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BRIEFLY

Make a Difference clean up efforts set for Saturday

Saturday has been designated as "Make A Difference" Day, a project of Keep Big Spring Beautiful projects.

Volunteers are asked to pick up bags at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday. Each volunteer will be issued a ticket that includes a meal and entry into a drawing for a door prize.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be serving lunch in its cafeteria from noon to 1 p.m.

All Adopt A Highway volunteers are asked to join in the project.

Participants are also asked to bring some non-perishable food items for RSVP to provide for Adult Services and Meals on Wheels.

For more information, call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

Cooking school tickets available

Tickets for Taste of Home Cooking are available for \$7 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, KBST, Heritage Museum, Uptown Salon, Parks Convenience Store and Nannie's Attic.

The event, which will feature door prizes from national sponsors and goodie bags, offers local businesses an opportunity to present their merchandise at booths. Taste of Home will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Call the chamber of commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

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Stenholm receives firefighters' endorsement

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, received the endorsement of the Texas State Association of Firefighters at Union Hall in Big Spring Tuesday.

The 26-year Congressional veteran faces Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, during the Nov. 2 election.

Texas State Association of Firefighters President Guy Turner said his organization's endorsement is the fruit of years of support firefighters have received from Stenholm, who currently serves in District 17.

"It's my honor to extend the endorsement of the Texas State Association of Firefighters to Congressman Charlie Stenholm in the District 19 race," said Turner. "The reason we support Congressman Stenholm is because he has been a long time supporter of firefighters and public safety."

"His votes on the fire acts, which provide direct grants to

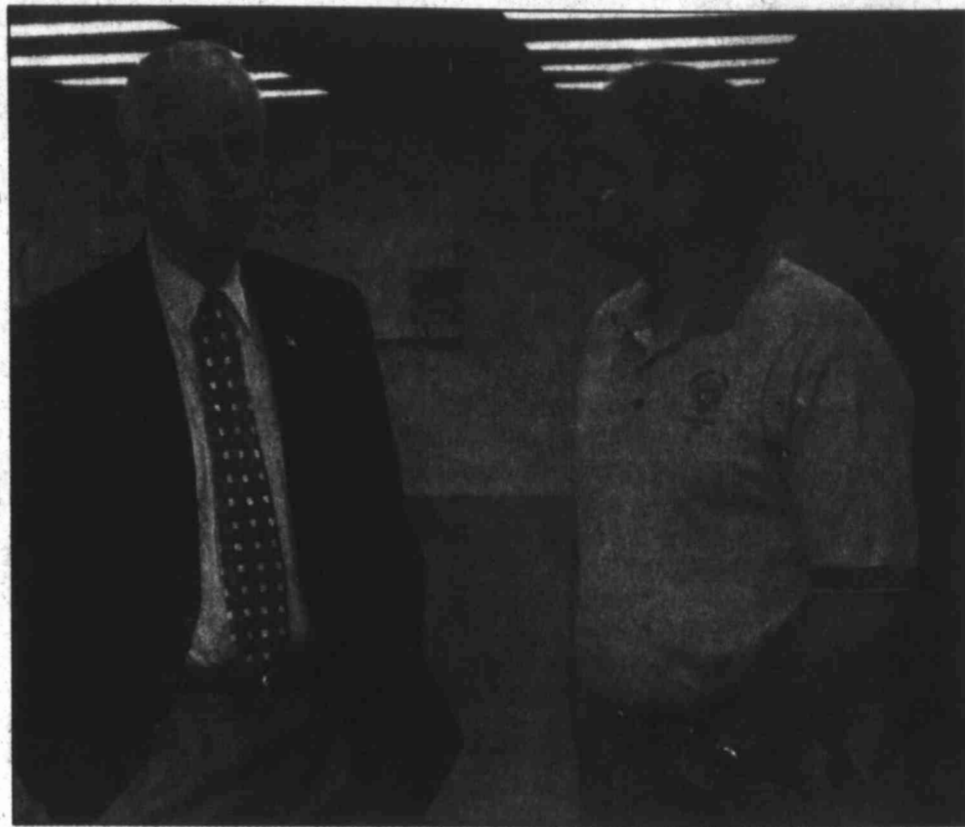
fire departments for buying equipment, supported us. His support of the SAFER Act, which puts more firefighters in fire stations around the country, and his support of our public safety officers and employee cooperation act has endeared Congressman Stenholm to firefighters in the state of Texas."

The TSAF represents more than 13,000 member firefighters and 147 local unions across the state of Texas, according to Turner.

Turner said another reason for TSAF's endorsement is Stenholm's record of bipartisan voting, putting the needs of the people before the wishes of the Democratic Party.

"Aside from his support for firefighters, Charlie has long been known for his bipartisan work in Congress and doing what's best for West Texas and not necessarily following party lines," said Turner. "Because of that, because of his fiscal responsibility in Congress, Charlie is a man that believes you pay for

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm, who currently serves District 17 and is a candidate for the District 19 seat, discusses issues with Larry Swonger, president of the Abilene firefighter's union, during a press conference Tuesday morning. Stenholm accepted the endorsement of the Texas State Association of Firefighters during the meeting.

Korean War vet gets his due

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

When 17-year-old David Ayers left for Korea in 1949, he had no idea that at the end of his service in 1952, he would have not recognition for his bravery, no pat on the back and no medals.

"When we got back, we got nothing," said Ayers.

As a soldier, he fought on the front lines of the U.S. Army's 24th Infantry - artillery division. When he joined the 24th, it was already in Japan. He fought for freedom in Korea for three years and he returned empty handed.

All that changed a few days ago when Ayers received five medals from the government honoring his service. He received: Army of occupation in Japan, Korean service, United Nations, Good Conduct and National Defense medals.

He learned of the medals' availability while reading a veteran's magazine. He then contacted his VA service officer and completed paperwork outlining his dates of service, duties and veteran information.

"I finally have something to show for my service," he said.

Ayers noted that the



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
David Ayers looks at the five medals he just received from the U.S. Government honoring his service in Korea over 52 years ago.

24th Infantry Division Association calls itself the Pride of the Pacific Theater and their motto is, "First to Fight."

It is a well-earned motto, since the U.S. government confirms that

the division was the first to take arms against Imperial Japanese forces and first to engage North Korean troops in 1950.

The 24th is also credited as being the division

Yamashita said "broke the back of the Japanese Army at Breakneck Ridge on Leyte," and it is the division the liberated people of the Philippines

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Teacher on leave following his arrest

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

A teacher employed by the Big Spring Independent School District has been placed on paid administrative leave following a weekend arrest in Lubbock that led to charges of aggravated assault.

Robert Earney, 55, a Big Spring High School math teacher, was arrested Saturday by the Lubbock Police Department on a charge of aggravated assault stemming from a domestic dispute.

According to Lubbock Police Department officials, officers responded to the 4800 block of 11th Street in Lubbock after Earney's wife called police saying he assaulted her and threatened her with a knife.

According to police reports, Earney's wife confessed to throwing a glass vase at him, but told officers she didn't hit him.

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael

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School funding focus of Seliger remarks to Rotarians



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
District 31 State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, presents Herald Publisher Susanne Reed with a proclamation from the Texas State Senate recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Big Spring newspaper. Also pictured is Mayor Russ McEwen, who along with Seliger, made the presentation in front of the newspaper's presses.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

District 31 State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, laid his campaign stances on the table for both Big Spring Rotary clubs Tuesday afternoon, hitting on several issues currently working their way through the Texas government.

Seliger, who faces Democratic opponent Elaine King Miller on Nov. 2, said one of the most important issues facing Texans is the current crisis surrounding public education, and the eventual fate of financing it.

"We need to go and rework public school finance, and that's really quite enough," said Seliger. "At this point I'm not quite sure why the state of Texas wants to appeal it. We have a system that we know relies

upon property tax, and we need to do something about that. So why agonize over all of the details? We know the most important function of state government is with public education, so let's get after it.

"My approach is somewhat simplistic because I think that's the best way to approach most problems. The simple fact of the matter is in the general revenue fund of the state of Texas next year, let's say it will be \$120 billion per biennium. To fund public schools in that period of time, with some increases I think we need to have in public school finance, schools will need something in the neighborhood of \$50 billion. We have \$120 billion here and we need \$50 billion there. How difficult is that decision real-

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Obituaries

Vernon Bryce Garrett

Vernon Bryce Garrett, 84, of Lamesa died Oct. 19, 2004, at his residence. Memorial services will be held Friday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship in Lamesa with the Rev. Jerry Stewart and the Rev. Clifton Igo assisting. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife Deena Garrett, whom he married Jan. 26, 1989 in Lamesa.

He was born Nov. 30, 1919, in Dawson County, to Lewis Nugent Garrett and Grace Waldrop Garrett. Raised in Dawson County, he attended school at the Woody School north of Lamesa and later entered Lamesa High School, as a member of the class of 1937. The Civilian Conservation Corps had a camp in Lamesa and he joined there Oct. 12, 1937 and honorably discharged Sept. 30, 1939. He married Gracie Mae Eastham in 1938. After CCC, he farmed and did carpenter work. During World War II, he and Gracie moved to Texas City to work in the shipyard.

They returned to Lamesa after the war to pursue his carpentry work, later entering a career in tractor repair. In the 1960s he established Garrett Tractor and Auto Supply at 208 N. First in Lamesa, retiring in 1990.

During his life time he enjoyed raising his family, fishing, sports and traveling. He was a 25-year member and Past Master of Lamesa Masonic Lodge No. 909 and Past Patron of the Lamesa Chapter No. 363, Order of the Eastern Star. Vernon was also a member of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Lamesa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Gracie, in 1988, an infant son, Eddy Kenneth Garrett, a daughter, Diana Garrett Hunt and sisters Zuma Lee Cornett and Louise Burdette.

He is survived by his wife Deena; daughter Linda Barron Eastham; son Jimmy Garrett; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Banon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Paid obituary

Juanita Odessa Moser

Juanita Odessa Moser, 83, of Pottsboro, formerly of Big Spring, died Oct. 17, 2004, at her residence.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Willow Springs Church of Christ in Pottsboro with Leon Short officiating.

She is survived by daughters Mary Miller of Big Spring, Darlene Farris of Hickory Creek, Juanita S. Moser of Pottsboro, Valarie Moser of New York City and Lee Van Nostrand of Florida; sons Daniel Moser of Pottsboro and Ron Morgan of California; sister Betty Lane of California; and brother Ben Ward of California.

Minnie Cranfill

Minnie Cranfill, 92, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

THURSDAY

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

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

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 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 5-6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels. Enter through the north door. Covered dish dinner. Call 398-5522 for more information.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$40 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$32 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 13, 19, 34, and 50. The Mega Ball number was 33.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-17-20-24-34.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night:

8-6-6

Police blotter

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

- **ELDA BERNAL**, 34, of 1304 Kindle, was arrested Tuesday on an Ector County warrant.
- **CHRISTAL CONAWAY**, 26, of 5207 Sterling Road, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **GAYE LEONARD KEY**, 51, of Colorado City, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

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

- **MODESTO MATA CORTEZ**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROGELIO BELTRAN**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **SUMMER DAWN TEETERS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of stealing/receiving a stolen check.
- **ALAN CATON POWELL**, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence.
- **GAYE LEONARD KEY**, 51, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of E. 24th Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 5400 block of Opal.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in 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, 703 W. Third St.

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.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- Taste of Home Cooking in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 available at the chamber of commerce.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

Take note

Friday, a show of handmade items opens at 9 a.m. and Oct. 23 a sale of the items begins at 9 a.m. For more information call James Fryar at 399-4510.

□ **MARCY ELEMENTARY PARENTS/TEACHER ORGANIZATION** is having the Marcy School Fall Festival Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. Pizza, soft drinks, popcorn, pickles and other snacks will be available in the cafeteria. Tickets are 25 cents each. No scary costumes are allowed. Everyone is invited.

□ **KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY ALL FESTIVAL** begins at 5 p.m. Saturday with a meal deal, hot dog or hamburger, chips, drink and a cookie for \$3, followed by games that begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are 25 cents. Games include Halloween Hole, also known as putt putt and Pumpkin Plinko. While costumes are allowed, no scary costumes will be admitted. The community is invited.

□ **A FUND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THE FAMILY OF MICKEY EMERSON OF FORSAN** has been set up at State National Bank, 901 Main St. Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 and is in intensive care in a Lubbock hospital. Contact his mother, Carolyn Winbush, at 263-1178 with any questions.

□ **TICKETS FOR CROSSROADS CUISINE AND BUSINESS EXPO FEATURING THE TASTE OF HOME COOKING** are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, KBST, Heritage Museum, Uptown Salon, Parks Convenience Store and Nannie's Attic. Tickets are \$7.

□ **AN ORIGINAL SUE BAGWELL PAINTING** will be given away in April at the Heritage Museum. Contact the museum at 267-8288 for more details.

□ **FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005**, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. Highs near 90. Southwest winds near 10 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows near 60. Light and variable winds.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday — Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Then isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs near 80. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs near 80.

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

Sunday — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.

Monday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Wright says early voting turnout as heavy as expected

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

All of the predictions and expectations surrounding turnout for early voting in this year's presidential election couldn't have prepared the Howard County Clerk's Office for the onslaught of voters that have already been to the polls.

That's the word from County Clerk Donna Wright, who said her office has been flooded with early voters since they began processing ballots Monday morning. "It's pretty wild right now," said Wright with a laugh. "It's almost impossible to get an accurate count on the number of voters that have cast ballots right now because

everything is moving so fast. I think we're looking at approximately 1,200 ballots (as of Tuesday at 4 p.m.) since Monday." Wright said her office processed 719 ballots on Monday alone, compared to the 565 her office handled the first day of early voting during the 2000 presidential election. "In addition to the 1,200 we've taken in, we also

received 63 ballots during branch voting held Tuesday morning at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center," said Wright. "We've also received 268 back from the mail out ballots, so we're looking at more than 1,500 ballots that have been cast at this point." Early voting will continue through Oct. 29,

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the county courthouse. Early voting polls will also be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Voters should be sure to bring their voter registration cards or driver's licenses when heading to the polls, as changes in state law prevent election workers from vouching for voters' identities.

