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**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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TONIGHT 24°-28° TOMORROW 29°-32°

**Time short to register for parade**

It's not too late to make plans for the *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade, set for Saturday.

Some 50 individuals, groups and organizations signed up to participate in the parade and will be eligible for prizes in several categories. Late entries are accepted, but those who wish to enter need to notify the *Herald* in order to be placed in the parade lineup.

The parade is scheduled to get under way at 5:30 and will make its way from the Gregg Street/FM 700 intersection down Gregg to Sixth Street. It will take Sixth to Main, and then proceed on to the courthouse.

For more information, call Elizabeth Flores at the *Herald*, 263-7351.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**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.

**THURSDAY**

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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## Court streamlines district numbers

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

At their meeting at 10 a.m. Monday, Howard County Commissioners approved a measure which should remove some of the confusion from county elections.

Until now, county precinct numbers listed on voter registration cards

have consisted of the normal three-digit precinct number used in state elections, plus an extra digit corresponding to the city council district number.

Today's vote will eliminate the city council district number from the precinct number, but the number will still appear on the card, said Deputy Voter Registrar Sandra Bloom.

Bloom said the recent round of city and county redistricting is behind the change.

"The fourth number always reflected the city council district, but when redistricting came about, the county didn't take into account that the city lines also changed," she said.

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## As promised, cold weather arrives in Howard County

HERALD Staff Report

Colder weather and precipitation arrived on schedule here early this morning with perhaps a little more bite than expected.

For instance, the

National Weather Service's forecast for a 30 percent chance of snow or rain today and tonight was revised during the night to a 40 percent this afternoon, increasing to 70 percent

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## Perry speaks out for education

Meeting here has patriotic theme, focus on school prayer

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Governor Rick Perry touched on patriotic themes and voiced his support for education in a speech at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring Monday.

About 150 local residents turned out to hear the governor, who was at the Community Center from 4 to about 5:30 p.m.

The governor also took time to sign a petition calling for the return of prayer to public schools.

"I think it will help us in getting more support," said petition circulator Lanell White of Big Spring. "We want to get it statewide, we're just starting locally."

White's fellow petition carrier, Karen Allen, said the two along with Jarry Fulgham, have collected 2,539 signatures so far.

Perry told the audience he was raised in West Texas and spent a year in Big Spring at Webb Air Force Base from 1972-73, when he trained as an Air Force pilot. West Texas values are a big part of his upbringing, he said.

"I got those from not only my family, but teachers, scout leaders, members of my community that I looked up to," he said.

About the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their aftermath, Perry paraphrased



Governor Rick Perry shakes hands with 6-year-old John Tyler Breyman of Elbow Elementary School as his mother Cindy Breyman, a fifth-grade math teacher at Elbow, looks on. Perry was in Big Spring Monday delivering a speech touching on patriotism and education.

Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities."

"These are the worst of times and these are the best

of times," he said, noting that the attacks took a dreadful toll on our country.

"Yet in that same moment we saw the best of

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## Terror

Peace at stake as factions open talks

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) — Under strong international pressure to end more than two decades of war, four Afghan factions began talks today on how to share power once the Taliban are defeated.

The talks among four delegations representing the northern alliance, exiles backing former King Mohammad Zahir Shah and two smaller exile groups are the most concerted effort yet to stop the strife that has plagued Afghanistan.

With the United States, Russia and neighbors such as Pakistan and Iran exerting influence from the corridors, the delegates must decide how long a transitional administration would run the country before convening a national assembly and the makeup of a peace-keeping force under a U.N. mandate. Regional stability and billions in development aid are at stake.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer opened the conference at a luxury hotel overlooking the Rhine River with an appeal to deliver peace and stability to the Afghan people.

"I urge you all to forge a truly historic compromise that holds out a better future for your torn country and its people," Fischer said. "The international community is prepared to make this great effort," but only if its expectations are met.

The delegates must agree on binding rules for a future political system and respect for human rights, particularly for women, Fischer said.

"Their active participation in the social and political life of the nation is essential for the country's peaceful future," Fischer

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## 'Othello' debuts tonight at auditorium

HERALD Staff Report

Deception, jealousy and mistaking incidents — no its not another soap opera episode but Howard College Theatre Departments performance of "Othello."

Opening night of the play by William Shakespeare is set for 7:30 Tuesday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium and nightly per-

formances will continue 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.

In the play, Iago, an old soldier, is angry at Othello, a general for promoting someone over him so Iago sets about bringing the destruction of Othello by

creating situations of jealousy and divisiveness

The cast includes Pat Vera-Bererra as the Duchess of Venice; Levi Vance as the Brabantio, a senator and as Gratiano, brother of Brabantio; Tiffany Hancock as the first Senator and as Bianca, mistress to Cassio; and Kimberly Lepard as Senator Lodovico, a relative of Brabantio.

Also Ben Solis as Othello, a noble Moore; Patrick Farquhar as Cassio, his lieutenant; Brandon Johnson as Iago, his ancient; Clay Grizzle as Roderigo, a Venetian gentleman; Kristi Taylor as Montano, governor of Cyprus; and Amber Choate as the Fool, a servant to Othello.

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## Scouts, others ready to dedicate new COPE course in Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

What to see the mayor hang from a rope? The opportunity will come Thursday as Mayor Russ McEwen participates in the grand opening of the new COPE course at Camp Thomas.

The Buffalo Trail Council will culminate several years of seeking funding for the COPE — Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience — course on Thursday with ribbon cutting at noon.

The ceremony will be held at Camp Thomas, located on Driver Road past the

Veterans of Foreign Wars building.

McEwen will test out the new course by going down the zip line, said Warren Wallace of the Buffalo Trail Council. The Dora Roberts Foundation funded the project.

The 51-acre course includes 15 high elements that reach about 35 feet in height, as well as many low elements, Wallace said. The purpose of the course is to teach teamwork, problem solving and even leadership building, he said.

"It is educational," Wallace said. "It also offers numerous avenues to benefit a specific person. It does build self-esteem. You have to overcome your own fears."

Elements to conquer include walking across a pole 25 feet in the air with nothing under it or falling

backwards from an elevated position into the arms of teammates.

"We have a nice course," he said. "The course has every element."

The course is not restricted to the Boy Scouts but is open community wide from church groups to public schools and Howard College, Wallace said and the council offers group training and instructor training.

"Thrill Hill" will become nothing compared to the pumper pole or other elements we have out there," Wallace said.

For more information about the course, fees and instruction or training, contact Wallace at 263-3407. Those planning on attending the ribbon cutting should reserve a spot by Wednesday.



County Clerk Donna Weight reaches high to hang lights on the Christmas tree at the Howard County Courthouse Monday.

