



## Moore board trims list of applicants to seven

Applications for executive director still welcomed, board president McLellan says

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring has whittled the list of applicants for the agency's executive director position from 14 to seven, as the group

continued its efforts to fill the slot during its Wednesday evening meeting.

Board President Larry McLellan said the group was able to narrow the field during an executive session, but certainly hasn't given up hope on receiving more applications.

"We have received 14 applications," said McLellan. "Originally we talked about 13 applications, but we had one that called in for the job but I don't think we ever actually received that person's application. We've eliminated seven and right now we're studying

the remaining seven and possibly still looking for some additional applicants out there."

McLellan said the board hasn't received many applications over the past several weeks, possibly due to the onset of the holiday season.

"We haven't received any

more since our last meeting, so I'm not really sure what the likelihood of getting more is," said McLellan. "I feel like we're making some headway. We've gone from 14 to seven, so we have a list to work with now."

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## Vietnam vet urges wear red Friday to support military

By Lyndel Moody  
Special to the Herald

As politicians step back from stumping on the campaign trail and turn toward exalting the military and veterans this weekend with hyperbolic speeches, one local veteran wants the public to send a simple message of support to our military: Wear red on Fridays.

"This is not about supporting the government or the war, it's about supporting our military regardless of personal feelings or what they are called upon to do," said Don Boling. "Our troops need to know the people believe in them. We don't need a repeat of 30 years ago."

Boling, a Vietnam veteran, said he doesn't want any generation of soldier to feel the isolation so many Vietnam veterans experienced during and for many years after the war.

"My own personal experience and that of the Vietnam veteran was of extreme negative public reaction... and the pain lasts forever," he said. "How many years did the Vietnam veteran hide, with only a few select people who knew they were veterans, not telling people because they were

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Boling

afraid of the reaction until the Moving Wall?"

"The troops need to know they have our support," he continued. "When I see the signs on Gregg Street welcoming home so and so, I'm glad to see it. I wish it was like that 30 years ago."

Boling was inspired to act after receiving an e-mail circulating around the Internet promoting the idea. Although he hopes the community becomes energized to wear red every Friday, this Friday is especially important with Veterans Day celebrated on Saturday.

"To see the whole nation in red sends a message to the troops that they are very important," Boling said.

On Friday, two local schools will honor veter-

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President George W. Bush and Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld talk during the opening ceremony of the Air Force Memorial earlier this year. Rumsfeld resigned Wednesday. Former CIA Director Robert Gates has been named to replace him.

Rumsfeld resigns...

## Democrats say election win should force change in Iraq war

By ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Emboldened by their congressional election triumph and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's resignation, Democrats say they will use their new clout to force a change in Iraq policy and demand

that President Bush start bringing troops home.

Rumsfeld's resignation — and Bush's pledge to work with Democrats on issues facing the nation — came after months of the president backing Rumsfeld and insisting the war in Iraq was on track. His arguments lost steam

after voters catapulted Democrats to power in Tuesday's voting, giving Democrats control of both the House and Senate next year.

Democrats say they hope election gains would provide momentum for more than the fall of Rumsfeld.

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## Howard County unemployment dips to 5.3 percent

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Unemployment rolls in Howard County witnessed a dip for September — the latest month for which statistics are available — according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Unemployment fell from 6 percent in August to 5.3 percent in September. Statically speaking for the ninth month of 2006, the TWC indicates a county labor force of 12,972 people, of whom 12,287 were employed. The remaining 685 unemployed but seeking jobs make up 5.3 percent.

There are some jobs out there, however.

"As of this date, the local Workforce Network has 115 open jobs," said Mary Gregg, Workforce Network assistant area manager. "All job seekers are encouraged to utilize the www.workintexas.com system, whether employed or unemployed."

"New job listings are received daily and opportunities arise for those who have been discouraged with the type of jobs available in the past or for those exploring new career opportunities," Gregg added.

Regionally, leisure and hospitality fell by 200 jobs, a 3.1 decrease from August, due to seasonal factors related to the end of the summer season, Gregg explained. Natural resources, mining and con-

struction showed a slight gain by adding 100 jobs. Financial activities expanded by 100 jobs, a 3.2 percent increase from August.

Local government expanded 600 jobs during the month as a result of school resuming after summer break.

The Texas employment rate for September was 4.7 percent, while the Permian Basin Workforce Development area is listed at 4 percent. Within the Permian Basin area, there are 185,934 employed individuals, compared to last year's 180,310.

Some area unemployment rates by county for the month:

Midland, 3.3 percent; Ector, 3.9 percent; Martin, 4.5; Dawson, 7.2; Borden,

3.3; Glasscock, 5.2; Andrews, 3.9 and Upton, 4.1.

Job seekers interested in any job listing on workintexas.com can contact Carla Gross or Marie Benavides for more information and referrals.

"We continue to have a critical demand in our area for construction workers, heavy equipment operators, correctional officers, mechanics, oil field workers, truck drivers, customer service representatives and registered nurses," said Gregg.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

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### POINSETTIAS OFFERED

With many seeking to make Big Spring known as the "Poinsettia City" during the Christmas season, local resident Nick Roberson has resumed making the poinsettia's like those displayed during the Festival of Lights.

Roberson's new business, Roberson Wild Creations, is offering 18-foot flowers like those displayed in the park, as well as smaller flowers that are 6 to 7 feet in diameter. They come complete with lights attached. He is also creating a "mother flower" that includes not only the five red leaves, but has four to 5 green leaves underneath the red petals. Those interested can contact Roberson at 264-6371.

### CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — With the election season over, campaign signs are now worth their weight in spinach dip.

So says the Southeast restaurant chain Sticky Fingers, which is offering a free appetizer to anyone who cleans up the campaign clutter and brings in a sign.

"Just think of those leftover campaign signs as oversized, roadside gift certificates," said Sticky Fingers co-owner Jeff Goldstein. "It's an easy way to help take care of our neighborhoods."

The Charleston-based ribs restaurant will offer coupons for a free appetizer through next Wednesday. The chain operates 17 restaurants.

### SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Howard College is hosting a Shakespeare Festival through Wednesday in the Hall Center for the Arts, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. and are free to the public.

Western Texas College will present "Twelfth Night" this evening, Friday and Saturday.

Monday, Big Spring High School will take the stage with "Romeo and Juliet."

On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Howard College theater department will present "As You Like It."

The public is invited to attend all of the performances.

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Obituaries

Martha Annie McKinney



Martha Annie McKinney, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, in an Abilene nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay and Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

She was born Nov. 9, 1926, in Dickens County and married Harry McKinney on April 16, 1949, in Abilene. He preceded her in death Dec. 29, 1993.

She worked for the Howard County Tax Office for 22 years, retiring as chief deputy. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Rejenia Anderson of Hutto and Harriett Raindl and husband, Greg, of Houston; one son, Charles McKinney and wife, Sydney, of Abilene; two sisters, Rachael Estes of Burleson and Laura Bachman of Bowie; one brother, Jack Beechly of Gatesville; six grandchildren, Heather Stansel and husband, Chris, Dawn Middleton, Sean Raindl, Anna Grady and husband, Joseph, Ashlee McKinney and Paden McKinney; and three great-grandchildren, Kianna Middleton, Ashlee Stansel and Brooke Stansel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main, Big Spring 79720.

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*

Rexie Ray 'Rex' McNew

Rexie Ray "Rex" McNew, 60, of Gonzales, a native of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, in Gonzales. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at the Seydler-Hill Funeral Home in Gonzales. Graveside service and burial will be held at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006.

Mr. McNew was born April 5, 1946, in Big Spring, the son of R.X. and Lillie Ruth McGuire McNew. He married Patricia Susan Lindquist on Feb. 14, 1965, in Chicago.

He was a location manager for Austin Powder Co. for nearly 30 years and also farmed. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Susan Lindquist McNew of Gonzales; five sisters and three brothers; one daughter, Misty-Sue McNew Gonzales and husband, Ramiro, of Ocean Side, Calif.; three sons: Tony Ray McNew of Beaux Bridge, La., Scotty-Ray McNew and wife, Marsha, of Big Spring and Dwayne Ray McNew of Gonzales; eight grandchildren Crystal, Kelly, Devin, Kyle and T.J. McNew, Sean and Steven Boren and Alex Gonzales; and two great-grandchildren, Austin and Shauna McNew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Roy McNew.

Pallbearers will be Scotty Ray McNew, Dwayne Ray McNew, Devin McNew, Dennis Cummins, Skip Howland and Cody McCann. Honorary pallbearers will be Tony Ray McNew, Kelly McNew, Saen Boren and Steven Boren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

The family will receive friends at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

*Paid obituary*

Jesse Reed

Jesse Reed Jr., 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maudine Kasch

Maudine Kasch, 80, of Ruidoso, N.M., died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, in Ruidoso. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- BILLY JOE CHAVERA, 29, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant.
- RAMONA OLIVAREZ, 26, of 1502 Chickasaw, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- ERIC DELBOSQUEZ, 21, of 3201 Drexel, was arrested Wednesday and held for U.S. Marshals.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 300 block of Owens.
- FORGERY was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
  - in the 200 block of Owens.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.
- DARYL L. POLK, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL TODD KRUEGER, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of a prescription not for a valid medical purpose.
- LINDA GAIL WADDILL, 48, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- DEMAS JUAREZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle with intent to commit theft.
- ABLE JAVIER PADILLA, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Airport and Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway '87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Thorpe. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• BARBECUE PLATES will be offered at 408 NE 11th St. Saturday for \$6 each. Plates include brisket, chicken, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, bread and a dessert. Chocolate cake is also available for \$6. The meals are catered by Clyde Clark. For delivery, call 263-5621.

• RELAY SUPER HEROES! The Howard Glasscock Counties 2007 Relay For Life Community Kickoff will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry Street (First United Methodist Church). Everyone is invited to help start the new campaign.

• FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OLGA OLEYA SOLIS will hold a benefit car wash from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Advance Auto Parts, 701 Gregg St. All proceeds from the event will go to assist Solis with medical expenses she has incurred in her battle with cancer. For more information, contact Yolanda Ruiz-Mendoza by calling 264-2260.

• THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS will have Thanksgiving dinner at the Coahoma School Cafeteria, Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 11:15 a.m. All area seniors are invited.

• A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ESTHER LOPEZ has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

• THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

Bulletin Board

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

- TODAY
  - A reception for Clarence Hartfield, Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month, will be held at 6 p.m. in the hangar's Briefing Room.
  - The Howard Glasscock Relay for Life kickoff is at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.
  - American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
  - The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
  - Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.
  - Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

- FRIDAY
  - Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
  - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
  - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
  - Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

- SATURDAY
  - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

- MONDAY
  - 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.
  - Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
  - Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
  - Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
  - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
  - Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Friday—Mostly sunny. Cooler. Highs around 70. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Veterans day—Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 To 15 mph.  
 Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.  
 Sunday—Mostly sunny. Warmer. Highs in the lower 70s.  
 Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.  
 Monday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.  
 Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.  
 Tuesday—Sunny. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s.  
 Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.  
 Wednesday—Sunny. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-17-21-53-54. Number matching six of six: none. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$18 million.  
 ...  
 Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-12-19-32-33. Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.  
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 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-1-3

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## Winter coats are needed for state hospital patients

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring State Hospital employees are collecting winter coats for hospital patients.

"Many patients arrive at the hospital with one set of clothing - the clothing they are wearing when they get here," said Mique Yarbar, the hospital's patient education coordinator.

"We depend on clothing donations from the community to keep our patients in appropriate clothing for changing weather conditions," she added.

Patients spend a great deal of time outdoors walking to classes, doctor

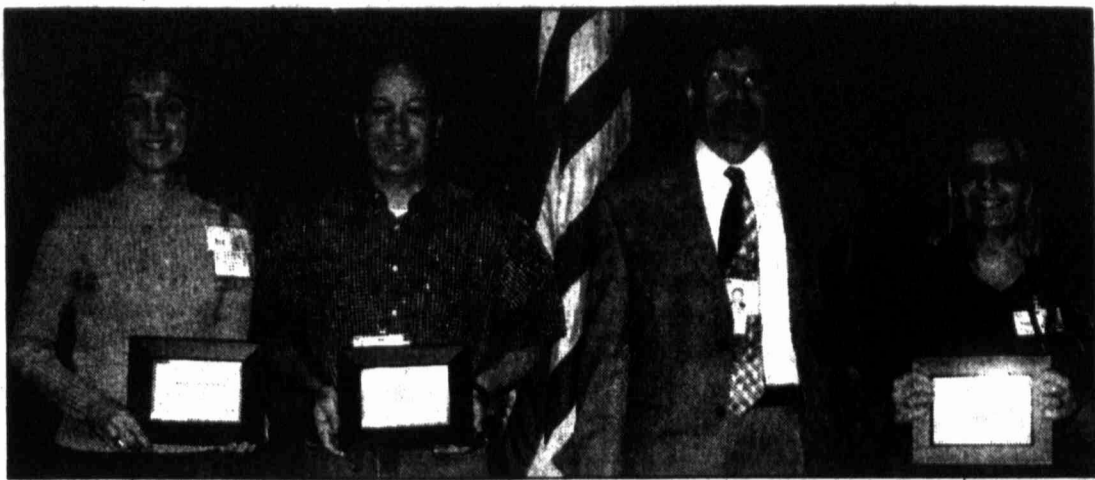
appointments or campus activities and sitting outside in their dormitory courtyards.

"Coats are a huge need in the winter, especially men's coats and larger sizes" Yarbar said.

Coats and light jackets should be in good condition, clean, free of stains and holes and taken to the hospital's Community Relations Office (take the first left when entering from the south entrance of the hospital campus).

Donations are tax-deductible and forms can be obtained from the hospital's Community Relations Office.

For more information, call Amy Perez at 268-7414.



Big Spring State Hospital employees Amy Clemmer, George Oteiza and Laura Thompson were presented with certificates of appreciation from Superintendent Ed Moughon for responding to the 2005 hurricanes during a recent ceremony at the hospital. Not pictured are Chaplain Rick Foster and Debbie Rios.

## Five employees honored for response to hurricanes

By VALERIE AVERY  
Special to the Herald

Five Big Spring State Hospital employees who were part of a huge network of Department of State Health Services employees responding to the 2005 hurricanes were honored Wednesday at Big Spring State Hospital.

"A little over a year ago we were challenged with Hurricanes Rita and Katrina," Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said. "And several of our employees responded to the immediate need for help."

Moughon presented the five employees with framed Department of State Health Services Hurricane Response 2005 Certificates of Appreciation. The employees were honored during the Employee Service Awards Ceremony for June/July/August 2006.

Those recognized were: Amy Clemmer, who serves as a unit nurse manager; Rick Foster, hospital chaplain; George Oteiza, Director of

Environmental Services; Debbie Rios, who is employed on Acute Psychiatric Services Male and the Intensive Observation Unit; and Laura Thompson, who is a nurse on Adult Psychiatric Services Males.

Ten employees were presented with Employee Service Awards for employment terms of five, 10, 15 and 20 years of service.

Employees honored were: Wendy Brown, Pharmacy, and Donna Thurman, Transcription Services, Programs and Marketing, five years; Jon Cervantes, Activity Therapies, Bidal Salas, Security, and Rosie Vanderbilt, Activity Therapies, 10 years; Edith Baker, Food Service, Olga

Hernandez, Nursing Service, Donna Sue Brown, Nursing Service, and Donna Smith Acute Psychiatric Services Female, 15 years; and Cheyenne Harrison, Acute Psychiatric Services Female, 20 years.

"Cheyenne has taken care of a number of our lady patients, and she really is great with our patients and takes care of a lot of their concerns," Moughon said.

"We appreciate Cheyenne and all of our employees."

Following the ceremony, cake and orange punch were served to attendees.

## CONTEST WINNERS



Forsan - Built on Energy, Education and Family

Where the Buffaloes roam, and folks are down home

Jan Foresyth, second from left, recently announced the winners of the Forsan RCCI Community Slogan Contest. The winning slogan, "Forsan - Built on Energy, Education and Family: Where the Buffaloes Roam and the Folks are Down Home," was submitted by John Tyler Breyman, left, and the Bailey family of Forsan, which includes Amber Bailey, right, and Seth Bailey. The winners were presented with a \$100 prize.

## Dine Out Day this week is Cowboys

Cowboys is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of Cowboys' proceeds this Friday will be donated to United Way, which serves 15 local agencies.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Saturday truly a day for us to honor veterans

Eighty-seven years ago come Saturday, Armistice Day was celebrated for the first time. Then, as now, there was a great cause for the observation. At that time, World War I had ended just a year earlier and there was hope that "the war to end all wars" would indeed be just that.

Sadly, that was not the case. Time and time again, America's men and women have been called to duty in defense of their land... in defense of the freedoms our ancestors fought to gain and preserve... in defense of our American way of life.

Today, our armed forces continue to be embroiled in the war on terrorism, seeking to bring an end to the doctrine of fear.

After World War II and the Korean Conflict ended, then-president Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill in 1954 that changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day and established as the purpose of the holiday the honoring of veterans from every American conflict.

In 1968, Congress passed a law allowing Veterans Day to be celebrated on the fourth Monday of October. Strong emotional protest by veterans and their supporters prompted Congress to change Veterans Day back to its original date of Nov. 11 in 1978.

Veterans Day is a difficult time for many in that they have to deal with the loss of friends and family. Often, the observance brings back harsh memories of times veterans themselves would prefer not to remember.

But for all of us, let us never forget that our freedoms have been fought and paid for many times over through the blood, sweat and tears of millions of American men and women who stepped proudly to the line when called.

Veterans Day is more than a fly over or the playing of Taps or the laying of a wreath on a memorial. It is the time we pause to remember... and to give thanks... to those men and women who serve their country in both war and peace.

As has become tradition, we will pause on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month... and offer our most sincere thanks for sacrifices made yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have a key partnership with you, Lord.

Amen

# Speaking for God in Texas?

Regardless of which party wins and which candidates don't, this election has been partly about two diametrically opposed dialogues: one among those who would speak for or would be God, and another conversation among those who would live for God, in their own personal spirituality.

James Dobson is directing the first conversation; a cotton farmer in Lubbock, Texas, is part of the second one.

This election, in a significant way, will stand as a referendum on religion in society, how it manifests itself and what role, if any, it should presume in politics.

This election will determine if this country continues to have a bifurcated political system, with the majority parties of Democrat and Republican, or a trifurcated one that includes the Party of the Almighty, as an ultra-conservative offshoot of the Republicans.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! In 2004, socially conservative Republicans were trampling down the vintage where the grapes of wrath were stored, in the form of vitriolic hatred of homosexuals, gay marriage, reproductive rights, and choice supporters.

They were calling down lightning from His terrible swift sword on those who would oppose them and their repressive agenda. Republicans, and only Republicans, were God's standard bearers of truth and all things moral, and they had the Oval

Office, a majority of congressional seats, and the federal judiciary as proof of their alleged spirituality. They saw the coming of the Lord and sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republicans" as they marched to the Promised Land.

But how quickly they forgot, or perhaps they never knew, the Latin maxim: "Rerum enim vocabula immutabilia sunt, homines mutabilia." (Translation: Words are unchangeable, men changeable.)

Men and women evolve. Societies progress. Yet, peculiarly, James Dobson, the infamous or venerable (depending on your faith in politics and trust or distrust of "men of God") leader of Focus on the Family, a Christian activist organization, is having the same conversation of hate with an ever-dwindling audience. His one notable guest is Ann Coulter, conservative commentator.

Coulter recently pontificated with the political preacher Dobson on his daily syndicated radio show about the moral and spiritual degradation rampant in American society and the God-ordained remedy of returning Republicans to office.

