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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

Stanton gearing up for Old Sorehead Trade Days

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hocking wares of every shape and size?

The Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton, of course.

The city of Stanton will once again open its arms to West Texas Oct. 14-15 for the annual event, which will feature an array of vendors and services

for everyone in the family.

According to organizers, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

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

The trade days will feature plenty of entertainment as well, with various groups providing "Many visitors come to the music throughout the day on thing from trash to rare coltrade days just to sample the the Martin County Courthouse lectibles," said Lindsey. "We'll See STANTON Page 3A

food court areas.'

"We'll also have plenty of said Lindsey, "We'll have a special area set aside for all of that."

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

visitor may find just about any the different areas, including

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

For those that aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on "Scattered around the town, a duty to help direct visitors to

Airsho 2006 set for weekend



Members of the Red Baron Squadron flight team will perform their signature form Fina Airsho Oct. 7-8 at Midland International Airport.

aerobatics during the 2006 CAF-

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

MIDLAND Texas residents will get a chance to take a trip "Through Hostile Skies" Saturday and Sunday at Midland International Airport, Commemorative Force and Alon USA once again team up to present the Fina-CAF Airsho

2006. And while previous events have Aisho focused on World War Iand World War II battles and events, this year's show will include a Vietnam segment rescue of a downed pilot.

Featured will be L-19 and O-2A Forward Air Controller planes searching for the pilot while an A-1 Skyraider, T-28 and A-26 make enemy suppression passes and an AC-47 "Spooky" gunship orbits while waiting for the AH 1 Cobra and UH-1D Huey to come in for the rescue.

Of course, it wouldn't be Airsho without the fantastic flying of pilot Jan Collmer in the FINA Extra 300L.

From snap rolls on take-

off to inverted flight Collmer is a 20-year plus Airsho veteran pilot, continuing to dazzle Airsho crowds with a thrilling performance of dynamic dimensions.

Collmer said the annual Airsho represents an 🔻 opportunity to not only fly, but to entertain a special group of people he looks up to.

"I love this air show. I stay in practice, and I'm ready to fly anytime you say go. Takes me about three or four minutes to be in the a.r." Collmer laughed. "My wife says I would do a show for a one-eved cow and an old dog, and that's about right.

"The neat thing about this show is that it's the show where World War II veterans show up in big numbers, and their numbers are declining these days at a pretty terrible rate. You can come out here and walk amongst this crowd, and you're walking amongst guys that flew the big bombers and fighters and took the hits. These are wonderful

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Border fence may face environmental obstacles in Texas

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO - Plans to build a fence along about 700 miles of the U.S. border with Mexico could mean the destruction of costly environmental restoration projects and could cut into lucrative tourism and cross-border spending in the Rio Grande Valley and elsewhere in South Texas.

Congress approved a homeland security bill Friday that included \$1.2 billion for fence construction. -

It's unclear exactly where the two-layer fence could be built. But a House proposal includes

plans for a barrier in El Paso, a nearly 60-mile stretch of fence between Del Rio and Eagle Pass and a final section along more than 220 miles of border between Laredo and Brownsville.

Republicans including Congress, Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, hailed the plan as "a giant step" in controlling the flow of immigration illegal across the U.S. Mexico

border. Environmentalists say the plan could destroy habitats and cut off access to water for

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Clay Grizzle, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's campaign chairman, presents a plaque of appreciation to Carmen Colon, manager of the HEB store in Big Spring, and Rod Spencer, assistant manager. The Big Spring HEB store was recognized for being the first company in Big Spring to complete its employee campaign, as well as having 100 percent participation — raising almost \$15,000 with 120 employees. The employees were also recognized for increasing their giving by more than 50 precent from the previous year.

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Opponents rip Perry on health care By THOMAS PEIPERT

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Candidates vying to oust Republican Gov. Rick Perry in the November election tried to lure voters on Saturday by criticizing the incumbent's handling of health care in the

"Everyone in this room knows Texas has a long way to go when it comes to health care," said Democrat Chris Bell, who joined independent candidates Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman at the University of Texas at Texas toward universal health care. Health care is a right that everyone deserves.'

Bell, who lost his mother to Parkinson's disease in 1999, repeated his call to make the state a leader in stem cell research and said he would fight for full access to emergency contraception for rape victims. But he dedicated much of his time to criticizing Perry, who didn't attend the event.

"He can't even bother to show up, but if I had Rick Perry's record I probably wouldn't show up either," Bell said,

Arlington. "As governor I will lead calling the governor's term a "reign of error.

> Bell pointed to cuts in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) since

Perry became governor. Total enrollment in CHIP has dipped below 300,000 for the first time since 2001, and more than 30,000 children have left the state's low-cost insurance. program since Dec. 1.

In April, the state granted a reprieve to 28,000 children after learning that families reapplying for the program

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Obituaries

Eddie Merle McCormick



Eddie Merle McCormick, 66, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at her residence. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park with Brian Michaelz, officiating.

She was born May 8, 1940, in Big Spring.

A lifelong resident of Big Spring, she graduated from Big Spring High School. She drove a school bus for Big Spring

Independent School District for 14 years. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Teela Holsenbeck of Big Spring; two sons, Jason Shane McCormick of Houston and Clifford Arvin Hart, Jr. of Big Spring; her father, H. A. Rogers of Big Spring; two brothers, Doyle Rogers of Elgin and Curtis Rogers of Colorado City; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Opal Irene Rogers. The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

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

Pearlie Fisher



Pearlie Fisher, 60, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ernest C. Wilson, officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

She was born July 27, 1946, in Marlin and was married to Cleveland Fisher. He preceded her in death in 1983.

Pearlie had worked 11 years at Big Spring Care Center as an aide and as the housekeeper supervisor for Best Western. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Travis Oliver of Big Spring; two sons, Alton Fisher of Big Spring, and Charles Fisher and wife, Paula of Cisco; two sisters, Verna Ashford of Big Spring, and Janice Hunter of Dallas; one brother, Alvin Tate of Houston; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Charles Tate and one sister, Tommie Lee Bovan.

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Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.
Online condolences can be made at:
www.npwelch.com

Barbara Morris

Barbara Morris, 71, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lynda Proffitt

Lynda Proffitt, 53, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• LARRY DALE KING, 24, of 1605 Wasson, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
• ROLANDO VARGAS, 26, of Lamesa, was arrested

Saturday on two local capias warrants.
• RICHARD OLIVAS, 19, of 2904 Collins, was arrest-

- ed Saturday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of theft.

 CRYSTAL LOPEZ, 19, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrest-
- ed Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less in a drug free zone and a local citation.

 MARY GUTIERREZ, 18, of 1513 Wood, was arrest-
- ed Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

 IRMA DAWSON, 44, of 809 Wyoming, was arrest-
- ed Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 MARY NELSON, 44, of Lorraine, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant, three local warrants and charges of resisting arrest and possession of

a controlled substance.
CHARLIE RYERSON, 60, transient, was arrested
Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.

- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1500 block of Sixth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy.
 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES

OR LESS was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels.
• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES
OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 800 block of Wyoming.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
• ROBERT KEITH PARNELL, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for pos-

session of marijuana.
 JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR., 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information.

• RUBIN GUTIERREZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for forgery of a financial instrument.