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OBITUARIES

**Effie Montgomery**  
Funeral service for Effie Montgomery, 81, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Mrs. Montgomery died today, Nov. 27, 2001, at a local nursing home.

**W.L. Townsend**  
Funeral service for W.L. "Shake" Townsend, 89, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Townsend died Monday, Nov. 26, 2001, at a McCamey hospital.

**Johnny Johnson Sr.**  
Graveside funeral service for Johnny Johnson Sr., 99, of Big Spring, was held at 10 a.m. today, Nov. 27, 2001, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Johnson died Saturday, Nov. 24, at a local nursing home.



He was born on March 26, 1902, in San Antonio. He was a farmer and a jack of all trades. Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Jean Johnson of Brownfield; one son, Johnny Johnson Jr. of Big Spring; three daughters, Faye Lynn Johnson and Janet Roselyn Johnson, both of Lubbock, and Roselle Johnson of Japan; and three grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

PERRY

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"It's wonderful," he said after the vote. "It was very inspirational. He is a governor who believes strongly in higher education and in public education and he stated the priorities very well. You get a feel for why he feels the way he does."

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The cast includes Autumn Pherneton as Desdemona, a daughter to Brabantio; Celeste Bond as Emilia, wife to Iago; Parker Brooks as the soldier of Venice and musician; and Travis McMillian as the soldier of Venice and musician.

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"The numbering system that was assigned is not going to reflect the proper district."

Making the precinct number distinct from the city district number should eliminate confusion, Bloom said.

"It should," she said. "For instance, we used to get a lot of calls because in the general election, the state election, they only used three numbers anyway, and people were confused because they looked at their card and saw four numbers."

Bloom predicts that the city will stop using the state precinct numbers altogether and simply go by the district number.

"They can't really use those precinct numbers because Precinct 202 may be in City 5 and City 6," she said.

Bloom said that her office will be sending out new voter registration cards by Dec. 5.

In other business, the Commissioner's Court:

- Voted to spend \$5,062 for antivirus software for county computers. The software

"That's the message to every student in our schools," he said. "Go and get that degree. Give back to the state by becoming an educated citizen."

In a press conference following his speech, Perry answered questions about redistricting, prayer in school and the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Every 10 years they move lines and some people are happy and some aren't," he said. "None of us like to get moved around. They have growth in the state and the lines get moved around."

Perry reassured the media that he would continue to be a strong representative for West Texas.

"You're going to have a governor who lived here for a year. Who has family here. Who has West Texas roots," he said. "I'm going to represent you."

Perry said prayer in school is especially important following Sept. 11.

"With Sept. 11, anything we can do to strengthen values in our public schools, our private schools..." he said. "I know that there are those who are against any type of values or character education in schools. I'm not one of them."

The terrorist attacks changed everything in America, he said.

"We all live in a different world," he said. "Whether you're living on a farm in Lomax, Texas, or whether you're living in the Governor's Mansion in Austin."

Perry said Land Commissioner David Dewhurst is doing a good job getting the new state Homeland Security agency underway.

Patriotism since Sept. 11 is a great thing, Perry said.

"I think we all are more in touch with our patriotic side," he said. "We're seeing the American flag flying in so many venues that six months ago you didn't see."

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is being provided by Basin 2-Way Radio and the price includes a \$1,000 installation fee.

• Voted to sell three Sheriff's vehicles to high bidder Alexander Motor Company. The three cars are 1996 and 1997 models, and all have in excess of 100,000 miles on their odometers. Some commissioners expressed interest in exploring the option of using the cars as trade-ins, but the Court voted unanimously to sell the cruisers to Alexander.

COLD

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tonight. Of course, most Howard County residents awoke this morning to light rain and sleet.

The forecast calls for a 50 percent chance of light snow on Wednesday with a high temperature of just 30 degrees. Temperatures over the next couple of nights will be near 20.

The updated forecast continues to show a warming trend beginning with highs in the mid 40s, increasing to the 60s Friday through Monday.

TALKS

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Leaders of each of the four delegations gathered around the 36-seat table gave opening remarks, before they broke up into a shifting series of groups. The delegations represent all the major ethnic groups, including the Pashtun, Afghanistan's largest ethnic group.

Due to rapid developments on the battlefield, key warlords stayed home, sending sons, sons-in-law or key aides instead.

The northern alliance comes to the talks in a position of strength after ousting the Taliban from much of Afghanistan. But its delegation here said it would not use its battlefield victories to seek advantage.

"It is not our pride to monopolize power. It will be our pride to work for a broad-based government based on the will of the people of Afghanistan," the northern alliance delegation leader Younus Qanooni said.

The alliance's titular head, Burhanuddin Rabbani, said the German talks were unlikely to yield substantial results. Rabbani has insisted that the real decision-making would have to take place in meetings in Afghanistan.

"The International Conference on Afghanistan held in Bonn should be the last meeting held outside Afghanistan. I don't expect decisive results from the meeting," Rabbani told reporters in Dubai. He did not elaborate.

Rabbani, a Tajik who was ousted from the presidency by the Taliban in 1996, has never given up his claim to the post. He had pressed for the conference to be held in Kabul, which is controlled by his forces.

Each of the four delegation heads underscored the need for flexibility and an

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

interim authority that would include all Afghans, also women, who under the Taliban's five-year Islamic rule lost most of their rights. Two women were among the 25 Afghan delegates at the table.

At the foot of Petersberg hill where delegates met, about 30 Afghan women protested for greater women's rights in their country. About 300 supporters of the exiled former king also demonstrated, many carrying photos of a younger Zaher Shah in a military uniform.

The former king's grandson, Mostapha Zaher, descended from the hill to greet the crowd. He told reporters that talks were proceeding in a friendly atmosphere and expressed optimism they would succeed.

"We are going to get peace. That's what we came for," Zaher said. "There will be a result. It will be for the good of the Afghan nation."

Before the conference opened, Ahmad Fawzi, the U.N. spokesman for Afghanistan, said that the Afghan groups must wrap up the talks in less than a week. The United Nations had previously said it would allow the talks to continue as long as necessary.

The talks at a secluded luxury hotel across the river from Bonn, Germany, are seen as a historic opportunity to stabilize Afghanistan and avert a repeat of fighting between rival warlords after they drove out Soviet occupiers in 1989.

Many countries see the ex-king — a Pashtun — as a symbolically powerful candidate for heading an interim administration. He has been in exile in Rome since being ousted in a 1973 coup.

Western nations have linked the prospect of billions in reconstruction aid to the creation of an interim administration and respect to human rights by Afghanistan's new rulers.

"Until there is a government that is broadly representative and recognized by us, there's not going to be any reconstruction assistance," a senior U.S. official close to the talks said on condition of anonymity.

