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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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**'Othello' will open Tuesday at auditorium**

Howard College Theatre Department's opening performance of "Othello," a play by William Shakespeare is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Nightly performances of the play will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday with a Saturday performance at 8.

Admission for the three-hour play is \$1 for students and \$3 for adults. Admission for Howard College students and employees is free.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ The Concerned Citizens Council meets 7 p.m. Monday at Fiber Flex at the airpark.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Bobs Custom Woodwork.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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## Bundle up! Cold weather definitely blowing our way

HERALD Staff Report

Winter is still almost a month away but it won't feel like it this week.

A cold front moving into the area Tuesday will push temperatures well below freezing and could bring the Crossroads area its first snow of the season.

"It looks like there is a

definite possibility of snow. Maybe as much as an inch or two. That's unusual, but certainly not out of the question," Robert Boyd, senior forecaster with the National Weather Service in Midland, said this morning. "Even if we don't get measurable snow, it is definitely going to be cold."

The cold front is expected

to roll into the area tonight, resulting in a low of about 30 degrees. Temperatures could warm up into the low 40s Tuesday, then begin dropping. Tuesday night, temperatures are expected to plunge into the lower 20s. "Our model is showing that the precipitation is most likely to occur in the early evening, around what

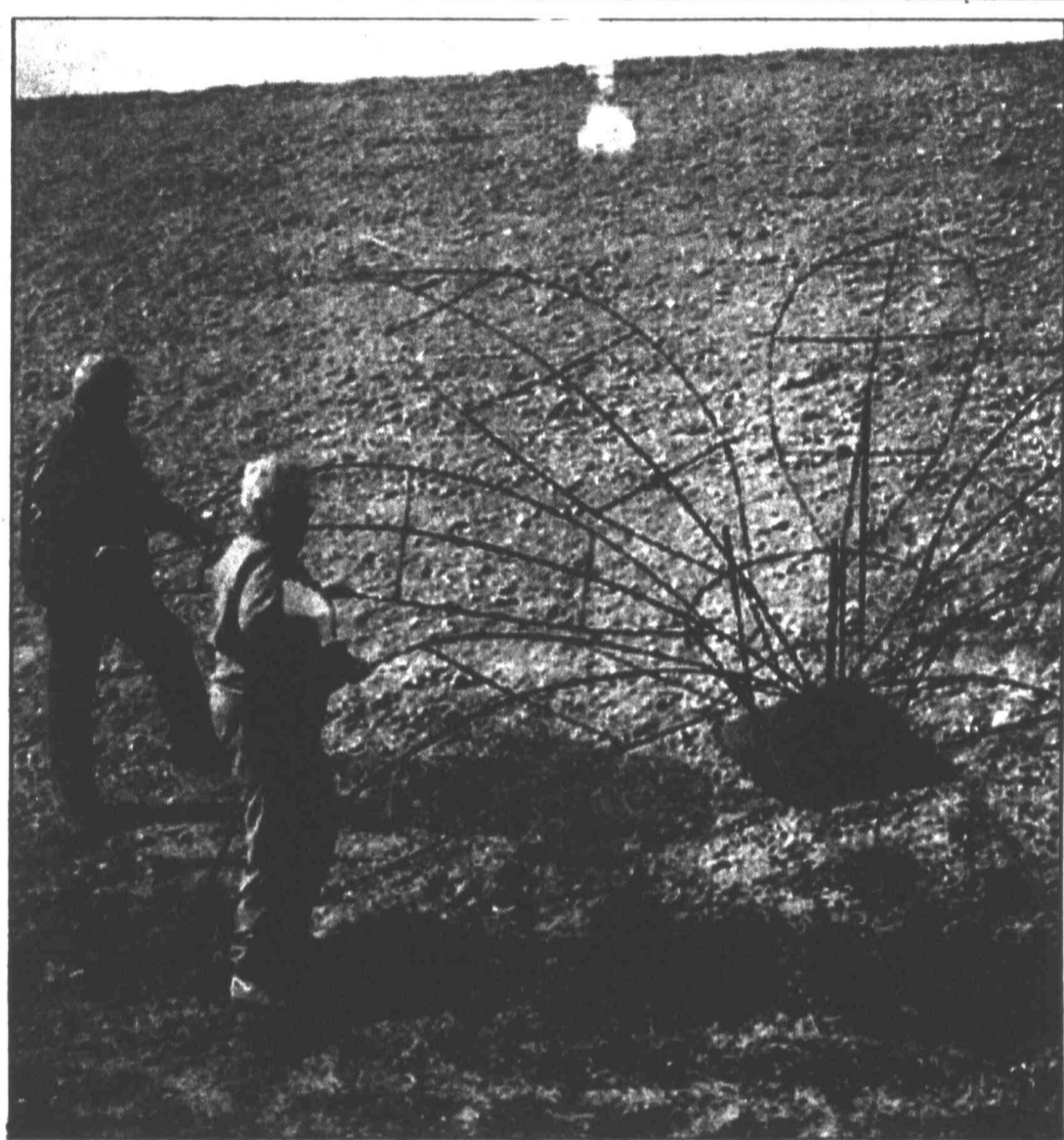
you'd consider the rush hour," Boyd said.

There is a 30 percent chance of snow on Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Wednesday's high is expected to be a frosty 30 degrees with the low in the 20s. There is a 20 percent chance of snow that day.

The National Weather Service is predicting the snow line to be roughly along Interstate 20 and north on Tuesday, dipping farther south on Wednesday, and extending west to Abilene.

Thursday will be warmer, with highs in the 40s and it should warm up into the 50s and 60s by the weekend.



Mike Tweedy, city of Big Spring quality-assessments manager, left, and Pat Shimmings place one of the poinsettia displays for the Festival of Lights on the slope of the Comanche Trail Park dam. With the help of a police escort, Festival of Lights volunteers brought the 20-foot-long displays to the dam from Cornell Corrections this morning. Each poinsettia's leaf will be wrapped with red lights and the middle of the display will contain yellow lights.

## War on terror

### Marines encounter no resistance in airfield seizure in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 500 U.S. Marines have taken an airstrip in southern Afghanistan, a Pentagon spokeswoman said today. It was the first major seizure of Afghan territory by American ground forces in the war against terrorism.

The first wave of U.S. troops was ferried in by helicopter, while follow-on forces were being flown in on C-130 transport planes from an unidentified land base, she said.

The troop movement was expected to take at least another day to complete and more than 1,000 Marines were involved, Clarke said. A Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the effort as "a classic airfield seizure."

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## Two blood drives planned this week in Crossroads area

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

What to get for Christmas? How about donating a pint of blood to help save the life of someone you may never know.

United Blood Services will be in Big Spring twice this week ready to collect donations of blood, a product that may be needed at any time.

According to Sherry Morton, community relations representative, every three seconds a person needs a blood transfusion.

This holiday season, blood may be needed as more people are expected to travel on

the roads instead of through the air.

After the Sept. 11 attack, more people are staying away from the airlines and are choosing to drive, take the train or the bus, creating more traffic on the roads, said Johnna Pevey, UBS community relations representative.

"If you listen to the news reports there is an increase in car rentals. People are traveling by bus, train and car," Pevey said. "They are not willing to go by plane. With more people on the road there is more of a chance for wrecks."

UBS is asking for the community to once again come

### BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., VA Medical Center, room 219. Call 264-4824.

Wednesday, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center. Call 394-4277.

out and donate.