• TRAVIS ALLEN MELTON, 48, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• PHILLIP J. MARTINEZ JR., was transferred to 'the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

PAULENAR RIOS TORRES, 39, was arrested
 Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault.
 GARY DUANE ALLYN, 43, was arrested Saturday

by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• APRIL MARTINEZ, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault/family violence.

• RANDY MIER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana

 WILLIAM FREDERICK GORDS, 54, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.
 TAYLOR EASON BAKER, 19, was arrested

Sunday by DPS on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• JEFFREY TORRANCE HENSON, 41, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• MELISSA MICHELLE PARKER, 38, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- CRYSTAL NICOLE LOPEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone and minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.
- LARRY DALE KING, 23, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of duty on striking fixture/highway landscape.

Support Groups

MONDAY

 Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

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

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Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of Airbase Road. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of North

FM 820. One person was transported to SMMC.
MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of South Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
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• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Driver

Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Ritchey Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 3100 block of McGregor Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of North Scurry. No patient was found.

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 Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly supply Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.
Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.
Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 22-27-32-42-47-52.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$6 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-21-31-33. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-6-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 6-7-7

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Robert Black, spokesman for Perry, said Bell's criticism was "a few years old because all

made in 2003 have been reinstated" and that the state has increased health care spending by \$9 billion since Perry became governor.

But Bell said the state needed to "maximize CHIP and Medicaid to cover 700,000 Texas kids who are eligible but not enrolled."

He proposed a revision

also destroy the habitats of countless other creatures that live in the marshy brush along the river.

"We're concerned about the overall animal population," Campbell said. "I'm sure they would be cutting down trees, and brush and underbrush to make way for this wall and all of it will be destructive to wildlife."

Some rare birds not found in other parts of Texas or the United States could also lose prev and either die off or be forced

of the cuts that have been in the business tax to ness programs, an expanraise money for the program, while Strayhorn vowed to save money by consolidating governmental agencies and allowing small businesses to pool for health insurance.

We have the dollars," she said. "We just have misplaced priorities and failed leadership."

Strayhorn said she would push for more well-

of food. Campbell said.

runs

town of Mission, worries

that the fence could cut

off a part of their 72-acre

"It would have a huge

negative impact on what

we're doing," said Sue

Sill, executive director of

the park. "Seventy-two

acres sounds like a lot,

Sill said she and other

which

park.

but it's not."

sion in nursing education and for electronic medical records for all Texans by the end of the decade.

Friedman, wearing his usual black cowboy hat and grasping an unlit cigar, said legalization of gambling would raise money for health care, and he would allow Texans to buy cheaper prescription drugs from

to leave the area in search park officials have spent nearly four years restor-The North American ing native plants to the Butterfly Association, park, a project that was partially funded with International Butterfly about \$205,000 in state and Park in the small border federal grants.

It's hard to know how many people might shy away from the park's annual events, including the Rio Grande Prix of Butterflying, but Sill said she suspects a massive wall designed to keep illegal immigrants out isn't likely to help attendance.

"We want our border secure, we want to be pro-

edged that he wasn't a health care expert, the joke-cracking writer said Texans would benefit from a leader that has not been tainted by years in

Though he acknowl-

other countries.

politics. Perry "Between Grandma (Strayhorn) and Bell, you have 89 years of politics.

"As you know I have

tected, but we also don't want to go overboard." Sill said. "We would hate to see the destruction of what we've already done."

Animals aren't the only concerns in the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas, where crossing the international border is a daily event for thousands of residents in both Texas and Mexico.

Nancy Millar, vice president and executive direcof the McAllen Chamber of Commerce's Convention and Visitors Bureau, said McAllen is a

are \$18 for adults and \$6

for children ages 6 to 12.

Children five and under

For more information

get in free.

The candidates, includ ing Perry, will meet Oct. 6 during a debate to be aired on Texas Cable News in Dallas. top shopping destination

tion."

none whatsoever. None, he said. "The difference

between a politician and a

statesman is enormous. A

politician is thinking

about the next election. A

statesman is thinking

about the next genera-

for Mexican nationals. A fence could stymie that economic traffic the com munity relies on. "The whole idea of a

fence is certainly going to give a negative impres sion of our hospitality here," Millar said. "It depends on where it is built, but how could (Mexican tourists) not feel unwanted in our country?"

A negative impression could also deter eco tourists and the so-called "Winter Texans."

What started out as a 4 p.m. both days. Tickets (432) 563-1000 or go to www.Airsho.org.

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Barbara Morris, 71, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

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numerous creatures, including the already endangered ocelot and jarguarundi.

"They move back and forth across the water,' said Mary Lou Campbell, a conservation chairwoman with the Sierra Club's Lower Rio Grande Valley Group, "When you isolate a species, you also (alter) their gene pool."

Campbell said construction of the fence would

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for them."

Military

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Collmer's red, white and

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being utilized by the US

"The Extra is designed

and built by a gentleman

by the name of Walter

Extra. and is a German

Collmer. "He built about

160 of them, and this one

is number 19 of that

group, and was delivered

to me in February of 1996.

It's stressed to plus 10 G's

and minus 10 G's, and it's

roll rate is equivalent to

all of the modern jets. It's

an absolutely wonderful

airplane, and it's comfort-

"I've flown this plane all

over the country. I've had

it as far west as San

able to be in.

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handicapped and over-

flow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want

plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see

everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you

need to plan to come early

built airplane,"

Diego, Calif., and as far northeast as Boston. Mass., to Daytona Beach, Fla. So I've covered everything except the north-

Also among the performers, the Red Baron Pizza Squadron will bring the death-defying era of barnstorming back to life at Airsho 2006, according to Airsho officials. Flying fully-restored historic Boeing Stearman

biplanes, Red Baron Squadron pilots have been performing their exciting aerobatic maneuvers for more than 25 years, thrilling millions of families across the United States.

Internationally-known, award-winning pilot Julie Clark is also scheduled to perform. According to Airsho officials, Clark is America's only solo T-34 performer. aerobatic . Clark's aerial ballet "Serenade in Red, White and Blue" with a special added patriotic tribute is choreographed to Lee chartered as a nonprofit Greenwood's "God Bless Texas corporation to prethe USA," building to a dazzling firework finale.

and stay late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at

Airsho also gives visitors the rare opportunity to get close to some of the world's rarest airplanes, including the world's only flyable B-29 Superfortress and the SB2C Helldiver. Other aircraft taking to the skies will include the B-17 Flying Fortress, FM-2 Wildcat, P-63 King Cobra, FG1D Corsair, P-51 Mustang, SBD Dauntless

and many more. Aerial dogfights will fill the skies and simulated bomb explosions rock the ground as the CAF's collection of classic warbirds reenact some of the most famous aviation battles of World War II.

The Commemorative Air Force — originally known as the Confederate Air Force — was formed in 1957 by five pilots who pooled their money to buy a P-51 Mustang. After purchasing two more aircraft in 1958, the group began to search for other World War II aircraft.

In 1961, the CAF was serve, restore and fly World War II era aircraft.

www.stantonfolks.com."

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hobby for the group became an urgent mission to preserve history.

All World War II veterans will be invited to Airsho as the CAF's special guests, with a free ticket to Airsho and a hospitality tent located on the grounds. Each veteran may be accompanied by one guest.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. both days. Aircraft will be available for viewing from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Show times are noon until approximately

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OUR VIEWS

Don't forget we like your letters to us

keeping with this being National Newspaper Week, we here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to remind our readers that we welcome your letters to the editor and want to publish them in the paper.

