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Local voters to decide many races Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area voters will have plenty of candidates to choose from as they prepare to go to the polls Tuesday, as local, state and federal offices will be up for grabs.

Democratic nominee Mark Barr is facing off against write-in candidate John Wayne Metcalf for the Howard County Judge seat. Also running as a write-in candidate is local resident Erven Fisher, who faces Republican nominee and incumbent Jerry Kilgore for the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court.

Gary Simer, the incumbent Democratic nominee for the Precinct 4 seat on the commissioners court, is being challenged by Republican Roy Don Beauchamp.

The Precinct 1 Place 2 Justice of the Peace position is up for grabs, as incumbent Republican candidate Kathryn Wiseman is

challenged by Democratic candidate Bobby Roever.

Howard County resident Carl Lancaster also filed as a write-in candidate, in hopes of unseating Precinct 1 Constable Bill Holden.

Among the state races, the District 85 seat in the Texas House is up for grabs. Plainview businessman Jim Landtroop, the Republican nominee, faces former Crosbyton judge and Democratic nominee Joe Heflin. Libertarian David Schumacher is also on the ballot.

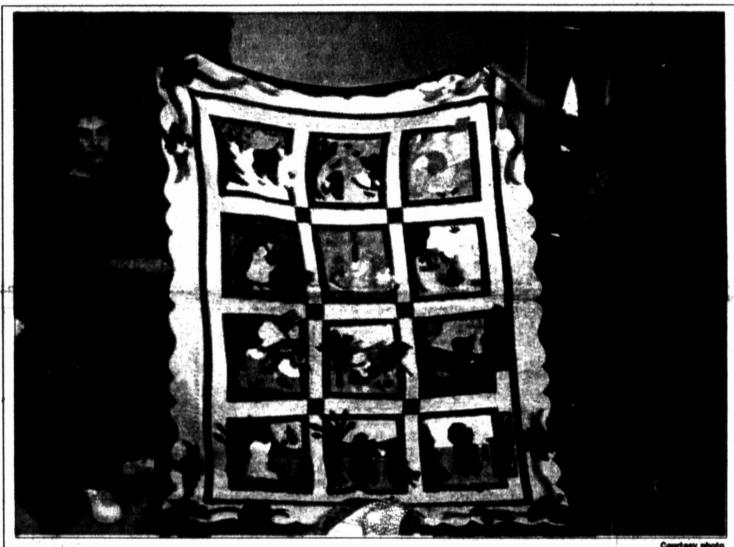
In the race for Texas governor, incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry faces Democrat and former Congressman Chris Bell of Houston and Libertarian candidate and sales consultant **James Werner**

Perry will also have to defend his seat from independent candidates, outgoing two **Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and**

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Bonds Three issues now before county voters

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Bond. anyone? That's the question Howard County, the city

However, the local Taxpayer's Committee, led by Big Spring attorney Frank Parker, alleges the bond will overburden county taxpayers.

Martin County Quilting Bee members Naomi Hunt of Stanton and Jackie Simpson of Big Spring holding a quilt made

by Beverly Wood of Midland. This quilt and many others will be on display Nov. 7-8 at the Stanton Quilt Show.

Shop Stanton Late Quilt Show gets under way on Thursday

Herald staff report

STANTON — The Shop Stanton Late Quilt Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday in downtown Stanton.

Merchants and antique shops will be open late for the public's shopping conveniences.

The featured quilter this year is Vicki Bucy of Midland.

Bucy learned to quilt when she was a young girl, taught by her mother and both grandmothers. Her paternal grandmother taught both her and her husband how to quilt, she says, and would chide her that his stitches were better.

Bucy designs all of her own quilts, her mother pieces them

and then she hand guilts them. The accomplished quilter does

her work in a frame and will be working on a baby quilt during the show and will be on hand to visit with guests about her love of quilting.

Quilts will be hung Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone wanting to display a quilt should call Kathryn Burch at 432-756-2537. Organizers are expecting to have

about 75 quilts in the show some will be new, others old.

George Costlow will be showing a quilt he won at the Pearl of the Concho Show in San Angelo. Marsha Todd and Mona Elmore

will have sister quilts they've made. Each quilt has 84 different seven-inch squares. One is hand quilted, while the other is machine quilted.

Beverly Wood of Midland will be showing a Sun Bonnet Sue Calendar quilt done in turn needle appliqué.

The public is invited to shop with local merchants and view the quilts. The Martin County Library used book sale will be going on at Old Bill's Grocery Store at the same time.

The quilt show is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Martin County Community **Development** Committee and is free to the public.

of Big Spring and the Coahoma Independent School District are posing to voters as they prepare to head to the polls Tuesday.

With three multi-million-dollar bonds which weigh in at a staggering combined price of approximately \$35 million — on the ballot, the one garnering the most attention from local politicians and voters is a \$10.1 million bond to finance a new county jail facility.

The bond issue, which has received support from the Howard County **Commissioners** Court and caught the ire of the local Taxpayer's Committee, calls for the construction of a 144-bed jail facility to be located near the intersection of U.S. Highway Interstate 87 and Highway 20.

The proposed jail has been touted by the commissioners court as the long term answer to several problems with the existing jail - currently located in the county courthouse - including overcrowding and other items deemed "life safety issues" by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

The last bond issue offered to the voters to finance a new jail came in 1995, when it was defeated.

Tuesday will also be the second time around for the bond issue being presented by CISD, which was originally presented to the voters in May 2005 for \$11.9 million.

Having been defeated last year, the bond is back to the tune of \$13.9 million, offering voters two options to choose from.

The first option, deemed Proposition 1, would finance construction and renovation at all major school buildings. Proposition 2, which would leave out renovations to the district's administration building as well as new tennis courts and parking lots, comes in slightly lighter at \$10.3 million.

While new classrooms or tennis courts or field houses will surely catch people's eyes, that's not the major emphasis on the renovation project, supporters say.

"The utilities have to be upgraded," said Craig Ferguson, a member of

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Operation Christmas Child renewed

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer How much difference can a simple

shoe box make in the life of a child in an impoverished and war-torn country? If that shoe box comes from Operation Christmas Child, a project offered annually by the Samaritan's Purse charity, it can mean the difference between opening a gift Christmas morning and finding nothing under the holiday tree.

"It really is a blessing for a child to receive one of these boxes," said Brenda Franklin, a local coordinator with the

Operation Christmas Child effort. like lotion or shampoo, or anything that "These boxes will be the only thing many of these children will have to open Christmas morning. Many donors will put scriptures and words of encouragement in the gift, as well, so I feel like we're helping to deliver a really good message.

Franklin said participating in the annual program is simple.

"All they need to do is get a shoe box and fill it with different items," said Franklin. "Things like toys and hygiene items are always a good idea. Please don't include anything that's a liquid,

comes in an aerosol can. When picking out toys, please don't include anything that might be considered war related, such as guns or knives. "Once they have their box filled they

can drop it off here at Allan's Furniture, located at 202 Scurry in downtown Big Spring. We'll then pack up all the boxes into a crate and ship it to Odessa, which is the collection point for us this year."

Franklin said donors should mark

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LOCAL

Obituaries

James O. Grimsley



James O. Grimsley, 86, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Mike Chase, pastor at College Park Church of God, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born April 9, 1920, in Slocum and married Ida Mae Wood April 22, 1944, in Harligen.

James worked as a firefighter for 27 years in Pyote, Harlingen and Big Spring. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of College Park Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Ida Grimsley of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, James Jr. and Carolyn Grimsley of Big Spring; two daughters and son-in-law, Mary Walsh of Midland, and Carol and Kent McCarty of Euless; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Terry Lee Grimsley.

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

Rev. Robert Bracy

Rev. Robert Bracy, age 84, of Colorado City, died Friday night in an Abilene hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale **Funeral Home.**

Rev. Bracy was born March 4, 1922, in Colorado City to Robert Sr. and Vera Parker Bracy and had been a lifelong resident of Colorado City. He married Emma Holland Sept. 25, 1065, in Colorado City. She preceded him in death Dec. 5, 1989. He then married Ruby Bonner Randle May 28, 1990, in Colorado City. He was the senior pastor of St. James Baptist church for the past 39 years and a longtime member of the Colorado City Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Bracy of Colorado City; a son, Jesse and wife, Carmen Bracy of Bremerton, Wash.; four daughters, Mary and husband, Lawrence Smith of Colorado City, Sandra and husband, Floyd Green of Big Spring, Lanetta and husband, Arthur King of Houston and Regina Selman of Snyder; step-children, Danny and wife, Sandra Green of Stafford, Va., Ronnie Green of Thomasville, N.C., Steve Belvin of Colorado City, Demetres and wife, Tina Randle and Don Randle, both of Colorado City, Victor and wife, Cynthia Randle of Ft. Worth, Gerri Randle of Big Spring, Jessie Randle of Ft. Worth, Tomeka and husband, Derek Gipson of Duncanville; 48 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by his parents; sons, Robert Bracy III and Stanley Bracy; step-children, Miller Green and Sha Randle.

The family will received friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Police blotter

• JAMEY JOHNSON, 43, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language. JOSE MELENDEZ, 23, of 711 Aylesford, was

arrested Saturday on two local citations and a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ALEXANDER VALENCIA, 48, of 2710 Oasis Road, was arrested Saturday on a Travis County warrant and a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RANDELL HOLLIS, 36, of 1110 Jeffery Road, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• JOEY GUTIERREZ, 23, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• PATRICK RIOS, 35, of 1610 E. 15th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ANGELA MCMULLEN, 32, of 405 E. 10th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ROBERT WESLEY BAIRD, 29, of 101 Canyon, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

 POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 400 block of 10th Street.

OF CRIMINAL TRESPASS A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Alabama.

- in the 1900 block of Mittel.

• RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 300 block of Runnels.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

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

 DALLAS INEZ JORDAN, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and driving while license invalid/suspended.

