

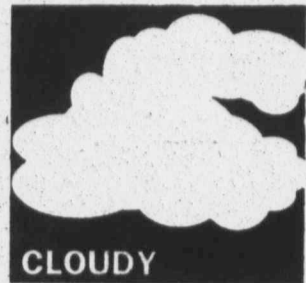


MONDAY

November 22, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Lawmakers to try again to revamp intelligence agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and GOP congressional leaders are preparing another bid in December to overcome conservative Republican opposition and pass an intelligence community overhaul designed as a response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

"When I get home, I look forward to getting it done," Bush told a news conference Sunday after an economic summit in Santiago, Chile. He promised to work with Republican leaders in Congress who are preparing to return Dec. 6 for another try.

Blocked by resistance from two committee chairmen and conservative Republicans in the House, lawmakers turned back a last-minute chance Saturday to pass the stalled legislation to create a new national intelligence director and national counterterrorism center. Based on the Sept. 11 commission recommendations, the overhaul is supposed to help the intelligence community track terrorist threats and was one of the biggest legislative priorities of this year.

BRIEFLY

Rip Griffin's sets Wednesday drive

Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Center Community Blood Drive is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday. To register, call Sonya at 264-4444 or stop by the day of the blood drive to donate.

The travel center is located at I-20 and N. Highway 87.

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Community invited to Thanksgiving service

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

Thanksgiving Eve at 5:30 p.m. a special service of praise and thanksgiving is set in St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The community is invited to participate and give thanks for recent blessings.

"Everyone is invited as we have an opportunity to come together and give thanks," said the Rev. James Liggett of St. Mary's.

At least five area churches are working together to organize the service, which should last about an hour, Liggett said.

"We will sing and pray and those attending

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Rev. James Liggett
St. Mary's Episcopal Church



will participate as usual," Liggett said.

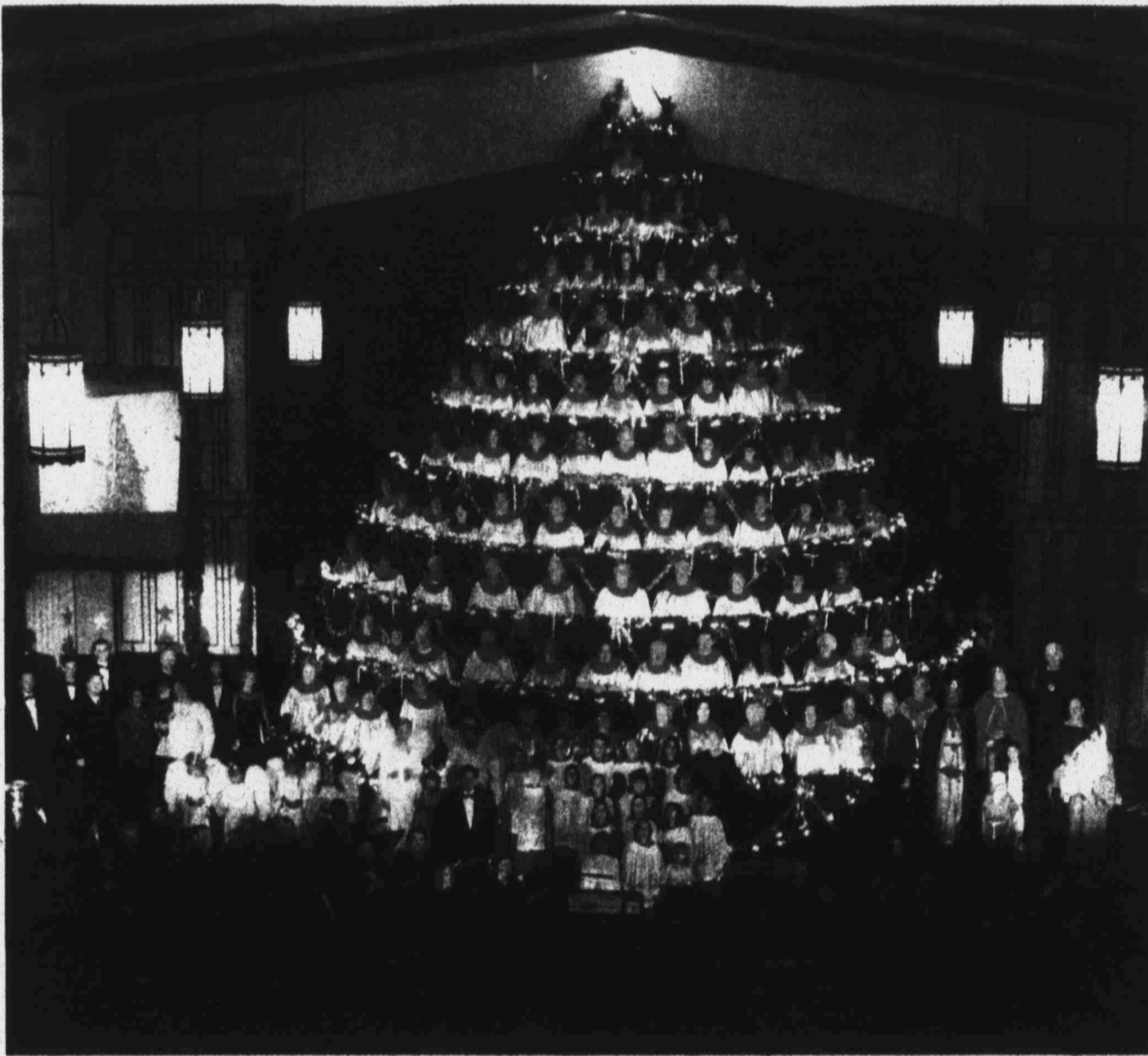
Along with St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church are all participating.

"We did not have an opportunity to contact all the churches before we had to finalize this, but we hope to expand the participation in the future and continue to line up participants," he said.

The focus of the service is to allow the community to collectively and publicly recognize recent blessings, such as the rains which have bestowed more moisture on the area than any yearly rainfall in the past hundred years.

"We want to give thanks to God for his many gifts to us," Liggett said.

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The Living Christmas Tree, presented by First United Methodist Church, will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5 with tickets available Nov. 29 at the church office. The public is invited to a dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets aren't needed for the rehearsal.

Hundreds involved with making Living Christmas Tree a reality

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

Hope comes home. That's the theme for the 26th annual Living Christmas Tree presentation currently in rehearsal at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

"Hope Comes Home" was written by Big Spring's Sue Partee, and will be presented as the play that accompanies the music, said JoAnn Forrest, spokesperson for the event.

Hundreds of volunteers are involved with the Christmas holiday production, which includes a cast of more than 30 actors and 100 singers.

Volunteers are needed to help

build the set and the tree that holds the singers, organize the event and recruit volunteer performers from around the community.

What: Living Christmas Tree.
Where: First United Methodist Church.
When: Rehearsal at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Performances at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5.

Choir members, orchestra and a children's choir work together to bring the presentation to the community.

"The production is collaborative process," said the church's Minister of Music, Jim Wright.

The tradition was born in 1979 and was undertaken by Charles Parham, who was the church's minister of music at that time. That first year, the tree held 60 singers and Parham had difficulty finding enough vocalists to fill all the spots.

As the years have passed, the program has grown, requiring more spaces on the tree for singers and more elaborate sets.

The expensive production is subsidized by the Dora Roberts Foundation.

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Autopsy ordered in stillborn case of mother stunned by police TASER

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

An autopsy has been ordered this week on a stillborn infant after the mother was stunned by a Big Spring Police Department TASER during an altercation that took place in October.

Kathryn Wiseman, justice of the peace for Precinct 1, Place 2, said she ordered the autopsy as part of a deal between the mother, 34-year-old Lea Terrell, and the Big Spring Police Department.

"The family wanted an autopsy performed but didn't have the money to pay for it," said Wiseman. "The police department said they would be willing to pay for it, but it still has to be

"The mother being stunned by a TASER definitely played a role in that decision, but there are other considerations as well."



Kathryn Wiseman

ordered by a justice of the peace."

When asked if the order for the autopsy comes in relation to the mother having been stunned by a TASER and possible complica-

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Schools, entities getting ready for Thanksgiving holiday break

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

Ah, the scents of Thanksgiving — turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie.

For those who work for area schools or in city and county offices, the sweet smell of a day off also brings feelings of thankfulness.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts and Howard College will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Social Security office will be closed only Thursday, but will be open with limited staff Friday.

The Spring City Senior Center will be closed Thursday and

Friday.

All city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

The city landfill will be closed Thursday and Friday but will be open Saturday.

Trash will not be picked up Thursday through Saturday — normal routes will resume Nov. 29.

Howard County offices will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday and will remain closed Thursday and Friday.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will also close at 3 p.m. Wednesday and remain closed Thursday and Friday.

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is an annual his-

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RAIN

Rainfall eclipses 34.5 inches, taking 1932 record with it

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

West Texas isn't exactly the area you would expect to see a rainfall record broken — especially coming on the heels of quite possibly the worst drought in the region's history — but that's exactly what happened this morning, according to local U.S. Department of Agriculture officials.

Total rainfall for Howard County reached 34.58 inches at 8 a.m. according to Charles Yates, an engineering technician for the USDA, eclipsing the 34.34 record set in 1932.

"We received 0.67 inches of rain as of 8 a.m., and when you add that to the 0.01 inches we received earlier, that brings our total rainfall for the year to 34.58 inches," said Yates. "Rainfall records for Howard County go as far back as 1900, so there hasn't been this much rain here in one year for at least the last 104 years.

Yates said the normal rainfall for this date is 17.64 inches.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Greg Murdock said West Texans can count on the wet stuff being a part of their holiday season as well.

"It looks like this trend of increased precipitation is going to continue through the end of the year," said Murdock.

As for the incredible increase in the rate of precipitation for 2004, Murdock said it's hard to nail the cause down to just one source.

"It's difficult to say, especially when you talk about just one variable," said Murdock. "The storm track has moved more favorably for storms to come in off of the Pacific Ocean. There have also been several other events favoring the southern flow across Mexico bringing up moisture."

The forecast calls for a continued 60 percent chance of rain tonight and 30 percent Tuesday, with cooler, windy weather moving in to the area.



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Obituaries

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Leona McIlvain



Leona McIlvain of Midland passed away Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004.

She was born July 23, 1922, to Charles Henry Tiemann and Lillie Louise Stiemann Tiemann in Eden and was raised and educated there. April 2, 1939, Leona married Jasper Lee "Jap" McIlvain in Pecos. She had worked in the meat department of Leader Grocery in Pecos. Leona and Jap farmed side by side in Lomax. While in Lomax, she was the cooking leader in the 4H Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Leona is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Betty Lee and Carl Rodgers; four grandchildren, Sabrina Early and her husband, James, Greta Caldwell and her husband, Michael, Chad Rodgers and his wife, Chrystal, and Katie Rodgers; one great-grandchild, Jordan Lee Caldwell, all of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Ellis-Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tommy Potter officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Chad Rodgers, Michael Caldwell, James Early, David Grant, John Clarke and Roman Baker.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway Midland (432) 683-5555.