Germany, which has taken a lead role in organizing aid to Afghanistan, will hold a meeting Dec. 5-6 in Berlin where donor nations will discuss how to deliver additional humanitarian aid to Afghanistan. Another conference on reconstructing the country will be held in Tokyo in January, Fischer said.

The push to provide aid is meant to underscore that the U.S. bombing is not against the Afghan people but at suspected targets linked to Osama bin Laden and his terror network, blamed by Washington for the Sept. 11 attacks.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 6,4,0  
CASH 2,4,17,24,31

POLICE

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

• **MICHAEL BRYAN BRYANT**, 25, of 1309 Runnels was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and for Department of Public Safety Warrants.

• **LISA JEANINE RUBIO**, 34, of 3304 W. Highway 80 was arrested for revocation of probation and for a Williamson County warrant.

• **PHILLIP STEVEN ELLIOTT JR.**, 28, of 7903 Keswick in Austin was arrested for revocation of probation.

• **SHAWN DERRICK LARA**, 31, of 106 Lake Apartment A in Bryan was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **ROCKY LEE RODRIGUEZ**, 20 of 3906 Gail Highway was arrested for six local warrants.

• **CATHY DIGBY**, 21, of 2512 Hunter was arrested for three local warrants.

• **JOSE MELENDEZ**, 18, of 811 W. Seventh St. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 300 block of West Seventh Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of South Johnson. About \$200 worth of damage was reported at the address.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of South Gregg.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENTS** were reported in the 1300 block of Baylor Boulevard and the 500 block of North Lamesa Drive.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of Cindy

Lane.  
• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- In the 800 block of Avondale. Someone reportedly kicked open the rear door of the home causing \$1,000 damage and broke open a steel gun cabinet causing \$200 damage. From the cabinet, a \$700 Browning High Power Pistol, a \$700 World War II German P-38 Pistol, a \$400 High Standard Sentinel 22-caliber magnum, a \$10 brown leather gun case, a \$150 original German leather scabbard, a \$30 leather tooled holster and a box of 9mm ammunition worth \$15 were reported stolen.

- In the 1600 block of Jennings. Someone reportedly forced open a metal side door causing \$150 damage and stole \$450 worth of video cassette tapes.

- In the 1100 block of Ridgeroad Drive. Someone reportedly broke a rear window at the home causing \$75 worth of damage and stole \$300 worth of clothing intended as Christmas gifts, an \$88 DVD player, a \$129 VCR, a \$30 Phillips stereo, a \$40 Emerson stereo and a \$13 toy telephone intended as a Christmas gift.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

11:31 a.m. — 400 block of Young, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:18 p.m. — 2500 block of Oasis Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:34 p.m. — 1300 block of Baylor, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:36 p.m. — 1600 block of Lark, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:23 p.m. — 3300 block of W. Hwy 80, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

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Effie Montgomery, 81, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
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Two more scheduled arraigned school bo  
NEW BEDD (AP) — A gr accused of Columbine-sty at their high planned to h in black tren come out of shooting, acc alleged accom ments to polic  
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Police also o spent cartridges different types and torture dev  
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**Two more teens scheduled to be arraigned in school bomb plot**

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A group of teens accused of plotting a Columbine-style massacre at their high school had planned to hide weapons in black trenchcoats and come out of a bathroom shooting, according to an alleged accomplice's statements to police.

Three teens — brothers Eric McKeehan, 17, and Michael McKeehan, 15; and Steven Jones, 15 — have already been charged in the plot to kill "thugs, preps, and faculty" at New Bedford High School. Now police say two more will also face charges, among them the girl who detailed the plot for police, Amy Lee Bowman, 17.

Bowman was to be summoned to court Tuesday and an unidentified 16-year-old boy on Wednesday for arraignment, police said.

The students allegedly modeled themselves after the two teen-agers who carried out the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo. Police were tipped off to the plot by a note discovered by a janitor and other evidence in addition to Bowman's disclosure. School and city officials said they believe the plan would likely have gone forward if authorities had not intervened.

The McKeehans and Jones planned to videotape their killing spree, then climb onto the school's roof before shooting each other, according to a police report released Monday. They were arrested at their homes Saturday after the janitor found the letter outlining their alleged plot, which also included detonating explosives.

Police searching Michael McKeehan's bedroom found Satanic masks, a meat cleaver, an ax and a photograph of Adolf Hitler, according to a report following his arrest. They found a bomb recipe book in a locked room in his basement, authorities said.

Police also discovered spent cartridges from five different types of guns, and torture devices.

Eric McKeehan pleaded innocent Monday to charges of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and possession of ammunition. He was ordered held without bail.

Michael McKeehan and Jones also were being held after pleading innocent to the same charges in closed juvenile court hearings.

Police said Bowman and the 16-year-old boy would face the same charges as the other three students. It was not immediately clear what their role in the alleged plot would have been. Bowman told authorities she came forward with the information on Nov. 5 because she did not want to see a favorite teacher killed, according to the police report.

Acting Gov. Jane Swift said authorities responded appropriately to the threats.

"As a parent, I don't think you can overreact in this situation," she said. "Unfortunately, unimaginable things have happened in schools around our country, and we have got to take very seriously any threat."

Michael McKeehan's public defender, Alan Zvirblis said the evidence against his client is "sketchy" and "very contradictory."

The school opened Monday, but nearly half of the 3,300 students stayed home.

**Special forces, allied fighters claim to have quashed uprising**

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) — Northern alliance fighters helped by U.S. special forces claimed today to have quashed an uprising by captured Taliban after a third day of fierce fighting around a fortress prison.

With the battle raging on during the day, there were gruesome scenes of dozens of bodies and body parts scattered about. One television report showed some 60 bodies, believed to be Taliban, scattered across a courtyard in the sprawling, mud-walled Galai Janghi fortress.

Trucks carrying 200 alliance fighters and an

anti-aircraft gun arrived at the fortress in the morning. Desert camouflage-clad U.S. special forces and armed soldiers who appeared to be British moved in and out of the fort.

By evening, the northern alliance said it had wiped out the Taliban resistance inside the fortress. About 450 in all had been involved in the uprising, said Alim Razim, a political adviser to Gen. Rashid Dostum, the alliance commander responsible for the fort.

"The situation is completely under control. All of them were killed," Razim said.

As darkness descended

and alliance forces turned back journalists trying to enter the fortress, it was impossible to independently confirm the claim that all of the captives had been completely defeated.

Alliance officers said about 40 of their troops died in the fighting.

Footage shot by the private Turkish station NTV showed some 60 bodies of Taliban fighters littered throughout the courtyard of the fortress, and northern alliance soldiers walking past the corpses.

