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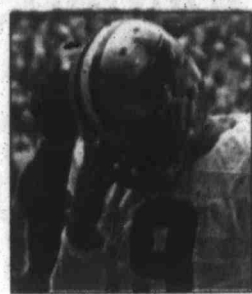
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Soooy! Glasscock junior livestock show opens Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
GARDEN CITY — Rabbits and hogs and goats, oh my. January is traditionally the month for 4-H livestock shows in this area, and none has a longer tradition than the Glasscock County event, which kicks off its 70th annual show beginning Thursday

at the Community Center. Rabbits, hogs, goats, sheep and steers will make up about 60 entries in this year's show, said County Extension Agent Rebel Royall. Rabbits and goats will be judged Thursday, swine will be showcased Friday and sheep and steers will be shown Saturday. Also Saturday will be

the annual premium sale, scheduled for 1 p.m., followed by presentation of awards, Royall said. "Basically, this gives the kids a chance to showcase the projects they've been working on ... a chance to see where they're at," Royall said. He added that the show provides much more than competition. "This helps teach them

leadership skills ... and how to care for something other than themselves," he said. The premium sale also allows the 4-H members to realize a profit from their months — and in some cases, years — of caring for the animals. This weekend will be the first of several possible livestock shows the Glasscock 4-Hers will

enter this season. Royall said his charges will make the circuit of major stock shows in the state this year, including events in San Angelo, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Houston. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show, Jan. 4-6

Howard County Junior Livestock Show, Jan. 17-20

Martin County Junior Livestock Show, Jan. 18-20

WHAT'S COOKING?



Jeff Thompson, left, and Danny Wright sample their recipe at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 Chili Cookoff last year. Funds raised from the event each year go to the West Texas Centers for MHRM Children in Need Fund. The fifth annual cookoff will be held Saturday.

Eagles cookoff slated Saturday to benefit Children In Need Fund

Herald Staff Report
If you are one of those who believes winter is a good excuse for a bowl of chili then you'll be glad to know that the Fifth Annual Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 Chili Cookoff is this weekend — Saturday, to be exact. Once again, the Eagles are holding the cookoff to benefit the West Texas Centers for MHRM Children in Need Fund. The cookoff will get under way at 8 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third St. Judging is set for noon. The cost is just \$10 per team to cook, or \$5 to sample the chili. Either way, you are invited.

"We are encouraging the residents of Howard County and surrounding areas to participate in our annual chili cook-off," Fraternal Order of Eagles member Landon Sturdivant said. "We would like as many cooks as possible to come out and participate in this worthy fund-raising event." Novice chili cooks as well as seasoned professionals are invited to participate in the cookoff, Sturdivant said. "We like to have fun, but we also like to compete for bragging rights." Twenty-five participants tried out their recipes last year and officials are expecting more this time.

More than 20 people have signed up to help judge the bowls of red. Whether cooking, judging or just eating and visiting, organizers say the cookoff makes for an entertaining day. "This is one of my favorite events all year long," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHRM CEO said. "I just really enjoy the camaraderie and getting a bowl and going from booth to booth and tasting everyone's chili. And it



Smith

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Don't put off flu shot, nurse urges

Immunizations available at local health department

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents who think its too late in the season for a flu shot may want to reconsider, according to local officials with Texas Department of State Health Services. According to TDSHS officials, late December, January and February are the heaviest months when it comes to flu infections. The Big Spring TDSHS office — located at 501 N. Birdwell in the College Park Shopping Center — is offering flu shots from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. According to Sandy Samuels, immunizations

"Children 6 months old to 8 years old and seniors 65 years old and up need to have their flu shots. If they haven't already gotten it, make sure they get it as soon as possible."

—Sandy Samuels, immunizations nurse

nurse for the local TDSHS office, most susceptible to the influenza bug are the elderly and small children, making it paramount they receive their vaccinations as soon as possible.

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Big Spring man jailed on sexual assault charges after his arrest in Midland

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Monday after being indicted in November on charges of indecency with a child sexual contact and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Daniel Ray Jones, 38, of 2507 Peach St., was arrested and taken into custody by the Howard County Sheriff's Office after having been detained by Midland law enforcement officials.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the offenses took place during the course of 2006. "The offenses were ongoing over a long period of time," said Everett. "The victims were female, ages 10 years and 7 years. I really can't go into any more detail than that." Indecency with a child sexual contact is a second-degree felony. See ARREST, Page 3A

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BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets go on sale now for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, set for Thursday, Jan. 18. Tickets are \$22 each and will be available at the chamber office. Businesses interesting in decorating a table for the banquet — and promoting themselves in the process — can get more information on doing that by calling 263-7641. The deadline to purchase tickets is Jan. 15. No tickets will be available at the door, organizers say. Local celebrity Tumbleweed Smith will be guest speaker for the banquet, which will include presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year.

DEFINITELY A HERO

NEW YORK (AP) — A quick-thinking commuter saved a teenager who fell on subway tracks by pushing him down into a trough between the rails, allowing an approaching train to pass right over them. An 18-year-old man had some kind of medical problem Tuesday and fell onto the tracks, which are a few feet below platform level, police said. Wesley Autrey, of Manhattan, jumped down onto the tracks after him and rolled with him into the rut between the rails as a southbound train was coming in. Onlooker Patricia Brown said Autrey, a Vietnam War veteran, "needs to be recognized as a hero."

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Ret. Col. Harry A. Spannaus, the last wing commander of the 78th Flying Training Wing at Webb Air Force Base, has been named the January 2007 Veteran of the Month by the Hangar 25 Air Museum. A reception will be held in his honor at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Hangar Briefing Room. The public is invited. Col. Spannaus served 28 years in the military, flying 17 combat missions during the Korean War and 222 combat missions in the Vietnam War. He has been awarded 37 declarations for distinguished and heroic flight and exemplary service to his country.

Obituaries

Zelma 'Buddy' Hechler



Zelma "Buddy" Hechler, 98, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, in a local care facility. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The daughter of W. F. and Louise Hechler, Zelma was born June 28, 1908, at the family home in the Luther Community. She grew up in the Luther Community and attended school in Luther. She married Otto Hechler on April 9, 1928, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death June 19, 1972.

She and her husband farmed in the Luther Community. She was a lifelong resident of Luther, until moving to Big Spring in 1999. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church at Luther.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and four brothers.

The family will be at 709 Avondale. The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Chris Messenger

Chris Messenger, age 68, of Red Oak, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at her home. Services are scheduled for noon Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, in the chapel of the Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

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

She was born June 21, 1938, in Morton to Kenneth and Mary Ethel (Neagle) Wilson. Chris married Josh Messenger on May 21, 1961, in Morton. She attended the Waxahachie Bible Church.

Survivors include her husband, Josh Messenger of Red Oak; children, Price Messenger and his wife Tammy of Conroe, Cindy Miller and her husband J.W. of Dallas, Kenn Messenger and his wife Teresa of Seattle, Wash., and Kelly Hall and her husband Craig of Terrell; 18 grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Wilson of McAlistar, Okla.; a sister, Lois Ellison of Big Spring; and 13 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Butch Wilson in 1989.

Memorials may be made to Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 8585 N. Stemmons Frwy, Suite 700 South Tower, Dallas-75247.

To view an online obituary or leave the family a personal tribute, visit www.bozemitchellmckibbin.com.

Howard Moore

Howard Moore, 77, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services were held at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

He was born Oct. 19, 1929, in Wichita, Kan.

Howard was stationed in California and Florida while serving in the United States Marines during the Vietnam War. He served as a police officer with the San Angelo Police Department and had worked as a security guard. Howard also had worked doing designs for NASA. He was a member of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include many special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Samuel Sanders

Samuel Sanders, 69, of Coahoma, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at the Temple Baptist Church in Odessa.

He was born Dec. 19, 1937, in Wastella and married Linda Wheeler on Jan. 23, 1998, in Odessa.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife, Linda Gail Sanders of Coahoma; three sons, Stephen Sanders and Eddie Heacock, both of Odessa, and Samuel Sanders Jr. of Fort Worth; five daughters, Sherill Sanders, Gayla Wheeler, Sheree Martin and Shreda Biggerstaff, all of Odessa, and Sharlyn Sanders of Fort Worth; one brother, Tim Sanders of Stephenville; one sister, Rebecca Scott of Pearland; 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, T.L. Sanders.

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

Calvin Baker

Calvin Baker, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at a local nursing home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY
• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.
All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 300 block of Circle.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **ARSON** was reported in the 100 block of 22nd Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DONNY LYNN MARCY**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (two counts).
- **DAVID SALCEDO-JIMENEZ**, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- **RUBEN TORRES-ROBLES**, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **MARTHA MARTINEZ**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft and driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- **CHRISTOPHER SHAYNE HUDGINS**, 37, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **SCHEMICKIA MARIE CROSBY**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **RUDY CARPENTER**, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.
- **ANTHONY LEE DAILEY**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear.
- **DANIEL RAY JONES**, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts).
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **GILBERT HERNANDEZ**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **JENNIE DEE NIX**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **RYAN DOUGLAS KENDRICK**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and issuance of a bad check.
- **JASON M. THREATS**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, evading arrest or detention and driving while license invalid.
- **ANGELA ANN MCGEE**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and possession of a prohibited weapon.
- **ZYON GONZALEZ**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft, criminal trespass and a citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **JERRY MARTINEZ**, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - driving while intoxicated.
- **DARIA EDEN JOHNSON**, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM IS WORKING** with Tumbleweed Smith to produce a video documentary on the life of Pat McCormick, the famous woman bull-fighter from Big Spring.