Mail, such as a utility bill, that shows the address of the voter can also be used to establish identity. For more information, contact the District Clerk's Office at 264-2213.

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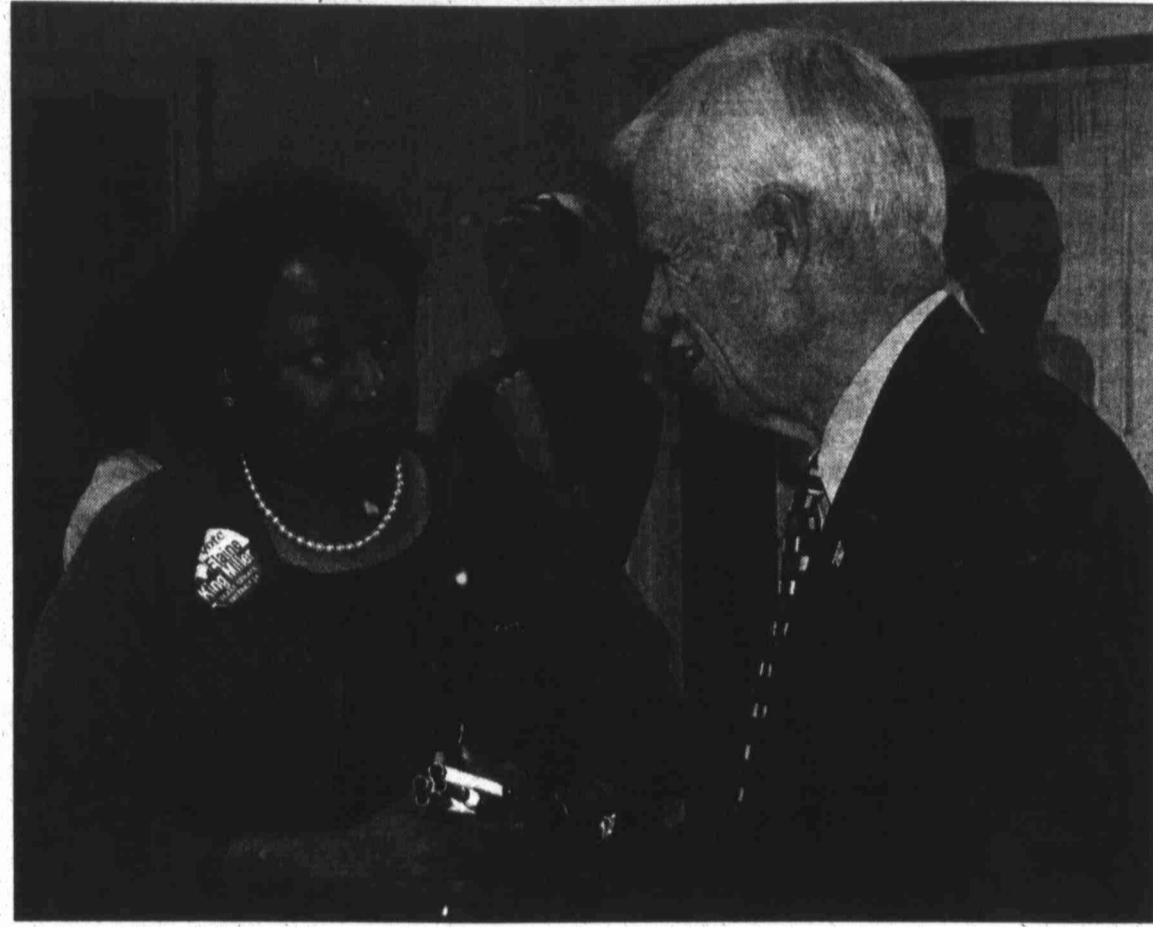
what you get and tax cuts are great if we can afford them. However, nothing comes free in this country.

"We appreciate his work on our behalf in Congress and we feel like he's certainly the best man for the job of representing West Texas, ensuring the people of this region are well represented."

Stenholm said firefighters have always held a special place in his heart, even before the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, making Tuesday's endorsement a very emotional moment for him.

"I appreciate this in ways in which it's difficult to find the words to say," said Stenholm. "Firefighters have been special folks to me for a long time, even before you became known as first responders. Sept. 11, 2001, changed a lot of things in America, and perhaps not all for the best. But the more than you look back on Sept. 11, 2001, you look back on yesterday, today and tomorrow."

"The first responders, the firefighters, you're always there for us. I'm particularly interested in the new 19th District of Texas. Getting this endorsement means a lot to me, and we appreciate it. We appreciate that



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, visits with fellow Democrat Elaine King Miller, D-Amarillo, during an endorsement ceremony Tuesday morning. Miller will be challenging incumbent District 31 State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, on Nov. 2, while Stenholm faces District 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock.

we've had the chance to work with you and your association, and we're looking forward to working with you in the future." Stenholm took a moment to reflect on the role firefighters play in everyday life and the way the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy has brought their heroics to the attention of the American people.

"You've always been there for us. The stories go on and on. But this election is really all about

the future," said Stenholm. It's about how you continue to do your job. As we now struggle with homeland security, something that has become a new addition to the jobs we are asking you to do — to be prepared for the unknown. It's mind boggling to think of the potential of terrorist strikes in Big Spring, Lubbock and Abilene.

"Al Quida and the other 50-or-so terrorist organizations have now

promised to do harm to us on our own soil. And all of a sudden you're faced with training and being part of a team that will respond to whatever comes and not knowing what that's going to be. It offers a challenge for us now that I certainly don't have all the answers for. You don't have all of the answers. I don't know anyone that has all of the answers. But, as we continue to strive toward the best answers, you and your association — your

members that we're proud to see here in the audience today — if there is an answer, we're going to find it."

Stenholm, who just finished two debates with his opponent, Neugebauer, last week, said the election for the 19th District has turned "ugly," chiding Neugebauer for his use of "misleading" campaign advertisements.

"This campaign has taken a turn for the ugly in the last few days," said Stenholm. "One of the things that Guy (Turner) said about me that I really appreciate is that we've been a rather independent voice for West Texas. We try to represent what the people want, and in this case we believe we've obviously represented the firefighters of West Texas."

"I was pro-life and pro-family before they ever became political. I didn't know it was political to be that way. I was taught by my parents and my pastor, not so much by what they said but by what they did. To suddenly have our record as distorted as it has been, listening to the radio and looking at the materials that are passed out."

"One of the robo-calls came into my own home last night, and when I got in and hit the playback I heard my opponent saying things about me," he added with a laugh. "And like I told someone yester-

day, I lost a vote — mine. If I listened to what those folks were saying about me, I wouldn't vote for me either."

Stenholm made his position on such hot-button topics as gay marriage and abortion very clear during the presentation.

"I hate to use the word 'lie,' but that's basically what some of the statements being made about my record are," Stenholm told the audience. "It's unfortunate when you get to that point. This race is about future and who can best represent the new 19th District, and to completely and totally distort your record regarding the values you hold is unfortunate."

"To say that I'm for gay marriage when I believe that marriage is between a man and woman, period. When they say that I've worked to take prayer out of schools, I've done just the opposite. To suggest that I've worked to take 'Under God' out of the pledge of allegiance, I have to ask where did you get that information? My friends are asking my opponent's campaign that question. The unfortunate part about it is there are a few people that believe it, but most of our friends know it's not true."

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ly?" While Seliger acknowledged there are plenty of other necessary issues vying for budgetary funding from the state, public education is by far the most important

"I think we need to address public education first and foremost. We don't have to worry about a defense policy in the state of Texas. I'm on the International Relations Committee, and Oklahoma is not going to attack," Seliger said with a laugh. "The education of young people is our defense policy. It's our defense policy against ignorance, under-employment and all kinds of health care challenges and it's something we ought to take very, very

seriously." Seliger also touched on the growing need for prisons in Texas, and despite the obvious answer to the equation believes the real answer lies in exploring other criminal justice programs.

"There are 149,000 people in Texas jails, and (those jails) will be completely full at 153,000," said Seliger. "I'm inclined to believe the answer is not building more institutions. Sure, we can afford those capital expenditures, but operating expense year after year creates some real pressure on the taxpayers in the state of Texas."

"We're going to have to review things in criminal justice and look at the penalty system and see to it that those people that threaten law abiding individuals in Texas stay behind bars. We also need

to look at our probation and parole system to see to it they meet the needs of those systems because it's a good alternative. It costs 99 cents a day for probation or parole, as opposed to \$40 to \$50 per day for prison. We need to be very, very mindful of that."

Seliger also approached the subject of groundwater conservation, a subject that has become especially important to West Texas.

"There are few subjects that are more important than water," said Seliger. "Because when you don't have it, you no longer have a city. You no longer have a community, and you no longer have a family farm. I've been a very strong supporter of groundwater conservation districts for just that reason."

"I think they need to be

empowered by the state of Texas to do several things. One is to properly appraise the water that is available, and will be in the future based on growth models the cities in West Texas can produce. Another is what sort of conservation efforts must we have in place to ensure as long as anybody in the state of Texas wants to live, work or farm in a given area of this state, that they have the water to do so."

As for the fate of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, Seliger said what he's seen since the fight to keep the facility in Big Spring began has convinced him there's nothing to fear.

"I believe a year from now, and five years from now — even ten years from now — the VA Hospital will be here doing exactly what they do now," said Seliger, "which is as good of a job as anyone in the VA sys-

tem. I was encouraged by the meeting."

Seliger, who was elected to the District 31 seat after a special election and a runoff election earlier this year, followed immediately by his party's primary, made light of his campaign, which comes almost seven months after he officially took office, but said it has made for a very educational experience.

"I saw the Secretary of State for Texas not too long ago and he told me he was under the impression that I had set a record of the most elections in the shortest period of time in the state of Texas," said Seliger. "That's three elections in 48 days, and I can honestly say it's fairly grueling. At the same time I can say I don't think anyone could do anything quite as rewarding as something like that, because it's a chance to talk at

fairly great lengths about the issues that are important to people in this area and around West Texas."

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Downes said Earney, a first-year employee of the district, was placed on administrative leave with pay pending a decision concerning possible disciplinary action.

"Earney is on paid

administrative leave pending further investigation," Downes said. "We will visit with the employee during the next few days and make a decision at some point in the future."

Earney was released from the Lubbock County Jail on Monday after posting a \$10,000 bond.

Aggravated assault involving a weapon can result in second- or third-degree felony charges, which are punishable between two and 20 years in prison.

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called "Victory." Those who served in the division calls themselves "taro men," referring to the taro leaves which are found in Hawaii, where the 24th was based before the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor which brought the United

States into World War II. The division's Website proclaims "Taro men have always stood ready to defend freedom and the democratic way of life, anytime, anywhere, against all aggressors...in the jungles, through the snow, or on the sands in far off lands. We are fiercely proud of our heritage and when our nation calls upon us once


again...we will be, First to Fight!"

Other veterans can contact their VA service officers or service organizations to determine if they too are eligible to receive medals for their service.

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OUR VIEWS

Democrats need not go wild over court's decision

Democrats in Texas might be heartened by news that the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday tossed out a federal court decision upholding a congressional districting map that was the tortuously manipulated product of a tortuously manipulated 2003 process.

But any political victory may be largely illusory.

First of all, nothing changes for the Nov. 2 elections. New congressional districts designed to oust Democrats and usher in more Republicans remain intact.

Second, more litigation may not provide a different result. And if it does, it won't be soon.

What the justices did was what they often do when they issue a ruling in one case while other similar cases are pending: Once they've set guidelines in the one case, they send the similar cases back to lower courts to see if different outcomes are required.

The justices directed a three-judge federal panel to restudy its January decision on the contentious Texas map based on an April ruling in an analogous Pennsylvania dispute.

In Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court left in place a Republican-drawn map that Democrats claimed was excessively partisan.

Four justices signed onto an opinion by Justice Antonin Scalia saying that the judiciary shouldn't step into political redistricting fights. Justice Anthony Kennedy provided the fifth vote to uphold the Pennsylvania plan, but he left open a small window for court involvement if they could find a workable standard for determining when partisanship is so extreme as to be unconstitutional.

The Texas remap was ramrodded through the Legislature by way of three expensive and bitter special sessions, with heavy pressure from national congressional leaders — mainly House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Texas Democrats twice fled the state to block passage of a redistricting bill. DeLay recently was admonished for trying to get the Federal Aviation Administration to track down wayward Democrats.

The three-judge panel that upheld the Texas map signaled misgivings about the "rough-and-tumble politics" that produced it and lamented that the Supreme Court had offered little guidance about how much partisanship is too much.

What guidance the Supreme Court has provided at this point hardly looks optimistic for Texas Democrats — though this ruckus isn't over yet.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not be judgmental or materialistic, Lord, and may we forgive others as You have forgiven us.

Amen

Breathing the fresh air of Alaska

Alaska was the only state I hadn't visited. I didn't really think much about it until recent years

when friends started going there on cruises and came back with stories about the beauty of the place. We got something in the mail about a cruise to Alaska and I looked at it and gave it over to my wife Susan. "I've always wanted to go to Alaska," she said. "I've wanted to go since I read my first Edna Ferber novel in grade school."

That was news to me. We've been married a long time and that was the first mention I can recall of her saying she wanted to go to Alaska.

We went the first week in August. The cruise left Vancouver, went to Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway and then docked at Whittier, near Anchorage. The ship was comfortable. I could live on a cruise ship.

We were active on and off the ship. We took the stairs most of

the time on the ship, hiked and took float trips in Juneau and Skagway.

We've been back three weeks now and I've been trying to think of words to describe the trip to Alaska. Overall, I came back feeling cleansed and refreshed. Alaska's pristine elegance is so relaxing. The water, the mountains, the glaciers, the wildlife, the feeling like you're in a new, young place are all so invigorating. There are still places in Alaska that are unexplored, so the frontier atmosphere still prevails.

The excitement of the gold rush lingers.