On an almost daily basis, you can find our policies concerning letters to the editor located on our "Opinion" page, but here is a reminder:

While it is not an absolute requirement, as evidenced by a number of recent submissions that we ve printed, we ask that letters be limited to no more than 300 words. Letters are printed on an "as space is available basis," and longer letters are more difficult to find space for publication.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are our life counselor, Lord, thank You.

Blaming the media doesn't work

t's so easy to blame the media. That's exactly what **Big Spring City** Councilwoman Stephanie

Horton (District 1) did during a recent council meeting, claiming media outlets in Big Spring and surrounding communities have snubbed the council

and its actions, effectively leaving the citizens of the city in the dark.

"The media does not tell what's going on and causes you to get a lot of phone calls at home," said Horton. "The media does not reflect what's going on the council. We're kind

of the Stepford Council, you

While a reporter's first reaction to such a bold statement might be anger - especially when you put in between 50 and 60 hours a week trying to keep up with city happenings — it quickly registered as Why, you ask?

Because over the years the media has become the go-to scapegoat for elected officials at all levels of government — from the President of the United States to city and county government and used as an excuse to cover up a practice that has been cast aside by many officials: Talking to their constituents.

Stop a dozen city residents on the streets of Big Spring and ask them who their city council representative is.

Ask them who their county commissioner is. Ask them what district they live in. You'll be lucky if you get a single person that knows, and even luckier if they are correct.

Is that the media's fault? Having done countless man-onthe-street pieces for both newspaper and television news, I've run into the exact same problem. It's

the less informed answers we never print and the public never reads that can truly be disturbing.

"Sir, do you think Howard County should build a 144-bed jail or a 96-bed jail?" I recently polled customers leaving a local grocery

"What jail?" said one man. "The county is building a jail? Really?" said a local woman.

"What's wrong with the jail we've got?" said another customer. These are some of the answers that never make the page, blurted out by mothers and fathers trying to get Junior to and from football practice and in essence, just make

Is it the media's fault they don't have an opinion on the jail issue, or even know there is a jail issue?

In August, I wrote more than 350 column inches of stories concerning Big Spring city government, covering issues such as the ban on public smoking and proposed budget and tax rate information.

The previous month, I wrote nearly 300 column inches, covering many of the annual budget meetings and the like. That's not counting what the rest of the staff at the Herald wrote.

While I'm tempted to launch into an inquisition to find out just how much ink 650 column inches of newspaper print translates into, or how many man-hours it took to even get them on the page, I won't mainly because I just don't have time.

So what does all this boil down

Does anyone remember a day when city council members would call special town hall meetings with members of their district to keep them abreast of local issues? Or having a knock at your door to find your county commissioner stopping by to visit and see what's on your mind?

We still see these things from time to time, but it seems like it's only when that particular politician is running for election or re-

Is that the media's fault?

I'm not saying things don't sometimes fall to the wayside in the world of journalism, lost in a sea of letters, faxes and e-mails. It happens, and it's a sad fact of life, serving as tribute to the fact that despite the computers, PDAs and other electronic assistance, we are all still human.

However, shouldn't it be expected of our local elected officials that they make an effort to inform their constituents that doesn't involve the media?

With set up and maintenance of Web sites at an all-time low as far as cost is concerned, is it so far fetched that a council or board member have a presence on the Internet, available to the voters 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

In a time when voter apathy seems to be more the rule than the exception, shouldn't elected officials do more to show their constituents they are working for the betterment of their part of the world?

"The media does not tell what's going on and causes you to get a lot of phone calls at home."

Isn't the fact that people are calling with questions or comments, however malign or benign, a good sign? Doesn't that show they care and are taking an interest in their local government? Shouldn't council members be proud they are getting calls, instead of trying to pawn them off on supposed lack of media coverage?

I applaud those elected officials that go the extra mile to ensure their constituents are fairly represented in local government, and I think it's something the citizens of Big Spring should come to expect of those men and women.

Is it the media's fault? No. It's

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What a predicament for Pirro

oor Jeanine Pirro. This woman has no luck with men. She can't pick ëem as husbands or friends. If it isn't the scoundrel she married, it's the one she chose to complain to. The woman is surrounded by crooks, which is not a good thing when you're running for attorney general.

The latest scandal involving the wouldbe brightest female star in the New York Republican firmament involves her seeking out former New York police commissioner Bernard Kerik to bug her husband and find out whether he was cheating on her. The timing in this case is particularly noteworthy.

The issue at the time was whether Pirro would run for attorney general, governor, or United States senator from New York. Her explanation for why it was taking her so long to decide was her mother's illness. Clearly, or clearly in light of the tapes that were leaked to the press and made as part of the corruption investigation of Kerik, at the time she was publicly supposed to be worrying about her mother's illness, she was privately worrying about whether her husband, who is reportedly referred to rather graphically on the tapes, was

cheating on her. Had anyone known this, it would have ended the guessing game as to which race she would enter. The answer would have been obvi-

As you recall, she entered the Senate race against Hillary Clinton, the one race where her husband might be cancelled out as an issue.

It was her gaffes, not her husband, that drove her out of that race and into the attorney general's contest. Still, by her own estimation, at least as captured on the tapes, had it not been for Albert, she might have been governor. Or at least the nominee.

Behind every powerful man, they say, is a loyal and long-suffering wife. And behind every powerful woman?

What Jeanine Pirro keeps reminding us of is how one-sided that rule seems to be. How did such a talented woman end up with such a loser? (This guy managed to get two speeding tickets this summer while his wife is running for AG. Who does he think he is?) Why does she stay with him and allow him to drag her down for all to see? To paraphrase, why is this woman (not) different from all other women?

A woman, Gloria Steinem once said, needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle. She might not be right about that in life, but in politics, there's something to be said

Mrs. Pirro is crying foul in the investigation, claiming the whole thing was politically motivated. She says it was an underling in

the prosecutor's office who was politically motivated. But the United States attorney responsible for the investigation is a fellow Republican, which makes the claim of partisan bias a little bit weak.

No, it's Mrs. Pirro's taste and her dependence on so-called strong men, not the investigative targeting, that are at work here. For a smart woman, she has terrible taste. For a strong woman, she doesn't behave like one. Having stuck with her husband through thick and thin, having barely survived his stint in prison and his varied state investigations, Mrs. Pirro turned around and had reason to suspect that Albert was not quite as loyal as she. That she chose to confide in a longtime friend who turned out be a crook and who was himself being taped at the time was a piece of bad judgment and bad luck. That the tapes would be leaked six weeks before the election seems to be more bad luck than one woman deserves.

There's no reward for loyalty in her position, as Mrs. Pirro is learning. It may not have been a crime to have Mr. Kerik tape her husband, but it was asking for trouble. And trouble is most certainly what she's got. Bill Clinton survived worse. But he had Hillary, a strong partner, beside him. Jeanine Pirro is not so lucky. Women in her shoes usually aren't, it seems.

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 Keep in mind that the urge to use tobacco usually only lasts three minutes: Use these and other tips to get you through the tough times.

