TUESDAY

November 28, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:

TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 32°-35° 58°-60°

Tour of Homes tickets on sale in Big Spring

Big The Spring Symphony Guild is preparing for its annual Tour of Homes Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Five houses throughout the community will be open for tours in the event, slated to raise money for the symphony associa-

Tickets are \$10 each, available in advance at Blum's, Dunlaps, the Heritage Museum, First Bank of West Texas and the symphony office at 808 Scurry. A map of the homes is on the back of each ticket.

For information, call the symphony office at 264-7223.

WHAT'S UP... WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College

Cactus Room. ☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

THURSDAY Gideons

International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Herman's, 7 a.m.

☐ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center. call 267-1628.

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon. Howard College Cactus

FRIDAY

☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Howard County approves method to handle nuisances

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County citizens who junk have vehicles unsafe structures on their property may have to clean them up now. Howard

County Commissioners Court on Tuesday



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passed procedures to deal with nuisance complaints and entered into an interlocal agreement with the city of Big Spring to share salary costs of a code enforcement officer.

'The county has entered into an agreement with the city that a code enforcement officer can investigate a nuisance complaint," said Mike Thomas, county attorney. "The case can be referred to the justice of the peace

According to Thomas, the county has previously been

unable to deal with nuisance complaints. However, new legislation passed by the state has makes it possible now

The county can investigate calls or reports on junk-filled yards; unsanitary conditions likely to attract mosquitoes, rodents, vermin or disease-carrying pests; and structurally unsafe or hazardous buildings among other complaints.

According to County Commissioner Bill Crooker, the owner of the property or

person responsible will be contacted by the county and allowed time to rectify the situation.

If the situation is not rectified, a case can be taken to the justice of the peace court and a fine of \$50 to \$200 can be imposed if the responsible party is found

A second nuisance offense can lead to a fine of \$200 to \$1,000, Thomas said.

The code enforcement officer will have the authority to act on both city and county nuisance calls. Crooker

The county has agreed to pay 50 percent of the code enforcement officer's salary to the city, he said.

Crooker said the county plans to ease into the new policy and suggests Howard County residents may call their commissioner to report a nuisance offense.

Commissioners agreed to establish a nuisance abatement board. Each commissioner will have the ability to appoint a person to sit on

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Ila Sanghavi and Connie Moody, both employees of State National Bank, work on the bank's float entered into the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade Monday

Big Spring High principal resigns, takes Weimar superintendent's post

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Kent Bowermon, Big Spring High School principal, has announced his resignation effective Dec. 22. The administrator, who

has spent more than 13 years in his job here, plans to become superintendent of the school district in Weimar, a community along Interstate 10 near Houston.

"It's a great opportunity for me," said Bowermon, who was contacted in October by a search consultant for the district. He had two interviews with the seven-member school board and will start in the new post Jan. 8.

"We certainly are very moved at losing him," said Big Spring Independent School District superintendent Bill McQueary. "He



night. The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturda

BOWERMON McQUEARY

has provided stability in that position. We have had a well-organized, well administered high school. We have to give up that leadership, but certainly this is a great professional move for him and his family.

Bowermon said the Weimar district has "excellent facilities," all of which are fairly new. In addition, he said, the people of the community were friendly during his visits there and the countryside was beauti-

McQueary said the Big

Spring board of trustees would meet Dec. 14 to consider a replacement for Bowermon, looking first at several administrators already employed with the district. By the time school starts after the Christmas holidays, he said, there will be a replacement in the job, either temporary or perma-

"We need to move rather quickly on this," McQueary said. "We may go with an interim replacement if that is what is needed.

Bowermon works with two assistants at the high school, Mike Ritchey, and Osbelia Rocha. McQueary said several principals throughout the district would probably be under consideration for the posi-

He lauded Bowermon's

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Rate hike

City settles with Energas, consumers must fund litigation costs too, now

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Feeling it had no choice, Big Spring City Council raised a white flag Tuesday in its battle over a proposed Energas rate hike. Now consumers will not only have to pay for the increase, but for cost of the war as well.

Railroad Commission said they did not want to hear this. They said in no uncertain terms they wanted us to settle with Energas," a dejected Mayor Russ McEwen said following a special session of the council. "Essentially, they put a gun to our heads.

didn't That Councilman Tommy Tune. who along with Councilman Greg Biddison had been against contesting the original settlement offer

"It was no big surprise because it was the Railroad Commission who mediated the settlement in the first place," Tune said.

With the outcome, Big Spring will join 67 other West Texas cities in paying for a \$3.1 million hike in natural gas prices. That means Energas customers will see an estimated \$1.05 increase in their monthly bills. However, Big Spring and seven other cities that fought the increase will also have to pay litigation costs. another 45 cents a month on the average. The eight "nonsettling" cities were all in the process of complying with the Commission's directive this week.

"It's not exactly 45 cents because it is based on volume you may pay a little more or a little less. But it averages to about 45 cents per customer," McEwen explained.

That means Big Spring



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customers and those from Brownfield Wolfforth. Shallowater Lamesa, Levelland and Hale Center will see a total rate increase of approximately \$1.50 a month for the next 34 months.

The case has taken more than a year to resolve. Energas had originally requested an \$11 million increase, but the 67 cities affected by the proposal cried foul. They hired a consultant, who determined that Energas not not receive an \$11 million increase. In fact, the finding was that the company should actually refund consumers some \$7 million.

The case wound up before Texas Railroad Commission, which advised that the parties work out a compromise. That compromise was that the cities should fund a \$3.1 million hike. Fifty-nine of them did. and began paying the additional \$1.05 this month

Because of the Railroad Commission's involvement, the outcome was foreseeable, said Tune.

"It was the Railroad Commission that had mediated the (\$3.1 million) settlement. My feeling was. because they had a hand or a role in it, we would not get a fair hearing. That was my basis for objecting to carrying this farther," said Tune. "It didn't look like we

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Gore camp refutes notion that votes weren't counted The ASSOCIATED PRESS

George W. Bush's point man in Florida argued today it was "wrong, simply wrong" for Al Gore to claim that thousands of votes have never been counted in the state's bitterly contested presidential election. Democratic running mate Joseph Lieberman said so anyway, over and over.

"There are more than 10,000 votes in South Florida that have never been counted," Lieberman said in an early morning interview on CBS, following up on Gore's nationally televised appeal for patience while he pursues his unprecedented legal challenge to Bush's certified victory in Florida. The vice presidential hopeful made the same claim on the other television networks, with only slight variations in

phrasing.

"It is wrong, simply wrong, and I would submit not fair to say, as our opponents do over and over, that these votes have never been counted."

- James A. Baker III

But former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, speaking for Bush, sharply disputed that at a news conference in Tallahassee.

"It is wrong, simply wrong, and I would submit not fair to say, as our opponents do over and over, that these votes have never been counted," he said. The ballots contain no vote for president, he said, but even so, "they've been counted

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Janice Stroup and her mother Goldie Anderson adopt angels from the Salvation Army adult Angel Tree located at the Big Spring Herald on Monday. Angel Trees are also located at Gale's Sweet Shop, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Wal-Mart and Community Care Hospice.

OBITUARIES

Maria Losoya Montez

Funeral service for Maria Losoya Montez, 85, Stanton, was 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Rosary service was Monday at 7 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Montez died Sunday Nov. 26 at a Midland hospi-

She was born April 4, 1915, in Santa Rosalia de Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico. She was a housewife. She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Montez Sr.

She is survived by: her two sons, Johnny Montez Jr. and Jose Montez, both of Stanton; two daughters, Manuela Villa of Stanton and Eva Orozco of Jal, N.M.; 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren: 10 great-great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-great-

grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Freda Louise Cate Lesueur

Funeral service for Freda Louise Cate Lesueur, 58, Forsan, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Lesueur died on Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at her residence.

Earl Reagan

Funeral service for Earl Reagan, 83, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Reagan died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at a local nursing

Eunice Mellies

Funeral service for Eunice Mellies, 87, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Mellies died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at a local nursing center.