If you have information to share about her, you are invited to come to the museum between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. Comments will be videotaped for use in the documentary.

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

TODAY
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5900 block of E. Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of the Airpark Flightline. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Coronado Hills Apartments. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday—Mostly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Friday—Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds around 10 mph.

Friday night—Mostly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s.

Saturday—Mostly cloudy. Much colder. Highs in the mid 40s.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Sunday—Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$102 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$84 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 16-18-24-34-35.
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-4.

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HOWARD COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE OATH



Recently elected Howard County officials took their oaths of office Tuesday morning. Pictured from left are County Commissioner Gary Simer, 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III, County Judge Mark Barr, Constable Bill Holden, Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, Justice of the Peace Quall Dobbs, District Clerk Colleen Barton, County Surveyor Michael McBrayer and County Clerk Donna Wright.

FLU

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"The flu can turn into so many other things when it comes to small children or the elderly," said Samuels. "One of the most common results is pneumonia. Children 6 months old to 8 years old and seniors 65 years old and up need to have their flu shots. If they haven't already gotten it, make sure they get it as soon as possible."

While the vaccinations can't 100 percent guarantee you won't get the flu, Samuels said the shot can be the difference between being sick a few days and spending a week huddled under a pile of blankets.

"You can still get the flu, even if you've been vaccinated," said Samuels. "However, it's not nearly as bad if you've had your shot. The symptoms aren't as severe and it doesn't last as long. So it's worth getting the shot either way."

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu is caused by the influenza virus, which infects the respiratory tract. Unlike many other viral respiratory infections — such as the common cold — the flu causes severe illness and life-threatening complications in many people.

Symptoms of flu include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches.

Children can have additional gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. However, these symptoms are uncommon in adults.

As for old wives tales claiming you can actually get the flu from the vaccination, Samuels said it may have been true many years ago, but not today.

"Years ago they actually used a live virus for the vaccinations," said Samuels. "So a lot of people got the flu right from the shot. However, today we use a dead virus for the shots, so there's no way to contract the virus that way."

Flu shots are \$10 unless the patient has Medicare or Medicaid. For more information on TDSHS flu vaccination clinics, call 263-9775.

Bush asks Congress to cut back on pet projects

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday he'll submit a five-year budget proposal that will balance the federal budget by 2012 and called on Congress to sharply cut back on costly pet projects hidden in spending bills.

"It's time to set aside politics and focus on the future," Bush said in the Rose Garden after a meeting with his Cabinet.

Bush, faced with working with an opposition Congress for the first time of his presidency, welcomed new members

of Congress to Washington and said he's anxious to work with them on the nation's priorities during the remaining two years of his presidency.

"Congress has changed," Bush said. "Our obligations to the country haven't changed."

Bush in a newspaper opinion piece published Wednesday, the president warned lawmakers:

"If the Congress chooses to pass bills that are simply political statements, they will have chosen stalemate," Bush wrote. "If a different approach is

taken, the next two years can be fruitful ones for our nation. We can show the American people that Republicans and Democrats can come together to find ways to help make America a more secure, prosperous and hopeful society."

He said fiscal restraint is one area where the executive and legislative branches of government can work together.

"Over the past few years, pro-growth economic policies have generated higher revenues," he said. "Together with spending restraint, these policies allowed us to

meet our goal of cutting the budget deficit in half three years ahead of schedule."

Bush called on Congress to sharply reduce spending on pet projects prized by lawmakers.

"One important message we all should take from the elections is that people want to end the secretive process by which Washington insiders are able to get billions of dollars directed to projects — many of them pork-barrel projects that have never been reviewed or voted on by the Congress," the president said.

ARREST

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second-degree felony, punishable by two to 20 years

in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first-degree felony, punishable by five to 99 years to life in prison and a fine not to

exceed \$10,000. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

COOKOFF

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tastes so good when the weather is cold. The timing of the event and the chili complement each other so well."

The Children In Need Fund helps purchase school supplies and clothing, summer camp tuition

dues and assists in meeting other financial needs of special children who are receiving services from West Texas Centers for MHMR. Many of the children served by the center need more services and goods than state funding will provide, said Smith.

"This chili cook-off is our major source of donations for this fund,"

Smith said. "I don't know what we would've done if the Eagles hadn't stepped forward several years ago with this chili cook-off."

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OUR VIEWS

Deregulation needs more time to evolve

Beginning next week, Texans will get their first full-fledged look at whether electricity and the free market can coexist. Until now, what has passed for electricity competition in Texas has been based on an artificial pricing benchmark called the "the price to beat." The benchmark will disappear with the arrival of the new year, and power companies will have the freedom to charge what they wish.

So what does this mean for consumers? Well, if you think you pay too much or want more predictable monthly billing, then it is time to shop around.

This will be a new mind-set for Texans, who have been more apt to complain about the high cost of electricity than to switch providers. Through midyear, only 1.6 million of the state's 5.3 million residential customers had switched to a competing power supplier. That means around 70 percent of residential customers did nothing to get a better deal.

Deregulation eventually will deliver lower rates and innovative services. Old consumer habits will have to be broken, however, and electricity providers will compete for business.

Smart consumers regularly switch cell phone, cable, satellite and Internet providers and credit card companies. They also move money around in investment vehicles to obtain better returns or greater peace of mind. There's no reason consumers shouldn't comparison shop for the best deal among electricity providers, as well. Several companies already offer customized pricing plans, long-term contracts, and month-to-month or graduated pricing agreements based on the amount of electricity used.

When the Texas Legislature returns to session next month, lawmakers, in response to consumer complaints about sky-high electricity prices, will be tempted to roll back deregulation.

Already there are proposals to cap extreme price increases, to extend the price-to-beat mechanism, to give regulators authority to reset the price if fuel prices drop, and to allow municipal power companies to offer their lower prices to customers outside their territories.

With the exception of the proposal to allow municipal power companies to sell their power to more consumers, most of these proposals are troubling steps away from free-market competition. The goal should be to encourage competition and innovation, not discourage them.

Lawmakers need to take a step back and allow deregulation in Texas to evolve naturally. Most of all, consumers have to realize that choice matters if it is exercised.

—The Dallas Morning News

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The year for immigration reform

Thanks to a significant political shift dictated by the November midterm elections, the New Year begins with high hopes for resolving one of the most controversial issues of 2006.

Immigration reform — the issue that polarized the country, ignited huge demonstrations, drove vigilantes to the Mexican border and kept Congress divided and stagnant — may finally be realized through new bipartisan legislation reportedly being developed by lawmakers ahead of the start of the new Congress.

But what's to say, you ask, that the immigration debate will be any different in 2007 than in 2006? Why are there reasons to be more optimistic about the potential of fixing the nation's broken immigration system?

Let me count the reasons.

1. The most vociferous immigrant-bashers in Congress were either booted out by voters or lost their leadership positions.

2. Tough talk against illegal immigrants and cheap rhetoric about opposing amnesty didn't ignite the groundswell of support that many Republicans expected.

3. Since the anti-immigrant sentiments often turned into anti-Latino rhetoric, a huge number of Latinos turned away from the GOP, a party that will desperately need Latino voters in 2008. While 44 percent of Latinos voted for Republicans in 2004, the number went down to 29 percent in 2006.

4. While there were huge disagreements on how to reform immigration between Democrats and Republicans and even among members of the same parties, there is talk of achieving bipartisan consensus in 2007.

What makes immigration reform even more possible this year is an effort to avoid the pitfalls of last year's legislation — especially the idiotic plan to split the illegal immigrant population into three groups.

Under the bill approved by the U.S. Senate last year, the nation's 12 million illegal immigrants would be allowed to seek legalization — but only depending on how long they have been here.

Those who have been here longer than five years would have been allowed to stay and apply for legalization after proving they have a job and no criminal record, and after paying a fine, back taxes and making an effort to learn English. But those who have been here two and five years had to return to their country of origin to apply for re-entry as guest workers. And those who have been here less than two years had to leave — with no guarantee of being able to return.

That measure would have created more problems than it would have solved. First, it would not have eradicated the illegal immigrant population, because most of the 5 million who have been here less than five years would have refused to leave voluntarily. Instead, many would have sought fraudulent ways to prove they have been here longer than five years, creating a huge new market for false documents and migraine headaches for immigration officials.

In fact, even many of those who have been here longer than five years would have had to resort to fraudulent papers, since many illegal immigrants lack the documentation to prove how long they have been here.

Since the three-tier legalization system would have benefited only 7 million, instead of 12 million illegal immigrants, it was initially introduced as a way to appease

the anti-immigrant forces in Congress.

