



Council hopes to fill a few board vacancies

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is looking for a few good board members.

The council will look to fill vacancies in several advisory committees when it meets in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth.

At least one of the advisory boards faces termination, however.

A severe shortage of appli-

cants has the council considering disbanding the animal control committee.

"We have two people coming off the animal control board, and both have said they wouldn't care to continue to serve," City Manager Gary Fuqua said at a previous council meeting. "We haven't received any resumes to fill those spots."

Mayor Russ McEwen said two weeks ago that he wanted the council to seriously consider whether to disband the committee, especially since no one has

applied for the board.

The animal control board is not the only committee facing a shortage of members.

Council members will also consider vacancies on the board of adjustments and appeals, citizen's advisory board, planning and zoning commission and traffic commission.

Two resumes have been received concerning a single opening on the planning and zoning commission, while one resume has been received to fill

an opening on the citizen's advisory board.

No one has applied for spots on the adjustments board or traffic commission.

In other business Tuesday, the council will consider:

- A motion to publish the city's intent to seek bids for the sale of the Settles Hotel.

- Final reading on a resolution to enter into an agreement with AT&T Texas for Plexar-Custom Service.

- Final reading of a resolution concerning a new contract for

City Manager Gary Fuqua.

- Amending the ordinance calling for the November bond election.

- First reading of an ordinance turning the intersection at Edwards and Pennsylvania into a four-way stop.

- Appointments to the Howard County 911 Communication District's board of directors.

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County Commissioners' agenda topped by work on jail

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Ongoing efforts to bring the county jail within state standards is expected to top Tuesday morning's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners recently approved more than \$39,000 in modifications and new components for the jail's fire alarm and smoke evacuation system, as well as modifications to the jail's heating and cooling system to bring in fresh air in the event of a smoke problem.

According to Sheriff Dale Walker, the contractor expected to complete the work — Anthony Mechanical, which is already under contract with the county — has given the county a completion date of the second week in November.

However, work on the jail's smoke evacuation and fire alarm system already under way, a second problem — the lack of a stand pipe to deliver water for firefighters on the jail floor — is still awaiting a price tag, according to local architect and project coordinator Phil Furqueron.

"We should have a price on this part of the project in about two or three weeks," Furqueron told commissioners during a recent meeting. "We're only dealing with one contractor — Anthony Mechanical — which holds the contract with

the county. They were very timely in their part of the other systems, so I expect the same when it comes to pricing out the stand pipe."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said he hopes the recent expenses will buy the county peace of mind, in addition to satisfying state requirements.

"I think it's a situation where it is a must on our part," said Crooker, "in order to satisfy the Texas Jail Commission and to satisfy the life safety features that are incorporated into the jail."

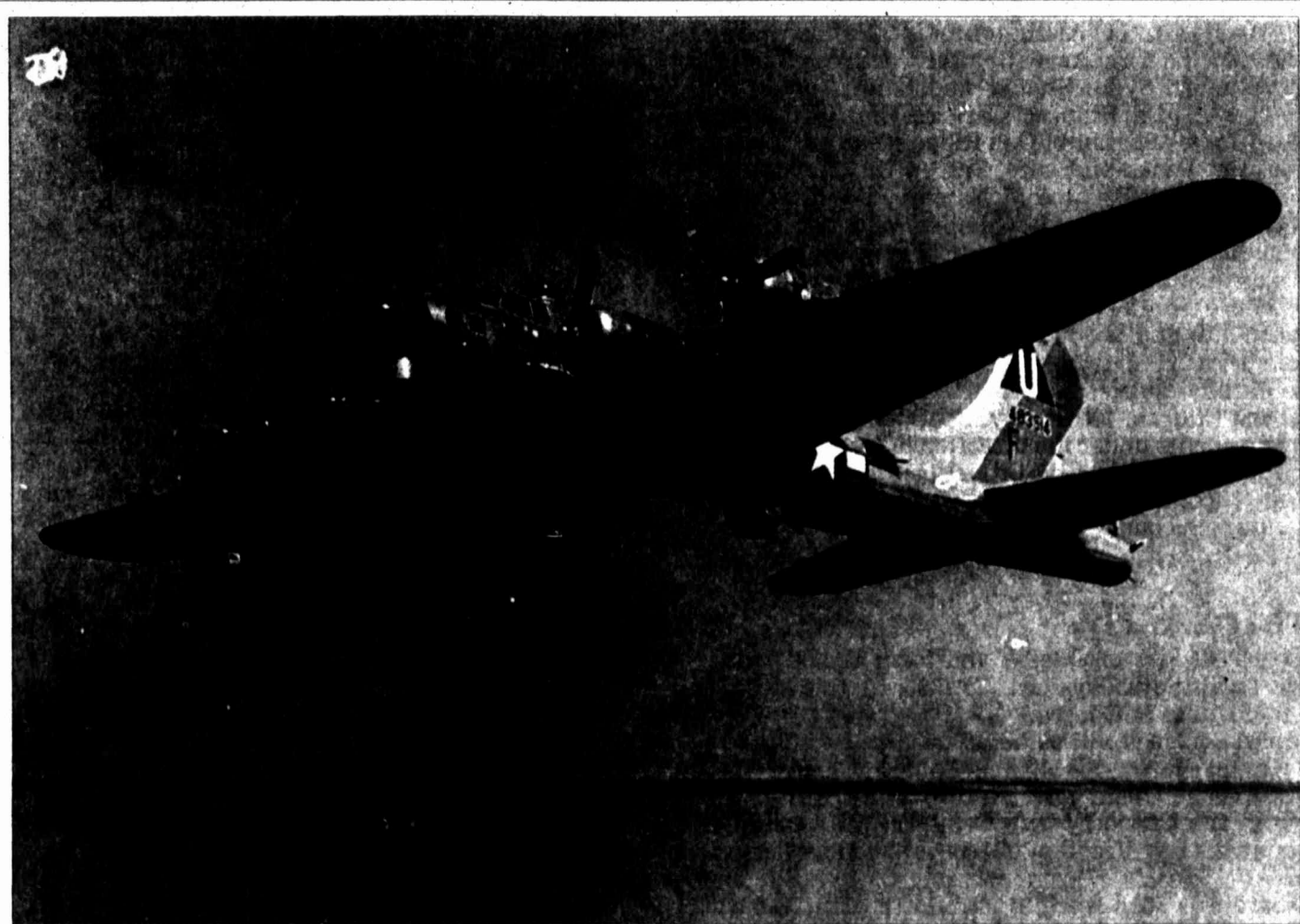
Also on Monday's agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests. Olson is also expected to present commissioners with an order for early payment of invoices and a resolution for the Texas Task Force on Indigent Health Care.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present commissioners with personnel considerations and a payroll report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance. Jameson is also expected to request permission to secure bids for a dump truck and two pickups for his department.

County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom is slated to discuss delivery of voting machines to the polling places on election day, while Bebe McCasland, chairwoman of the senior

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This World War II vintage aircraft rumbled and grumbled its way across the skies above Midland International Airport during the 2006 FINA-CAF AIRSHO Saturday afternoon.

AIRSHO is homecoming as well as a spectacular

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

For some, the annual FINA-CAF AIRSHO is a chance to see both vintage and modern aircraft strut through the West Texas skies, performing for thousands of spectators on the ground.

For others, it's simply a homecoming.

That's the word Lance Skiles, a resident of Houston and lifetime member of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF), said best describes the annual show, which took over the skies over Midland International Airport Saturday and Sunday.

"I've been a part of the CAF for 36 years now," said Skiles proudly. "Lloyd Nolan started the whole thing, and I went to school and learned to fly along side him. The AIRSHO is kind of like a homecoming for me every year. I get to come out and see all of my friends. It's wonderful, a really good booster for me."

And while several aircraft performed a rendition of the famous "Tora, Tora, Tora" battle to the awe of the crowds, Skiles sat back and smiled.

"I helped start the Tora, Tora, Tora act they are flying today in 1972 in Galveston," said Skiles. "These airplanes had been donated to us through a man that had purchased them through 20th Century Fox. So we got our heads together and decided to make an air show act out of it. Originally we had seven airplanes, and it just developed from there. I was flying the B-17 through it."

"It's wonderful to come out here and see what has been done with the AIRSHO. The air boss they have here today is one of the best there has ever been. We've been listening to him on the radio all day today. That's really been great to be a part of."

While Skiles traveled from Houston for the show, he certainly wasn't the furthest from home during the weekend-long

event.

Orville "Blackie" Blackburn of San Diego, Calif., said he spends plenty of time on the road with his squadrons, taking part in air shows all over the nation.

"I belong to the B-29 and B-24 squadrons, and I tour with them every summer. I've done that for many years. I'm still a crew member on the only flying B-29 in the world," said Blackburn proudly. "The plane is called 'Fifi.' I have World War II and Korea combat on the B-29."

Blackburn said his favorite part of AIRSHO is seeing the younger show-goers enjoy themselves.

"The best part about air shows like this is when you see the kids out here having such a good time," said Blackburn with a smile. "It's all about the children right now because they are very important to us because they have to carry on the knowledge we're losing when each of us dies. Most

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"Make A Difference Day" will be Saturday, as volunteers gather to clean up Big Spring prior to the Grisham Conference which has been scheduled for Oct. 16-18. Those attending the conference will be looking at Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan.