• LORITA JANEAN SCHULZE, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief and a judgment/sentence for probation.

• RANDELL LEIGH ROSE II, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, racing on the highway and violation of a promise to appear.

 AARON DOUGLAS TATUM, 61, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated?"

• STEVEN WAYNE NIVENS, 45, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated

Bulletin Board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Monday, November 6, 2006

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

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.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

Fire/EMS

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

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of West Seventh Street. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 6700 block of Todd

Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Scott Road. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Merrily Drive. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of East 18th Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.

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Monday at the funeral home.

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Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds around 10 mph.

Tonight – Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs around 80. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night - Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s

Thursday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Thursday night - Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Friday – Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Veterans Day — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 16-19-21-28-30-52. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$16 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-11-27-37.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$31,902. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

... The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 2-5-1

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 5-5-7

JOHN PETER GORDON, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces in a drug free zone.

• TERRENCE A. YOUNG, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces in a drug free zone.

• RAUL GARCIA SIMENTAL, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - open container.

 AGUSTIN GAITAN JR., 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• OSCAR PADILLA, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

· JACOB STRAIN, 26, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces.

• JOHNNY PAUL STONE, 56, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and bondsman off bond for theft by check.

JEFFREY THOMAS LARABA, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.

· DOMINIC DESHAUN PARKER, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid and charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, evading arrest or detention, burglary of a habitation, probation revocation, burglary of a vehicle and capias pro fines.

• JASON SMITH, 30, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest.

 JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ALEXANDER VALENCIA, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to appear for child support hearing and driving while license invalid.

 JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RANDELL ESTON HOLLIS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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• RELAY SUPER HEROES! The Howard Glasscock **Counties 2007 Relay For Life Community Kickoff will** be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry Street (First United Methodist Church). Everyone is invited to help start the new campaign.

• THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS will have Thanksgiving dinner at the Coahoma School Cafeteria, Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 11:15 a.m. All area seniors are invited.

 A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ESTHER LOPEZ has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

 THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

· 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.

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the citizen's committee supporting the bond. "People have to work on the plumbing or electricity at their houses all the time. It's the same thing here."

Supporters also want to use bond money to install a sprinkler system at the district's elementary school.

Coahoma's bond issue isn't the only two-option proposition on the ballot, as the city of Big Spring is offering voters a pair of projects to choose from.

The city's Proposition No. 1 -which comes in at \$9.2 million — would allow for street and roadway improvements.

According to proposals considered by the city during an August meet**BOND ISSUES FACING HOWARD COUNTY VOTERS ON TUESDAY**

Howard County Jail Bond

\$10,185,000 bond to pay for the construction and equipping of a new county jail, including purchase of the property where it will be located. The location currently being considered is near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and U.S. Highway 87.

City of Big Spring Bonds Proposition No. 1 - \$9,200,000 for street and roadway improvements.

Proposition No. 2 - \$5,085,000 for improvements and additions to city parks, including recreational and sports facilities.

The city's Proposition

ing, street reconstruction would include much of Main and Scurry streets, from Second to 10th including parts of Nolan streets. and Johnson near the downtown area. Also No. 2 -which is slightly included in the scope of more than \$5 million -

Coahoma Independent School District Bond Proposition No. 1 — \$13,900,000 for construction, renovations and equipping of school buildings, including those mentioned above, as well as:

· The administration building would be renovated to house the district's technology department, currently housed in the old Primary Building, and parking lots would be added at various locations.

Proposition No. 2 - \$10,300,000 for construction, renovations and equipping of school buildings, including: Installation of a sprinkler system, plus

upgrades to the plumbing, electrical and heating systems at the elementary school. · Projects at the junior high, including improvements to the fire alarm and other safety systems, electrical upgrades, new heating and air conditioning and complete

bathroom renovations. A new library/media center at the high school, as well as replacement of 21 classrooms, new restrooms and locker rooms and renovation of the ag shop.

· Renovation of the athletic field house, high school band hall and installation of air conditioning in the high school gym and construction of new tennis courts.

the project is landscaped would finance improve.⁶ expansion of the Roy islands on Main Street ments and additions to Anderson city parks, including Complex, including renorecreational and sports vations to existing fields facilities.

Within the scope of the project is upgrades and fields.

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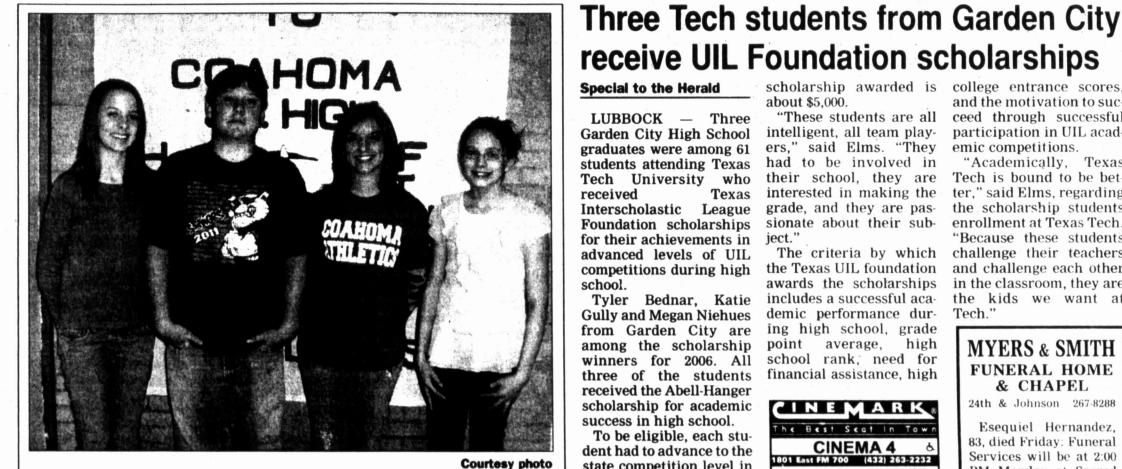
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and the addition of football, soccer and baseball

The polls will be open Sports from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Contact Staff Writer

Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@ bigspringher-



These Coahoma Junior High students were named to the Region II Junior High/Freshman All-Region Choir at an audition in Midland on Oct. 21. They will perform with the choir on a concert in Odessa on Saturday. From left to rightare Kenzi Moore, seventh grader, Soprano 2 section; Reagan Reid, eighth grader, Tenor I section (second year choir member); Megan Parrish, ninth grader, Soprano I section (third year choir member); and Heather Kirby, seventh grader, Soprano 2 section.

about \$5,000.

LUBBOCK - Three "These students are all Garden City High School intelligent, all team players," said Elms. "They graduates were among 61 had to be involved in students attending Texas their school, they are Tech University who interested in making the Texas grade, and they are pas-Interscholastic League sionate about their sub-Foundation scholarships for their achievements in ject."

The criteria by which the Texas UIL foundation awards the scholarships includes a successful academic performance during high school, grade point average, high school rank, need for financial assistance, high

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scholarship awarded is college entrance scores, and the motivation to succeed through successful participation in UIL academic competitions.

> "Academically, Texas Tech is bound to be better," said Elms, regarding the scholarship students enrollment at Texas Tech. 'Because these students challenge their teachers and challenge each other in the classroom, they are the kids we want at Tech."



24th & Johnson 267-8288

Esequiel Hernandez, 83, died Friday: Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. **Jaterment** with Military Honors will follow at Mt. Qlive Memorial Park.

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Richard "Kinky" Friedman, a country singer and Texas icon. Incumbent Republican Randy nominee Neugebauer seeks to hold District his 19

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able to be separated from and preparing boxes can the box. A \$7 donation is be found online at requested — but not www.samaritanpurse.org. required - to help with the shipping costs, and on the local effort, call can be left inside the box, 267-6278 or 267-7416. according to Franklin. Collection of the boxes

will begin at Allan's Furniture Nov. 13 and wrap up on Nov. 20. ald.com

Resources for packing

Congressional seat, up Contact Staff Writer against Democratic nomi-Thomas Jenkins at 263nee Robert Ricketts of 7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail Lubbock. Fred C. Jones of at citydesk@bigspringher-Abilene in this federal ald.com

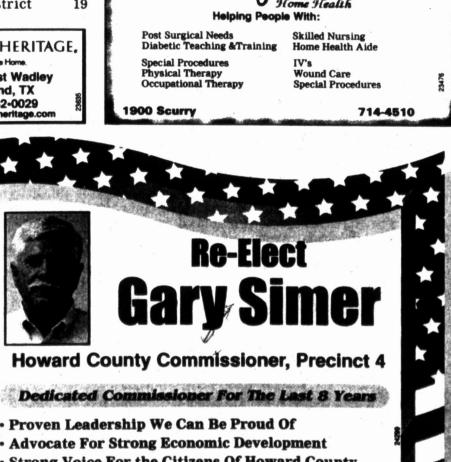
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The latest dirty trick from the JIM LANDTROOP CAMPAIGN.

Tens of thousands of dollars more raining down on Landtroop from ATtack PAC - a last-minute, unidentified source of "attack" money late-reported to the Texas Ethics Commission so you won't know who it came from!*

Whose money is Landtroop trying to hide from you now? And why?

We already know more than 90% of Landtroop's almost \$1 million war chest comes from outside District 85.

Do you really think Jim Landtroop will represent West Texans in Austin? Or will he represent special interests like ATtack PAC, whose benefactors he doesn't even want you to know? STREET STREET

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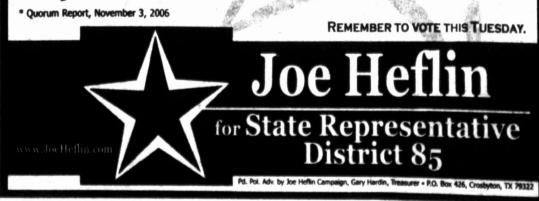


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OUR VIEWS

Remember to go to polls Tuesday and be counted

or one last time, it seems fitting to remind our readers that Tuesday is Election Day across our state and if you haven't cast your vote, we encourage you to do so.