Thankfully, now that those forces have lost their strength, the measure under consideration would not include a three-tier plan. All illegal immigrants who can remain employed, pass background checks, pay a fine and back taxes and enroll in English classes would be eligible for legalization.

Other than deporting 12 million people — which would be extremely costly, inhumane and damaging to our economy — that's really the only way to eradicate the illegal immigration population.

And what about future illegal immigrants? What about those people who will see this measure as a green light to come here illegally expecting that, in the future, another measure will allow them to stay?

That's a legitimate concern. And that's why immigration reform needs to be comprehensive.

It must also include stricter border security, but along both the Mexican and Canadian borders. It must include a plan to pursue immigrants who enter the country legally and stay after their visas have expired.

It must include stronger and enforceable sanctions against employers who hire future illegal immigrants. But it must also include higher quotas for immigrants to come here legally.

Without all of those components, true immigration reform will not be achieved and lawmakers who obstruct its progress will pay a high price in 2008.

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Cruising in and around New Zealand

We've been thinking about a trip to Australia and New Zealand for about 10 years. We finally got to the stage where we said, "What are we waiting for?" We flew from LA to Sydney. The opera house and harbor bridge are just two reasons why people who spend lots of time on the water call Sydney's harbor the most beautiful in the world.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

I can't begin to explain the feeling I had looking at the Sydney Opera House. I had seen pictures of it forever, but to be able to see the architectural masterpiece up close was a special thrill. Part of the thrill came from being so far from home. Just across the water from the opera house we saw people climbing the harbor bridge.

We sailed out of Sydney at sundown on Holland America's Statendam, a small ship with just over 1,200 passengers. Each of the ships in the fleet carries the

theme of a significant Dutch personality. The theater on our ship was called "The Van Gogh Lounge" and had reproductions of "Starry Starry Night" done in mosaic tiles on floor to ceiling walls on either side of the stage. One of the entertainers couldn't ignore the inspiration the room gave him, so he sang the Don McLean song about the famous artist.

In Melbourne we watched kangaroos play in 110-degree heat. The next day in Tasmania we experienced 35-degree temperatures and a snow blizzard. Although the calendar indicated it was summer, Mother Nature didn't abide by it. We were cool most of the trip. I never used any of the flashy short sleeve shirts I had packed.

We crossed the Tasman Sea in two days and arrived in Milford Sound, one of the most beautiful places on earth. The Maori name for New Zealand means "long low clouds" and you can best observe them in the early morning. The sea is the bluest I've seen and the snow-capped peaks in the distance with clouds in front of them make for an uplifting sight.

The air and water in New Zealand are the purest you'll find anywhere.

The natural beauty of the land influences the residents to provide beauty around their cities and homes. Gardens and flowers are everywhere. The yards and streets are clean and neat. I don't think I saw a piece of garbage anywhere.

The people of New Zealand are extremely courteous. They appreciate Americans especially, since we helped defend their country in World War II. In every small town we visited we saw inviting restaurants serving attractive and delicious food. We passed through neighborhoods of houses with some of the most striking architecture I've seen. They had clean lines with lots of glass and steel.

Most New Zealanders are trim and fit. People of all ages take part in a variety of physical activities. Sidewalk cafes are full of vivacious and enthusiastic young people. The extreme sports of bungy jumping and jet boating started in New Zealand.

Can you tell I was impressed with that place?

FDA label proposal reinforces caution on common painkillers

By JANUARY W. PAYNE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A recent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposal to add stronger warning labels to several popular types of over-the-counter painkillers, noting they pose a risk of liver and stomach damage, shouldn't scare most consumers into avoiding the products entirely, experts say. But the news should remind patients to take the lowest dose needed for the shortest possible time and to be aware of the ingredients contained in all of their medications, particularly when taking more than one medicine.

Under the FDA's proposal, warnings would be added to the labels of all OTC medicines containing acetaminophen and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), including aspirin, naproxen and ibuprofen, which are used to treat headaches, pain, fever, menstrual cramps and muscle aches. Affected products include such popular brands as Tylenol, Aleve, Motrin and Advil. The warnings would "include important safety information regarding the potential for stomach bleeding and liver damage and when to consult a doctor," the FDA reports in a written statement.

"In general, I think occasional use is safe," except in high-risk patients, said Jack Di Palma, immediate past president of the American College of Gastroenterology. High-risk patients include people older than 60, those taking the medications for longer than directed, patients taking blood thinners or more than one medication contain-

ing an NSAID and patients who have experienced ulcers or stomach bleeding.

Gastroenterologists have been discouraging the use of NSAIDs for patients in these groups for years, he said. When such patients disregard this advice, Di Palma said, "we've suggested trying to do things to limit injury," such as taking proton pump inhibitors (stomach-protecting medications) to protect the gastrointestinal tract. For most other patients, he says, risks are minimal.

Doctors have known for years that NSAIDs can cause kidney damage and gastrointestinal bleeding in some patients, even when taken at recommended dosages. They've also known acetaminophen can cause severe liver damage when taken at higher than rec-

ommended doses or in combination with three or more alcoholic drinks per day. The FDA has defended the pace of agency action, citing regulatory procedures. But Public Citizen, a Washington-based consumer advocacy group, said the FDA's proposal comes "decades late"; the group wants the agency to require warnings in painkiller ads and make public service announcements about the change.

The FDA also is considering whether to impose limits on the number of acetaminophen tablets sold per bottle; such limits exist in Britain, where acetaminophen overdose is a leading cause of suicide.

About 56,000 Americans visit emergency rooms each year because of acetaminophen poisoning, according to the FDA; about 100 people die

annually because of unintentional overdoses.

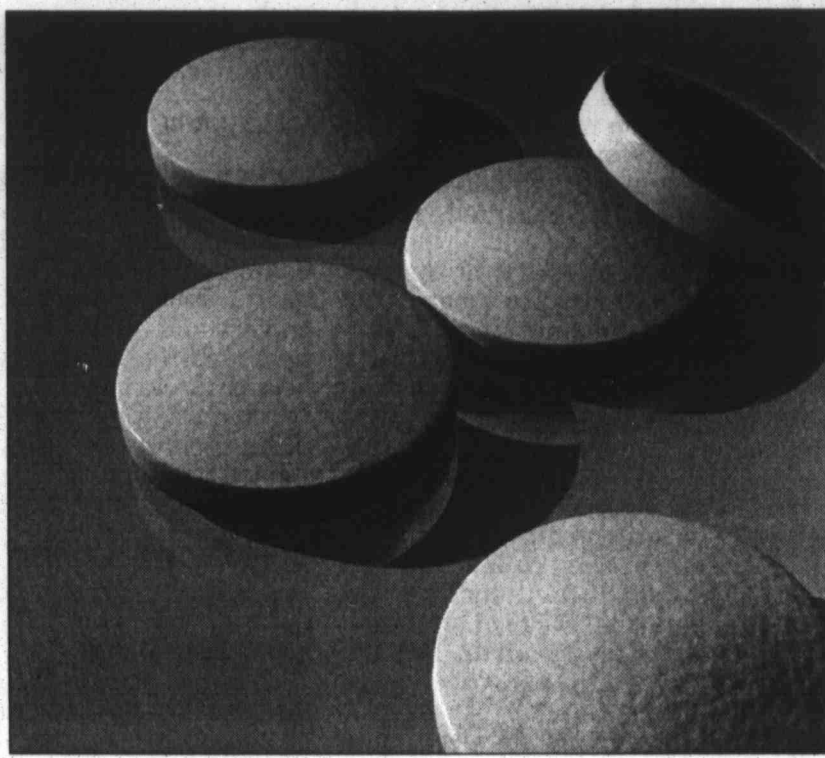
It's expected to be a year before stronger labels appear on OTC medication bottles. In the meantime, suggests Edward Langston, chair-elect of the board of trustees for the American Medical Association, consumers should ask themselves these questions before taking any OTC medications: "How much of the OTC medicine can I take and for how long? And what can I take together?"

For non-chronic conditions, it's almost always best to take medications for as short a period as possible, and to avoid or limit taking medicines together, he said.

If you're unsure of the answers, Langston said, "the most handy — and underutilized — source of information is to talk to your pharmacist." Alternately, call your doctor, he suggested.

It's also important to know which ingredients are contained in your prescription medications: Some prescribed drugs, such as Ultracet, Darvocet-N and ketoprofen (all used for pain relief), contain NSAIDs or acetaminophen.

Many OTC cold and arthritis medicines, such as Advil Cold & Sinus, NyQuil and Tylenol Arthritis Pain, also contain NSAIDs or acetaminophen, making it risky for patients to combine them with nonprescription pills they may be taking for a headache,



fever or pain.

Under the proposed changes, all affected products would bear labels containing beefed-up warnings about interactions with alcohol and prominently displaying the product's main ingredient. Some drug manufacturers have voluntarily added stronger safety warnings in the past few years.

Among the FDA's proposed changes:

—NSAIDs would carry added warnings that they pose a risk for stomach bleeding in people older than 60, in those taking the medications for longer than directed, in patients taking blood thinners or more than one medication containing an NSAID and in patients who've experienced ulcers or stomach bleeding.