When I came back, I wanted peace and harmony. I didn't want to hear any noisy talk shows on the radio. I didn't want to be in traffic. I wanted to hear classical music. I wanted to think about the gray skies and blue water and white snow and ice. I wanted to hear the crashing sound of glacier ice falling into the water. I wanted to see the whales, the bears, the orange starfish, the harbor seals, icebergs and sea otters. This was a voyage of discovery that gave me a new perspective.

The three towns we visited were small. Juneau, the capital of

Alaska, has only 30,000 residents. Most of the commerce is from cruise ships. The stores shut down in the winter and the workers go to the Caribbean or Hawaii. "Only about 600 people live here during the winter," someone said about Skagway. We toured Anchorage after we got off the ship. I was surprised to see such a modern city with nearly three hundred thousand residents. The total population of Alaska is just over half a million.

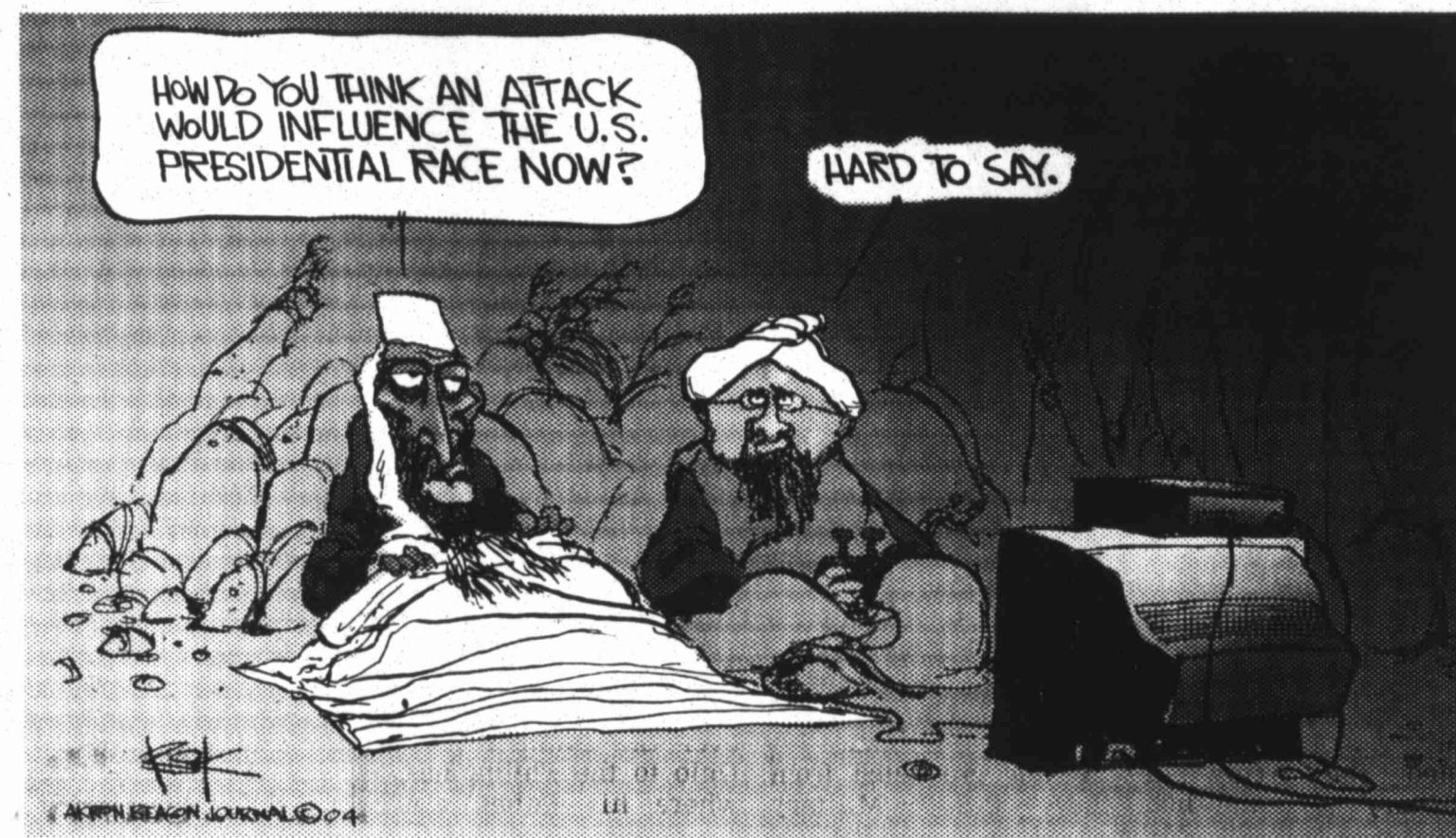
I was expecting to see a lot of older people on the trip. Wrong. The thirty and under crowd was there in abundance. They were thrilled to be seeing the tranquil and majestic beauty of sea, sky and ice covered mountains. The college kids who have summer jobs as drivers or guides were extremely sharp and having a good time.

Alaska will be celebrating just fifty years of statehood in 2009. It's a young place for young people.

The ocean is so intriguing. We watched the gray green foam from the sides and rear of the ship. There is something peaceful about looking at water. Everybody needs some water in their life. Alaska is a good place to get it.



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Those "little" special things...

Four more years? Seems like every group and its hamster has put out some kind of dossier on the last four years. Top Bush Lies. One Hundred Mistakes Bush could admit to. Best scandals. Biggest Bush flip-flops. Iraq. The economy. The environment.

Corporate pork and payoffs galore. Homeland insecurity. The deficit. On and on it goes.

But I like to remember the little things, those itty-bitty things that really made it special. Those touches of style. The *je ne sais quoi* of it all. Like choosing Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday to announce his administration would oppose affirmative action in the University of Michigan case, calling it "divisive," "unfair" and "unconstitutional." Classy timing. Of course, Bush (Andover, Yale, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Harvard Business, three failed oil companies rescued by Daddy's friends, set up by Daddy's friends in baseball and given a huge cut for a tiny investment) never experienced affirmative action in his life. Made it all on his own, pulled himself up by his bootstraps — black people can do it, too.

Timing is kind of a Bush specialty. In February 2001, the day a major earthquake hit the Northwest, Bush killed a federal program designed to help communities deal with the effects of natural disasters. Of course, Florida in an election year — different story.

Remember when he went to visit the rescued miners from Quecreek, Pa.?

It was a great photo op. Except the year before, Bush had cut the mine safety budget, halted regulatory improvements and reduced enforcement of safety standards.

The Department of Labor stopped work on more than a dozen mine safety regulations from the Clinton years. But hey, Bush was really glad those nine guys made it out alive. And what a photo-op it was.

You probably don't remember the time he visited the Youth Opportunity Center, a job training site in Portland, Ore. Hailed it as a model, praised the center and its staff. A month later, he cut it out of the budget.

Here's one of my faves. In his big address of 2002, Bush said: "A good job should lead to security in retirement. I ask Congress to enact new safeguards for 401(k) and pension plans." The Bush plan allows companies to switch from traditional fixed-benefit plans to what's called cash-balance plans. It saves corporations millions a year — in the case large companies, as much as \$100 million. Older workers can lose up to 50 percent of their pensions. The Bush rules not only permit the conversions, they also give cash-balance plans a tax advantage, as well as protection from age discrimination lawsuits. It's the perfect Bush plan: Corporations get to screw workers, and they get a tax break for it — plus, nobody can sue.

Nobody paid any attention to this one except the beneficiaries, since it was during the Iraq war: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the one that laid the groundwork for Enron and is supposed to protect investors from abusive practices, passed three new rules in March 2003.

According to The New York Times, the rules "reduce the quality of disclosure required in reports of past performance, increase the opportunity for advisers to put some clients' or their own interest ahead of others and curtail the already lax regulation on operators of hedge funds." Hedge funds are derivatives on steroids, and the near collapse of one hedge fund, Long Term

Capital Management, nearly caused the financial equivalent of "the China syndrome." Alan Greenspan and Fed officials convinced bankers to join the LTCM rescue effort only when they pointed out that failure would result in "chaos" in financial markets and could damage economic growth worldwide. Less regulation, you bet.

Bait and switch is a constant Bush tactic. Right after 9-11, Bush went to Ground Zero and threw his arm around a firefighter and assured him and other rescue workers he was with them. It was the photo-op seen 'round the world and was endlessly memorialized at the Republican convention. Except in August 2002, Bush pocket-vetoed \$150 million in emergency grants for first-responders. The New York firefighters never got their money.

My favorite mixed metaphor: "Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof, the smoking gun that could come in the form of a mushroom-shaped cloud."

Mission accomplished. I have so many other favorite moments — hilarious promises like \$15 billion for AIDS in Africa. Those amusing judicial nominations, so bad even the spineless Democrats finally had to filibuster. All the precious photo-ops with the little children of color just before he squashed some other program to help them. The time they threatened Turkey, our oldest democratic ally in the Middle East, with a military coup so we could bring democracy to Iraq.

It's been a ball. But I've had enough.

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Action in Iraq leaves four more Fort Hood soldiers dead

FORT HOOD (AP) — Four Fort Hood soldiers, including two from Texas, have been killed in Iraq in recent days, according to the Defense Department.

Spec. Josiah H. Vandertulp, 21, of Irving, died when his patrol came under small arms fire in Baghdad on Thursday. Spec. Michael S. Weger, 30, of Houston, was among three soldiers who died last week when their Humvee was struck by an improvised explosive in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Vandertulp was part of the 1st Cavalry Division. He entered the Army in August 2002 and had been at Fort Hood since February.

Vandertulp graduated from Irving High School in 2002 and joined the Army soon afterward, said his father, Robert Vandertulp.

"He felt very strongly in the mission he had," Robert Vandertulp told The Associated Press. He said Josiah, one of four brothers and a sister, was very active in church and enjoyed playing ice hockey and downhill skiing.

Robert Vandertulp said he last spoke with his son on Tuesday in an instant message chat. His son told him he had just completed early voting in the upcoming election, his first to choose a president.

"He was very funny, he loved life," he said. "He deeply loved and believed in his family, his God and his country."

Weger was born in Pascagoula, Miss., and lived in Houston before joining the Army, his father, Greg Weger, said in a telephone interview from Houston. Weger joined the Army in February 2003 and had been assigned to Fort Hood since June 2003.

Greg Weger said he had reservations about his son going to war, but the younger Weger reminded him that he had an obligation.

"He had no resentments," said Greg Weger. "He never shirked from his responsibilities."

Greg Weger said he feels comforted that his son did not suffer before he died.

"Parents should not live longer than their kids," Greg Weger said. "My son died doing the most important thing he can do in his life."

Weger and Capt. Dennis L. Pintor, 30, of Lima, Ohio, died of their injuries the same day of the attack. Spec. Jaime Moreno, 28, of Round Lake Beach, Ill., died Wednesday.

Weger and Moreno were both combat engineers.

Moreno joined the Army in January 2003 and had been at Fort Hood since May 2003.

Pintor, an engineer officer, had been with the Army since 1996. He had been assigned at Fort Hood since 2002.

He graduated from Elida High School, about 70 miles south of Toledo in 1992.

"He was a strong student, a good kid, good family, kind of the whole thing," said Elida High guidance counselor Allen Clum, who taught Pintor in math. "He was active in tennis and soccer and was just a good kid."

Pintor joined the Army after high school so he could earn his education, said his uncle, David Garrison Jr. of Lima, Ohio.

Texans killed in the Iraq war

At least 97 Texas service members have died in Iraq since the war began March 20, 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. The list includes overseas casualties related to Operation Iraqi Freedom, both in combat and otherwise, as reported by the Department of Defense. Here's a brief look at those who have died:

- 2004:
 - Oct. 14: Army Spc. Josiah H. Vandertulp, 21, of Irving, died when his patrol came under small arms fire in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
 - Oct. 17: Army Spc. Michael S. Weger, 30, of Houston, died when his Humvee was struck by an improvised explosive in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
 - Sept. 24: Marine Spc. Timothy Shane Folmer, 21, of Sonora, was killed in Iraq's Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - Sept. 22: Army Pfc. Adam J. Harris, 21, of Abilene, was killed when he was shot by a sniper. He was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.
 - Sept. 20: Marine Reserve Sgt. Foster L. Harrington, 31, of Fort Worth, was killed by enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, Mobile, Ala.
 - Sept. 13: Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew D. Puckett, 19, of Mason, died due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - Sept. 13: Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic C. Brown, 19, of Austin, died in Iraq's Al Anbar Province in a non-combat-related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - Sept. 12: Marine Pfc. Jason T. Poindester, 20, of San Angelo, died from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. Poindester was a rifleman assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - Sept. 8: Army Reserve Spc. Lauro G. DeLeon Jr., 20, of Floresville, died in Balad when a bomb exploded near his convoy. DeLeon was assigned to the Army Reserve's 644th Transportation Company in Beaumont.
 - Sept. 7: Army Spc. Chad H. Drake, 23, of Garland, died in Baghdad when his patrol vehicle was hit by small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
 - Sept. 5: Army National Guard Spc. Tomas Garces, 19, of Westlaco, died in Baghdad when his convoy was attacked by enemy forces using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to 1836th Transportation Company, Fort Bliss.
 - Sept. 5: Army Pfc. Ryan M. McCauley, 20, of Lewisville, died when enemy insurgents attacked his patrol with small-arms fire in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
 - Sept. 3: Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Perez, 24, of Austin, died as a result of enemy action in Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
 - Sept. 1: Marine Lance Cpl. Nickalous N. Aldrich, 21, of Austin, died in a non-hostile vehicle accident. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - Aug. 24: Marine Lance Cpl. Jacob R. Lugo, 21, of Flower Mound, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
 - Aug. 21: Marine Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, 19, of Perryton, died due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. Huston was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - Aug. 15: Army Spc. Mark Anthony Zapata, 27, of Edinburg, died when his unit came under fire in Najaf. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
 - Aug. 5: Army Capt. Andrew R. Houghton, 25, of Houston, died from shrapnel wounds suffered during a patrol near Samarra on July 10 when the Bradley Fighting Vehicle he was in came under rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Germany.
 - Aug. 2: Marine Sgt. Juan Calderon Jr., 26, of Westlaco, died while conducting "security and stability" operations in Anbar Province. He was with the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - July 5: Marine Lance Cpl. Michael S. Torres, 21, of El Paso, was killed while fighting in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
 - July 2: Army 2nd Lt. Brian D. Smith, 30, of McKinney, was shot and killed in Habbariyah while conducting combat operations. Smith was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.
 - June 21: Marine Lance Cpl. Pedro Contreras, 27, of Houston, was killed by hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - June 3: Marine Lance Cpl. Todd J. Bolding, 23, of Manvel, died of wounds from hostile action in Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
 - May 15: Army Staff Sgt. Rene Ledesma, 34, of Abilene, died in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device exploded near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