Paid obituary

Edith M. Owens

Edith M. Owens, 87, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Edith was born May 30, 1917, in Argyle and married Van Owens in June 1948 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death July 1, 2004.

Mrs. Owens had lived in Big Spring since 1947. Edith was ahead of the times in the woman's movement, becoming the first woman barber in Denison in 1937. She opened her own barber shop in 1944, retiring in 1989 after 52 years of barbering. Edith loved to travel in the southwest.

She was a member of Luther Baptist Church. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Joe and Judy Simpson of Ruidoso, N.M.; two grandsons, Mike Simpson of Las Vegas, Nev., and Donnie Simpson of San Antonio; three granddaughters, Laurie Ann Simpson of Mineola, Jon Donna Simpson of Yukon, Okla., and Cyndia Simpson of Oklahoma City; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, H.H. and Delta Morrison and two brothers, Jack Morrison and Herman Morrison.

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

Paid obituary

Donald J. McCray

Donald J. McCray, 75, of Big Spring died at 10:22 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the V.A. Medical Center. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. David Kimberly officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 12, 1929, in Washington Bottom, Va., and married Beatrice Zubiata Stein in 1953. She preceded him in death, Jan. 8, 2003. He served 20 years in the Air Force including the Korean War, came to Big Spring in 1969 and worked at Newsom's Grocery.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Jones of Gig Harbor, Wa., and Bonnie Kiescanick of Austin; one son, Bill McCray of Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; four sisters; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

C.C. 'Sonny' Shortes

C.C. "Sonny" Shortes, 90, of Andrews died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. The Rev. Ben Chenault and the Rev. Jason Connor will officiate. Graveside services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born Aug. 25, 1914 in Big Spring and married Sarah Blagrove May 5, 1934, in Howard County. She preceded him in death June of 1990. He married Alta Garrett Dec. 2, 1991, in Andrews. He was a farmer for many years in Howard and Andrews counties and was member of the Assembly of God Church in Andrews.

He is survived by his wife, Alta Garrett Shortes of Andrews; two sons, Jarrell and his wife Sara Shortes of Andrews; Calvert and his wife Shirley of Andrews; one sister, Shirley Owens of Dallas; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- **PAUL RUSTON RAMIREZ**, 39, of 110 Carey, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **FELIPE DELGADO**, 22, of 2600 Wasson Road Apt. 36, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **GARY MONTEZ**, 37, of 309 N. St. Mary in Stanton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **DONNY JUAREZ**, 41, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Sunday on a motion to revoke probation from the HCSO and a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER B. WOOTEN**, 43, of 511 Hillside, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated robbery.
- **PATRICIA ANN PRIMIANO**, 22, of 4219 Calvin, was arrested Sunday on a city ordinance violation.
- **VERONICA H. MARTINEZ**, 21, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on local traffic warrants.
- **LARRY GENE TEPERA**, 46, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LUCILLE MCCLURG**, 63, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - exposing genitals.

Note: A police activity log for Saturday afternoon through Monday morning was not available at press time.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ARTURO SOCORRO YANEZ**, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- **RONNIE LEE BELL**, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **SAMANTHA LEIGH CASTILLO**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of harboring a runaway child.
- **TAMMY TYRE HELMS**, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.
- **RONALD CECIL PINSON**, 58, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL BRADLEY RIDGE**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, displaying an expired license plate and violation of a promise to appear.
- **CHRISTOPHER WREN HAMBY**, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest/detention.
- **JERRY JON CURRIE**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15 in the vehicle.
- **BUCK B. CHAPPELL**, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **AUSTIN G. SHERRILL**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft of services and driving while license invalid.
- **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 46, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault by threat.
- **GARY MONTEZ**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **PAUL RUSTON RAMIREZ**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

Take note

□ **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER IS SELLING KRISPY KREME DONUTS** for \$6 per dozen as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Orders are due Wednesday and may be picked up Dec. 3. Also, pink ribbon car magnets are available for \$2.50. Call Amber Rich at 268-4960 for more information.

□ **LETTERS FROM SANTA ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER** as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Each letter will have a North Pole postmark for a \$5 donation. Contact Amber Rich at 268-4960 for more information.

□ **AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL**, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ **BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&u niq=923947. For more information about the Buffalo Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ **VENDORS NEEDED FOR CANTERBURY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** set for 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dec. 4. Call Mandy at 263-1265. Space is limited.

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

- TODAY**
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
 - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
 - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-11-13-32-38. Bonus Ball: 16.
Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: \$11,489.
Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 13. Prize: \$1,755.
Number matching four of five: 450. Prize: \$109.
Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 403. Prize: \$108.
Number matching three of five: 19,063. Prize: \$5.
Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,292. Prize: \$5.
Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 22,826. Prize: \$3.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$16 million.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with rain and thunderstorms likely. Lows near 50. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent.
Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain in the morning...Then isolated showers in the afternoon. Windy. Highs near 50. West winds 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Lows near 30. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday...Decreasing clouds. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Thanksgiving day...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs near 60.

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Hunter

By JOSHUA FRANKS

Associated Press
BIRCHWOOD deer hunter says people and wolf northwestern a dispute about the hunt's authorities said. The 36-year-old was arrested Sawyer County said. Jake Hod the county jail. Spect at Chai V no additional c Paul Schnell. St. Paul, Minn said the man v The incident hunters were rural cabin o Sawyer County suspect in one forms in a

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Hunter kills five after tree stand dispute

By JOSHUA FREED

Associated Press Writer

BIRCHWOOD, Wis. (AP) — A deer hunter shot and killed five people and wounded three others in northwestern Wisconsin following a dispute about a tree stand during the hunt's opening weekend, authorities said.

The 36-year-old alleged gunman was arrested Sunday afternoon, Sawyer County sheriff's officials said. Jake Hodgkinson, a deputy at the county jail, identified the suspect as Chai Vang but would give no additional details.

Paul Schnell, a spokesman for the St. Paul, Minn., police department, said the man was from St. Paul.

The incident began when two hunters were returning to their rural cabin on private land in Sawyer County when they saw the suspect in one of their hunting platforms in a tree, County Chief

Deputy Tim Zeigle said. A confrontation and shooting followed. It's not known who shot first, Zeigle said.

Both hunters were wounded and one of them radioed to the cabin a quarter mile away. Other hunters responded and were shot. About 20 shots were fired, but it's unclear who shot them, he said.

The dead included a teenage boy and a woman, Zeigle said. A father and son were among them, he said. Some of the victims were shot more than once.

All five, from the Rice Lake area, were dead when officers arrived to the area in southwestern Sawyer County, he said. Authorities found two bodies near each other and the others were scattered over 100 yards.

"It's absolutely nuts. Why? Over sitting in a tree stand?" asked Zeigle.

Zeigle said the suspect was "chas-

ing after them and killing them," with a SKS 7.62 mm semiautomatic rifle, a common hunting weapon. Wisconsin's statewide deer gun hunting season started Saturday and lasts for nine days.

Two young people who stayed in the cabin emerged safely after the shootings.

The suspect, who did not have a compass, got lost in the woods and two hunters, not knowing about the shootings, helped him find his way out, Zeigle said. When he emerged, a Department of Natural Resources officer recognized the deer license on his back, given to police by a victim, Zeigle said.

The man was out of bullets and was arrested, Zeigle said.

One of the injured hunters was in critical condition at St. Joseph's Hospital. Another was listed in serious condition and the third was in fair condition, both at Lakeview Medical Center.

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tions caused by the incident, Wiseman said, "No, it's not standard procedure to order an autopsy on a stillborn infant. The mother being stunned by a TASER definitely played a role in that decision, but there are other considerations as well."

Wiseman declined to go into detail about the "other considerations." Terrell was stunned by a TASER during an incident that took place Oct. 11 in which her mother, 51-year-old Melini Turner, was arrested on a charge of hindering and resisting arrest.

According to police reports, an officer was investigating an attack by several children on a sanitation truck driver who had suffered a wound to the head from a rock that had been thrown at his truck. While detaining three children near the scene of the attack, police say the officer was attacked by Terrell, Turner and a 16-year-old juvenile.

During the attack, the officer reportedly used a TASER to stun Terrell, who was more than eight months pregnant.

Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the investigation into the altercation is still ongoing.

"We've contacted representatives from TASER International, and they have agreed to provide any information we need," said Smith. "The police department and the city of Big Spring expresses its sincere condolences to Ms. Turner and her family."

"As the investigation continues, we've collected information from witnesses at the scene in addition to video taken at the scene. Until the investigation is completed, however, I can't go into anymore detail than that."

Smith confirmed the police department is paying for the infant's autopsy.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Tests to see if death connected to mad cow disease

BEAUMONT (AP) — The family of a Beaumont woman is waiting for test results to find out if she died from a form of an affliction connected to mad cow disease.

Burnell Baize, 71, died Oct. 16 of the rare Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which eats holes in the brain and always causes death, the Beaumont Enterprise reported Sunday.

There are two forms of the disease.

One type is called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and is linked to mad cow disease. It can be contracted by humans if they eat infected beef or nerve tissue, and possibly through blood transfusions.

The more common type

of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, known as classic CJD, is responsible for about one in 10,000 U.S. deaths each year, and its cause is unknown 85 percent of the time.

Baize's family is wondering if she ate infected beef.

In the United States, there has been only one known case of variant CJD — a Florida woman who died in June after eating contaminated beef more than a decade ago in England.

The only confirmed U.S. case of mad cow disease was found last December in Washington state.

But on Thursday, Agriculture Department officials said a second case of mad-cow disease might have turned up.

Baize's family is worried.

"This is a scary, scary malady," said her son Gene Barnes, 33.

Baize began to suffer from dementia during the late summer, he said. In the last week of her life, she was in a coma.

Her brain was taken to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center in Ohio, where an autopsy will determine if she died of classic or variant CJD. The results are expected in about two weeks.

This year so far, two Texans have died of classic CJD, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

In the last eight years, there have been between one and 10 people to die of

the illness each year, said spokesman Doug McBride.

Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human form of mad cow disease, so far has killed 100 people in Britain and elsewhere.

Both forms of CJD are believed to involve the unexplained mutation of proteins in the brain called prions.

Mad cow disease — known also as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE — eats holes in the brains of cattle. It sprang up in Britain in 1986 and spread through countries in Europe and Asia, prompting massive destruction of herds and decimating the European beef industry.

HOLIDAY

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torical, national, and religious day of thanks for the blessings of the past year, observed on the fourth Thursday in November in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

As the nation celebrates its heritage and focuses on thanking God for his blessings, it is always good to take a look back and remember the first thankful celebration.

Although debates have spanned the years concerning the specifics of the first Thanksgiving feast, according to numerous history books and www.appleseeds.org, the first thanksgiving lasted three days, during which the Pilgrims feasted on wild turkey and venison with their Indian guests.

After the colony survived the bitter winter and gathered the harvest, Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony issued a thanksgiving proclamation in the autumn of 1621.