—NSAIDs and acetaminophen would bear warnings against taking them with even moderate amounts of alcohol — three or more drinks per day.

—Acetaminophen, best

known under the brand name Tylenol, would get warnings advising consumers of the possibility of liver toxicity — especially when taken in high doses or with other acetaminophen-containing products.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 16, 2007. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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Contract Bridge

The Striptease Coup

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A K 8 5 4 3
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 4
♣ 9 8 2

WEST
♦ J 10 9 7 2
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ 8 5
♣ A 3

EAST
♦ 6
♥ 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ K 6 4

SOUTH
♦ Q
♥ A J
♦ A K Q J 6
♣ Q J 10 7 5

plays the ace of spades.
East ruffs with the four to stop declarer from discarding his heart loser, and South overruffs with the five. Declarer cashes the ace of diamonds and continues with the king, planning to discard dummy's heart loser if West follows suit.
But West trumps the third diamond with the three, and dummy overruffs with the eight as East follows suit. Continuing his campaign, declarer plays the king of spades from dummy, forcing East to ruff with the six as South overruffs with the seven.

The striptease has now been accomplished. Both East and West have been denuded of their low trumps, leaving the king and ace as the only trumps they have left.
Declarer next leads the queen of diamonds, and West can do no better than ruff with the ace as dummy's nine of hearts is discarded. Sooner or later South ruffs the jack of hearts in dummy, and his only losers turn out to be the A-K of trumps.

The sequence of plays described here is, of course, an unusual way of extracting trumps, but that is hardly a bar to its use.
Any port in a storm!

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ 1♥ Dble Pass
3♦ Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣ Pass 5♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.
Today's deal illustrates a rare play sometimes called the "striptease coup."
West leads the king of hearts, and declarer sees he might lose a heart and two trumps and go down one in five clubs. To try to avoid this outcome, South wins the heart lead with the ace, cashes the queen of spades, crosses to the ten of diamonds and

Tomorrow: Upping the percentages.
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On the run for charity

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — He's a bit like Forrest Gump — only a lot more ambitious.

Austrian marathon runner Manfred Michlits plans to spend all of 2007 jogging around the world to raise money for a charity that helps underprivileged children.

Cheered by family and friends, Michlits, 38, began his odyssey on Monday — New Year's Day — on the Donauesing, an island in the Danube River in Vienna, and headed straight for Bratislava, Slovakia.

Organizers said Tuesday he was on target to reach Budapest, Hungary, and Belgrade, Serbia, this week as the first stops on his 14,300-mile run to benefit SOS Children's Villages.

Michlits said he hopes to average 55 miles a day as he trots through 40 countries.

His route will take him through Turkey to China and Australia, with Hong Kong the scheduled halfway point on his 183rd day. Politics will force him to skirt some countries, such as Burma.

Like Gump, Michlits — who has trained for his adventure since 2004 — plans to run the entire breadth of the United States and return to Europe, timing his finish back in Vienna on Dec. 31.

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The Borden County I.S.D. also has a rich tradition in the following:

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Please contact Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Borden County I.S.D. Superintendent, at (806) 756-4313 or (806) 756-4316 if you are interested in transferring your child for the spring semester of 2007.

News briefs

Mother of dead infant says she was assaulted

DALLAS (AP) — A 22-year-old woman whose newborn son was found dead in a trash bin told investigators she hid her pregnancy because of embarrassment over being sexually assaulted, police said.

The woman was released from the hospital Tuesday after being treated for medical problems stemming from childbirth.

Family members of the woman say she hid the pregnancy, locked herself in a bathroom for more than an hour Saturday night and then left with a plastic bag. The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Tuesday.

An ambulance was called for the woman after she felt faint and she was taken to the hospital. Medical staff realized she had just given birth. But the woman wouldn't tell authorities where to find the infant.

A police officer found the dead baby boy in a bag inside an apartment complex trash bin Saturday night, said Lt. Vernon Hale.

Investigators are waiting on a ruling from the medical examiner to answer whether the child was alive or dead at birth. They will then decide whether the woman should face charges.

Snow showers cover El Paso, clog roads

EL PASO (AP) — Far West Texas got a wintry blast of snow and sleet Tuesday that slowed traffic and coated rooftops.

The storm moved into El Paso on Tuesday morning from Northern Mexico. Joe Rogash, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in nearby Santa Teresa, N.M., said the storm could leave about an inch of snow in low-lying areas and up to several inches in the Franklin Mountains that divide the city.

Rogash said temperatures in the 30s were expected for Tuesday and the storm should leave the area by about 8 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday were expected to remain dry and cool, with warmer temperatures nearing 60 degrees by Thursday, Rogash said. More snow could fall in the area by Saturday, he

said. El Paso averages about 6 inches of snow a year, Rogash said.

Speaker candidates jockeying for momentum

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick and his allies insist the Republican leader has enough support to win another term, despite two challengers and efforts to allow lawmakers to cast secret ballots in the increasingly heated speaker's race.

Craddick spent the holiday weekend meeting with lawmakers and strategizing with his closest allies.

"There's no way that Tom Craddick is going to back down," said Republican Rep. Fred Hill of Richardson. "He's got the support that he needs to be re-elected and it's not in his nature to back down from a fight."

Allies of Plano Rep. Brian McCall, another Republican candidate for speaker, maintain that the challenger is gaining momentum, though he hasn't published a list of lawmakers who have pledged their support.

"It is clear that based on the support that they have, Mr. Craddick is way short of being even close to the seventy-five votes he needs to remain as speaker of the House of Representatives," said Galveston Democratic Rep. Craig Eiland, who has pledged his support to McCall. "Mr. McCall feels an inclusive House, controlled by the Republicans, where every member has a voice, requires that he continue to work to increase his margin before going public with members' names."

Craddick has published a list of 84 lawmakers who have pledged their support to him. At least one lawmaker has since backed out.

The House selects a speaker to preside over the chamber every two years on the first day of the legislative session. This year's session starts Jan. 9.

Mourners in Michigan welcome body of former President Ford

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Moving quietly and solemnly through the moonlight, mourners waited for a chance to file past the casket of Gerald R. Ford, welcoming home the 38th pres-

ident for a final time and celebrating a man they said embodied Midwest values.

"This is a once-in-lifetime opportunity to pay tribute," said Karin Lewis, 44, who brought her five boys, ages 6 to 15, to Ford's presidential museum to pay respects Tuesday night. "He meant so much to this community."

Ford's state funeral was to end Wednesday afternoon after a service at Grace Episcopal Church in East Grand Rapids. His body was to be interred during a private burial overlooking the Grand River north of the museum on the museum grounds.

Donald Rumsfeld, who served in Ford's cabinet as his chief of staff and as his defense secretary, was to deliver a eulogy.

Report: Saddam co-defendants to be executed Thursday

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An Iraqi government official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that preparations were under way to hang two of Saddam Hussein's co-defendants on Thursday.

Al-Arabiya satellite television and Al-Furat TV, run by Iraq's major Shiite Muslim political organization, both also reported that Saddam's half brother Barzan Ibrahim, a former intelligence chief, and Awad Hamed al-Bandar, the former chief justice of the Revolutionary Court, would be put to death Thursday.

The government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, said the exact place and time of the hangings had not been set.

The two co-defendants were originally scheduled to hang last Saturday along with Saddam.

The former Iraqi leader and the two co-defendants were convicted and sentenced to hang on Nov. 5 and the verdict was upheld by the appellate court on Dec. 26.

Grainy cell phone video of Saddam Hussein's execution triggers international criticism

Grainy cell phone video of Saddam Hussein's execution triggered international criticism, with Britain's deputy

prime minister calling the leaked images "unacceptable" and the Vatican decrying the footage as a "spectacle" violating human rights.

Meanwhile Tuesday, the Italian government pushed for a U.N. moratorium on the death penalty, Cuba called the execution "an illegal act," and Sunnis in Iraq took to the streets in mainly peaceful demonstrations across the country.

The unofficial video showed a scene that stopped just short of pandemonium, during which one person is heard shouting "To hell!" at the deposed president and Saddam is heard exchanging insults with his executioners. The inflammatory footage also showed Saddam plummeting through the gallows trapdoor and dangling in death.

The grainy video appeared on the Internet and Al-Jazeera television late Saturday. On Tuesday, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered an investigation into the execution to try to uncover who taunted the former dictator, and who leaked the cell phone footage.

Pat Robertson says God told him about 2007 attack on U.S.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — In what has become an annual tradition of prognostications, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson said Tuesday God has told him that a terrorist attack on the United States would result in "mass killing" late in 2007.

"I'm not necessarily saying it's going to be nuclear," he said during his news-and-talk television show "The 700 Club" on the Christian Broadcasting Network. "The Lord didn't say nuclear. But I do believe it will be something like that."

Robertson said God told him during a recent prayer retreat that major cities and possibly millions of people will be affected by the attack, which should take place sometime after September.

Robertson said God also told him that the U.S. only feigns friendship with Israel and that U.S. policies are pushing Israel toward "national suicide."

Robertson suggested in January 2006 that God punished then-Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon with a stroke for ceding Israeli-controlled land to the Palestinians.