An Associated Press photographer saw the bodies of eight northern alliance soldiers and about six wound-

ed alliance fighters outside the fort today. The bodies of three escaped Taliban prisoners, who appeared to be Pakistanis, lay in a ditch, and villagers said one of them had been strangled with a rope.

A villager, laughing, picked up the body by the robe and kicked it in head. Another posed over the body, holding a knife.

Hundreds of non-Afghans fighting with the Taliban were brought to the fortress here as part of the weekend surrender of Kunduz, the Islamic militia's last stronghold in the north. Once inside the fortress Sunday, the prisoners stormed the

armory and fought alliance forces.

Northern alliance officials had said Sunday that the fortress was under control, only to see heavy fighting over the next two days.

U.S. special forces aided northern alliance fighters in the battle. U.S. airplanes circled above today as Taliban prisoners rained rocket-propelled grenades and mortars on alliance troops. Witnesses reported heavy airstrikes on the fortress overnight.

Five U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded Monday when a U.S. JDAM smart bomb called in by special forces went astray.

**Senate not likely to take up cloning soon**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle has no plans to rush a ban on human cloning through Congress, despite the view of some lawmakers that a federal law must be enacted soon to stop fast-moving research.

"A lot of senators want time to think through all

the medical and scientific issues involved," Daschle spokesman Doug Hattaway said Monday.

Many lawmakers denounced Sunday's announcement by a Massachusetts company that scientists had cloned a six-cell human embryo. "We don't know who else

in the country is working on the issue of human cloning. This needs to be stopped," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

"Let's be clear," said Arme, R-Texas. "We are in a race to prevent amoral, scientifically suspect tinkering with the miracle and sanctity of life."

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OUR VIEWS

Glad to see Gov. Perry come 'home'

Governor Rick Perry brought a positive and patriotic message during his visit here Monday. The Haskell native, who has relatives in the Lomax community, didn't downplay the fact that he is on the campaign trail - "You're going to have a governor who lived here for a year. Who has family here. Who has West Texas roots," he told the crowd of about 150 at Dora Roberts Community Center.

But his message was clearly more about healing after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon by terrorists and the importance of getting an education. He recalled how Americans rallied after Pearl Harbor and how they again have pulled together following the events of Sept. 11.

"I've never, never been more proud to call myself an American as I have in these last few days," Perry said.

On education, he announced an initiative to spend \$300 million on the Texas Grant Program for college tuition grants. He pointed out that a college education not only strengthens individuals, but Texas as well.

Perry's message was strong and clear and he took time here Monday to answer some questions and stay a moment to visit with members of the community.

As a community that is often times overlooked by state and national public officials, we appreciate that Gov. Perry took the time to return to Big Spring. We hope to see him again soon.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the Herald for taking on the task of organizing the recent Holiday Recipe Cookbook project.

I enjoy getting "tried and true" recipes and looked forward to this years section.

When I saw your ad announcement I was not real busy so I decided to enter three of my favorite recipes. Lo and behold one came in as a finalist and then as a winner. I could not have been more pleased.

When I told my girlfriend up in Wisconsin, she said, "I didn't even think you could boil water."

My culinary skills are very limited needless to say, so you can see why I was excited about winning.

Thank you and the judges for the time they

spent reading the entries and then tasting the finalist's entries.

I don't imagine the latter was a big sacrifice though. From experience I know it's not always easy coordinating events and people and meeting deadlines, so I appreciate the time, the advertising and news staff spent on this project.

I have sent copies of the booklet to my girlfriend, sister, brother and step-mother in Wisconsin as proof that when they visit they will get fed something because I can make an award-winning appetizer.

I've had so much fun with this, thank you! And a big thank you to Sugg's Hallmark for my skillet.

JANE ARMSTRONG BIG SPRING

Using a false formula for prosperity

Corporate America has convinced many people that the formula for prosperity is this: free trade plus economic growth equals prosperity for the many.

That is false.

First of all, what is called "free trade" is managed trade. Managed trade is when the rich use their political influence to get the government to negotiate favorable trade circumstances for them. These goodies must always be paid for by bad circumstances for the less politically influential.

Second, perpetual economic growth is impossible. What we call economics is simply a collection of observations about the human condition and people's activities in pursuit of food and shelter. These are cyclical, never a straight

line. The Austrian thinker Ludwig von Mises has pointed out that statistics are, at best, just historical data. They do not predict anything. And it is only by playing with statistics and especially by hiding the results of long-term currency devaluation that those propagators of the myth can claim that growth is unlimited.

When we move from our own private interests to thinking about the public interests, we should recognize that our goals should change. It is natural for us as individuals to want to make as much money as we can. But when we think of the nation, we have to change our parameters.

A good nation would be one in which a very minimum number of people would be without an adequate home, an adequate diet and some basic comforts. It doesn't matter if a society has a few billionaires as long as it doesn't have large numbers of people in poverty.

Unfortunately, as one of America's great journalists, Jack Flynn, so astutely observed, it is impossible

for any individual (or corporation) to get rich without finding a way to get a portion of a lot of other people's money. To use the simplest example, Stephen King, once a poor school-teacher, has become a millionaire because so many people have been willing to give King a portion of their earnings in exchange for the pleasure of reading his novels. That's free-market economics in its simplest form.

Problems arise when corporations, for example, refuse to pay fair prices for labor and materials while charging unfair prices for their products. The CEO of one American clothing chain makes more than \$30 million a year; people in Southeast Asia who supply the labor are striking and asking for a raise - from \$20 a month to \$40 a month. If you buy anything from such a store, look at the price tag and ask yourself which has the most impact on the price you're paying for that item - \$20 a month labor or \$30 million a year CEOs.

The governments of all countries have the right

and the duty to create conditions that allow their people to achieve the maximum amount of prosperity. Unfortunately, many corrupt government leaders cut deals with multinational corporations that allow the exploitation of both the people and the country's resources.

As Americans, we should promote fair trade, not free trade, which is a false front for corporate exploitation. We should be outraged that we pay \$7 a pound for coffee when the coffee farmer received only 40 cents a pound.

We should be outraged to pay \$50 for an item of clothing some poor woman was paid pennies to sew. We should be outraged when pharmaceutical companies make millions of dollars while the poor die from curable diseases. We should be outraged that the United States is becoming a country with a shrinking middle class and a growing number of people in poverty.

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U.S.-imposed non-proliferation

It is about nothing less than the survival of the human race.

During the Cold War, MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) served our purposes because it worked, and it worked because rational people held the codes to nuclear arsenals. But the proliferation of nuclear, as well as chemical and biological, weapons has rendered MAD moot because with proliferation has come irrationality.