- May 8: Army Spc. Isela Rubalcava, 25, of El Paso, died in Mosul when a mortar round hit her head. She was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.
- May 5: Marine Cpl. Jeffrey G. Green, 20, of Dallas, was found dead in the Euphrates River in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- April 26: Marine Lance Cpl. Aaron C. Austin, 21, of Sunnyvale, died from hostile fire in the Al Anbar Province. Austin was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- April 17: Marine Lance Cpl. Ruben Valdez Jr., 21, of San Diego, was killed by enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
- April 17: Army Pfc. Clayton W. Henson, 20, of Stanton, was killed when his convoy was ambushed in Dwanliyah. He was assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.
- April 14: Army Sgt. Christopher Ramirez, 34, of McAllen, died in Al Anbar Province from injuries sustained in combat. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.
- April 11: Marine Cpl. Daniel R. Amaya, 22, of Odessa, died from hostile fire in Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
- April 11: Army Chief Warrant Officer Wesley C. Fortenberry, 36, Woodville, died when his helicopter was shot down. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.
- April 10: Army Spc. Adolfo C. Carbajal, 20, of Houston, died when his convoy was ambushed in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
- April 10: Army Sgt. William C. Eckhart, 25, of Rocksprings, died in an explosion in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Germany.
- April 9: Marine Cpl. Matthew E. Matula, 20, of Spicewood, was killed by hostile fire. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- April 9: Marine Lance Cpl. Elias Torres II, 21, of Veribest, was killed by hostile fire. He was assigned to 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
- April 8: Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Walford, 20, of Spring, was killed after a group of Marines were fired on in Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- April 6: Army Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, 23, of Terrell, died in a rocket-propelled grenade attack near Ashula, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
- April 5: Marine Lance Cpl. Shane L. Goldman, 20, of Orange, died due to injuries received from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- April 5: Army Spc. Scott G. Larson Jr., 22, of Houston, died when his convoy was ambushed in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany.
- April 4: Army Spc. Robert Arriaga, 25, of Greenwood, died when his convoy was attacked by Shiite militiamen in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
- April 4: Army Spc. Israel Garza, 25, of Lubbock, died when his unit's convoy was attacked by Shiite militiamen in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.
- March 31: Army Spc. Michael Greg Karr Jr., 23, of San Antonio, was killed when an explosive detonated under the M-113 armored personnel carrier he was riding in north of Falujah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.
- March 31: Army 1st Lt. Doyle M. Hufstader III, 25, of Abilene, was killed when an explosive detonated under the M-113 armored personnel carrier he was riding in north of Falujah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.
- March 26: Marine Pfc. Leroy Sandoval Jr., 21, of Pasadena, died of a gunshot wound sustained during a battle with Iraqi insurgents in Falujah. He was assigned to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- March 25: Marine Cpl. James A. Casper, 20, of Coolidge, died in a non-combat related incident at Al Asad. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- March 19: Army Pfc. Jason C. Ludlum, 22, of Arlington, died March 19 in Baqubah, when he was electrocuted while laying telephone wires. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Germany.
- March 18: Marine Pfc. Ricky A. Morris Jr., 20, of Lubbock, died as a result of enemy action in Al Qaim. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.
- March 17: Army Spc. Tracy L. Laramore, 30, of Greenville, died in Baiji. He drowned after the Bradley fighting vehicle in which he was riding overturned into a river. He was assigned to the 18th Infantry Regiment in Germany.
- March 11: Army Staff Sgt. Joe L. Durigan Jr., 37, of Belton, died in Falujah, when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

- Feb. 11: Army Pfc. Armando Soriano, 20, of Houston, died in Haditha in a vehicle accident. He was traveling in a two-vehicle convoy on a supply route when weather conditions caused his vehicle to slide off the road and roll over. He was assigned to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.
- Jan. 24: Army Pfc. Ervin Derwally, 21, of Fort Worth, died when a rocket-propelled grenade hit the Bradley Fighting Vehicle in which he was traveling in Baiji. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood.
- Jan. 21: Army Pfc. David Parker, 20, of Bryan, died when a mortar round exploded near him at his compound in Baqubah. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood.
- Jan. 16: Army Master Sgt. Kelly L. Hornbeck, 36, of Fort Worth, died at the 28th Combat Support Hospital of wounds received Jan. 16 when an explosive hit his vehicle south of Samarra. He was assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Carson, Colo.
- Jan. 17: Army Spc. Larry E. Polley Jr., 20, of Center, died when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck a roadside bomb while his unit was conducting a surveillance sweep near the town of Taji, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood.
- Jan. 16: Army Staff Sgt. Roland L. Castro, 26, of San Antonio, died of a non-hostile gunshot wound in Camp Cedar II. He was assigned to the 12th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Okla.
- Jan. 2, 2004: Army Capt. Eric T. Paliwoda, 26, of Killeen, was killed in Balad when he was in his command post when it came under mortar attack. He died of injuries sustained in the attack. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

- 2003:
 - Dec. 28, 2003: Army Capt. Ernesto M. Blanco, 26, of San Antonio, died in Qaryat Ash Shababi when an improvised explosion hit his vehicle. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.
 - Dec. 28: Army Pfc. Ray D. Cuervo, 24, of Laguna Vista, was killed when an improvised explosive device hit his mounted patrol in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.
 - Dec. 22: Army Pfc. Stuart Moore, 21, of Livingston, was killed after a group of Marines were fired on in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany.
 - Dec. 7: Army Spc. Ray J. Hutchinson, 20, of League City, was killed when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device on his way back from patrol. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.
 - Dec. 2: Army Chief Warrant Officer Clarence E. Boone, 50, of Fort Worth, died from a heart attack. He was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood.
 - Nov. 28: Army Spc. Eric B. Das, 25, of El Paso, was killed in action near Mosul when four mortar shells hit his base. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.
 - Nov. 15: Army Spc. John W. Russell, 26, of Portland, was killed when two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul. He was with the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.
 - Nov. 8: Army Staff Sgt. Gary L. Collins, 32, of Hardin, killed while riding in a Bradley fighting vehicle that hit an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.
 - Nov. 2: Army Sgt. Keelan Moss, 23, of Houston, killed near Falujah when a helicopter was shot down by an anti-aircraft missile. He was assigned to the 5th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Okla.
 - Oct. 28: Army Spc. Michael Paul Barrera, 26, of Von Orme, was killed at Baqubah when his tank was hit by an explosive. He was assigned to the 67th Armored Regiment, Fort Hood.
 - Oct. 22: Army Pfc. John P. Johnson, 24, of Houston, died of non-combat related injuries in Baghdad. He was with the 1st Armored Division in Germany.
 - Oct. 13: Army Pfc. Stephen E. Wyatt, 19, of Kilgore, killed in action in Balad when his convoy was hit by an explosive and gunfire. He was assigned to the 17th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Okla.
 - Oct. 1: Army Pfc. Anaisara Esparza Gutierrez, 21, of Houston, was killed in action near Tikrit when a convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device and rocket-propelled grenades. She was assigned to 4th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Hood.
 - Sept. 18: Army Spc. Richard Arriaga, 20, of Ganado, was killed in action near Tikrit. He was one of three soldiers killed in a small-arms and rocket-propelled grenade ambush on their Humvee. He was assigned to the 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Okla.
 - Sept. 11: Army Sgt. Henry Ybarra, III, 32, of Austin, was killed in an accident in Balad. He died from injuries sustained when he was changing a tire on his military truck and the tire exploded. He was assigned to the 6th Cavalry Regiment in Germany.
 - Aug. 6: Army Spc. Zelferino E. Colunga, 20, of Belville, died from acute leukemia while he was serving in Iraq with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.
 - July 26: Army Spc. Daniel K. Methvin, 22, of Belton, was killed in action in Baghdad when a grenade was thrown from a

"He wanted the family's resources to be available for his younger brother and sisters," he said. Pintor graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1998, and also completed Army Ranger School. Pintor's parents moved over the summer from Ohio to the Philippines, where his father was born, family friends said.

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I have served as County Commissioner of Precinct 3 for nine terms. I would like to continue in my efforts to represent you. May I ask that you:

VOTE FOR THE FUTURE: My top priority is the development of business and industry to revitalize our community and to help us reduce or maintain our tax structure. I have served on the Ports-to-Plains Board since 1997 and I am positive that this proposed route from Mexico to Canada will bring new business growth to our county.

VOTE FOR PERFORMANCE: There is no margin for error in an office that must guarantee the solvency of the county - balancing a multi-million dollar yearly budget.

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE: A commissioner must have knowledge of the laws of county government, budget and purchasing procedures, health care and business management. I owned my own business for 10 years. My Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania education resulted in a degree in business administration and economics. I have faced many problems in the past and have the experience to deal with them in the future.

I ask that you re-elect me, **W.B. "BILL" CROOKER** by punching the dot in the ballot to the right of **NUMBER 82. Early voting starts Monday, October 18th and ends Friday, October 29th from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the Courthouse.**

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Starting over

Boy struck by lightning recovering

By LAURIN SELLERS

The Orlando Sentinel
GRANT, Fla. — Bradley Anderson still remembers his ABCs.

The 11-year-old boy spells out his first name with his left hand, pointing to each letter on a paper displaying the alphabet. His right arm is stiff at his side, the hand curled in a tight ball.

The boy — who is relearning how to swallow, talk and walk — even knows some math.

But he still doesn't know that his mother is dead, nearly three months after a bolt of lightning struck her in the chest as she cradled him in her arms to protect him from a sudden summer storm.

The same bolt fractured Bradley's skull and nearly killed him.

His father, Chuck Anderson, hasn't had the heart to tell the boy about the random force of nature that brought a family boating trip to a tragic end.

"I don't even know if he knows that he was struck by lightning," said Anderson, 55, a big man in work boots and jeans, his eyes filling with tears. "I still have a hard time talking about it, thinking about it."

"You just never think that your whole life is going to end on one day."

This year had started out as a good one for the Anderson family. Both Anderson and his 41-year-old wife, Stephanie, who was as kindhearted as she was pretty, had good jobs at Harris Corp. in Palm Bay, Fla., he a crane operator and she an employee in finance.

Although they married in 1982, they had known each other since she was 18, just starting out as a clerk at Harris. They shared a love of the outdoors, offshore fishing and diving, and trips to the Keys.

Four years ago, the couple and their two sons moved into a spacious home on three acres in Grant, a rural section of the Brevard County, Fla., known as horse country.

"We were finally getting ahead financially," Anderson said.

Chuck Jr., 16, had lots of friends and the freedom that comes with a driver's license and a truck. Bradley, then 10, enjoyed fishing and riding his motorcycle. Mainly, he just loved being outside.

The family often went camping and boating, sev-

eral times a month if the weather was good.

A FATEFUL DAY

Sunday, July 18, seemed like such a day, perfect for a picnic. The Andersons, Stephanie Anderson's nephew and his girlfriend, and Bradley's dog, a miniature Australian shepherd named Dixie, set out that morning in the family's 18-foot fishing boat from Grant, a tiny riverside community at the southern end of Brevard County.

As they often did, the Andersons stopped for a picnic on a 100-yard stretch of island on the Indian River, known by locals as Grant Island. Stephanie Anderson's sister Tamey Hires and two of her daughters met them there.

They all were still on the island when it started to rain. They had no idea that about 10 minutes earlier the weather service had issued a special marine warning because a fierce storm was rolling into the area.

Stephanie Anderson and Bradley huddled under an Australian pine with Dixie as raindrops pounded the sand. Chuck Anderson and Chuck Jr. were in the water.

"The rain was kind of cold, and I told my wife for them to come sit with me in the water because it was warm," Anderson recalled. "I told her that there was no sense in them standing there shivering."

But she shouted back, "No, I'm just going to stay up here," and then wrapped her arms protectively around Bradley.

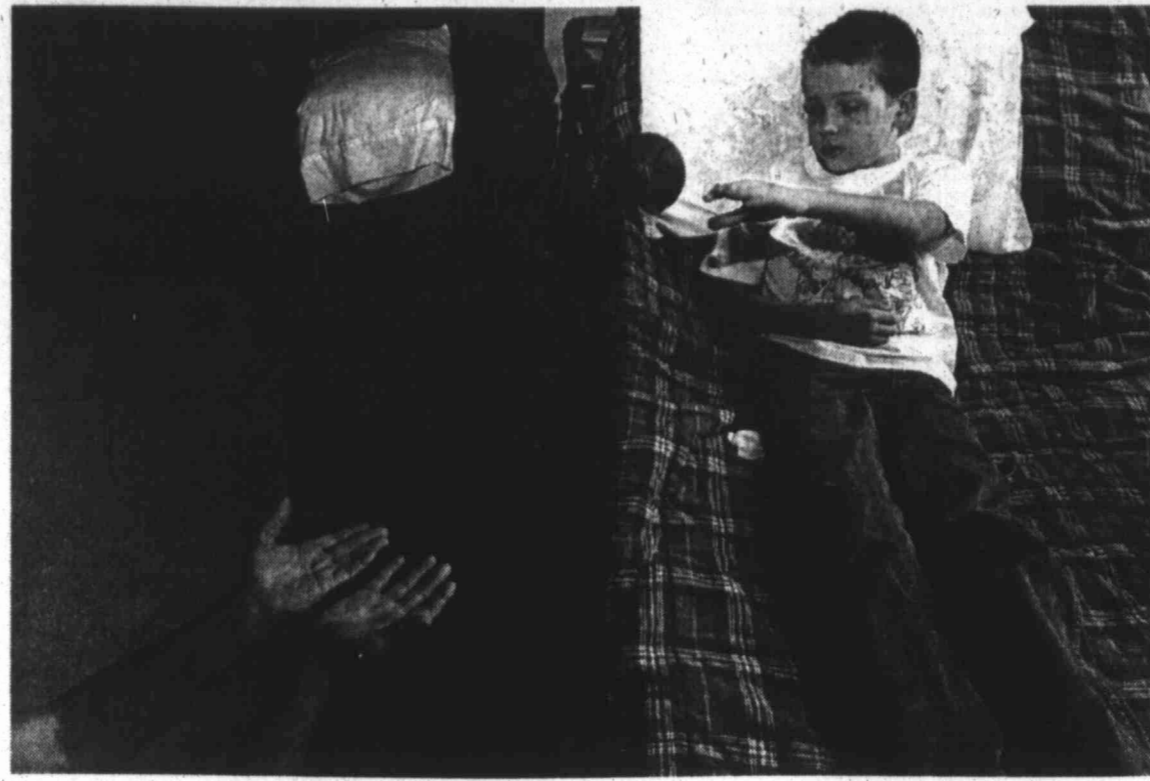
Nobody was afraid, Anderson said. They had waited out summer showers before on the spoil islands.