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NFL names rookie of the year on defense

DeMeco Ryans came into the NFL as Houston's second choice to bolster its defense. He leaves his first pro year as The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year.

The linebacker, chosen at the top of the second round of last April's draft — 32 spots after the Texans made defensive end Mario Williams the first overall selection of the draft — was a runaway winner of the award announced Wednesday.

Ryans led the Texans defense in tackles this season and wasted little time in becoming the team's leader despite where he was taken in the NFL draft.

Old Spice Red Zone nominates Tannehill

Ryan Tannehill has been nominated as one of the Red Zone Players of the Year and is among a select group of football players who are eligible to be selected as a national player of the year.

For the sixth straight year, Old Spice is recognizing football players who go above and beyond the call of duty.

The program honors student athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up when the heat is on. These athletes embody leadership, performance and desire, and serve as examples to their teammates on and off the field.

Tannehill was selected through high school football coaches in the area.

Texas Longhorns basketball update

A Kevin Durant scored 21 points and had 15 rebounds to lead Texas to an 84-52 victory over Texas-Arlington Tuesday night.

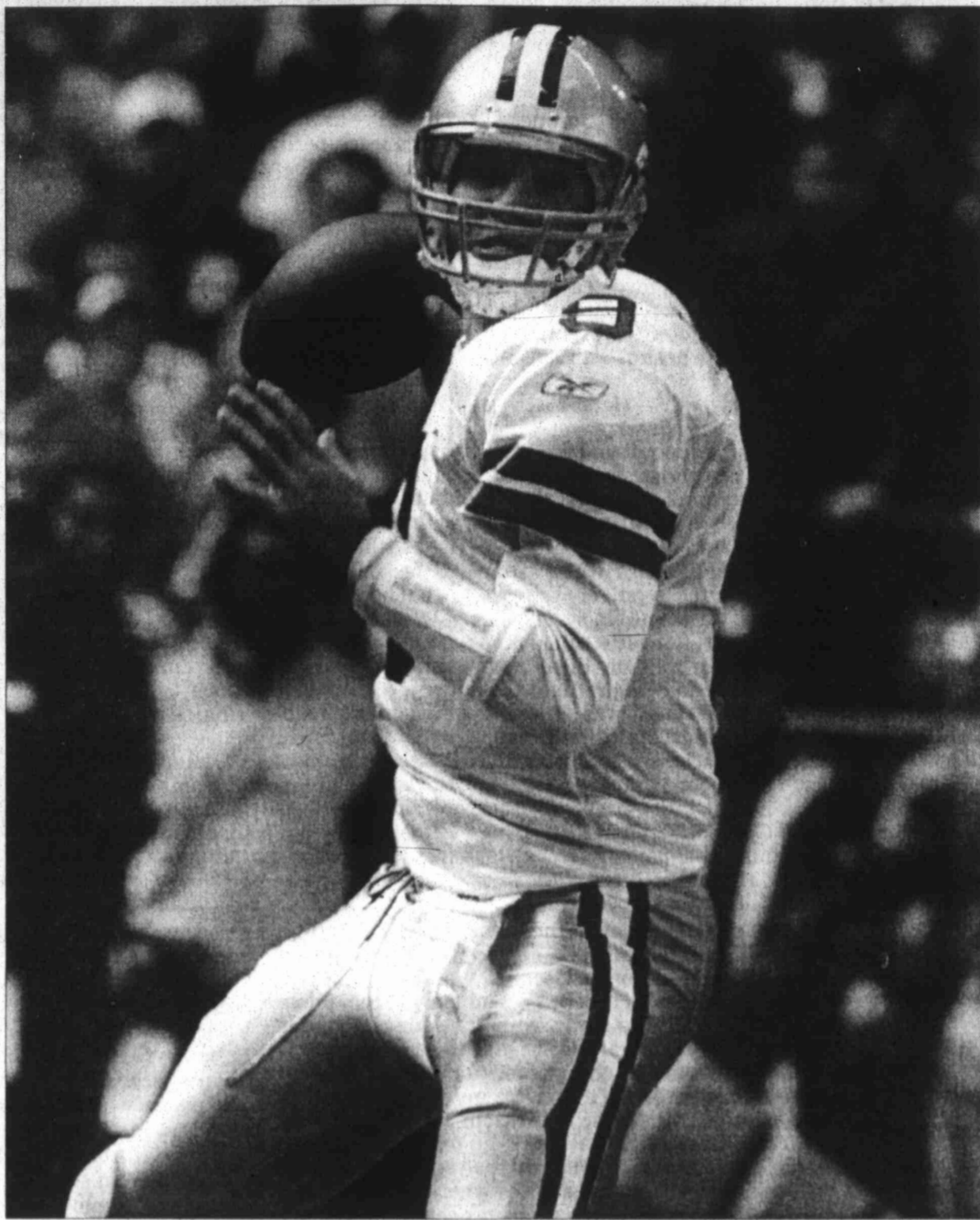
It was Durant's seventh double-double in his first 13 collegiate games and the 11th time he has scored at least 20 points.

A reverse layup from Larry Posey gave Texas-Arlington a 14-13 lead with 10:37 left in the first half. That was the only lead the Mavericks gained all night. Craig Winder scored four points and grabbed four rebounds off the bench for Texas during a 14-7 run to end the half.

Texas-Arlington cut the Longhorns' lead to six two minutes into the half. But Abrams and Durant helped Texas pull away.

The Longhorns had 11 blocks and 30 points in the paint. They extend their win streak to two games heading into conference play at Colorado on Saturday.

Romo's problem is 'overconfidence'



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo scrambles during game action against the Detroit Lions. The Lions defeated the Cowboys, 39-31, at Texas Stadium in Irving.

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Now we know why Bill Parcells was holding back praise for Tony Romo when the quarterback was rolling.

All those mistakes the coach said eventually would catch up to Romo are starting to bite him and the Dallas Cowboys.

Romo fumbled four times, losing two, and threw an interception in a season-ending loss to Detroit. There were other goofs that didn't make the stat sheet, from scrambling and looking for receivers when Parcells was hollering for him to take off running, to calling a timeout when Parcells was yelling "Nooo!"

Parcells and Romo discussed it all Monday. Parcells emphasized he still wants Romo to try making things happen — he just wants him to be smart about when and how he tries it.

"I don't want to discourage his ability to create," Parcells said. "But the judgment has to improve on some things or else you have what happened on Sunday."

Parcells was asked if Romo's inexperience was a factor.

"No," Parcells said. "Overconfidence." The Cowboys were bracing for sloppy, rookie mistakes when Romo went from 3 1/2-year bench warmer to starter in late October. Team owner Jerry Jones even said he was lowering his expectations for the season because of the quarterback change.

Then Romo won his debut. After losing the next game, he won four straight. He was 5-1 and eventually bound for the Pro Bowl, with enough hype that it seemed like he was headed for the Hall of Fame.

Then came a December full of humble pie. The Cowboys went 1-3, closing with consecutive losses, but still snagged a wild card. They play at Seattle on Saturday night.

"This story won't be written about the last two games," Romo said. "It will be written about what happens from here

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Cardinals get 'big win'

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Never mind the turnovers and the sloppy first three quarters. Soon after the No. 5 Louisville Cardinals won the Orange Bowl, they had their sights on bigger things.

"Right now, coming back and trying to win a national title looks very appealing," junior quarterback Brian Brohm said.

The Cardinals overcame a rash of mistakes Tuesday night to earn their first major-bowl victory in 15 years, beating Wake Forest 24-13.

Brohm threw for 311 yards and Anthony Allen scored two touchdowns, one on a trick play, to help Louisville finish 12-1 and clinch its highest end-of-season ranking ever.

"This is a big win for our program," said Harry Douglas, who made 10 catches for 165 yards. "We're becoming a national power. It had to start with this game."

The Cardinals blew an 18-point lead in their lone loss at Rutgers, which likely cost them a chance to play for the national title.

"We start off with a high ranking next year," said receiver Patrick Carter, who threw a touchdown pass. "We've proved ourselves, and we need to keep proving ourselves."

The Cardinals averaged 39 points and ranked second in the nation in total offense this season, but fell behind 13-10 in the final period before their high-powered offense got into gear. Touchdown drives of 81 and 71 yards on consecutive possessions sealed their first win in a major bowl since the 1991 Fiesta Bowl.

The No. 15 Demon Deacons slipped to 11-3, still their best season.

"Looking back on our season, you definitely have to be happy with what we did," linebacker Jon Abbate said. "We turned the corner for Wake Forest football."