Coordinators are asking that all residents take responsibility and clean up their own property, both private and business.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful spokesperson Pat Simmons said, "We want our town clean; we are making progress, but we have a long way to go." For more information, call 263-4607 or 213-5444.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

State Sen. Kel Seliger has begun scheduling his annual town hall meetings across Senate District 31. Seliger will be making stops in 26 counties to visit with constituents throughout the district about issues of concern to them in preparation for the 80th Texas Legislature.

Seliger's town hall meetings in the Big Spring area are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 14. The Martin County meeting will be from noon to 1 p.m. at the Martin County Community Center, located at 301 North St. Theresa in Stanton. And the Howard County meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Performing Arts Center at Howard College.

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

Tuesday is the deadline to register to vote in the November general election.

Locally, voters will cast ballots to fill several key positions, including county judge and two county commissioners. There are also three important bond elections — depending upon residency — to cast a ballot for or against. There are also a number of state and federal offices up for election, including Texas governor.

Voters who currently hold a yellow registration card will be able to use them in the November election since they are good until the end of December 2007. For more information on voter registration, contact Sandra Bloom at 264-2273.

Obituaries

Paul L. Shaffer



Paul L. Shaffer, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Shane Brue, pastor, officiating. The family will receive friends at the Parlor of First United Methodist Church from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday.

He was born July 21, 1930, in Big Spring and married Rosie Parks on Aug. 27, 1952. She preceded in death Jan. 17, 1996.

Paul graduated from Big Spring High School in 1948 and graduated from Texas A & M University with a degree in Architectural Construction. He served in the United States Air Force as an installation engineer at Marietta, Ga. Paul then returned to Big Spring and worked for several years for his uncle, Wendell Parks, at the Tate, Bristow and Parks Insurance Company.

He then worked for Louis Gene Thompson Engineering Company, A. P. Kasch Construction, Kasch Brothers Inc. and at Oscar Rose Construction in San Angelo. He then returned to Big Spring and formed his own company, Chaparral Contractors Inc., in 1974, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 2001.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he taught the Men's Bible Class for many years. He was also a member and past president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Shaffer and wife, Delores Sheppard, of Big Spring and Pete Shaffer and wife, Darilynn, of Arlington; six grandchildren, Stephanie Shaffer, Amy Shaffer, Jeffrey Shaffer, Aaron Shaffer, Sydni Shaffer and Laicy Younkman; one sister, Billie Frances Carr of Big Spring; one brother, James Shaffer of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; a brother-in-law, Jim Parks and wife, Pat, of Big Spring; five nephews, Jim Parks, Joe McNamara, David Shaffer, Martin Shaffer and James Shaffer; and two nieces, Brenda Shaffer and Cathy "CeCe" Werner.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Lenore Shaffer; a niece, Stacey Parks; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Oberia Parks.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Barbara A. Fly

Barbara A. Fly, of Odessa and formerly of Crane, passed away Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Glenn Thyron officiating. Burial will follow in the Crane County Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Barbara was born April 3, 1931, in Dryden. She was a retired nurse. She had worked for Dr. B.J. Maynard for many years, as well as the Crane Memorial Hospital, prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Patti Hedges and husband Steve of Big Spring and Vicki Lauderback of Crane; a step daughter, Renee Davis of Odessa; three step sons, Matt Fly of Dimmit, Mark Fly and Max Fly and his wife, Rose, all of Odessa; a brother, R.E. Mason of Crane; an uncle, Ross Stavley of Sanderson; two granddaughters, 11 step-grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and numerous step great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Olivia Rodriguez

Olivia Rodriguez, 87, of Stanton, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today, Monday, October 9, 2006, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton with Father Felix Cubelo, officiating. Interment followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton. A rosary was held Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born June 15, 1919, in Laredo and married Albino Rodriguez on Aug. 8, 1939, in Sinton. He preceded her in death April 23, 1985.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where she was a member of the Guadalupanas.

Survivors include one son, Alfonso Rodriguez of Midland; three daughters, Dolores Hernandez, Lupe Marquez and Emma Sotelo, all of Stanton; one sister, Carmen Garza of San Antonio; 16 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Estella Gonzales, and a brother, Luciano Cuellar.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley Ave., Midland 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Edward Jay "Eddie" Carpenter

Edward Jay "Eddie" Carpenter, 80, of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Dorothy Sneed

Dorothy Sneed, 90, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- **JOHNNIE LESSLEY**, 53, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **LARRY KING**, 23, of 4201 Oak, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest.
- **RANDY ULRICH**, 31, of 200 N.W. Second Street, was arrested Saturday on two Howard County warrants and a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JUANITA VALDEZ**, 26, of 2607 Carleton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **NAKETHA MCVAE**, 26, of 901 N.W. Second Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of interfering with a police officer's duties.
- **DANIEL MONDIER**, 22, of 2001 Gatesville Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JONATHON PAUL**, 26, of 605 Circle, was arrested Sunday on charges of criminal mischief and two counts of assault Class C/family violence.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of Ninth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
 - in the 1100 block of Stanford.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Wood.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford.

Weather

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 30 percent.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the west after midnight.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 50.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the upper 30s.

Friday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the lower 70s.

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

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the mid 70s.

Take Note

• **THE SECOND ANNUAL HAUNTED HANGAR** will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The Halloween alternative event is open to children of all ages. Admission is \$2. There will be a pumpkin carving contest. Bring your own carved pumpkin between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for judging. Among the activities will be 15 games booths, face painting, dance and costume contests and a performance by the Dance Gallery. For more information contact Heather Wallace at 264-1999.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING 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).

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TODAY

- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- "The Fantastics," 8 p.m., Florence T. Hall Studio at Howard College Hall Center for the Arts.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-7-10-28-37-49. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$8 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 21-27-31-32-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$32,557. Winning tickets sold in: Grapevine. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 9-5-8

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-6-8

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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Unemployment

By THOMAS JENKINS
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Howard County saw a slight dip in its unemployment rate in August, dropping to 6 percent from the 6.3 percent reported in July.

According to Gregg, assistant director with the Spring Workforce Network, the rate remains anything but stable in the coming months, however.

"The labor force statistics for this area show a change in the next few months as the oil continues to be active. The increase of oil-related jobs continues," said Gregg. "One of our current goals of the Workforce Network is to locate and target the out-of-school youth in our community and engage them to look at additional training that will increase their skills and opportunities for local jobs."

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of us World War II aircraft are either dead or going to last forever just makes me so sad to see so many people going such an interesting. It means a lot

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citizens board, is needed to request approval for a replacement member.

Also on Tuesday, County Attorney Thomas is expected to meet with committee members in an executive session.

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Unemployment rate dips

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Staff Writer

Local Workforce Network has 154 open jobs.

Howard County saw a slight dip in its unemployment rate in August, dropping to 6 percent from the 6.3 percent reported in July.

According to Mary Gregg, assistant area director with the Big Spring Workforce Network, the rate will remain anything but stable in the coming months, however.

"The labor force statistics for this area should change in the next few months as the oil field continues to be active and the increase of oil field related jobs continues," said Gregg. "One of the current goals of the Workforce Network is to locate and target the out-of-school youth in our community and encourage them to look at vocational training that would increase their skill level and opportunities for local jobs."

"Programs are currently being offered through our center that would pay for the vocational training to ensure that the

youth of this community have the skills to become productive employees that can meet the demands that local employers are looking for."

Gregg said most counties in the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area saw a slight decrease in unemployment rates, with the district rate sitting at 4.6 percent and the state average at 5 percent.

"Within the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area, there are 184,947 employed individuals, compared to last year's figure of 180,006," said Gregg.

And while the unemployment rate for August has improved, it's still higher than the 5.7 percent reported in the August 2005, according to Gregg.

The civilian labor force in Howard County dropped, going from 13,286 in July to 13,096 in August, a considerable drop from the labor force

of 13,363 reported in August 2005.

The number of employed people in Howard County also dropped during the same period, going from 12,444 in July to 12,316 in August, down from 12,601 in August 2005.

While the number of employed residents in Howard County dropped in August, so did the number of unemployed residents, going from 842 in July to 780 in August, still higher than the 762 reported in August 2005.

Similar trends have been

seen in surrounding counties, with unemployment rates reported at 3.8 percent in Midland County; 4.4 percent in Ector County; 5 percent in Martin County; 7.8 percent in Dawson County; 4.3 percent in Borden County; 5.2 percent in Glasscock County; 4.4 percent in Andrews County; and 4.5 percent in Upton County.

"Job seekers interested in any job listings in WorkinTexas.com can contact Carla Gross or Marie Benavides for more information and referrals," said Gregg. "We continue to have a critical demand in our area for the following: construction workers, heavy equipment operators, correctional officers, mechanics, oilfield workers, truck drivers, customer service representatives and RN's."

For more information, contact the Big Spring Workforce Network at 263-8373.