Days of thanksgiving were celebrated sporadically until Nov. 26, 1789. On that day, President Washington issued a proclamation of a nationwide day of thanksgiving. He made it clear that the day should be one of prayer and giving thanks to God. It was to be celebrated by all religious denominations, to help promote a spirit of common heritage.

Credit for establishing this day as a national holiday is usually given to Sarah J. Hale, editor and founder of the Ladies' Magazine (from 1828) in Boston. Her editorials in the magazine and letters to President Lincoln urging the formal establishment of a national holiday of thanksgiving resulted in Lincoln's proclamation in 1863, designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

Succeeding presidents annually followed his example, until 1939 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving Day a week earlier, on the fourth, not the last Thursday, to encourage holiday shopping.

In 1941, Congress adopted a joint resolution setting the date on the fourth Thursday.

Three dead in private jet crash near Hobby Airport

HOUSTON (AP) — All three people aboard a private jet died Monday morning when it clipped a light pole and crashed as it prepared to land in a thick fog at Houston's Hobby Airport.

"We have accounted for three fatalities, we're confident that's all we're going to find," said Jack Williams, a district chief with the Houston Fire Department.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Roland Herwig said the Gulfstream G-1159A jet went down in an undeveloped area about 6:15 a.m. 1 1/2 miles south of

Houston's Hobby Airport. The jet was approaching the runway when it clipped a light pole and crashed in southeast Houston, said Roger Smith, a spokesman for the Houston Airport System.

Herwig said the flight originated from Dallas Love Field. The plane's registered owner is Jet Place Inc. of Tulsa, Okla., he said.

Robert Randall, operations manager with Jet Place, would not name the downed flight's crew but said they were two male pilots and a female flight attendant. The jet was en route to Houston.

British company launches 'docu-game' recreating Kennedy's assassination

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — A British company said Sunday it was releasing a video game recreating the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

The Glasgow-based firm Traffic said "JFK Reloaded," an educational "docu-game" that would help disprove conspiracy theories about Kennedy's death. The game is due to be released Monday, the 41st anniversary of the shooting in Dallas.

Traffic said the game challenged players to recreate the three shots fired at the president's car by assassin Lee Harvey Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository.

Traffic's chief executive, Kirk Ewing, said the game — available as an Internet download for \$9.99 — would "stimulate a younger generation of players to take an interest in this fascinating episode of American history."

"We've created the game with the belief that Oswald was the only person that fired the shots on that day, although this recreation proves how immensely difficult his task was," Ewing said.

In a statement, Traffic said it was "determined to promote the game respectfully."

TREE

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"Most of the funds comes from the grant," Wright said. "That's why it's a gift to the community."

On average, more than 2,000 people attend the 1 hour and 15-minute pre-

sentation, which is performed on a Saturday and Sunday night in December.

Although the church doesn't charge admission, those attending a performance must have a ticket, because space is limited.

During the 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, dress rehearsal, the public is

invited to attend and no ticket is needed.

"We do that because many people can't get out in the evening or maybe that's the only time they can come to see the show," Wright said. "Normally we have 300 to 350 people to watch the rehearsal."

This year's Living

Christmas Tree is 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and Dec. 5. Tickets may be obtained at the church office, located at 400 Scurry or by calling the church at 267-6394.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

BLESSING

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The service will be non-denominational, or all-denominational, he said. Each of the ministers for the individual churches will participate in the service.

"The credit for this event really goes to

Father Richard Regan of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. This was his idea," Liggett said.

Regan said he hopes to continue this tradition each year, one he patterned after his experiences in military service.

"For us (military personnel) the thanksgiving service was very important and we had an interfaith service with all dif-

ferent faiths represented.

This is a time for us to thank God for all he's done," Regan said.

For more information contact Regan at 267-4124, Liggett at 267-8291 or one of the other participating

churches.

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OUR VIEWS

Please drive safely
and have a wonderful
time for thanksgiving

Holidays already? Absolutely! It's almost Thanksgiving, a long holiday for many of us. Because of that, roads will be crowded with families anticipating a wonderful get-together. Some will leave Wednesday, others on Thursday. For some of us it is a just a trip across town; for others, it may well be a trip across the state or into New Mexico or Oklahoma. The long weekend gives us a great opportunity to get together with family members we might not normally see more than once or twice a year.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of opportunities for distractions. Thoughts on seeing family and friends, last-minute darting around when it is remembered that no one brought cranberry sauce, travel-weary children getting cranky in the back seat, cell phones ringing — all work to keep our minds off the task at hand.

The return trip is no easier — thousands of vehicles all heading home on Sunday, the tired occupants knowing that Monday is another workday or schoolday.

Our message is simple. This is a time of joy and a time to give thanks. It's a time to be with family and friends. It's a time for fellowship. So be careful. Be alert. Don't make it a time for sorrow.

Slow down this holiday season. If you get tired, change drivers or pull over and rest. If you decide to drink, make sure you can rely on someone else to drive. Finally, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly secured.

And have a wonderful, wonderful Thanksgiving.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Big Spring High School Band Booster officers and the band directors, we would like to express our appreciation to the parents, local businesses and all those who volunteered for their generosity in donating their time, food, water, sodas, money and decorations for yet another successful marching season.

We would like to recognize Tommy Churchwell, Alan Partee, Bill Beauchamp and the businesses that sponsored one or more of our football games and/or compe-

tion trips. We would like to acknowledge Ernest Talley of Dallas for the donation of a much needed popcorn machine. We have been truly blessed with all those involved with the band program.

To our students, thank you for all of your cooperation and positive representation of the "Pride Drive of Big Spring" on and off the field. We have had a fun year with you riding the buses and watching you blossom into amazing performers.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank you, Lord, for loving us before we loved you.

Amen

Amsterdam up in arms over murder

If you want to know where the outrage is when Islamist thugs butcher a civilian, look to the Netherlands. There may not be much of an outcry over the slaughter of humanitarian worker Margaret Hassan in Iraq, but the Dutch are up in arms about the Nov. 2 murder of Theo van Gogh, a columnist/talk-show host/filmmaker and provocateur who was shot, almost decapitated and stabbed in the heart because of his criticism of Islam.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

There is one corpse, but the Nov. 2 attack on van Gogh as he pedaled his bicycle near his Amsterdam home could be the Dutch Sept. 11.

Many Dutch are incensed (as they should be) that a man would be killed for what he says and thinks. The government was clear that the murder was an assault on free expression. It is also an assault on the Dutch way of life.

It's true that Theo van Gogh (related to the famous Vincent) used crude and gratuitous words to describe Muslims. He had earned their wrath. But he was the child of a free society, and he did not deserve to die.

The fact that one Mohammed Bouyeri, the 26-year-old Dutch-Moroccan arrested for the murder, could believe otherwise scares the Dutch. Bouyeri grew up in the Netherlands. He went to Dutch schools. He had worked at a Dutch youth center. Raised in the bosom of a country that prided itself in religious tolerance, Bouyeri turned to the dark side as he

joined those who believe they have a right to kill non-believers.

According to reports from witnesses, Bouyeri put a knife through van Gogh's heart as he pinned a five-page jihad letter on the dying man. The anti-Semitic letter promised "fear" and warned that Europe and America would suffer. Already, the letter has delivered.

As The New York Times reported, two lawmakers went into hiding. The Times of London quoted a letter sent to a Dutch officeholder that warned of a "brigade" of jihadists who could kill "the enemies of Islam."

Meanwhile, Dutch law enforcement has rallied. Officials rounded up seven young men for aiding in the van Gogh killing. All seven were foreign born.

Before van Gogh's murder, the Dutch had passed their own Patriot Act so that prosecutors could go after the extremists. Now, people are calling for even more law enforcement.

An editorial in Amsterdam's The Telegraaf newspaper called for the expulsion of extremists with dual citizenship, as well as a crack-down on the hate-speechers. (There is no Dutch First Amendment protecting the right of free speech.) There is talk of passing laws requiring Muslims to learn Dutch — even though Bouyeri and his parents were fluent.

"We are not going to tolerate this," announced Deputy Prime Minister Gerrit Zalm, according to the New York Sun. Indeed, he declared "war" on radical Islam.

While the American left has suggested that Washington emulate Our Betters in Europe by being less aggressive in the war on terrorism, Our Betters in Amsterdam are pushing for tougher laws,

more restrictions on hate speech, and aggressive enforcement of immigration law.

Last year, an animal-rights nut was sentenced to 18 years — which means he'll probably serve a mere 12 years — for killing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn. (Van Gogh was working on a documentary of the assassination when he was killed.) If Bouyeri is found guilty, he won't get off so easy.

I don't envy the Dutch. They too have to negotiate the delicate balancing act of fulfilling their duty to protect a way of life, while not needlessly alienating the majority of Muslims who aren't radical or violent. In this case, noted political scientist Dennis Bark of the Hoover Institution, the Dutch need to find ways to work with Muslim leaders to offer Muslim youth "a hope for the future."

Bark has a point. But any such effort also has to be clear in its renunciation of violence. The villain in this story isn't Dutch society; it is Islamic extremism. And Dutch Muslim leaders could do a better job at renouncing the bloodshed.

In the meantime, the Dutch have no choice but to look at law enforcement to be part of the solution because the knife that stabbed the heart of Theo van Gogh also stabbed at the ability of the Dutch to speak their minds and elect officials of their own choosing.

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Do not bash Bill Clinton's balding head

Editor's note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was originally published in February 1996

There have been some pretty rotten things written about Bill Clinton. But no matter what one thinks of the president personally, I believe a reporter must maintain some sense of shame, some sense of common decency when writing about our chief executive.

If a reporter wants to write about Whitewater, fine. Troopergate and Paula Jones? Fine. Filegate and Travelgate? Fine. Vince Foster? Fine. The FBI files? Fine. Hillary's commodities trading? Fine. Jennifer Flowers? Fine. Webster Hubbell? Fine. Dick Morris? Fine. Pot smoking and draft dodging? Fine. Coffee klatches and selling the Lincoln Bedroom? Fine. The Lippo Group, James Riady, John Huang, Charlie Trie, Yogesh Gandhi, Roger Tamraz, Wang Jun, Eric Wynn and Jorge Cabrera? Fine, fine, fine and fine.

But I think we have to draw the journalistic line somewhere. I think we have to draw it at Bill Clinton's hairline. Say what you want about any other part of Bill Clinton's body, his hair, up until now, has been beyond reproach. It is great hair. When he took his first oath of office in January 1993, his hair was steely gray. Now, it is silver.

But it is rich, it is lush, it is full. It is the kind of hair that makes you want to take off your shoes and run barefoot through it. If Phil Donahue had hair like Bill Clinton, Donahue would still be on the air today.

How good is Clinton's hair? This

was said by NBC correspondent Brian Williams on the "Tonight Show" on May 30, 1996: "The president has remarkable hair. Wherever you go, they give him a baseball cap. He puts it on; never gets 'hat hair.' ... The hair seems to be a space-age polymer. It may be a Chia-like substance."

Forget about Williams' little witticisms. Do you know how good a head of hair you have to have to never get "hat hair" from a baseball cap?