· If you need to relieve frustration, throw darts: hit a pillow; exercise; mow the lawn or weed the flower bed; squeeze a ball; do dishes; listen to a relaxation tape or CD; throw something unbreakable; holler out loud (but not at someone); talk with someone; or write down your feel-

ings. Avoid temptation by staying away from situations you associate with pleasurable smoking or tobacco use. Change your

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routine when you first start to quit. Instead of smoking after a meal, get up and go for a walk or brush your teeth. Instead of smoking while driving, try a new or favorite radio station; try a new or different route to work; or take the train or bus for a while. Instead of a coffee break. drink tea, or take a brisk walk. Eat breakfast in a different place.

· Anticipate future situations/crises that might make you want to smoke again, and remind yourself of your reasons to not give in. Put a list of your top five reasons to quit in places you'll see regularly (e.g., on the bathroom mirror, by the kitchen sink, in your

wallet or purse, car, etc.). · Learn to relax quickly and deeply. Relax all of your muscles. Picture a soothing, pleasant scene. Make yourself limp; visualize a soothing, pleasing situation; and get away from it all for a moment. Concentrate on that peaceful image and noth-

ing else. · Learn to relax quickly by taking deep breaths. Take deep, rhythmic breaths-similar to smoking-to relax; picture your lungs filling with clean air. Or take 10 slow, deep breaths and hold the last one; then breathe out slowly. Or take 10 deep breaths, and hold the last one while lighting a match; exhale slowly and blow out the match; pretend it is a cigarette and put it out in an ashtray.

· Go outside or to a different room when something in your surroundings triggers a craving.

 Think positive thoughts and try to avoid negative ones.

· Write or talk about your feelings related to quitting.

 If you feel you're about to use tobacco, delay. Tell yourself you will wait 10 minutes. Even the most intense craving lasts only a few minutes ... five minutes at the most. The urge will pass whether you smoke or not. Often this simple trick of delaying will help you move

beyond a strong urge. · Review your reasons for quitting, and think of all the benefits to your health, your family and your finances. Think of your most important reason for wanting to stop tobacco use. Say it out loud in front of the mir-

· Tell yourself "no." Say it out loud. Practice doing this a few times. and listen to yourself. Some other things you can say to yourself might be, "I'm too strong to give in to smoking"; "I'm

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a nonsmoker now"; or "I don't want to let my friends and family down."

· Eat a balanced diet. · Drink a lot of water and fruit juice (look for low sugar content and 100 percent juice). Curb your use of alcohol, caffeine and other beverages you associate with smoking. Alcohol can also weaken your resolve about staying quit. Try non-alcoholic cocktails, if desired.

· Eat several small meals during the day instead of one or two large ones. This maintains constant blood sugar levels and helps prevent the urge to smoke. Avoid sugary or spicy foods that may trigger a desire for ciga-

 Keep oral substitutes handy: carrots, pickles, apples, celery, raisins. sunflower seeds, or sugar-free gum.

 Get plenty of rest. Take naps.

· If you are using medicine to help you quit, don't quit using it after a day or two. Stay with it according to directions and the advice of your health care provider. **Keeping Busy Strategies**

 Spend as much free time as possible in places where smoking isn't allowed (especially the first few days after you quit smoking, but also during rough times) libraries, malls, department stores, museums. theaters, churches, etc Later on you will be able to handle places with people using tobacco with more confidence.

• If you miss the feeling of having a cigarette in your hand, play with something else—a pencil, a paper clip, a coin, a marble, a water bottle,

• If you miss the feeling of having something in your mouth, try toothpicks, cinnamon sticks, sugar -free lollipops, hard candy, gum, celery, or carrot sticks.

• Exercise. Take a long walk; walk the dog; go bike riding; try other physical activities (e.g., karate, yoga, bowling, hiking, tennis, swimming, softball).

 Try doing brief bursts of exercise (pushups,

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· Do activities around the home (gardening; cleaning out and organizing a closet, garage, or attic; painting; decorating; washing the car; organizing a yard sale; or cooking).

 Work on a hobby, or take up a new one. Play a musical instrument; start a collection; knit; sew; do woodworking;

write; read; or do puzzles. Go to a movie.

 Clip coupons. · Play cards.

Do a puzzle or cross-

word. · Get a manicure or pedicure.

 Brush your teeth and/or use mouthwash.

· Take a shower or bath. Wash your hands or

the dishes. • Light incense or a candle, instead of a ciga-

Reward Strategies

· Reward yourself. Plan to do something fun for doing your best.

 Plan a day full of pleasurable activities; then plan something enjoyable every day.

 Make a list of the money you'll save not smoking and a list of rewards you could purchase with that money. Be sure to reward yourself incrementally-don't wait until you are smokefree for a month: reward yourself for getting through the first day, then the first week, etc Celebrate your important milestones.

· Give yourself a financial incentive by putting the money you would have spent on tobacco products in a glass jar. For a pack-a-day smoker, this could be \$1,500 a year or more.

 Commit yourself in writing to a specific reward for a specific accomplishment. Write a contract (e.g., state your name, number of days you'll stay quit to fulfill the contract, exact time you will complete the contract, and a reward for completing it). Sign

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the contract, and have a friend or family member sign as a "witness" for accountability. Keep the contract. If it motivates you, write a negative consequence for not keeping the contract (e.g., cleaning the garage, buying lunch for the person who nags you the most about quitting tobacco, or deep cleaning your spouse's car).

Support Strategies Seek the company of non-smokers more often. Remember, most people don't smoke. So, if you must be in a place where smoking is allowed, for example at a party, try to be near non-smokers where you might not be as easily tempted.

 Call a supportive friend, family member,

or quitline counselor. Join a club or support group.

· Have someone over or a family get-together.

 Get a "buddy." This "buddy"would be someone you could call on when you're going through a rough spot, or someone who would be willing to help motivate and encourage you in ways that work for you. You might want to have a "buddy" who is also try ing to quit tobacco or a former tobacco user who can understand what you are going through.

 See your doctor or other health care

provider for motivation and advice on quitting. 'Slip' Strategies

If you "slip" and use tobacco, understand that it is a small setback and doesn't make you a smoker again.

The difference between a "slip" and a total relapse is within your control. Don't say, "Well, I've blown it. I might as well smoke the rest of this pack.

"Get right back on your no-tobacco track, remembering that the ultimate goal is no tobacco, not one puff or pinch

If you "slip" and use tobacco, feel good about the time you went without tobacco.

Try to identify what triggered you to use tobacco, and learn from the "slip"how to make your coping skills better.

Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spend-, ing smart, living well."

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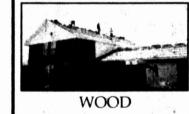
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Scientists say premature births account for more than 30 percent of infant deaths

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA - Scientists now say a third of infant deaths are due to premature births - a much larger percentage than previously thought.

In the past, "preterm birth" has been the listed cause of death in fewer than 20 percent of newborn fatalities. But that number should be 34 percent or more, said researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That's because at least a dozen causes of newborn death are actually problems that go hand-in-hand such as respiratory distress syndrome caused by underdeveloped lungs.

"This brings preterm birth, as a cause of death, to the kind of level that we think it deserves," said the CDC's Dr. Bill Callaghan, the lead author of a study appearing Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The revised statistic may lead to greater efforts to counsel pregnant women about taking care of themselves and avoiding actions that can lead to preterm births — such as smoking and drug use.

It also may help organizations lobbying for more women who follow medical advice still have preterm babies.