There are a number of key national and local races on the ballot.

The headliner, as far as statewide office is concerned, of course, is the gubernatorial race between incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry and three main challengers - Congressman Chris Bell, the Democratic nominee, and two incumbents, Kinky Friedman and Carol Keeton Strayhorn.

In addition, there's the District 19 U.S. **Representative's race where incumbent District** 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, faces a challenge from Democrat Robert Rickets, D-Lubbock.

There's also the District 85 State Representative's race where the headliners are former Crosby County Judge and attorney Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, and Plainview insurance. agent Jim Landtroop, R-Plainview.

And on the local scene, there are two county commissioners' races, the county judge's race and bond issues being proposed by three of the county's taxing entities to be decided. So, it's clear that voters have quite a bit to decide.

OPINION

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Chris Bell may have found formula

Political 3-M Algebra: M1 > M2 + M3 and M2 > M3where

M1 = mobilization of votersM2 = big donor moneyM3 = candidate's message

etting out the vote in any campaign requires a flush of funds, and money trumps the candidate's message every

time. Until a couple of weeks ago, **Democratic nominee** for governor Chris Bell appeared to have a snowball's chance of victory. It must be getting cold in Hades

because today Bell is **CYNTHIA** the man of the moment with the message and the CLEMENTS money. Can Bell com- _

bine his message

with his newfound money to mobilize the vote?

For Bell to win, it's going to take more than a weird witches' brew of a lock of Governor Rick Perry's hair, the eye of a bat, and a full moon on Election Night eve. No, nothing that superstitious, but Bell must have the vote of his Democratic base. A few disenchanted Republicans mixed in a concoction with independents wouldn't hurt Bell's chances either.

In the final weeks of the campaign. Bell has finally been able to exorcise the evil spirit of Tom DeLay from his campaign and talk about the issues that define Bell as a candidate - in favor of reforming the TAKS test, against the Trans Texas Corridor, for ending higher education de-regulation,

and for increased funding for state parks. Voters are listening, but will enough of them turn out on **Election Day for the Democratic** Party?

Before running for governor, Bell's claim to fame was his parting gift to then-House Majority Leader DeLay. Republican redistricting in Texas in 2003 forced Bell from his congressional seat after one term. As Bell bid "adios" and "hasta luego," he filed the first ethics complaint against DeLay, literally on the way out the door, back to Texas.

DeLay's skeletons were a good omen for Bell, though, to a point. DeLay was his goblin, his political boogeyman. He repeatedly invoked DeLay's wrongdoings as he hit the campaign trail for governor. In January 2005, Bell and his wife, Alison, were the honorary cochairs of Planned Parenthood of **Houston and Southeast Texas'** annual pro-choice luncheon. Even then, or perhaps especially then, Bell had his DeLay voodoo doll handy as he reminded the rapt audience of nearly 1,500 that he took on DeLay on the Speaker's turf. Thus, Bell established himself as the anti-DeLay candidate.

Bell was still using the same stump speech, however, as he spoke to a crowd of barely 15 at the Democratic Party Headquarters in Lufkin late this spring. Once he invoked DeLay's spirit, it sucked energy from his campaign. Crowds were losing interest; DeLay was old news. What was once tantalizing became trite with time. It appeared that Bell was plodding along, repeating the same themes, imploring someone to listen. He needed to bury DeLay. At the Democratic state

convention this June in Fort Worth, though, DeLay was Bell's amulet. Coincidentally, DeLay's last day in Congress, after a compelled resignation, was during the convention, and Bell was quite gleeful in announcing it during his nomination acceptance speech. East Texans have a quaint little expression: "It'll come back to bite you on the butt" (said in lieu of the more profane term, so as not to offend the sensibilities of genteel readers.) It's their Southern expression of the cliche', "What

comes around, goes around." Time can exact great revenge on former enemies. Bell is not talking about DeLay anymore; in fact, no one is. DeLay was the entrance ticket that got Bell into the governor's race, but now DeLay is the ghost of Republican policies of hatred and greed, and of arrogance run amuck. Maybe DeLay will have a few more congressional cohorts (Mark Foley, anyone?) join him on November 7 in the graveyard for Republican hasbeens.

Now Bell moves into the final days with a new good luck charm: Houston lawyer John O'Quinn and his splash of cash into the campaign. Bell has two of the required three M's-M2 and M3-in the political algebraic formula, but M1, mobilization, is the one he must have to win.

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Obviously, these are decisions that will impact all our lives for some time to come.

Once again, we are collectively saddened by the negativity created by many of these campaigns — particularly what has become an absurdly ugly state representative's race.

Yes, a great deal is at stake tomorrow and we're not about to downplay that importance. And just like two years ago, we're simply not willing to tell you how we think you should vote. We just want to encourage all registered voters to take the time cast their ballots.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout Howard County. That's plenty of time to work in a trip to your neighborhood ballot box and make your voice to heard.

Please, go vote!

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by K. Rae Anderson

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The first postage stamps

In 1837, Great Britain's Sir Rowland Hill proposed a uniform rate of postage for mail going anywhere in the British Isles and prepayment by using envelopes with preprinted postage or adhesive labels. On May 6, 1840, the stamp that became known as the Penny Black, covering the one penny charge for half-ounce letters sent anywhere in the British Isles, became available in postal facilities.

United States postage stamps Alexander M. Greig's City Despatch Post, a private New York City carrier, issued the first adhesive stamps in the United States on Feb. 1, 1842. The Post Office Department bought Greig's busi ness and continued use of adhesive stamps to prepay postage.

After U.S. postage rates were standardized in 1845, New York City Postmaster Robert H. Morris, among others, provided special stamps or markings to indicate prepayment of postage. These now are known as "postmasters' provi-

authorized United States postage stamps. The first general issue postage stamps went on sale in New York City, July 1, 1847. One, priced at five cents, depicted Benjamin Franklin. The other, a 10-cent stamp, pictured George Washington. Clerks used scissors to cut the stamps from pregummed, nonperforated sheets. **Only Franklin and Washington** appeared on stamps until 1856, when a five-cent stamp honoring Thomas Jefferson was issued. A two-cent Andrew Jackson stamp was added in 1863. George Washington has appeared on more U.S. postage stamps than any other person. Until governmentissued stamps became obligatory Jan. 1, 1856, other payment methods remained legal. **Postal stationery** The first printed stamped

Postage stamps: A short history

envelopes were issued July 1, 1853. They have always been produced by private contractors and sold at the cost of postage plus the cost of manufacture. With the exception of manila newspaper wrappers used from 1919 to 1934, watermarks have been mandatory for stamped-envelope paper since 1853. The watermarks usually changed with every four-year printing contract to help identify the envelope and paper manufacturers.

Austria issued the first postal card in 1869. The United States followed in May 1873. Postal cards, known today as stamped cards, are produced by the government and carry preprinted postage. unlike privately produced postcards, which do not bear postage. The 1873 Annual Report of the Postmaster General noted: "As predicted, they have been favorably received. They have supplied

a public want, and have made a On March 3, 1847, Congress new and remunerative business for the Department.' Postal cards were sold at face value until Jan.10, 1999, when a charge for the cost of manufacture was added.

Commemorative stamps

In 1893, the first U.S. commemorative stamps, honoring that year's World Columbian Exposition in Chicago, were issued. The subject – Columbus' voyages to the New World - and size of the stamps were innovative. Standard-sized stamps were too small for engraved reproductions of paintings that portrayed events connected to Columbus's voyages. The stamps were 7/8 inches high by 1-11/32 inches wide, nearly double the size of previous stamps.

Over the years, commemorative stamps have been produced in many sizes and shapes, with the first triangular postage stamp issued in 1997 and the first round stamp in 2000.

The first stamp honoring an American woman was the eightcent Martha Washington stamp of 1902. The first to honor a Hispanic American was the one-dollar Admiral David Farragut stamp in 1903. Native Americans were portrayed in a general way on several earlier stamps, but the first to feature a specific individual was 1907's five-cent stamp honoring Pocahontas. In 1940, a 10-cent stamp commemorating Booker T. Washington became the first to honor an African American.

Other firsts include the 1993 29cent stamp featuring Elvis Presley. The public was invited to vote for the "young" or the "older" Elvis for the stamp's design.

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HEALTH

Aiming to kill many flus with one shot

By STEVE JOHNSON

San Jose Mercury News SAN JOSE, Calif. - On the hunt for a vaccine against bird flu, biotech companies are coming up with leads on something even better: a universal vaccine that works against all kinds of flu.

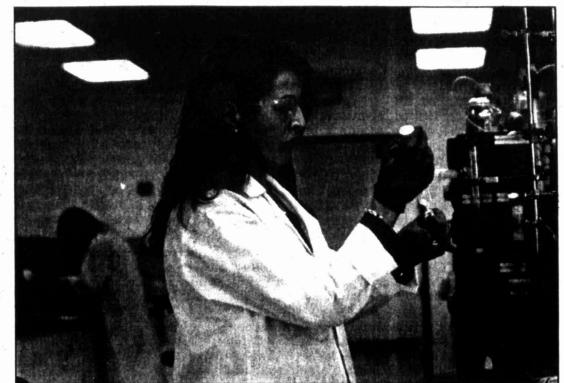
Some claim it's possible the bird-flu medicines they are developing could also provide improved treatments for the common winter flu and even allow people to get flu shots only once every few years.

Experts caution that much still needs to be done. But some claim to have found ways to boost flu vaccine potency by using special additives. Others have devised methods to manufacture medicines quickly in an emergency and to tackle the problem of the virus mutating into drug-resistant forms.

Since the bird-flu virus took its first human life in Hong Kong in 1997, it has killed a relatively small number of people -151 people in 10 countries - compared with the 36,000 people killed annually by the common flu in this country alone. Still, many experts believe bird flu will inevitably develop into a form that could spread across the globe in a so-called pandemic that could leave many millions dead.