Major hair. Primo hair. But what did I read just a few days ago? I read this story by The Associated Press: "The main man's mane is on the wane. In the right light — and at certain camera angles — the pink flesh of Clinton's head shines through his feathered hairdo. Thick thatches of hair in front and on the sides give way to thinner trails atop and back."

"So the baby boomer president, who succumbed to reading glasses several years ago, now faces another hairy hurdle of middle age: He's thinning out on top."

Note how carefully The Associated Press has phrased the story to avoid a massive libel suit: Only "in the right light" and "at certain camera angles" does the "pink flesh" of Clinton's head shine through.

What other evidence does the AP give us? Does it have a follicle count? Is there some kind of White House hair database that the AP has tapped into? Does it have a special prosecutor's report on the "thick thatches" and "thinner trails"?

Does the AP have, in other words, a smoking comb?

I think not. I have seen much of President Clinton in the last year. I have seen him up close and personal. I have stood on a stage he just vacated and looked down on him shaking hands in the crowd, giving me a perfect view of the top of his head, and I noticed no "pink flesh" shining through. Some weeks ago, the White

House released a research report tracing how weird stories attacking Clinton first surface in supermarket tabloids, wend their way through the media stream and get into legitimate media outlets where they are reported as fact.

So I was not surprised that the day after The Associated Press hair story appeared (Baldygate?), the story was picked up by America Online, the nation's largest provider of Internet access.

America Online ran the full text of The Associated Press story and next to it ran a picture of the back of Clinton's head, which, if you looked at really, really closely and squinched up your eyes, did show a little "pink flesh" shining through the hair. Maybe.

Then, America Online invited its members to vote on whether Clinton should a) get a hair transplant, b) use a hair growth treatment or c) leave everything alone because, "It was good enough for Ike."

This shows just how far the media will go to attack Bill Clinton. Dwight D. Eisenhower had a head that looked like a billiard ball! And now America Online wants us to believe the two men look alike?

The vote, by the way, did yield a satisfying result: Only 7 percent of those voting wanted the president to have a hair transplant, only 12 percent wanted him to use a hair growth treatment and 81 percent wanted to leave everything alone. (There was no indication of how many people thought Bill Clinton should pop the Associated Press reporter in the snoot.)

I think the American media are the best in the world, but that doesn't mean we are perfect. Sometimes we should show a little restraint.

So what if Bill Clinton is losing a few hairs? I say ignore it. And, for gosh sake, let's not even mention his false teeth.

George Washington had wooden ones, and he turned out just fine.



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Kenneth Lane, left, and his wife Sue say hello to Dr. R. Marc Schwarz during the local doctor's retirement party held Friday afternoon at Malone & Hogan Clinic. The Lanes were both patients who received care from the doctor and said his retirement "felt like a death in the family."



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
Howard County Library Children's Director Karen McIntyre performs in a puppet show with Theodore McBook as they present the Library of Doom program to children Tuesday to celebrate Children's Book Week.



Courtesy Photo
Ralph McLaughlin welcomes new Rotary Club inductees Dean Spencer and Byron W. Brown after an induction ceremony Tuesday in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

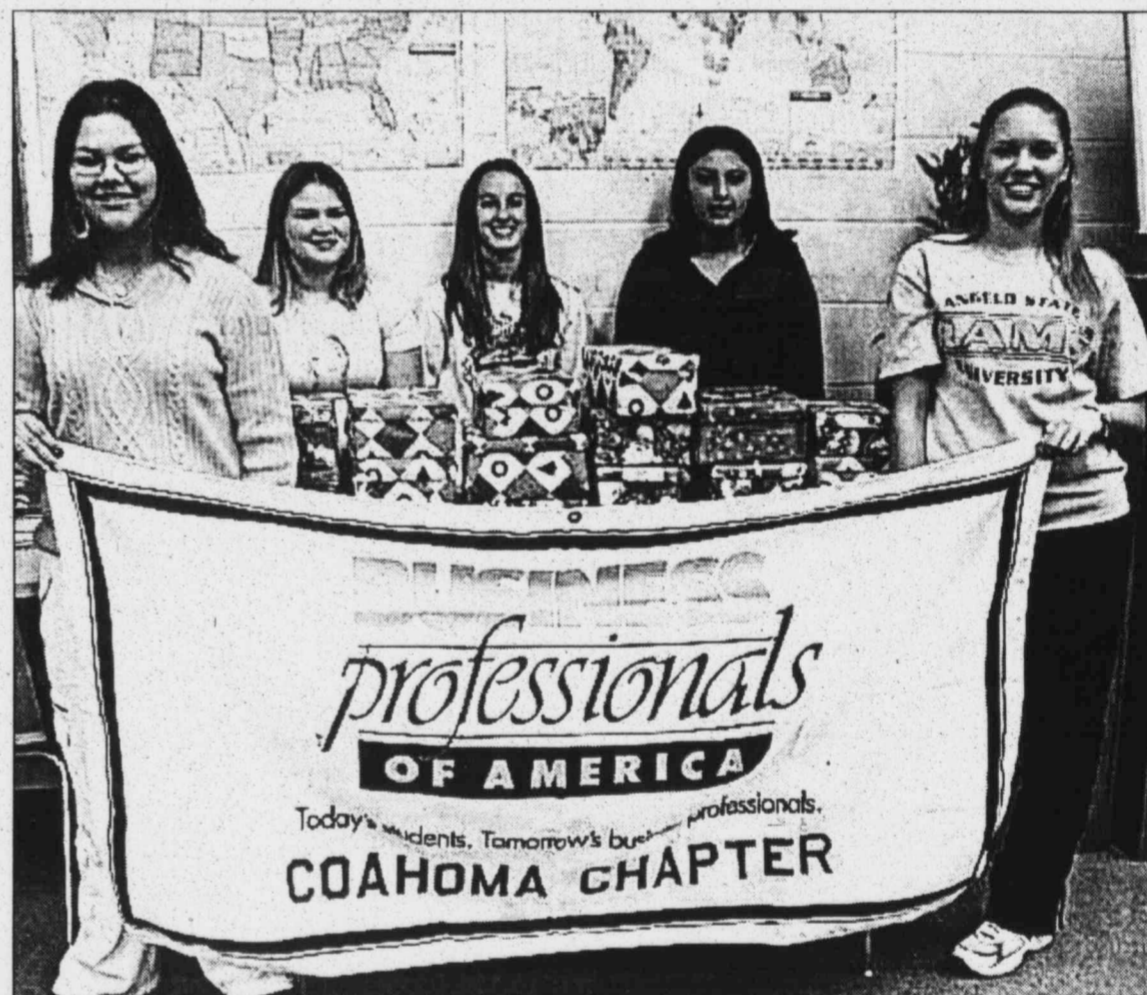
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All Big Spring Independent School District elementary schools achieved ratings of recognized by the Texas Education Agency. Receiving their awards at the school board meeting Nov. 11 were, from left, Karen Saunders, principal of Kentwood Elementary; Steve Waggoner, principal of Washington Elementary; George Martin, principal of Moss Elementary; Mark Owen, principal of Bauer Elementary; and Carie Dunnam, principal of Marcy Elementary.



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
Debbye ValVerde and Joe Conciencie present Deborah Ortiz, center, with her Parental Partner award and announce that she has been chosen to represent the Big Spring Independent School District at the Texas Association of Business Parental Partner competition.



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss
Members of the Coahoma High School chapter of the Business Professionals of America from left, are Stacy Hernandez, Amy Hiler, Sarah Bartlett, Jackie Valencia and Tori Paige. The group met and put together 25 shoe boxes filled with toys for Operation Christmas Child.

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It's time to consider quitting — for good

By PATRICIA ANSTETT

Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT — Debbie Foerster hated her smoking habit so much that she never smoked inside her home, even though she lives alone.

She smoked on the back porch. "I was a closet smoker, and thought no one knew, but everybody does," said Foerster, 35, a pack-a-day Virginia Slims smoker for 10 years.

She washed out her ashtrays immediately and sprayed her car to rid it of smoke odors. "I'm quitting smoking because it's gross," Foerster says.

An organizational development manager for Ford Motor Corp., Foerster has tried to quit smoking a dozen times, only to pick up cigarettes within a day or two. "I help people make changes at work, but this was a change I was unable to do for myself." She tried "everything, from gum to patches to you name it," she says.

On Nov. 5, Foerster brought a firm will to quit to the New Beginnings



Debbie Foerster, 35, of Dearborn, Mich., receives a laser treatment for smoking cessation at New Beginnings Laser Institute in Huntington Woods.

Laser Institute in Huntington Woods, Mich. There, clinic owner Jayne Radford offers one-visit laser treatments for smoking cessation, for \$295, and free booster treatments for life, if needed.

Radford's son, a chiropractor, runs a clinic branch in Grand Rapids, Mich. The mother and son are among the first to bring laser treatments more common in Canada

to Michigan.

They decided to offer the treatments after Radford's husband, a three-pack-a-day smoker, got the treatments in Windsor, Ontario. He has not smoked since Dec. 27, 2002, she says.

The treatment is not federally approved. Patients sign forms to acknowledge they know they are part of a research study. Radford says the treat-

ments work. Most of the 400 people who have received treatments at her office since April no longer smoke, she says. The center follows patients at one-, three- and six-month intervals.

Foerster has gone nearly two weeks without a cigarette. "I'm actually doing good," she says. "I have not felt cravings like I did before" with other quit methods, she says. "This time, I know I really don't want to be a smoker. All I can say is, thank you, God."

She's among the minority of people who succeed in stopping smoking when they try. Quitting rates nationwide range from 10 percent to 30 percent.

Many try multiple times to quit.

There still are no good studies to help consumers know which approach assures their greatest chance of success. Most methods have not been compared.

But there are more programs and choices than ever to stop smoking,

from telephone counseling to Internet message boards to medicines.

Smoking cessation campaigns now are year-round, not just the single day campaign for the Great American Smoke Out, which was Nov. 18. More people stop smoking that day than any other, including New Year's Day, according to event sponsor the American Cancer Society.

Whatever approach you choose, the will to quit — not quitting to make someone else happy — is key, says Perry Bertolini, a respiratory therapist, and Dr. Safwan Badr, chief of pulmonary medicine at Harper University Hospital in Detroit.

Badr tells smokers their chance of developing heart disease, lung problems or lung cancer is inevitable with long-term smoking. "If you don't get one you get the other," he said. He and Bertolini also work on educating the next generation of adults about smoking by bringing a model of two pig lungs to local elemen-

tary schools. Fifth-grade students are their ideal target group.