COUNTY

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that board.

In other business, the county will continue funding an investigator position from the district attorney's office assigned to the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

According to Crooker, the position's salary is approximately \$34,000 a year and could be reimbursed by the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

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Eunice Mellies, 87, died Monday. Services are

pending. Earl Reagan, 83, died Monday. Services are pending.

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had a winnable case." The rate increase will go into effect Dec. 1.

"The bottom line is we felt the rate increase was unjustified. Because we fought for what we thought was right for our citizens, we are going to have to pay an additional 45 cents a month," said McEwen.

RESIGNS

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skills in what McQueary termed "one of the the most difficult jobs in public school systems today.

"I can speak from experience. This is a pressure-centered job. ... It can seem like there is a crisis every day. Mr. Bowermon has done a great job for us," McQueary

Bowermon said the high school, which achieved a "recognized" rating from Texas Education Agency for the first time ever in August, would continue to improve.

"The faculty is fabulous; the kids are tremendous,' he said. "There's only one high school that I would ever consider being principal of, and that's Big Spring High School."

ELECTION

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just like all of the other nonvotes, not only in other counties in Florida, but across the United States of America have been counted. They've been counted, and they've been recounted by machines.

Lieberman said "our hope" is for the election to be settled by Dec. 12, the date for final selection of Florida's 25 electors. The candidate who controls them will become the next president, since neither. Bush nor Gord can command a majority of the Electoral College without Florida in his column.

That mathematical imperative has spawned an election controversy unlike any other -- machine recounts, manual recounts, countless lawsuits - but not yet an acknowledged winner in the race for the White House.

Bush was in Texas today, meeting with his aides, after serving notice on Monday he wanted the keys to the government's transition office - a request the Clinton administration

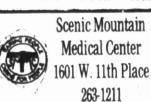
rebuffed. Gore was in Washington on the morning after his televised appeal to the nation in which he cast his court challenge as an obligation to assure that the true winner is known, and said,

"ignoring votes means ignoring democracy itself." Whatever the timetable Lieberman had in mind, the legal wheels were turning. Gore's attorneys filed a

motion in late morning to speed up the process of hearing their challenge to the vote count in three Florida counties, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and

Nassau. A hearing was set in County Seminole midafternoon on Democratic lawsuit challenging thousands of ballots there

the Bush team And



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labored over its, written appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has set arguments for Friday in the Texas governor's lawsuit challenging the validity of the manual recounts that the Gore campaign trig-

gered last week.

At the heart of the legal contest, and the public sparring between Baker and Lieberman, was a dispute over thousands of ballots on which voting machines failed to read a vote for president. The Gore campaign argues that an unknown number of them contained an imperfectly cast vote meaning the voter failed to punch a hole out of the cardboard ballot fully. The Bush team says not all voters intended to vote for presi-

in fact, been counted. Republican running mate Dick Cheney was on the talk show circuit as well as Lieberman, making the case that Bush needed all the time available for his transition, especially given the time spent on recounting votes in Florida.

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where, and the votes have,

"It's time to wrap this up that we've had the election, we've had the count, we've had the recount now we've had the certification of George W. Bush as the winner," Cheney said on NBC's "Today" show.

He said the Bush team is "rapidly running out of time to put together that new administration.'

Gore's remarks, carried live on prime time television Monday night, closed a day full of legal and rhetorical skirmishing.

Bush's legal team had written arguments to submit to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington in support of the Texas governor's lawsuit challenging the validity of manual recounts conducted in Florida.

At the same time, members of Gore's legal team said they were hoping to provide Bush's lawyers with their evidence and witness lists by Wednesday in their state court challenge to the Texas governor's 537-vote victory in Florida.

Gore's challenge to the results in Palm Beach. Nassau and Miami-Dade counties is before Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls, a jurist known for swift action. He told lawyers on Monday he understood their difficulty in trying to get the case resolved before the Dec. 12 deadline for selecting Florida's 25 electors.

Yet another interested party, the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature, was taking a step toward a special session that could result in appointment of its own slate of electors. A special joint committee was scheduled to meet for the first time to discuss election issues.

The candidate who has the support of the state's electors stands to become the 43rd president, since without Florida, neither Bush nor Gore can command a 270-vote Electoral

College majority. Gore and Cheney had one thing in common on Monday. Each spoke against a backdrop of a dozen or so American flags, meant to convey an image of legitimacy and presidential pres-

Beyond that, though, their messages served political aims that were poles apart. Gore's nationally broadcast remarks capped a day of persistent effort that

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BIG SPRING Around the Town

enlisted President Clinton as well as the Democratic leaders of Congress to firm up public support for his court challenge in Florida. And thus far, only a few scattered voices Democratic dissent had sur-

Sexual assault reported to PD early Thursday

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating a sexual assault that was reported on Thursday. At about 2:30 a.m., the victim, a 19-year-old female, reported that an adult male known to her had sexually assaulted her earlier that morning.

The assault is reported to have happened at a residence in the southwest part of the city. No other physical injuries were reported, and the investigation is continuing under the direction of Detective Charlie Calvert.

Man reports being attacked Saturday night

Big Spring Police are investigating a reported assault with a deadly weapon that occurred on Saturday.

At about 8:30 p.m., officers were called to a location in the 600 block of McEwen, to take the report for an assault that had happened earlier that day.

The adult male victim reported that he was attacked by subjects known to him, and was cut with what appeared to be a knife. He was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was admitted for treatment of injuries. Reports said the investigation is under the direction of Detective Jim

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AND SUR-ROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on lecoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to

deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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teer, call 264-2397. SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie,

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 2 p.m., Howard County Library Community Room, first Tuesday of each month. For more information call or Nancy Jones at RSVP at 264-2397.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

 Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

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Dismissal of suit over Cheney's residence sought

DALLAS (AP) - Lawyers for Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney on Monday asked a federal judge to dismiss a Reagan, took no action on lawsuit that seeks to block the motion Monday. George W. Bush's election as president by challenging the status of Cheney's Wyoming residency.

The lawsuit, filed last Monday by three Texas voters, claims that Cheney and Bush cannot earn Texas' 32 electoral votes because Cheney — like Bush — is a Texas resident.

The lawsuit cites the 12th Amendment, which prohibits the Texas members of the Electoral College from voting for both a president and vice president who are "inhabitants" of their state. It was filed hours after a similar lawsuit was dismissed in Florida.

A series of motions to dismiss the suit were filed Monday by lawyers for Chenev and Bush

Fitzwater in Dallas, a Republican appointed by former President Ronald

But last week he denied a plaintiff's request to send the case directly to an appellate panel or the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cheney, former Wyoming congressman, lived in Dallas while he was chairman of Halliburton Co. until he changed his voting registration to Teton County, Wyo., on July 21 four days before becoming Bush's running mate. He or his wife have owned a home in Dallas since 1993.

"You can't change your legal irhabitancy like you would change a shirt," Bill Berenson, the Fort Worth attorney representing the plaintiffs, said Monday.

The plaintiffs are Stephen E. Jones, a Texas Wesleyan University law student,

Franco. It names Bush, Cheney, Texas Secretary of State Elton Bomer and the 32 Texas electors as defen-

Cheney, who was defense secretary under President George Bush, also owns a home in Jackson, Wyo., and McLean, Va. His spokeswoman, Juleanna Glover Weiss, said the Cheneys have owned the Wyoming house for 25 years and currently live there.

Last week, Cheney put his Dallas house up for sale for \$3.1 million, a move Weiss said he'd always planned to make after the election.

"The plaintiffs have no case here," Weiss said. "Secretary Cheney is a legal resident of Wyoming and assertions otherwise are nonsense.'

Berenson rejected the arguments.

'Why would Mr. Cheney want to admit that he vio-

U.S. District Judge Sidney Linda D. Lydia and Caroline lated the constitution?" Berenson said. "Nobody seems to care that the constitution may have been violated."

The lawsuit claims that Cheney holds a Texas driver's license listing his Highland Park address and that, on Feb. 22, he changed his personal records at the Texas Department of Public Safety and again listed the Dallas address.