"Someday there will be a pandemic flu," said Anthony Fauci, head of the federal government's National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "Sooner or later we're going to get it."

At least 28 bird-flu vaccines are under development by 13 different companies worldwide, according to the International



Dynavax Senior Research Associate Dorice Yalda works on making a small dose of the "Dynavax Universal Flu Vaccine" at the company's Berkeley, Calif., laboratory, Dynavax hopes to start human testing in about half a year.

protein and matrix pro- Sciences - which would study. tein, which tend to be used to treat people remain stable. That way, even if some bird-flu virus proteins mutate, Dynavax scientists say, their vaccine still would be effective against the proteins that don't

change. Like most other drugs in the works to counter bird flu, the Dynavax vaccine is in an early stage of development. But on Oct. 20, the company presented data at the Second International Conference on Influenza Vaccines for the World in Vienna that showed it was effective in

mice and baboons. If it also proves effective in people, it could be used for bird flu or seasonal flu, said Gary Van Nest, Dynavax's vice president of preclinical research. Moreover, because the get more than one shot. presumably vaccine would work no matter nies including Novartis bird-flu drugs at its how the flu virus mutates, one shot of it every three years or so might be sufficient to protect a person, he said. As an added safeguard, however, Dynavax plans to give its vaccine to people along with a standard vaccine that targets the mutating proteins. "The best approach is to combine it with what we know works pretty well and make it work very well," Van Nest said. Scientists at Vical in San Diego have reported progress with a similar vaccine. And researchers at the University of Bath in England are trying to develop mutation-resistant versions of anti-viral drugs — such as Tamiflu, developed by Gilead

flu. Another big problem

vaccine manufacturers face with bird flu is its novelty.

have been exposed to the seasonal flu virus at some time in their lives, they have developed some built-in immunity to it. But because bird flu is new, no such previously developed immunity exists.

Consequently, unless boost people's immune systems, health officials fear people would need relatively large amounts of bird-flu vaccine. That could require huge stockpiles of the vaccine and

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Yet another concern is already infected with bird how to manufacture enough doses of bird-flu vaccine quickly for the billions of people around the world who might need it. The typical method of Because most people making flu vaccines, which partly involve growing the virus in fertilized chicken eggs, has serious drawbacks.

If a bird-flu outbreak occurred, vaccine manufacturers would have to obtain millions of eggs on short notice. But the virus could kill many of some way can be found to the chickens counted on to produce those eggs. Moreover, manufacturers can't just snap their fingers to bolster their egg supplies, said George Kemble, vice president of vaccine research & develperhaps force people to opment for Medimmune of Maryland. MedImmune is working on potential California facilities.

"If we want to increase the number of eggs, we have to tell the farmers many months in advance," he said.

To avoid that problem, federal authorities in May awarded the Bay Area operations of Novartis and MedImmune a total of nearly \$400 million over next five years to make vaccines from a process using mammal cell cultures.

The ingredients for such cultures can be stored in freezers and be instantly available in the event of a health emergency. They also tend to be less bulky than eggs. As a result, scientists can make vaccines more quickly with cells than with eggs, Kemble said.

Cell-based vaccines also seem to work as well as those derived from eggs, according to data Novartis presented Oct. 19 at the Vienna flu conference. In a study involving more than 2,600 people, in which some were given a cell-based seasonal flu vaccine and others an egg-based version, Novartis said it found no difference in their immune responses.

As promising as such developments are, however, the world would be woefully unprepared if a bird-flu outbreak were to occur in the near future, health authorities warn. Even if companies sig-

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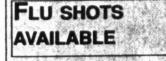
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The cost is \$10. There is no charge if you have Medicaid or Medicare. If so, bring your card with you. This service is open to everyone.

For more information, call the Department of State Health Services at 263-9775.

According to the Center for Disease Control, those at highest risk for getting the flu or those under age 5, age 50 and older, pregnant and people with certain chronic medical conditions.

nificantly expanded their manufacturing operations over the next three years and ran their production lines 24 hours a day, it wouldn't be sufficient to meet the threat, according to a study in September by the World Health Organization.

"If an influenza pandemic were to occur," the "the study concluded, potential vaccine supply would fall several billion doses short of the amount needed to provide protection to the global population."

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Manufacturers & Associations. One of the most intriguing of these new medicines is a socalled universal vaccine, some people which believe could be useful against various strains of bird flu as well as seasonal flu.

Drug companies typically design their seasonal flu vaccines to generate antibodies that neutralize two proteins, hemagglutinin and neuraminidase. on flu viruses. But because these two proteins are prone to mutate, new vaccines tailored to their changing characteristics usually have to be made every year.

That variability could prove devastating if the bird-flu virus suddenly mutates into a form that spreads quickly among people instead of just birds. By the time vaccines could be manufactured to target the new virus, thousands of people could die.

However, scientists at Dynavax Technologies in Berkeley, Calif., believe they have found a possible solution. They have developed a vaccine that targets two other common flu proteins, the nucleoand its Emeryville, Calif., vaccine research facilities earlier this year - are adding boosters called adjuvants to their bird-flu vaccines. Made of water and shark liver oil, Novartis' booster "kind of gets the body riled up a little more so the immune response is better," said company spokeswoman Alison Marquiss.

Even with boosters, some bird-flu vaccines tested so far require high doses to get an adequate immune response. But in July, GlaxoSmithKline of England announced that its adjuvant-boosted vaccine triggered a strong immune reaction in about 80 percent of 400 people who received it in a



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YES to placing public schools first!

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Monday, November 6, 2006

Bush hails Saddam verdict as milestone for Iraq

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer GRAND ISLAND, Neb. President Bush celebrated Saddam Hussein's death sentence as a victory for "Iraq's young democracy" and U.S. security, highlighting Sunday's verdict in the last hours of an election campaign in which **Republicans are suffering** from public discontent with the Iraq war.

White House spokesman Tony Snow decried as "absolutely crazy" any notion that the end to Saddam's nine-month trial was timed to produce

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Snow didn't entirely set politics aside, asserting that U.S. voters "ought to be heartened" by the verdict and its broader implications about the progress the administration insists is evident in Iraq.

"This is getting the Iragis to stand up on their own," Snow said. "You would not have hapcan't have civil society pened." without rule of law."

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positive news on the divi- conviction and sentence December 2003 capture by soldiers in Iraq. More than 2,800 members of the U.S. military have died since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

"They've sacrificed for landmark event in the the security of the United history of Iraq," Bush said in western Nebraska, States," said the president, who spoke to reporters for two minutes where he was trying to in Texas before flying to boost GOP state Sen. campaign appearances in Adrian Smith. Delivered in solid Bush Country, in Nebraska and Kansas. "Without their courage an arena awash in red and skill, today's verdict clothing, the president's Iraq lines earned the most sustained cheering of his With the verdict a speech, as they did in

Bush painted Saddam's chance to recall Saddam's

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Indianapolis post offices. Both coil stamps and imperforate sheets were produced for vending machines, with the latter receiving a variety of distinctive perforations and separations.

Nondenominated stamps

Nondenominated stamps (stamps without a printed value) were first issued Oct. 14, 1975, for two Christmas stamps. The Postal Service had requested a rate change from 10 to 13 cents and was unsure if or when the Postal Rate **Commission would issue** a recommended decision in the case. When the rate change was delayed, the stamps were sold for 10 cents. A similar situation led

the Postal Service to issue nondenominated shortage of stamps in the uncertain new denomination. They were sold for 15 cents for domestic use only. Nondenominated stamps with letter designations through "H" were issued in conjunction with postage rate changes through 1998.

The Postal Service originally developed selfadhesive stamps to make pre-canceled stamps more secure. Pre-canceled stamps are canceled across the face before being sold. In the late 1960s, as many as 20 percent of them were soaked off and reused. Because they were pre-canceled, they skipped a processing step that often caught reused stamps. With the Christmas

1974 issue, the Postal Service experimented with a self-adhesive precanceled stamp. It was believed that the tightly bonded self-adhesive would not permit stamps to be soaked off. An additional security feature placed slits in the stamps to foil attempts to peel them off. Unfortunately,

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could still be soaked off and reused, and stamps in the hands of collectors started to self-destruct.

Topeka, Kan.

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the high points of the war

for Bush — he repeated

these points later during

campaign visits to two of

America's reddest states.

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In 1989, the Postal Service again experimented with self-adhesive stamps, this time with emphasis on customer convenience. The new self-adhesives had a water-soluble adhesive and were produced on coated paper, so the effects of the adhesive would not be destructive. They became so popular that demand could barely be met. Self-adhesive stamps are now issued in formats that include booklets, coils, sheets and souvenir sheets. Modern water-activated stamp adhesives use a mixture of dextrin and resin. The dextrin is derived principally from corn and, sometimes, potatoes. In recent years, the Postal Service has added more self-adhesive stamps and reduced the number of water-activat-

Gary Crittenden is postmaster in Big Spring. His weekly column centers on the history of and services provided by the United States Postal Service.

ed adhesive stamps.

"My decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right decision and the world is better off for it," said to raucous he applause.

An Iraqi court convicted Saddam earlier Sunday and sentenced him to die by hanging for ordering the torture and murder of nearly 150 Shiites from the city of Dujail in 1982. Six subordinates were also found guilty of crimes against humanity, which came after what Saddam said was an

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attempt assassination against him.

Shiites rejoiced at the death sentence for the former dictator who terrorized their population. But Saddam's fellow Sunnis paraded through his hometown in protest. With sectarian violence already pushing Iraq to the brink of civil war, presidential counselor Dan Bartlett said Bush is confident U.S. forces and Iraqi soldiers were prepared to contain any spike in bloodshed.

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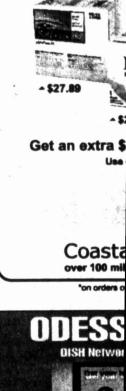
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<u>Texas News Briefs</u>

Griffin Perry takes campaign to college voters AUSTIN (AP) — While Gov. Rick Perry often extols the virtue of family values, his family is bringing a new kind of value to his campaign for re-election.