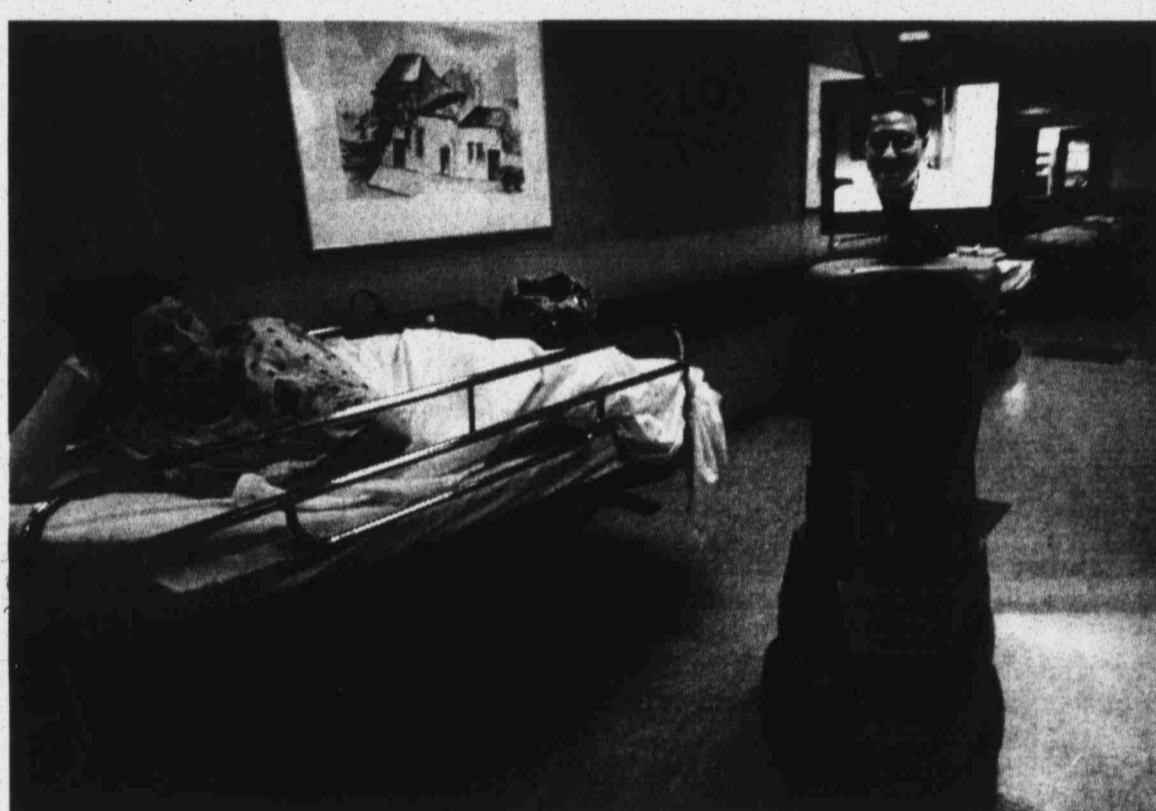
To succeed, a person needs to combine counseling with other nicotine replacement products or Zyban, an antidepressant that helps reduce cravings after quitting, most doctors advise.

Quitting around the holidays is not a good idea, many experts say, because it's often harder to break the smoking habit if attending parties and holiday events. "The chances of going back to smoking are so high that it's far better to do it in January," says Dr. Arthur Weaver, a retired lung cancer surgeon who has taught smoking cessation approaches for 38 years.

Do a little homework. Set a quit date. And pick the method that suits you best.

For more information, contact the American Lung Association, 800-586-4872; www.lungusa.org, or the American Cancer Society, 800-227-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Robot makes the rounds when doctors cannot



Patient Victoria Tierney, 39, of Allen Park, reacts as she watches robot, InTouch Health, go by in the hallway of an Emergency Department at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center.

By KIM NORRIS

Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT — Rosie, as she is known around the emergency department, has been tooling the halls of Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn, Mich., for six months.

The fifth-generation remote-presence vehicle developed by California-based InTouch Health is one of 10 such robots in operation in hospitals around the country.

Unlike the robotic maid Rosie in the futuristic TV cartoon "The Jetsons," Oakwood's Rosie has no arms and its head is a 17-inch computer screen that transmits a human face in living color from a remote location.

Both Rosies have antennae sprouting from their heads. Oakwood Rosie doesn't wear a lace apron and cap, but her figure is not unlike the bulky Jetsons' maid. Rosie the remote-presence vehicle is not as nimble or self-sufficient as Jetson Rosie: the Oakwood robot needs someone to push elevator buttons and open doors and occasionally bumps into walls. But its function, like the Jetsons' robot, is to make life easier for humans.

The concept behind the remote-presence robots,

which were designed by a physician, is to optimize one of the most precious resources a hospital has: its doctors. Rosie enables an Oakwood doctor in another part of the hospital or another part of the world to talk to patients in the emergency department — even if the doctor isn't there in person.

"Patient-physician interaction is the fundamental building block of a hospital," said Tim Wright, vice president of strategic marketing of InTouch Health, which started manufacturing the robots in 2000. "All the decisions are made in that relationship. It all waits for that interaction. If a test result is ready at 8 a.m. but the doctor isn't coming in until 2, the patient waits, the nurses wait, the bed can't be used for anyone else."

Made of sheet metal and aluminum, the remote-presence robot is navigated by an operator using a joystick at a control station that could be located just about anywhere. The robot is equipped with sensors to avoid crashing into things and its head swivels 360 degrees. A

camera and microphone are mounted above the computer screen, allowing the operator to see and hear. A similar camera and microphone at the control station transmit the operator's face and voice.

"The resolution is excellent," said cardiologist Samer Salka, one of two Oakwood doctors testing the robot. "I can look at X-rays and other tests. I can look at tumors. I can focus on a little pimple."

Salka navigates Rosie through the halls of Oakwood with minimal difficulty. A wrong turn here and there and an occasional bump into an object in the hall are quickly rectified. The robot's presence draws stares from patients and visitors, but staff members appear unfazed by the image of Salka's face beaming from a screen perched atop a moving robot.

Salka, who is sitting at a control station in another part of the hospital, maneuvers Rosie to the nursing station in the emergency observations unit to inquire about a patient.

"The patient came in at 6:15 last night," nurse practitioner Heidi Kalinowski says, looking at the robot — or more accurately, Salka — in the eye. "His chief complaint is chest pains for a week. His EKG was normal. All his labs were normal."

Salka asks Kalinowski to show him a patient's EKG, which she holds in front of the screen. Salka studies it. Then, with a push of the button on the control station one floor up, he takes a photo copy that prints out at his desk.

He rolls over to a bed where patient Ascension Hernandez has been resting since the previous evening.

The 30-year-old machine technician and father of three is unfazed at being asked questions by a face on a television screen. He looks at the screen and answers Salka's questions as if they were in the same room.

Salka asks a series of questions and tells a relieved Hernandez he probably won't have to stay much longer.

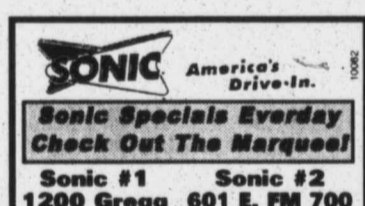
Later, Salka visits the patient in person. He listens to Hernandez's heart and asks a few more questions. Hernandez is discharged later in the day with a diagnosis of muscular-skeletal pain.

can save the patient a day in the hospital," Salka said.

InTouch asked a group of surgeons at Sentara Health System in Norfolk, Va., to perform a second round of patient visits using the robot in the afternoon — instead of the one in-person morning visit they typically performed.

The hospital found that, in 65 percent of the cases, doctors issued additional orders that progressed the patient's care in some way. In 19 percent of the cases, doctors gave discharge orders. Patients who otherwise would have spent at least one more night in the hospital were sent home sooner.

"If you can make a decision at 10 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. the next day, you



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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season. For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Big Spring Baseball Booster meeting set

There will be a Big Spring Baseball Booster Club meeting at 6 p.m. tonight in the Athletic Training Center.

It will be an organizational meeting to get ready for the upcoming 2005 season.

For more information, contact John Sparks at 263-8527.

Sooners get needed rout over Baylor

WACO (AP) — Adrian Peterson ran for 240 yards, including three second-half touchdowns, and Oklahoma got the lopsided win it needed for the BCS standings.

After a slow start, the Sooners (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) scored on four straight possessions. Jason White threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Travis Wilson just before halftime to make it 14-0, and Peterson had short TD runs on the first three drives of the second half.

Peterson, who had 32 carries, tied the NCAA record for most 100-yard games by a freshman with his 10th. It came a week after he was held to 58 yards by Nebraska to snap his freshman record of nine straight 100-yard games.

Even after last week's 30-3 win over Nebraska, Oklahoma was caught by Auburn in the latest AP poll. The Sooners remained second behind top-rated Southern California in the BCS standings, but their margin over Auburn was cut in half.

Iowa earns second title in three years

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Drew Tate threw three touchdown passes and Iowa's defense forced four turnovers and earned a share of the Big Ten title.

The Hawkeyes (9-2, 7-1) won their second league title in three years, splitting it this time with Michigan. But the Wolverines claimed the invitation to the Rose Bowl thanks to their 30-17 victory over Iowa earlier this season.

For the Badgers (9-2, 6-2), a promising season crumbled the last two weeks with losses by a combined 79-21.

After a rocky start, Tate settled down and finished 15-of-24 for 186 yards. He threw two TD passes to Clinton Solomon, including a 51-yarder late in the first half, and another to Scott Chandler late in the third quarter.

Midland gets by Hawk women in double overtime

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Two last-second shots gave Midland College a chance to defeat Howard Saturday and the Lady Chaparrals took full advantage as Midland got by the Hawk women, 89-83, in double overtime at the Western Junior College Athletic Conference preseason tournament.

It was Howard's third consecutive loss at the tournament and the third

loss of the season overall. The Hawk women lost to Odessa College during opening night and then were defeated by Frank Phillips College Friday.

Midland led Howard 33-23 at halftime, but the Hawk women battled back. Howard actually led by two points with seconds remaining, but a jumper by Irma Kmitaite sent the game into overtime. The score was tied at 63-63 at the end of regulation.

The first overtime was a

tight struggle but once again Howard had a lead with just seconds to go. This time, Midland's Britney Davis-White sent the game into double overtime with a last second 3-pointer.

Midland's Lady Chaps then outscored Howard by seven points in the second extra session and went on to win.

The difference came at the free throw line though teams struggled.

However, Midland (7-3) made six more shots from

the charity stripe, hitting 29 out of 49. Howard went 23-for-40 in the loss. Both teams connected on 26 field goals.

Sophomore Ciara Tidwell led the Hawk women with 24 points, including four 3-pointers. Freshman Jennifer Pena added 14 points, while freshmen Latoya Fairley and Ariel Rhodes scored 12 points each. Sophomore Jessica Shusteric also put in 12 points, including two 3-pointers. Howard forced Midland,

which won the game on a balanced scoring attack, into making 34 turnovers.

The Lady Chaparrals were led by Evelina Janisyte and Tiffany Bogany, who both poured in 13 points.

Kmitaite and Janae Johnson each scored 12 points.

Howard (6-3) returns home tonight to take on the Hardin-Simmons University junior varsity team at 6 p.m. inside the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard finishes up fall season at Tech

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College fall rodeo season ended this past weekend as the Hawks traveled to Lubbock for a final run at Texas Tech University.