"You rolled up your sleeves following the September 11 attack," said Morton. "We ask that you do so again."

Those who would like to help can donate at the VA Medical Center on Tuesday.

The blood drive will be held in room 219 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Interested donors may call Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-4824 for an appointment.

UBS will be in Coahoma on Wednesday for the Coahoma Community Center blood drive from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The community center is located on 306 North Avenue.

Those interested in donating can call Russ Mullins at 394-4277 to make an appointment.

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, be in good health and know the names of any medication you may have

taken in the past 30 days.

UBS asks potential donors to carry proof of identification containing a legal name and one of the following: date of birth, social security number, UBS assigned donor number or photo identification.

In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of five to 42 days.

Although an appointment is not necessary to donate blood, UBS encourages calling ahead to decrease waiting time. Appointments can also be made at 1-800-756-0024.

## Holiday cheer rings bright at Salvation Army

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army's holiday programs are well under way.

From the traditional bell ringers to Angel Trees, from the canned food drive to the Community Thanksgiving meal, the Salvation Army has been making the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas nicer for people nationwide for years.

On Thursday, the corps kicked off the season in a grand way with the Community Thanksgiving celebration, serving turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry sauce to several hundred local residents.

"It went great. We did

about 300 meals," said Capt. Russ Keeney. "It went really smooth. The volunteers were all wonderful."

The Angel Tree program connects those wanting to get into the holiday spirit by giving with those who need an extra present or two under the tree.

Citizens may take an angel decoration from trees set up at area merchants. Each angel bears information about a needy child or senior citizen including a Christmas wish list. They buy presents for that person and return the presents to the location they got the angel. The Salvation Army makes sure the presents get to the right person.

Keeney said response to the program this year has been wonderful so far.

"It's been really super. As a matter of fact, my wife (Capt. Linda Keeney) had to go to Wal-Mart yesterday to pick up a load of presents."

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One of the programs held annually by the Salvation Army is the doll auction. Citizens pick up dolls from the Salvation Army office at 811 West Fifth St., decorate them, and return them. The dolls are later auctioned, raising money to help with local projects. Dolls can be picked up now at the office.

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OBITUARIES

Pauline Cathey Smith

Pauline Cathey Smith, 89, of Big Spring died at 1:59 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at her residence following a long illness. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with chaplain Raymond Bugg of Community Care Hospice and the Rev. David Ring of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Smith was born July 29, 1912, at Putnam. She was the daughter of Hollie Fleming Cathey and Luke Cathey. She grew up in Stanton. She married Floyd H. Smith on Jan. 18, 1936, in Colorado City. She had been manager of the Housing Authority of Stanton for a number of years before moving to Dallas in 1969. In Dallas she worked for the Dallas Health and Science Museum. She and Mr. Smith returned to Big Spring in 1977. Prior to her illness she had been a very active member of the First United Methodist Church and was a life member of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd H. Smith of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Delbert Donelson of Big Spring; one daughter-in-law, Gay Smith of San Angelo; three grandchildren, Gary Donelson of Big Spring, Debra Donelson of Portland, Maine, and Michelle Cox and her husband, Allen of Brady; four great-grandsons, Kasey, David, Austin, and Cody; and several Cathey cousins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one son, Floyd C. "Smitty" Smith, Nov. 22, 2000, and one brother, Jack Cathey.

Pallbearers will be Don Forrest, Hayes Stripling, Ladd Smith, Norman Donelson, Dan Forrest, and Roy Crim.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Shelton, Bobby Hill, Jimmy Anderson, and Jimmy Madry.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring or other favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Johnny Johnson

Funeral service for Johnny Johnson, 97, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Johnson died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at a local nursing home.

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Keeney said. Response has not been so great to the corps' traditional kettle drive, where volunteers and paid Salvation Army employees armed with bells man doorways to area businesses and collect loose change from generous Christmas shoppers. "Kettle donations are really down. We're way behind," Keeney said. "I don't know whether it's because of all the giving to New York, or what."

Today marks the start of the Salvation Army's annual canned food drive, where canned food is collected for the needy. Area schools will collect cans from students, but local citizens can also drop off cans at area restaurants, Keeney said. "Anyone can drop off canned food at Domino's Pizza and Kentucky Fried Chicken," he said. "Or of course at the Salvation Army Thrift Store." For more information about Salvation Army programs, call the main office at 267-8239.

MARINES

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the ground and find people," in the effort to topple the Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorist network of Osama bin Laden.

About 1,000 Marines were expected to take part in establishing the initial ground base at the Kandahar airfield.

The first wave numbered in the low hundreds, and plans called for several hundred more to arrive from Marine amphibious warships in the Arabian Sea, a senior defense official said Sunday night.

The Marines are part of the 15th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units. The 15th is based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the 26th is from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Such units have undergone special training to conduct both special operations and ground combat missions, according to information supplied by the Marine Corps.

Such missions can include the seizure and recovery of selected personnel, as well as reconnaissance operations, military operations in urban terrain and sniper operations.

The official would not discuss the Marines' intended mission, except to say they would perform a variety of functions. Kandahar is the last major Taliban holdout against opposition uprisings throughout Afghanistan.

North Dakota horse trainers open doors to guests, horses

HANKINSON, N.D. (AP) — After fixing up their 15-acre farm for their own horses, two longtime trainers and show judges decided to offer overnight stables to travelers and hauling companies.

Marie Erickson and her husband, Kevin Crago, who opened the Huufda Hotel two years ago, also saw a chance to introduce people to riding. They offer lessons and trail excursions through the sand hills of a nearby branch of the Shyenne National Grasslands and South

Dakota's Sica Hollow State Park.

Crago coined the name Huufda Hotel, a play on the all-purpose Norwegian exclamation "uff da!" He and Erickson dubbed the two guest quarters the Ole and Lena rooms, after common characters in jokes told throughout the Scandinavian-settled Red River Valley.

Erickson, friendly and energetic, talks as she feeds horses — four guests along with her own 18 horses.

She brought a small bale of hay into the stall of a brown and white Tennessee walking horse, a guest from Wisconsin.

"They're paying me to ride him," she said as the horse moved quickly closer. Her shouted command stopped the animal, and he backed away. "Actually, they're paying me to teach him some manners," she said.

With some horses, she uses a fake snake to assert control over the animal, which watches as she pretends to kill the reptile. The act allows her to show aggression near — but not directed at — the horse, who learns to see her as someone to be reckoned with.

Crago and Erickson own 12 Tennessee walkers. Erickson uses the breed's smooth stride not only to ease novice riders, but to attract more experienced equestrians.

"When people start trail-riding on these beautifully gaited horses, they're going to say, 'Oh my word, how can I live without these horses?'" she said.

Income from the bed and breakfast is "enough to feed the horses and (cover) the shots and the grooming," and "it's starting to pay for the tires on the trailers and the tires on the truck," Erickson said.

Erickson grew up on a farm near Bismarck, where her parents raised dairy cows. "I'd go catch my trusty pony and go and get the cows home," she said. "The day I went to college, they sold the milk cows."

Now, Crago works as a consultant while Erickson works the horse farm and manages the bed and breakfast. She calls the job a dream come true.

"I just love sitting in the kitchen and looking out the windows, and there's horses in every direction," she said.