Weiss said Cheney has canceled his Texas license.

The suit also claims Cheney's vehicles are registered in Texas, that he paid taxes on them in Dallas County, that he has filed federal income tax returns listing himself as a Texas resident and that he has lived in the Highland Park home for the last five years.

Weiss said Cheney's 1999 federal income tax returns were filed before he was nominated for vice presi-

High court to examine issue of executing mentally retarded killers

HOUSTON (AP) - By intervening a second time in the case of mentally impaired condemned killer said to have the intellect of a 7-year-old, the U.S. Supreme Court could finally address the question of whether it is legal to execute the mentally retarded. Johnny Paul Penry, sentenced to die for the 1979

slaying of a Livingston woman, had his case overturned by the high court in 1988 because the jury was not able to consider his low IQ and history of child abuse.

The court agreed Monday to consider defense claims his 1990 retrial again failed to give jurors a complete opportunity to decide whether Penry's history was a mitigating factor that warranted life in prison rather than death by lethal injection.

Justices expressed a desire to clarify how a jury needs to consider the possible mental impairment of a defendant.

However, legal observers say there is at least a small chance the Supreme Court could address directly the legality of executing the mentally retarded.

"They may just reach the point where they agree with the rest of the western world that execution of the mentally retarded is bar-South Texas baric," College of Law professor Neil McCabe said.

According to the Death Information Center, the federal government and 12 of the 38 capital punishment states prohibit execution of the mentally retarded. The group, which is critical of the death penalty, says 35 retarded men have been executed nationwide since

Penry, 44, was a few hours away from death Court intervened. The exe-

Life without parole should be an option, lawmakers say

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas juries should be allowed to send convicted murderers to prison for life, and not be limited to either a death sentence or a long prison term with the possibility of parole, a group of state lawmakers said Monday

Current law allows Texas juries two options for capital murder convictions: death or a "life" sentence that allows for parole after 40 years.

"I think we should give them as many options as possible." said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D Brownsville, who is sponsoring a bill to create a life without parole sentence. Legislature convenes in January

Lucio said 33 other states, the federal government and the military have the death penalty with an option for life without parole. Such a sentence might appeal to jurors who fear that a convicted killer could go free or who cannot decide whether to give a death sentence, Lucio said.

cution remains on hold until the justices issue a ruling, expected by July.

Attorney General John Cornyn was confident the death sentence would be upheld.

'We believe the jury was correctly instructed on the law and fully considered Penry's claim of mental incapacity and rejected it, Nov. 16 when the Supreme Cornyn said in a statement issued Monday

Truck carrying military ammunition in wreck

tor-trailer rig loaded with ammunition slammed into a car early today on Interstate 20, killing the smaller vehicle's driver, but law officers said the munitions shipment

was mostly intact. Wreckage and debris blocked both sides of the freeway and authorities diverted rush-hour traffic away from the area as an Army bomb squad from Central Texas arrived.

The tractor-trailer rig

DALLAS (AP) - A trac- loaded with about 9,000 pounds of ammunition, including two tons of parachute flares, was en route from McAlester, Okla., to Fort Hood when it collided with a car at about 2 a.m. in I-20's eastbound lanes near the Interstate 45 intersection in southern Dallas County.

The car's driver, a 27-yearold woman, had crossed the center median before the impact, said Jim Badgett of the Dallas County fire mar-

The vehicle's driver was killed, said Dallas Fire Department spokeswoman Annette Ponce. But she said the driver of the truck was not believed to have been seriously injured.

The truck's load also contained demolition charges, Badgett said.

Hugh Pilgrim, a security dispatcher at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, confirmed that an accident had been reported but offered no immediate details and said none would be

available Tuesday morning. Ponce said diesel fuel was

leaking from tanks on the truck, which remained upright after the wreck, and a hazardous material crew from Dallas went to the scene. All traffic on I-20 was shut down

Fire department officials said a military crew from Oklahoma was also en route to clean up the ammunition cargo, including the 4,000 pounds of flares or incendi-

Relatives of a man fatally working as a security guard for placing value on human shot at a mall by an off-duty in plain clothes, shot life," Carse, who represents police officer filed a \$50 mil-Bearden four times after Ronnie, Misty and Dawn

Shooting victim's family sues for \$50 million

ARLINGTON (AP) lion wrongful death claim Monday against the officer and Dillard's Department Stores Inc.

The lawsuit, filed in a state district court, alleges that Arlington police Sgt. Keith Humphrey used June against 41-year-old Roy

Humphrey, who chasing the unarmed man through Dillard's and struggling with him.

Papers filed in the lawsuit contend that Dillard's was negligent in supervising the officer. Tom Carse, the family's attorney, said the large unjustified deadly force in claim is designed to get the nearby Sears store, shouted Family members say the jury's attention about the that he was armed and toxicology results were seriousness of the case.

"That's the starting point Bearden, Bearden's brother and two daughters, said in Tuesday's editions of the Arlington Morning News.

The officer has said he fired shots only after Bearden, who was suspected of stealing a \$50 razor at a appeared to be reaching for altered to protect the police.

A Tarrant County grand jury declined to indict Humphrey in the shooting last November, and an internal investigation cleared the officer of wrongdoing.

An autopsy by the Tarrant County medical examiner's office showed Bearden had cocaine in his system when the shooting occurred.

Farmers approve eradication district

in the heart of cotton coun- charge for dryland farmers overwhelmingly approved a five-year, \$105million boll weevil eradica- two-thirds majority of the tion program Monday and region's farmers, or owners agreed to be charged so representing more than 50 their land will be treated against the cotton scourge, the Texas Department of Agriculture said.

The votes, certified by agriculture commissioner 732 cotton producers, while Susan Combs, showed that about 80 percent of the 3,531 voting cotton voters in the Plains region approved establishing the eradication zone. Another Inc., called the High Plains tion of this largest cotton 78 percent approved a \$12- region, which encompasses

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to fund spraying their land. The state requires that a percent of the cotton acreage in a region, to agree to an eradication program.

The creation of the eradication zone was opposed by 800 opposed the land treatment charges

Roger Haldenby, vice president of operations for the Plains Cotton Growers, per-acre charge for irrigated 1.29 million acres of cotton, Haldenby said.

DALLAS (AP) - Growers farmers and a \$6-per-acre "a gaping hole" in West Texas' effort to control the boll weevil.

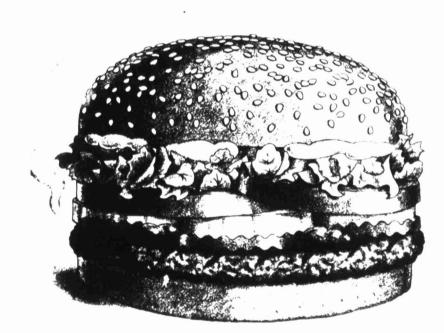
The region consists of Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Hale, Floyd, Swisher, and Brisco counties and portions of Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby and Dickens coun-

It is surrounded by five other zones, which already have eradication programs in place.

'This final piece of the puzzle is very welcome this will complete the move toward boll weevil eradicapatch in the world,"

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OUR VIEWS

Playoff atmosphere is contagious

t's now the third week of the Texas high school football playoffs and two Crossroads area teams, Big Spring's Steers and Stanton's Buffaloes, are still in the mix.

As a result, a considerable portion of the area's population will be heading east on Interstate 20 this weekend to attend the Steers' and Buffs' regional semifinal games in their respective classifications.

The Buffs' Class 2A, Division II showdown with Hamlin's Pied Pipers, set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Colorado City, is anything but an unfamiliar surrounding for the Stanton team and its fans.

In fact, Stanton is just two years removed from a playoff run that reached the Class 2A state semifinals, and the year before the Buffs posted a perfect 16-0 record in claiming a state championship.

Big Spring fans, however, are not accustomed to the atmosphere that will surround the Steers at 2 p.m. Saturday when they face No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls High School's Coyotes in a Class 4A, Division II showdown at Shotwell'Stadium in Abilene."