After 20 years shielded from the spotlight, Texas' first son, Griffin Perry, has spent the six months since he graduated from Vanderbilt University stuffing envelopes, speaking at college campuses and standing in for his dad at candidate forums.

"He brings a real value to the campaign, partly because he is five months removed from college, from kids that are 32 years younger than I am," Rick Perry said. "I think I'm pretty hip, but I'm afraid I would fail at being as connected to what's going on in their worlds.'

With a degree in economics and history, Griffin's message to young people centers on his father's record on job development and fostering a strong business climate in the state — much the same message his father delivers to adult audiences on the stump.

Killeen station to air war program it blocked

KILLEEN (AP) — The PBS station serving Fort Hood's congressional district said it has rescheduled the airing of a program about the Iraq war after being criticized for blocking the show when it aired nationally.

Officials at KNCT said they would show the episode of the news program "Now" on Monday night. The station had blocked the episode, which features interviews with local congressional candidates, when it aired on other PBS stations Friday.

Mary Beth Harrell, the Democratic challenger in District 31, on Saturday threatened to file a federal complaint if KNCT didn't air the program and explain why it was pulled.

The war has dominated the race between Harrell and two-term U.S. Rep. John Carter, R-Round Rock. Supporters of Harrell, who is married to a retired career Army man and has a son serving in Iraq with the Army's 4th Infantry Division, believe the show wasn't aired to hurt her chances.

KNCT said there were no political motivations behind the decision. Stations officials have said they were concerned that the show violated federal requirements to give all candidates equal airtime. The show includes only a picture and statement from Libertarian candidate Matt McAdoo.

Former DA kills self as police tserve warrant

TERRELL (AP) — Former Kaufman County District Attorney Louis "Bill" Conradt Jr. killed himself Sunday as police tried to serve an arrest warrant for soliciting sex with a minor, authorities said.

Police who entered Conradt's home when he refused to answer the door heard a shot and found Conradt fatally wounded with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at a Dallas hospital.

Murphy police Sgt. Snow Robertson said Conradt had solicited sex from a decoy posing online as a 13year-old. Murphy police were attempting to serve a search warrant for his computer and the arrest warrant when Conradt shot himself.

The Dallas Morning News reported in its online editions Sunday that the sting that resulted in Conradt's arrest warrant was a joint operation between

Perverted Justice, an Internet watchdog group, and NBC's "Dateline" that lured men seeking sex with children to a house in Murphy.

Police identify two who died in Waco crash

WACO (AP) - Police have identified two truckers who died in a fiery crash that backed up traffic on Interstate 35 for 10 miles Friday afternoon.

A tractor-trailer driving north on I-35 crossed the median and clipped one truck before hitting another, witnesses said.

The driver of the northbound truck was identified Sunday as Robert Nunn of Yoakum. Waco police identified the driver of the second truck as Javier Munoz of El Paso. The driver of the clipped truck survived.

A third person died in a separate accident caused by the traffic backup from the initial accident.

Police said they still don't know what caused Nunn to cross into the southbound lanes.

Passenger missing from Carnival cruise ship

GALVESTON (AP) - Staff of a cruise ship spent Sunday morning searching for a 42-year-old passenger who reportedly went overboard.

The Carnival Conquest was finishing a seven-day trip through the Caribbean when the man was reported missing. Another passenger reported seeing the man go overboard from a cabin balcony around 11 p.m. Saturday, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

"The ship's command immediately initiated searchand-rescue procedures and notified (the) U.S. Coast Guard," Carnival Cruise Lines officials said in a statement.

Coast Guard officials released the ship to return to port later on Sunday. It was scheduled to dock in Galveston.

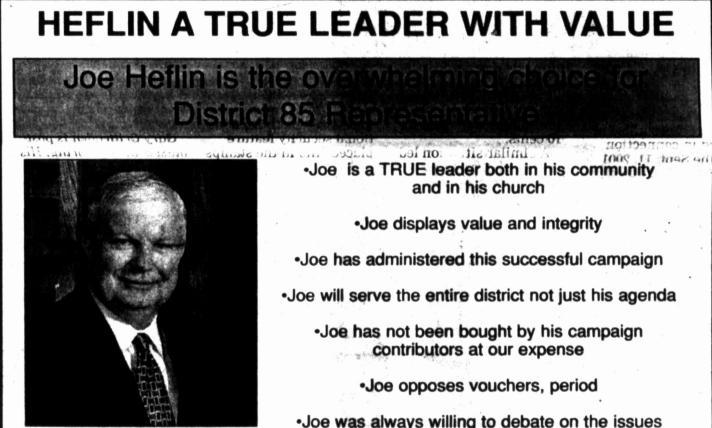
Mourners remember soldier killed in training

EL CAMPO (AP) - Family and friends remembered an infantryman killed during a training accident as a teenager who was becoming a man.

More than 400 people attended the bilingual funeral services Saturday for Pfc. Bryant Christopher Compean, 19, at the El Campo First Baptist Church.

"Lean on the memories you have of him," said the Rev. Rick DuBroc. "Save the good ones and chuck the bad ones. My most recent memories of Bryant are having seen him going from being a boy to being a man. You could see it in how he 'marched' around town, so tall and proud.

Compean, of El Campo, died Oct. 24 during weapons practice at a firing range in the Yuma Proving Ground, a 1,300-square-mile desert training center in Arizona. Soldiers had been taking advantage of some free time to practice firing M-249 squad automatic



weapons, a light machine gun, said Tammy Reed, a spokeswoman at Fort Lewis, south of Seattle.

Compean was a member of the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, a Stryker Brigade combat team at Fort Lewis. The unit began training at the proving ground last week and was scheduled to go to Iraq next summer.

Fifteen soldiers from Fort Lewis attended the services on Saturday, when Compean was buried with full military honors.

High school friends Brian Salina, Paul Delapena and Esteban Garcia recalled Compean as "kind of goofy and always making us laugh." The three were among 11 friends who served as honorary pallbearers.

Helium shortage grips suppliers across Texas

AMARILLO (AP) - The second-most abundant element in the universe is suddenly getting harder and harder to find.

Party stores and florist shops grounded in the balloon business are caught in a helium shortage gripping suppliers across the country and in Texas, where one-third of the world's helium production is overseen.

Supply of the noble gas — second only to hydrogen in the universe but rare on Earth in terms of quantity - has depleted while production from two large international sites is temporarily down.

Not helping matters is scheduled maintenance at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's National Helium Reserve complex in Amarillo, which will curtail production for 10 days starting Wednesday.

"We're so close to the edge now, and every molecule counts," said Leslie Theiss, manager of agency's field office in Amarillo. "We're walking the tightrope right now."







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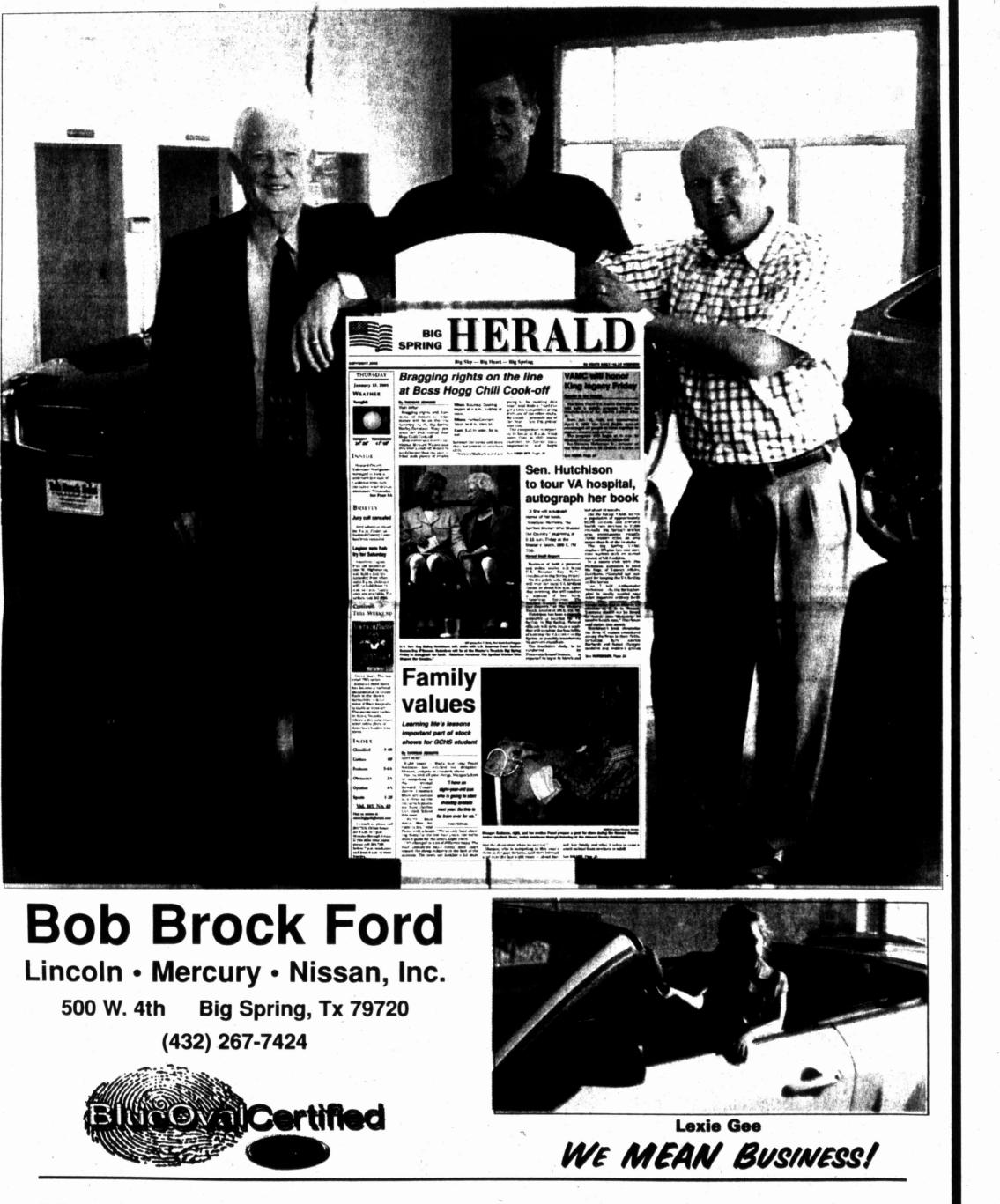
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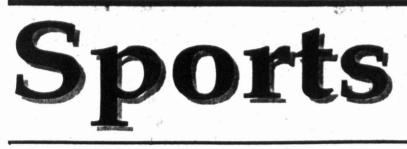
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Sports Editor Mike Grimes at 263-7331, ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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Cowboys lose a wild one; 22-19

and, perhaps, errors in judgment: a safety on

their first offensive possession: a failed 2-

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By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. - Joe Gibbs watched his Washington Redskins go from blowing a chance for a last-minute victory over the Dallas Cowboys to preventing a last-minute loss to, somehow, pulling out a win with no time left on the clock.