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield suffers mild heart attack

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Rodney Dangerfield remained hospitalized in stable condition Sunday after suffering a mild heart attack on his 80th birthday, his publicist said.

Dangerfield was scheduled to undergo an angiogram, an X-ray of the blood vessels, on Monday, Warren Cowan said. Doctors then will determine what treatment he requires.

Dangerfield, whose long-running gag is that he gets no respect, was hospitalized at Cedars-Sinai Hospital after the heart attack Thursday. The comedian's wife, Joan, expected him to be back home by midweek, Cowan said.

The heart attack came a day after "The Tonight Show" host Jay Leno dedicated a show to the comedi-

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an and taped birthday greetings from actors and fellow comics.

Dangerfield has appeared in movies including "Caddyshack," "Back to School," "Easy Money" and "Natural Born Killers."

Snow blankets Plains states, closing schools, tying up traffic

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Schools closed Monday in parts of Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota as the area's first snowfall of the season ended a two-month stretch of warm, dry weather and contributed to a school bus accident.

Highways were slippery and high wind piled the wet snow into foot-high drifts along Interstate 90 in southeastern South Dakota.

"I can't see the Interstate," said Roxy Laufmann, office manager at 1-90 Truck Haven in Mitchell, S.D.

Wind gusted to around 40 mph in Nebraska, pushing a school bus off a slippery county road about eight miles west of Broken Bow in the central part of the state, Fire Chief Paul Page said. Five students were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Nebraska closed about 75 miles of Interstate 80 from Big Springs west to the Wyoming state line, as well as parts of other highways in the area.

In South Dakota, some truckers pulled off east-west 1-90 to wait out the stormy weather, which earlier had piled deep snow in California's Sierra Nevada and the mountains of Utah.

"We have quite a few trucks in the lot," Laufmann said. "This being the first (storm), they're kind of leery."

"There's no visibility," said Tom Becker, manager of the Crossroads Truck Stop at Colman, S.D.

Dozens of schools closed and others opened late in eastern and southern South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota. More shut down in western Nebraska, where some senior centers suspended meal deliveries.

The National Weather Service said a foot of snow could fall on parts of the three states by late Monday. A foot of snow also was possible by late Tuesday in northern Wisconsin.

About 9 inches had fallen by late morning at Bonesteel, S.D., and Bloomfield, Neb.

The storm system earlier had moved through the Rockies, and northeastern Colorado had blizzard conditions early Monday with wind gusting to 40 mph.

Snowstorms started on Thanksgiving in Utah and continued through the weekend, allowing five ski resorts to open. The Alta

ski resort got 40 inches of snow on Sunday for a total of 7 feet since Thursday, and expects to open by midweek.

Farther west, up to 2 feet of snow fell in California's Sierra Nevada, delaying thousands of travelers heading home through the mountains after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

BRIEFS

MARCY ELEMENTARY'S PARENT INVOLVEMENT will be an Enchilada Extravaganza on Nov. 29. All students and one parent per family will be provided with meal tickets and you may eat from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional plates may be purchased at the door at the cost of \$3 each.

After eating, parents may go to classrooms for Make and Take Activities from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

These activities will enable parents to help their children become more successful students in the classroom. Entertainment will be provided for students in the Marcy library.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING semester at Howard College begins Nov. 26-30 for returning students with assigned times. Registration Dec. 3-7 is set for all students with assigned times. Jan. 7-8, 2002, is open registration. Classes begin Jan. 14, 2002. Call 264-5083 to receive an assigned time.

TEXAS TECH EXES MEETING will be held 6 p.m. today at the Sparenberg Building. Catch up on the latest information from Tech and help plan for upcoming local activities.

Call Roxie at 267-3388 or Pat at 267-7828 for more information.

ELEVEN YEAR OLD ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devastating neurological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech and physical therapy.

His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance doesn't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur.

An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his family has asked for help and prayers for their son.

To make a donation call Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING 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 becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• JEFFREY FORSHEE, 43, of 1519 Kentucky Way was arrested on charges of assault class C/family violence and resisting arrest.

• CHARLIE RYERSON, 55, address unknown was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 1100 block of Campus Drive. About \$150 worth of damage was reported.

- In the 1900 block of South Rannels. A white 1998 Dodge at the address reportedly received \$200 worth of damage.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 300 block of West Seventh, the 1500 block of Kentucky Way, the 500 block of Abrams, the 2100 block of South Rannels and twice in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80 and in the 2600 block of Ent Drive. SHOTS FIRED was also reported during the incident on Ent Drive.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1700 block of East FM 700, the 300 block of South Owens and the 1100 block of South Johnson.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in 500 block of Abrams and at the intersection of Randolph and Armstrong.

• THEFT of items worth about \$200 was reported in the 1900 block of South Gregg.

SHERIFF

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

• ROLAND VASQUEZ, 19, of 1207 Marijo was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Tuesday on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.

• JUSTEN T. VOGEL, 28, of 110 Scout Hut Road was arrested for bondsman off bond on two charges of driving with a suspended license.

• ABRAM AGUILAR, 39, of 506 State St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Wednesday on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.

• ALFREDO LEE LARA, 25, of 401 Poplar in Sweetwater was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

• STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 17, of 1614 East 21st St. was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• GAS DRIVE-OFF was reported at the Town and Country in Coahoma.

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# First reported cloning of human embryos draws criticism

BOSTON (AP) — A research company's claim that it has cloned the first human embryo has drawn swift opposition from religious and political leaders, who see it as a step toward cloning human beings.

The researchers at Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Mass., say they hope to develop genetically compatible replacement cells for patients with a range of illnesses — not human clones.

The Worcester company announced its findings Sunday online in the journal e-biomed: The Journal of Regenerative Medicine. The research was also described online in Scientific American.

"This work sets the stage for human therapeutic cloning as a potentially limitless source of

immune-compatible cells for tissue engineering and transplantation medicine," said Dr. Robert P. Lanza, one of the researchers at the biotechnology company.

Several states, including California, have banned human cloning, and Congress is considering such a ban.

But company officials insisted their work is the first step in providing hope for people with spinal injuries, heart disease and other ailments.

Lanza and the company's top executive Michael West said they had no interest in transplanting such early embryos into a woman's womb to give birth to a cloned human being, nor was it clear that their embryo would be capable of that.

But critics of cloning, including the Washington D.C.-based

National Right to Life Committee, wasted little time Sunday attacking the announcement.

"This corporation is creating human embryos for the sole purpose of killing them and harvesting their cells," said the group's legislative director, Douglas Johnson.

"Unless Congress acts quickly, this corporation and others will be opening human embryo farms."

A critic of Advanced Cell Technology who once sat on its ethics board said its announcement was premature and would serve only to encourage opposition to cloning. The critic, Glenn McGee, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist, called the announcement "nothing but hype."

The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to ban

human cloning, and the Senate is considering such a ban. On NBC's "Meet the Press," Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said, "I believe it will be perhaps a big debate, but at the end of the day, I don't believe that we're going to let the cloning of human embryos go on."

President Bush is allowing federal funding of research on existing stem cell lines. But White House spokeswoman Jennifer Millerwise said Sunday, "The president has made it clear that he is opposed to any type of human cloning."

The Advanced Cell Technology researchers say they cloned a six-cell human embryo starting with a donated female egg cell. They removed its nucleus and replaced it with a cumulus cell, complete with its genetic DNA. Cumulus cells normally help nurture eggs

as they develop.