It's been a decade since the Steers reached the third round of the Class 4A playoffs, but successive postseason wins over Canyon and El Paso Riverside have created a stir in Big

Spring. There's something magical about the way a community responds to a lengthy run in the Texas schoolboy football playoffs by the local

Perhaps it has something to do with the playoffs coinciding with the holiday season, but there's no question that virtually all of us have a springier step when "our team" is still conducting football playoffs while virtually every other high school in the state has shifted its

focus to the start of basketball season. Big Spring fans will get a chance of display their collective excitement Friday during a 7 p.m. community pep rally at Steer Gym. All residents of the community are encouraged to attend and display their support for the Steers.

Clearly, the Steers and Buffs are a source of pride for both Big Spring and Stanton, but they're also a topic of conversation and interest throughout the Crossroads.

So, as our two regional semifinalist teams prepare for their Saturday showcases, we want to wish the Steers and Buffs the best of luck and look forward to their continued success.

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We should defend the Electoral College

here is sure to be an attack on the Electoral College. Americans should defend it.

This system of electing our presi-

dents by the votes of states, rather than by the popular vote, was instituted to protect the smaller, less-populated states by giving them a voice.

CHARLEY REESE

If the Electoral College is abolished, then all the political power will be in the hands of the masses in a few states with mega-population centers.

The voices of Americans living in decent-sized cities, in towns and in rural areas will be forever silenced. They will simply be out of the loop, and future presidential campaigns will ignore them.

I know will strike most people as strange, but the

United States was never intended to be a democracy. As British historian Thomas Macaulay said to an American friend, "I have long been convinced that institutions purely democratic must, sooner or later, destroy liberty, or civilization, or both.

Macaulay believed, in fact, that we were far too democratic and would be destroyed in the 20th century by our own home-grown Vandals. He might not have been too far off the mark.

This last election, it seemed to me, was devoid of any appeals to people to think of the common good. It was all about who will put the most in our pockets. Because I learned long ago that government never puts in our pockets what it hasn't first taken from our pockets, such benevolent offers have no appeal to

Yet many people seem to have voted for purely selfish reasons, or at least what they perceived to be their selfish interests.

It is also true that there is a cultural and moral divide, generally speaking,

between rural and smalltown Americans and the inhabitants of the big urban areas. If you look at an election map, you see that George Bush carried most of the states except those with huge urban populations that went for Al

The Founding Fathers were ever concerned with checks and balances, fearing the tyranny of the majority as much as they did the tyranny of one man or an oligarchy. Consequently, they put many brakes on the will of the majority, and the Electoral College is one of them.

Senators, to cite another example, were originally chosen by the state legislatures, not by popular vote. They were to represent their state governments, while congressmen, chosen on the basis of popular vote, would speak for the people. Unfortunately, Americans have dismantled this and several other brakes, including voter qualifications (all you have to be is 18 and breathing). Consequently, our political campaigns are largely con-

tests between demagogues, and all too often, voters and special-interest groups resemble hogs fighting for space at the public trough.

The poor Constitution itself is hardly paid any attention to. It's necessary to ignore it because most of what government does these days is clearly unconstitutional. The original idea, as expressed by James Madison, was that states would do 95 percent of the governing. Today, states are little more than administrative subdivisions of the central empire.

Be that as it may, I'm a firm believer that what's been done can always be undone, and I retain the hope that one day Americans will rediscover the wisdom of our revolution and opt for a smaller, less-intrusive government.

we cannot turn over all the political power to the urban masses.

Let's do what we can to make sure government remains answerable to all

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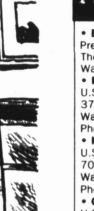
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A year full of thankfulness

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excitement. The waves

slapped that boat's sides

In Wales, I spent one

night and lived a lifetime.

Until you've heard Percy

Sledge from a jukebox in a

Holyhead pub, you haven't

The only thing better

than that exotic ferry trip

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Daugharty's 1,000 acres, in

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many times you meet some

admire, and feel you should

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Oh, so much to be thankful

But Janice is as sweet as

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with sunshine. I sit on the porch swing, propped against pillows and my contentment, making a list of

things I'm thankful for, a list that grows longer each year I have

never seen Jerry Lee Lewis perform in per son, and I've never shaken Jimmy Carter's

RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

hand. The Killer and The Healer somehow I've missed. But most things I've longed to do, I've done, and that makes me an extraordinari

ly lucky lady I've been to Paris, France. and Don't, Miss. - and all the places that matter in between. With my job, the road is both an inspiration and an excuse. I have a love/hate relationship with it, and the only thing better than coming home is leav-

ing again. Travel always makes me thankful, even as it underscores what a speck I am in this most wondrous, if shrinking, universe. For a Georgia girl to eat Mongolian barbecue in Ireland, why, that no ves what Disney's min is sang: It's a small anall world. And indigestion is

Last March, I rode a ferry

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to Nashville, Tenn., or Austin, Texas, for an Election Day celebration I'm thankful that Palm Beach County, Fla., doesn't design interstate exits, and that Dan Rather only goes mad for metaphor one night a year.

> I'm thankful someone else had to recount all those fickle votes. It was a year of drought

bickering. Yet with the fall came a few precious inches of rain in the gauge on the fence post, a presidential drama worthy of O. Henry and cool, cool nights crowned by a harvest moon

As always, I'm thankful for the balm of fall. I'm grateful to have seen

the movie "My Dog Skip" and to have met, before his death, the real-life Skip's real-life owner, Willie Morris. Speaking of dogs and creative types, I'm eternally thankful to have known the late, great Charles Schulz, that Grand Canyon of cartoonists. It does my heart good to see the nation mourn artists, not just athletes.

For old friends, like Bob Sanders and Betty Sparkman and Dave Haffly, I feel an abiding thankfulness. It takes a stout soul to stick with a foul-tempered woman who issues opinion on a daily basis.

I'm thankful to have known, to have been on the same planet with, Harold Johnson and Gladys Castle and others whose deaths didn't make the papers. except for the obituary column.

Yet with their wit or wisdom and stomp-down good hearts they made indelible marks in my mind, the same as — no less than a Robert Frost poem or a Hank Williams ballad. They helped this old world make good sense, which is the most creative role of

For them, and others I have loved and love, I am thankful.

But if that's to happen,

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Racial profiling said unintended consequence of drug war, official says

more than a decade as New Jersey's state troopers vigorously followed orders to fight the war on innocent minority motorists became their unintended victims.

Top law enforcement officials knew minorities were targeted but stopped the practice of racial profiling only after years of complaints, according to thousands of documents released Monday by

Attorney General John J. Farmer Jr. released a library of documents that detail the history

TRENTON. N.J. (AP) - For of aggressive highway drug interdiction tactics that led to racial targeting.

Some: 100,000 pages of trooper logs and reports, traffic tickets, training guidelines and citizen complaints were made public, collected in 185 ring binders at the Hughes Justice complex, where state police records are housed. Sets of compact discs were avail-

able to those willing to pay \$1,000. Compiling the records took more than a year, and 40 state employees worked around the clock to gather the material by Monday's deadline. Among the disclosures:

-A 1989 internal state police investigation concluded blacks accounted for 60 percent, of the arrests on the New Jersey Turnpike but blamed that on a "documented criminal phenomenon." not bias.

-At least eight of every 10 automobiles stopped and searched on the turnpike over the last decade were driven by blacks and

-In a March 1999 memo, a top deputy attorney general wrote, "Racial profiling exists as part of the culture. The assumption is made that minorities are drug

dealers and cops are encouraged to stop them.

-A 1997 study showed that three of 10 minority drivers stopped and searched carried drugs; 70 percent were detained without cause.

"The effect of that kind of ratio over a 10-year period is devastating," Farmer said Monday. "From a social policy point of view, that's a disaster. We have basically measured the cost of that policy and decided it wasn't worth it.