Sometime during Dobson's show, Coulter promoted her new book, "Godless: The Church of Liberalism," as well. There's morality and then there's money; the twain are not mutually exclusive, apparently.

Perhaps Dobson subscribes to the theory, "She who is not against us is for us," but surely he made a Faustian deal in aligning himself and his faith with Coulter's politics. During the radio interview, he noted about Coulter, "you drive the liberals absolutely

crazy" and later added, "And I appreciate what you're trying to do." Satan always charges too much, though.

It's a long fall from grace for Dobson. How low can he go in this game of political limbo? It's near-impossible to see Dobson's faith in practice when he's so busy shouting down others on God's behalf.

There is also another conversation on faith that generates much less attention but is one that eventually will change the political and social dynamic in this country.

It was reflected in the brief exchange that I had with a cotton farmer in a pickup truck, while we were both waiting at a traffic light in Lubbock.

It is the dialogue that many people are having across America, the one that quietly but defiantly insists, "Don't tell me how to practice my faith with your politics."

This man said to me, "All the Republicans want to tell me how I'm not a Christian because I'm a Democrat."

Then he noted, "The Jesus I've known all these years wouldn't want us to fight wars and hate others."

That seems simple, and it seems like real faith to me.

Might temporarily makes right in a Machiavellian — or a Republican — world, but in the end the plowshare is mightier than the sword.

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CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS



## The secret life of veterans

We do honor, Our dear vets; It's just their care, That we forget.

You might expect that veterans, especially afflicted ones, would be the most honored and best cared for members of society. They sacrificed while many citizens merely applauded.

Well, forget it. Though the feds have spent millions of dollars and the press has devoted thousands of inches to the new Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C., neither shows similar concern for our needy ex-combatants. Indeed the fundamental policy of the military toward its wounded is to get them out of the service as fast as possible. As soldiers, they're entitled to the best rehabilitative care and maintenance, all from the Pentagon budget. As vets, they get shifted over to the Veterans Administration (VA) budget, a much more haphazard affair.

Connecticut offers a telling example. After heavy lobbying, the VA finally sprang for \$25 million for a new 125-bed nursing home in Rocky Hill. The state is putting up an additional \$8.7 million and you can be sure it's really needed. The facility being replaced was built before World War II, with precious few improvements since. For instance, it has no central air conditioning or piped oxygen.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

One serious problem is that Rocky Hill is state-owned, so it is subject to state budgetary whims as well as federal ones. A two-time loser. And now with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, there are more wounded than ever. Fortunately modern techniques have kept them alive to return to their next health battlefield. But in that war with bureaucracy, they must fight alone.

Part of the problem is the system. Long ago the feds decided to keep costs down by setting up their own hospital and care structure, rather than paying local hospitals to treat vets. It was a mixed blessing, though doubtless it saves a lot of bucks. Many sufferers of persistent wounds lavish praise on the VA for its sensitive treatment. These folks tend to live near one of its hospitals.

Others curse it for its inconvenient locations and for the endless hurdles that strew the path of qualifying for care. In addition, thousands of other vets, physically sound, stew over the new mental disorders they have brought home from the front. The VA is not staffed to handle this flood of PTSD or other maladies, and there is little enthusiasm to increase its budget to catch up.

Murkier still is the Gulf War Syndrome mess. Countless vets from Gulf I and II have developed grievous symptoms that their advocates attribute to poison gas, depleted uranium, oil well fires, and other toxic airborne chemicals. Research has proven ambiguous, with the government plainly

not interested in exposing itself to further expensive claims.

The contrast between this reception and that of 9/11 victims is striking. Politically, it is useful for the White House to play up the losses from the New York tragedy. Hence surviving spouses there receive over \$1 million on average in compensation. But surviving military spouses get only \$12,000. Likewise the press is full of reports on the hazards of toxic air to the heroic rescue and clean-up workers. But the hazards of toxic air to our soldiers in Iraq are pooh-poohed. This is at least partly because we perceive ourselves as victims of the one event, perpetrators of the other.

Politics causes other indignities for our heroes too. Large numbers of dead and wounded GIs regularly return to our shores, but the press is barred from photographing them. Their heroism must await recognition from the local newspaper back home. Plainly the proponents of the war fear the depiction of body bags, coffins, or maimed service men and women. (Those who return as vegetables are never even mentioned.)

Casualties must be as invisible as possible, lest they become a rallying cry for anti-war forces. That's what doomed the war in Vietnam.

Thus are our troubled veterans again consigned to the shadows of society to suffer in lonely silence. Columnist William A. Collins is a former Connecticut state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn. Distributed by MinutemanMedia.org.

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By KATIE MERX

Detroit Free Press

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# Traditionally macho Dodge brand gains female fans

By KATIE MERX  
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — The Dodge brand, with its bullish Durango SUV and muscle car Charger, traditionally hasn't been much of a hit with female buyers. But a few strategically placed, subtle styling cues on its new Caliber and Nitro are generating more female attraction of late.

The Chrysler Group brand's new sporty offerings, despite their testosterone-injected names, are helping boost the brand among female buyers, who currently make up about one-quarter of Dodge's customers.

The Power Information Network reports that 44.9 percent of the Caliber's buyers in the third quarter were women and 39.2 percent of the newly launched Nitro's early buyers were women. The only other Dodge models to do as well were the Neon and the Stratus, both of which the company no longer makes.

Just 27.2 percent of the total brand's buyers are women. That compares with an industry average of 37.2 percent and an industry high of 48.7 percent by Mini, according to data from the Power Information Network.

"Until recently, Dodge has been predominantly a truck brand. We play big in the large truck segment with sales of about 450,000 units," said Mark Spencer, senior manager of Dodge brand communications. "Most of the truck buyers, 85 percent, are male. ... When you look at the Caliber, it will be significantly and female; we anticipate 45 percent of buyers will be female. The Nitro should be similar."

"Our brand will be much more gender-balanced going forward." That doesn't mean Dodge is scrapping its masculine image, its trademark cross-hair grille or its chiseled, muscular exterior design. The Caliber slogan is: "It's anything but cute." The Nitro: "Go bold or go home."

"That's very testosterone-driven," said Joanne Helperin, senior editor for Edmunds.com's women and family car guide. "This is a macho brand. The models have a very aggressive look, and it goes along with having names like Magnum and Caliber; those are both gun-related. The Viper is a venomous snake. Even the Nitro sounds explosive."

"I think one of the reasons the Caliber has done as well as it has is that it's got softer lines than some of the other cars. ... The Caliber is still aggressive looking, but it's sporty, has a five-star



Linda Odette of Flat Rock, Mich., is pictured with the Dodge Caliber she loves. The Dodge brand, with its bullish Durango and muscle-car Charger hasn't been much of a hit with women. But the company's new offerings, such as the Caliber and Nitro could help the Dodge brand win over more women.

crash rating and good fuel economy. If you need a small hauler for the kids, it works."

And with the fold-down seats and extra storage capabilities that both the Caliber and Nitro offer, they're going to

the North American International Auto Show in January. It was delivered in March.

"I didn't want another minivan," Odette said. "I like the hatchback and being able to put down the seats if you want to put more things in it. It's

easy maneuverable for parking, and it's got good pickup for getting on the expressway."

Vaillancourt said she fell in love with the looks of the vehicle as soon as she saw it on Yahoo.

"I like a style that stands out," Vaillancourt said. "We special-

ordered ours in sunburst orange with a sunroof and orange details in the seats. It's very stylish, and it works with our children. We have two car seats in the back and enough room for the stroller."

Vaillancourt and her husband ordered the car in May and received it in July.

"We had to wait nine weeks," Vaillancourt

said. "We thought that was long, then we read on some online forums about a lot of people who had to wait four or five months for theirs. ... It was worth it. We wanted something in a good price range that still had some style. Everybody who sees it says, 'Oh, wow. What is that?' I like that."

Chrysler's Spencer said that improved appeal to women is by design.

"In fact, when we did the Nitro, we did research to find the appropriate masculine messaging to attract both males and females," Spencer said. "You can attract women with masculine messages. The reverse doesn't work. And you can always attract older demographics with younger messages. The reverse doesn't work."

The Dodge brand also expects its Stratus replacement, the Avenger, to do well among female buyers when it is launched next year. That segment typically attracts women as a little more than half of its buyers, Spencer said. He expects the Dodge mix for the new mid size sedan to be slightly lower than half.

"I think the general trend for us is, with each

successful launch, we're attracting a younger, more affluent, more multicultural buyer, and it seems to be working," Spencer said.

*"I think one of the reasons the Caliber has done as well as it has is that it's got softer lines than some of the other cars. ... The Caliber is still aggressive looking, but it's sporty, has a five-star crash rating and good fuel economy. If you need a small hauler for the kids, it works."*

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 ♦ 10 9 5

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 ♠ Q 10 4 2  
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 ♣ K Q 6

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 8 6 5 3  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A K 6 2  
 ♣ 7 4 3 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ J 9 7  
 ♥ A Q J 8 2  
 ♦ 10 4  
 ♣ A J 8

The bidding:  
 1♥ South 4♥ North 4♠ East  
 Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

There are usually two sides to any story, and this is certainly true in bridge, where things can be viewed from both an offensive and defensive perspective.

Consider the present case where South is in four hearts and West leads the queen of diamonds, which holds. West continues with the three of diamonds to East's king, and East leads the diamond ace, ruffed by declarer. If South is familiar with elimination plays, he knows at this point that he'll make the contract regardless of where the K-Q of clubs are located. Accordingly, he leads a spade to the ace, a trump to the queen, ruffs a spade, leads a trump to the ace and ruffs his last spade. He then leads a low club to his eight, ensuring the contract. West wins with the queen but must yield the game-going trick whatever he returns.

But that's only one side of the story. Now let's go back to trick three when East played the ace of diamonds. At that point, he was in position to know, from West's fourth-best diamond lead at trick two, that declarer had no more diamonds. East should therefore have shifted to a club at trick three, hoping to find partner with either the A-Q, A-J-x, K-Q-x or K-J-x of the suit, in which case declarer would lose two club tricks sooner or later and go down one.