The Hawks sent three competitors into the short round Saturday, but none of them had much luck.

Freshman D.J. Allen of S a n d S p r i n g s scored a 78 in the long round of the bull riding, which put him fifth overall. It was the third time out of four tries which he was able to qualify for the short round.

"I have got to applaud this local freshman," said Howard head coach Greg Kernick. "He has been competing well and scoring well for us all fall season and I am looking forward to good things out of him this spring."

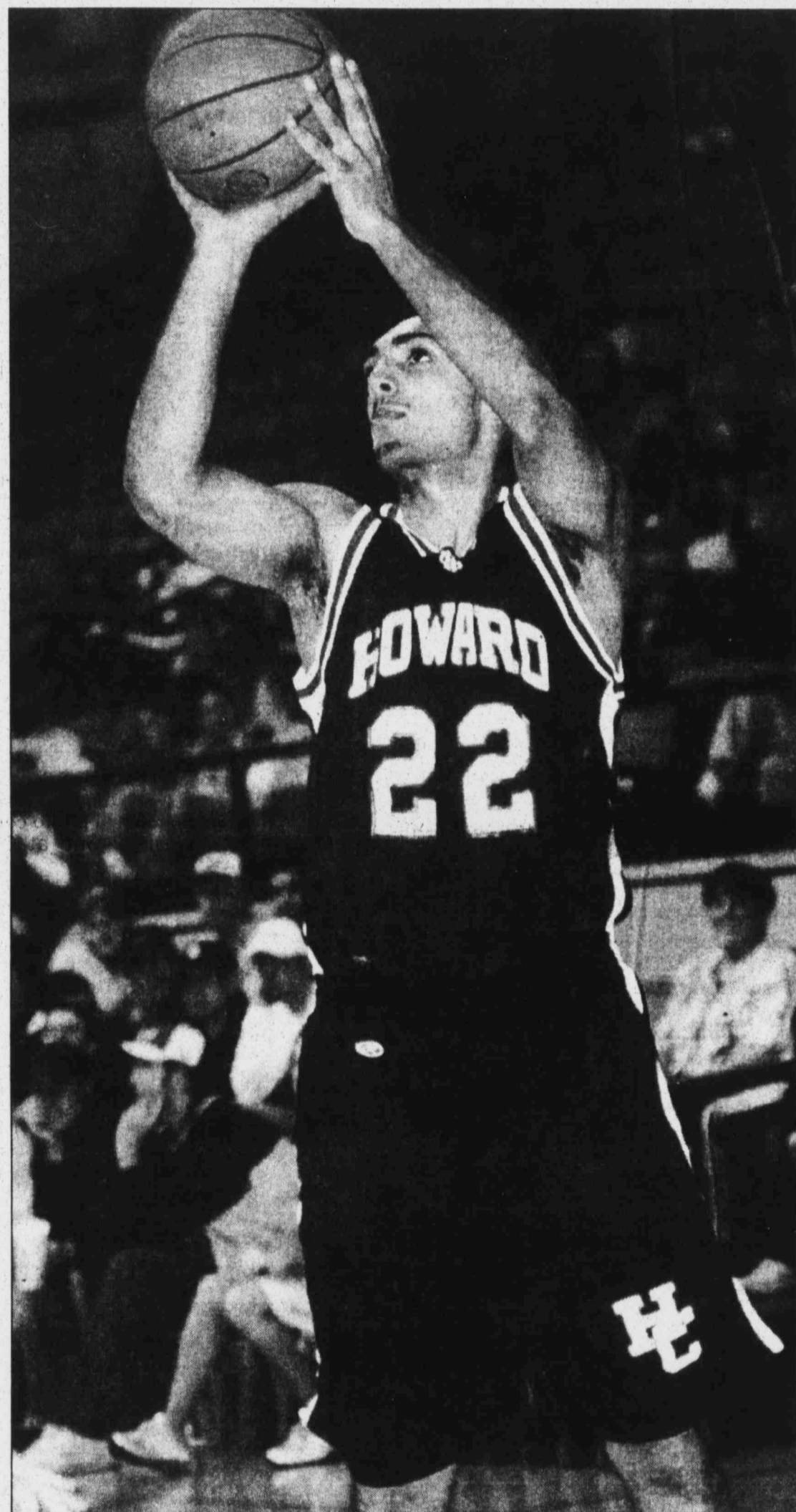
Also qualifying for the short round were Aaron Heberger and Meagan Lahne, who teamed up in the team roping competition. They scored a 6.9 in the long round, but broke a barrier and received a no time in the short round.

Sophomore Danny McDowell and freshman Paul Young competed in the bull riding competition, but neither one performed well enough to advance to the short round Saturday. McDowell scored a 72 and Young fell off his bull before the eight seconds were up.

Freshman Sierra Stoney nearly came away with something special in the barrel racing, but a 10 second penalty plagued her overall time. She finished with a 16.18, but the extra 10 seconds made the final time 26.18. The winner of the barrel race was clocked at 16.22.

Jed Headley, a freshman, competed in the bareback riding competition and scored a 61, which was not enough to qualify for the short

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Howard freshman Iman Shokvohizadeh puts up a jumper in a previous game. The Hawk men traveled to a tournament at South Padre Island over the weekend and came away with a 2-1 record. The Hawk men defeated Weatherford College, 81-65, Sunday after losing to McLennan College by a score of 61-52 Saturday. Howard earned a third-place tournament finish and is now 6-1 overall.

Forsan JH teams take three titles at tourney

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Both Forsan junior high boys basketball teams captured the championship trophy at the Forsan basketball tournament over the weekend, while the girls' eighth-grade team was also victorious.

The eighth-grade boys team improved its season record to 3-0 after a championship game victory against Garden City. The Buffaloes won the game 32-17 and were led in scoring by Jeremy Robbins and Jeremy Frietag. Robbins finished with 14 points, while Frietag added 10.

The seventh-grade boys team pushed its record to 2-1 after easily defeating the Coahoma Bulldogs in the championship game. The Buffaloes won the game 42-11 behind 16 points from Evan Burton. Forsan led 12-0 after the first quarter and took a 25-2 lead into the locker room at halftime. They led 36-3 after three quarters before Coahoma outscored them in the fourth, 8-6. Ryan Flores and Jac Moore added eight and seven points, respectively, for the winners.

The eighth-grade girls team defeated Garden City 27-18 in its championship game, while the seventh-grade girls team lost to the Lady Kats, 20-17, and took second overall.

The eighth-grade team led 9-4 at the end of the first quarter and then took a 10-point lead at halftime. Garden City held Forsan scoreless in the third quarter and cut its deficit to two points, but Forsan outscored the Lady Kats in the fourth quarter 10-4 and claimed the eight-point win. The team was led in scoring by Tori Gauer's 15 points. Melanie McDonald and Alyx Pappajohn each had four points, while Jade Hughey and Faith Belew added two points.

The seventh-grade girls team found itself tied with Garden City after the first quarter. Forsan then took a one-point lead over the Lady Kats at halftime before going up by two points at the end of the third quarter. However, Garden City held Forsan scoreless in the final frame, while scoring five points to earn the win. Amanda Longorio led Forsan with five points, while Kelsey Jones and Noelle McDowell added four points each. Jessica Loera and Kelsie Wallace also found the scoring column with two points each.

Rival Blizzards take out Buffaloes

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Forsan head coach Terry McDonald said his team's 58-45 loss against Winters Friday was learning experience for his young players.

"Having only two seniors, this was a great learning experience for our young players to see how physical a varsity basketball game can be," said McDonald.

The Buffaloes struggled early, but regained their composure at the end of the first half and played well the rest of the game, added McDonald.

Forsan was led by junior Tye Baker's 14 points. Adam Bailey pitched in with eight points and senior Trey

Paredes and Jeremy Johnson each scored six points. Seth Johnson added five points, while Bryce Lopez and Steven Chavez each contributed four.

The Forsan junior varsity team lost to Winters by three points in overtime, as well.

Forsan (1-1) will travel to Garden City Tuesday to take on the 0-1 Bearkats. Garden City played Coahoma Friday on the road and lost 41-39, but got a good individual effort by Chais Goodwin (17 points) and

Taylor Niehues (14 points).

The Forsan girls varsity team picked up a road win against Winters Friday, as well. The Lady Buffaloes defeated the Blizzards, 53-40, in Winters.

Forsan led 23-12 after the first quarter and then took a nine-point lead into the locker room.

The Lady Buffaloes then outscored Winters 16-9 in the third quarter to seal the win. Winters outscored Forsan by three points in the final quarter, but the girls were able to hold on and record the 13-point victory.

The Lady Buffaloes will also travel to meet Garden City (4-0) Tuesday.



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Henson gets first action as Ravens destroy Cowboys

BALTIMORE (AP) — The question of when Dallas Cowboys rookie quarterback Drew Henson would get a chance to play was answered Sunday. Now, the question is whether he'll be back on Thursday.

Henson got the call in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 30-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens after Vinny Testaverde went out with a shoulder injury. He fumbled in his first NFL play and Baltimore converted that into a touchdown.

"It felt good to see him go in," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said, "but I liked to choke when I saw him on the first play. Those are the kinds of things you don't want to happen."

Henson rebounded to lead the Cowboys (3-7) on a touchdown drive in the waning minutes and finished 6-for-6 for 47 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Robinson with 40 seconds left.

Coach Bill Parcells would not speculate who would start Thursday against the Chicago Bears, saying he wanted to see the severity of Testaverde's injured right shoulder before making a decision.

"We'll see how Vinny feels, if he can come back. If not I'll be prepared," Henson said. "As bad as today was, I was able to take something away and have something to build toward Thursday if need be."

Burned for 49 points on Monday night in a lopsided loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, the Cowboys played well for a half. But things unraveled during a third quarter in which the Ravens compiled a 163-11 advantage in offensive yardage.

Testaverde went 9-for-22 for 109 yards and two interceptions.

Henson came in and promptly lost his grip on the ball while being chased by Marques Douglas.

Baltimore recovered at the Dallas 1, and Chester Taylor scored from there

to make it 30-3.

"I thought I was throwing but they called it a fumble. It happened real fast," Henson said. "You move on and keep going."

Dallas forced only five turnovers in its first nine games, but recovered two fumbles during a first half that featured six punts and only one score, a first-quarter field goal by Billy Cundiff.

Undaunted by a first half in which the Baltimore Ravens failed to score against the struggling Dallas Cowboys, Kyle Boller spoke confidently to his offense about staging a comeback.

Then he went out and made it happen.

Showing the poise and leadership of a rapidly maturing quarterback, Boller threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter, and the Ravens rolled to a 30-10 victory Sunday.