Farmer, however, said the documents did not disclose any proof the state ever hid evidence of racial profiling. He also cited federal court rulings and directives he said encouraged troopers to use race as one factor in stopping dri-

"The function was to combine the highway patrol function they had with interdiction," Farmer

said. "They did so aggressively." Minority leaders praised Farmer for releasing the materials but

criticized his conclusions. "It saddens and discourages me Those comments reek of insensitivity, just trying to find cover for obvious acts of disobedience. state Assemblyman LeRoy Jones

Gulf War ailments may have link to the brain

There could be a link between some types of ailments suffered by Gulf War veterans and areas of their brains that have been injured by chemicals, a team of Texas researchers says.

Dr. Robert Haley, who headed team a researchers from the Texas University of Medical Southwestern Center at Dallas, said the research is proof that a so-"Gulf Syndrome" actually exists.

Haley also said the symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome were due to damage in deep brain structures, and were caused by chemical damage from combinations of low level nerve gas, anti-nerve gas tablets, pesticides, **DEET-containing** insect

'This helps explain why researchers said.

there is such a variety of symptoms and why they vary somewhat from person to person," Haley said.

The findings were presented to the 86th Scientific Assembly of Radiological Society of North America in Chicago on Monday.

They said high-tech brain scans show that damage to the right side of a region of the brain called the basal ganglia appears to cause memory lapses, impaired sense of direction, and depression

Damage to the left basal ganglia seemed to cause general confusion, including difficulties understanding instructions, reading, solving problems and making decisions. Damage to the brain stem, accounts in part, for vertigo attacks and of balance, the

Haley said veterans may have more or different types of symptoms, depending on which regions of the brain were damaged by chemicals during the Gulf War.

Thousands of veterans deployed to the Middle East complain of an assortment of illnesses that have been called Gulf War Syndrome, including memory loss, anxiety, nausea, balance disturbances, abnormalities in children born after their return and chronic muscle and joint pain.

Years of controversy and study have yet to provide a cause or treatment.

Dr. Gregory J. O'Shanick. national medical director for the Alexandria, Va.-Brain Injury Association, said the correlation between area of injury and type of symptom confirms research showing that in general the right and the UT team's research.

left brain hemispheres are responsible for different tasks.

"I don't think we are going to get to the point where we'll say damage to this area is going to cause this kind of symptom," said O'Shanick, emphasizing he had not seen the UT research.

Ross Perot, who helped pay for the UT team's research, testified before a Senate panel last month and accused the Department of Defense of being unwilling to retreat from early theories that the veterans' illnesses were stress related. Defense officials denied the accusations.

Bernard Rotsker, head of the Defense Department's Gulf War illness investigations, said during the hearing that the department drew no conclusions from

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or undermine states' medical marijuana laws SAN FRANCISCO (AP) illegally since August. Cancer is eating away at

High court could boost

Creighton Frost. His lymph glands, thyroid, larynx and many of the muscles on his right side have been removed. Marijuana, he says, is his only comfort.

Frost used to get the drug from the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, a city-sanctioned club that openly challenged the federal government -- but conformed to California law offering marijuana to people with a doctor's recommendation.

"I'm dying and falling apart a little bit at a time. I want some way to not have such a miserable death, Frost said.

Whether marijuana can the U.S. Supreme Court, which decided Monday to hear the federal government's efforts to ban such

Frost, who lives in the San Francisco suburb of forced to get his marijuana court.

when the court ordered the club to cease operations at the request of the Clinton administration.

The high court is expected to hear the case next

Justice Department lawyers said more than two dozen organizations have been distributing marijuana for medical pur poses in California, Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

California passed a med ical marijuana law in 1996 and those states and four others - Arizona, Maine Nevada and Colorado have followed.

It is unclear whether the court will consider solely whether marijuana clubs be doled out to ill patients—violate federal law, or rule for pain relief is now up to on the legality of medical marijuana laws in their entirety.

Allowing clubs to distrib ute marijuana "threatens the government's ability to enforce the federal drug the Justice laws.' San Ramon, has been Department told the high

Post office says it's ready for Christmas avalanche

WASHINGTON (AP) The Postal Service is bringing in thousands of temporary workers, 80 more airplanes, extra trucks and trains and even the residents of Whoville to speed the movement of holiday

"We have planned well and feel confident that we will be able to handle the increased heavy volume," Nicholas Barranca, head of perations planning and processing, said Monday.

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the agency will handle an average of 150 million pieces of mail daily, he said. That's 50 million per day more than the rest of the year.

Barranca said the peak day is expected to be Dec. 11, when he is estimating 280 million items will be postmarked. A second peak is expected Dec. 18, with the **busiest** delivery days between Dec. 13 and 20.

For last-minute shoppers, Express Mail will be delivered on Sunday, Dec. 24, and on Christmas Day itself,

Barranca said.

He called on Americans to send their mail early. He stressed the importance of clearly printed addresses, including return addresses and having the correct ZIP

As part of their effort to get people to mail early, the post office has licensed the characters Universal Pictures film Ripress Mail should be How the Grinch Stole used, he said. Christmas."

appearing in a Postal as last. Because there was Service commercial, urging customers to send Christmas mail early, and characters from Whoville decorate postal lobbies.

The Postal Service command center at its Washington headquarters coordinates the flow of mail and operates 24-hours-a-day during the holiday season. rerouting mail around foul weather and other bottle-

necks to speed delivery. Barranca said the agency is adding about 40,000 temporary workers, putting 60 million more sacks and mail

trays into service, establishing three air hubs with 80 more planes and adding more trucks and trains to temporary service.

Barranca said people sending packages by parcel post should get them in the mail by Dec. 8 to assure delivery before Christmas. Priority Mail can be sent from the until Dec. 18. After that

Mailers will see the same The Grinch character is Christmas stamps this year leftover stock last year, the agency decided to use that up and reprint more if needed, rather than introducing new holiday stamps. The Postal Service estimates that it will save about \$4

million. Some tips from Barranca: A wrong ZIP code is worse than no ZIP code; get the right one from the Postal Service Web site:

http://www.usps.com. -Always use a return address.

Print or type the address.



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No deadlock north of the border: Liberal Party rolls to victory

OTTAWA (AP) - Jean Chretien had exhorted voters to "Remember Florida," and they heeded his message, delivering a norecount-needed election victory that gave the prime minister's Liberal Party a third straight majority government.

The outcome placed Chretien among the most successful Canadian politicians of all time, yet it also highlighted the nation's bitter East-West divide. The Liberals were trounced by the conservative Canadian Alliance in the three western provinces, but the Alliance failed to impress the more populous East.

For Chretien, prime minister since 1993, it was a personal triumph. He had risked a backlash by calling an election less than 33 years into his five-year term, and leaders of the four opposition parties hoped to deprive him of an outright majority in the 301seat House of Commons.

Instead, the Liberals gained seats, improving from 161 to 173. The Alliarce Canadian improved from 58 seats to

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IN BRIEF

Thomas records ace at Comanche Trail

Duane Thomas of Big Spring chalked up the second hole-in-one of his golfing career Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf

Thomas used a 7-iron to record the ace on the course's 15th hole.

Those witnessing the shot were Jack Birdwell, Riley Wyatt, Jerry Roach and Fred Leonard.

Community pep rally scheduled for Friday

A community pep rally to show support for Big Spring's Steers in their Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal playoff game against Wichita Falls has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Steer Gym.

Big Spring Quarterback Club officials are encouraging all Steers fans to turn out for the event which feature the football team, cheerleaders and the Steer Marching Band.

ACS now offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research. education programs and patient services efforts.

Both the Big Spring Club Country Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

Tickets for playoff games now on sale

Advance ticket sales have begun for Saturday's high school football games involving Spring's Steers Stanton's Buffaloes.

Tickets for the 2 p.m Class 4A, Division II regional semifinal playoff game between Spring's Steers Wichita Falls' Coyotes in Abilene are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults and will be available until noon Friday at the Big Spring ISD administrative offices.

All tickets purchased at the gate will be \$7.

Advance 2A, Stanton's Class Division II playoff against Hamlin set for 2 p.m. Saturday will also last until noon Friday at the administration office.