Such a technique could only yield replacement cells for women of childbearing age. But the researchers have also experimented with injecting cells with DNA from skin cells.

In a separate experiment, the researchers say they were able to develop a more advanced embryo, known as a blastocyst, in a process known as parthenogenesis.

They bathed an egg cell with chemicals that changed its concentration of charged particles, reprogramming it to form an embryo.

The research was said to be very preliminary. Neither experiment were found to produce the master cells known as stem cells, which differentiate into other body tissues.

## High school is declared safe after being swept for explosives

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A high school where three teen-agers allegedly plotted to use explosives and guns to kill fellow students was declared safe by police following a sweep by nearly 40 officers and five bomb-sniffing dogs.

Eric McKeenan, 17, and two 15-year-old freshmen, who allegedly modeled themselves after the two students who carried out the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo., were to be arraigned today on charges that include conspiracy to commit murder.

The students were arrested at their homes Saturday after a New Bedford High School janitor found a letter outlining their plans to detonate explosives in the school and then shoot fleeing students. Police said the students then planned to kill themselves when police arrived.

A search of the students' homes yielded bomb-making instructions, knives, shotgun shells and pic-

tures of the suspects holding what appeared to be handguns. The guns were not recovered.

Two more students were being questioned and faced arrest, authorities said.

On Sunday, police searched the sprawling 3,300-student building and found no new evidence of the alleged plot, police Lt. Richard Spirlet said. Police searched 4,000 lockers at the school.

"We didn't think we were going to find anything," Spirlet said. "But we want to put the public at ease."

Police, school officials and faculty members gathered Sunday morning at the school to discuss the events and to confirm it would open as usual Monday.

"We are erring on the side of caution," Superintendent Joseph Silva said.

The mothers of two of the teens who were charged defended their sons, saying the allegations against the boys had been exaggerated.

## Academic panel declares U.S. in recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's official. The National Bureau of Economic Research announced today that the United States entered a recession in March, the month in which the longest expansion in U.S. history celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The committee, composed of academic economists from Harvard, Stanford and other prestigious universities, posted its decision on its Web site.

It ruled that the long expansion ended in March and the nation's 10th recession since the end of World War II began at the same time.

The declaration means the longest expansion lasted exactly 120 months; the previous record for uninterrupted economic growth was set in the 1960s.

At the White House, the Bush administration said the latest news was further evidence of the need for Congress to pass an economic stimulus plan.

"The president has been worried about the strength of the economy for a long period of time," White House spokesman Ari

## Bush says Congress should approve stimulus plan quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said the recession officially declared today should act as a clarion call for Congress to quickly approve an economic stimulus plan.

"I am obviously aware our economy is slow. We will do everything we can to enhance recovery," Bush told reporters during an appearance in the Rose Garden with two aid workers newly released from Afghanistan.

Fleischer said. "If today's report indicates from an economic or statistical point of view that we're in a recession, that makes it even more important for the Senate to take action."

"There is no need to further any recession," Fleischer said. "The Senate needs to act so that the economy can recover. Failure to act in the Senate risks prolonging a recession."

The NBER panel is com-

posed of six economists including Martin Feldstein, who served as chairman of former President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers.

"The NBER's Business Cycle Dating Committee has determined that a peak in business activity occurred in the U.S. economy in March 2001," the panel said in its announcement. "A peak marks the end of an expansion and the begin-

ning of a recession."

The country's last recession began in July 1990 and lasted until March 1991. He NBER did not officially declare the downturn over until December 1992.

Democrat Bill Clinton used the economy's troubles as a major weapon in his successful campaign to unseat the first President Bush in 1992.

The dating committee's determination that the current recession began in March means it has picked a quarter in which the gross domestic product was still expanding.

The GDP did shrink at an annual rate of 0.4 percent in the July-September quarter, according to an initial government estimate made last month. That figure will be updated Friday and many economists predict it will be revised to show an even sharper drop in activity of around 1 percent at an annual rate.

Many analysts say the economy is shrinking at a rate of 1.5 percent in the current October-December quarter and will also post negative activity in the first quarter of next year.

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 27:

Speak your mind. Clear out negativity. Don't let difficult issues get under your skin. Deal with personal and domestic matters this year. You also might want to buy a house, or change your living environment. Your priorities flow toward work and stability. Your creativity emerges in your relationship. If single, you will have a ball relating to others. You will meet someone special this coming summer. If attached, you will discover that your relationship benefits from frequent romantic adventures. Don't worry about a difference in opinion or style. It would be foolish to let these issues separate the goodness that binds you. TAURUS works well with you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)\*\*\* Change tactics and focus, especially if you didn't succeed in bringing another over to your way of thinking yesterday. Speak the universal language of money, and finally you'll make headway. As a result others support you in a decision. Separate money and emotions. Tonight: Pay bills first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)\*\*\*\* The moon moves into your sign today, encouraging drama and persistence. Make the most out of the next few days, when your word rules. Nice, huh? Approach a boss with care, because this person tends to confuse the issue, at least when you present an idea. Tonight: Take your bows. You're the lead player.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)\*\*\* Use the early hours to dot your I's and cross your T's. In the afternoon, pull back and do called-for research. You might also need time to evaluate a project before you launch into it. Know that you don't need to make a decision immediately. Tonight: Do

something just for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)\*\*\*\*\* Your sense of responsibility directs you toward the correct choices. You know what you want. The time has come to get off your duff! Go for what you desire. Don't cater to someone who often makes demands. A meeting develops into fun. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)\*\*\*\* At work deal with information that comes from behind the scenes. Check out a source before you present tips as fact. Stay on top of problems by handling them directly. High energy mixed with a strong course of action makes you a natural leader. Tonight: Mix some work with play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)\*\*\*\* Consider reading up on a key interest or a work-related specialty. You might want to sign up for a seminar. Discussions in the morning become more fruitful if you have a talk on a one-on-one level. Make sure all important agreements are written and signed. Tonight: Put on some favorite music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Work with others. Return calls and use any free time to catch up on e-mail and news. A special friend seeks you out to find an answer or to resolve a problem. Make it your pleasure to help this person out. Check out insurance policies. Don't allow a detail to slip. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)\*\*\*\* Dig into work and don't let someone distract you. Creativity and spending mix together and could lead to a problem. Define your expenses for the next month and follow your budget. Consider putting in for some overtime, if you can. Tonight: Accept someone's invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)\*\*\*\* Keep your goals in mind and don't kiss good energy goodbye. You might accomplish a lot if you so choose. By the afternoon, you might be ready to focus on work or some other project. Others delight in your lightness.

but they appreciate your efforts at work. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)\*\*\*\* Deal head-on with those in your immediate circle. Real estate and personal matters flourish in the morning. By afternoon, your mind wants to explore other realms. There is no time like the present. Allow your imagination to charge your work. Tonight: The ever-frisky Goat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)\*\*\*\* Say all you want right now, but don't expect everything to be said and done. In fact, you might

have to do this conversation over again in a few days. Spend the afternoon completing work and taking time to handle a key personal matter. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\*\*\* Deal with the nitty-gritty of financial matters. Not everyone has to agree with your decisions, nor will they. Nothing is written in stone, especially during the daylight hours. Later, communication flourishes. Now you get the results you want. Return calls. Tonight: Catch up on phone calls.