"Gosh," the Hall of Fame coach said, "I don't know if I've experienced anything like that."

In a finish as crazy as they come, Washington's Nick Novak got two chances to try a winning field goal, missing the first from 49 yards with 31 seconds to go before barely making the second, a 47-varder after time expired that lifted the Redskins past the Cowboys 22-19 on Sunday.

"It's a short walk from the outhouse to the penthouse." Novak said. "This is what a kicker dreams about. There are ups and downs, and this was the up."

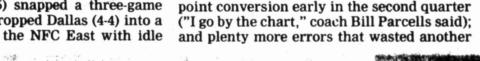
Between Novak's low and high, Dallas kicker Mike Vanderjagt's chance to win it - a 35-yarder with 6 seconds left - was blocked by Troy Vincent. The ball bounced around until Sean Taylor picked it up and made a weaving, tackle-busting return into Dallas territory as time expired. Dallas' Kyle Kosier was flagged for a facemask penalty on the return, tacking on another 15 yards - and meaning regulation would continue for one more play.

Novak came through this time, sneaking the ball inside the right upright. With his arms up, Novak ran about 50 yards back downfield, and several of his teammates piled on top of him, led by Vincent.

A five-time Pro Bowl defensive back in his 15th year in the league, Vincent was signed last month after the Buffalo Bills released him from their injured reserve list. He'd never blocked a kick in his career, he said, and wasn't even told until Saturday night that he'd be on field-goal duty.

"A win is a win," Vincent said, "and it's good to get back in the win column."

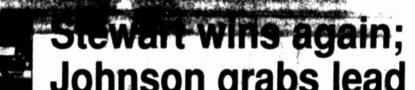
The Redskins (3-5) snapped a three-game losing streak and dropped Dallas (4-4) into a ("I go by the chart," coach Bill Parcells said); second-place tie in the NFC East with idle and plenty more errors that wasted another See COWBOYS, Page 2B Philadelphia.

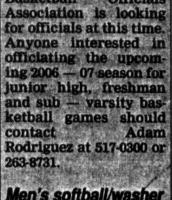


MCT photo/Rodger Mallison/Fort Worth Star-Telegram Dallas quarterback Tony Romo (9) scrambles to pass as Washington defender Marcus Washington

(53) looks for a sack during the second quarter of the Cowboys 22-19 loss to the Redskins. In many ways, the Cowboys could only fine performance by quarterback Tony Romo in his second NFL start. blame themselves, with all kinds of miscues

> "When you've got that much going for you, and you screw it up like that, it's how you end up 4-4," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones





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Men's softball/washer tournament

On Nov. 11 and 12 there will be the End of the Season Fall Bash Softball and Washer Tournament held at **Cotton Mize Field.** The cost is \$135 per softball team and \$20 per washer team. There will be a break between the tournaments if you are interested in competeing in both events. Anyone interested in participating, as an individual or a team, should contact Anthony Herrera before Nov. 8 deadline at (432) 935-

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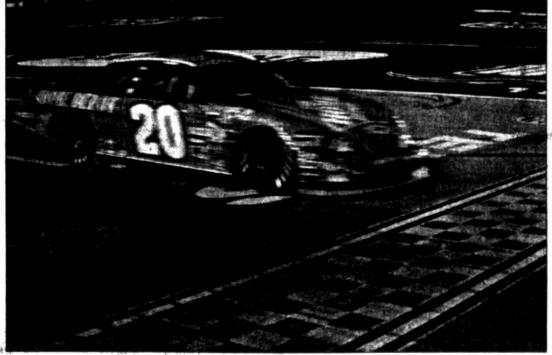
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and the teams' fans to attend. For more information call Tissue at 816-3458.

AP TOD 25 Football Poll

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll, with the number of first place votes i parenthesis. Poll is base on results through Nov. 4

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y/Fort Worth Star-Telegr 'Tony Stewart crosses the finish line to win the Dickies 500 NASCAR race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday,

By MIKE HARRIS

AP Auto Racing Writer FORT WORTH - Tony Stewart's eyes lit up at the thought.

Winning out in the last four races of NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship is a goal he can get his arms around especially because he isn't part of the stock car playoff party.

"It's a very good goal to shoot for right now, win these last two races and be able to say we've won the last four races of the Chase," said Stewart, who added a second straight win Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway. "It would be a saving grace to the season." While the tense battles

of the Chase rage on,

Stewart is driving in a world of his own. It just so happens that

Stewart's world is way out in front of all the drama.

Having fun and driving for wins — not a championship - Stewart overpowered the field in the Dickies 500, and he made this one look almost too easy: "Smoke" led 278 of 339 laps, including the five extra laps because of a late caution, and often was so far ahead that he appeared to be all by himself on the track.

Most of the action was well behind him, where Jimmie Johnson quietly grabbed away the point lead from Matt Kenseth

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Texans fall to Giants; 12th straight road loss

EAST RUTHERFORD, for the win. N.J. (AP) - At least it

was close this time. The Houston Texans (2-6) dropped their NFLhigh 12th straight road game with a 14-10 loss to the New York Giants (6-2) on Sunday. But unlike in past road games where Houston has been blown out, the struggling team turned in a respectable performance against the NFC East leaders.

Houston led 10-7 before Jeremy Shockey's short touchdown catch midway through the fourth quarter.

The Texans were driving when rookie linebacker Gerris Wilkinson forced fullback Jameel Cook to fumble at the Giants 35 after a short catch. Cornerback Corey Webster recovered with 5:11 to play, and the Giants ran out the clock

It's just the latest in Houston's road woes. The Texans haven't won away from Houston since beating the Jaguars in December 2004 and have just eight road victories in their five-year franchise history.

David Carr, who rebounded from last week's benching with a strong performance, was left pondering what might have been.

"If we don't learn from this situation that we had today, then shame on us because we should," he said. "And realize that we had opportunities to win the game and we had opportunities to do things and we just didn't do it." Tiki Barber led the Giants with 115 yards on 17 carries and scored the Giants first touchdown run to the Houston 12 on on a 16-yard run in the

first quarter. He started

the winning drive with a

13-yard catch on a swing

pass and then had a 12

yard run. The 10-year vet-

eran who plans to retire

after this season kept the

drive alive with a 7-yard

a third-and-6.



didn't fall down, we did-

n't give ourselves up,"

Barber said. "We fought

through it, we came away

with the big win, we

made the plays down the

stretch when we had to.

MCT D oto/David L. Pokress/Ne New York Glants running back Tikl Barber (21) runs past Demarcus Faggins of the Houston

Texans in the second half. The Giants defeated the Texans, 14-10.

"Let's face it, we didn't that." play well today, but we

Shockey, who had season-best eight catches for 66 yards, capped the drive with a 2-yard toss from Eli Manning, who went to his tight end often with **Plaxico Burress sidelined**

We deserve credit for See TEXANS, Page 28

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said.

There was, of course, the flubbed field goal by Vanderjagt, who came in 5-for-5 in the fourth quarter this season. And that key flag on Kosier, one of 11 times Dallas was penalized for 153 yards. Without that penalty, the game would have gone to overtime.

"It's a heartbreaker,"

NASCAR

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by 17 points with a second-place finish. Stewart easily raced away to his fifth win of the season and third in the eight Chase races.

"I thought we had the perfect car all day," Stewart said. "It was just an unbelievable day. I've been racing for 27 years and I can count on my hands the number of times I've had a car like that."

The race tightened up the championship, with Johnson, Kenseth, Dale Earnhardt Jr., rookie Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick separated by just 105 points with two races remaining. All of them finished among the top 12 Sunday.

This was a wild night, but a good one for us, all in all," said Johnson, who came into the race trailing Kenseth by 26 points. "We just have to keep working, keep running hard and scoring points.

"We've had so much fun racing for this since we got down (in the points) early. We just want to keep having fun," said Johnson, who has three runner-up finishes and a win in his last four starts.

Harvick finished third, followed by Kyle Busch, rookie Clint Bowyer and Earnhardt, who had a miraculous day.

Earnhardt, still feeling the effects of the flu that dogged him all week, hung in at his favorite track and kept his title hopes alive. Junior somehow overcame a sick stomach, a bounce off the wall, seven pit stops for repairs and a penalty for speeding on pit road to move from fourth to third, 78 points behind Johnson.

"Not too bad," said Earnhardt, who fell all the way from second to 33rd after hitting the wall. "The first part of the race, I didn't feel good at all. I drank so many fluids, I had heartburn and all kind of bad stuff going on in there. Then, as the race went on, I got to feeling better.

Bears.