Through three quarters, the Demon Deacons appeared on the verge of an upset, as squandered opportunities plagued the Cardinals. Louisville lost two fumbles in Wake Forest territory, Mario Urrutia dropped a potential 62-yard touchdown pass, and Art Carmody — the



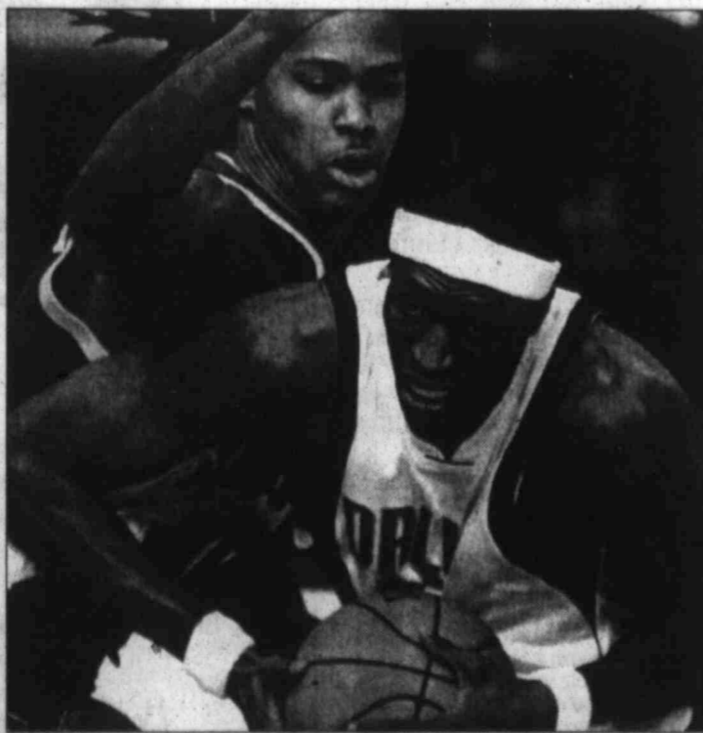
Wake Forest's Josh Gattis and Chantz McClinic try to stop Louisville's Trent Guy on a punt return during the first quarter of the Orange Bowl.

Lou Groza Award winner — was wide right on a 32-yard field goal attempt, only his fourth miss this season.

"We weren't holding onto the

ball," center Eric Wood said. "We weren't helping ourselves." Alphonso Smith nearly blocked

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Mavericks' Josh Howard (front) tries to move past Seattle SuperSonics' Mickael Gelabale (left) during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

Mavericks win 11th straight

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks came out of the halftime break determined to get some easier shots on offense and to play better defense on Seattle guard Ray Allen.

They accomplished both objectives to stretch their winning streak to 11 games.

Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and a season-high 15 rebounds, and Josh Howard added 21 points and nine rebounds in the Mavericks' 112-88 victory against the SuperSonics on Tuesday night.

Jason Terry added 18 points and Devin Harris scored 16 for the Mavericks, whose season-best winning streak is 12

games from Nov. 9-Dec. 1. Tied at halftime, the Mavericks took a 66-57 lead by opening the third quarter on an 11-2 run, with Harris accounting for the last six points of the spurt on drives and free throws.

"We didn't want to settle for jumpers," Harris said. "We wanted to attack the rim and get some easy baskets."

Dallas held a 58-30 rebounding edge, 21-8 on the offensive boards, and scored 34 second-chance points to nine for Seattle. "Guys just came out and hit the glass hard on both ends of the court," Howard said.

Harris and teammate Greg Buckner were

assigned to improve the second-half defense on Allen, who had 19 of his 27 points in the first half, 18 in the second quarter.

Allen went 3-for-9 in the second half.

"We wanted to mix it up against him," Harris said. "We know where he likes to shoot and we wanted to make it tougher on him."

Nowitzki, back in the lineup after sitting out the previous game due to a high fever from a sinus infection, had his first 30-point game since scoring 31 in a win over San Antonio on Nov. 24.

On Monday, Nowitzki got plenty of rest and spent time with his par

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Seahawks turn to a hunter for defensive help

By GREGG BELL

AP Sports Writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Not long ago, Pete Hunter was working in Dallas-area mortgage office. John Howell was guiding hunts for elk and other game in the Great Plains. Rich Gardner was working out four times a week at a gym in Nashville.

Then the phone rang for each of them.

Now Hunter, Howell and Gardner will suit up for Seattle in Saturday's NFC wild card playoff game between the Seahawks and Dallas Cowboys.

All three signed with the Seahawks in the last week, since starting cornerbacks Marcus Trufant (high ankle sprain) and Kelly Herndon (broken ankle) both got hurt. Then Tuesday, backup defensive back Jimmy Williams joined Herndon on the injured reserve list with a knee injury sustained in Sunday's win at Tampa Bay in the regular season finale.

Just more problems for a Seattle pass defense that has given up big plays throughout this season.

"It's really a tough situation," Seahawks defensive coordinator John Marshall said. "We're going to have to come with a decision on who's going to be where."

Marshall said that decision is changing each day, as the

coaches assess how well Hunter, Gardner and Howell are learning the defense's calls.

"Hey, that's what we get paid the big bucks for. Yeah, right," Marshall said, smiling.

The coach fully expects Dallas to target Seattle's patchwork defense.

"Yeah, they are going to — you would assume they are going to — test the secondary and see what they can do with it," Marshall said.

One of the few healthy defensive backs, Michael Boulware, had been benched for two months for giving up big plays. Now he's playing where Jordan Babineaux used to be, at safety. Babineaux is starting at cornerback, for Herndon.

Now this: Pulling in a hunter, mortgage broker and gym rat. All had been out of football for this entire season. They're back — just in time for Dallas receivers Terrell Owens and Terry Glenn and the Cowboys' Pro Bowl quarterback, Tony Romo.

Gardner is the new guy Dallas is likely to see most.

The former Tennessee Titan, signed Dec. 27, last played in a game on Dec. 24, 2005. Tennessee released him in September. The 2004 third-round pick from Penn

State said he wasn't falling back on his economics degree from Penn State while waiting for four months for an NFL team to sign him.

"I knew I would get another opportunity. I didn't know when," Gardner said. "Fortunately, the Seahawks called."

Marshall said Gardner is penciled as Seattle's fifth, "nickel" back in passing situations — Babineaux's old job.

"Right now, yes. But don't hold me to that, because we've got to get a feel for Pete Hunter," Marshall said. "And don't forget that Gerard Ross is in that mix, too."

Oh, yeah — Gerard Ross, a practice squad player whom Seattle has cut and re-signed twice this season.

Hunter, a former Cowboy, lives on a hill overlooking Dallas' practice facility. He talked Tuesday while standing over a silver suitcase and an open, black bag full of gear. Both still had airline luggage tags on them from his Monday night flight.

His tryout was Tuesday morning. He didn't even have a locker following the afternoon practice. Hunter had to borrow a hook from Gardner's end stall to hang his sweat pants.

His last NFL tackle and

interception? On Sept. 19, 2004, for the Cowboys, who drafted him in the fifth round of the 2002 draft.

Marshall said Hunter impressed the Seahawks with his conditioning and lateral movement during his tryout Tuesday morning.

Sunday, Hunter was home watching NFL games on TV. The Seahawks at the Buccaneers, perhaps?

"The Cowboys," said Hunter, who was studying to become a U.S. immigration enforcement agent before returning to the NFL. "I've still got a lot of friends on that team."

Hunter said he remains tight with Keith Davis, Andre Gurode and Roy Williams on the Cowboys.

"It's going to be crazy playing against my friends," he said.

Hunter is hoping it's not crazy to think the government will push back his test, to become a Border Patrol agent because of his new gig.

"I was looking forward to taking the test on the 19th," Hunter said. "Yeah, I'm going to try to postpone ... I'm pretty sure (they'll) understand."

The Seahawks value Howell for his special teams versatility. He played in 10 games for Seattle before ending last season on injured reserve.

Spurs lose to James and Cleveland Cavs

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 19 points, Larry Hughes added 18 and the Cleveland Cavaliers' defense smothered and frustrated San Antonio during a rugged 82-78 win over the Spurs on Tuesday night.

Damon Jones made two 3-pointers and four free throws in the final 1:35 as the Cavs, who have struggled on the road, improved to 14-3 at home and beat the Spurs for the second time this season.

They did so by harassing San Antonio all 94 feet, holding the NBA's second-most accurate shooting team to just 38 percent from the field and only 10 points in the third quarter.

Jones scored all 11 points of his points in the fourth, and Anderson Varejao added seven rebounds, including four on the offensive end when he outthrusted and outmuscled San Antonio's big men under the basket.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 26 points — 14 in the fourth — and Tim Duncan had 18 points and 15 rebounds.

San Antonio played the final six minutes without coach Gregg Popovich, who was assessed two technical fouls and was ejected following a wild sequence. Assistant coach P.J. Carlesimo ran the club down the stretch.

Despite shooting just 36 percent from the floor, the Cavaliers won their third straight over the Spurs, the first time they've done that since 1988.

Parker kept San Antonio close by making four driving layups in the final 45 seconds, but the Cavs hung on despite making just 6-of-10 free throws.

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on. We have a chance to do something special."

Over his 5-1 start, Romo threw 10 touchdowns and four interceptions, with seven sacks and three fumbles, all recovered. Almost every decision he made seemed to be the right one and he was especially effective throwing on the run.

The last four games, Romo has thrown six TDs and six INTs, with 12 sacks and six fumbles, losing three. His throws haven't been as accurate, from the pocket or while running.

Against Detroit, his old magic seemed back when he recovered a lost fumble in the end zone in the fourth quarter. But it was gone again when he was tackled 2 yards shy of the end zone on a scramble in the closing seconds.

