science and of culture. Its industrial output encompasses some of the most advanced technology and sophisticated production in the world. Next to Canada, Israel is the most represented country on US stock exchanges. Most major high-tech companies have facilities — factories and research establishments — in Israel.

All of this is admirable, of course. But there is a flip side to this edifying story. That is the fate of the Arab descendants of those who fled Israel in the 1948 War of Liberation. Had they followed the example of the Jews and agreed to the partition decreed by the U.N., they could today be in the same advanced position as Israel, instead of the misery in which they live. Because there is no question that Israel would have been more than willing to enter into a federation with Palestine, in which citizens of both countries could peacefully partake in common prosperity.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Don't be afraid to think big. Jupiter holds tension between the sun and Mercury joined in Libra, and they're buzzing about the ways we can prosper from each other. Saturn holds Venus' hand, as well. The jury may still be out on certain avenues, but successful alliances are possible today.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're going to part with your money sooner or later, so you may as well have fun while you're doing it. To be a little frivolous with your generosity makes you feel warm, and loved ones cozy right up to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You get fired up by politics and you want to share your opinions with everyone around you. There is an opportunity to put some of your ideas into action, so take advantage of it. Rally for your candidate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Considering all the time and energy you've been dedicating to your work and home recently, it's no surprise that you need to catch up on sleep. Your body will thank you for it. Tonight is perfect for discussing delicate matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're tempted to reschedule a meeting or opt not to go to an event

you have on the schedule. Whatever you decide, at least one person will take it personally. Strongly consider the feelings of others before you make a move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Emotions are only as forceful as they are bottled up. Let it out. Deal with feelings, even if it means leaning on someone to help you through. Cancer will be especially compassionate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's wonderful that you can take care of others, but do so only after you've cared for yourself. Carve out a few guilt-free selfish hours. There is a burst of inspiration to be derived from a Libra or Pisces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Shopping to make yourself feel better? It works out just fine as long as you're shopping for things you actually will use or perhaps give away as holiday gifts. Tonight you might be inspired to redefine your financial goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're motivated to connect with many people in a light way, not getting too intimate with anyone in particular. However it's important that you stay in one place long enough to get closure on one lingering problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Second-guessing yourself is a bad habit. Get back to the basics. Take stock of who you are, what you want and what you're willing to do to get it. Your intuition becomes trustworthier as you act on it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The work that's required seems draining. Maybe you haven't found what's in it for you. Privately ask yourself that question -- the answer is energizing. It's liberating to admit that you're a human being with an ego.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Who knows why you sometimes mute your usual effervescence with unnecessary and mostly borrowed troubles? You'll snap out of that worry habit today and in the process deem nearly all of your problems as trivial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a giver, but choose your takers well. Your creativity and drive will flourish if you avoid unnecessary distractions. Tonight offers the chance to take part in a comfortable tradition.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Virgo, born Sept. 1, 1981. I began dating a Sagittarius (Dec. 21, 1979) who is Jewish (I am Christian). We dated for over a year when he ended it because of religious differences. We never fought and these differences were never mentioned or addressed. Do our signs and religious differences prevent us from getting back together?"

This is a question that may extend beyond the scope of what I can tackle in this column. I believe that people of differing faiths who fall in love can make it work, albeit with effort, and find a way to honor both and meet in the middle. However, reli-

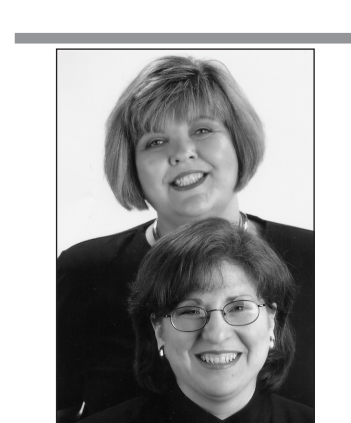
gion is influenced by more than sun signs, like our respective families, culture and personal beliefs. Some Sagittarians want a partner who shares their worldview while others revel in diversity. He may be of the mindset that the right relationship shares the same faith. There's nothing wrong with this. This is a learning process for you both. Ask him what he sees himself willing and unwilling to compromise on regarding those beliefs and this will give you a better sense of whether this relationship has a future.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rachel McAdams describes herself as "spatially sensitive," illuminating the psychological need for herself and Libra-born to experience balance and proportion in their environment. Imbalances can be emotionally unsettling, and when a Libran is out of whack, those quirks really come home to roost. Rachel says, "I have major anxiety about crooked pictures. They just make me mental."