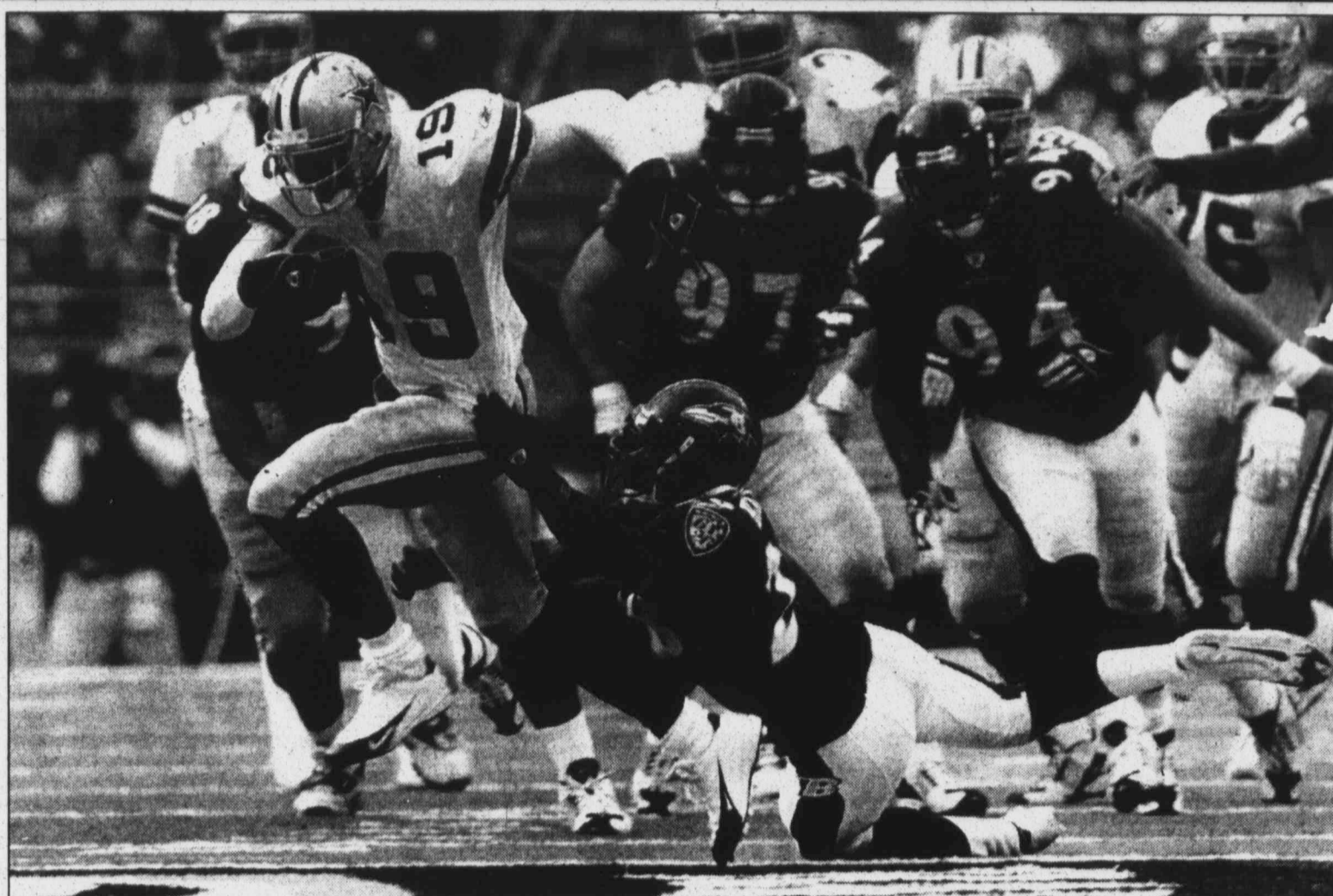
"We kind of got stalled in the first half, but that's the beauty of a four-quarter game," said Boller, who fashioned the comeback without injured running back Jamal Lewis. "I just rallied the guys and told them we still got two quarters, so let's go out and score 21 points."

With help from Baltimore's opportunistic defense, the Ravens (7-3) used a 30-point second half to pull away to their third straight win. After being criticized earlier in the season for his erratic play.

Trailing 3-0, Baltimore finally scored on its second drive of the third quarter. Boller went 6-for-7 on a 78-yard drive that included three passes to tight end Darnell Dinkins — two for first downs and a 17-yard touchdown.

Ed Reed intercepted a pass by Testaverde on the next play from scrimmage, and the Ravens went up 14-3 when Boller completed a 63-yard drive with a 31-yard TD pass to Kevin Johnson.

A 50-yard field goal by Matt Stover made it 17-3, and Chad Williams sealed the victory with a 44-yard interception return for a touchdown.



Dallas' Keyshawn Johnson (19) tries to break away from Baltimore's Gary Baxter (29) Sunday. The Cowboys were defeated by the Ravens, 30-10.

NBA hands Artest season-ending suspension

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the season Sunday as the NBA came down hard on three members of the Indiana Pacers for fighting with fans when a melee broke out at the end of a game against the Detroit Pistons.

Overall, nine players from the teams were banned for 143 games, including some of the harshest penalties the league ever issued. Artest is the first player to be suspended for nearly an entire season for a fight during a game.

Indiana's Stephen Jackson was suspended for 30 games, and Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Detroit's Ben Wallace — whose shove of Artest after a foul led to the 5-minute fracas — drew a six-game ban, while Pacers guard Anthony Johnson got five games.

Four players were suspended for a game apiece: Indiana's Reggie Miller, and Detroit's Chauncey Billups, Elden Campbell and Derrick Coleman.

All of the suspensions are without pay. Artest, O'Neal and Jackson — who all threw punches at fans in the stands or on the court at

the end of the nationally televised Pacers-Pistons game Friday night — began serving their suspensions Saturday. Indiana, limited to just six players because of the suspensions and injuries, dropped an 86-83 decision to Orlando.

"The actions of the players involved wildly exceeded the professionalism and self-control that should fairly be expected from NBA players," NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement, adding that the league must not "allow our sport to be debased by what seem to be declining expectations."

The NBA also has to "redefine the bounds of acceptable conduct for fans attending our games and resolve to permanently exclude those who overstep those bounds," Stern said.

He added that security procedures in all NBA arenas will be reviewed and rules need to be added to prevent a repeat of what happened at Auburn Hills, Mich., on Friday.

The brawl was particularly violent, with Artest and Jackson bolting into the stands near center court and throwing punches at fans after debris was tossed at the players.



KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIAN H. GONZALEZ/DETROIT FREE PRESS Indiana Pacers Ron Artest is shown after knocking down a fan with a punch after the fan came on the court during an altercation in the last minute of their game with the Pistons at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Michigan Friday. On Sunday, Artest was suspended for the rest of the season.

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round Saturday. Zack Cobb, Brent Walden and Nick Bailey all took part in the calf roping portion of the rodeo. Cobb recorded the best time of the trio with a 9.5, while Walden and Bailey scored a 9.7 and 12.6, respectively. The cutoff for the short round was 9.1.

Howard sent two performers into the steer wrestling competition, but neither one of them scored high enough to qualify for the short round. Juan Alcazar scored a 6.8, while

Wayne Schaffeld turned in a 7.6. The cutoff was 5.8.

The Hawks practices have been plagued recently by rain, but Kernick said now the team must prepare for final exams.

"I wished the rain would have hit us after our fall season," added Kernick. "We are going to just take time to prepare for final exams at school and get ready for the spring season."

The spring season begins March 10-12 at Weatherford College. The Howard College rodeo will take place April 14-16. The College National Finals are slated for June 12-18.

NBA glance

National Basketball Assn. Sunday's Games
Toronto 96, San Antonio 91
Phoenix 122, L.A. Clippers 111
Boston 102, Seattle 83
Miami 93, Philadelphia 83
Detroit 117, Charlotte 116, 2OT
New York 98, Cleveland 88
Houston 97, Portland 93
Denver 110, Dallas 82
Sacramento 88, Milwaukee 79
L.A. Lakers 102, Chicago 93
Monday's Games
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NFL glance

National Football League Sunday's Games
Baltimore 30, Dallas 10
Buffalo 37, St. Louis 17
Indianapolis 41, Chicago 10
Denver 34, New Orleans 13
N.Y. Jets 10, Cleveland 7
Carolina 35, Arizona 10
Tennessee 18, Jacksonville 15
Minnesota 22, Detroit 19
Pittsburgh 19, Cincinnati 14
Tampa Bay 35, San Francisco 3
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Monday's Game
New England at Kansas City, 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games

Indianapolis at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 28
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.
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N.Y. Jets at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 29
St. Louis at Green Bay, 9 p.m.

Busch wins title under NASCAR new format

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — The last time Kurt Busch cried in Victory Lane, it was partly because he realized he was one of the most hated drivers in NASCAR.

The brash young driver wrapped up his first title Sunday by outdriving

nine other rivals in NASCAR's 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup championship.

It capped a rollercoaster ride for Busch, a 26-year-old Las Vegas native considered an outsider in NASCAR.

Favre rallies Green Bay past Houston's Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — With two minutes left and the game tied, Brett Favre had the ball and a tiring defense in front of him.

The Houston Texans couldn't have been in a much worse situation.

"Favre is a guy that you never have enough points when you play against him," Texans coach Dom Capers said.

Favre led the Packers all the way back in the fourth quarter and Ryan Longwell kicked a 46-yard field goal as time expired, sending Green Bay to its fifth straight win, 16-13 over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Favre was 6-of-7 for 42 yards on the final drive — the only incompletion came when he spiked the

ball to stop the clock — to set up Longwell's field goal. Longwell responded with his second game-winning kick in as many weeks, completing Green Bay's rally from a 10-point deficit in the final quarter.

"It was a clutch situation," Packers coach Mike Sherman said of Longwell. "And he's pretty strong in those situations."

Favre was also pretty clutch, going 33-of-50 for 383 yards with two interceptions and a touchdown to Houston native Donald Driver in the fourth period. Driver caught 10 passes for 148 yards.

Green Bay (6-4) stayed tied with Minnesota for first in the NFC North.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Even before man had the technology to know what the planet Venus looked like close up, humans sensed her beauty and named her appropriately. When scientists finally saw her, the soft, luminous Venus was more mesmerizing than ever imagined! She enters Scorpio this morning, adding an extreme dimension to our love lives!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Oh, how you want to break free! That could be why it's hard to concentrate. Though people are moving their mouths and words seem to be coming out, you're not getting what they have to say. Plan a vacation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You love hearing people's stories, and they love telling them to you. You'll

find out there are fabulous examples of success around you. This spurs you toward actively pursuing one of your own dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a touch of the rebel-baddie-crazy in you today. Think of signmates Colin Farrell and Angelina Jolie. You do it your way, and if others are shocked or offended, oh, well. You're playful enough that their objections don't last long.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Money can help you get a project off the ground, but it's not the be-all-end-all between you and what you want. So if you can't find the cash, go forward anyway. Publicity is key. Make the phone call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be walking that fine line between self-awareness and self-consciousness. Keep in mind that only the best people deal with nervous problems. Embrace your fear — it's endearing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Taking care of yourself is essential if you're to accomplish all you have on that extensive list of yours. If you err, in that human kind of way, just make sure the conflict is solved by the time you go to bed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in a practical mood. You want to know for certain that desires can be achieved before you even dare to desire them. The importance of being inspired cannot be minimized. Read a biography.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your intuition is your biggest success tool. Use it to figure out whom you need to know. You've got the guts to walk up to a perfect stranger and introduce yourself. Gemini and Leo are especially lucky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Low on faith? It's not so wrong to ask for proof once in a while. Romantically, you might feel like you're in a rut. It's time for an energizing flirtation! You've a special connection with a Pisces.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tension seems to be stringing you together, from your head to your shoes. It's no way to live! Discharge an obligation once and for all. You'll feel the weight lift so you can dance again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gorillas show they're in love by picking nits off of one another. If you find yourself being overly nit-picky, your heart may be telling you something. By the way, there may be healthier ways to show your affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The energy and help you were blocking before now come back around — an opportunity for you to do it differently. Make use of the resources around you. Smile and take a compliment instead of being too modest.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was just wondering, why do you think so many people read their horoscopes?"