Romo suggested Tuesday that too much is being

made of mistakes against the Lions, insisting it was a one-time deal, not part of a bigger problem — even if those numbers say otherwise.

And even though Parcells says otherwise, too. Romo simply isn't getting away with the things Parcells warned he wouldn't always be able to get away with.

"You guys were laughing at me (for saying) it's a little less than perfect. Those were my words," Parcells said Tuesday. "It's come to fruition."

Parcells explained it all to Romo on Monday. Then Parcells told him, "This is where we are. Let's analyze why we're where we are and see where we can go."

To Parcells, most of the problems center on Romo's body clock being out of whack.

The amount of time he has to make decisions varies each play. Sometimes, he gets into trouble by waiting too long. Other times, he decides too quickly. And too often he does it all with only one hand on the ball.

"There is a fine line you have to walk with this," Parcells said. "You don't want to take away his wanting to create. It's been a very positive thing in a lot of

respects. It's just the judgment that you make under pressure."

Said Romo: "I just think I need to be more careful once in a while."

If a lot of this sounds like critiques long said about Brett Favre, it may not be a coincidence. Romo grew up in Wisconsin and Favre was his favorite player.

Someone who knows a thing or two about dealing with that kind of quarterback will be on the opposing sideline Saturday: Mike Holmgren, who coached Favre during his best seasons.

However, Romo said he's hoping to emulate another of Holmgren's former pupils, Joe Montana.

"A stat that I remember and that I live by a little bit when it comes to big games is Joe Montana's stats in the Super Bowls, which I believe he has 11 touchdowns and no picks," Romo said. "That pretty much exemplifies what's made him special. So if I can somehow avoid the mistakes and not have any turnovers, I'll be all right."

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Carmody's errant kick and also harried Louisville's punter into a 14-yard boot that set up a 44-yard field goal by Sam Swank of Wake Forest.

Like Louisville, the Demon Deacons failed to convert several scoring chances. They committed three turnovers in Cardinal territory, and after moving 36 yards in the final minute of the first half, Swank missed a 47-yard field goal.

"Too many mistakes," coach Jim Grobe said.

But Swank made a 36-yarder to cap a 61-yard drive and put the Demon Deacons ahead 13-10 early in the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals respond-

ed with an eight-play drive capped by Allen's 1-yard plunge for a 17-13 lead with 12:31 to go. They quickly forced a punt, and mounted a 10-play drive that ended with Brock Bolen's 18-yard scoring run.

Brohm directed the drives, finished 24-for-34 and was chosen the game's most valuable player. He said he's leaning toward returning for his senior season next fall.

"We've got a great team coming back, and it'd be hard to pass up," Brohm said.

His yardage total was the third-highest in Orange Bowl history, behind only Michigan's Tom Brady and Southern Cal's Matt Leinart.

"He's a smart guy," Douglas said. "He throws the ball where we need to

have it and puts us in great position, and I love him."

Wake Forest's Riley Skinner went 21-for-33 for 271 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

"It never helps to lose in the fourth quarter," he said. "That kind of leaves a thorn in your side."

The Demon Deacons trailed 10-3 at halftime but scored on their first possession of the third period when Nate Morton slipped behind the Louisville secondary to catch a 30-yard TD pass from Skinner.

The Cardinals sputtered early but pulled out a trick play to score their first touchdown.

Brohm threw a lateral to Carter, who stopped and threw across the field deep to Allen for the

score. The 21-yard pass was the first this season by Carter, a quarterback at Georgia Tech before he transferred.

"We've been working on it all year, but I didn't think we would run it tonight," Carter said. "I couldn't believe it when coach signaled it in the huddle."

Trick plays backfired early on for the Demon Deacons, who twice tried reverses in the first quarter. The first lost 17 yards and the second lost 10.

The bowl game was only the seventh for Wake Forest in 105 seasons.

"It's sort of bittersweet — we got here but didn't win," tackle Steve Vallos said. "At the same time, it was still a great accomplishment for the team."

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ents, visiting from their native Germany.

"Yesterday, I was able to sleep it off and I got some home cooking," said Nowitzki, who missed his first game of the season in Sunday night's 89-85 victory at Denver. "I felt a lot better coming in today."

Nowitzki has also been hampered recently by a sprained ankle.

"Dirk is a warrior," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "He plays injured and came back strong

tonight."

Earl Watson added 15 points for the Sonics, who've lost nine of their last 12 and nine in a row on the road.

Dallas took a 78-72 advantage into the final quarter and put the game away by starting the fourth quarter with a 10-1 run capped by Buckner's 3-pointer with 8:42 remaining for an 88-73 lead.

"Whatever we had in the first half—the togetherness and the toughness—we didn't have in the second half," Seattle coach Bob Hill said.

Dallas began the game with a 25-9 run and the Mavericks were in

front after the first quarter, 33-22.

But the Sonics responded with a 34-12 spurt that bridged the first and second quarters to go ahead by as many as six points.

Dallas finished the second quarter with an 11-5 run to draw even at 55.

Allen had a hot second quarter, hitting all four of his 3-pointers. From there, the Mavericks clamped down on him.

"They play together and always seem to be in the right places," Allen said. "The accountability is there defensively. We need to see how they do that and try to emulate it."

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Public Notice Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Glasscock County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2006-07 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2006.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 1/24/2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Glasscock County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension. Rebecca Balta County Clerk #5177 December 26 & 27, 2006 & January 3 & 10, 2007.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Doing your best is a policy you uphold. But sometimes you have to shuck doing your best in favor of doing what's required. You have superhuman powers when there's no other choice but to succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some of what you're dealing with isn't even

worth giving your energy to. If it's really important, you'll fight tenaciously, but in a way that is restrained enough to give you good results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know how to forgive and forget, but someone is pushing you to the limit. Stand your ground and state your case clearly. If you listen to their point of view, you may find that it's all just a misunderstanding.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Every culture has its belief that to avenge is noble. But this is seldom the case in real life. Be sensitive to the difference between vengeance for justice's sake and revenge for its own sake.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Swollen egos are a detriment to working relationships and marriages alike. In order to be fully, fabulously functioning, relationships must be made more important than the ego sum of both parts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). You have unearthed an unsettling piece of information. Your choice is either to discuss it with the people or person involved, or keep it to yourself. There's no rush. Let the omens guide you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The person in your life who has had the most profound influence on you "haunts" your activities today. (This is true whether or not the person is among the living!) Pay homage to your roots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). More isn't always better, and today more is worse — it translates into bulk and clutter. Try to get by with the resources you already have. You'll be amazed at your own ingenuity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Mars is opening a door to your future, but you have to do more than just walk through. A running leap will be more effective. And take your plan with you — it's your map.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Your spiritual power is on 10. Communicate inwardly with people. Imagine yourself having conversations, speaking your truth and coming into agreement. This may work better for you than actual conversations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You come in peace. When others take issue with your personal choices, you may even go so far as to agree. Your best defense is to have nothing to defend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you make a plan involving other people, you wisely think about what's in it for them. The sweeter you make their end, the more cooperation you'll get. Life can be easy.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm born Jan. 26, 1950. My former partner was born April 28, 1951. We have a very intimate connection that isn't just physical. My gut tells me it's not over, but I don't want to be kidding

myself."

Nothing clouds intuition better than wanting a certain outcome. In matters of romance, this goes double. Ego is strong. It easily overpowers the subtleties of intuitive knowledge. When your ego is invested in what happens in a relationship, it becomes very difficult to read your own psychic signals. But let's say your gut is correct. You're still going to have to let your Taurus go (on all levels) before this person will ever come back to you. Taurus is stubborn and doesn't like to be proven wrong. If a Taurus breaks up with someone and then gets back together, it has to seem like a completely new and different relationship the second time around, or else it's like admitting that Taurus was mistaken to have left in the first place. The best chance for reconciliation will come only after you proceed with severing all ties, especially mental and psychic, to

your beloved Taurus.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Avant-garde rocker Marilyn Manson, nee Brian Warner, wowed fashionistas around the globe this past year with his over-the-top nuptials to ultraglamour queen Dita Von Teese. Capricorns — even the seemingly shocking ones — are traditionalists at heart. I predict that within the next two years this unusual couple will announce the impending arrival of their firstborn child.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been divorced just over a year, ending a 30-year marriage. The divorce was fairly civil.

What I'm struggling with is the lack of support from two of my closest friends. The three of us girls worked together in an office more than 20 years ago and maintained a very close relationship, including dinner with the husbands at least once a month, and traveling together.

After the divorce, all the socializing stopped. Even after repeated invitations to my new home, they've only come once. I call, but calls are seldom returned. I have seen the girls maybe three times in the last year, but never the husbands. They have added a replacement couple to their group and now celebrate events with them.

Is it unrealistic for me to believe I should continue to be included? I miss their friendship dearly, as it was such a big part of my life prior to the divorce. I'm left feeling sad and bewildered as to why I've been dropped from the group. — Unhappy

Dear Unhappy: What you have described is a common response from married couples when one of their group divorces. You are no longer part of a couple, hence you become a fifth wheel when they socialize, and you also may be seen as a threat to the stability of the other marriages.