It is true that from force of habit many players holding the East hand would continue with the ace of diamonds at trick three, and live to regret it. But situations like this — where a defender mechanically follows the line of least resistance and does the wrong thing — arise all the time. That is why it is so often said that defense is by far the hardest part of the game.

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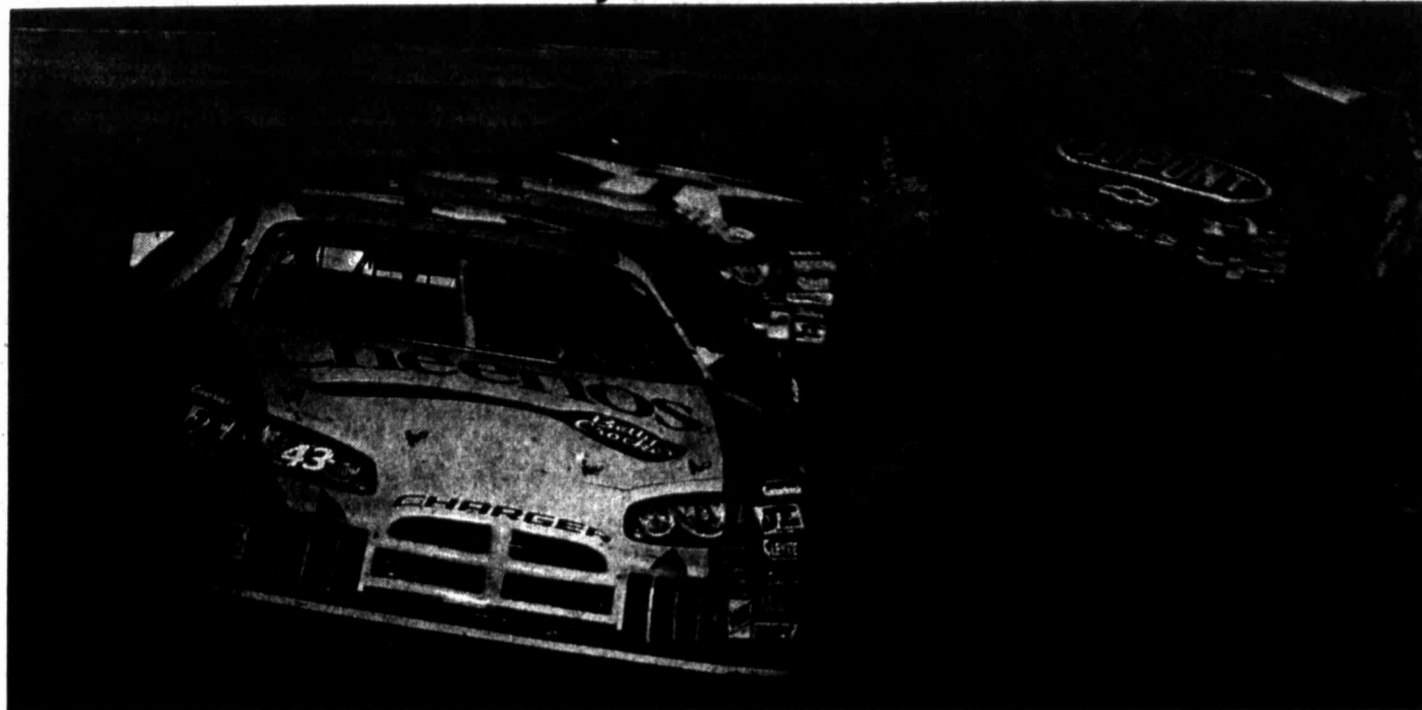
# That's Racin'

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"We have hit our stride. We just hit it three months too late."

— Tony Stewart, on winning the Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, his second win in a row and third in six races.



RUSTY JARRETT FOR NASCAR

Bobby Labonte, driver of the Petty Enterprises' No. 43 car, has scored more points in the past eight races (1007) than five of the drivers in the Chase for the Nextel Cup. Petty has had a string of successes recently.

## A racing resurgence

On-track successes fuel optimism at Petty Enterprises

By JIM UTTER  
McClatchy Newspapers

Robbie Loomis calls it a "new spark." Crew chief Billy Wilburn senses a lot of excitement. Bobby Labonte has seen the results firsthand. It seems in the last several weeks the transformation of Petty Enterprises from "also-rans" to weekly contenders on the track is well under way in the Nextel Cup Series.

Kyle Petty has finished in the top 10 in two of his past three races — the first time that's happened since the 1999 season.

Labonte has put a string of performances together so strong he has scored more points (1007) in the past eight races than five of the drivers competing in the Chase for the Nextel Cup — Jeff Gordon, Matt Kenseth, Kyle Busch, Mark Martin and Kasey Kahne.

"We've got some momentum at the end of the season and hopefully we can carry it over to the start of 2007. We've moved back to where we feel like we can race in the top 15 or top 20, and that's big," Petty said.

"Bobby broke into it a few weeks ago, and we've learned

some stuff from what they've done. Billy Wilburn (crew chief) has been huge for us. I can't say enough about what Billy has meant for us.

"These guys are really pumped up, and so am I. It makes me feel like I'm 22 again."

This is how it was supposed to be after Petty was able to lure Loomis away from Hendrick Motorsports and return to Petty Enterprises and oversee its Cup programs. Veteran crew chief Todd Parrott also was brought on board to pair with Labonte, who arrived from Joe Gibbs Racing.

There was some success out of the box to start the season, but the improvement appeared to hit a snag at the same time Parrott left to return to Robert Yates Racing.

Since then, Loomis brought in Wilburn to Petty's No. 45 team and paired veteran crew chief Paul Andrews with Labonte's No. 44.

The moves appear to have ignited a fire in both teams.

"I think the winning attitude (Labonte) brings has meant the most. He's instilled in these guys that they're winners."

Robbie Loomis was hired away from Hendrick Motorsports to help jump-start Petty Enterprises.

RUSTY JARRETT FOR NASCAR

explained Loomis. "A lot of them haven't won yet, but he makes them feel like they're winners and treats them great."

"Bobby Labonte is in championship form, and that's why I know every Sunday when we go out there that we've got to keep making the program better, the pit crews better and the cars better."

"Bobby is a guy capable of winning the championship and running up front every week like (Matt) Kenseth and (Jimmie) Johnson and Gordon are right now."

The recent successes at Petty were well received at shop and by race fans, who anxiously await the return of the famed No. 43 to Victory Lane. John Andretti earned Petty's last win, in 1999 at Martinsville, Va., in the No. 43.

"We can't do anything with hitting one home run. We've got to have a lot of singles first, make a few errors and just take small steps," Loomis said. "We've come a long way this year, and we hope to continue the growth. I hope we can make big strides next year like we've made this season."

Now that Petty's cars are competitive, Loomis' next step over the off-season is to build some strong teams around his drivers and cars.

"We're still looking to add some personnel, especially in our pit crew area and engineering. We want to step it up," Loomis said.

"The cars are so equal now we really want to work hard on our pit crews performing on the top level. We've got some good guys in there with great hearts, and we just want to keep complementing it."

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### CHECKER AUTO PARTS 500

Where: Phoenix International Raceway, a 1-mile flat paved oval located in Avondale, Ariz.

When: Sunday at 3 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 5:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$4,952,924.

Last year's winner: Kyle Busch.

Worth mentioning: Tony Stewart leads all drivers with five straight top-10 starts at Phoenix.

### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Two races left, five drivers with a legitimate title shot. Who'll win the 2006 Nextel Cup title?

Cast your vote at:

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#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Which drivers do you think are most likely and least likely to benefit from one of NASCAR's "debris" cautions during the final three races of the season?

#### MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT

Number of votes: 2,777

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,630	59%
Jeff Gordon	459	17%
Someone else	222	8%
Matt Kenseth	201	7%
Robby Gordon	175	6%
Mark Martin	90	3%

#### LEAST LIKELY TO BENEFIT

Number of votes: 4,548

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Robby Gordon	1,404	31%
Matt Kenseth	759	17%
Jeff Gordon	676	15%
Mark Martin	645	14%
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	558	12%
Someone else	506	11%

### STOP 'N GO

#### RANDOM THOUGHTS

Kevin Harvick will take criticism for hitting driver Scott Riggs, which sent Riggs into the wall and ended his day early at Texas. But no racing incident on the track justifies any physical altercation off the track, regardless of the participants. NASCAR came down hard on the crew member who shoved Harvick after the race and rightfully so.

Just when you think you have Dale Earnhardt Jr. figured out, he surprises you. He and his team have shown more resiliency in the past two races than the past two seasons. Even if he doesn't win the championship this year, it appears he has learned the lessons necessary to do so.

— Jim Utter

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Nov. 5:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	6157	21. Martin Truex Jr.	3371
2. Matt Kenseth	6140	22. Dale Jarrett	3322
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	6079	23. Jamie McMurray	3304
4. Denny Hamlin	6077	24. Elliott Sadler	3297
5. Kevin Harvick	6052	25. Reed Sorenson	3243
6. Jeff Gordon	6000	26. Jeff Green	3104
7. Jeff Burton	5973	27. Dave Blaney	3080
8. Kyle Busch	5924	28. J.J. Yeley	3039
9. Mark Martin	5904	29. Joe Nemechek	3025
10. Kasey Kahne	5867	30. Robby Gordon	3003
11. Tony Stewart	4488	31. Ken Schrader	2882
12. Carl Edwards	4131	32. Kyle Petty	2761
13. Greg Biffle	3829	33. Sterling Marlin	2742
14. Casey Mears	3762	34. David Stromme	2626
15. Kurt Busch	3724	35. Tony Raines	2406
16. Brian Vickers	3676	36. Michael Waltrip	2313
17. Clint Bowyer	3635	37. Travis Kvapil	2296
18. Ryan Newman	3536	38. Scott Wimmer	1685
19. Bobby Labonte	3445	39. Jeremy Mayfield	1647
20. Scott Riggs	3371	40. Kevin Lepage	1346

#### BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Nov. 4:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	5323	11. Kenny Wallace	3471
2. Carl Edwards	4489	12. John Andretti	3359
3. Clint Bowyer	4388	13. Jason Leffler	3327
4. Denny Hamlin	4342	14. Jon Wood	3218
5. J.J. Yeley	4177	15. Ashton Lewis	3182
6. Paul Menard	3853	16. Stacy Compton	3130
7. Kyle Busch	3747	17. Todd Kluever	3057
8. Greg Biffle	3613	18. Danny O'Quinn Jr.	3038
9. Johnny Sauter	3530	19. Regan Smith	2985
10. Reed Sorenson	3487	20. Matt Kenseth	2841

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Arizona Travel 200, Avondale, Ariz.

#### TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Nov. 3:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	3406	6. Ron Hornaday	3068
2. Johnny Benson	3269	7. David Starr	3059
3. David Reutimann	3241	8. Jack Sprague	3027
4. Ted Musgrave	3144	9. Terry Cook	3005
5. Rick Crawford	3070	10. Mike Skinner	2986

NEXT RACE: Friday, Casino Arizona 150, Avondale, Ariz.

### RANKINGS

#### THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Has the Chase lead and the momentum going into the final two weeks of the season. Last week: 2.

2. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Struggling to run 12th is not the preferred method of claiming a title. Last week: 1.

week: 1.

3. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): The bad news for rivals is this team plans to take the Atlanta-Texas car to the Homestead finale. Last week: 7.

4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): He's had some success at Phoenix. With a good run there he could make it interesting. Last week: 4.

5. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): A championship for the rookie still is not out of the question, but he needs

to surge now. Last week: 3.

6. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): If only he could transfer 200 points into his Cup account from his Busch Series bulge. Last week: 6.

7. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Starting to wonder if this team's still improving or if it just can't quite turn the corner. Last week: 8.

8. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): Has gone stone cold since Dale Earnhardt Jr. called Burton "Iceman" after

Charlotte. Last week: 5.

9. Kyle Busch (car No. 5): Had his best finish during the Chase with a fourth-place run last weekend at Texas. Last week: 11.

10. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): When the motor blows as you ride under a caution, you know your luck's gone bad. Last week: 10.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit [www.thatstracin.com](http://www.thatstracin.com).

## Hendrick talks about the challenges of racing

A question-and-answer session with Hendrick Motorsports team owner Rick Hendrick:

**What have been the challenges staying on top of the sport as it has evolved?**

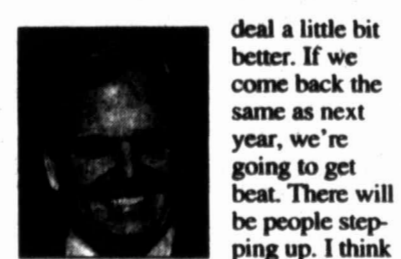
**Hendrick:** I think just trying to keep everybody together. When you have success you've got teams that want to gain or grow, then you have a lot of people offering your folks opportunities.

You've got a lot of new teams coming in next year and they need people. Where are they going to go to get people? The top choices would be the guys that have won it and have been there. If you can get that experience, that's what they are after. Keeping your folks together and keeping them motivated and keeping working together, when you have situations like Talladega (where Hendrick's Motorsports driver Brian Vickers, car No. 25, wrecked team-

mate Jimmie Johnson, car No. 48) can cause you problems. It's a credit to our guys that they handled that themselves before we got to the plane that night, as far as the 48 team and 25 team. Jimmie went to the 25 shop and congratulated them. It was just a racing deal. Those kinds of situations can really tear down an organization that works really hard to make everybody work together.

**What are the challenges for your organization to move forward?**

**Hendrick:** I try not to worry about everybody else. I challenge everybody in our organization and say that all we need to do is come back every week and be a little bit better. Look at where we are and where we're weak and let's be a little bit better, each team, and forget about everybody else. If we can do that then we'll stay where we need to be. If we start focusing on everybody else we'll get off track. We've just got to make our



Hendrick

the Chase (last year). I'm telling you, people don't realize what an unbelievable job that was. I've told him that a million times. But everybody caught up. Everybody kept working.

You can see teams out here, they kind of dip then they start clicking and start hitting on it. Just because you are one of the top guys when this (season) is over doesn't mean when you start next year somebody else hasn't figured something out. You've got to work every single day and show up every single race better than you were last race or you're going to

get beat.

**What effect will NASCAR's "Car of Tomorrow" have on teams next season?**

**Hendrick:** I think next year is going to be an unbelievably up and down year. There will be so many variables coming in — the "Car of Tomorrow," the standard car, new teams, trying to figure out this car, no testing. You have to maintain your fleet, build a new fleet and merge them in. It's going to take more manpower at a time when more teams are starting up. It's going to put a lot of stress on everybody.

Then we've got a new motor, too, so we've got to deal with that. So we have to run two parallel motor systems and two parallel car systems and integrate it in. It's going to be a challenge for (established teams) but for the new guys it's really going to be a dogfight.

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News briefs

**Texans to help shape new agenda**

DALLAS (AP) — The next Texas delegation will still be mostly Republican, but it will also play a key role in helping Democrats reshape the national agenda on issues such as the Iraq war and immigration.

Election night left the state with 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats heading to Washington as members of the House when the new session begins next year. Both Senate seats remain in Republican hands after Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison pulled off another runaway victory.

Still undecided is who will represent a large swath of West and South Texas in Congressional District 23. That will be determined in a December runoff between Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla and Democrat Ciro Rodriguez, both of San Antonio.

While that campaign churns, Congress will reconvene in a lame duck session next week to pick its leadership.

Texas lost the opportunity to lead the Agriculture, Homeland and Rules committees when senior Democrats lost re-election bids in 2004, after former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay engineered a redrawing of the state's congressional districts.

**Agreement seeks habitat for ocelot**

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced a joint program with an environmental group aimed at recruiting South Texas landowners to provide habitat for the endangered ocelot.

The nonprofit group Environmental Defense will help manage the 30-year "safe harbor agreement" program with landowners in Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Starr and Willacy counties.

Participating landowners are protected from future regulations related to endangered wildlife and do not give up their rights to future development, the wildlife service said.

The small cats, which measure close to 4 feet long

and weigh from 25 to 35 pounds, were listed as endangered in 1982. The fewer than 100 remaining ocelots in the United States all live on the South Texas coast with most of them in or around the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge east of Harlingen, according to the wildlife service.

**Two armed men in Plano bank injured**

PLANO (AP) — Two armed men who entered a bank where a police officer was providing security were injured Wednesday afternoon after shots were fired during the attempted bank robbery, police said.

One of the men was shot, sustaining a non-life threatening wound. The injury to the other didn't involve a gunshot, said Heather Bowden, a Plano police spokeswoman.

The men fled into a residential area on foot from the Metro Bank but were apprehended.

**Millions of acetaminophen pills recalled**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major manufacturer of store-brand acetaminophen recalled 11 million bottles of the pain-relieving pills Thursday after discovering some were contaminated with metal fragments.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or illness.

Perrigo Co. said it discovered the metal bits during quality-control checks. The company passed 70 million pills through a metal detector and discovered the metal in about 200 caplets, according to the Food and Drug Administration. The fragments ranged in size from "microdots" to portions of wire one-third of an inch long.

The recall affects bottles containing various amounts of 500-milligram caplets.

Perrigo bills itself as the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand nonprescription drugs. The Allegan, Mich., company did not disclose the chains for which it manufactures the store-brand acetaminophen. A list

of batch numbers and store brands affected by the recall was forthcoming, the FDA said.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., CVS Corp., Walgreen Co. and Costco Wholesale Corp. are among the companies Perrigo supplies with health care products, according to company Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Perrigo said the pills contained raw material purchased from a third-party supplier and affected 383 batches.

**Calif. judge blocks sex offender law**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday blocked enforcement of a ballot measure designed to crack down on sex offenders, ruling the law was unconstitutional just a day after voters overwhelmingly approved it.

The so-called Jessica's Law prohibits registered sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park, effectively banning parolees from many California cities. It also requires lifetime satellite tracking for some paroled sex criminals upon their release from prison.

More than 70 percent of voters approved the initiative Tuesday. Hours later, an unidentified sex offender filed the lawsuit, arguing that the measure should apply only to offenders who register after the law was approved.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston ruled that the measure "is punitive by design and effect" and probably unconstitutional. She issued a temporary restraining order, saying the plaintiff was likely to prevail, and ordered a Nov. 27 hearing.

**BUSH**

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First stop next year will be legislation calling for an undetermined number of troops to come home immediately. Though Democrats are divided over exactly what to propose, they say their effort will send a loud political signal to disgruntled U.S. voters, and to Iraqis to assume more responsibility.

"I believe a number of Republicans will want to join forces here because there's a lot of unease in the country," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., in line to head the Senate Armed Services Committee in the new Congress.

That dynamic may be on display even sooner than next year.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the current chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, already has planned an Iraq hearing for next week with top military and intelligence officials testifying.

And after Bush surprised virtually the entire capital by announcing Rumsfeld's departure on Wednesday and picking former CIA Director Robert Gates to replace him, Warner said he wants to hold Gates' confirmation hearings this year — sessions that could become inquiries into almost every aspect of the Iraq war.

Aides say when the new Congress convenes in January, Democrats plan to call for troops to begin coming home from Iraq and to increase money for veterans and training spend-

ing and policies, and possibly an independent commission to investigate waste and fraud associated with the billions of dollars spent to rebuild Iraq. Implementing unfulfilled recommendations by the 9/11 commission — such as plugging holes in airport security — is also on their agenda.