Parcells said, "and I really don't have too much to

say." Another flag came on Terrell Owens for excessive celebration: He pretended to take a nap by using the football as a pillow after his 4-yard touchdown catch from Romo put the Cowboys ahead 19-12 in the third quarter. Later in that quarter, a

wide-open Owens dropped a long pass when he was behind the defense and seemed certain to give

SPORTS

Dallas a two-touchdown make the rest of the sea- 4 yards on its first two lead. "I owe this one to the team," Owens said. "I let the team down. Honestly,

I think it was a lack of concentration." So when beleaguered Redskins quarterback Mark Brunell connected with Chris Cooley on an 18-yard score on the third play of the fourth quarter, the game was tied at 19. The Redskins came off their bye week knowing and settled down after a

did."

son meaningful, and Gibbs vowed to revamp the playbook. There was field goals on its next four only one significant per- drives. sonnel change, though: are coached by men inserting Vincent as a starting safety in place of free-agent disappointment Super Bowls, there was Adam Archuleta.

Still, Romo went 24-forineffective play. 36 for 284 yards and two touchdowns. He repeatedly bought time by scrambling away from pressure they needed a victory to rough start: Dallas gained

"I'm just sorry we couldn't do any better than we

Kenseth started 36th, the worst of any of the contenders, struggled with handling throughout the early part of the race and overcame a speeding penalty. At one point, the 2003 champion thought he had a tire going down and almost pitted under green. But he stayed out and somehow finished 12th.

Hamlin was never in contention but hung on for a 10th-place finish that dropped him from third to fourth, 80 points behind the leader.

Stewart, a two-time Cup champion and last year's title winner, missed the 10-man, 10-race Chase this year by just 16 points and decided to spend the rest of the season padding his victory column. Sunday's win was the 29th of his career.

He won last month at Kansas by gambling on gas and coasted under the checkered flag. But Stewart was dominating last week at Atlanta, leading 146 of 325 laps, and even stronger Sunday on the 1.5-mile Texas oval.

And being out of the playoffs hasn't stopped him from enjoying himself.

As has become his post-win routine, Stewart stopped his No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet at the finish line and joyfully climbed the flagstand, to the delight of the big crowd. Stewart nearly slipped a week ago on the way up at Atlanta and, this time, NASCAR flagman Rodney Wise reached out to help him up.

"We finally have caught up now," said Stewart, who never has won more than six races in a season. "We all wish that we could turn back the hands of time and get on this streak three months earlier. But our stress level is a 10th of what those guys in the chase are facing. We can go out and try to win races without the fear of losing points."

Jeff Burton, who began the day tied with Earnhardt for fourth, just 84 points behind Kenseth, saw his championship hopes destroyed when a tire blew on lap 89, sending him hard into the wall and relegating him

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with back spasms. Still the Texans will try to take away the positives from the loss.

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penalty and sacks by No. 1 overall draft pick Mario Williams and DeMeco come away with a loss is Ryans. Williams sack gives him Williams said.

4 1/2 this season and is a Texans rookie record. "For us to play ball the way we did today and

very frustrating,"

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Lemar Marshall dragged possessions, then totaled down Julius Jones in the 235 with two TDs and two end zone.

Washington's first possession of the second half began with a holding But given these teams penalty, 3-yard run, and who've won a total of five loss of 9 on DeMarcus Ware's sack. an awful lot of sloppy or

By game's end, there was nothing but cheers. As Novak walked off the

score on their opening field, his helmet aloft in possession, despite starthis hand, he was smiling, ing seven plays inside the the kick he'd missed 5. Dallas' first possession moments earlier a distant ended with a safety, when memory.

The Redskins failed to

to a 38th-place finish and seventh place in the standings, 184 points out of first.

Kasey Kahne, who won the spring race at Texas and leads the Cup series with six victories this year, was the only driver able to even challenge Stewart on Sunday. He was right behind on a restart on lap 262 and made a couple of tries to get by the leader. But Stewart wasn't having any of it and slowly pulled away.

Late in the race, it looked like Kahne would get one more shot at Stewart when a caution came out on lap 327. But, seconds later, Kahne pulled onto pit road with an engine failure that ended any chance of a win or a championship. He fell to 10th, 290 points behind in the Chase.

Non-contender Scott Riggs was in the top 10 most of the day and restarted second on lap 331. As the leaders finished lap 332, Johnson took second and Harvick moved up close behind Riggs, trying to take third. Riggs got loose and slammed into the wall.

Kenseth spun and was tapped by Martin Truex Jr., with no major damage.

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"We fought for four quarters and we didn't give up and you have to be able to build off of that," running back Wali Lundy said. "I think this team is definitely turning the corner."

Carr scored a go-ahead touchdown on a 2-yard scramble with 1:14 left in the third quarter, capping an 18-play, 80-yard drive. He finished 21-for-30 for 176 yards and no interceptions. Andre Johnson, the NFL's leading receiver, had nine catches for 83 vards.

"It's the same thing that was kind of tugging at us the whole year," Johnson said. "A turnover here. We gave them a heck of a game, but they came out on top."

Houston coach Gary third quarter, punter and Kubiak was proud of the way Carr rebounded from being benched against the Titans.

"He played the way I thought he would," Kubiak said. "He played with a lot of heart. He took off and made some plays for his team. That is what I want him to do every week."

Kris Brown, who missed a 42-yard field goal on the Texans' opening possession, kicked a 41-yarder in the second quarter to cut the Texans' deficit to 7 - 3

Veteran receiver Eric Moulds, who had three catches for 24 yards, knows the Texans still have a lot of work to do.

"I was happy with the way the guys stayed in there and competed and did the things it took to win the football game," he said. "We just have to learn how to finish a football game."

Giants coach Tom Coughlin insisted all week that the Giants would not fall into the trap of looking ahead to next Sunday's night's

amiss. "I think we had a little lull early," Barber said. "I don't know if it was because we were playing Houston, but for whatever reason we had a little bit of a lull."

against Houston seemed

to indicate something was

The worst play was made by backup safety James Butler at the Giants 5 after Johnson was stopped short of a first down on a thirddown pass. Butler hit tackle Fred Weary after the whistle and was called for a personal foul, putting the ball at the 2. Carr scrambled for a touchdown two plays later.

Butler's blunder wasn't the only big mistake for the Giants.

Leading 7-3 early in the holder Jeff Feagles failed to handle a snap a 38-yard field-goal attempt and he ended up throwing an incomplete pass to kicker Jay Feely.

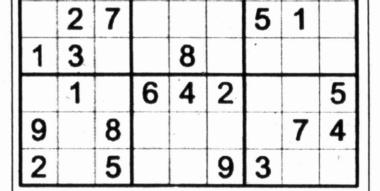
New York also squandered another scoring in the second quarter. The Giants reached the Houston 9 on a first-and-5 play and lost 26 yards on



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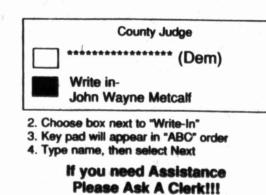
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Breeders' Cup: a day of triumph and tragedy

AP Racing Writer (AP) LOUISVILLE, Ky.

over Invasor Bernardini in the Classic. Street Sense by a record 10 lengths in the Juvenile. Ouija Board winning her second Filly & Mare Turf.

There were many glorious moments in the n't sunk in yet," said **Breeders'** at Cup Churchill Downs on Saturday, and plenty of heartache as well.

Pine Island's fatal breakdown and Fleet Indian's injury in the Distaff showed the sad side of racing - the second time a premier race has been marred this year. The other, of course, was Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro's devastating misstep at the start of the Preakness.

"It's just been an unbelievable summer," said Michael Matz, Barbaro's trainer who won the Distaff with Round Pond. "I've been in that situation and nobody ever Fernando Jara pulle likes to see that happen." But the races went on, even for a few stride

Invasor. A 4-year-old colt bred in Dubai's Sheik Hamdan Argentina, Invasor all but clinched Horse of the over younger brother Year honors after knock- Sheik Mohammed, the ing off the mighty Bernardini by a length in the \$5 million Classic.

"Our feet haven't hit the McLaughlin. ground yet. It really hasassistant trainer Neal McLaughlin, the brother of Invasor's trainer, Kiaran McLaughlin. "Bernardini's a special horse and he's shown this were just better."

its billing, although it didn't develop into an East-West showdown between Bernardini and Lava Man. Instead, it was sheik against sheik when th star-studded field turne for home.

With Bernardini in th lead under jockey Javie Castellano, Invasor an 18-year-old jocke alongside. The colts we and the day belonged to before Invasor left h

rival in the dust - and was the winning owner crown prince of Dubai. "It's a pretty good rival-

ry," said Neal "Sheik Hamdan is the older brother, so he has to win once in a while." Lava Man, the \$50,000

claimer with \$3.8 million in earnings, lost his seven-race winning streak and remained winyear he's just fantastic. less outside California. But vesterday at 5:30, we The 5-year-old gelding was seventh, about 16 The Classic lived up to lengths behind Invasor.

"I am disappointed that we didn't show our stuff, but Invasor just ran dynamite," trainer Doug rolls around.

Street Sense was the the queen of the turf. most impressive winner of the day with his 10length romp over favorite Circular Quay - the largest margin of victory in the Juvenile and the second largest in a Breeders' Cup race.

With the win comes the dubious distinction of early Derby favorite. No Juvenile winner has gone on to win the Derby.

"I was a little awgstruck with the performance," Street Sense trainer Carl Nafzger said, "That's it for this year; we'll look forward to next. May."

Not winning the Juvenile could be a blessing by the time the Derby

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The 5-year-old mare bred in England took control of the Filly & Mare Turf in the final eighthlengths.

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She has earned more,~. than \$5 million in races. around the world, and mile and won by 2 1/4 will be retired at the end of the year. Two more. Ouija Board won the starts are possible, in the race two years ago at Japan and Hong Kong.