You will have to be content with seeing those female friends a few times a year. Meanwhile, we strongly urge you to broaden your social circle.

Dear Annie: I love my husband a lot, but the way he drives terrifies me. While he is a good driver, he is very aggressive, and I know other drivers are much less skilled. He puts our family in scary situations that require dexterous driving to get us out of danger. Never mind that HE created the situation in the first place.

He likes to be ahead of the pack as though it were NASCAR. No matter how often I beg him to slow down, he refuses. He doesn't see this as being disrespectful to me, although I feel it shows a complete lack of regard for my feelings. He knows I get scared and nauseated, and he doesn't seem to care. In fact, he gets



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angry with me for being upset.

I don't care how he drives when he's alone, but it matters a great deal if I or our kids are in the car. He absolutely won't listen to me, and we haven't spoken in three days. It is unrealistic for us to take separate cars to everything, as well as being wasteful with gas. Am I asking too much? — Out of Balance's Wife

Dear Wife: Your husband sees his driving as an extension of his masculinity, and he takes pride in it. When you ask him to be less aggressive, you may as well ask him to wear a dress. It's immature, but there you have it. Ask him again to drive more carefully for the sake of the children, but if he refuses, we urge you to take separate cars. It may waste gas, but it won't waste lives.

Dear Annie: This is for

"Still Young," whose mother, at 71, went back to work. Mom's oldest daughters disapprove.

At 71, I drove across the country, married my high school sweetheart, took ballroom dancing and had my wife teach me to sing. I'm 75 now, and my wife is 73. We entertain at nursing homes and retirement villages each month. I do stand-up comedy and have taken courses in creative writing. I just published my first non-fiction novel and have two collections of short stories ready to go.

If Mom wants to work a couple of days a week, get off her back. Seventy does not mean you are standing with one foot on a banana peel and the other in the grave. — Loving It in British Columbia

Dear B.C.: You certainly know how to live. After reading your letter, we needed a nap.

Dear Annie: I have been seeing "Alberto" for a couple of years. He is 56, and I am 45.

Alberto has had quite the past with various women. He does not see anything wrong with keeping in contact with them. They call him on his cell phone, he continues to have lunch with them, and he takes them for rides on his motorcycle.

Is this normal behavior, or should I be jealous? Alberto knows that I do

not approve of these friendships. He even has had conversations with these women about me. He tells me I need psychiatric help because I get upset.

I've told Alberto I have no problem with his past — unless it's happening in the present. Should I end this relationship and move on? — Just Wondering in Wyoming

Dear Wyoming: Yes. Alberto's friendships with these women may be perfectly innocent, but they do not include you, and this creates uncertainty and justifiable concern. Trustworthy men do not have private phone calls, lunch dates and motorcycle rides with old girlfriends. Either he should reassure you about these friendships by including you, or he should end them. When he says you need psychiatric help, it's his way of deflecting the blame. Lose him.

Dear Annie: I am prior military, and my husband is active duty. We spend most of our lives stationed far away from our families. We can't afford to go home often, and there are times when even phone calls are too expensive. In spite of all this, my family believes the entire burden of maintaining a family relationship falls on our shoulders.

In the past 16 years, I have visited my family

more times than my mother has phoned me. If I don't call her, we don't talk. I'm left out of family news, such as when my mother remarried and my sister had a baby, and my personal favorite, when my mother was put into intensive care. The attitude is that since I chose to leave home, I prefer not to be part of the family. Apparently, as soon as I left the city limits, I ceased to be important to them.

Now my mother's husband is seriously ill. I can't afford to fly home, so my family thinks I'm turning my back on them. I just can't find it in me to be that upset that they are angry, although I am a little sad. But I resent that they now say I'm "letting them down," because I can't afford to come running when they want me to.

I know not all military families are like this. I'm very blessed to have wonderful in-laws who call, write, e-mail and visit, while understanding that we can't always come to them. I hope this can be a wake-up call for other families whose expectations are out of line. — Had It

Dear Had It: We hope so, too. Your family members sound too self-involved to appreciate your difficulties. We recommend you do what you are able and let the rest roll off. This is

not your fault.

Dear Annie: I read with chagrin the recent letter from "Frustrated," whose husband tried to tutor their daughter in math. I am a private tutor, and all too often, I have heard similar stories about parents who try to tutor their own children.

Parents have too much emotionally invested in their child's success to do a good job. I recently learned this lesson myself when I tried to tutor my own daughter in reading. I would get so angry that the sessions always ended in tears.

Your advice to find another tutor was right on. However, I'd also recommend that "Frustrated" have her daughter professionally tested. It sounds like there could be an underlying learning disorder. — Long Beach, Miss.

Dear Long Beach: We appreciate the excellent suggestion. Several tutors wrote to say that parents do not make good tutors for their own child. On behalf of all the tormented children out there, amen.

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The Spider

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

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This Date In History

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In 1938, the 'March of Dimes' campaign to fight polio was organized. In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress. In 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state. In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital. In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, ten days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission. In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow. Today's Birthdays: Record

producer Sir George Martin is 81. Actor Robert Loggia is 77. Actor Dabney Coleman is 75. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 71. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 68. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 64. Musician Stephen Stills is 62. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 61. Actress Victoria Principal is 57. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 51. Actress Shannon Sturges is 39. Jazz musician James Carter is 38. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 35. Actor Jason Marsden is 32. Actress Danica McKellar is 32.

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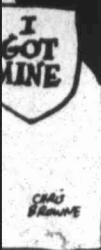
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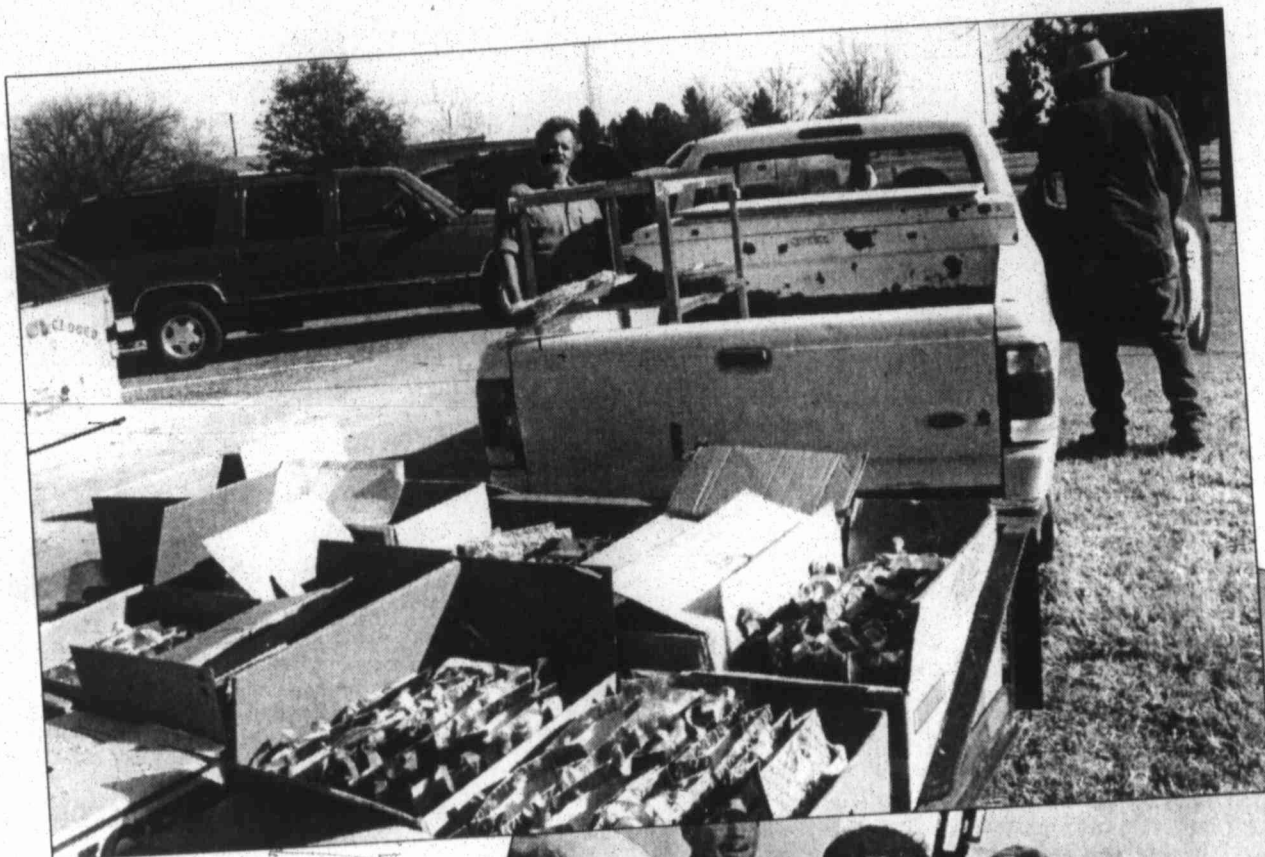
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