Then the lightning hit. "All of a sudden it sounded like somebody had dropped a bomb," Anderson said. "It was the biggest boom I had ever heard in my life. You could feel it in your body."

Next, Anderson heard his sister-in-law's screams.

Stephanie Anderson was dead from severe trauma to the chest. Bradley, his skull fractured by the bolt, was unconscious and in convulsions. Dixie, the dog, lay dead on the ground nearby.

The powerful bolt of lightning had peeled bark from the trees and killed lizards and frogs 20 feet



KRT PHOTOGRAPH/HILDA M. PEREZ
Bradley Anderson, 11, plays ball with family friend Donna Jones in his home in Grant, Florida. Bradley is in the process of rehabilitation and recovery after a lightning strike July 18, 2004, that killed his mother Stephanie, who was holding her son during a picnic.

away. Anderson used his cell phone to call 911.

A FRANTIC DRIVE
Paramedics first rushed Bradley to nearby Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla.

From there they had hoped to fly him to Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women, but bad weather forced them to take an agonizingly long trip to Orlando by ambulance.

"I thought for sure he wasn't going to make it to Arnold Palmer," said Anderson, who accompanied his critically injured son to the hospital.

He and other family members waited in the emergency room for several hours before a doctor finally emerged.

"The doctor told me he had never seen anybody survive a brain injury of this type," Anderson recalled. He told me Bradley probably wouldn't live through the night."

But Monday came and then Tuesday, and Bradley was still alive.

By Wednesday, the doctor knew something was happening, Anderson said.

"He told us, 'You people must be doing an awful lot of praying, because he is coming around.'"

The following Monday, hundreds of mourners streamed into a Melbourne Catholic church for Stephanie Anderson's funeral Mass.

Bradley, still in critical condition, was unable to attend.

SIGNS OF RECOVERY
But for the next several weeks, he continued to improve and was trans-

ferred to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami to begin rehabilitation.

Although his right arm and leg were stiff, Bradley began to walk with assistance.

Although he was unable to speak, he started to communicate, first by holding up one finger for "no" and two fingers for "yes," and then by typing words on a laptop computer.

During one of the therapy sessions at the Miami hospital, he was asked what he wanted to do next.

Bradley turned to the laptop and typed, "I want to go to Grant, Florida."

Even though the hospital wanted to keep him one more week, Anderson knew it was time to bring his boy home.

They returned Oct. 2.

A hospital bed was set up in the family room so Bradley could watch television, play video games or gaze out into the back yard where the family's two Welsh ponies roam.

"We never named them," his father tells a visitor on a recent afternoon. "We just call them 'the pretty one and the dumb one.'"

Bradley smiles. Doctors aren't able to tell how far Bradley will go in his recovery.

Lightning-strike victims often face many mental challenges for the rest of their lives. Problems can include short-term memory loss, difficulty concentrating or doing more than one task at a time.

Bradley receives therapy at a facility in Melbourne three times a

week.

When Anderson, took him for the first time, Bradley cried.

"He saw me signing the paperwork and thought I was leaving him at another hospital," said Anderson, who was forced to split his time between home and hospitals during Bradley's stays.

"It might be a long road, but they are optimistic he'll make a good recovery," he said. "It might not be 100 percent, but I can still hold him and love him."

"That's what matters most."

When hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne battered Brevard County, Anderson hardly noticed. The storms were no match for what he was enduring. And there are times when he wonders whether he can shoulder the weight of it all.

Neighbors said Anderson didn't just love his wife, "he worshipped the ground she walked on."

"Who would ever figure this would happen to us?" said Anderson, who cries when a stranger wants to see her photograph. He did not want her picture in the newspaper, either.

Bradley and his dad still haven't talked about everything that happened on the island that day, and Anderson isn't sure when he will tell him the full story.

"I don't want to hurt him any more than he's already been hurt," he said. "I'm waiting for the right time."

"Maybe I'm waiting until he asks me."

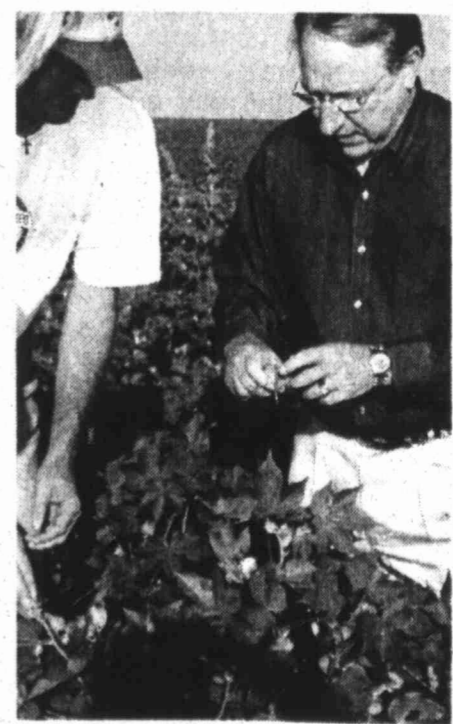
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Religion in the media

A look at recent books, magazines and Web sites

The Dallas Morning News

(KRT)

BOOKS

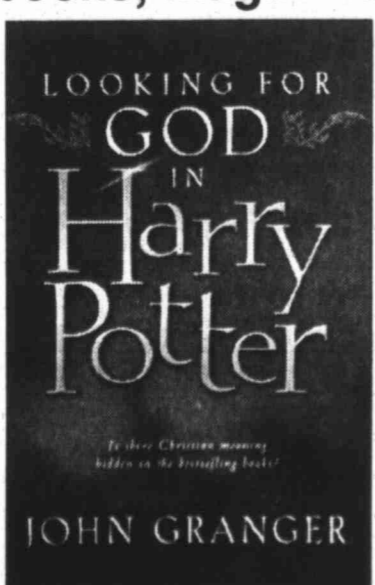
"Looking for God in Harry Potter," by John Granger (Tyndale, 202 pages, \$16.99)

Granger is a father of seven home-schooled children who live without television and whose reading habits are carefully monitored.

He fully expected the Harry Potter books to be full of occult elements.

Instead, he discovered that J.K. Rowling's novels were "the most edifying works of fiction written in many years."

He ranks them with books by J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis for depicting Christian truth in storytelling.



With his background in classical education and his love of great books, Granger interprets Rowling's layered meanings and knowledge of Latin, Greek and Christian symbolism, say-

ing the Potter books are full of life, death, resurrection and spiritual transformation.

The sorcery in Harry Potter is as harmless as the spells in Narnia, he says, and Christ symbols, such as the phoenix and the stag, are what save Harry.

The novels, Granger says, should be embraced as "excellent vehicles" to explain the Christian journey in an oppositional world (much as Harry copes in Muggledom) and the ongoing conflict between good and evil.

"Fallen Order," by Karen Liebreich (Grove Press, \$24)

In the early 17th century, the Pietists were

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Library News

I could not do justice in reviewing "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" (927.965 RAL A), my writing skills are too minimal.

From Booklist and Alan Moores, here is Aron Ralston's story. The world knows the outlines of Ralston's extraordinary story: with precious little water or food, his right arm pinned for nearly five days by a boulder in a narrow canyon shaft in central-eastern Utah, Ralston amputated the arm with his pocketknife, then rappelled and hiked his way to his own rescue.

What makes his account of his ordeal extraordinary, too, is the detail and precision Ralston, a former mechanical engineer, brings to the telling, from the almost minute-



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by-minute chronology of his ordeal to topographical descriptions of the ground he's covered in his life as an outdoor adventurer.

It's also the extremes of failure and achievement we see forged in this life-or-death crisis — carelessness at not telling friends where he was going, despair as he wrote his epitaph on the canyon wall, even a certain unthinking in taking five days to figure out his deliverance.

But those were all trumped by Ralston's amazing resourcefulness in prolonging his supplies and finding a way out, his boundless enthusiasm for life, and his dogged force of will at enduring far longer than anyone could have expected.

Have you been sneezing and rubbing your itchy, burning eyes? Well, folks, it is that time of year again — fall.

Allergens are in the air, aimed directly at your eyes and nose. Here is a resource that can help to calm the air, "The Allergy

Sourcebook" (616.97 ZEL M) by Merla Zellerbach. In her book, she describes common allergic reactions, finding a health care professional, treatment and test choices, and simple steps that can be taken to alleviate allergic retains.

This is an excellent resource, especially for dusty, windy West Texas.

Do you know who Angelo Roncalli is? He introduces himself to the crowds in St. Peter's Square in October 1958 with the simple words "I am called John."

Pope John XXIII was supposed to be a caretaker Pope, allowing a younger and more energetic Pope to emerge. However, he becomes the transitional Pope, leading the Catholic faith into the 21st Century.

Read Christian Feldman's "Pope John XXIII: A Spiritual Biography" (282.092 FEL C) and see how the son of peasants became a leader of one of the most important religions.

Here is an unusual book, "A Year of Style" (646.34 FEK F) by

Frederic Fekkai. It will take a woman through 365 days in a stylish fashion. Fekkai works like a daybook, offering twelve chapters packed with advice for living more beautifully.

A couple of neat books has been donated to the library, "Great Gift Wrapping" (745.54 NIE B) by Burgind Niermann. It takes you step by step from choosing a style of wrapping paper, to wrapping the present and then crowning it with an exquisite bow.

If you have an oddly shaped package, then Niermann shows you how to best wrap it.

The second book, "Wrap It Up: 50 Creative and Stylish Gift-Wrap Ideas" (745.54 WAL S) by Sally Walton, has some luscious ideas on wrapping.

Christmas will be here before you know and here is just the thing to help you get in a holiday mood.

"Bon Appétit Christmas" (641.568 BON A) takes ideas from the magazine "Bon Appétit." This book is full of ideas

for entertaining, baking and preparing gifts from your kitchen for friends and family.

Southern Living always has great recipes and ideas — check out an older volume — "Christmas with Southern Living 1994 (641.568 V) by Vicki L. Ingham and Dondra G. Parham. For some country style, check out Taste of Home's "Holiday and Celebrations Cookbook 2001" (641.568 TAS H).

Ordained minister and "spiritual life counselor" Iyanla Vanzant doesn't know the exact moment when her soul opened up "and the spirit of the divine entered [her] body."

But she will always remember the key insight that opened the door to her soul and simultaneously locked the door to her insanity:

"If you know who walks beside you, you can never be afraid." This is the premise from which Vanzant has launched her enormously successful 40-day, spiritual self-help program. "One Day My Soul Just

Opened Up" (291.44 VAN I) is designed as a day-by-day journal/workbook to help readers believe in a divine presence while pondering daily spiritual lessons such as simplicity, peace and compassion.

The book sale continues for one more week. The Friend's of the Library Book Sale will end Monday. Everything is 25 cents. Sale is in the basement during regular library hours.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Internet/video room closes one-half hour before the library and Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2260; the Website is www.howard-countylib.tx.us; the online catalog should be working; the e-mail address is howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

Religion

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Among the most honored of priestly orders. Founded by the Rev. Father Jose de Calasanz, the order was dedicated to teaching the poor children of Italy. Then it all went wrong. A handful of rogue priests, suspected of child abuse and cer-

tainly guilty of high living in an order dedicated to poverty, rose to high places in the order. Father Calasanz, hoping to avoid a scandal, refused to act.

The rogue priests, aided by friends in the Inquisition and around the pope, took over the order, pushing Father Calasanz aside. Internecine struggles continued until Pope

Innocent X suppressed the order in 1646. It was only the second order ever to be suppressed at that time.

The author, who paints an impressive picture of priestly life in the 17th century, seeks to link the fall of the Piarists to current scandals in the Catholic Church. But the evidence suggests that although suspicions of abuse may have been an

indirect cause of the Piarists' downfall, the real issue was power politics.

MAGAZINES

Seventeen (October)

The recently introduced Faith section stages a kind of peace summit in this issue with "Can't We All Get Along?"

Hanan, 16, from Iraq, talks about her disrupted schooling: "I am also a Muslim, so I believe that

if God wills it, I will make up for the time I lost." Kylie, 15, from Pennsylvania, whose father is a U.S. Army colonel, talks about the fear of having him in a war zone: "I felt selfish wishing he could stay home! I knew the Iraqi people needed help, and if you fully trust God, you say, 'Whatever happens is Your plan.'"

And, a survey on "What

My Family Has Taught Me," has six teenagers focusing on topics such as enduring traditions; Becca, 14, says her parents "taught me to care about my religion so I can pass it down to my children." Jareen, 16, talks about selfless giving after her dad died, "I learned to sacrifice whatever I have for my family. Like skipping a huge sale at the mall."

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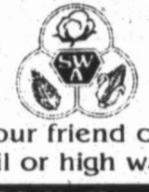
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Baylor vs. Iowa State, 2:00 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season in November.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Ragball tournament set for early Nov.

A ragball tournament has been set up to help raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park. Registration will take place that Saturday at 1 p.m.

The teams are made up of five men and five women and it costs \$10 per player to participate.