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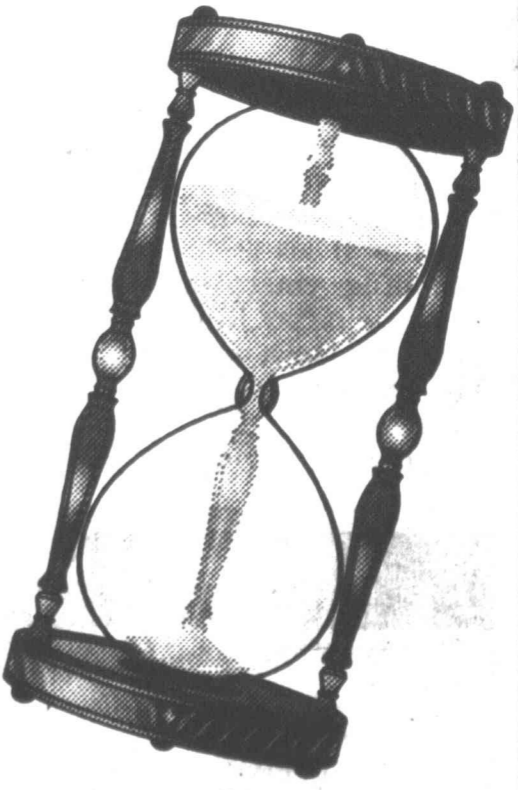
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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's not forget the gift of life

It's an interesting fact that at this time of year a lot of us volunteer our time, buy an extra bag of canned food or donate that old coat to help others that we have never met. Perhaps it is the spirit of the holidays that motivates us. Maybe it is because we can imagine the twinkle in some child's eyes, or the smile on some elderly person's face that we helped put there because of our kindness.

That willingness to help others, to give even if it sometimes means making sacrifices ourselves, is very rewarding. The thoughts of children opening gifts we have supplied, the idea of helping serve a warm meal to a family that might otherwise go hungry, makes us feel good. And it should.

But let's think about this a minute. Let's think about another gift, one much more important than toys or full stomachs.

We've all had a loved one who has been badly injured in an accident or had to have some type of major surgery. It was crucial that a supply of blood was available to meet their needs, wasn't it?

Across this nation, our state, here in the Crossroads Area, situations develop where people we don't know, people we have never met — families nonetheless, just like ours — have a loved one who needs blood. Without it, the chances of their loved one surviving might be bleak.

Why is it then, that we are far less prone to give blood than we are to wrap a gift for a child or an elderly person we don't know at all? Blood is a gift that costs us nothing — a little of our time, maybe, nothing else.

Somewhere this holiday season, there will be a person who needs your help. That person's life may hang in the balance. Without blood, he or she might not be around to take part in fundraisers, food drives, or even enjoy the simple but so important love that a family's presence can mean.

Tuesday, the VA Medical Center will hold a blood drive in room 219 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by calling Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-4824; however, walk-ins are also encouraged. And on Wednesday, a blood drive will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center. For reservations, call Russ Mullins at 394-4277. This holiday season, we encourage you to reach out to others. Volunteer where you can. Ring a bell for charity. Wrap an extra gift for a child. Set aside a can of vegetables or a sack of flour for the food pantry.

But don't forget the simplest of gifts — the gift of life. Please, consider giving blood.

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## We owe Bob Eckhardt our thanks

This being the season of thanksgiving, I am come to toast Bob Eckhardt, the great Texas congressman, who died last week at 88. We owe him thanks and are so lucky to have had him with us. What a rare one. And a lot of fun, too.

If ever a politician of the 20th century deserved the title "legislator," it was Eckhardt — legal scholar, craftsman, steeped to his bones in the constitution, law and history. They called him, "The House's lawyer." The only politician I ever knew who could write a bill so that it did precisely what it was intended to do, and did nothing it was not intended to do, with a vision lasting past generations.

He was a character and a camper, a carpenter and a cartoonist, a cheapskate, a horseman, swimmer, devoted if slightly absent-minded father, drinker of whiskey and Shiner draft beer, story-teller, freedom-fighter, labor lawyer, environmentalist, anti-racist — and all this long, long before it was ever fashionable or p.c. At least 60 years ago, someone said to his mother, "Mrs. Eckhardt, your son is just a little too cozy with the Nigras, don't you think?" She replied sweetly: "Oh, I'm afraid that's my fault. I

raised him to be a Christian."

He had the accent and the aspect of an aristocratic, if slightly scruffy Southern gentleman — flowing mane, bowtie-askew, not-quite-white suit, planter's hat, biking through the heat of Washington summers to the Capitol. I have beside me the remnants of a bottle of MacAllan scotch he left at my house a few weeks ago: "It tastes just as good, and it's ten dollars cheapah."

The New York Times said of him: "A congressman who looked one part but played another for 14 years" (1967 to 1981). Actually, he didn't play any part, he was just a natural anomaly. "How could a may-an with an accent like this be a liberal?" he would inquire, poking fun at himself. If we could nominate anyone from our time to go back and talk with Jefferson, Adams, Hamilton and Franklin, Eckhardt would be the man.

Lynn Coleman, former general counsel of the Department of Energy, said Eckhardt was a man of the 18th century, meaning a time before specialists and experts, when an educated man was familiar with all the universe of knowledge. The quality of his of his mind was just striking. Ronnie Dugger wrote of him 30 years ago:

"Profoundly intelligent, well-informed, wise and humane. He does his own thinking." His mind was like an eagle, soaring high, strong and free, with excep-

tional vision that, once locked on a subject, did not let go.

His ability to focus was so complete, he was often oblivious to his surroundings. Eckhardt was once deeply involved in a conversation with his friend Tommy Sutherland, professor of southwestern literature and father of seven daughters, when a covey of naked little girls, fresh out of the bath, came racing into the room. They swarmed over the sofa where Eckhardt and Sutherland were talking, ran across the back, climbed down the other side and raced out of the room. Neither Tommy nor Bob ever looked up.

Unlike most brilliant and independent thinkers, Eckhardt actually enjoyed the legislative process. He would re-draft bills endlessly to accommodate input from his colleagues. The people at the House Legislative Counsel, the specialized office that actually writes bills, were always thrilled and challenged when dealing with an Eckhardt bill because they knew he would read every word and catch every mistake. He loved discussing abstract ideas such as social justice, but his genius was for turning them into the concrete, creating legislation and moving it through the process.

Eckhardt had the old-fashioned notion that one ought to listen to one's colleagues. It took a dozen staffers to keep him on schedule, and when he was AWOL, they would often

look in the House and find him engaged in debate on a subject far removed from his own committee assignments but about which he was well-informed. He could learn anything, said Coleman, to the point where he could engage in debate with any expert — a brilliant generalist. Too bright to be bored, during lulls in the legislative process he would draw wonderful caricatures of his colleagues, a priceless collection now with the Barker Texas History Center.

But a politician he was not. He was terrible at glad-handing and even worse at asking for money. It's amazing he lasted as long as he did, given that his Houston district was the epicenter of the petrochemical industry. He was the brains behind the Clean Air Act and believed in regulating the price of natural gas. It was typical of Eckhardt to put what he thought was good for the country ahead of his own political life. He thought he represented people, not industry — and as Joe Gunn of the Texas AFL-CIO said at his service, "Every working man and woman in Texas should know his name, and even if they don't, their lives are better because he was there."