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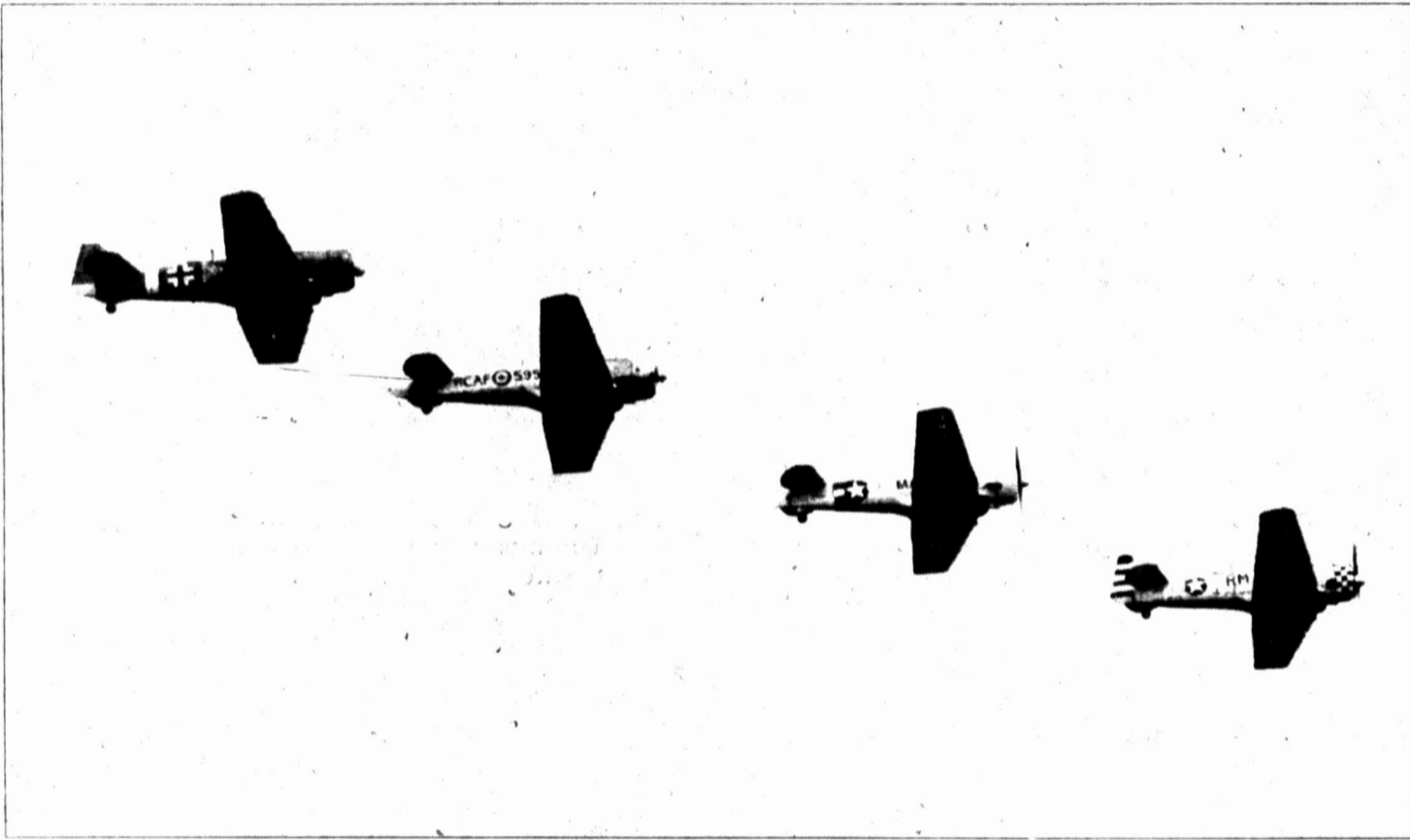


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Sydnie Robertson, 17, beams after being crowned the 2006 Howard County Fair Queen. She is the daughter of Rick and Valerie Robertson and the granddaughter of Mary Lou Jones and Cucky and Dwanna Robertson.

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These vintage aircraft fly a tight formation during the 2006 FINA-CAF AIRSHO, which took over Midland International Airport Saturday and Sunday.

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timers like me."

Sheryl Durler, a CAF member from Wichita, Kan., said there is plenty about the annual CAF and Alon USA sponsored event to like, but for her it's all about the wings.

"I've been part of the CAF (Commemorative Air Force) for about three years now," said Durler.

"I've been to all of the AIRSHOs since I got involved. It's no secret why I got involved. I love to be around the airplanes, and I really love getting to go up and fly in them. The people with the CAF were so nice, when they asked me to join up I just couldn't say no. The best part of these air

shows is definitely the airplanes."

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citizens board, is expected to request approval of a replacement board member.

Also on Tuesday's agenda, County Attorney Mike Thomas is expected to meet with commissioners in an executive session to

discuss a claim against the county.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the

County Courthouse.

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OUR VIEWS

Tuesday is final deadline to get registered to vote

There's simply no more time to waste. If you are not registered to vote and want to cast a ballot in the Nov. 7 general election, there's just one day left to get registered.

That's right, the deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday to get that small, but very important task accomplished. Registration is held at the County Annex building, east of Howard County Courthouse.

The right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in the local, state and federal levels of government. It's an important election. In addition to a county judge and two county commissioners' seats, voters will be asked to elect a governor, state representative and U.S. representative, just to name a few.

In addition, voters in Howard County will be voting on three different bond issues.

Voter registration is simple and free. It takes only a couple of minutes. To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have resided in Howard County for a specific length of time before registering here.

It should also be noted that anyone who has moved since they last obtained a voter registration card should also register.

One misconception some people have is that because they did not vote in a March primary, they are ineligible to vote in November. That is not the case. It doesn't matter whether you voted, or for whom you may have voted. The only thing that matters is that you have a valid voter registration card.

So, please, please, please, take the time to register to vote.

From our point of view, voting is an important process in which all U.S. citizens should participate.

Come to think of it, voting is perhaps the most patriotic thing most of us can ever do.

Remember, voting is the best means to have your voice heard.

To do so, you must be registered. So make sure you check to be sure you're registered.

If not, the *Herald* encourages you to register tomorrow. Then take the time to study the issues, the candidates and their platforms and vote.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not envy others, Lord, but be grateful for our blessings.

Amen

The story they didn't want to know

Former Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., has done what all pols who get caught do: He checked into rehab. Having been outed for sending explicit e-mails to underage male House pages, Foley issued a statement that announced he has "accepted the need for immediate treatment for alcoholism and other behavioral problems." Alcoholics should take offense.

What was he thinking? The answer is clear: He wasn't thinking. What were GOP leaders thinking? It's not clear that they were thinking, either. They were stuck in hear-no-evil, see-no-evil mode.

Speaker Denny Hastert has asked Florida and federal authorities to investigate Foley, and the FBI is doing so. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi wants the House ethics committee to investigate Hastert and other GOP biggies — to probe how they reacted to the news that, in 2005, Foley sent inappropriate (if not explicitly sexual) e-mails to a 16-year-old Louisiana former House page, and asked him for his photograph. Hastert said a week ago that

Foley "duped a lot of people." In 2005, Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., chairman of the House Page Board, confronted Foley about the Louisiana e-mails. Foley admitted to being too friendly and agreed not to contact the boy again. (It was not until Sept. 29 that Hastert says he learned of very explicit e-mails Foley sent to other pages.)

The Louisiana e-mails were not so damning that they alone rated a story. The St. Petersburg Times had copies of the Louisiana e-mails in November, but did not run a story because the e-mails were "not overtly sexual," the boy's parents did not want to go public and another page who swapped e-mails with Foley told reporters that the congressman's language was not inappropriate, political editor Scott Montgomery explained on the paper's political blog.

The Miami Herald also had those e-mails but did not run a story. I understand why. It was ABC News' airing of new, more explicit instant messages that made Foley's behavior seem not suspect and "creepy" — as one page put it — but predatory and quite possibly criminal.

Former GOP Rep. Tom Campbell, now dean of the University of California's Haas School of Business, believes House

leaders had a responsibility to heed the misgivings of "an underage person in their care whose parents have complained."

Campbell believes Hastert and company should have followed up — by putting Foley in counseling and removing Foley from his chairmanship of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. A chairman of that panel would know better than to ask for a photo out of friendliness.

Democrats have been happily opportunistic in their response to the story. Witness a press release sent out by the campaign of New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid, who is challenging Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., calling on Wilson to return \$6,000 in "dirty money" given to her by Foley. Wilson reportedly will donate the Foley contributions to charity.