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at 264-4108.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, track, training and cheerleading are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Rangers, Stars owner Hicks retires early

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Hicks, multimillionaire owner of the Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars, has reportedly told investors of the buyout firm he co-founded that he will retire on Jan. 1, three months ahead of schedule.

Hicks' retirement party is planned for Tuesday evening at a private home, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"It just feels right," Hicks, the 58-year-old chairman of Dallas-based Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc., told the newspaper in a telephone interview Monday. "I want to start the new year with a fresh focus."

Hicks made the announcement to investors for the firm's annual partners' meeting, which began Monday at the Four Seasons Resort in Las Colinas.

In March, Hicks had announced that he would step down in a year from Hicks, Muse, one of the country's largest buyout firms.

Hicks said then he wanted to spend more time on his sports teams, real estate holdings and with his family.

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Crossroads' Steers fall short in overtime to Buffaloes

Special to the HERALD

The Division 1 Steers learned Saturday why the games are played on the field.

After beating the division leading Coahoma Bulldogs, 20-6, just one week earlier, the Steers underestimated its 2-1 Forsan Buffalo opponent.

Forsan marched down the field on the game's opening drive. The Buffaloes got down to the two-yard line, but a fumble on the three was

recovered by the Steers.

The Steers took over on offense, but Forsan's stingy defense would not give up anything to Big Spring. A Steer false start was followed by a fumble which Forsan recovered in the end zone.

Starting quarterback Mark Torres was knocked out of the game for one play during the Steers' next possession.

However, Torres' backup, Ty Ral Menefield kept the ball around the left side

for a 63-yard touchdown run.

The third and fourth quarter would be all defense with both teams struggling on offense.

With four minutes to go, Forsan began to move the ball. Its long drive saw them get the ball to the Big Spring 14-yard line before the Steer defense tightened. After stops on first and second down, the Steers defense allowed the Forsan quarterback to get around the right side

for a 10-yard gain. That gave the Buffaloes a first and goal situation. Two plays later, the Buffaloes reached the end zone and took the lead, 12-6.

After a short Forsan kickoff, Big Spring scored one play later to tie the game at 12-12. Torres originally dropped backed to pass before taking off and running all the way to the end zone. Forsan stopped the two-point conversion and the game went into overtime.

In overtime, Forsan scored first and added the two-point conversion to make the score 20-12. A short time later, Menefield took the ball in from three yards out. However, Torres was stopped just short of the goal line on the two-point conversion try as the Steers were unable to force a second overtime.

With a 20-18 victory, Forsan improved its record to 3-1, while Big Spring dropped to 2-2.

Cowboys ship WR Bryant to Cleveland

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Antonio Bryant and Quincy Morgan are switching teams in a trade of receivers and former second-round draft picks hoping for fresh starts in new places.

Bryant stayed with the Dallas Cowboys even after throwing a sweaty jersey onto coach Bill Parcells' face during a workout in June. But he was traded Tuesday to the Cleveland Browns for Morgan, who is from the Dallas area.

"I feel like I should be a lot farther along in this game playing-wise and doing things on the field than I was in Dallas," Bryant said Tuesday night. "That's a situation I just want to put behind me. ... I want to be part of something new, something fresh."

While saying he learned a lot from Parcells, Bryant wouldn't elaborate on his relationship with the coach.

Both receivers have shown flashes of becoming NFL stars since they were drafted, Morgan from Kansas State in 2001, a year before Bryant left Pittsburgh after his junior season.

Bryant caught 44 passes for 733 yards and six touchdowns while starting 15 games as a rookie in 2002, before Parcells arrived.

After he started just five times last season, with 39 catches for 559 yards and two TDs, Bryant's outburst with Parcells came because he was upset about the amount of time he got behind Keyshawn Johnson and Terry Glenn, receivers that had played for the coach before rejoining him in Dallas.

Bryant was removed by security from the practice and didn't rejoin the team until training camp. He has 16 catches for 266

yards this season, and had just one for 22 yards in a loss to Pittsburgh last Sunday.

"Certainly, the effort was there on everybody's part to make it work and really fit," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Quincy maybe has a better chance, his temperament might have a better chance of fitting in ... a better fit right now for what we want to do."

Morgan, who would have been a free agent at the end of the season, agreed to a contract extension through 2005 before the trade was completed. Bryant is already signed through next year.

"It's one of the few trades that I've ever seen that it's really a win-win for everybody," Cleveland coach Butch Davis said. "Quincy Morgan is from Texas so he gets to go home. Antonio Bryant wanted a new start."

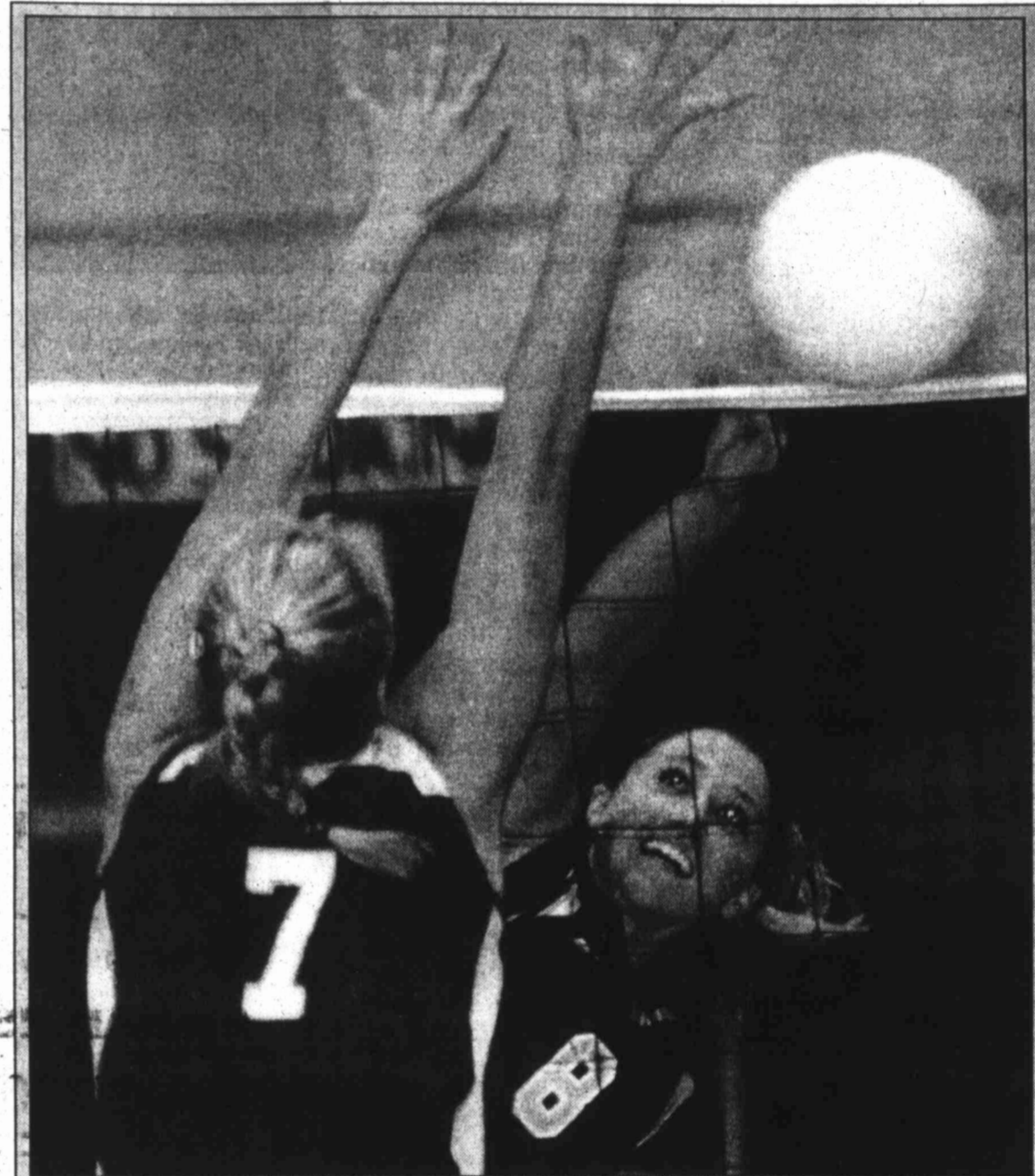
Parcells wasn't available for comment Tuesday.

Morgan caught three touchdown passes this season from Jeff Garcia, but was disappointed with his reduced role over the last 1 1/2 seasons. He complained last week that he wasn't getting the ball enough, arguing that he couldn't be productive if he didn't get any opportunities.

However, the biggest reason for a drop-off in Morgan's statistics may have been that Garcia had lost confidence in him.

Aside from an occasional dropped pass, Morgan does have the knack for making big plays. He had a touchdown catch of over 70 yards in each of the last three seasons — the only receiver in the NFL to do so.

Morgan had 38 catches for 516 yards and three TDs last season. A year earlier, the former Kansas State star had 56 receptions for 964 yards and seven TDs.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Raegan Ritchey smacks down an attack shot during the Lady Steers' win over Frenship Tuesday, Oct. 12. Big Spring locked up second place in District 4-4A Saturday with a five-game victory over Lubbock Estacado. They also defeated Plainview on the road Tuesday.

Lady Steers finish with win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Tuesday night's final district match could not have been scripted any better for the Big Spring volleyball team.

After more than a three hour road trip to Plainview, the Lady Steers came away with a three-game sweep of their rivals 25-10/25-17/25-19. The win resulted in the shortest possible return to Big Spring that night.

"It was nice on a school night to get the job done quick and get home," said head coach Revis Daggett.

The victory finalized the Lady Steers' district record at 8-2. Their overall record is now 23-16 with one warm-up match against Midland

Christian to go before the start of postseason play.

"We had a very strong defensive match," said Daggett.

"Plainview got better as the match went along, but we played solid and stayed focused throughout."

The Lady Steers were led by senior Stefani Scott's 17.5 points. She had 10 kills, a season-high seven service aces and 30 digs.

Senior Shannon Higgins pitched in with 9.5 points on eight kills, one ace and one assisted block. She also had 15 set assists.

Juniors Carmen Lewis and Raegan Ritchey contributed 8.5 points each, as well. Lewis had seven kills and one solo block, while Ritchey turned in six kills, three assisted blocks and 27 digs. Junior Brenn Swinney and senior Cycelye Tuitt pitched in with five and four kills, respectively.

Senior Kendal Adams recorded 21 set assists, while sophomore Katy Abner finished with 26 digs, as well.

The warm-up match against Midland Christian will take place Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Big Spring at the Steer Gym. The first round of the playoffs begin Oct. 29, but the Lady Steers' opponent — which could be Canyon Randal — is officially unknown at this time.



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KRT photo/Shoun A. Hill, Orlando Sentinel
Orlando Magic's Cuttino Mobley, right, strips Dallas Mavericks Michael Finley of the ball during 1st half action of their pre-season game at the TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando Sunday.

Tavarez fined for throwing at Bagwell

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS — Cardinals reliever Julian Tavarez was fined \$10,000 by the commissioner's office Tuesday for throwing a pitch over the head of Houston's Jeff Bagwell in Game 4 of the NL championship series.

Tavarez plans to have the players' union file an appeal on his behalf Wednesday. He is represented by agent Scott Boras.

Tavarez, who has a history of disciplinary penal-

ties, got himself into all sorts of trouble in Sunday's game. The St. Louis righty broke his left hand during a dugout tantrum, though the Cardinals hope he still can pitch in the NLCS.

The excitable Tavarez gave up a go-ahead run to Carlos Beltran in the seventh inning of the Astros' 6-5 win. Bagwell was the next batter in the seventh inning, and the righty zinged a 3-2 pitch over his head.

Tavarez and Bagwell shouted at each other, and plate umpire Mike

Winters warned both teams against further problems.

There weren't any, and an umpire's report on the episode was filed with the commissioner's office.

When the inning ended, Tavarez slammed his glove on the dugout roof and broke his hand when he punched the bullpen phone.

His antics were replayed on the Minute Maid Park scoreboard in-between innings, and the Astros later apologized to the Cardinals for showing it.

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Injured Schilling pitches Red Sox to deciding game

By RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK — With blood seeping through his sock and bravado etched on his face, Curt Schilling shut down the Yankees and — just as he wanted — 55,000-plus New Yorkers.

Now, with the benefit of two reversed calls by umpires, the Boston Red Sox are just one win away from the most shocking comeback in baseball postseason history and another chance to reverse The Curse.

Pitching on a dislocated ankle tendon held down by sutures, Schilling gave up one run over seven innings as the Red Sox beat the Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to save their season for the third day in a row and force a winner-take-all Game 7 for the AL pennant and a trip to the World Series.

A series that was three outs from a sweep on Sunday is now tied 3-3.

Wednesday's finale will mark the second straight year the AL championship series has gone the distance between baseball's perennial pin-striped power and a Boston team desperately trying to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

"We just did something that has never been done yet," Schilling said. "It ain't over yet. It ain't over by any stretch against this team and this organization."

And he wanted nothing more than to beat this organization.

The day before the series began, Schilling brashly said: "I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up."

The Yankees were ahead 3-0 in the series before blowing a ninth-inning lead in Game 4 at Fenway Park and losing in the 12th Sunday night. They led Game 5 in the eighth Monday, then lost that one, too, another marathon that stretched on for 14 innings and almost 6 hours.

Of the 25 previous major league teams that fell behind 3-0 in a best-of-seven series, none had forced a Game 7. But back in the Bronx, where they wasted a four-run lead in Game 7 last year, the Red Sox broke through with a four-run fourth against Jon Lieber.

The Sox were helped by two huge reversed calls.

Mark Bellhorn hit a ball over the left-field wall that was at first ruled a ground-rule double by left-field umpire Jim Joyce before it was correctly changed to a three-run homer that made it 4-0.

Then in the eighth, after Miguel Cairo's double and Derek Jeter's RBI single off Bronson Arroyo pulled the Yankees to 4-2, Alex Rodriguez hit a ball between the mound and first. Arroyo picked it up and ran toward first, where just before the base the striding A-Rod slapped the ball away.