Sept. 11 and the subsequent anthrax mailings have proven that fanatical rogue elements have the will and the increasing means to wreak havoc on society. There can be little doubt that Osama bin Laden would have used - and would use - any and all means to attack the United States and its allies. The solution to this dilemma is not to simply sit back and take it. The

1995 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (known as NPT) was reaffirmed last year by the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia and China. But India, Pakistan, Israel and Cuba continue to refrain from signing. So the solution is for the United States, as the lone superpower, to assert its power to the fullest. This means that nuclear, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction shall henceforth be banned for all nations except the United States. This is not a matter of international law or fairness, but of survival.

Clearly, the nuclear powers of the world would balk at such a pronouncement. And just as clearly, the United States is not prepared to enforce such a declaration with military force. There are other ways - tailor-made ways - for each nuclear state.

Great Britain and France, the NATO nuclear powers, should be convinced to place their nuclear arsenals under NATO control. To do so would affect them very little and would set an example of nuclear maturity in this unsafe world. Israel cannot easily be

market economy, which means that it is becoming increasingly dependent upon world markets. Meanwhile, its authoritarian government has embarked upon an arms buildup that threatens its neighbors in Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, Japan, Russia, and even the United States. It will come down to a matter of economic coercion, a change to a democratic government, or both. In any event, China's nukes must go.

Russia is already primed to do away with its nuclear warheads. Maintaining them is expensive, and even dangerous. Bringing Russia into NATO could solve the whole problem.

India and Pakistan pose a different problem. Our new-found influence with Pakistan, backed by trade agreements and security guarantees, could be used to induce that nation to give up its nukes. With that accomplished, India would certainly be more amenable to doing the same. However, India faces the problem of China, and the Indian response most assuredly would be that nuclear disarmament would occur only when China does likewise.

So China is the key. China is transitioning from a controlled economy to a

market economy, which means that it is becoming increasingly dependent upon world markets. Meanwhile, its authoritarian government has embarked upon an arms buildup that threatens its neighbors in Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, Japan, Russia, and even the United States. It will come down to a matter of economic coercion, a change to a democratic government, or both. In any event, China's nukes must go.

As go nuclear weapons, so will go chemical and biological weapons because, as nuclear powers become non-nuclear powers, they will simultaneously give up their chemical and biological weapons. The same cannot be said for nations such as Iraq and Iran that manufacture chemical and biological weapons in lieu of nuclear weapons. For them, political, economic, and even military force can be used to impose our will.

As idealistic and drastic as this all may seem, the alternative - the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological annihilation - is unimaginable.



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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Hawks fall to Hill College

Howard College's Lady Hawks had no better luck with the nationally-ranked Hill College Lady Rebels at home Monday night than they did a few weeks ago in Hillsboro, suffering a 71-53 loss at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks got 19 points from sophomore post Shamleka Buckley and 10 more from sophomore forward Latasha Matthew, but still saw their record dip to 3-8 on the season.

The Lady Hawks travel to Ranger on Wednesday for a 6 p.m. game against the Ranger College Lady Rangers.

#### 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.

#### New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, the Crossroads Tennis Association 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, ranging from private lessons and clinics to tournaments and league play for juniors and adults.

For more information call Bobo at 268-1900.

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#### TONIGHT H.S. BASKETBALL

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7 p.m. — Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks, KBST-AM 1490.

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##### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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7 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Houston Rockets, TBS.

7:30 p.m. — Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks, FXS.

9:30 p.m. — Milwaukee Bucks at Los Angeles Lakers, TBS.

## Longhorns impressed by Colorado's big win over 'Huskers

IRVING (AP) — The excitement of being in the Big 12 championship began leaving Texas coach Mack Brown about the time he started watching the game film of Colorado's dominating performance against Nebraska.

Seeing the Buffaloes run over, through and around the Cornhuskers' defense in a 62-36 victory was all Brown needed to realize the No. 3 Longhorns wouldn't have it as easy against No. 9 Colorado as they did six weeks ago.

"I've never seen a team line up and get after Nebraska like Colorado did," Brown said Monday. "Our defense is very similar to Nebraska's. In fact, they were rated better than us going into game."

"We're just amazed. I stood there saying, 'What do you do?'"

Now Texas (10-1) is ahead of Nebraska in a much more impor-

tant ranking: the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Longhorns are No. 3, meaning if they beat the Buffs and if either No. 1 Miami or No. 2 Florida loses, UT could be headed to the national championship game. Even if that happens, it's not a slam dunk, though, because Tennessee — which plays Florida on Saturday — could slide ahead of Texas in the BCS formula.

Regardless of how it works out, the fact the Longhorns are this close is something they hardly expected after losing to Oklahoma the first weekend in October. The Sooners were knocked out of the way Saturday when they lost to Oklahoma State.

"We've been saying since Oklahoma that we're going to just finish the season and see how things play out," UT cornerback

Quentin Jammer said. "It's happened like we wanted so far. Hopefully we'll win this game on Saturday and see where the BCS puts us."

Colorado (9-2) is seventh in the BCS standings. Its only chance of making a BCS bowl is by beating Texas.

"In my opinion, this is playoff football," coach Gary Barnett said. "If you wanted a football playoff, you're getting it. Every game, everybody's got to be up for it."

Colorado was sure geared up for the Huskers, taking a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter and still scoring three touchdowns in the final period. The Buffs ran for 380 yards while scoring the most points ever by a Nebraska opponent.