Astrology is an ancient art that was born in a simpler time when the

stars were the main attraction and people tuned in to them as people today tune in to the media. The stars told us about the seasons and therefore the weather, when we should start planting, when we should harvest, what direction we should travel and so on. And in looking to the stars, we began to find omens, spin stories, and create characters and associations. To a civilization like the Greeks, for instance, stargazing was like watching a soap opera. Gods and goddesses interacted with humans and would rule planets and turn each other into constellations. These stories and stories from other cultures around the world evolved and intersected, and the result is a rich tapestry of time-tested beliefs, characteristics and associations that is the basis of astrology today. The age we live in is complex because there are more choices available to us than ever before. We turn

to astrology as a way to get focused. Reading your horoscope helps you home in on your internal questions so you can find answers.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jamie Lee Curtis has four luminaries in Sagittarius — no wonder she's so feisty! She recently met with controversy when she told the hostesses of a talk show that she didn't want to age on camera and at some point in the not-so-distant future would stop taking movie roles. Her travels in the coming year will cause her to rethink such statements as she begins to relate to another culture's ideas of beauty.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been with my husband, "Rex," for five years. I love him very much, and he can be a great husband and stepfather. He works, provides for us and helps with all of the household and parental duties.

The problem? Rex is drug addict. He doesn't binge often, but it's enough to disrupt the family, sometimes to the point where I want to walk away and never look back. I believe a wife should stand by her husband, and I want to do all I can to help him deal with his 20-year addiction. However, I wasn't aware of his problem before we married, and my son must be my first priority.

My son adores his stepfather, but I wonder if staying is doing more harm than good for my child. Rex and I have tried rehab, Narcotics Anonymous, counseling, church activities, quitting cold turkey and even relocating so he is not near his old drug contacts. But he always goes back after a short period. What should I do? — Drug Addict's Wife

Dear Addict's Wife: Yes, your son must come first, and if Rex is unable to control his drug habit, you may have no choice but to leave him. Have you tried Nar-Anon, a support group for spouses and families of drug addicts? If not, please give it a chance before walking out the door. The toll-free number is 1-800-477-6291, and the Web site is www.nar-anon.org.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Trey," and I have been married 32 years. We have a large home, and on several occasions, Trey has spontaneously invited people to spend the night without consulting me first. When the guests arrive, he informs me, in their presence, that he's asked them to stay over. One time, he invited 20 people to our family vacation home and told them I would serve all the meals for the weekend.

Annie, I am far from the hostess with the mostest. I do not have cleaning help and work full time in the business that my husband and I own. We also have pets. Need I say more? My home is not presentable without considerable work ahead of time. Nor do I have a freezer or pantry ready to serve meals to unexpected company.

I have told Trey to stop inviting people without consulting me first, but



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MARCY SUGAR

he cannot understand my position. He's even become angry that the house isn't ready for entertaining at a moment's notice.

The last time he pulled this stunt on me, I was ill from the stress for three days. How can I get him to stop? — Imposed on in Boston

Dear Boston: Since Trey isn't likely to back down, here are two solutions:

You can greet these guests, saying, "How nice to see you. I'm sorry I have plans and won't return until tomorrow, but I'm sure Trey will be happy to entertain you." Then go out the door and stay at a hotel. If that's too drastic, have a list of caterers, carry-out places and maid services on hand, and call them as soon as Trey brings company home. Maybe after he pays a few of the bills, he'll cease and desist.

Dear Annie: I am a concerned father. My ex-wife allows our 5-year-old son to go hunting with her 73-year-old stepfather. I am very much against this and have expressed my wishes on several occasions, but in each case, I am ignored. My ex-wife and I have joint legal and physical custody. Please help. — Mac

Dear Mac: Are you concerned that your son is around guns, or that your wife's stepfather is not capable of the necessary supervision and safety precautions? If the latter, talk to your attorney about bringing the matter before a judge. If the former, you can discuss it with your attorney, but there may not be much you can do. Talk to your son about gun safety, make certain your ex-wife understands the dangers, and ask her to care enough to check that her stepfather is responsible and cautious.

Dear Annie: Before I married "Wayne," he told me that my three teenage children from my previous marriage would not be allowed to live with us. Although I was not happy with his decision, I agreed because I did not want to be alone, and frankly, I thought he eventually would soften up. The two older children were away at college, and I didn't think my youngest, "Tara," would come back to live with me, as she

had chosen to live out of state with her father prior to our divorce.

All was fine until two years ago, when Tara turned 18. Her teenage cousin died, and my daughter decided she wanted to move back home and be closer to the rest of the family. Wayne, however, told me it still was not an option for her to live here. He offered to put her up, temporarily, in a place of her own, but Tara was not emotionally ready to be by herself. He said if I needed to finish raising Tara, I could move out, and when she finally left, I could move back. We fought over this for a week, and it broke my heart to tell Tara she was not welcome to live with us.

My children have always been respectful and well-mannered. I resent that I was asked to choose between my husband and my child, and feel guilty for making the choice I did. The guilt is worse when there are family gatherings and Tara misses out because she lives with her father, five hours away. Any advice for me? — Torn Up

Dear Torn Up: We won't chastise you for the choices you've made, because it would serve no purpose. Your children are all adults and no longer need to live with you. The problem now is the resentment you feel toward Wayne, along with

your guilt.

Counseling will help you and Wayne reach a more compassionate resolution about your children, while putting the past where it belongs. Please ask your doctor for a referral, and ask Wayne to go with you. In the meantime, perhaps you could help Tara with airfare so she could attend some of these family functions more often.

Dear Annie: I am embarrassed to ask, but I'm sure many pool owners have this problem. Last weekend, I had friends and family over for a swim party. One of the ladies (I'll call her "Nina") neglected to trim her bikini area, and it was quite noticeable. My guests kept bugging me to tell her, but I didn't have the nerve.

One of my guests finally said something to Nina. She just shrugged it off and casually acknowledged that she forgot to shave. I got the distinct impression that she liked the attention. This has happened before when Nina and I have gone to the beach. It's quite embarrassing, and you can't help but notice. What should I do? — California Cookie

Dear California: If this happens a lot, we assume Nina does it on purpose. So, stop inviting her to your pool parties, and if she asks why, tell her. Enough already.

Dear Annie: I can relate to the letter from "Lost in the USA," who can't find her way from one place to another. I tend to make fun of this part of my mental makeup. I always say that I decide which way I think I should go and then go the opposite way. People think I am joking, but I'm not. It usually works.

I used to get so nervous, especially when traveling in Europe. Then one day, I decided there's no way I can get off planet Earth, and I never will be so lost I can't be found. Now I relax and enjoy the scenery wherever I may be. Of course, I always keep a cell phone handy, just in case. — Eventual Arriver in Chicago

Dear Chicago: We like your healthy attitude. Thanks for writing.

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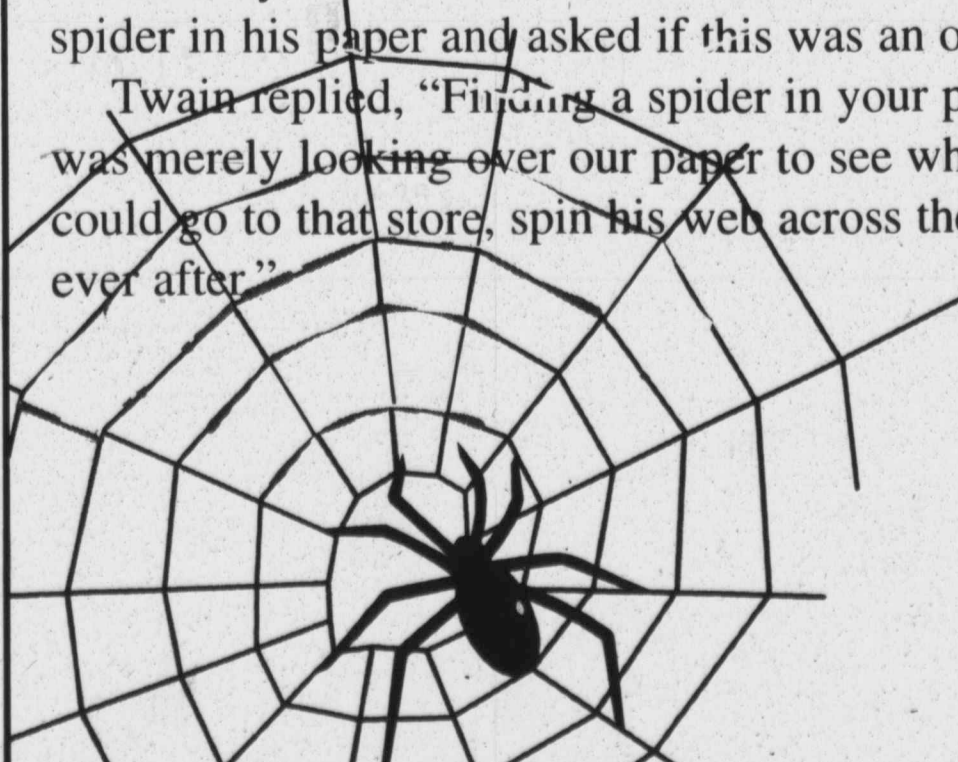
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 22, the 327th day of 2004. There are 39 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 22, 1963, President Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas.

On this date: In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast.

In 1928, "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel made its debut in Paris.

In 1935, a flying boat, the "China Clipper," took off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

In 1943, lyricist Lorenz Hart died in New York at age 48.

In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain.

In 1977, regular passenger service between New York and Europe on the supersonic Concorde began on a trial basis.

In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win re-election of the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot, announced her resignation.

In 1993, Mexico's Senate overwhelmingly approved the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., is 86. Movie director Arthur Hiller is 81. Actor Robert Vaughn is 72. Actor Michael Callan is 69. Actor Allen Garfield is 65. Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 64. Actor Tom Conti is 63. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 63. Astronaut Guion S. Bluford is 62. Tennis player Billie Jean King is 61. Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads; Talking Heads; The Tom Tom Club) is 54. Baseball player Greg Luzinski is 54. Rock musician Lawrence Gowan is 48. Actor Richard Kind is 48.

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