He also served in the Texas Legislature during the 1950s, and former Sen. Babe Schwartz said, "The beaches of Texas will be open to her people for all generations because of Bob Eckhardt."

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## What ex-presidents could contribute

The recent airport security rift between the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives tends to reinforce the idea that the grownups reside in the Senate. The Senate voted 100-0 to federalize airport security. The House initially rejected the measure in favor of continued privatization and only reversed itself under intense pressure from Senate members of both parties.

But there is a way to rejuvenate the wayward House with the maturity it has so sorely been lacking. President John Quincy Adams gave us the answer. The one-term president and son of President John Adams defeated Andrew

Jackson in 1824 after the election had been thrown into the House of Representatives to be decided. And when he left office it was to the House of Representatives that he gravitated, winning a seat from his home state of Massachusetts in 1830. Dubbed "Old Man Eloquent," Adams added experience, wisdom and credibility to the House, serving until 1848, when he collapsed on the House floor. He died two days later in the Speaker's Room.

No other ex-president served in the House, though former President Andrew Johnson was elected to the U.S. Senate — the body that had rejected his impeachment by one vote seven years earlier — where he served for the last few months of his life. Most of the others went on to write books, perform charitable works, give speeches, provide occasional advice to succeeding occupants of

the Oval Office, and, when asked, represented the nation in various short-term capacities. Some of them simply retired to their homes.

In all cases, the nation lost valuable assets because our former presidents are unique in their experience and knowledge, and even the least intelligent of them has much to offer. But instead of urging them to run for office, the office should be conferred upon them. And instead of representing the parochial interests of one district in one state, they should be declared Representatives at Large. They should represent the nation.

Clearly, they could not be compelled to serve, and some of them might choose not to serve for health or other reasons. But for the others, the country would be well advised to provide them the opportunity until they reach the age of 75 or 80.

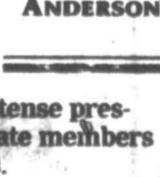
Imagine what they could

contribute. All of them, having been privy to the most highly classified secrets of the nation, would be invaluable on the House Intelligence Committee. All of them, having served as commanders-in-chief, would be able to provide undisputed wisdom on the House Armed Forces Committee. Ex-presidents, quite simply, are national treasures, and they should be utilized accordingly.

Would this cause the parties to nominate younger people for president because they would have a longer impact on the House after leaving the Oval Office? Would candidates' health take on a greater importance for the same reason? Would this scenario require a constitutional amendment?

The answers to these questions are "maybe" to the first, "probably" to the second, and "yes" to the third. Clearly, the benefits would outweigh the drawbacks.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Steers suffer 75-67 defeat at Merkel

Poor first-quarter shooting proved costly for Big Spring's Steers as they fell behind Merkel's Badgers early and were never able to mount a sustained comeback.

The Steers were able to trim Merkel's lead to just five points on seven occasions in the second half, as four Big Spring players finished in double figures.

Guard Greathouse led the way for Big Spring with 17 points, while Curtis Woodruff added 14. Clarence Wilkins and Arthur Belvin added 12 points apiece.

Now 1-2 on the season, the Steers will play host to Midland High's Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym.

#### YMCA basketball meeting scheduled

An organizational meeting for the upcoming Big Spring Youth Basketball League season has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the YMCA.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Deer harvest recommendations

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season which will continue through Jan. 6.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed.

Both antlerless deer and bucks must be properly tagged.

The recommended harvest in Howard County is one antlerless deer per 1,200 acres and one buck per 2,500 acres.

#### YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

#### New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, the Crossroads Tennis Association's director of tennis, has outlined his plans for developing a rich program for players ages five and older.

Bobo will be offering a variety of activities for juniors and adults of all skill levels.

For more information call Bobo at 268-1900.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Men  
6 p.m. — Utah at Alabama, ESPN2  
NFL  
8 p.m. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers at St. Louis Rams, ABC

## Texas-Colorado not the rematch everyone expected

IRVING (AP) — The Big 12 championship is a rematch, all right. Just not the one everyone expected.

Colorado-Texas is the surprising matchup for Saturday's game at Texas Stadium following a wild weekend that saw Nebraska and Oklahoma get knocked out of the conference title game and the national championship race.

The Buffaloes (9-2, 7-1) beat the Cornhuskers 62-36 on Friday to win the North division. It was their fourth straight win since losing 41-7 to the Longhorns in October.

Texas (10-1, 7-1) beat Texas A&M 21-7 Friday, then was handed the South division crown when Oklahoma lost 16-13 to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

"We're going to play for the Big 12 title and maybe have a shot at the national title. What more can you ask for?" said Longhorns corner-

back Quentin Jammer. "This is the chance we've been dreaming of.

"It's going to be great to play Colorado since nobody expected them to be in Dallas either. They're not the same team that came to Austin. They will come to Dallas with a lot of confidence and emotion. We will be prepared, too. It's going to be a great game."

For the No. 3 Longhorns, playing in the Big 12 championship comes with more risk than reward.

The risky part is that Texas likely would've been invited to a Bowl Championship Series game as an at-large team if Oklahoma had won the South.

Now the Longhorns must beat No. 9 Colorado to get in; lose and they're out of the BCS and the \$13 million payday that comes with it. A loss also might sink them below the Sooners in the pecking order of sec-

ond-tier bowls.

The best part for UT is the chance of advancing to the national championship game.

The odds, though, aren't good. In addition to beating the Buffaloes, the Longhorns would need two losses Saturday among No. 1 Miami, No. 2 Florida and No. 4 Oregon.

Then again, it wasn't likely that Nebraska and Oklahoma would both lose their regular-season finales. The Cornhuskers and Sooners went into the weekend ranked Nos. 2 and 4 and were a combined 21-1, with the one loss by OU in their head-to-head meeting.

"I had imagined this might happen, but I didn't want to let my imagination get too carried away," UT offensive lineman Mike Williams said.