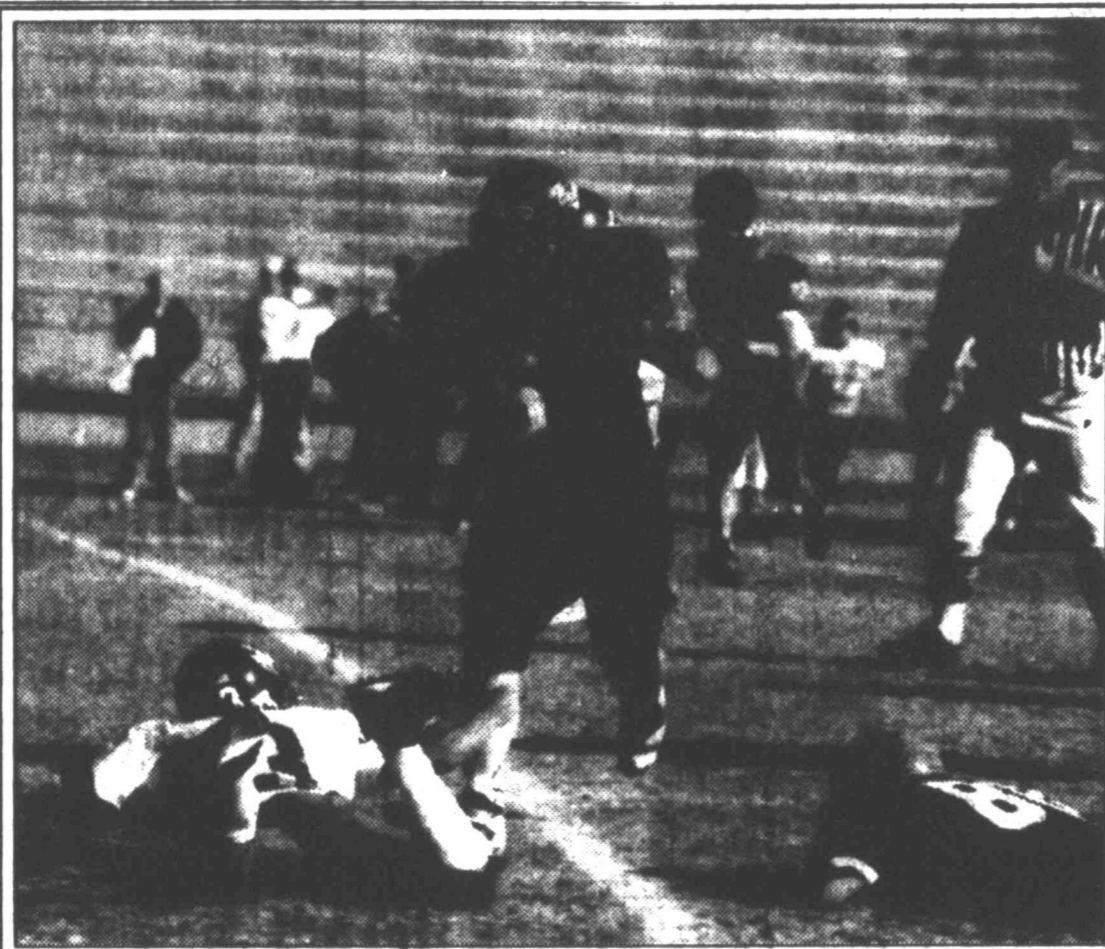
In a 41-7 loss to Texas in Austin on Oct. 20, Colorado ran for only 124 yards.

"Basically, we beat ourselves," said quarterback Bobby Pesavento, who made his first start that day. "Texas is a great football team, and you can't take anything away from them, but we had too many turnovers."

Brown watched the Colorado-Nebraska film with his staff before showing it to the team. Players already knew the details.

"If we think it's going to be like when we played them here, we've got another thing coming," Texas offensive lineman Mike Williams said. "It's going to be a bigger, tougher-than-ever Colorado team that shows up."

Considering the game is in the Dallas area, the Longhorns should have the crowd on their side — presuming Texas fans can pry them away from disappointed Oklahoma and Nebraska fans quick enough.



Coahoma running back Cory Hill (15) prepares to step over a Mason tackler on route to a touchdown run during the Buffs' 49-14 upset playoff victory over the Sooners last week. The Dogs will now take on Quinn's Indians in a Class 2A, Division I regional semi-final game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Breckenridge.

## Carter back as Cowboys' starting QB

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are back where they started at quarterback.

Rookie Quincy Carter, the opening-day starter who has played just five quarters because of injuries, practiced with the Cowboys' first-team offense Monday, and coach Dave Campo said he would start Sunday's game at Washington. Carter hasn't played since tearing his left hamstring Oct. 7 at Oakland.

Ryan Leaf, the fourth starter this season, will be the backup after losing all hope of his Dallas starts.

"It's been stated all of the way through the year that when Quincy was healthy, he would be our starter, and the only reason he wasn't was because of injury," Campo said. "We feel good about him. We want to get him out there and let him get going."

Carter's return ironically comes against the Redskins (5-5) and Tony Banks, the quarterback the Cowboys unexpectedly cut midway through training camp to clear the way for Carter. Banks, who replaced Jeff George after two games, is 5-3 as the starter for Washington, the first team to win five straight games after an 0-5 start.

After playing the entire game in the season-opening 10-6 loss to Tampa Bay, Carter injured his throwing thumb in practice and missed two games. The hamstring injury came in the first quarter of his return at Oakland.

During practice Monday, Carter showed no ill effects from the injuries or his changed grip on the football. He moved around with ease and looked good throwing the ball, at times hitting deep receivers in stride despite some gusty winds.

"I'm back in the mix now. Now that I'm back on the field, it just feels good," Carter said, adding he felt no pain. "That's what we wanted. We wanted it that when I went back on the field it was 100 percent, and that's what it is."

When Carter had hamstring surgery Oct. 15, the prognosis for recovery was 6-8 weeks. Monday marked seven weeks, even though he had been listed as the No. 3 quarterback and available in an emergency the past three games.

"I healed up a lot quicker than we were all thinking, but we wanted to be slow with it and make sure," he said.

In Leaf's last start, the Cowboys trailed Denver by 23 points in the fourth quarter Thanksgiving Day before losing 25-24. Leaf finished 16-of-32 for 193 yards, tying a season high for the team, but seven completions and 109 yards came in the

## Despite five straight wins, Redskins not 'BGS' ready

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins, 5-0 after an 0-5 start, are dealing with a new role: favorites.

"No BGS — no Big Game Syndrome," quarterback Tony Banks said Monday, repeating an acronym invented by guard Dave Szott. "We're not having that mentality." "I figured here that we got it all figured out. I don't think anybody can at 5-5. It's nice the way we've done it, the historic precedent, but we've still got a long way to go."

Sunday's 13-3 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles made the Redskins the first team in NFL history to win five straight after an 0-5 start. They control their own destiny in the NFC East, trailing the Eagles by one game with a rematch at home in three weeks.

This week, the Redskins will be favored for the first time this season when they welcome the Dallas Cowboys (2-8), the last team to beat Washington.

"We don't want to be favored," said linebacker LaVar Arrington, who expressed his disdain for fair-weather fans all season. "We're the underdogs, that's what we are. Always the underdogs."

Recent events have transformed the Redskins from a punch line to a playoff contender. Marty Schottenheimer was going to last just one year; now he's a potential coach of the year.

"I can peek my head out the front door right now," tight end Stephen Alexander said. "I'm not quite taking a step out, but I'm peeking my head out. After the start we had, no one's going to be overconfident."

fourth quarter. He also fumbled three times, the one lost fumble leading directly to a Broncos touchdown.

Leaf wasn't in the locker room after practice Monday, but Campo had spoken to him about the change.

"In a three-game span, he made some improvements. Toward the end of the game the other day he really showed his competitiveness," Campo said. "He's happy that he had an opportunity to get out there and do some things. I think he will be real positive the rest of the way and do what he has to in the offseason to compete."