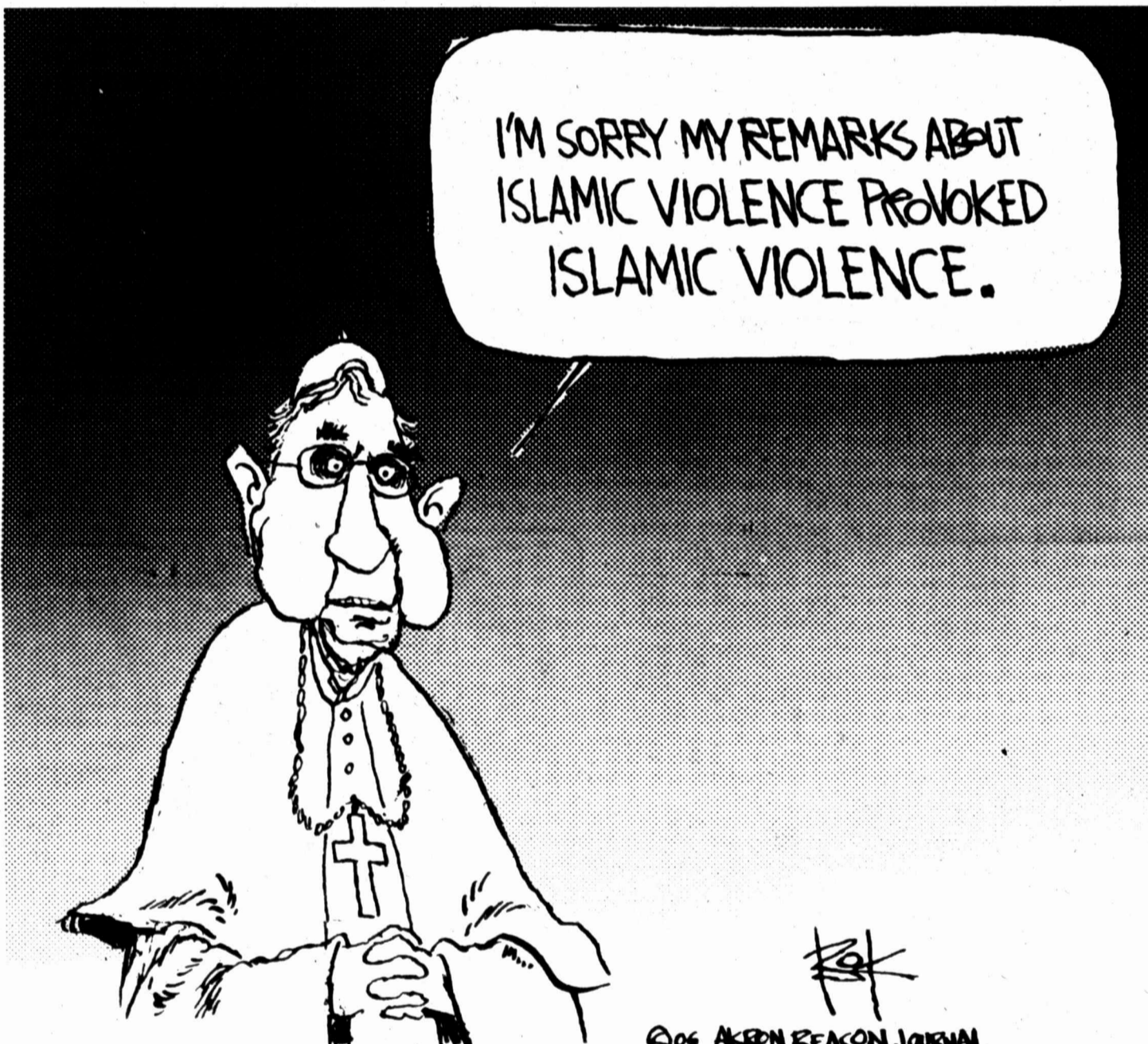
Still, the Dems' opportunism has been eclipsed by Hastert's sorry demeanor. At last Monday's press conference, Hastert was defensive, when he should have been angry — at Foley, and at himself for not doing more.

He looked like a man who didn't want to know.

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Angered by hypocrites' caucus

They knew he was gay. They knew he was in the closet. No, it wasn't sexually explicit, but what's a 52-year-old man doing asking a 16-year-old boy for his picture? He wasn't asking everybody for their pictures. It was a special request. And a very inappropriate one, as everyone who saw it recognized.

If this were a corporation, there would be lawsuits left and right. Supervisors would have been expected to do something, not sit on their hands.

If it were the Catholic Church, we'd be screaming bloody murder about why the priest wasn't removed from his position, why he was left where others could be harmed. Who was responsible, we would ask.

But it's Congress, and they think they're above it all. Because so much of the time, in so many ways, they are.

And then, every once in a while, there is a crack in the wall of secrecy.

There is a closet caucus on Capitol Hill, and now we find out that he was a member of it.

Don't ask, don't tell, big time. The hypocrites huddle.

This is not a bipartisan issue. Democrats don't feel the need to

lie as much. At least most of the caucus members stick to grown-ups. This one liked them young. It was, apparently, no secret.

Interns were warned. Pages were told.

He asked boys out for ice cream. Now we read interviews of young men from a decade ago, boys then, warnings passed from one class to another.

The leadership was told. Are you disgusted yet? I'm not homophobic. I'm a mother.

I don't like heterosexual predators any better. Not when the kids are underage.

And I have a special place for hypocrites. They talk a great game, but when it comes down to it, they don't care about kids or values. They care about protecting a safe seat and giving high-minded speeches about family values.

The Republican leadership should be ashamed of themselves. What claim do they have to call themselves leaders? Dennis Hastert isn't a leader, he's a gutless wonder.

Sorry is not enough. They let him get away with it. They knew it was wrong enough, bad enough, to tell him to stop, but not bad enough to protect the rest of the kids.

They left him where he was. He had his own special subcommittee on children; he was a member of

the most powerful committee on the Hill. He was not tolerated; he was prized. No wonder no one ever said anything. He wasn't just any congressman.

He operated in public. He had no reason to be afraid. The boys did.

This is what is worst about Washington.

Every once in a while you get a glimpse, or a sniff, of the true extent of the abuse of power.

What they tolerated was, plain and simple, an abuse of power. And in doing so, they abused theirs.

These high-minded preachers of Christian values, who practice not one word of it.

I don't care who did it in the past to whom. That's what they're all trotting out. No one can defend Foley, so instead they want to remind you of what this one did to that one, or to that one. As if that makes it better. As if we should care. Whatever it was, it was wrong, too. How about that? And it certainly doesn't matter if you play the alcoholic card. Enough with that excuse, too.

How about a new rule? Congressmen are responsible for what they do wrong. Whatever party they belong to.

Especially if they do it to children.

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Living Well

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is continuing to alert consumers about an outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 in multiple states that may be associated with the consumption of fresh spinach and fresh spinach containing products.

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Are women worth as much as men?

Perhaps not in a medical setting, Texas Medicine reports

Special to the Herald

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tain spinach are not part of this recall.

E. coli O157:H7 causes diarrhea, often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death. To date, 94 cases of illness have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including 14 cases of HUS and one death.

At this time, the investigation is ongoing and states that have reported illnesses to date include: California, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The affected products were also distributed to Canada and Mexico.

FDA continues to work closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local agencies to determine the cause and scope of the problem.

As part of our investigation, we will test packages of spinach from confirmed cases of E. coli infection.

FDA will provide daily updates on its investigation. Please check this site <http://www.fda.gov> for updated information.

Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

For more information on this topic you may contact the Howard County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

Insurance companies routinely systematically pay physicians and other health care workers less for treating women than for treating men, according to Texas Medicine magazine, the official publication of the Texas Medical Association.

The magazine's October issue points to studies and stories indicating that medical insurers pay more for procedures on male patients than for similar procedures on female patients. While obstetric and gynecologic procedures are apparently reimbursed at lower rates, the difference does not stop there.

A 1997 Gynecologic Oncology article entitled "Is Adam Worth More Than Eve?" cited "significant gender bias" in reimbursements for female-specific medical services, even by government health payer Medicare. The report claims that this practice opens the door for private insurers to reimburse lower for gynecologic procedures. The study also found that in 24 similar medical procedures on men and women, 19 involving men were reimbursed at a higher amount. Overall, the study showed, similar procedures on men paid 44 percent higher than those on women.

Another example cited is the Medicare payment formulas that reimbursed only \$2,000 for childbirth, which included up to 15 office visits, labor, and postpartum care. Meanwhile, Medicare reimbursed \$1,400 for

appendix removal, which included one hour of surgery and two follow-up visits.

To combat this problem, the Texas Legislature passed the Omnibus Women's Equal Health Care Act in 2001, which prohibits health insurers from committing gender discrimination in reimbursements. Even so, Margaret Thompson, MD, an Austin obstetrician-gynecologist, believes reimbursement for women's care is still low and more work needs to be done. Robert Watson, MD, medical director of the new Paul and Judy Andrews Women's Hospital being built by Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, agrees. "I think that is a disservice to the women of our country," said Dr. Watson.

A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report claims that for much of the 20th century women's health care was confined to care related to childbirth. "The male model [of health care] was the norm," the report states. Not until later in the century did medical researchers, practitioners, and policy makers directly address the issue of sex-based differences in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. But that proved difficult as well. Bad outcomes involving pregnant women in the 1950s and 1960s even led to exclusion of women from clinical trials. Researchers shied away from using women of childbearing age in studies, so women continued

to receive treatment based on testing on men. Eventually, in the 1990s, federal agencies changed their policies to include women in population-based studies.

Gender discrimination in health care fees presents a challenge to women's hospitals. The Renaissance Women's Center in Austin was forced to close in 2001 as a result. "Even though Renaissance Women's Center was well received, patients loved it, the community liked it, and we were at capacity at all times, reimbursements for our obstetrics services were very low," said Dr. Thompson, past president and founder of the Renaissance Women's Group affiliated with the specialty hospital.

Some women's hospitals, such as The Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston, which opened 30 years ago, do stay afloat. They tend to specialize in a broader range of care than simply obstetrics and gynecology, which some cite as a reason for their success.

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Take time to wipe away the clay

My grandpa was one of those guys who loved to tell stories. He would sit for hours and chat with just about anyone who would listen. On many occasions I would listen to his stories with great interest as he would tell about how he and his family came to Texas in a covered wagon, sometimes not seeing anyone outside of their own traveling party for more than a week.

He said during those times he discovered just how special people were and how wonderful it was to see other folks, talk and laugh about experiences they had encountered and what they had to do to cope with everyday existence. He said that's when he learned importance of every individual and that everyone is special in their own way.

Throughout my years of teaching I have always



DARRELL RYAN

Parent's corner

tried to remember that lesson. Everyone has something special to offer and everyone has a very unique way of doing things.

In dealing with my students, I knew I had to find that special something in each student and explore ways to assist that student to show and develop his own special personality.

I heard a story not long ago that I think exemplifies what I was trying to do. It seems that a man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls, as if someone had rolled the clay balls, baked them in the sun and placed them in the bag. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a

time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't always look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or

sparkling, so we discount it. We may see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person. There is a treasure in everyone we know and everyone we meet. If we take the time to get to know that person, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden from our sight. May we learn to see people for what and who they really are and the potential they really have.