The March of Dimes is advocating to expand federal research into preterm labor and delivery and the care and treatment of premature infants.

At issue is how to label the causes of deaths for infants who die before they reach their first birthday.

"Preterm birth" generally describes infants who are born before 37 weeks gestation, and the term is also used as an official cause of death. Twothirds of infant deaths

with premature births, research into why some occur in children who were preterm, but their cause of death is often attributed to one of the several specific problems that can occur in preterm habies.

> "The only way that an infant gets assigned ("preterm birth") is if there's nothing else on the death certificate," said Callaghan, a senior scientist in the CDC's maternal and infant health branch. "That may result in an underestimation of what the real problem is."

> Callaghan and other researchers reviewed about 28,000 U.S. infants

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The bidding: South Pass Opening lead - ace of clubs

play well when you can see all 52 cards rather than just 26. For a striking example of how even the best players occasionally veer from perfection, consider this deal played during the 1983 world championship match between the United States and New Zealand, At the first table, with a U.S. pair

It is, of course, much easier to

seated North-South, the bidding went as shown, and the New Zealand West led the ace and another club to dummy's king. Declarer played a diamond to his king, losing to West's ace. West then led a spade to his part-

ner's ace, and East returned a club, allowing West to ruff with the jack to put the contract down one.

Although this outcome appear unavoidable after West led the ace and another club, the fact is that South could have made the contract. After winning the club king at trick two, he should have played the K-A-10 of hearts and discarded his spade on the ten. With West unable to reach East's hand, declarer would have lost only three tricks for a score

At the second table, with a New Zealand pair North-South, the bid-South

Pass 3.NT Dble Here the U.S. West chose the disastrous lead of the queen of hearts. The New Zealand declarer won with the king, finessed the ten of hearts and discarded his singleton spade on the ace of hearts. The only tricks the defenders could then score were a diamond and a club, so declarer made the contract for a score of 550

And so, the U.S. team lost 650 points on the deal. But if the declarer at the first table had made four diamonds doubled, and the West at the second table had led a spade instead of a heart, the U.S. team would have gained 610 points instead. All of which goes to prove that, just as in life, bridge also is a game of ifs.

Tomorrow: Haste makes waste. £2006 King Leatures Syndicate In-

Congressman's inappropriate actions toward teenage pages threatens House Republicans

By LARA JAKES JORDAN

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While GOP leaders scramble to contain the political fallout from the latest Washington sex scandal, the FBI is examining Republican Rep. Mark Foley's e-mail exchanges with teenage boys to see if laws were broken.

The FBI "is conducting an assessment to see if there's been a violation of law," spokesman Richard Kolko said, declining to elabo-

Foley, a congressman from Florida, abruptly quit Congress on Friday after reports surfaced that sent sexually charged electronic messages to boys working as congressional pages.

The disclosure sent House Republicans into damage control mode charges amid Democrats that some House leaders may have known for months about inappropriate overtures toward the young pages.

White House press secretary Tony Snow, asked about that Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America," urged greater efforts to "figure out what happened here.'

He called it "a terrible story" and said he considered it unfortunate that "people are thinking, 'OK, can I get political advantage out of this'.'

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., fin a letter sent Sunday to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, Justice asked the Department to "conduct an investigation of Mr. Foley's conduct with current and former House pages.

White House counsel Dan Bartlett called the allegations involving Foley shocking, while Democrats demanded that investigators determine whether Republican leaders tried to cover up Foley's actions for political reasons.

'The attorney general should open a full-scale investigation immediately," Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said in a statement, including whether GOP leaders "knew there was a problem and ignored it to preserve a congressional seat this election year.'

Foley's district is heavily Republican, but now may be won by a Democrat. Republicans are struggling to maintain their House majority in the upcoming election.

FBI cyber sleuths are looking into the text of some of the Foley messages, checking to see how many e-mails and instant electronic messages were sent and how

many computers were used, according to a law enforcement official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the

ongoing investigation. The FBI also was trying to determine if any of the teenagers who received messages are willing to cooperate with the investigation, the official said.

Ironically, Foley, who is 52 and single, could be found to have violated a law that he helped to write as co-chairman of Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus.

"Republican leaders have admitted to knowing about Mr. Foley's outrageous behavior for six months to a year, and they chose to cover it up rather than to protect these children," said ly explicit communica-House Democratic leader Pelosi Nancy California.

Rep. Thomas Reynolds of New York, head of the House Republican election effort, said he told Hastert months ago about the allegations involving a 16-year-old boy from Sunday said that Hastert

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Hastert acknowledged that his staff had been made aware of concerns about what they termed "over-friendly" e-mails Foley had sent to the teenager — including one requesting his picture in the fall of 2005, and that they referred the matter to the House clerk.

But Hastert said those emails were not viewed as "sexual in nature" and that he was not aware of "a different set of communications which were sexually explicit ... which Mr. Foley reportedly sent another former page or

Hastert asked the Justice Department to investigate "anyone who had specific knowledge of the content of any sexualtions between Mr. Foley and any former or current House pages and what actions such individuals took, if any, to provide them to law enforcement."

A Pelosi spokeswoman, Jennifer Crider, late

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'seems more concerned by who revealed the Republican leadership coverup of Mr. Foley's Internet stalking of an underage child than he was about ensuring the children entrusted to the House were protected."

"We need to make sure that the page system is one in which children come up here and can work and make sure that they are protected," said Bartlett, the White House counsel, as he made the rounds of the Sunday morning talk shows.

Congressional pages, a staple of Washington politics since the 1820s, are high school students who serve as gofers in the House and Senate.

Republican leaders say it's their duty to ensure House pages' safety, and they're setting up a tollfree hot line for pages and their families to call to confidentially report any incidents.

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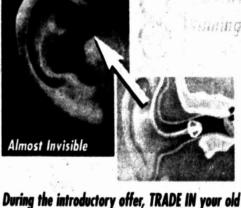
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Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Junior Tennis League continues

A free Junior Tennis League continues at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. The league, open to players ages 8 through 12, is held from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Players should bring their own racquet, or one will be provided when available.

to 7:30 p.m. every

Lady Steers down Estacado

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team earned its first District 4-4A victory of the season with a 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 25-18, 19-17 win over Lubbock Estacado Saturday.

The Lady Steers, now 1-2 in league play, will look to even their district record Tuesday when they will host San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at Steer Gym.

Whitaker said she was proud of the entire team's effort, and was particularly pleased with the hitting and passing against the Matadors.

"We ran our offense much better Saturday," Whitaker said following the victory. "We hustled and fought hard to win a game that lasted three hours. We still missed too many serves, but I am very proud of this team and we're looking forward to coming home and having our fans behind us on Tuesday night."

Steers place third at Lubbock meet

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring High School boys' cross country team finished third at the 29th Annual Lubbock Invitational Saturday.

This marks the first time in five meets this season that the BSHS boys have not won a team championship.

El Paso Chapin won the Saturday meet's team title, and was followed by Dumas and Big Spring. Zack Dawson was the

Zack Dawson was the top individual finisher for the Steers, placing second behind meet winner Gerzain Valenzuela of Hereford with a time of 15:51.2.

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This group of Coahoma fans was definitely enthusiastic for their support of the Buildogs during the CHS Homecoming game Friday night against Merkel Merkel defeated Coahoma, 26-14.