## Rams turnovers yields 24-17 victory for Bucs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Once again, an avalanche of turnovers was to blame for a St. Louis Rams' loss.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers capitalized on five Rams giveaways and also blocked a punt in a 24-17 victory Monday night. Mike Alstott ran for two touchdowns. Warrick Dunn's 21-yard run broke a fourth-quarter tie and the Bucs also got away with a dubious fourth-down call in the fourth quarter to revive their playoff hopes.

"I feel like our best football is in front of us," Bucs quarterback Brad Johnson said. "We showed that we can play with anybody and beat anybody."

The Rams (8-2) had three fumbles and two interceptions, giving them an NFL-leading 32. That's what the Buccaneers (5-5) were counting on.

A potential sixth turnover was reversed when Kurt Warner's arm was ruled to be in forward motion in the

second quarter. "We just looked at what was realistic," said linebacker Derrick Brooks, who tipped a pass to set up the final interception. "Realistic is that they score a lot of points but they lead the league in turnovers."

The Buccaneers went 90 yards in nine plays on the winning drive, with Dunn skirting the sideline for the score. He appeared top step out of bounds at the 5, but the Rams had used their two instant replay challenges and were unable to contest the play.

A big game from defensive tackle Warren Sapp, who has been quiet much of the year, helped the Buccaneers' defense control the Rams. Sapp had two sacks, forced a fumble, and spent much of the game in the St. Louis backfield.

"I've had a rough season," Sapp said. "But I had some opportunities tonight and I took advantage of them." Warner has thrown 11

interceptions the last four games, and the Bucs picked him off twice in the waning minutes. Marshall Faulk also wasn't much of a factor, gaining 66 yards rushing and receiving.

The loss knocked the Rams into a tie for the NFC West lead with the surprising 49ers, who play at St. Louis in two weeks.

"We just made way too many mistakes today," said Warner, who was 19-for-39 for 291 yards. "It's tough to not go out and do your part."

Donnie Abraham intercepted a fourth-and-10 pass with 3:48 to go at the Tampa Bay 34. After a 28-yard punt return by Az-Zahir Hakim had given the Rams life, John Lynch intercepted Warner again.

"We didn't play particularly well all the time," coach Tony Dungy said. "But we forced some turnovers defensively, which is something we wanted to do."

## Top four unchanged in women's poll

### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut led a top four that stayed the same Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had four newcomers after a week filled with losses by Top 25 teams.

South Carolina joined the poll for the first time in 11 years at No. 25 after upsetting Duke. No. 18 LSU, No. 21 Texas and No. 24 North Carolina also made the Top 25 for the first time this season.

There was no upset involving Connecticut, which beat Rhode Island 84-38 in its only game last week and received 42 of 44 first-place votes. UConn, winner of the preseason

WNIT, took a 5-0 record into Monday night's game at Wake Forest.

Tennessee (3-0) received the two other first-place votes after a 90-75 victory over Louisiana Tech, which slipped one spot to sixth. Oklahoma (5-0) held at No. 3 and Vanderbilt (6-1), which has lost only to UConn, remained fourth.

Connecticut had 1,009 points in the voting, Tennessee 1,054, and Oklahoma 1,002.

Iowa State (3-0) moved up one spot to fifth, matching its highest ranking ever, after beating DePaul and Mississippi State to win the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

After Louisiana Tech in sixth, Stanford, North Carolina State, Texas Tech and Purdue completed the Top Ten.

Colorado jumped three places to 11th after three one-sided victories and Baylor was 12th. That gave the Big 12 five teams among the first 12 — Oklahoma, Iowa State, Texas Tech, Colorado and Baylor.

Georgia was 15th and Duke fell five spots to 14th. The Blue Devils were followed by Colorado State, Michigan, Old Dominion, LSU, Florida and Wisconsin.

Texas, George Washington, Notre Dame, North Carolina and South Carolina held the final five places.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)\*\*\*\* Your friends support you more than you ever imagined on a creative project or work-related matter. Your smile wins friends left and right. Don't count on your charm working on a loved one who could be a bit flaky with a money matter. Tonight: Follow the gang.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)\*\*\* Confusion surrounds a loved one or partner. Try as you might, you aren't going to make this person see clearly right now. Let your

creativity flow into other realms. Your instincts lead you in the right direction with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: In the glorious limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)\*\*\*\* Reach out for another. Listen carefully to what someone else thinks about a situation. This person is unusually wise and direct. Feedback helps you sort through the chaos that surrounds work or a co-worker. Burn off frustration by doing something positive for yourself. Tonight: Join a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)\*\*\*\* First, take off your rose-colored glasses. You gain a new perspective as a result. A discussion heads in another direction as a consequence. Someone might keep hammering at the same detail. Tackle it. Respond to this issue or question rather than ignoring this person. Tonight: Evaluate any needed expenditure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)\*\*\*\* If how many phone calls and requests you receive reflect your desirability, my, how very popular you are! Your feedback might fall on deaf ears unless you add some drama and inflection to your voice. Set the world on its ear with your strong personality. Tonight: Where your pals are.

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)\*\*\*\***

When you find yourself grimacing at money problems, stop. Know that you can handle it easily. Dig into your resources and discover how the mistake occurred. Make corrections accordingly. Your creativity and magnetism encourage others to go along with you. Tonight: Decide where you want to hang the mistletoe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)\*\*\*\* You could confuse someone who is close to you. Don't worry too much about a personal matter. Keep expressing yourself, and handle a private matter directly. No one knows what you want better than you do. Make it your job to handle it. Tonight: Stop in and visit with a family member.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)\*\*\* Speak your mind, and you get more feedback than you desire. Your intuition works overtime and sometimes gives you mixed messages. Your intensity manifests itself professionally, drawing others toward you. Brainstorm and sort through ideas. Tonight: Tiptoe out of work. Find a pal or loved one.

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**Wife's lingerie has him sleeping peacefully**

Dear Ann Landers: I happen to be a man whose snoring would wake up the dead. Separate bedrooms didn't help. My wife said she could hear me snoring half a block away. I went to a specialist and was told I have sleep apnea. I had surgery on my nose, which did not help. I was advised to wear an air mask. It didn't do a bit of good and kept me up until dawn. I simply couldn't get used to it.

When my wife said I didn't snore when I slept on my side, I decided to try something that would keep me from sleeping on my back. I now wear one of my wife's old bras backward. She has sewn two baseballs inside -- one in each cup. This worked for us. Please suggest it for others. -- Sleeping Peacefully in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear St. Pete: Thanks for a simple solution to a problem that could have ruined your marriage. And now, if there should be a fire in your home in the middle of the night, I hope you will remember to take the bra off before you flee. Most neighbors would not be able to understand the "lingerie."