It has been said that the most important trip we may take in life is meeting other people halfway. I have also heard it said that some folks can sing, others can dance but some folks can create an environment in which the singers and dancers flourish.

May we realize, on our journey to meeting people halfway, that every-

one is important and everyone is special. Some people come into our lives and go quickly. Some people become friends and stay a while and fill our lives with joy. But everyone that crosses our path has the potential to affect our lives forever.

Yesterday is history; tomorrow a mystery; but today is a gift and that's why it is called the "present."

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Contract Bridge Famous Hand

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 6 5 2
♥ Q J 10 8 6 3
♦ 5
♣ K

WEST
♠ 10
♥ A 9
♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ Q J 9 8 6 4

EAST
♠ A J 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K Q 9
♣ A 10 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8 3
♥ K 2
♦ A J 10 4 2
♣ 7 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♣ 1♦
2♣ Dble 2NT 3♦
Pass Pass 3NT Pass
Pass 4♦ Dble

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

This deal occurred during the quarterfinal-round clash between Italy and the United States at the 2004 World Bridge Olympiad in Istanbul, Turkey. The Italians scored a 12-IMP victory in the 80-deal confrontation, and went on from there to win the title.

The bidding shown took place at the table where Steve Weinstein and Robert Levin were North-South for the U.S. Weinstein's double on the second round was of the "responsive" variety, showing the two unbid suits. Levin naturally bid his spades at his next turn, and Weinstein then

took what he most likely thought was a sacrifice against the threat that East might make a vulnerable game. Weinstein was correct in his assessment, as three notrump could not be defeated as the cards lay.

Against four spades, West started with the ace of hearts and shifted to a club, but he was fighting a losing battle. East took the ace and continued with a club, ruffed in dummy. Levin then led a spade to the king, cashed the king of hearts and the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond in dummy and began to run his hearts. East could not score more than his ace of spades, and the doubled contract was made for a score of 590.

At the other table, where Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood were East-West for the U.S., the bidding went as follows:

West North East South
Pass Pass 1♦ 1♦
3♣ Pass 4♦ 3♦
5♦

Zia's three-spade bid was a "splinter" intended to show club support and shortness in spades, but Rosenberg claimed later that the meaning of that bid in this sequence had never been discussed. He therefore bid four spades to cover all contingencies, and Zia corrected to five clubs. Rosenberg lost two diamonds and a heart to finish down one, but this result, combined with the one at the other table, gave the U.S. a net pickup of 490 points, good for a 10-IMP gain.

Tomorrow: The bidding tells the tale.
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Was \$13,995 NOW \$10,995</p> <p>1999 Oldsmobile Silhouette - Beige, Cloth, All Power, 86,000 Miles. Was \$8,995 NOW \$5,995</p> <p>1999 GMC Suburban LT - Tan w/Leather, All Power. Was \$10,995 NOW \$9,995</p>
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Quarterback meeting cancelled
Big Spring School's Quarterback Club will meet tonight. The club's meeting will be Monday, October 16, at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Center. Mark Tissue, booster club's president, encourages all of BSHS football fans to attend. For more info call Tissue at 812-1111.

Junior Tennis League continues

A free Junior League continues with Figure 7 Tennis. The league, for players ages 8-12, is held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday. Players should bring their own racquets. One will be provided when available.

Yankees expected to give Torre a try then hire Piniella

Yankees manager Torre likely fired and replaced by Lou Piniella for another early start to the playoffs, the York Daily News reported Sunday. According to the Daily News, Torre is expected to be fired unless he resigns or team officials talk with owner Steinbrenner making the move. On Saturday, Yankees were edged from the first of the AL playoffs to Detroit Game 4. It was not straight yet for York lost in the round. The Yankees have the World Series times under Torre recently in 2001 had a record \$10 million payroll that and matched for York Mets for record in the season.

AP Top 25 Football Poll

- The Top 25 team Associated Press Football Poll with first-place parentheses and records through Oct. 1.
- Ohio St. (63)
 - Florida
 - USC
 - Michigan
 - W. Va. (2)
 - Texas
 - Louisville
 - Tennessee
 - Notre Dame
 - California
 - Alabama
 - Clemson
 - Ga. Tech
 - Iowa
 - Georgia
 - Arkansas
 - Oregon
 - Missouri
 - Boise St.
 - Nebraska
 - Va. Tech
 - Oklahoma
 - Rutgers
 - Wisconsin

Others receiving votes:
Boston College 7
St. 25, Miami
13, Penn
Washington B.
6, N.C. State
Tech 2, BYU
Tenn. 1.

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IN BRIEF

Quarterback Club meeting cancelled

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will not meet tonight.

The club's next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans 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. to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

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

Yankees expected to give Torre axe, then hire Piniella

Yankees manager Joe Torre likely will be fired and replaced by Lou Piniella following another early exit from the playoffs, the New York Daily News reported Sunday.

According to sources the Daily News did not identify, Torre is expected to be fired unless he resigns first or team officials can talk owner George Steinbrenner out of making the move.

On Saturday, the Yankees were eliminated from the first round of the AL playoffs, losing to Detroit 8-3 in Game 4. It was the second straight year New York lost in the opening round.

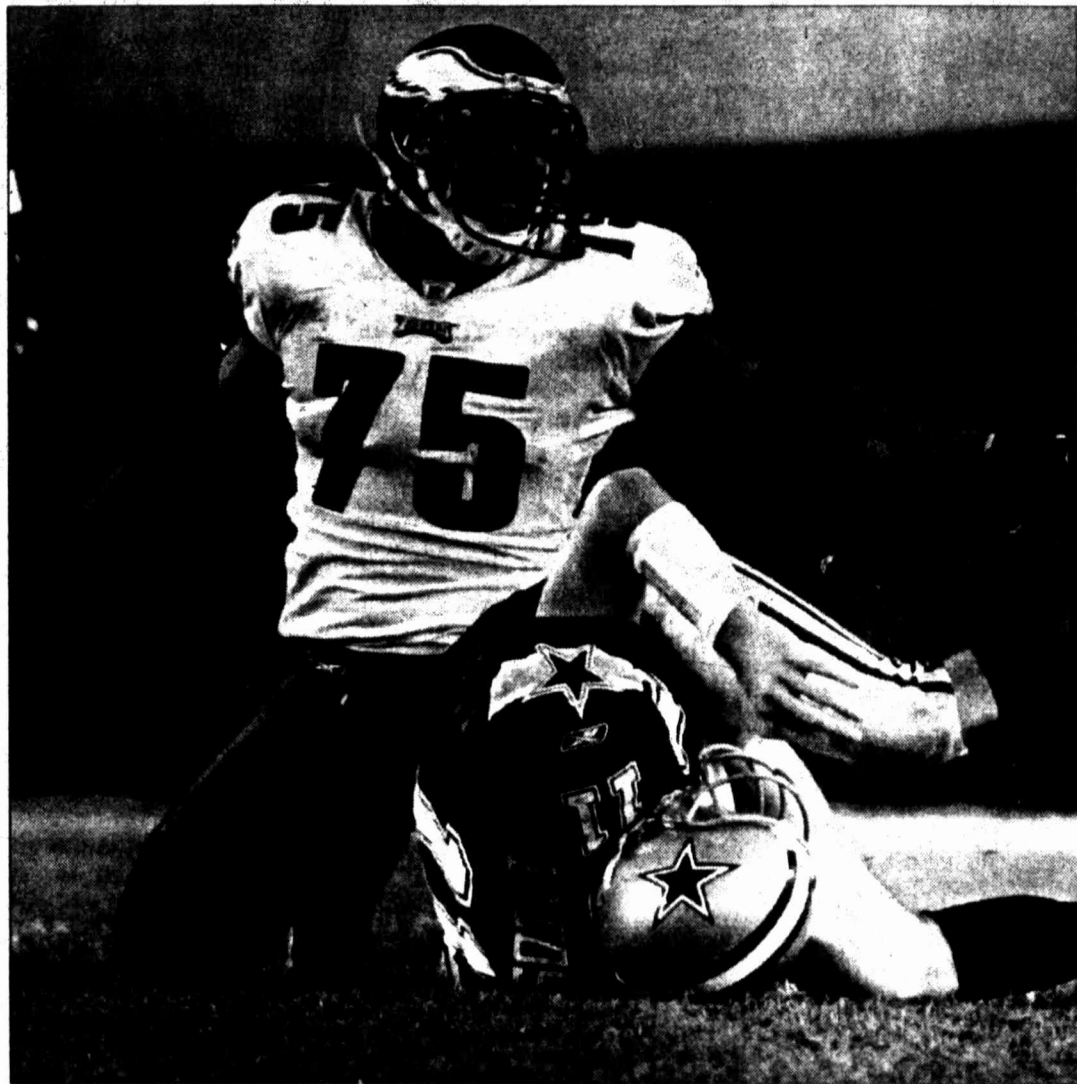
The Yankees have won the World Series four times under Torre, most recently in 2000. They had a record \$200 million payroll this year and matched the New York Mets for the best record in the regular season.

AP Top 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll with number of first-place votes in parentheses and season records through Oct. 9.