Those tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets at the

See BRIEFS, page 7

AREA GAMES

TONIGHT H.S. BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. · Coahoma at Big Spring

- · Robert Lee at Forsan
- (VG, VB). · Dawson at Grady (VG.
- VB) 7:30 p.m.
- · Coahoma at Reagan
- County (VB). 8 p.m.
- . Big Spring at Midland

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL 6 p.m. — ACC/Big 10

Challenge, Wake Forest at Michigan, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8 p.m. — ACC/Big 10

Challenge, Illinois vs. Duke, ESPN, Ch. 30. NBA

7 p.m. — Toronto Raptors at Dallas Mavericks, TBS, Ch. 11.

9:30 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Lakers, TBS, Ch. 11.

Carolina finally consistent in 31-14 win over Packers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - The just didn't perform. Carolina Panthers found a solution for their inconsistency — for one game, anyway.

120 pounds.

Cowbovs

before had Emmitt Smith

suffered a knockout blow.

Not in Pop Warner football,

high school, college or 11

years with the Dallas

Not until Thanksgiving

Day, when he was knocked

unconscious with a concus-

sion early on his second

carry of the third quarter

"Some people call it a con-

Smith said

talking

cussion. I call it a slap

reporters about the incident

for the first time. "This is

the first time I've ever been

knocked out of a game, com-

pletely knocked out of a

Smith didn't practice

Monday, but ran some

sprints and expects to go

through a full practice when

the Cowboys return to the

field Wednesday. He said

there is no doubt that he

will be in the lineup Sunday

Smith, who has missed

only three games in his

career because of injury,

and coach Dave Campo said

against Minnesota.

knockout,"

Monday.

game.

at Tampa.

"We talked about having fun, remembering those Friday night high school football games that we played and how much fun they were," Reggie White said following a 31-14 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night. "That's what we did. We came out and had fun.'

While the Panthers (5-7) played loose, White's former team appeared tight, receiving a major blow in the race for an NFC wild card spot, falling to 5-7.

"We were fully ready and knew what we were getting into," Green Bay coach Mike Sherman said. "We

Six-year-old Toby Rodgers displays his first buck, an 8-pointer, he killed while hunting on

a lease in Sterling County. He used a .30-caliber rifle with an open sight and dropped his

prize from 110 yards away. Family members estimated the deer's field-dressed weight at

Emmitt says he's just fine

after first knockout blow

held out of practice for pre-

"Emmitt should be fine.

We were going to do some

hitting out there with pads

on, so we felt for a precau-

tionary reason to keep him

out of there," Campo said.

"He should be fine for the

Smith said he has not

experienced any nausea or

any lingering side effects.

He said he had only a cou-

ple of minor headaches over

the weekend but felt fine

Smith suffered the concus-

sion early in the third quar-

ter Thursday when he took

a handoff right, was slowed

by safety Robert Griffith

and then hit helmet-to-hel-

met by linebacker Ed

McDaniel. The collision

spun Smith around, causing

him to fumble the ball and

After sitting up and being

helped off the field by train-

ers, Smith even asked one of

his helpers if he had been

knocked out. But he remem-

bered none of that Monday.

land flat on his back.

after running Monday.

cautionary reasons.

"I told our guys if you want this game, you're going to have to go out and grab a hold of it and take it because this team is not going to give you anything."

The Panthers stopped a potential three-game losing streak, but many in the locker room were questioning why the team can't seem to put consecutive good games together. Carolina has yet to win two in a row this season.

"It's frustrating to win one, lose one because you go out and put your time in, you work, you study and it's just not happening," cornerback Eric Davis said. "It's frustrating when you go up against a club like Green Bay and play the

I knew I would write a book, the coaches would love me and I would be rich. We can't figure it out."

The Packers fell behind 14-0 as Steve Beuerlein threw two of his three touchdown passes Carolina's first two drives.

"This reminded me of how we played early in the year when we put ourselves in the hole," Sherman

Beuerlein was 22-for-37 for 243 yards, but the night belonged to rookie Brad Hoover of Division I-AA Western Carolina. Hoover won over the crowd, many of whom were chanting his name as the game ended.

Hoover started in place of team way we played. You ask yourself rushing

why we can't do that all the time. If Biakabutuka, who missed the game with turf toe, and had 117 yards rushing on 24 carries and caught three passes for 41 more yards.

Hoover also impressed his teammates with his tough inside running against the 11th-best defense in the NFL.

"Every year we kind of find a guy like that. I think Fred Lane was a guy like that," Muhsin Muhammad said of Hoover, who was signed as an undrafted free agent. "It's just great to find a player that nobody notices and he comes up big.

"Guys around here know how hard Brad runs. He has a great knack for picking holes out and making people miss. He's not a guy

Tshimanga See PANTHERS, page 7

A-Rod big part of Rangers' new plan for success

ARLINGTON (AP) - Tom Rockies, White Sox, Orioles Hicks, who has won a Stanley Cup title as owner of the NHL Dallas Stars, has a plan to repeat that kind of success with his other team the Texas Rangers.

And a crucial part of that long-term home.

"Obviously Alex is one of him.'

there are no front-runners, and that he's only in the early stages of what could be a lengthy process, he seemed impressed Monday after two days of meetings

officials.

"I'm looking for an ownership. That's my first crite-Rodriguez said. "I want to have an owner to have the type of commitment and willingness to win year in and year out. That's what Mr. Hicks brings into the equation. He's a committed winner, he's done it in another sport. I believe he can do it in another

Doug Melvin had dinner Mike Hampton.

As for when Rodriguez plans to make a decision. the shortstop said he isn't concerned with a timetable, even if the process isn't completed until January of February. He has also talked to Atlanta, but his agent, Scott Boras, said there were also six other teams in the mix.

Boras didn't identify the other possibilities, but they appear to be the Dodgers, See RANGERS, page 7

and even the Mets and Mariners. He said it was

leagues and philosophy of scouting players, and was given a tour of the new arena being built for the Stars.

we've tried to build to help the Stars be one of the real dominate team in the NHL. It is the same approach we are going to have with the Texas Rangers over the next 5-10 years," Hicks said.

Rodriguez also spent a couple of hours Monday in the Texas clubhouse with Kenny Rogers and Rafael Palmeiro, players who returned to the Rangers after time with other teams. Rogers came back last offseason in a deal completed

Monday On Rodriguez had dinner with Stars center Mike Modano.

In Miami, one of Rodriguez's neighbors is Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

because he's a great recruiter. We'll see what happens," A-Rod said. "I recruited him to go live in Miami, now he's recruiting to come play here. Obviously, he just likes the idea of two players of our caliber playing together.'

ter would be helpful

AL West titles in four years only to lose in the playoffs to the Yankees. They fell into last place this sea-

plan is the pursuit of free agent shortstop Alex Rodriguez, the 25-year-old All-Star who is looking for a

the best players, and I think when his career is over, he will be truly one of the best players ever to have played the game," Hicks said. "We know that. That's why we are interested in having While Rodriguez insists

with Hicks and other Texas

Meanwhile, Rangers GM and a second meeting — on Monday night with free agent third baseman Ken Caminiti. Texas was also expected to talk Tuesday with free agent pitcher

unlikely, however, that a deal would be completed before or during the baseball winter meetings that begin next week in Dallas. During his visit in Texas, Rodriguez got a presentation of the Rangers minor

"We showed him what

by Boras.

"I call him Barry Switzer

Hicks believes another

Rodriguez on the Texas ros-The Rangers won three

Contrary to reports of extravagant demands aside from the expected \$20 million a season over 10 years — Rodriguez said his

Oregon women still winning despite star player's injury

room. I don't even remem-

ber walking off the field,

walking to the sideline or

walking up the tunnel,"

Smith said. "I remember

being in the locker room.

somebody was cutting the

Smith has watched tape of

the play. He doesn't think

he was knocked out by the

head-to-head blow from

McDaniel as has been spec-

ulated, and said he had

taken some other hard shots

"Right during the hit,

there was one blow from the

inside left that caught me in

the back of the neck. It

caught me just right,"

"I took two shots before

that one shot that probably

set that shot up," he said.