"It's going to be hearings, accountability, trying to restore trust so the people understand what the real facts are," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., the Marine veteran who last year called for an immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq and helped crystallize congressional opposition to the war.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett told NBC's "Today Show" the Bush administration also hopes the commission's report will provide an impetus for "greater consensus" on Iraq policy.

House Democrats say they plan to set up a new committee next year focused on uncovering abuses in defense spend-

**MOORE**

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Having already done extensive advertising within the economic development community since former executive director Kent Sharp announced he was leaving, McLellan said he's not sure if the board will be able to settle on one of the seven applications they are considering or whether they will have to advertise a second time.

"That's sort of up in the air right now," said McLellan. "What we felt like we should do is take a closer look at the seven (applications) we have and see if we're impressed with them, or if they can impress us as far as moving to Big Spring and taking over the executive director's position."

"We would certainly like to interview as many

as possible and be able to scrutinize those applicants as well as possible, but it doesn't seem like we're getting very many applications right now. I'm not sure if it's the time of the year with the holiday season coming up or not."

In the meantime, McLellan encouraged anyone qualified for the position and interested to apply.

"We'll continue to consider anyone who is interested in the job," said

McLellan. "We certainly don't want people to feel like we're excluding anyone because they're local."

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ans with their annual Veterans Day program. Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, will hold its program at 9 a.m. Bowling asks local veterans to arrive at the school at 8:15 a.m. to sign in so he can recognize each individual during the program.

Veterans are asked to come to Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad, at 1:30 p.m. for refreshments with the program to follow at 1:45 p.m. or 2 p.m., he said.

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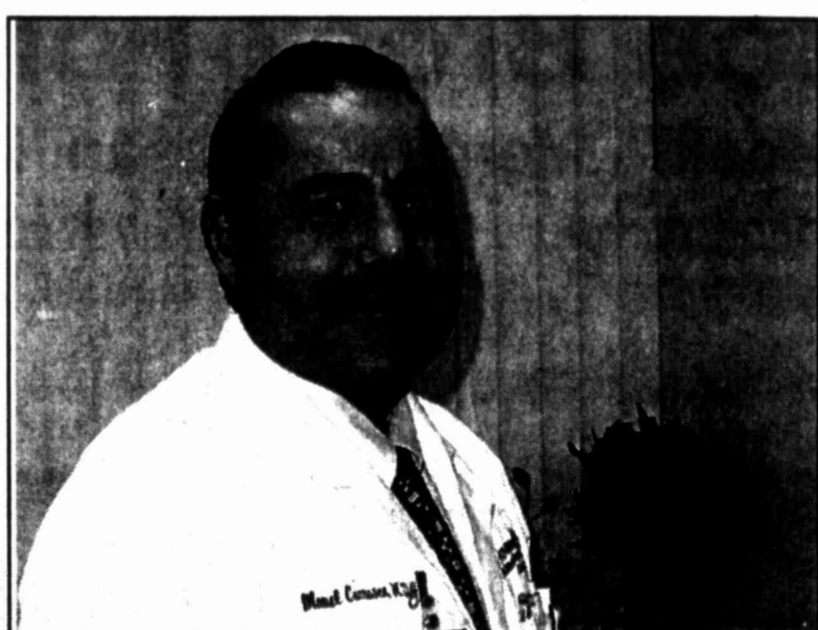
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**Dallas Mavericks**

**Injury update**

The struggling... Mavericks will... out Josh How... two weeks beca... sprained left an... Howard was... Monday night... second quarter... 104 loss to Gold... An MRI... Tuesday showe... ond-degree sprai... The two-wee... frame means he... at least six ga... could return Ne... Charlotte or at h... next night... Washington. Th... of Winston-Sale... likely will aim... game in his hom... Howard was... second-leading... last season and... the team's best... are capable of... point-guard... forwards. Greg... will probably... him in the start... up.

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**Texas high sc**

**football top 10**

Class 5A

1. S.L. Carroll (9-0)
2. Luffkin (9-0)
3. Eules Trinkl
4. Katy (9-0)
5. G.P. North (9-0)
6. Cedar Hill (9-0)
7. Spring West
8. A&M Cons. (8-1)
9. Smithson Va
10. Plano East

Class 4A

1. Texarkana (9-0)
2. Stephenville
3. Highland Pa
4. C.C. Calaller
5. Lamar (9-0)
6. Brenham (8-1)
7. La Marque (8-1)
8. Copperas Co
9. Aledo (8-1)
10. Waco (7-2)

Class 2A

1. Mart (8-1)
2. Marlin (8-1)
3. Crawford (8-1)
4. Lexington (8-1)
5. Newton (7-2)
6. Tatum (7-2)
7. Jefferson (8-1)
8. Schulenburg
9. Blanco (8-1)
10. Troup (8-1)



## IN BRIEF

### Hawk Buddies

**Basketball Program**  
Howard College is offering a basketball program for girls in grades first through sixth grade. The program is limited to the first 200 applicants, and includes a season pass to all home games, a T-shirt and a courtside pizza party with the Hawks. Date of the clinic is Nov. 18, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For registration information, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at (432) 264-5043 or Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at (432) 816-4327.

### Dallas Mavericks

**Injury update**  
The struggling Dallas Mavericks will be without Josh Howard for two weeks because of a sprained left ankle. Howard was hurt Monday night in the second quarter of a 107-104 loss to Golden State. An MRI taken Tuesday showed a second-degree sprain. The two-week time frame means he'll miss at least six games. He could return Nov. 20 at Charlotte or at home the next night against Washington. The native of Winston-Salem, N.C., likely will aim for the game in his home state. Howard was Dallas' second-leading scorer last season and among the team's best defenders, capable of covering point guards and forwards. Greg Buckner will probably replace him in the starting lineup.

### Youth basketball league registration

Registration for the YMCA Youth Basketball League is available for boys and girls in first through sixth grade. The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 1, and the fee is \$40 per player. Practices will begin on Dec. 11, and games will be held on Saturdays starting Jan. 13. For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

### Texas high school football top 10

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  7. Jefferson (8-1)
  8. Schulenburg (9-0)
  9. Blanco (8-1)
  10. Troop (8-1)

# Steers seek final playoff spot

MIKE GRIMES  
Sports Editor

It's not rocket science for the Big Spring Steers (2-7, 1-2 in district) football team. To advance to the state playoffs, the Steers need to beat Lake View (0-9) Friday night at Memorial Stadium. That's it. Nothing more and it doesn't need to be fancy. The reward will be a rematch with the Hereford Whitefaces, a team that beat the Steers back in September by 7 points (41-34).

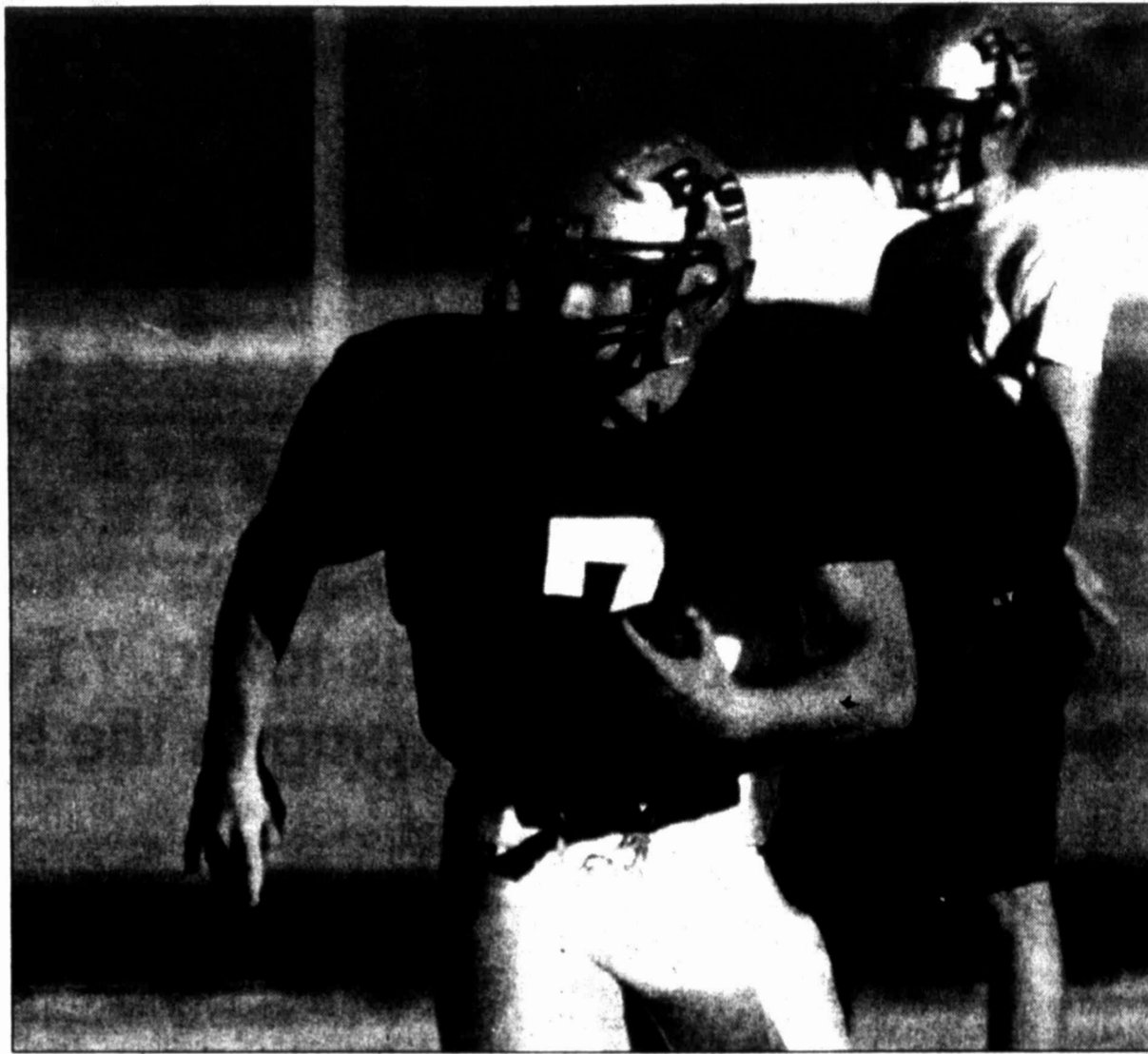
Head Coach Tim Holt has been here before, but this week he will tell you that he's more concerned than usual.