Detroit limps into playoffs

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — If the Detroit Tigers are going to extend their surprising season by making a run in the playoffs, they'll have to get past the New York Yankees.

After wasting several

chances to wrap up an AL. Central title, the slumping Tigers slipped to a wild-card spot Sunday and now must open the postseason Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium against New York's powerful lineup.

"Once we get to New York, we'll be ready to go," Tigers first baseman Sean Casey said. "It's a new season come Tuesday night."

All the other first-round matchups were also settled on the final day of the regular season. The playoffs begin Tuesday, when AL West champion Oakland visits Minnesota at 1:09 p.m. EDT.

In the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals play at San Diego in Game 1 at 4:09 p.m. Tuesday. The New York Mets will face the Los Angeles Dodgers, who took the wild card, in a series that starts Wednesday at Shea Stadium.

All four first-round series are a best-of-five format.

Making their first trip to the playoffs since 1987, the Tigers pulled out all the stops Sunday as they tried to win their division and earn home-field advantage in the first round. But they squandered a six-run lead against last-place Kansas City and lost 10-8 in 12 innings for their fifth consecutive defeat.

All-Star starter Kenny Rogers came out of the bullpen for his first regular-season relief appearance in three years, but

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Texans get first victory

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — On the brink of his first win as coach of the Houston Texans, Gary Kubiak couldn't bear to look.

Too bad, because if he'd turned around he would have seen No. 1 draft pick Mario Williams make a game-saving play. Williams tipped a two-point conversion that would have tied the game and finally got his first sack as the Texans beat

Miami 17-15 on Sunday.
The Dolphins trailed 179 when Daunte Culpepper
found Chris Chambers
for a 16-yard touchdown
with 1:39 to go to pull
within two. Miami went
for the 2-point conver-

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Dallas dumps Titans

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As long as Drew Bledsoe and Terry Glenn are connecting for touchdowns, they don't mind when Terrell Owens gets all the attention.

In a game that featured T.O.'s appearance five days after an "accidental overdose" and the first NFL start of Tennessee rookie Vince Young, Bledsoe and Glenn hooked up on two 13-yard touchdown passes Sunday and the Dallas Cowboys beat the Titans 45-14.

Bledsoe sees Owens, the five-time Pro Bowl selection, and Glenn, his for-

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Raul Vasquez/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT

Dallas' Bradle James, right, celebrates with DeMarcus Ware after scoring a touchdown on an interception against the Tennessee Titans in Nashville Sunday. The Cowboys defeated the Titans 45-14.

It's anyone's guess who will take North Division

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska needs overtime to beat Kansas 39-32, and Missouri defeats winless Colorado 28-13 but gets fewer yards than an offense that came in ranked 113th nationally.

Call the Cornhuskers and Tigers favorites in the Big 12 North, if you will, but Saturday showed the road to the conference championship game could be a wild ride.

Nebraska was the clear favorite in the preseason, and Missouri has emerged as a contender after getting off to a 5-0 start for the first time since 1981.

But Kansas looks as if it could be a factor after outplaying the Huskers in the second, third and fourth quarters.

Iowa State? Kansas State? Colorado?

Don't bet against any of those teams winning a game they shouldn't and creating even more chaos in arguably the weaker, but no less entertaining, of the league's two divisions.

When No. 22 Nebraska (4-1, 1-0 Big 12) jumped out to a 17-0 first-quarter lead, it was reminiscent

BIG 12 PERSPECTIVE

of the glory days of the 1980s and '90s when lopsided wins over the Jayhawks were standard.

When Kansas (3-2, 0-1) came back to take a one-point lead and then rallied again to tie it in the last minute of regulation, red flags were raised among the Husker faithful,

"This is a wakeup call," I-back Brandon Jackson said. "We have to work harder. We have to be ready to play in any situation at any time."

Nebraska's defense has received much acclaim, but now the pundits must reconsider after Kansas rolled up 574 total yards and ran 94 — yes, 94 — plays from scrimmage. Mighty Southern California managed "only" 399 yards and 68 plays against the Huskers.

The vaunted Nebraska passrush, so far, has been more fable than fact. The Huskers have seven sacks in five games, oneby All-America candidate Adam

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Ron Jenkine/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT
Texas Tech's 'Robert Johnson (9) catches the winning touchdown in front of
Texas A&M's Jordan Peterson during the Red Raiders' 31-27 victory at Kyle
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sion, but the pass by running back Ronnie Brown was tipped by Williams and sailed Chambers' head.

"He threw it and I just reached up and tipped it." Williams said. "I was in the right place at the right time.'

The Dolphins (1-3) tried an onside kick and almost recovered, but the ball squirted out from underneath Keith Adams and the Texans fell on it and ran out the clock.

"That was pretty cowardly," Kubiak said, referring to his turning away from the play. "I've been that way in football through a lot of things. I'll make a call and just walk away. I heard everybody go crazy, so I knew it was good. That was a great sound."

quarterback After David Carr's 1-yard score put Houston (1-3) ahead 10-6 early in the fourth, Williams got to Culpepper for a 3-yard loss. The sack was the first of his career and his first tackle of the

DALLAS

defensive help.

Bledsoe said.

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mer teammate at New

England, as the best tan-

dem of receivers he's ever

had. Still, Owens is the

one who draws extra

"When Owens is out

there, (Glenn) gets single

coverage and you can't

cover him one-on-one."

Owens did indeed play

with his broken right

hand protected by a plate

and a glove only five days

after his hospital visit for

an accidental overdose.

He caught five passes for

88 yards but also dropped

couldn't pull in with his

pass in the end zone he

"He caught a couple

Dallas center Andre

Gurode's face and was

ejected. Gurode needed

stitches above his left eye

and didn't return because

of blurry vision.

Williams jumped for joy and hugged a teammate as the crowd responded with a standing ovation.

"Now you can't say I don't have a sack, Williams said. "It was a good thing, but at the same time, playing a game and putting the pressure on him, that was a great ending to get a sack."

On the next play, Williams and fellow rookie DeMeco Rvans combined to take Culpepper down again, this time for a 7-vard loss. The Dolphins were forced to punt and the Texans responded with another touchdown, this one a 3yard catch by Andre Johnson that lengthened the lead to 17-6.

Johnson finished with nine receptions.

The Texans found a pass rush against the Dolphins, sacking Culpepper on the first play of the game and harassing him all day. Houston had just three sacks entering the game but got to Culpepper five times. The less-mobile Culpepper has been sacked 21 times this season in his return from reconstructive surgery.

Haynesworth was con-

"If they suspend me

that's fine," Haynesworth

said. "Because for what I did, whatever they give

me, I deserve it. I did it

and it's wrong. That's not

the game of football that's

not how it's supposed to

be played. I let my team

Parcells said he didn't

see what happened.

Neither did Bledsoe, but

"There is no place for

that in this game," Bledsoe said. "That is

something that you hate

to see, and something that

should not be a part of

The Cowboys (2-1) punt-

ed only once and ran for

217 of their 369 total

yards. Julius Jones ran 23

times for 122 yards and a

he wasn't happy.

this game at all."

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Carriker. KU quarterback Adam Barmann was never sacked in 54 pass attempts.

He completed 27 against a vulnerable Nebraska secondary - all after the first quarter - for 405 vards. It was the fourthmost productive passing day in Jayhawk history.