"The very first hit of the

game was one that took a

whole lot out of me. Then I

took another shot and had

to come to the sideline and

smell some smelling salt.

When I get back out there,

Smith finished with 100

my brain is already soft."

tape off of my shoe."

in the game.

Smith said.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When guard Shaquala Williams went down with a knee injury, Oregon's basketball season might have gone right down with her. Instead, the Ducks just keep win-

Oregon, off to a 3-0 start, continued its climb in The Associated Press women's basketball poll on Monday, moving from 14th to 12th.

Two weeks ago, coach Jody Runge's team was 24th. But that was before the Ducks knocked off two Top 25 opponents, Wisconsin and North Carolina State, then followed those victories

with an 80-56 thumping of Portland. "We've done a great job competing at this point," Runge said. "Obviously, two big wins over ranked teams is just a huge confidence-builder for this team as far as our ability to play without Shaquala.'

Connecticut, Tennessee and Duke remained the top three teams in the poll, which had significant change

through the rest of the list.

No. 8 Iowa State and No. 22 North Carolina State were the only other members of the Top 25 that stayed in the same place after a week in which ranked teams faced each other 12 times. The higher ranked team won eight of those games.

"The first thing I remem- yards on 12 carries.

Williams was the Pac-10 player of the year as a sophomore and when she blew out a knee in September, it looked to be a damaging blow for a team hoping to win its third straight conference championship. But led by seniors Angelina

Wolvert, Jenny Mowe and Brianne Meharry, players throughout the lineup are contributing to help fill the void.

Wolvert scored 19 points in the season-opening victory over Wisconsin and sophomore Kourtney Shreve had four points in the final 41 seconds in a 50-47 win over North Carolina State. Wolvert scored 22 points in that game.

Shreve then scored 15 to lead the way against Portland.

"Our experience and leadership is

very good right now," Runge said. "We're finding ways to get the job done. I'm very pleased with our guard play considering a lot of those haven't played significant minutes

in our program so far.' Connecticut (3-0) was a unanimous choice at No. 1 for the fourth time in as many polls this season. The Huskies, ranked No. 1 throughout last season before winning the national championship, received all 40 first-place votes and 1,000 points from a national media panel after routing Pepperdine and Washington on a West Coast trip.

UConn's average margin of victo-

ry this season is 36.7 points. Tennessee beat Clemson and Illinois to win the first Maui Invitational for women and had 960 points. The Lady Vols' 111-62 romp past Illinois in the championship game was highlighted by Michelle Snow's rim-hanging dunk.

Duke won four times in the past week, including victories over Top 25 foes Penn State and Boston College. The Blue Devils, 7-0 for just

the fifth time in school history, had 912 points in the voting.

Notre Dame moved up one place to fourth, its highest ranking ever, after beating Wisconsin and Georgia in the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge in Madison, Wis. The.

point victory over Arizona. Rutgers climbed two spots to fifth and was followed by Purdue. Georgia, Iowa State, Louisiana Tech

Irish started the week with a 30-

and Texas Tech. Penn State slipped two spots to 11th. Then it was Oregon, Southwest Missouri State, Auburn and LSU, followed by Mississippi Wisconsin, Stanford, State, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Xavier, North Carolina State. Vanderbilt, Illinois and Boston College held the final five places.

Auburn, which won four times during the week, went from 20th to 14th for the biggest jump in the poll. Oklahoma fell the farthest, dropping from 12th to 19th after losing to Georgia and Wisconsin in the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

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Oakland at Pittsburgh, Noon Tennessee at Philly, Noon San Fran at San Diego, 3 p.m. Indianapolis at NY Jets, 3 p.m. Thursday's Game
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National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Released RHP Ben Ford and RHP Jerry Spradlin.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded INF Amaury Garcia to the Chicago White Sox for a player to be named. Sent RHP Joe Fontenot outright to Calgary of the PCL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—

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Charlie Ward on the injured list Claimed G Rick Brunson off waivers eleased C Jonathan Kerner.
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Fired Paul Westphal, coach. Named Nate McMillan interim coach FOOTBALL

tional Football League SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Waived QB Kevin Daft and S Armon Hatcher.

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NHL

Monday's Games Chicago 6, Detroit 5, OT Montreal 3, Atlanta 2 N.Y. Islanders 7, Tampa Bay 4

uffalo at Ottawa, 6 p.m Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m Los Angeles at NY Rangers, 6 p.m. Calgary at Nashville, 7 p.m. Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m. Minnesota at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

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Phoenix at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE SCORES

MEN'S GAMES EAST

Drexel 66, Monmouth, N.J. 61 Lafayette 81, Albright 60 Long Island 59, Cent. Connecticut 54 Loyola, Md. 76, Delaware 72 Navy 71, Coast Guard 56 Seton Hall 104, St. Peter's 85

SOUTHFlorida 100, Florida Atlantic 42 Louisiana Tech 91, Nicholls St. 62 Marshall 77, Detroit 69 NC-Wilmington 91, Bowling Green 76 Tennessee 98, Austin Peay 65 The Citadel 105, Ferrum 75 MIDWEST

Butler 71, Ball St. 48 Drake 82, Delaware St. 44 lowa St. 69, N. Iowa 55 Kansas 92, Middle Tennessee 66 Loyola, III. 76, Tennessee Tech 73 Nebraska 65, Winthrop 44

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WOMEN'S GAMES Lafayette 57, Sacred Heart 55

Slippery Rock 79, Westminster 53 St. Joseph's 72, Medgar Evers 36 Temple 74, Rider 65 SOUTH

Coastal Carolina 70, Marshall 58 Coll. of Charleston 69, Davidson 52 Georgia 85, Georgia Southern 57 Jackson St. 65, Tougaloo 44 North Carolina 84, ETSU 63 Virginia 116, St. Francis, Pa. 63 Wake Forest 60, High Point 52 MIDWEST

Augustana 81, Minn. Crookston 60 Drake 78, Northwestern 59 Notre Dame 89, Fordham 44 SOUTHWEST

3. TCU 61 Colorado St. 102, E. Michigan 65 Washington 82, Boise St. 62 Wyoming 82, Oakland, Mich. 73

WPHL

Today's Games Fort Worth at Monroe Amarillo at Odessa

Fort Worth at Austin

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LOCAL BOWLING

VA COUPLES

RESULTS-T&T's over Sonny Beaches 8-0, Final Answer over Dazed & Confused 6-2, The Rookies over Blue Bowlers 6-2, Young & Restless ove BSI 6.2, Blackjack over Let's Do It 6.2, Four Stars over Twilight Zone 8.0, Lighthouse over Bandits 6.2. The Avengers over Nuts and Bolts 8.0. Been There Done That over Gutter Dusters 6.2. Ace's Wild field Just Plain Easy 4.4, Four Niners field Misfits 4.4; hi sc team series Young & Restless 2174, Bandits 1995, Just Plain Easy 1970; hi sc team game Young & Restless 771; Bandits 717; The Avengers 704; hi sc series men Tony Saldana 644. David Cruz 622. Jim Gaither 607; his c game men Tony Saldana 256; John Gibson 222; Jim Gaither 221; hi sc series women Lavonne Brumley 572; Betty Gibson 522; Maria Escobar 517; hi sc game women Betty Gibson 225. Lavonne Brumley 221. Wilma Doll 203. hi hdcp team series Young & Restless 2711, T&T's 2674, Been There Done That 2671, hindcp team game Been There Done That 956, Young & Restless 950, Lighthouse 922, hindcp series men David Cruz 727, Tony Saldana 725, Daniel Langston 715; hi hdcp game men Tony Saldana 283, John Gibson 261. Q.T Coats 254; hi hdcp series men Amber Fannin 724, Lavonne Brumley 719. Cyndi Jones 717; hi hdcp game women Amber Fannin 279, Betty Gibson 279, Lavonne Brumley STANDINGS-Blackjack 56-16, 56-16, Young & Restless 46-26, Fina

Answer 44-28, Gutter Dusters 41-31

Lighthouse 40-32, Bandits 38-Let's Do it 38-34, BSI 38-34.