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| 1. Ohio St. (63) | 6-0 |
| 2. Florida | 6-0 |
| 3. USC | 6-0 |
| 4. Michigan | 6-0 |
| 5. W. Va. (2) | 5-0 |
| 6. Texas | 5-1 |
| 7. Louisville | 5-0 |
| 8. Tennessee | 5-1 |
| 9. Notre Dame | 5-1 |
| 10. California | 5-1 |
| 11. Auburn | 5-1 |
| 12. Clemson | 5-1 |
| 13. Ga. Tech | 5-1 |
| 15. Iowa | 5-1 |
| 16. Georgia | 5-1 |
| 17. Arkansas | 4-1 |
| 18. Oregon | 4-1 |
| 19. Missouri | 6-0 |
| 20. Boise St. | 6-0 |
| 21. Nebraska | 5-1 |
| 22. Va. Tech | 4-1 |
| 23. Oklahoma | 3-2 |
| 24. Rutgers | 5-0 |
| 25. Wisconsin | 5-1 |

Others receiving votes: Boston College 79, Florida St. 25, Miami 13, UCLA 13, Penn St. 10, Washington 8, Pittsburgh 6, N.C. State 5, Texas Tech 2, BYU 1, Wake Forest 1.



Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Juqua Thomas (75) celebrates a sack of Dallas Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe in the third quarter. The Eagles defeated the Cowboys, 38-24.

Eagles soar, Cowboys QB struggles

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA

Terrell Owens might be closer to having one of his infamous sideline blow-ups than another provocative touchdown celebration.

Donovan McNabb threw for 354 yards and two long scores, and Lito Sheppard returned an interception 102 yards in the final minute to seal the Philadelphia Eagles' 38-24 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

As for T.O., the most overhyped homecoming in recent memory was totally ordinary: three catches, 45 yards, zero on-field drama. It could be just a matter of time, before Owens lashes out

the way he did in Philly and San Francisco.

Owens clearly was unhappy after quarterback Drew Bledsoe misfired on a few passes to the star receiver. At one point,

Owens was screaming as he walked off the field and took a seat alone on the bench.

As he ran into the locker room, an animated T.O. was yelling and asking why the Cowboys bothered signing him in the offseason, according to a stadium employee who witnessed the tirade but didn't want to be identified because he is not authorized to talk about team matters.

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Vickers spins leaders to steal Talladega win

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Jimmie Johnson's jaw was locked tight, the emotion in his eyes hidden behind dark sunglasses. He searched for the right words to explain the breach of trust he'd just experienced, but wasn't sure what to say.

"I just can't believe it," he offered. "I had a great chance to make up some points, and I end up getting wrecked by a teammate."

That's how it unfolded Sunday on the final lap at Talladega Superspeedway, when Brian Vickers stole his first Nextel Cup victory by nudging Johnson, his teammate, into race leader Dale Earnhardt Jr., then skirting by the two spinning cars on the last lap at Talladega Superspeedway.

It robbed what looked to be a victory for Earnhardt and a solid chance for Johnson to resurrect his fading Nextel Cup title hopes. And it certainly spoiled what should have been a crowning moment for Vickers, who has just six races left in his Hendrick ride before his impending defection to a Toyota team.

"I got into Jimmie and I hate it," Vickers said.

"The last thing I wanted to do was wreck either one of those guys, but what happened, happened. It wasn't intentional."

"It's definitely mixed emotions for me, being my first win, but also what happened with Jimmie because he is my friend and also a teammate, as well."

But a rift has apparently been brewing since Vickers asked out of his Hendrick contract in June, and was locked out of team meetings shortly after.

Johnson, who wasn't going to finish lower than second, wound up 24th and struggled to understand why the accident happened.

"Knowing the situation we're all in, I would hope that someone would be a little more patient than they were back there," he said. "I know he was trying to get his first win, but he was in a position to finish second or third the way that was, and he gave me one hell of a push from behind and pushed me into (Earnhardt) and off we went."

The dramatic ending capped what had been a curiously calm event on Talladega's sleek new asphalt. The race was



Dale Earnhardt Jr. led till the final lap at Talladega. A wreck caused by Brian Vickers sent Earnhardt and Jimmy Johnson to the back of the field.

incident free until 50 laps to go, when an 11-car melee crippled Jeff Gordon's championship hopes.

A second accident set up a final restart with 10 laps to go and Earnhardt out

front. Then points leader Jeff Burton got a flat tire and had to make a desperate pit stop while the championship board tightened up considerably.

With Earnhardt chug-

ging along - and only 20 points out of the championship lead - the finish seemed secure.

But the two Hendrick drivers apparently had a

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Cardinals win 6-2, advance to NLCS to face N.Y. Mets

By R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Frustrated by the St. Louis Cardinals' failure to sweep the San Diego Padres for a second straight year, Albert Pujols banned luggage at Busch Stadium.

He wanted teammates to feel urgency. Forget about contingencies for a deciding Game 5 on the road.

"I told the guys, 'Hey, don't pack,'" Pujols said after the Cardinals eliminated the Padres 6-2 in Game 4 of the National League division series on Sunday night. "I don't want to see any suitcases because we're going to win this game."

"It's not disrespecting the Padres, but that's the attitude that it takes."

After making it to the NLCS for the third straight year, the Cardinals were to head for the airport on Monday afternoon instead. Their destination: New York for the start of the best-of-seven series against the Mets that starts Wednesday.

The Mets were 4-2 against the Cardinals in the regular season.

"Hopefully we'll bring a World Series back to St. Louis," Pujols said. "I'm pretty sure we're going to be the underdog facing New York."

"But you know anything can happen in the playoffs."

Pujols presided over the postgame celebration, standing on a folding chair in a raucous clubhouse while spraying champagne in every direction. The tension from Chris Carpenter's shaky beginning, the angst of the team's late-season swoon, all had evaporated.

"From Day 1, I kept saying this team's got what it takes to get to the World Series," Scott Spiezio said. "We're a step closer."

Carpenter needed 35 pitches to escape the first inning, then recovered nicely to gain his second victory of the series. Juan Encarnacion's tiebreaking triple was the big hit in a four-run sixth.

St. Louis nearly wasted a seven-game lead in the final two weeks of the regular season but rebounded against the Padres, a team the Cardinals swept in the first round last year.

Escaping trouble in each of the last two innings with a bullpen that threw 13 1-3 scoreless innings, the Cardinals sealed the win when Adam Wainwright got Dave Roberts on a groundout with two on. Pujols stepped on the first-base bag for the final out to set off the celebration at new Busch Stadium.

Manager Tony La Russa improved to 20-5

in division series play, including 9-1 against the Padres.

"We've popped champagne twice," La Russa said. "The goal is to pop it four times."

The Padres totaled six runs in the series, going 2-for-32 (.063) with runners in scoring position.

"With all the teams that got eliminated, that's what happened," Brian Giles said. "You look at us, the Dodgers, the Yankees, the Twins—we all scuffled with runners in scoring position."

Carpenter, who won Tuesday's opener 5-1, fell behind 2-0 in the first inning when he walked Russell Branyan with the bases loaded and Mike Cameron followed two pitches later with an RBI grounder.

But that was all the NL West champions would get off Carpenter, who was 2-0 with a 2.02 ERA in the series and is 4-0 with a 2.10 ERA in five postseason starts. The Padres didn't another runner in scoring position until Brian Giles and Adrian Gonzalez singled to open the eighth, chasing Carpenter.

La Russa was especially pleased that Carpenter prevented San Diego from build-

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A short time later, Owens could be seen talking to team owner Jerry Jones, who appeared to be encouraging the player he personally brought to Dallas.

"I'm not going to sit up here and point a finger, so you guys can create a story," Owens said later during his press conference, refusing to blame Bledsoe for the loss. "It's not about that."

Owens' return to Philadelphia dominated the headlines this week, with Philly fans planning a hostile welcome. But Owens was merely a decoy for most of the game, and those fans were too dazzled by McNabb to fixate much on the erstwhile Eagles star who helped them reach the Super Bowl in 2004 before last year's bitter departure.

"It's frustrating," Owens said. "Opportunities were there and we didn't make

them."

Not only did Owens not score, he didn't catch a pass until the third quarter - then dropped the next one thrown to him, much to the delight of a frenzied crowd that showered Owens with derisive chants, insults and boos.

"I was surprised Terrell didn't have more catches. That was not our plan," Jones said.

The Eagles (4-1) took the lead for good when McNabb connected with Reggie Brown on a 40-yard TD pass off a flea-flicker with 9:13 left that made it 31-24.

The Cowboys (2-2) drove to the Eagles 33 on the ensuing drive. But Sheppard intercepted Bledsoe's badly underthrown pass - intended for an open Owens.

Owens angrily snapped at his chin strap, walked off the field and took his usual spot at the end of the bench.

The Cowboys had one more chance after a pass interference penalty on Michael Lewis allowed them to convert a fourth-

and-18 from their 37.

But from the Eagles 6, Sheppard stepped in front of Bledsoe's pass and raced the other way to put the game away. Bledsoe threw three interceptions and was sacked seven times.

"We were all frustrated," Bledsoe said. "We felt like we were missing some plays that we should have hit."

For a while, the Cowboys were doing just fine without getting Owens involved. DeMarcus Ware scored on a 69-yard fumble return and Bledsoe ran in from the 7 to give Dallas a 21-17 halftime lead.

But Philadelphia's struggling offense turned it around with one big play.

From his own 13, McNabb took a deep drop, eluded a sack, stepped up and heaved a pass downfield. Hank Baskett ran past Watkins, caught the ball in stride, broke a tackle near the 30 and treaked into the end zone for his first career touchdown.

Baskett, acquired in a trade after he was signed by Minnesota as a rookie free agent, was starting for the injured Donte Stallworth. He finished with three catches for 112 yards.