"We're a very relaxed football team," Holt said, as he walked off the field Wednesday night. "I'm concerned that we might be too relaxed. This is about as relaxed as I have seen us, and with everything that's at stake, it's definitely a concern. We are playing a Lake View team that is very similar to our team. They won the district championship a couple of years ago, but right now they are playing about as many sophomores as we are. So they are young, and you just never know what you're going to get with a young team. Last week they lined up against Frenship and they drove the ball right down the field for a score."

Despite not having a win this season, there is an outside chance that should Lake View leave Big Spring with an upset Friday night, the Chiefs could advance to the playoffs over the Steers. Knowing that, Coach Holt said that he has tried to prepare his kids for a tough ball game.

"They need to win to get in," said Chayson Holt, the Steers' sophomore halfback who led the team with 112 yards rushing in the win over Lubbock Estacado. "We are expecting them to come in here with a crazy, win-at-all-cost attitude. This week practice has been a little shaky, but Friday night we're going to have to play with the same intensity that we played with last week."

A week ago, the BSHS offense appeared unstoppable. For the first time all season the Steers had two 100 yard rushers in Holt and



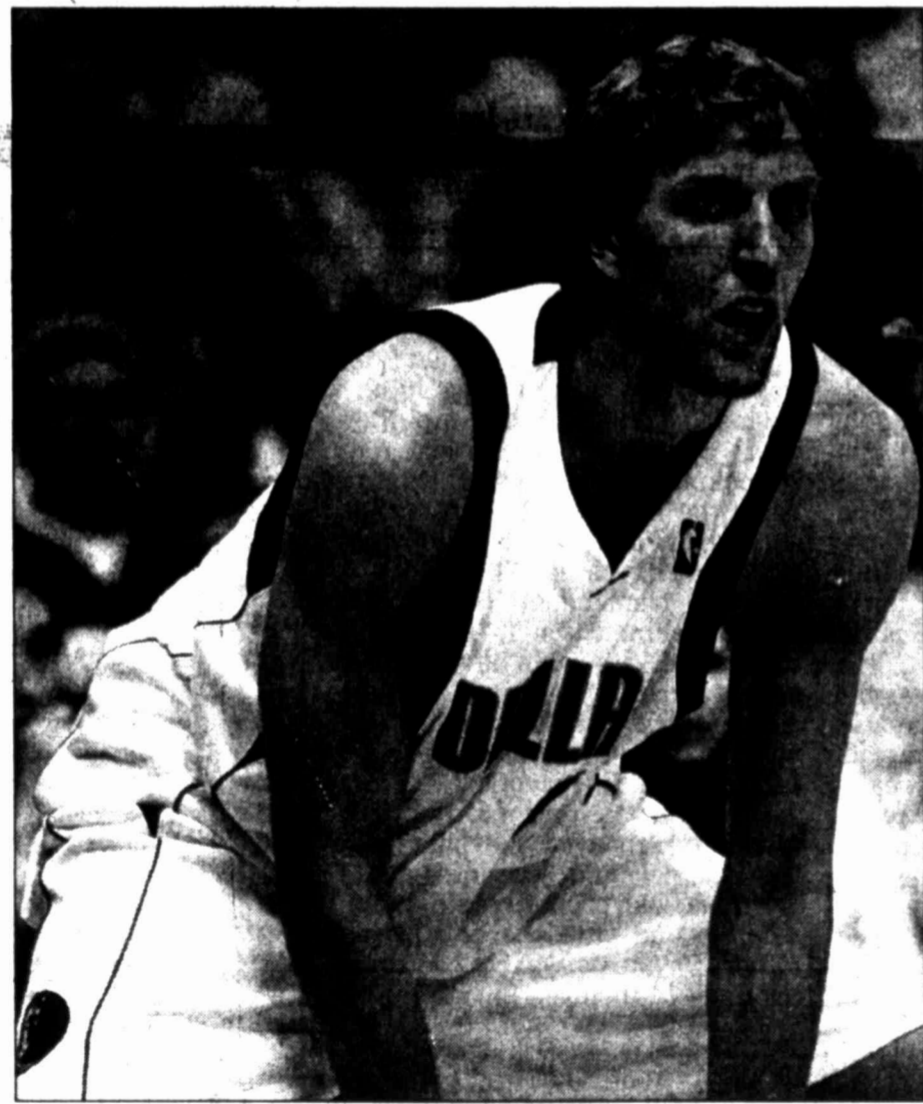
Chayson Holt takes the pitch and heads to the end zone in practice this week. Holt rushed for over 100 yards in last weeks win over Estacado. The Steers host Lake View Friday night at Memorial Stadium at 7:30.

freshman phenom Monte Anderson. Anderson left the contest after the second quarter and did not return because of a hamstring pull, but he had 100 yards rushing before the injury.

"Monte is questionable," the older Holt said. "He is day to day right now. As a coach,

this a tough spot to be in right now, but I am not going to play him until he's ready. He is working really hard in rehab, but right now I would say that Monte is very doubtful for this ball game."

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Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki looks to make a move on offense. The Mavericks are struggling with an 0-4 record after making it to the NBA Finals last season.

## Dallas drops fourth straight; LA Clippers roll to a 103-85 win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The frown on Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban's face said it all. The defending Western Conference champions are still winless.

Cuttino Mobley scored 28 points and the Los Angeles Clippers beat Dallas 103-85 Wednesday night. The Mavericks, who tied a club record last season with 60 wins and came within two victories of their first NBA championship, have opened a season 0-4 for the first time in the franchise's 27-year history.

Dallas is the first team since the 2001-02 Philadelphia 76ers to start out with four straight losses after going to the finals.

"We're just not cohesive yet as a team and we're not hitting our open shots," Cuban said in the quiet locker room. "We just haven't gotten off to a good start, but there's 78 more games and that's all that matters. You never like to lose, but I'm not worried about this team."

This is the first time Dallas has lost four straight games since Avery Johnson succeeded Don Nelson as coach on March 19, 2005. Johnson, the reigning NBA coach of the year, entered

this season 76-24.

"We are disappointed. It is a tough start for us," Johnson said. "We aren't playing good defense for long stretches of the game and we aren't playing good offense. We are just playing in waves. We are playing 26 minutes of a 48-minute game, and that is not very good basketball."

Sam Cassell had 21 points and nine assists for the Clippers, who have won four straight after losing at Phoenix in their opener. Los Angeles has won six of its last 12 games against Dallas after losing 17 of the previous 19 meetings. Two of their three losses to the Mavericks last season were decided by two-point margins.

Jason Terry led Dallas with 23 points. Jerry Stackhouse made his first start of the season at small forward in place of Josh Howard, who is expected to be sidelined at least two weeks because of a sprained left ankle. Stackhouse scored 12 points in 37 minutes.

Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points and 12 rebounds for Dallas. He was kept on a short leash by the

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## Woods 1 off the pace in Shanghai

By JOHN PYE  
AP Sports Writer

SHANGHAI, China — Tiger Woods shot an even-par 72 Thursday and was seven shots back after the first round of the HSBC Champions, his first tournament in five weeks.

India's Jyoti Randhawa made seven birdies and finished with a 65 to take a one-stroke lead over 2005 U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell and two others. Scotland's Marc Warren and South Korea's Yang Yong-eun also were at 6 under.

Padraig Harrington, who clinched the 2006 European Order of Merit title at Valderrama, Spain two weeks ago, and Thailand's Pholphol

Chawalit both had 67s and were tied for third after the opening round.

"I was right there in a position to get to 4 under," Woods said. "Unfortunately, it didn't happen that way - it went the other way - and I left myself an awful lot of work with three days to go."

Five players, including Retief Goosen and K.J. Choi, were at 4 under and Chris DiMarco, Colin Montgomerie, and Peter O'Malley each shot a 3-under 69.

The Asian Tour No. 1, Jeev Singh of India, who was in Woods' group, was 2 under.

Woods, who finished two weeks ago, and Jim Furyk, who had five

bogeys and four birdies in a 1-over 73, started with a birdie at the 10th and followed it with a double-bogey 6 after hooking his drive into some trees.

"It throws the momentum off in the wrong direction," Woods said. "Tomorrow I hope to get off to a better start."

Woods made back-to-back birdies at the second and third holes - his 11th and 12th - to move to 2-under, but had a bogey at the par 5 eighth, pushing a fairway wood into rocks and water trying to reach the green in two.

"Very frustrating," he said.

Randhawa rated the \$5 million tournament - the first of the 2007 season on the European Tour and



Tiger Woods reacts to his birdie putt on 17th hole, the first of four sudden death holes, during the WGC.

jointly sanctioned by the major.

PGAs in Asia, "It was one of the Australasia and South Africa - almost equal to a

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# Coahoma Bulldogs fight to the finish Forsan Buffaloes ready to clinch playoff birth with a win Friday night

**MIKE GRIMES**

Sports Editor

When Ken Cates, the Coahoma head football coach, leads his Bulldogs out on the field Friday night they will be playing for pride. Coahoma (3-6, 3-3 in district) could end the season tied for third place in District 5-2A with an upset over Haskell (9-0), but thanks to a point system used to determine a tie-breaker, the Bulldogs will not be able to advance to post season play.

"I'm very proud of this team and we have accomplished a great deal over the past three weeks," Cates insisted. "Don't tell us that this game does not matter. If they (Haskell) end up with a 9-1 record, everyone is going to ask who beat them ... that

would be us." The Haskell Indians have achieved this unblemished record by being a very disciplined team. According to Cates, the Indians rarely turn the ball over, seldom miss tackles and commit very few penalties. They are the district champions, regardless of the outcome of the Coahoma score, and they have secured a spot in the playoffs.