Texas' only loss this season was to Oklahoma. The Longhorns have

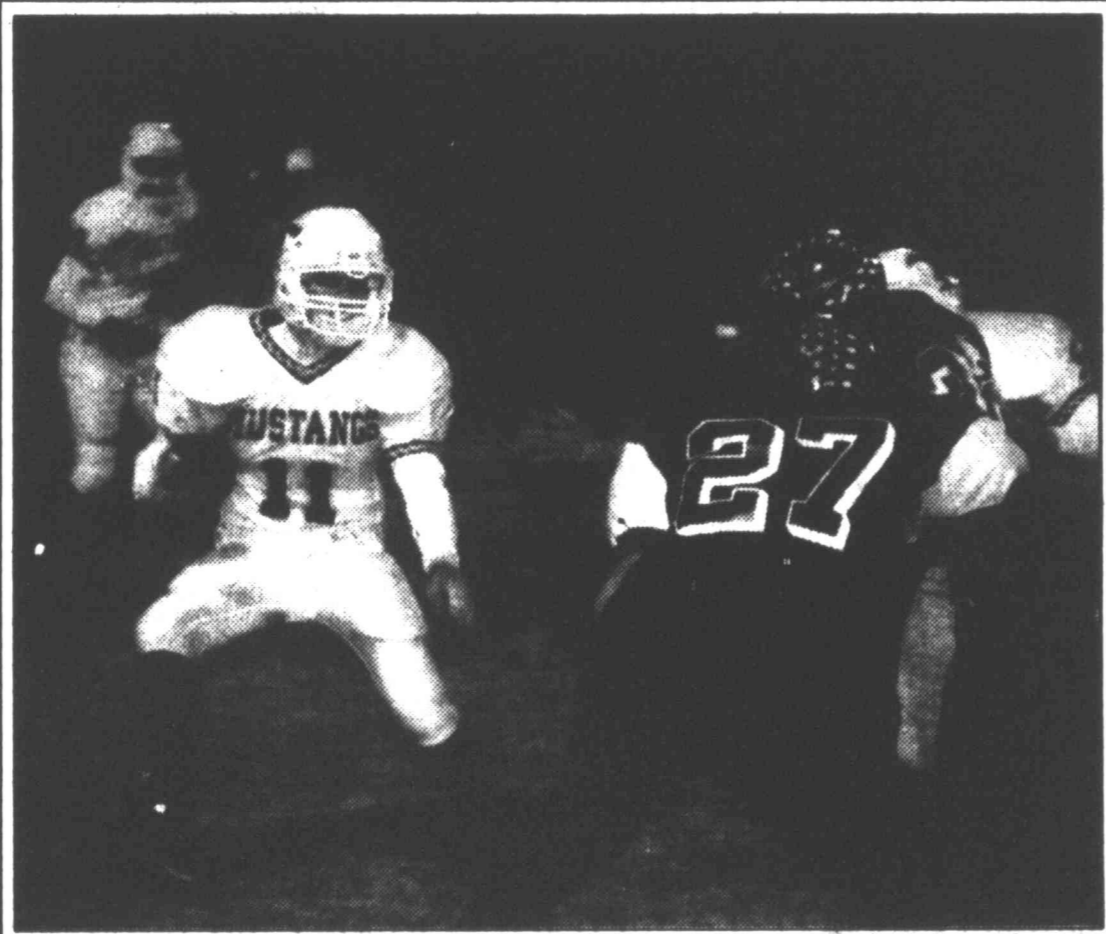
won six straight since and haven't trailed in the second half.

The Colorado game was the second one in that march.

The Buffaloes went into Austin on a five-game winning streak, but committed three early turnovers and missed a field goal. Texas scored a touchdown on its opening drive, got two more in the second quarter then poured it on in the second half.

"I'm really anticipating playing Texas, because they beat us and beat us pretty bad," Colorado safety Robbie Robinson said. "It's one of those blemishes on our record we'd like to get redemption for."

Rematches are never easy for the first-time winner. Texas learned that two years ago when it beat Nebraska at home in mid-October, then lost to the Cornhuskers in the championship game six weeks later.



Mustang running back Nate Hooney stuffs a pass before breaking outside for a first down during the second quarter of the Mustangs' 31-16 six-man area playoff win over New Home's Longhorns. The Mustangs will now face Whitharral in the state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ropesville. While the Mustangs take on Whitharral, Coahoma's Bulldogs will be squaring off against Quanah in the a Class 2A, Division regional semifinal game in Breckenridge.

## Newest AP poll shows shake-up, but Miami No. 1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Losses for Nebraska and Oklahoma turned into big gains for Florida, Texas, Oregon and Tennessee in the AP media poll.

While Miami (10-0) was a near-unanimous choice at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, Florida moved up to No. 2, Texas to No. 3, Oregon to No. 4 and Tennessee to No. 5.

Nebraska (11-1), beaten by Colorado 62-36 on Friday, fell four spots to No. 6, while Oklahoma tumbled seven places to No. 11 after its 16-13 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

The Hurricanes, who close out the regular season on Saturday at Virginia Tech, collected 71 first-place votes and 1,799 points from the 72 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel. Miami defeated Washington 65-7 on Saturday, dropping the Huskies (8-3) seven places to No. 19.

The Gators (9-1), off over the weekend, received the remaining first-place vote and 1,716 points. Florida plays host to Tennessee (9-1), with the winner advancing to the Southeastern Conference title game.

Texas (10-1) moved up two places following its 21-7 win over Texas A&M, and advanced to Saturday's Big 12 Conference title game against Colorado. The Buffaloes (9-2) improved five spots to No. 9 after their big win over the Huskers.

Oregon (9-1) did not play, but closes the regular season on Saturday against Oregon State. Tennessee defeated Vanderbilt 38-0 on Saturday.

After Nebraska, Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland (10-1) was No. 7, followed by Big Ten champ Illinois (10-1), Colorado and No. 10 BYU (11-0).

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five were Miami, Florida, Texas, Tennessee and Oregon.

The Hurricanes and Gators were expected to be first and second in the Bowl Championship Series standings on Monday. Nebraska was first and Miami second last week, with Florida fourth behind Oklahoma.

The final BCS standings on Dec. 9 determine which

### AP's TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Nov. 24:

Rank	Team	Record
1	Miami (71)	10-0
2	Florida (1)	9-1
3	Texas	10-1
4	Oregon	9-1
5	Tennessee	9-1
6	Nebraska	11-1
7	Maryland	10-1
8	Illinois	10-1
9	Colorado	9-2
10	BYU	11-0
11	Oklahoma	10-2
12	Stanford	8-2
13	Washington St.	9-2
14	Virginia Tech	8-2
15	South Carolina	9-3
16	Georgia	7-3
17	Michigan	7-3
18	Syracuse	9-3
19	Washington	8-3
20	Marshall	10-1
21	Fresno St.	10-2
22	LSU	7-3
23	Ohio St.	7-4
24	Louisville	10-2
25	Auburn	7-3

Others receiving votes: Florida St. 64, N.C. State 51, Georgia Tech 47, Arkansas 23, Toledo 20, Boston College 19, Utah 16, Iowa St. 8, Texas A&M 6, Boise St. 4, Texas Tech 4, Hawaii 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Southern Miss. 2, Kansas St. 1, Penn St. 1, Southern Cal 1.

teams will play for a national title in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. The standings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record and bonus points for big wins.

Oklahoma was No. 11 in the AP poll, followed by No. 12 Stanford, No. 13 Washington State, No. 14 Virginia Tech, No. 15 South Carolina, No. 16 Georgia, No. 17 Michigan, No. 18 Syracuse, No. 19 Washington and No. 20 Marshall.

Fresno State was No. 21, followed by No. 22 LSU, No. 23 Ohio State, No. 24 Louisville and No. 25 Auburn.

Michigan, 26-20 losers to Ohio State, fell six places. LSU, Ohio State and Auburn returned to the Top 25.

Georgia Tech, Arkansas and Boston College dropped out.

## San Francisco profits from Manning miscues

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The surging San Francisco 49ers took full advantage of Peyton Manning's career-worst four interceptions.

San Francisco scored 23 points off turnovers, Garrison Hearst ran for 106 yards and two touchdowns, and Jeff Garcia threw for two scores to lead the 49ers over Manning's Colts 40-21 Sunday.

At one juncture, San Francisco's offense had run 35 plays and scored 27 points. Garcia was 14-of-22 for 179 yards, and Terrell Owens caught six passes for 103 yards and a TD for the 49ers (8-2).

"A couple of years ago, when we were building this, we didn't know where we would be today," Owens said. "It's just a process. It was frustrating at times, but now you can see how far we've come."