Seton Hall's Griffin continues to impress

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seton Hall freshman Eddie Griffin was everything he was expected to be in his first three college games

Griffin had 26 points, 21 rebounds and seven blocked shots — his third doubledouble in as many games -Monday night as No. 8 Seton Hall routed St. Peter's

104-85. The 6-foot-9 forward out of Philadelphia, one of the most highly recruited high school players in the nation last season, had 18 points and 16 rebounds in the first half as the Pirates (3-0) took a 57-38 lead.

Griffin's play has drawn raves from Seton Hall coach Tommy Amaker as well as opposing coaches.

'To have 21 rebounds in a game is just phenomenal," Amaker said. "The fact that this kid is a freshman, it was just a phenomenal performance out of a kid who we think has a chance to be a great one.

Griffin's play did not surprise St. Peter's coach Bob Leckie.

"I saw him in high school and at camps and there's no telling how good he can be.' Leckie said. "I think as he matures more and more and gets an understanding of the game, he'll be a phenomenal player.'

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 2 Kansas beat Middle Tennessee 92-66, No. 7 Tennessee defeated Austin Peay 98-65 and No. 10 Florida routed Florida

Griffin opened his college career with 22 points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots in a victory over Rider and followed with a 22-point, 13-rebound, fourblock performance against

Clemson. On Monday, Griffin's complete basketball arsenal was on display as he scored half the points in Seton Hall's 24-8 run to close the opening 20 minutes.

Griffin scored on a rebound, a turnaround, a short jumper, a dunk, a reverse dunk on an alleyoop pass and a layup with five seconds left after his teammates made four passes to get the ball in perfect position for him.

Darius Lane had 24 points for Seton Hall, while Samuel Dalembert and Ty Shine each had 16 points. Freshman point guard Andre Barrett had seven points and 13 assists

Kansas 92. Middle Tennessee 66

Jeff Boschee scored 19

points and was one of seven players in double figures as host Kansas won its sixth straight.

Eric Chenowith recorded his third double-double of the season for Kansas, with 15 points and 12 rebounds, as the Jayhawks outrebounded the Blue Raiders 49-27. Kirk Hinrich had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Nick Collison had 14 points, and reserves Kenny Gregory and Luke Axtell scored 11 apiece

RANGERS

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primary interest is in the future of whichever team he will sign with and possibly spend the rest of his career.

Hicks insisted that was the case, though there have been 'no serious negotiations between the parties.

"Alex did not have any demands," Hicks said. "Alex wants to be treated like any other ballplayer, and Alex wants to win the World Series. Anything you might have ready in the newspaper to the contrary is totally fictitious."

PANTHERS

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on paper who looks great. He's not going to run a great 40-yard dash time and he's not going to bench press the house, but you put him on the field and he makes plays.

The Panthers were looking forward after the game to possibly winning their last four and sneaking into the postseason. In the other locker room, the Packers were shaking their heads at what went wrong.

"You don't know what is going to happen in this league, but we are not in a good position," Sharper said.

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gate will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

CGA organizational meeting is Thursday

Golf Chicano Association of Big Spring has scheduled its annual organizational meeting for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Church's youth center.

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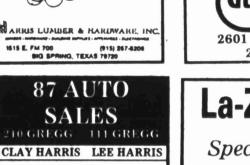


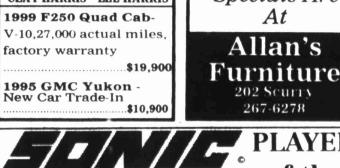


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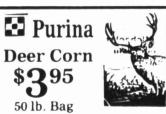






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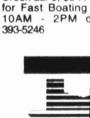
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22

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Headstones artists want to sign their creations of art

DEAR ABBY: My heart sank when I read the letter from "Daughter From Westfield, N.J.," who was obviously deeply hurt by the way the "monument designer" had signed her father's headstone. While I wholeheartedly support 'Daughter's" right to

'metal business card." 1 would like to express the basis for this practice in the memorial industry.

l am a Certified Memorialist who takes great pride

of _ staff artists and I create for the families we serve. We view

the memorials we design, engrave and erect for public viewing as everlasting works of memorial art. As all artists do, we want to sign our creations. I have seen this type of craftsman identification in many other areas, such as custom cabinets and furniture, public buildings and in many forms of art. Many times in my 18-year career. I have sought to affirm this method by asking the families if they approve of our placing this identification on their memorial, and I have never had a negative

response. Perhaps "Daughter" didn't see it from this perspective and viewed the monument designer as just a salesperson instead of a craftsman. It is also possible that the "metal business card" that was used wasn't tasteful or discreet Whatever the case, I defend her right to remove it. I just hope my letter helps her and your readers understand why my peers and I will continue to sign our works of memorial art. CERTIFIED MEMORIAL-

IST IN INDIANA DEAR MEMORIALIST Your letter is informative, and thank you for it. However, I suspect the reason you receive such positive reaction when you ask grieving families if they approve of your signing the gravestones is that you had the courtesy to ask. Read

DEAR ABBY: I am a caretaker at a cemetery. Those small metal tags on headstones are there for a reason. They have the company name and telephone number on them. They are usually placed on the BACK of the stone in a very discreet spot. They are not intended to be "advertising." They are most often used by caretakers. If anything should happen to the stone, such as weather damage, vandalism, deterioration, whatever, we just

and call the company. The daughter did a foolish thing when she removed the metal tag from her father's headstone. Please correct this error before people run to their loved ones' headstones to remove the metal tag BUSY CARETAKER IN

DEAR BUSY CARETAK-ER: I checked with the Consumers Alliance and was informed that those little metal tags are unacceptable unless displayed discreetly on the back of the headstone.

DEAR ABBY: "Britney," the boss's daughter (and my co-worker), lies, exaggerates and gossips about other workers on their days off. I recently overheard in Spanish — how much she dislikes me. Britney isn't aware that I, too,

Abby, I feel very uncomfortable working with her. I hesitate to say anything to her about this, because she will probably get mad and tell her mother. Should I keep quiet, or should I say something to Britney? -TALKED ABOUT IN WIS-CONSIN

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Dec. 21)

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> **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You add zing to anoth er's day. Express your feelings, and refuse to be intimidated by anyone. You

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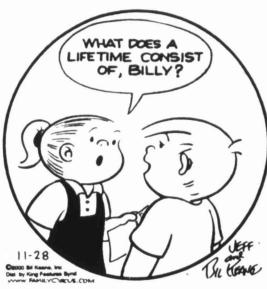
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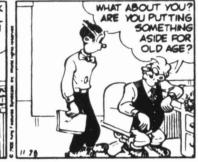
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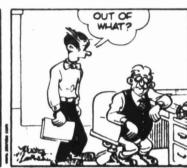
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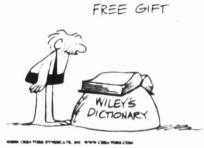
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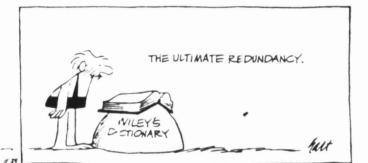






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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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Today is Tuesday, Nov. 28, the 333rd day of 2000. There are 33 days left in the year

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.

In 1975, President Ford nominated federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the Supreme Court seat vacated by Justice William O. Douglas.

In 1979, an Air New In 1919, American born Zealand DC-10 en route to 57. Movie director Joe Lady Astor was elected the the South Pole crashed into Dante is 54. CBS News cora mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people is 54.

aboard.

In 1985, the Irish Senate approved the Anglo-Irish concerning accord Northern Ireland.

In 1994, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was murdered in a Wisconsin prison by a fellow inmate.

Ten years ago: Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

Today's Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 71. Actress Hope Lange is 69. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 64. Movie director Michael Ritchie is 62. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 60, Singer Randy Newman is respondent Susan Spencer

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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