Dallas tied it at 24 on a 39-yard field goal by Mike Vanderjagt early in the fourth quarter. Then McNabb took over.

"This is a total team game," said McNabb, who was 18-of-33 for 354 yards and two TDs. "It's not T.O. vs. Donovan. All of us play together."

Owens was a non-factor in the first half as the Cowboys relied on their running game. Bledsoe finally looked Owens' way on the Cowboys' 17th offensive play, but he was hit on the throw and Brian Dawkins intercepted.

Owens' first catch on Dallas' 41st play was a short pass that he turned into a 9-yard gain. He then looked toward the Eagles' sideline and spun the ball on the ground in their direction while gesturing.

Perhaps distracted by the Owens' hoopla, both teams were sloppy at the start.

Eagles running back Brian Westbrook and Cowboys punter Mat McBriar traded fumbles, before Westbrook ran in from the 5.

Darwin Walker sacked Bledsoe on Dallas' first play on the ensuing pos-

session, forcing a fumble Trent Cole recovered at the Cowboys 14. But the Eagles settled for David Akers' 27-yard field goal that made it 10-0. Marion Barber's 2-yard TD run made it 10-7.

In the second quarter, Greg Ellis hit McNabb and the ball popped. Ware caught it and raced 69 yards for a touchdown.

Jaramillo content to stay with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rudy Jaramillo won't be a candidate to become the next manager of the Texas Rangers, telling general manager Jon Daniels that he prefers to remain the team's hitting coach.

"Rudy told me ... that's where his heart is," Daniels said Monday. "As such, he won't be interviewed in our search."

Daniels is looking for a replacement to Buck Showalter, who was fired last week. Daniels is in the early stages of his hunt, with several potential candidates still involved in the postseason and another, Trey Hillman, involved in the playoffs in Japan.

Jaramillo and bench coach Don Wakamatsu were considered the top internal candidates.

Jaramillo has interviewed for manager jobs previously, including the New York Mets.

When Willie Randolph got it, Jaramillo is widely considered one of baseball's top hitting coaches, having worked with several MVPs.

"I think Rudy's capable of managing someday, but I'm happy he's on our side regardless of which position it's in," Daniels said. "He's as well thought of as it gets in this business."

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game-plan of hooking up to run down Earnhardt. They moved low together, and Earnhardt threw a huge block to prevent the pass. Vickers pushed, Johnson bobbed and as he was drilled in the back bumper, he slid into Earnhardt for the two-car crash.

Vickers defended the move, saying if he hadn't have given Johnson a push they would have had zero chance of running Earnhardt down.

"If I would have not touched him and laid off of him, we would have finished 1-2-3, Junior, Jimmie and me," Vickers said. "I apologize, that is the last thing I want to do is to get into Jimmie. But when the 8 chopped him, and Jimmie swerved, I just got him."

It started a debate through the garage, with everyone choosing sides, including a crowd that showered Vickers with boos.

Earnhardt seemed to

side with Vickers.

"Brian was just excited there," he said. "I'm not really that upset, I mean, that's just the way racing goes here and sometimes you come out on the good end of those deals and sometimes you don't."

Kasey Kahne and Kurt Busch, who finished second and third because of the wild ending, both seemed to sympathize with Vickers.

"Vickers was in a Catch-22, whether to go for the win for himself or to help his teammate," Busch said. "He had every intention of helping his teammate. It just didn't turn out that way."

But not everyone was so forgiving, particularly within Johnson's team.

"I honestly don't think Brian was trying to wreck us, I think he was trying to help us," crew chief Chad Knaus said. "I just don't think he has the talent to understand what he has underneath him."

The wreck dropped Earnhardt to a 23rd-place finish, Johnson to 24th and prevented either from making any gains in the Chase for the champi-

onship.

Although Burton's lead was cut to six points over Matt Kenseth, Earnhardt is 106 back in sixth place and Johnson is 156 out in eighth place.

Even more disconcerting for Hendrick is that Gordon also took a huge hit in the standings.

After leading seven times for 27 laps, he was denied a chance to run for the win when he received the worst of the first accident in the race. It came with 50 laps to go when contact between Carl Edwards, Joe Nemechek and Johnson set off a melee that collected Gordon.

He wound up 36th and is seventh in the standings, 147 points out.

"I've said all along that

if it's meant to be, it's meant to be," he said. "And it just doesn't seem meant to be. Right now I am not even thinking about it because I am just so bummed out because I know that our chances are pretty slim of winning this championship, if not completely done."

NASCAR slapped smaller restrictor plates on the cars Saturday because speeds on the repaved track were nearing 200 mph during two early practice sessions. The new plates were designed to slow the cars, and they did in qualifying.

But many of the average speeds throughout the race were still over 200 mph.

"I think we'll visit the speeds after we've had a

chance to look at every-

lap," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said after the the lap sheets from every race.

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ing a big lead in the first.

"That was classic Chris, because at the end of the inning they had two runs and not four or five," La Russa said. "Then he started pounding the strike zone."

Because La Russa pitched him Sunday instead of saving him for a possible fifth game, Carpenter likely won't be available until the third game of the NLCS.

San Diego held back ace Jake Peavy for a possible Game 5. Woody Williams, who took the loss, allowed four runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings.

He quickly gave back the lead. Ronnie Belliard, 6-for-13 in the series, tied it in the bottom half of the first with a two-run, two-out single, and the score stayed tied until the four-run sixth.

Pujols started off the bottom half with a five-pitch walk and, one out later, Encarnacion drove a hanging breaking ball deep to right as Pujols lumbered around the bases for a 3-2 lead.

"I left a curveball up," Williams said. "I guess he was looking to go the other way."

Spiezio added an RBI single and David Eckstein had a squeeze

bunt in the rally. Another run scored when Brayan's throw to the plate from third was wide for an error on Carpenter's tapper.

The Padres had two men on in the eighth and ninth but came up empty against a St. Louis bullpen featuring three rookies.

"We didn't know much about these guys," Roberts said. "They've got great stuff. To their credit, they made pitches when they had to."

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BY HOLIDAY MAT

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Annie

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Dear New York husband wants to t kids and leave, daughter is ashar you, your house is a and your siblings you in AA. You think you have a dr problem? Think It's called denial you blame everyo for the mess you You're not fooling one. Get some help your life falls ap pletely. AA is phone book. Pleas the next available ing.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes the wind blows. You can get angry and resist, or you can

relax and fly a kite. This metaphor applies to the subject of personal relationships today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You achieve a sweet mood — even though you probably have to talk yourself into one. This you are willing to do because you realize that a sweet mood is more likely to attract more sweetness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Talk to people who share your special interest — a business opportunity arises. The joint purchase of property is featured for many. This is an excellent way to show your commitment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Instead of getting what you pine for, your yearning only brings about more yearning. It's not destiny's cruel trick. It's your subconscious way of keeping things manageable. When you're ready, you'll have what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A once-in-a-lifetime chance arises! Seize the

moment like the star you are. Otherwise the "coulda, woulda, shoulda's" become unbearable. Aries and Capricorn associations make you feel brave.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your air sign intellect is set at 10! People can tell you're smart. Mostly they can tell this by the way you're not afraid to say, "I don't understand. Could you please explain that to me?"

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have you ever walked into a restaurant and ordered exactly the entree you wanted without so much as a glance to the price? You're worth it. This is the day for such a you-affirming act.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The stars suggest that spiritual detachment is your ticket to happiness. Separate what's going on in the plot of your life from the emotions that you and others have pinned to those events.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid planning

too much; leave room for unexpected opportunities. When you clear space in your life, the universe showers you with attention — even fame if you seek it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends and acquaintances are available to you and will go where you lead. Focus on the good that others have to offer. Tonight is lucky for those attempting to salvage a relationship. You'll get your answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's useless to get mad when you don't get what you want. There are very good reasons for everything that comes your way, especially today. Stay quizzical and curious.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Recently, I met a man my age whose birth date is June, 21, 1964. I'm currently on short-term disability, so when we attempted a third try at a date, I asked him to pick me up. When he called me back asking me to drive

downtown to meet him, claiming car trouble, I said I wasn't up to driving that far and that we could try for another time. He agreed. I haven't heard from him since. Have I lost another one? There's someone else I've been seeing; he's a nice man to whom I'm not at all attracted. Am I hopeless in the romantic department? I haven't been in a lasting, mutually rewarding relationship in the last seven and a half years. My birth date is March 6."

Your June 21 man is right on the cusp of Gemini and Cancer, but he's a Cancer with lots of Gemini influences in his chart. He'll call, don't worry. But this little logistical awkwardness is only the start of a series of inconveniences and misunderstandings that will occur repeatedly with this match. The best outcome for your love life comes from spending time with friends, especially the kind to whom

you're not at all attracted. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Simon Cowell is a Libran diplomat, though this isn't the least bit apparent as he critiques "American Idol" hopefuls. The honesty he shows in his scathing critiques flows from a tap that can be turned on or off at will — Librans have complete control over their social personae. Consequently, "American Idol" and "America's Got Talent" are two of the biggest ratings juggernauts in TV history.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am an alcoholic. For the past 15 years, I have been able to fool everyone. My older brothers and sisters were all unaware of my situation.

When I get home, the first thing I do is have a drink. By bedtime, I am completely drunk, yet I have no problem getting up the next day and going to work. This has caused numerous problems with my husband. My house is a disaster, and when I am having company, I just throw everything in closets or out in the shed.