Raiders 28, Giants 10

Oakland's Rich Gannon threw two of his three touchdown passes to Tim

Brown and set up another TD with a 20-yard pass to Jerry Rice.

The loss was the second straight and fifth in seven games for the Giants (5-6).

Zack Crockett had a 1-yard touchdown run, Charlie Garner scored on a 21-yard screen pass, and Brown scored on catches of 46 and 19 yards as the Raiders (8-2) opened a three-game lead in the AFC West. Oakland has won seven of its last eight games.

Steelers 34, Titans 24

Kordell Stewart threw for two touchdowns and ran 48 yards for another score, and Pittsburgh won for the first time in five trips to Tennessee.

Stewart tossed touchdown passes of 4 yards to Plaxico Burress and 25 yards to Amos Zereoue. Stewart's TD run gave Pittsburgh its first lead — 17-14 in the third quarter.

He was 19-of-31 for 254 yards passing and ran eight times for 54 yards for the Steelers (8-2), off to their best start since opening 9-2

in 1983. The Titans dropped to 4-6.

Redskins 13, Eagles 3

Ki-Jana Carter scored his first touchdown in two years, and Washington shut down Donovan McNabb to become the first NFL team to win five straight games after an 0-5 start.

The Redskins moved within one game of the first-place Eagles (6-4) in the NFC East.

Philadelphia had won three straight, including its last two by a total of 64 points. But it went three-and-out on its first five possessions and punted on the first seven.

Washington held the Eagles to 186 yards and seven first downs.

Ravens 24, Jaguars 21

Elvis Grbac drove Baltimore 74 yards in the final 90 seconds, and Shannon Sharpe made a beautiful, foot-dragging catch in the back of the end zone for the winning points.

Grbac threw for 259 yards.

## Duke still winning big, but really lacks cohesiveness

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A month ago, Mike Krzyzewski said No. 1 Duke could develop into the best passing team he's ever coached.

The coach had a much different view following a 104-63 victory over Portland on Sunday night, saying his team lacks cohesiveness and doesn't communicate well on the floor.

"If we win by 42 and guys are diving and guys are there to help each other out, not waving each other off or giving each other dirty looks,

then it's a different win." Duke's All-American guard Jason Williams said.

"It's different because you feel you won together. Tonight, I feel like we just won apart. We just won our separate battles."

Krzyzewski didn't care that Duke (4-0) missed 19 of its first 30 3-pointers and ended 5-for-25 from beyond the arc to remain mediocre from long range after four games.

As usual, he wants his club to keep shooting if players are open.

But Krzyzewski also wants Carlos Boozer to be stronger inside,

Williams to lead better and players to play for each other — not as individuals.

"The best means to develop cohesiveness, to have great communication," Krzyzewski said. "More than anything we lost from last year was the best communicator to maybe ever play college basketball in Shane Battier."

"That is just something that needs to be worked on," the coach added. "We can't have it be the 1920s and have silent movies. We can't have closed caption. We have to talk more."

In the only other game involving a Top 25 team on Sunday, No. 19 St. Joseph's beat Colorado 81-75.

The Blue Devils, struggling from the outside again, got 20 points from Boozer and forced 27 turnovers to beat Portland.

Boozer, 11-for-11 from the field in a 33-point win over the Pilots last season, made 8-of-14 this time and grabbed 13 rebounds as Duke had six players score in double figures and won its 20th straight home opener.

But Krzyzewski was critical of his game.

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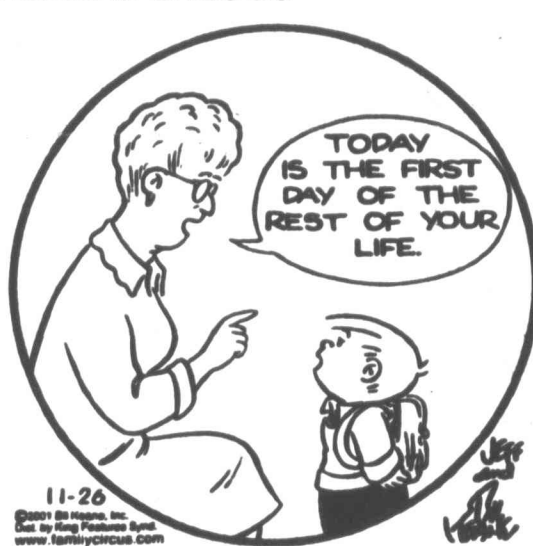
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"I thought it was Monday."

HAGAR



BLONDIE



B.C.



GEECH



WIZARD OF ID



HI AND LOIS



GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BETLE BAILY



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2001. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 26, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents.

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1940, the half-million Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

In 1942, the motion picture "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed, including 1,015 American troops.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean conflict, launching a counter-offensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.

In 1986, President Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1990, Japanese business giant Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. agreed to acquire MCA Inc. for \$6.6 billion.

Ten years ago: The Stars and Stripes were lowered for the last time at Clark

Air Base in the Philippines as the United States abandoned one of its oldest and largest overseas installations, which was damaged by a volcano.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Robert Goulet is 68. Impressionist Rich Little is 63. Singer Tina Turner is 62. Producer-director Bruce Paltrow is 58. Singer Jean Terrell is 57. Pop musician John McVie is 56. Actress Jamie Rose is 42. Country singer Linda Davis is 39. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe (River Road) is 36. Actress Maia Campbell is 25.

Answer to previous puzzle: W O M A N G L O B U P I D O Z O N E M I S P A N I C L A N G O S I M P A T I C F R E E L A N C E R I T A Y B R V L I N E D E A R A T T A N V O I C E R G A M M I K E R K E A R E A R A B C E A R S P E R R E A N R U O R O W P A V L O V B A R I U S E S D E P O S I T E M U S R A Y A T H A Y R I M T A I T I N S I G E I N D E T A I L T O R E C H O R T L E S B I N N E

Newsday Crossword

IN SUCCESSION by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS 1 Entangle 6 Ardor 10 -med student 13 Copier chemical 14 Took the bus 15 Imperfection 16 Primarily 19 American Beauty, e.g. 20 Conclusion 21 Seven- cake 22 Doctors' group: Abbr. 24 Chimney dust 26 Advance on an error, perhaps 34 United 35 Where Roma is 36 Airline to Tel Aviv 37 Wrongful act 39 Line part: Abbr. 40 Word book: Abbr. 41 Farmland unit 42 Keyboard instruments 45 Family mem. 46 The grandchildren 48 Jungle sound 50 Santa winds 51 Fruit pest 54 Pretense 55 God of thunder 60 Journalism 64 Wee 65 Window section

- 10 Arthur Miller creation 11 Track event 12 Water pitcher 15 Type of truck 17 Major meal 18 Walk heavily 23 Pronoun for Miss Piggy 24 Elegantly designed 25 - rampage (angry) 26 Alluded to 27 Methuselah's father 28 Country singer Gibbs 29 Less complicated 30 Just washed interrupters 32 "Holy" word starter 33 Rocker John 38 Fill with alarm 42 Links group: Abbr. 43 Make a speech 44 - Diego, CA 47 Extinct bird 48 Rip up 51 " - girl" 52 Former talk host Donahue 53 Coop residents 54 - time (never) 55 Guitarist Atkins 57 Mata - 58 Oklahoma Indians 59 Actress Russo 61 Boom times 62 Music genre 63 Health resort

Crossword grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting positions for the clues.