If Nebraska fans are worried about what the rest of the season holds, they may or may not be comforted by coach Bill Callahan's "a-win-is-aattitude win" remains from his days in the NFL.

"It became a dogfight," Callahan said. "You'll get into those types of situations in conference competition. That's the nature of the North Division.'

No. 23 Missouri (5-0, 1-0) is unbeaten at this point for only the fourth time since 1906. But the win over struggling Colorado did little to answer questions about just how good the Tigers are.

Missouri's defense came in ranked No. 1 in the

lot," Parcells said. "He's a

young kid. When you get

behind 34-14, that's a dif-

ferent deal. So it's diffi-

cult. He's obviously got a

good arm and athletic

Young showed the flash-

es of potential that

the athletic rookie.

ability."

land but surrendered 373 yards to the Buffaloes, who have lost nine straight games.

Like Callahan, Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel says all wins count the same. Daniel, who hit 23 of 35 passes for 253 yards and four touchdowns, dismissed talk that the Tigers haven't beaten a quality opponent yet.

"That's for the fans and that's for everybody else to figure out," he said. "We don't really worry about that. We just want to go out there and play our 'A' game."

Back-to-back games at Texas Tech and Texas A&M should provide more answers about Missouri. If the Tigers pass those tests, it could be very interesting when they visit Nebraska.

"I think these guys will respond to any challenge that is put in front of them," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said.

RED RIVER RIVAL-RY: Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops compliments the job Colt McCoy is doing Texas' first-year starter. That said, Stoops surely will be happy to see McCoy rather than Vince Young quarterbacking the Longhorns.

Saturday. The Cowboys were well prepared for on yourself," Young said. "I expected to see him a

Fisher said later he is sticking with the rookie from here on out as his starter.

most difficult things to do was to deal with the temptation to play him sooner than we should. ... I never put a timetable on it," Fisher said.

- 3-0 — after Young guided the Titans to a field goal by handing off seven times on an 11-play drive.

driving the Cowboys 80 and 55 yards on the next

prompted the Titans to make him the No. 3 pick overall in April, scoring a

2-point conversion on a draw. - He also found receivers under pressure. But playing behind a banged-up offensive line, Young couldn't escape on

called running plays. "I learned that you've two possessions.

got to take care of the ball for one, and then also don't try to put too much

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balls," Dallas coach Bill Young looked very Parcells said. "You were much the rookie as Dallas there. What do you think? sacked him twice and I was pleased with the intercepted him twice, Bradie James There was added drama returning the second 15 when Titans defensive yards for a touchdown. Albert Young also fumbled at the Haynesworth stomped on

> Dallas also recovered. He finished 14-of-29 for 155 yards and ran five

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Titans coach Jeff Fisher secret, but it leaked out apologized; and

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he gave up the go-ahead

Detroit's loss coupled with Minnesota's 5-1 victory over the Chicago Sox gave White Minnesota its fourth AL Central championship in five years. Playing at the noisy Metrodome, the Twins will send rested ace Johan Santana (19-6) to the mound in Game 1 against Oakland curveballer Barry Zito (16-10).

Nate Robertson (13-13) will pitch Detroit's opener against Yankees righthander Chien-Ming Wang (19-6).

"It's a lot easier to beat them three out of five than four out of seven," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "We needed our pitchers to give us more than we got in the

last five days. If we keep pitching like this, nothing else is going to mat-

The NL East champion Mets, who tied the Yankees for the best record in the majors at 97-65, also are concerned about their pitching.

The Mets will be without an injured Pedro Martinez throughout the postseason, while the **Dodgers have Derek Lowe** and Greg Maddux lined up to pitch the first two games.

Los Angeles ended the season on a seven-game winning streak, while New York won its final

"One benefit we have is we faced them a short time ago," Dodgers out-fielder J.D. Drew said. "It will be a tough matchup. Their bullpen is pretty much set. I'm sure the loss of Martinez is disheartening to them."

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Annie's Mailbox • : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Something happened a year ago that I still find upsetting and cannot stop thinking about. My ex-husband and I both were invited to my grandson's high school graduation. We both stayed at my son's home, although separate rooms.

In all the time I've visited my son and his family, my daughter-inlaw has never provided sweets, cookies, cakes and the like, but on this occasion, she did. She offered these various goodies to her father-inlaw (my ex), and he enjoyed them immensely. expressed pleasure by putting a hand on her waist or saying she deserved a hug, and the hug often culminated with a kiss on the lips.

This occurred a number of times in my presence. I felt very uncomfortable witnessing intimacies, and to me, they were crossing a line. daughter-in-law My willing seemed a participant, although it's possible she did not know how else to deal with it.

I love my daughter-inlaw and don't know if this was absolutely innocent or if I should have said something. Is this OK? Is my reaction some problem of mine? — Still Upset

Dear Still Upset: It sounds as if your ex is doing some minor flirtation with his daughter-in-law. her to handle it. If she has a problem, she will discuss it with her husband. If she is encouraging it, your son will eventually notice. Either way, it's generally best if the ex-wife (and mother-in-law) stays out of it.

Annie: Dear husband and I invited 24 friends to my birthday party. We sent invitations three weeks ahead and requested an RSVP. We stated in the invitation that we would be serving dinner and that gifts were not necessary.

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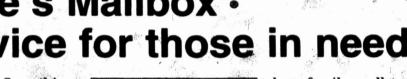
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people, but eventually, we received 20 positive responses. My husband and I shopped, cleaned and spent over \$200 on food and drinks. Our first guests showed up an hour late, and one couple arrived three hours late. Three friends came without their spouses, and two couples never showed at all. Three of arrivals late announced they would be leaving early for other parties. We were left with 10 adults for a dinner we'd prepared for 20.

These guests are all educated professionals in their 40s. Is it unreasonable to expect people to RSVP, show up on time and stay for the entire party, or at least tell us in advance if there is a change in plans? Is this behavior becoming modus operandi for the 21st century, or do we just happen to run with

an inconsiderate crowd?

Deeply Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: Both, we're afraid. Too many people treat an RSVP as "Reply if You Feel Like It," and they think only of their own preferences and needs, with no consideration for yours. Here's the rule: After three attempts, anyone who is invited but doesn't respond, fails to show up, repeatedly leaves early or is otherwise inconsiderate. is not invited again.

Period. Dear Annie: This is for "Embarrassed," woman who had cut herself to help with emotional pain and was now embarrassed to show her scars in a

bathing suit. I used to be a cutter. and my solution was not to hide my scars but to ignore them. My family and friends understood. and when incredibly rude strangers asked me what had happened, I told them I was mauled by a tiger or that it was topgovernment business.

My scars have faded, and it's not a big deal anymore. I wish "Embarrassed" the best of luck in finding what works for her. Virginia

Dear Virginia: We're glad you found a way to get through that difficult time with a sense of humor. Thanks for your support.

Dear Annie: My wife (I will call her "Carlene") has really got me stumped. We have been married for 16 years, and everything was fine until just recently.