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about the letter from "Jeremy's Mom," who said her husband insisted that their 12-year-old son play football, even though he doesn't want to. One of my neighbors had the same problem. Let me tell you, Ann, her son fixed it so he would never play football.

In order for kids to be on the football team, they have to maintain good grades. This very bright boy managed to flunk at least two classes in each of the past four semesters, ensuring that he would not be able to play on a sports team. He also has had to repeat a grade. He found a way to get around his father, even though it meant messing up his entire academic future. He will be lucky to graduate. And he can forget about attending a good college. I'll bet his father never would have insisted on foot-

ball if he knew this would be the result.

Perhaps Jeremy's father should keep this in mind. -- Thinking Twice in Pennsylvania

Dear Thinking Twice: That young man has problems that go way beyond football and issues with his father. He sounds self-destructive and full of anger. I hope he gets professional help and sorts things out before he wrecks his entire life -- and blames it on his father.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married to "Flora" for seven years. We met in an online chat room and fell in love. I thought it would last forever, but, for the last two years, Flora has spent every waking moment in front of her computer, chatting with a group of idiots. She developed a "special relationship" with a man, and there were hints that she planned to visit him. I told her if she went, it would be the end of our marriage. She decided not to go and ended their correspondence.

I thought things would get better after that, but I was wrong. Nothing has changed. Flora is back online, and frankly, I no longer care to put forth the effort to save our marriage. She has admitted it doesn't matter to her if we have sex, and she has no interest in being a mother to my children from a previous marriage. I suggested counseling, but she said she doesn't believe in it.

I have been totally faithful to Flora in spite of all this, but I now doubt that things will ever improve. I'm considering divorce, but I'd have to sell my home and move into something smaller. Advise me, please. -- Depressed in Omaha, Neb.

Dear Omaha: Face the truth: Your marriage is a goner. If you must sell your home, do it. It will be worth the peace of mind.

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7	Dharma-Greg Spin City (CC)	70s Show Undeclared	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Caddyshack	JAG (CC)	Dharma-Greg Spin City (CC)	Fear Factor (CC)	NBA Basket- ball: Sacra-	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	(CC) Movie: Star	Sir Trek: Next Gener.	(CC)	Movie: Boys and Girls	Movie: Almost Famous (CC)	Update With Nathan Knight	Biography (CC)	New Detectives (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Dangerous Police Videos
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12	Cowboy Paid Program	Attorney Divorce Court	History-Chick Paid Program	History-Chick Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Inside NBA Movie:	Maris la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	Breathless (CC)	Women in Love	Congeniality (CC)	Faith Phases God	Law & Order (CC)	New Detectives	Movie: It's Alive! (CC)	Mysteries of the Bible

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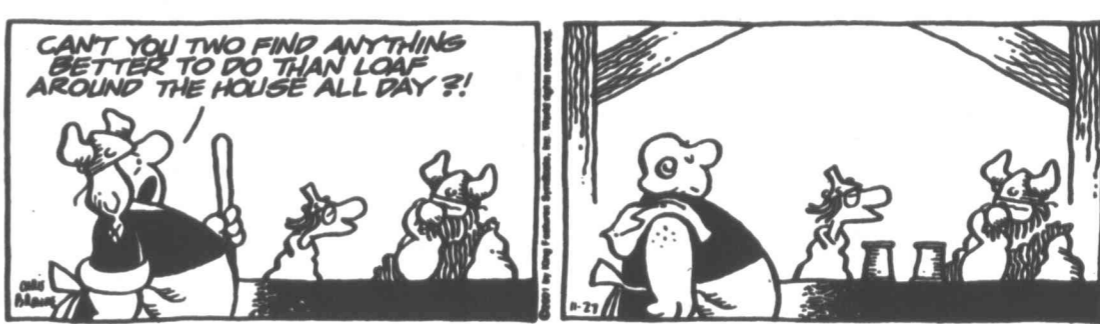
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2001. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Nov. 27, 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

On this date: In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

In 1945, Gen. George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in

Boston at age 65.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-to-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who had resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1983, 183 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1985, the British House of Commons approved the Anglo-Irish accord giving Dublin a consultative role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.

In 1989, 107 people were killed when a bomb blamed by police on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian jetliner.

Ten years ago: Israel sig-

nalled its anger with what it regarded as the high-handedness of the United States by rejecting an invitation to attend Mideast peace talks in Washington on Dec. 4. The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution paving the way for the establishment of a U.N. peacekeeping operation in war-ravaged Yugoslavia.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Avery is 53. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg is 44. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle: E.I.

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Newsday Crossword

THE TEMP by Lee Weaver  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Mr. Newhart
- 4 Paintings and sculpture
- 7 Regal
- 14 Bedrock deposit
- 15 French king
- 16 Restricted
- 17 Paving material
- 19 Like Venus de Milo
- 20 Lose control
- 22 Toon Fudd
- 23 Acorn bearers
- 24 Sluggish Williams
- 27 Deli loaves
- 28 Certain
- 29 State under oath
- 31 Vehemently
- 33 Texas A&M athletes
- 37 Large quantity
- 38 No real consolation
- 42 Floorboards sound
- 43 Last year's senior
- 44 Racetrack posting
- 48 Driver's peg
- 49 "I smell"
- 50 Scout group
- 51 Don't get to play
- 54 Smallest Great Lake
- 57 Quarantine
- 58 Pragmatic one
- 59 Basker's quest
- 60 Rocky pinnacle
- 61 Diminishes
- 62 Girl or boy of song
- 63 Palindromic preposition
- DOWN
- 1 Warplane
- 2 By mouth
- 3 Look well on
- 4 Intense devotion
- 5 Horse color
- 6 Short break
- 7 Loosen up
- 8 Weather satellite
- 9 Bullets, briefly
- 10 Cash drawer
- 11 Summer, in Lyon
- 12 Bandleader Brown
- 13 Gridiron gains: Abbr.
- 18 Induces admiration
- 21 Poet Teasdale
- 24 Freshwater duck
- 25 Roof overhang
- 26 Prohibitionists
- 28 Mediocre
- 29 All gone
- 30 Mary
- 31 Mild oath
- 32 Campus building
- 33 Pt. of CPA
- 34 Quayle's successor
- 35 Exultation
- 36 Where Boise is: Abbr.
- 39 Bushy-tailed rodents
- 40 Heelless shoe
- 41 Does better at the plate
- 44 Russian city
- 45 Give to a cause
- 46 Internist, e.g.
- 47 Field of knowledge
- 49 Greet the day
- 50 Steakhouse serving
- 51 Corduroy rib
- 52 Very dry
- 53 Twin to Jacob
- 54 Hockey great Bobby
- 55 Society-page word
- 56 Tic\_\_-toe

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