Jeter came all the way around to score as the ball bounced down the right-field line. After Boston manager Terry Francona came out to argue, the umpires huddled, discussed the play, then called Rodriguez out for interference and sent Jeter back to first.

"You could see Alex take a swipe at the ball," Francona said.

Rodriguez raised both hands and put them on his helmet, screaming about the reversal.

"I know that line belongs to me and he was coming at me," Rodriguez said. "Once I reached out and tried to knock the ball, the call went against me. I should have just run over him."

"That was unprofessional. That's against the rules," Red Sox first baseman Kevin Millar said.

"If you want to play football, strap on some pads and go play for the Green Bay Packers."

The game was held up for 10 minutes while fans tossed debris on the field and Yankees manager Joe Torre argued. Gary Sheffield then fouled out, ending the inning.

"There were a lot of things that went on that didn't fall our way, but that's the way it goes," Torre said.

Crew chief Randy Marsh, who was the first-base umpire, said he was screened by first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz and that plate umpire Joe West had the best view.

"I did not see Alex wave at him and knock the ball out," Marsh said.

After Boston's Orlando Cabrera was ruled safe at first base in the ninth, preventing the Yankees from completing a double play, public address announcer Bob Sheppard made his second announcement for fans to maintain order. The umpires talked with Kevin Hallinan, senior vice president of security in the commissioner's office, as Yankees reliever Tanyon Sturtze warmed up.

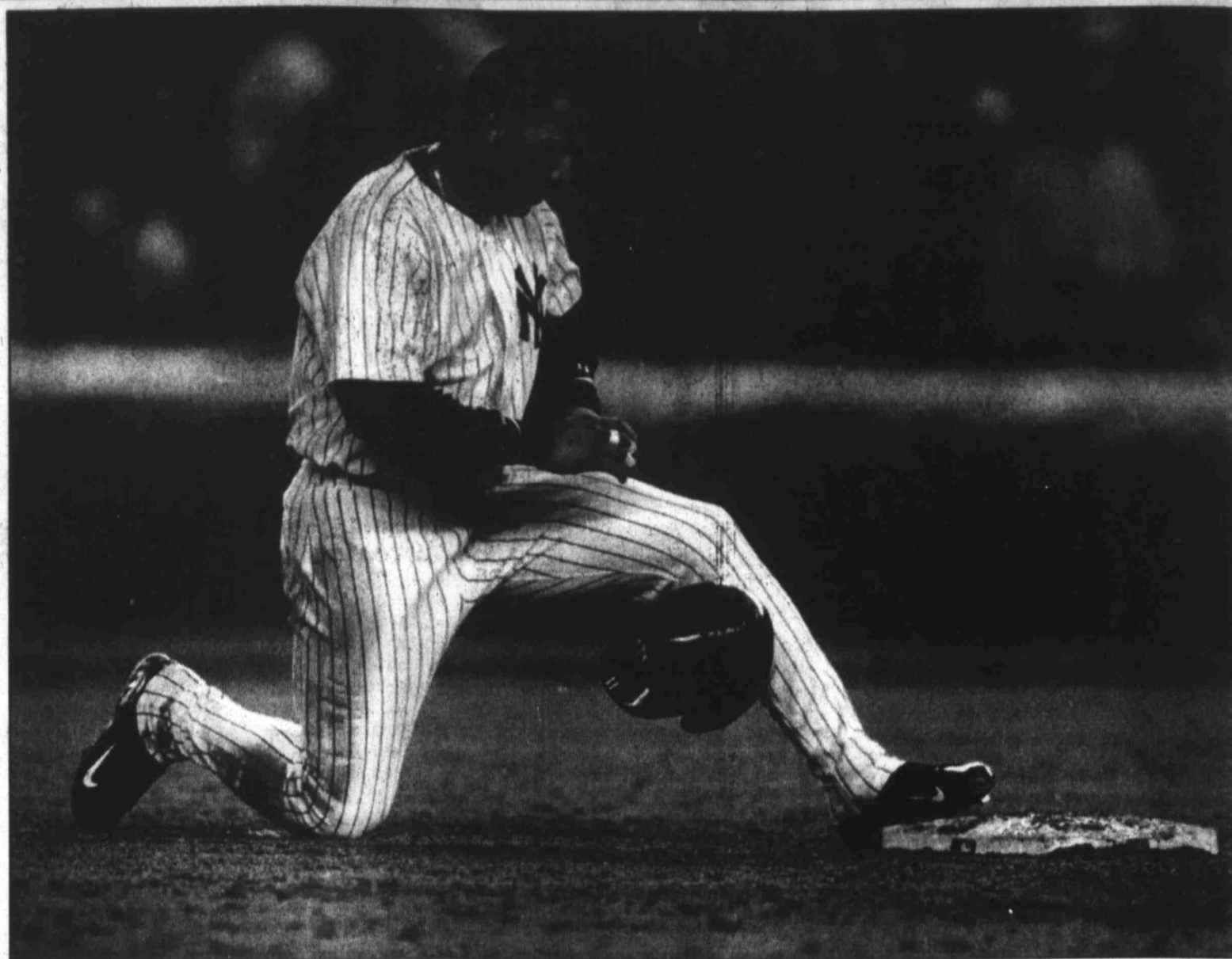
Helmeted police then came on the field and knelt in foul territory along the stands on both the left- and right-field sides in the top of the ninth.

Schilling, who accepted a trade to the Red Sox last fall for the express purpose of beating the Yankees, took a three-hit shutout into the seventh before allowing Bernie Williams' solo homer on the 91st of his 99 pitches.

His ankle had forced him out of the opener after three innings.

"This training staff was just phenomenal — the things they did for me," he said.

Keith Foulke, who threw 72 pitches during the previous two games, relieved to start the ninth. He walked Hideki Matsui leading off and Ruben Sierra with two outs before striking out Tony Clark on a 3-2 pitch to end it, sending the Red Sox running out of the dugout for their third straight



The Yankees' Gary Sheffield throws his helmet after being forced out at second in the fourth inning of game six of the ALCS at Yankee Stadium Tuesday.

night of celebration.

After chasing the Yankees all summer and falling short in the AL East race for the seventh straight season, the wildcard Red Sox caught up to their old rival, an unexpected turn of events given how close Boston was to packing up for the winter just 48 hours earlier.

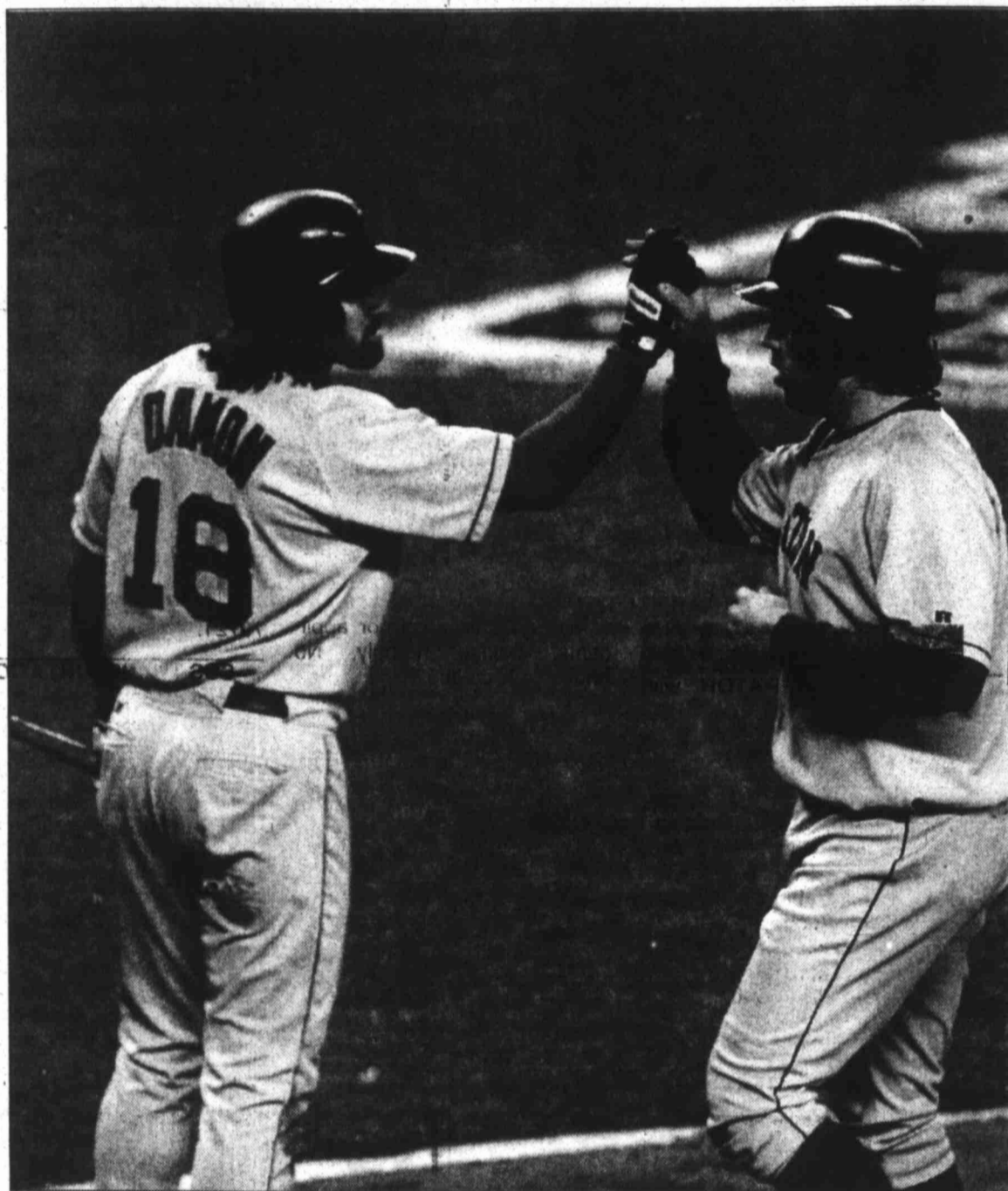
Boston knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, originally scheduled to start Game 7, said Derek Lowe will start instead. Torre said he hadn't decided on his starter — Kevin Brown or Javier Vazquez are the most likely candidates.

While the Yankees are trying for their seventh AL pennant in 10 seasons under Torre and record 40th overall, the Red Sox are attempting to reach the World Series for the first time since 1986.

From the start on a cold night with an intermittent misty rain, nothing went right for the Yankees. Jorge Posada's deep drive to right was held up by the wind in the second, and Williams just hooked a ball foul with two runners on in the fourth.

While the Red Sox looked loose, especially after the initial call of a double on Bellhorn's ball was reversed, the Yankees looked tight, overswinging and never testing Schilling's ankle with a bunt on the slick grass.

Boston's big fourth began with Millar's two-out double to the left-field wall. He took third on a wild pitch and scored on Jason Varitek's single. Cabrera singled to put two runners on, and



Boston's Johnny Damon high fives teammate Mark Bellhorn after they both scored on Bellhorn's controversial home run in the fourth inning of game six of the ALCS at Yankee Stadium Tuesday.

Bellhorn, in a 4-for-32 postseason slump, poked a 1-2 pitch to the opposite field, down the left-field line and to the top of the wall. Replays showed the ball hit a fan in the first row in the chest.

Lieber, who beat Pedro Martinez 3-1 in Game 2, allowed four runs and nine hits in 7 1-3 innings.



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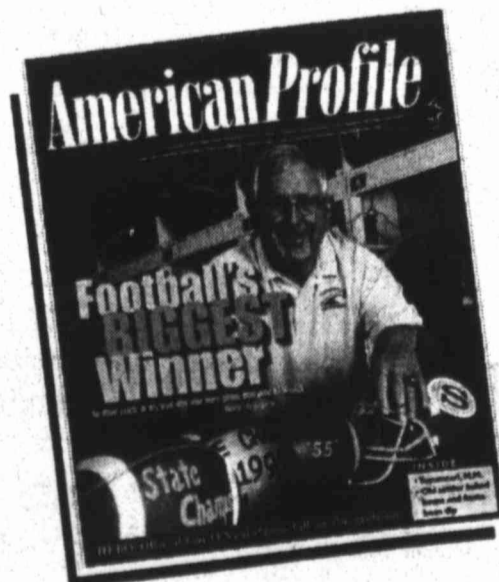
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TO: ARNULFO CHAVERA

and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to wit:

Lot 11, Block 17, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,558.49, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by Howard County, et al as Plaintiffs, against Gilberto Padilla, Sr., and Arnulfo Chavera, as Defendant(s), petition filed on the 26th day of January, 2004, in a certain suit styled Howard County, et al vs. Gilberto Padilla, Sr., and Arnulfo Chavera, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit T-4641 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 29 day of November, 2004 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. #4363 October 20 & 27, 2004

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: ROSARIO SANCHEZ

and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to wit:

Lot Three, the North half of Lot Four, and the West half of the South half of Lot Four, Block 12, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,929.73, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by Howard County, et al as Plaintiffs, against ROSARIO SANCHEZ, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 26th day of January, 2004, in a certain suit styled Howard County, et al vs. Rosario Sanchez, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit T-4652 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Venus is rather terse with Pluto, causing us to feel on edge about relationships, especially the ones that blur into the area of personal finance. Thoughts center around the idea of reciprocity. If someone in your life seems to always be the taker, now is the time when you really notice. Do consider the many ways in which one might give, though.