Carlene seems to be spending a lot of time with her family, and she doesn't include me. Two months ago, she went on a trip with her sister and niece for three days. I was not invited. Her brother asked her to go with him and his family on a day trip to an exhibit for kids. They only had three tickets, so

I couldn't go. I told Carlene that if I am not invited to these events, she shouldn't go, but she goes anyway. Whenever a member of also forgets to do these

her family calls, she's right there, but when I want to do something,

Carlene joined a health club last year. She used to be insecure and never go anywhere, but now she acts like she's single. and her family is treating her that way. We have been arguing about this constantly and have talked about divorce, but she tells me she loves me. However, she's made it clear that her family

comes first. Should I end this? - On

she says it's a dumb idea.

the Back Burner Dear Back Burner: Divorce seems a bit hasty, don't you think? Going to a children's event for which there are only three tickets is no cause for concern. A short women-only trip with family is also no big deal. Happily married couples do not insist on doing everything together. It's a sign of insecurity. If you went to a football game with a friend, would Carlene have to come along? Of course not.

The real problem is the impression you have that her family comes before you, and that is what needs to be addressed. Tell Carlene you'd like to get some counseling to help you deal with this and you hope she will come with you.

Dear Annie: husband and I have been married almost 30 years. We get along great, but he finds fault with some of the smallest things and blows them totally out of proportion. He makes a big deal if I don't lock the door, don't turn off a light or if the bathroom water faucet isn't turned tightly enough.

Annie, he does some of these same things, and I never say a word about it. I just fix the problem. Why is it such a major production for him? — Going Crazy Dear Going Crazy: It

isn't so unreasonable to lock the door, turn off the light and make sure the faucet doesn't drip. The fact that your husband things is one of the reasons he makes such a big fuss. If neither of you remembers, he worries the water and electric bill will go up and someone could break in. And we all know people who seem to turn into their parents as they age. His father likely behaved the same way. After 30 years, you should simply turn a deaf ear his to complaints. He can't help himself.

Annie: After Dear reading the letter from the priest about the lack of remuneration for extra services performed, I had to write about a similar

As the wife of a pastor, I get so weary of people saying to me or my husband, "What a nice job — only one day a week!" Just for the husband record, my typically works seven days a week. He hasn't taken a vacation in years. Our phone rings at home all hours of the day and night with the concerns of his parishioners. He gets no overtime pay. comp time or bonuses. He is a dedicated, loving, compassionate man who has truly found his calling in life and gets up every morning happy to serve God and his people. He never complains. I just wanted the average person to know. — A

Pastor's Wife Dear Pastor's Wife: We are sure most people don't have a clue about a pastor's hours and job responsibilities. Thanks for shedding some light

on the topic.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar,

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HE WROTE WHAT IN

THE NEWSPAPER?! Dear Margo: About a year ago, my husband started writing publishing stories in a local newspaper. He never told me or showed me the stories. I heard about them from friends and then read them. The stories are about sexual behavior and fantasies involving other women. for the main character.

I do not feel comfortable with this and haven't wanted to have sex with him anymore. I asked him why he had to publish these



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stories. He they said were made up and he wouldn't write them anymore. I trusted him, but recently found that he was doing it again.

All his stories are about sex. Is he sick? I really can't have sex with him when I think of the stories. He thinks I am overreacting. He still wants sex with me. Should I take him to see a therapist? -- Troubled

Dear Trub: I would take him to a creative writing kind of a local paper would publish stories about sexual fantasies. And second, I don't know what's up with a man who says he won't do it continues.

One would think that stopped the stories, but shared perhaps you need to be notwithstanding. explicit: amorous activities until the public flights of message, tell him you do not wish to read it in the newspaper. -- Margo,

privately HEADING FOR THE DOOR?

Dear Margo: I'm a 45year-old single mother of two. I've had several relationships after my divorce. I'm now in the fourth month of a relationship with a truly wonderful man.

My problem is that I have a tendency to start focusing on something physical and then get turned off by it. I try not to think about it, but I become obsessed . . . kind of like Jerry Seinfeld and the girl with big hands. It sounds crazy, but it's a pattern for me, and has been most of my life.

I know this is a great guy whom I was very we met. I don't want to fail at this relationship because of this strange hang-up I have. My problem with this one is his head is just a little too big for his body. Kind of like a bobblehead doll. Is there any hope for me, and what the heck is my problem? — Elaine

Dear E: I like that you even have a name from "Seinfeld," in addition to finding that your life is like one of his episodes. Somehow you've gotten fault with people because physical characteristic, then you focus on it, and finally it makes the person unacceptable to you.

Could your preoccupation with how people look perhaps be an unconscious defense against commitment? If you find you are unable SYNDICATE, INC.

to talk yourself down from this self-defeating habit, a good psychologist might be useful.

As for a head that's too large for the body, this is often said of movie stars. No one knows exactly why, but it has been often remarked. And I will tell you the worst thing I remember from my college years: A girl in my dorm said, offhandedly, "You know, your head is too big for your body."

I was frantic because He uses the first person she had picked the one thing I could not fix. Had she said my nose was wrong, or my jaw underslung, or just about anything else, there would have been a remedy.

Anyway, I've done OK with my too-big head, and here's hoping your new beau survives what even you acknowledge is an unfortunate pattern.

- Margo, proportionately SAME TIME NEXT YEAR

Dear Margo: I never thought I'd be writing, but here goes. I was married to "Carla" for 10 years but have been divorced for four. We share custody of our four wonderful kids, and we get along pretty well to other compared divorced couples know.

Carla and I have the same birthday. When we were married, we used to throw extravagant parties class to help him change to celebrate. Now that the subject. First of all, I we're divorced, she sends cannot imagine what me a card with a small gift (last year it was a fountain pen), and I send her a dozen red roses along with her age in white roses (her favorite). Here is my problem: My

anymore and then new girlfriend, "Alice," has a problem with our "tradition." She doesn't Lysistrata think it's appropriate for maneuver would have us to exchange gifts, birthday more assured her tnat weren't thinking about getting back together and imagination cease. And if that the divorce was he is trying to send you a mutual. I told her that Carla and I don't care for each other in that way anymore, but we will always be attached to each other due to the fact that we share a birthday and four children.

> Carla's new fiance has no problem with it. I should think that Alice would appreciate the friendly feelings Carla and I continue to have. Are my ex-wife and I wrong to keep this ritual? -- Wondering

Dear Won: While I understand where Alice is coming from, I hope that a more mature and confident stance is where she's going. I'm not sure how you can help her get there, but I would not change your pattern. Peace is always better than war, and a friendly divorce better than the much attracted to when alternative. (Do not ask me how I know this.)

I am all in favor of your "tradition," especially because of the four kids. As a gesture to Alice, however, you might skip the red roses, which are thought to mean "I love you." Carla's age in white roses (her favorite) would clearly number more than two dozen, a lovely tribute in anyone's book. Margo, florally

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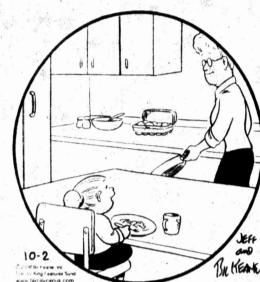
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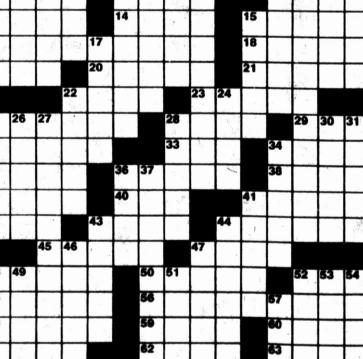
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