I have two teenage kids. Yesterday, I got a call from the school that my daughter has not attended class since school began. When I confronted her, she told me she is embarrassed to bring anyone to our house and that she is ashamed of me and my drinking.

But the worst thing is, my sister and her husband showed up while my daughter and I were screaming at each other. When my sister questioned me about the fight, I told her my daughter was a vicious liar. They looked at my husband for verification, and instead of sticking up for me, he walked out of the room. Now my husband has told my other siblings about it, and they all want me to get counseling and go to AA.

I will die before making my personal life a public joke. I refuse to let my siblings run my life. If I can do a good job at work, I believe there is no problem, and having a few drinks before going to sleep is just a stress reliever. I am angry with my husband, who now says he will leave me and take the kids with him. My daughter is to blame, and I think she needs to understand the harm she has caused our family. How can I get this across? — New York

Dear New York: Your husband wants to take the kids and leave, your daughter is ashamed of you, your house is a mess, and your siblings want you in AA. You don't think you have a drinking problem? Think again. It's called denial when you blame everyone else for the mess you're in. You're not fooling anyone. Get some help before your life falls apart completely. AA is in the phone book. Please go to the next available meeting.

Dear Annie: My partner, "Otis," and I are 20-year-



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old college students. The first time I met his family was when they invited me to dinner at a fancy restaurant. His father picked up the tab. Recently, Otis and I spent the weekend with his parents. They took us out to a pricey place, and again, his father paid for every-

one. Neither time did I offer to pay for myself, and I'm worried that they think I have no manners. My mom said I should at least have offered to pay for the price of my meal. Generally I would, but I thought since they invited me, I didn't have to.

We rarely see Otis' parents. They are quite well off, and we ate at places I can't afford. Both times, it seemed clear that they expected to pay. How do I offer to cover my own costs without feeling awkward? — Not Quite Emily Post

Dear Not Quite: Otis' parents do not expect you to pay for meals at fancy restaurants of their choosing. Your obligation is to thank them verbally and with a short note after. You also can reciprocate by inviting them to a home-cooked meal at your place. So stop feeling guilty already.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Don't Want to Argue Anymore," who fights with her twin sister. Verbal fights can cause the same amount of conflict as physical fights. I am 16, and my mother and I fight all the time over the smallest things. A trick I like to use is to pause the argument and ask, "Will this matter in one week?" Usually the answer is no, and we can agree to disagree. — R.S.

Dear R.S.: You have a smart head on your shoulders, and we predict good things for you. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I recently broke up with my boyfriend of 18 months. The relationship ended for many reasons, but

mainly because "Pete" racked up a \$1,000 phone bill calling chatlines to meet women for sex. Pete says he never actually met with any of these women, but because of the large number of outgoing and incoming calls, I don't believe him. He now owes me \$4,000.

I want Pete out of my life, but I still talk to him in order to get the money he owes me. He promises to pay, but always has some excuse why he can't. I hate talking to him because, for some crazy reason, I still have feelings for him and it hurts too much.

My question is, how long do I give him to pay me back before I take further action? I don't want to take him to small claims court except as a last resort. How do I get my money back and get him out of my life for good? — Broke, Broken and Confused

Dear Broke: Is Pete capable of paying you back, or is he financially strapped? Have him sign an IOU so you have something in writing, and then ask him to start paying you an agreed-upon sum every week until the loan is paid off in full. Since you don't want to deal

with him directly, ask a friend or relative to handle it. If, after six months, there has been no effort at repayment, it's time to consider legal alternatives.

Dear Annie: Where are salesmen and saleswomen getting their training from today? Is it from the high school hallways or the neighborhood hang-out?

I am a 51-year-old male veteran and am constantly referred to as man, bud, dude, boss, chief, etc., by salespeople. I would prefer to be called "sir," but even if that's not possible, I certainly

do not want to be called "chief."

This kind of sales technique (like waitstaff who refer to my wife and me as "you guys") does not work. After you call me "dude," I have tuned you out. And depending on my mood, I may shut the door in your face. — Fed Up with Sales Dudes

Dear Fed Up: Your letter should be compulsory reading for all sales personnel. Most people, and certainly those past a certain age, find the use of such casual monikers highly annoying at the very least. Thanks for weighing in.

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Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 9, 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.
On this date:
In 1635, religious dissident Roger Williams was ordered banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
In 1701, the Collegiate School of Connecticut — later Yale University — was chartered.
In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.
In 1930, Laura Ingalls

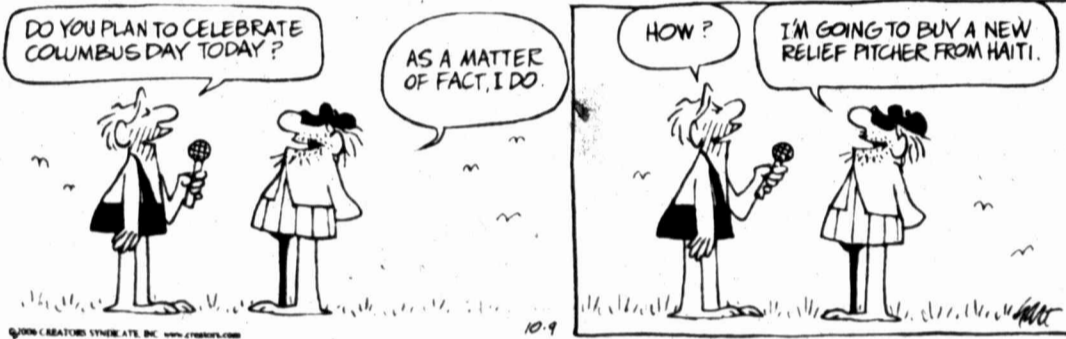
became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Glendale, Calif.
In 1936, the first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.
In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York.
In 1958, Pope Pius XII died. (He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)
In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia.
In 1975, Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
In 1985, the hijackers of the Achille Lauro cruise liner surrendered after the ship arrived in Port Said, Egypt.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fyvush Finkel is 84. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is 65. Singer Jackson Browne is 58. Actor Gary Frank is 55. Actor Richard Chaves is 56. Actor Robert Wuhl is 55. Actress-TV personality Sharon Osbourne is 54. Actor Tony Shalhoub is 53. Actor Scott Bakula is 52. Musician James Fearnley (The Pogues) is 52. Actor John O'Hurley is 52.

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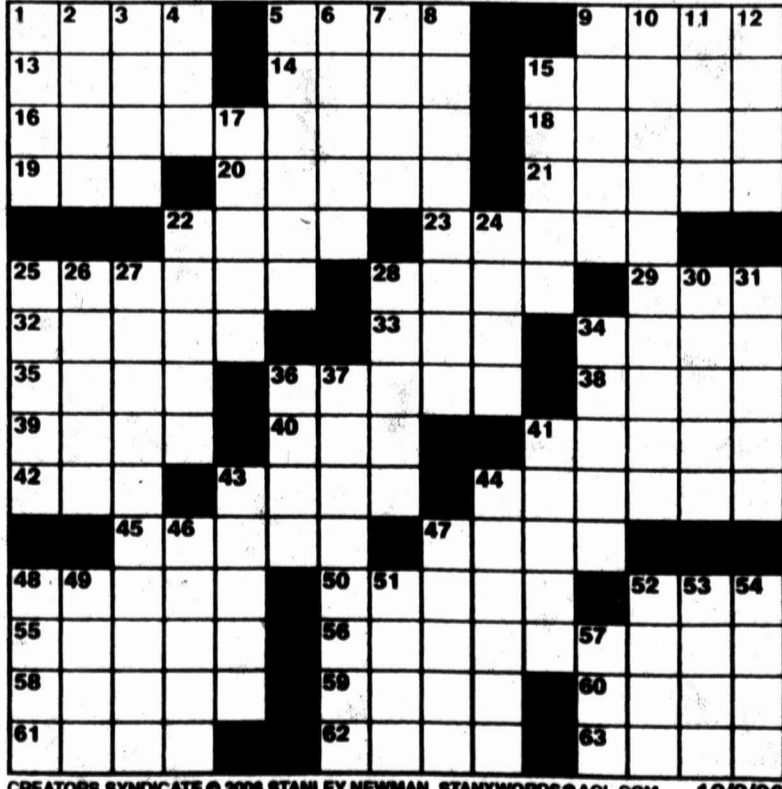


Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Like two — in a pod
 - Walk in water
 - Con game
 - Simplify
 - Highest point
 - Do figure eights
 - Preliminary exam
 - Shoppers' references
 - Air-quality org.
 - Hair-raising
 - Sports complex
 - Golfers' goals
 - Totaled, as a bill
 - They walk back and forth
 - River sediment
 - Skim milk's lack
 - Fireplace remnants
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 - Mortgage, for example
 - Capital of Egypt
 - Sign gas
 - Makes a mistake
 - Select, with "for"
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 - Catch, as calves
 - More equitable
 - Wipe the chalk from
 - Chums

- DOWN**
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 - Wyatt of the old West
 - China's continent
 - Baltic or Bering
 - Colorful parrot
 - Got out of bed
 - Light-switch position
 - Fill with joy
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STANTON — have trouble firing "sorehead" in Stanton certainly won't be a bargain as the Trade Days gets More than 500 line the streets two-day shop-a-population of 2, approximately 1, Old Sorehead 8 a.m. Saturday p.m., and resur until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around may find just about to rare collectible spokesman for antiques for sale Main store and Oils — Coca-Cola and Sinclair — if you can drive at Old Sorehead

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