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life's little bumps give you a chance to duck out and do a personal inventory — something you can accomplish in a quiet 15 minutes or take the whole day to do. A relationship that has gotten one-sided will even out.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whatever you were procrastinating about can wait no longer. Getting

the 'icky stuff out of the way (and in the process finding out that it wasn't so bad) is the best motivator for doing the rest. You'll be able to flirt this afternoon.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can spot a fake a mile away. Use your laser-sharp intuition about people to put yourself in fine company. Begin and end your meetings and appointments on time, and stick to the agenda. Really mean what you are saying.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your influence is strong, and your opinion means more than you know. Encourage a loved one who is pursuing a cherished dream. Later, you're the one this person will thank in the acceptance speech!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Folks aren't responding in the manner you think they should. As much as you love your friends, you can also find them frustrating! Change your approach. Don't accept interactions that are less than favorable.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Make a gracious gesture at work, and team spirit gets everyone through a rather chaotic morning. If someone could bottle and sell your ability to prioritize, the world would be a much more productive place!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A little politeness goes a long way toward giving you a reputation as someone solid and kind. The truly over-the-top generosity comes into play when you decide not to notice whether anybody returns the favor. That's real class!
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have many tasks to do, and you haven't the time and resources to do them equally well, either. Inevitably, something will be skipped. So prioritize carefully, and then, let it go. Tonight, you're distracted by dreams of love.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationships require you to be the leader, something you're comfortable with but don't always prefer. Mainly, being the leader requires you to make decisions exactly when

avoiding a decision would be much easier.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your passion will lead you to do what less passionate people wouldn't dream of — take risks! Approach someone who can help your odds. If you're going to take a risk, why not take one in which the odds are in your favor?
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your nutrition is out of whack — likely not enough variety, water-rich foods or greens. Stop by the store to remedy this instead of going for yet another quick-stop meal. Note: Your social life requires variety just like your diet!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to improve yourself, become smarter through reading, and create meaningful experiences with loved ones. You're the only one who can give these tasks more urgency! Make a stronger effort to be proactive.
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My wife (a Leo) is driving me (an Aquarius) completely crazy. She watches over

every move I made. I feel like I can't breathe. What is up with her? Financially, things are in the pits, and I don't see how they will get better."
Your wife (exact birthday withheld by request) is going through a sort of midlife crisis, during which Leo women tend to focus on their changing looks, their perceived social value and dealing with the loss of fertility. For Leo women, who can be quite vain, proud and sexual, this is a big deal. Your wife is projecting her new insecurities on you, afraid that you may be attracted to younger women, that she's lost her value to you and that in your current financial slump, there's not much she can do to distract herself (shopping, surgery, travel). In short, she's being ridiculous. The best you can do is to not take her comments personally. Continue to compliment her and try to make her feel beautiful and loved, though it's a difficult thing to do when she's acting this way. Her transition will just take time.

Meanwhile, pursue a different financial path. Reinvent yourself by developing a new skill set and learning new ways to market it.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: The rules seem not to apply to rapper/actor and all-around personality Snoop Dogg. Though he's been arrested, aligned with thugs and embroiled in controversy, he somehow always seems to come off as likeable, kind-hearted and even charming. His appeal bridges age, gender and racial gaps — even Barbara Walters likes him! Score one for Libran diplomacy and lightheartedness.
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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 16-year-old granddaughter, "Lena," lives with me. Legally, I am her foster mother. The state is her guardian.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Lena is writing to, and receiving mail from, two young men who are in prison. They are both over 18 and incarcerated for four to eight years. I don't know what crimes they committed to get these sentences. Lena met them when they were in high school (before they were arrested).
I have blocked their phone calls, but how do I block their mail? I told Lena's social worker about the correspondence, but he just shrugs his shoulders. I sense real danger in these relationships. What can I do? — Worried Grandma Out West

matters. Or Mom can have a limited power of attorney drafted, addressing only the issue of her home. Once she has executed this document, she can say to Betty, "You'll have to speak with my daughter. She has full power and authority to handle this for me."

Dear Worried: It helps that these young men are behind bars for the foreseeable future. However, Lena will be at least 18 by the time they are out, and this could spell major trouble at a point when you won't be able to do much about it.

This solution would allow Mom to retain title to her house and let someone else deal with Betty. Perhaps the kids could pay the attorney's fee — a small price for peace of mind. Mom is fortunate to have such a caring daughter. — Charleston, W. Va.

Please talk to Lena without becoming alarmed or angry. Tell her that prison tends to harden inmates, and these men are no longer the boys she remembers. Yes, they deserve a chance to prove themselves, but there's no way to know in advance how that is going to turn out, and Lena needs to understand the dangers. Also, get her involved in other activities after school and on weekends, so she is busy and will meet more suitable friends. If she sees a better future for herself, she will be less susceptible to the charms of these young men.

Dear Charleston: We appreciate your expert advice — which was much better than ours. Thanks for writing.
Dear Annie: Your recent response to the letter about TV commercials was a copout. No way is any TV station going to honor a request to reduce volume during commercials. Some of the worst ads are for pharmaceutical companies, especially the phrase, "Let your doctor know if you have this." Your doctor should already be aware of your problems and doesn't need you pestering him about medication. Car ads are another sore spot. They are simply a way for companies to show off. If it weren't for cheap payment plans, they would never sell.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Mom's Overprotective Daughter." It seems a neighbor, "Betty," is pressuring Mom to sell her home. One of your suggestions was to have the house put in the daughter's name. Deeding the house over to the kids may not be advisable for estate and gift tax reasons.

While I'm at it, those sitcom laugh tracks drive me crazy. I don't need to be told when something is funny. It irks me to have to pay for such programming through the operating costs of television. I boycott anything advertised on TV. There are plenty of other goods on the market. — Burned up in Mississippi
Dear Mississippi: Gee. Tell us how you really feel. Glad we could help you get this off your chest — and with no commercial interruptions.
Dear Annie: My 58-year-

As a financial adviser, I have seen many attempts to coerce elderly people into doing things against their better judgment. Assuming all parties are agreeable, Mom should have a lawyer draw up a power of attorney appointing one or all of her children to act on her behalf in any and all financial

old mother has suffered from mental illness and alcoholism my entire life. She was diagnosed as schizophrenic and has been in and out of treatment for 33 years. Last year, Mom attempted suicide three times.

the office to meet at her place, which, I might add, is quite far away? I'm not sure if she expects us to use a company vehicle or drive in our own cars. I have not said anything to the supervisor because I don't want to make waves. But I also don't want to break any company rules, and I'm not sure she has cleared this with her supervisor or the human resources department. How should I handle it? — Indecisive Employee

Recently, my grandmother (her mother) was put into a nursing home and is not expected to live much longer. Mom is so consumed by this that she won't work, sits in my grandmother's house looking through old pictures and has withdrawn from everyone. She is again showing signs of being suicidal, and when she calls me, she often makes comments like, "If something happens to me, I want you to have this."

Dear Indecisive: While it's fine to have office meetings outside of the office, inviting subordinates to one's home can create an uncomfortable atmosphere. You can

Annie, I am emotionally exhausted from trying to be supportive of my mother. I have made a great life for myself, and have a wonderful husband and three beautiful children. I live 2,400 miles away from Mom because of her problems. I love her, but I am not a therapist. I cannot fix her. I hear these little signs that Mom is having serious problems again, but I don't want to intervene. I no longer want to involve myself. Of course, I would call the officials if she said she was going to kill herself outright, but that's about it. There is a point where a person must let go.

It is torture to hear my mother say she wants to take her own life. Am I being selfish? Is there something else I should be doing? — Giving Up in Montana
Dear Montana: You are not being selfish, you are trying to stay mentally healthy. Phone your mother's doctor so he is aware of the situation and can get an assessment. Then, contact the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (1-800-950-NAMI) (1-800-950-6264) or check their Web site (www.nami.org) under "Communities" for online discussion groups, including one for sons and daughters of the mentally ill, where you can share your concerns and find support and helpful suggestions.

Dear Annie: My supervisor has proposed having her office staff go to her house for a department meeting. She says it's partly for team-building and partly to show off her new home.
I am having reservations about this. Is it appropriate for us to leave

approach this best by talking directly to the supervisor. Ask innocently, "Have you cleared this with the boss? I wouldn't want you to get into any trouble." If she says it's OK, you then can ask if your gasoline is deductible as an office expense or if you should take a company car. She may decide to drop the whole thing.
Dear Annie: We have seven grandchildren, and every Christmas we send each one a sizable check. Three of them thank us by phone, but we never hear a word from the other four. Annie, I am not talking about young children. These kids are between 15 and 23 years of



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Table with 25 columns representing different TV channels (WFAA, KMID, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLE, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KOCV, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, TMC) and 6 rows representing time slots from 6:30 AM to 12:30 AM. Each cell contains the channel name and the program being aired.

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"Mother Nature is showing all the leaf-blowers how to do it."

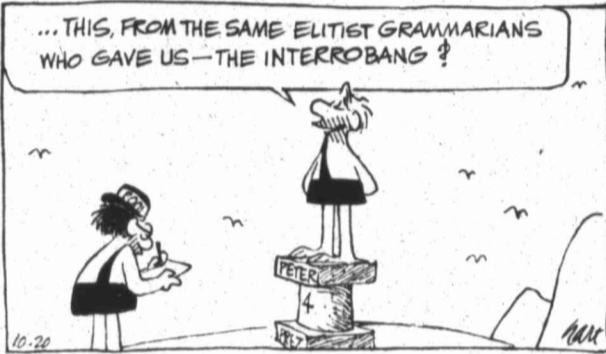
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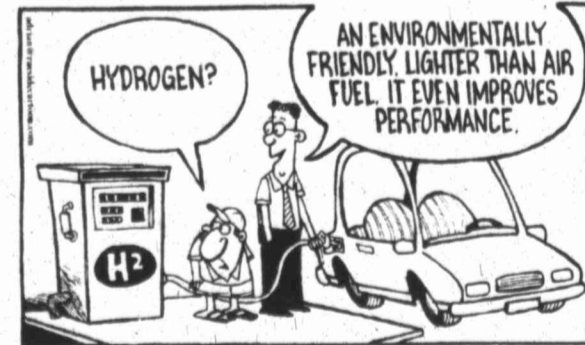
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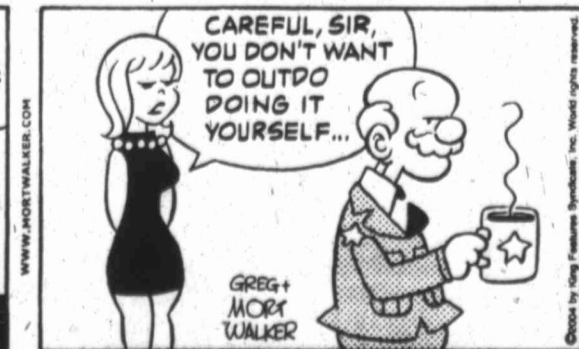
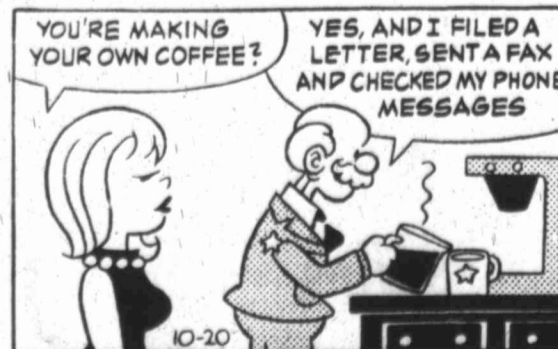
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BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 20, the 294th day of 2004. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, two and a half years after he'd said, "I shall return."

On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.

In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

In 1944, the Yugoslav

cities of Belgrade and Dubrovnik were liberated during World War II.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

In 1967, seven men were convicted in Meridian, Miss., of violating the civil rights of three murdered civil rights workers.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. French resigned.

In 1979, the John F. Kennedy Library was dedicated in Boston.

Today's Birthdays:

Dancer Fayard Nicholas is 90.

Columnist Art Buchwald is 79.

Actor William Christopher is 72.

Actor Jerry Orbach is 69.

Country singer Wanda Jackson is 67.

Singer Tom Petty is 54.

Actress Melanie Lynskey is 52.

Baseball All-Star Keith Hernandez is 51.

Actor Viggo Mortensen is 46.

Rock musician Jim Sonefeld (Hootie & The Blowfish) is 40.

Rock musician David Ryan (The Lemonheads) is 40.

Rock musician Doug Eldridge (Oleander) is 37.

Rapper Snoop Dogg is 33.

Singer Danni Minogue is 33.

Country musician Jeff Loberg is 28.

Answer to previous puzzle

A crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in, corresponding to the clues provided.

Newsday Crossword

ON THE MAP by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS

- 1 __breve (2/2 time)
- 5 A whole lot
- 10 One on the beat
- 13 Sarge's superior
- 15 Oscar winner Marisa
- 16 Out __ limb
- 17 New England gathering
- 19 WWW address
- 20 Coming up
- 21 Roget entry
- 23 Fork prong
- 25 Places to build
- 26 Speed up
- 30 In truth
- 33 Played a part
- 34 Most common dice roll
- 35 German article
- 38 Fakery
- 39 Tuckered out
- 40 Be in charge
- 41 All __ up (irate)
- 42 Autumn beverage
- 43 Prepared to fire
- 44 Runs off to wed
- 46 Drenched
- 47 Evil spirit
- 49 Ski lift
- 51 Unusual items
- 54 Earned more revenue than
- 59 Well-put
- 60 Suave urbanite
- 62 Court divider
- 63 Cobwebby place

DOWN

- 1 "Height" word form
- 2 Lake bird
- 3 Minimum points
- 4 "If it __ broke..."
- 5 Dutch artist
- 6 Portable bed
- 7 French friends
- 8 Declare false
- 9 Inks the register
- 10 Garbage destination, perhaps
- 11 One way to serve ham
- 12 Where dates grow
- 14 Hammed it up
- 18 Leprechaun land
- 22 Driller's find
- 24 Challenge for Hillary
- 26 Truck stop
- 27 Need a backrub
- 28 "Eureka" or "Excelsior"
- 29 President pro __
- 31 At any time
- 32 The R in Roy G. Biv
- 34 Half hunk of beef
- 36 Gen. Robt. __

- 37 Comic Fox
- 39 Bellhop's bonus
- 40 Upholstery flaw
- 42 Shaped like a dunce cap
- 43 Of a main line
- 45 Auction grouping
- 46 Novelist Bellow
- 47 College VIPs
- 48 Boot out
- 50 Some pears
- 52 Refer to
- 53 " __ boy!"
- 55 Skim over
- 56 Gumbo vegetable
- 57 Answer to "Shall we?"
- 58 "Dang!"
- 61 Puppy's cry

A crossword puzzle grid with some numbers indicating starting points for words.