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Duncan leads Spurs past Raptors, 103-94

By ROB GILLIES

Associated Press Writer TORONTO – Tim Duncan showed that he's regained his health following a season of battling plantar fasciitis.

He scored 26 points and Tony Parker added 19 to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 103-94 victory over the Raptors on Sunday.

Hobbled last season by plantar fasciitis, Duncan averaged a career-low 18.6 points and 14.1 rebounds.

He came into training camp 1 oclaiming himself "100 percent" fine. Duncan used his quickness and spin move against Toronto, something that wasn't always there last season. "It's gone. Luckily enough it's gone," Duncan said. "I don't wish that on anybody. That's a tough thing to go through. It was a constant pain last year that never really went away

throughout the year." The Spurs are happy to have the old Duncan

back. "It's great to see Timmy moving with that kind of quickness again and knowing that the bank shot isn't far behind," Tim is playing at that high level we force teams to do so many different things. It allows us to open up the outside of our game."

points for the Spurs, who the late run. shot 50 percent in bounc-

him he's doing better. "I'm alive," Bosh said. San Antonio went on a decisive 8-0 run after

Bosh's layup cut the lead to five with 3:11 remaining in the game. Duncan made two free

throws, Parker sank a Brent Barry said. "When long jumper and Manu Ginobili added two layups to give the Spurs a 101-88 lead with 1:13 left.

Duncan missed 10 of his 19 free throws in Friday's loss, but went 6-for-7 Barry made five 3-point- | against Toronto, includers and finished with 16 ing the two that started

"Free throws for a lot of ing back from a loss to years have been our Cleveland in their home Achilles' heel. It's good to

I've seen Tim," Toronto's Morris Peterson said. "Once he gets position on the low post you don't have to look at the basket, the ball goes in. He plays angles well. That's why they call him the 'The Big Fundamental."

Bush, who looked up to Duncan growing up, finished 8-for-18 from the field.

The All-Star forwards guarded each other.

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opener on Friday. Chris Bosh had 19 points and 17 rebounds for the Raptors, who dropped to 1-2 on the season.

Bosh missed half the preseason with plantar fasciitis. Duncan asked him 10 in the fourth quarter. about it and Bosh told

have Timmy, who hasn't shot them well, to step up and make two when it was important," San Antonio coach Greg Popovich said.

Duncan had 16 points in the second half and Parker had 12, including "That's the most active

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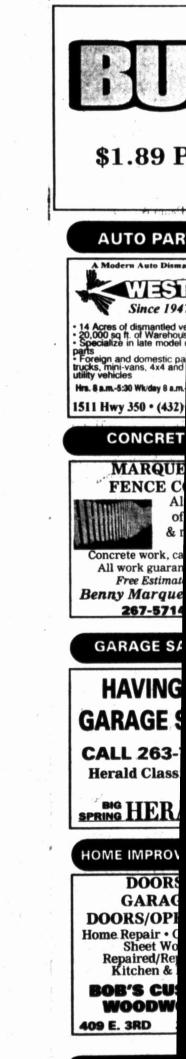
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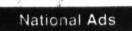
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

counting on you. The pressure may seem uncomfortable, but the outcome is spectacular. When you have an audience, you do your best work. **CANCER** (June 22-July

22). You're learning to get comfortable in a wider variety of situations. Ask frequently yourself throughout the day, "Am I at ease with this?" Then observe your response. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not an indulgence to do what makes your soul sing -- it's a necessity.

Maybe you can find the right music through cooking, sports or poetry, but it's definitely an extracurricular activity that keeps you stimulated. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Happiness is a matter of focus. Find a source of joy and center yourself on that exclusively. Your problems don't need talk and scrutiny. Ignore them for the next 24 hours, and they may just go away. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When astonishing events

happen in the world, you feel as though they're happening directly to you. Indeed, how you react GEMINI (May 21-June makes a difference. Think 21). A group of people is of yourself as an advocate strange way, the tables

for the needy. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Financial success is a direct result of being wellinformed. Read! New friends are met among a group of people gathered for the purpose of airing out emotions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You rebel from restriction. Try to objectively see why someone might impose his or her rules on you. It's nothing personal. Glimpsing the big picture helps you stay positive.

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ship. The partner who was giving more finally gets a break.

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four years. Last month, I found a suspicious e-mail from one of his out-ofstate co-workers and did some investigating. Most of the messages were friendly chats, but one of them was flirtatious and inappropriate. I was hurt, so I confronted my husband. He apologized and accepted responsibility for his behavior, stating there was nothing serious behind it and it would never happen again.

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me down and admitted that 18 years ago, when I was vacationing with our children, he went out with friends, got drunk and had sex with another woman. He said he regretted the incident so much he thought it best forgotten. He swore he never

take a paternity test.

Two days later, John sat

cheated on me again. That was three months ago, and I am still speechless and numb. My heart is breaking. John moved into my in-laws' apartment because I could not be near him. He sent text messages four or five times a day, apologizing for hurting me and ruining our lives. He left messages on my voicemail, distraught over what he did, telling me he loves me and begging for forgiveness.

I cried a lot and really tortured myself. I always believed "once a cheater, always a cheater." I couldn't understand women who stayed with their husbands after an affair. If I forgive him, what kind of example am I setting for my daughter? That it's OK if her husband cheats on her? That it's OK because it happened years ago? Is there an unfaithful guidebook? What am I going to do if

the paternity test is positive? John says he wants no contact with Ann Doe other than fulfilling his financial obligations, but I am thinking of that child. She probably wants more. John has moved back

into the main house, but I can tell he is scared. I do say that I love him. I am sure of that. But does love conquer all? - Restless

Dear Restless: No, but it can conquer this. John sounds truly remorseful, and if you believe he's been faithful since, there's no reason to think he would cheat again. You would be teaching your

sibly about how to open her heart to accept a new sister. Please get some counseling so you can learn how to do it.

Dear Annie: Our son married a girl from out of town. His sisters and I hosted a shower and reception for them. Our friends and my son's friends attended and brought gifts or checks. I would like to know the amount of these checks. When my friends' children marry, I would like to give a similar amount. Am I being nosy? - P.N.Dear P.N.: Yes. We understand your reasoning, but a wedding gift

should not be remuneration for a previous gift. If one of your friends' children should marry, you can then ask your son if they were particularly generous, as you would like to reciprocate. Other than that, however, the information belongs to them.

Dear Annie: I was quite disturbed by the letter from "Unappreciated in the Ministry," who com-plained about not being paid for performing services.

There is no commandment that says, "Thou shalt tip the priest." He needs to focus more on what he is receiving from the job and less on what he is not. He is being rewarded spiritually. If he wants bigger tips, he should become a waiter. The Reason I No Longer Attend in Janesville, Wis.

Dear Janesville: It's hard to survive on spiritual rewards alone, and it's unfair to expect clergy and their families to live in poverty. These aren't "tips." When a clergyperson performs a service, he or she deserves to be paid, just like anyone else.

Dear Annie: I have been happily married to a won-

business, they were constantly text messaging on their cell phones. At my request, my husband has since asked her to keep their relationship strictly business. She agreed.

I do believe my husband loves me and has learned a lesson. However, I can't help but worry what may have happened when he was in this woman's town. It also makes me wonder what other secrets he has. I guess I will never know the truth, but how do I get past my suspicions? — Need Some Perspective

Dear Need: It sounds as if your husband was engaging in some flirting, but we doubt it went any further. However, these things can get out of hand if they aren't nipped in the bud, so both of you were smart to put an end to it immediately. We hate to sound like a broken record, but counseling can help you find ways to regain your trust. Dear Annie: I've been a licensed practical nurse for 15 years. I work in a nursing home, doing what I love and taking very good care of my patients. The problem is that my younger sister just graduated college with her R.N. degree, and is now engaged to a male nurse. Both of them are returning to school to become nurse practitioners. I am very proud of them. Unfortunately, they do not feel the same about me. At every family function I hear, "Don't you want to make more of yourself?" And my favorite, "You're smart enough to do better.'

I am at the top of my pay scale, making more than they do. I have no tuition bills, and my children are grown. I have no desire to go back to school. I love what I do, I make a difference in the **Defending Myself**

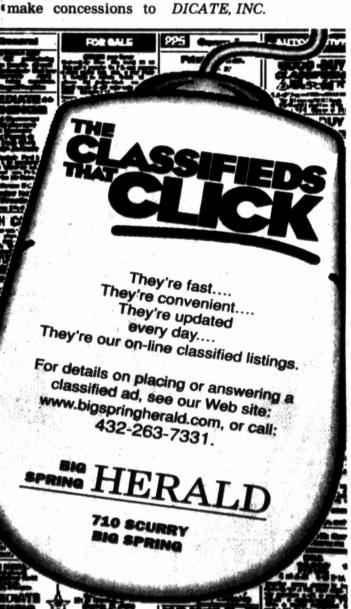
Dear Tired: You must say quite firmly, "I find it insulting that you question my intelligence and dedication. Please stop immediately." If they bring it up again, don't take the bait. Smile blankly, change the subject, hang up or walk away.

Dear Annie: I am a 50year-old female. My mother is 83, and we do not see eye-to-eye on anything. No matter what I do or say, it's not quite "right" her opinion and inevitably leads to arguments and frustration.

have been to a counselor in an effort to better understand and was told to make concessions to

life easier. If it's not working for you, go back to the counselor, or find another one, and try something else.

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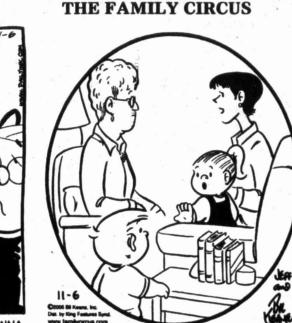
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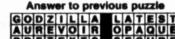
Republican In 1906, **Charles Evans Hughes was** elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph

results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric sign outside the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by memthe Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1986, former Navy radioman John A. Walker Jr., the admitted head of a family spy ring, was sentenced in Baltimore to life imprisonment.

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