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife, "Nellie," and I are both professionals in our late 20s with no children. Twice a month, Nellie has a girls night out with three of her friends. Occasionally, they will go to a club or a movie, but most of the time they just play cards.



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

I recently learned that they started playing a new game called "Lipstick Branding." Each girl applies heavy lipstick and then kisses another girl on a spot that is normally not visible, like the back of the shoulder or just below the armpit. The kiss is accompanied by the giggling and cheering of the others, with the goal being to leave as large a lipstick brand as possible. I found out about it when I saw a huge red mark on Nellie's armpit.

Nellie says there is nothing improper or sexual about this game. She said high school girls play it and her friends decided it was a good way to let off steam and bond. Apparently, they have a lot of fun with it.

We have always had a wonderful marriage. I trust Nellie completely and told her that I don't have a problem with the game and she can do whatever she wants with her friends. However, it still bothers me. Do I have a problem here? -- Nellie's Husband

Dear Husband: Ooh la la. When high school girls play this game, they do it with boys. Nellie may be participating because she's looking for some excitement, but we think whoever suggested the game wanted to find a plausible way to kiss the other gals without emotional risk. You might discuss this possibility with Nellie. Still, if your wife has sexual feelings toward her friends, you will find out eventually. And if not, you have nothing to worry about.

Dear Annie: We have been friends with "Ed and Nancy" for over 30 years.

Two years ago, we traveled to Alaska together and met another nice couple. We kept in touch with them for a while, but the e-mails soon waned.

Last week, Ed and Nancy told us that they were meeting this other couple for dinner. Apparently, they've been in touch since the Alaska trip. We were surprised they didn't include us. Nancy said she didn't feel it was their place to invite us, since getting together was the other couple's idea.

Annie, if we had been the ones contacted, we would have asked if it was OK to include Ed and Nancy. Why didn't they do the same? This has put a real strain on our friendship. My husband figures we must not mean that much to Ed and Nancy, and he wants to end the relationship. Are we right to feel slighted? -- Linda in California

Dear Linda: The Alaska couple is friends with Ed and Nancy, not you. They've kept in touch and you haven't. Yes, Ed and Nancy could have asked about including you (and maybe they did), but the other couple is under no obligation to invite you just because all of you met at the same time. You can't expect to be included in every invitation involving a mutual acquaintance, so please don't let your hurt feelings end a 30-year friendship.

Dear Annie: With your column's national poten-

tial for good, how disappointing that you would choose to capitulate to our narcissistic culture and tell "In Disbelief" to attend a baby shower held for a child born to an unmarried woman. Your comment not to "punish the baby for the parents' life choices," misplaces responsibility, which belongs to the pair who conceived the child. Why reward them, as you suggest? -- Even More Disbelief

Dear Disbelief: Baby gifts may benefit the parents, but they are primarily for the care of the child, and no matter how that child was conceived, it deserves to have a healthy start in life.

Dear Annie: I am 51, have been married for 17 years and have three kids. A year ago, my wife and I ran into "Sue," an old friend of mine. I had not spoken to her for at least 15 years. We talked briefly and it was somewhat awkward. She was unmarried with a pre-teen son. My wife was a bit put out because Sue did not speak to her very much. The whole interaction lasted about two minutes.

Fast forward to today. I received a call out of the blue from Sue, who tells me she's getting married. She wanted my address so she could invite my family to the wedding. My wife thought this was rather forward of her and I asked what exactly she was so upset about. Sue and I were only friends. We never dated.

My wife refused to give me a good reason why this upset her so much, and we had words. I'd like to go to the wedding because there might be some people attending whom I would enjoy seeing. For me, this is just a wedding of an old friend. For my wife, it's apparently much more, but she cannot or will not tell me why. What should I do? -- Without an Explanation

Dear Without: It's actually rather generous of someone with whom you

have barely had contact to invite you to her wedding. However, your wife seems irrationally jealous. Is Sue particularly attractive? Your wife may feel you are comparing them and that she comes off poorly. Try reassuring her and see if it helps. But if the choice is to attend the wedding of a lapsed friend or placate your overly sensitive wife, we'd opt to appease your wife. Don't court trouble.

Dear Annie: Both my parents passed away within the past three years. Here's my beef: My wife has two married siblings who live in the area, and neither one of them attended either of the memorial services. Neither of them called us offering their condolences. Neither one sent a sympathy card.

This is upsetting to me. My wife says they probably just didn't know. I say they are socially retarded. What say you? -- Orphaned at Middle Age

Dear Orphaned: Our condolences on the loss of your parents. We understand why you are upset, but if, in fact, your wife is correct and her siblings do not know your parents have died, they would have no reason to contact you to express sympathy. If your wife has informed them and they still have not called or sent a card, then we agree they are both insensitive and socially inept. Your wife should tell them that an expression of sympathy would be appreciated, even now.

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 6, the 280th day of 2008. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 6, 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," a movie starring Al Jolson that featured both silent and sound-synchronized scenes.

On this date:
In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.
In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I.
In 1928, Chiang Kai-shek was elected the president of China.
In 1948, the Tennessee Williams play "Summer and Smoke" opened on Broadway.
In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.
In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.
In 1976, in his second debate with Jimmy Carter, President Ford asserted there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded he'd misspoken.)

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

In 1983, Cardinal Terence Cooke, the spiritual head of the Archdiocese of New York, died at age 62.

Ten years ago: With a House vote set on launching an open-ended impeachment inquiry, Democrats rushed to counter Republican plans while still underscoring their disapproval of President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Five years ago: American Paul Lauterbur and Briton Peter Mansfield won the Nobel Prize for medicine for discoveries that led to magnetic resonance imaging. Democrat Bob Graham announced on CNN's "Larry King Live" that he was ending his presidential campaign. Akhmad Kadyrov, Russia's hand-picked man to lead Chechnya, was declared winner of the republic's presidential election (he was assassinated in May 2004).

One year ago: Pakistan's Gen. Pervez Musharraf won a presidential election boycotted by most of his opponents. British adventurer Jason Lewis finally returned home, completing a 13-year, 46,000-mile human-powered circumnavigation of the globe at Greenwich, England.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Britt Ekland is 66. Impressionist Fred Travalena is 66. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 58. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 57. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 54. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 45. Singer Matthew Sweet is 44. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 42. Country singer Tim Rushlow is 42. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 42. Actress Emily Mortimer is 37. Actor Jeremy Sisto is 34.

Thought for Today: "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." — Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892).
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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Birthday-party desserts
- 6 Carbonated drink
- 10 Disinfectant target
- 14 Where figure-skaters practice
- 15 Hertz competitor
- 16 Surprise attack
- 17 Two-word conjunction
- 18 Three-piece suit part
- 19 ___ and crafts
- 20 Baby's soup server
- 23 Neither's partner
- 24 Exist
- 25 Fan who's cheering
- 29 One-person performance
- 31 Unit of current
- 34 "This can't be!"
- 35 Sharp taste
- 37 Taxicab device
- 39 Argument over a baby toy
- 42 Obliterate
- 43 Neck of the woods
- 44 Affirmative votes
- 45 Unwitting victim
- 46 Clinton's vice president
- 48 Church services
- 50 Temporary craze
- 51 Likely
- 52 Baby looked happy
- 60 Major prank
- 61 Kid around
- 62 Japan's second-largest city
- 63 Not doing anything

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- 1 Old-time fossil fuel
- 2 Fictional Karenina
- 3 Captain ___ (English pirate)
- 4 Earth-friendly sci.
- 5 Feeling calm
- 6 Enjoy
- 7 More than
- 8 Platter shape
- 9 Of the stars
- 10 A+ or B-
- 11 British noble
- 12 Religious ceremony
- 13 Physicians: Abbr.
- 21 Strong point
- 22 Pleasant smell
- 25 After-bath wraps
- 26 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
- 27 Available from a keg
- 28 Nursery dwellers
- 29 Sleeper's sound
- 30 Mean one
- 31 Lawyers: Abbr.
- 32 Free-for-all
- 33 Do some ironing
- 36 Worship from ___
- 38 Incoming plane stats.
- 40 Not against the law
- 41 Highway exits
- 47 Miscellaneous errand
- 49 No more than
- 50 Patches up
- 51 Kind of committee
- 52 Secret writing
- 53 Sentry's shout
- 54 Sounds from Santa
- 55 Auction condition
- 56 "It's clear to me now"
- 57 Grass in front of a home
- 58 Just manages, with "out"
- 59 Be bold
- 60 In the know

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