"They are a great team," Cates said Wednesday afternoon. "They are simple on offense and simple on defense, but they are consistent and excellent at what they do on the football field. They are probably the best team we have faced this year, but we're going to go out there and do what we have done for the past three weeks."

The Bulldogs are enjoying a three-game winning streak and would like nothing better than to end the season with a fourth consecutive victory. According to Cates, the Bulldog offensive line is going to have to play a mistake-free football game, and the weapons on offense, Dakota Teaff, P.J. Daylong and Blaine Kerby, are going to have to be sharp for four quarters.

"We definitely have to play well offensively and defensively," stressed Cates. "We always try to score, so to make that statement would seem silly, but we really need to sustain our drives and come up with points on every possession. When they have the ball, they like are going to try to control the clock, and

regardless of the score, the Indians will not press. We are going to have to maintain our composure and make the most of every opportunity we get."

To end the football season with four straight wins would be a monumental feat for a team that struggled for six straight weeks. To do so against the undefeated district champs, that is something that Cates said this group of kids would never forget.

"I guarantee everyone that this team will play hard and compete for four quarters," Cates added. "If we can make the least amount of mistakes, this group of kids — these seniors — this team — we can win Friday night."

# Forsan Buffaloes ready to clinch playoff birth with a win Friday night

**JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

With one game left in the regular season, the Forsan Buffaloes are on the verge of clinching a playoff game for the first time in 10 years as they host the Menard Yellowjackets Friday night.

Tommy Thompson, the Forsan coach, said he expects his troops to be ready when the lights come on at Buffalo Stadium.

"It's win and you're in, it's just that simple," said Thompson. "That is what our aim is and the kids know just that. If it is to be, it is up to them to finish with a great performance against Menard."

This time of the year is huge in Texas high school football, as teams all over the state are fighting to grab a spot in the playoffs.

Thompson, who played his high school football at Odessa Permian, knows a little about playoff excitement, and he hopes his Buffaloes will get a taste of it this year.

"It's been so long since we've played in the post-season," Thompson explained. "The kids don't have a good grasp of it yet. I think it will take the win to get them really excited. I expect a great game; the players know what is at stake."

Even though the Yellowjackets come into Friday's contest with a 1-8 overall record, Thompson knows this game is not a lock.

"This game is a definite trap," said Thompson. "We are coming off two great games against Bronte and Eldorado, and overconfidence is definitely a factor this week. We have been telling our kids that Menard is playing for pride and that they are a solid football team. Mentally we are going to have to be ready to play."

Offensively, Forsan will depend on the play of its offensive line. The team will likely be without the

services of starting center Blake Grantham, who suffered bruised ribs in the Eldorado game.

That will put extra pressure on Forsan to protect quarterback Seth Johnson and to pave the way for running backs Wesley Newcomb and Jace Sandridge.

"We have to count on our O'line to be as strong as they have been all year," Thompson said. "Menard has a strong defensive line and boasts one of the best defensive players in the district. Curtis Gaston will be back and that will help with our blocking schemes having him in at fullback."

Despite averaging only 13 points per game, Menard does have some quality talent on the offensive side of the ball. It starts with a super quarterback and plenty of speed at the tailback position. Both will be a threat for the Buffaloes defense throughout the game.

"On defense, we have to force them into passing situations," said Thompson. "This way we can keep them from controlling the time clock, and we can force them into some turnover situations."

Thompson said his keys to victory are not to take the Menard team for granted. Thompson also spoke of having to guard against being overconfident. Next on his list of keys for the game is to eliminate turnovers. Winning the turnover battle is always important for Forsan, and this game will be no different.

"We are prepared to win and our kids are focused," Thompson said. "If we play our game and stay mistake free, we will be in good shape when the final buzzer sounds."

Kickoff in Forsan is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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# No.1 Garden City travels to No. 7 Fort Davis with a district title hanging in the balance

**MIKE GRIMES**

Sports Editor

Friday night the District 1 Six-Man champion will finally be determined when No. 1 ranked Garden City will challenge No. 7 ranked Fort Davis. Both teams are 9-0 this season, and according to GCHS coach Vance Jones, both have been looking forward to this game for several weeks.

The Fort Davis Indians have reached nine wins by running the "T" formation, and using their size and strength to fuel a powerful offense.

"They have two very good running backs," Coach Jones said this week, before his ranked team took to the practice field.

"They like to go run,

run, play action pass on you. When they look to throw it downfield, they have shown a tendency to look for number 41. As an offense they really are fundamentally sound."

The Garden City Bearkats will counter with Bo Eggemeyer, who is coming off consecutive 200-plus yard rushing performances. As is customary, Garden City will try to establish Eggemeyer and the running game behind the Bearkats' own mammoth offensive line. According to Jones, both teams are very similar when it comes to big, strong athletes.

"They have a real good player at linebacker and running back — Kyle Johnson," Coach Jones admitted. "When we're on

offense we are going to have to make sure that he is accounted for and blocked on every snap. On defense, he is quick, and the whole defense can get to the ball in a hurry. We will have to be ready this week."

"They will be at home, and they will have a packed house waiting for us. The fans over there do a good job of getting behind their team and they really stay excited the whole game. This is going to be a good challenge for us."

Jones said the Bearkats are planning on doing things the same way they have all season. They will deploy a multiple set offense and will look for the run to open up some opportunities down the

field.

"We're just going to go at them," the coach added. "We know they are going to try a few things here and there, but we expect to be able to move the ball and score. What I don't want to see is a track meet. I'd like to see us slow down their offense."

The Bearkats are expected to continue to run a 3-3 defense, and Jones hinted that the 'Kats might bring a defender up to give the Indians a 3-1-2 look to slow down the rushing attack that has been so successful.

"We have been playing well all year," Jones finally admitted. "I have no doubt that we will play good Friday night."

# Richland Springs celebrates QB's apparent six-man record

**By MIKE LEE**

For The Associated Press

RICHLAND SPRINGS, Texas — How's this for capturing the quirkiness of six-man football: When Tyler Ethridge of Richland Springs set what is believed to be the national record for career touchdown passes, it came on a toss to his center.

"It was supposed to be a deep slant route to another receiver, but they stayed with him. So I checked off and threw to my center," Ethridge said. "He made it look easy. He kind of pranced into the end zone."

Ethridge's 26-yard toss to Justin Fox in the first quarter of Friday night's game against Eden was the 149th of his career. Record-keeping is scarce in six-man football, but Ethridge surpassed what was

believed to be the previous mark of 148 set by Nathan Strand of Greenville (Texas) Christian, who last played in 2004.

Fox, the center who is an eligible receiver in six-man, made the catch along the sideline and scored unchallenged, giving the Coyotes a 62-0 lead on the final play of the first quarter. Richland Springs went on to win 96-0 in a game stopped at halftime by the 45-point mercy rule.

"I didn't realize that pass was the record until all of my teammates came up to me," Ethridge said. "That's when the emotions really hit me hard. These guys — my teammates — they're all that matter to me."

"I don't deserve all the credit I'm getting. All I do is throw the ball. They're the ones who catch it and do what they have to do to get in the end zone."

Ethridge, still just a junior, managed to get the record out of the way before the playoffs for the Coyotes, who want to regain the six-man state championship they won in 2004 but lost to Throckmorton last year. He finished the night 8-of-11 passing for 231 yards and six touchdowns, extending his career TDs to 151.

"It's a tremendous record and accomplishment for Tyler and all those receivers who have caught passes for him," Richland Springs coach Jerry Burkhardt said. "But we're glad to get it behind us so we can focus on the playoffs."

After the history-making TD, Burkhardt retrieved the ball from the referees and presented it to Ethridge, who promptly went to the sideline and gave the ball to his father, Coyotes offensive coordinator Harley Ethridge.

rushing yards without them. All of the work those guys put on that blocking sled and in the weight room, it's all paying off right now. "We're going to win Friday night."

The district game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Memorial Stadium.

# STEERS

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Bursting onto the scene and replacing Anderson was Holt. The backup finished the night as the leading rusher and had Steers fans saying "Chayson is back" this week.

"We need to get Monte back, he's a great player and we want him on the field," Chayson Holt admitted.

"Right now I am filling in and sliding from tailback to the halfback position, but with our offensive line we can run the ball with just about anyone. The last couple of weeks the O'line been blowing people off the ball, and neither Monte or myself would have these

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# Miami shocked after teammate dies, team to play in his honor

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer  
CORAL GABLES, Fla. — If any of his grieving players asked, Miami coach Larry Coker would have quickly excused them from the Hurricanes' first practice since the killing of defensive lineman Bryan Pata.

Everyone showed up, though.

And with that, the Hurricanes' long healing process began.

Less than 24 hours after Pata, one of the Hurricanes' most respected players, was killed outside his apartment, his team was back on the football field Wednesday afternoon to prepare for Saturday's game at No. 23 Maryland.

The Hurricanes have decided to play the game, saying they'll do so in Pata's honor.

"They felt like Bryan would want to practice. They felt like Bryan would want to play," Coker said after practice. "That's a decision that we respected, and I think it's the right decision."

Pata, 22, was shot to death Tuesday night outside his off-campus apartment, less than two hours after practice and an

informal team dinner ended. The 6-foot-4, 280-pound defensive lineman was found dead in the apartment complex's parking lot when police arrived, and detectives ruled it a homicide.

Det. Roy Rutland, spokesman for the Miami-Dade County Police Department, said police searched Pata's apartment after the shooting. He would not provide any details about what officers sought and what was found. No other details were released.

"The investigators are following all leads, and the release of any information at this time could compromise the investigation," Rutland said Wednesday.

Miami players were not available for comment after practice. They walked off the field nearly in total silence, with some peeling off their orange, green and white jerseys before shuffling into the locker room.

They have dealt with plenty of problems this season, including a July shooting in which safety Willie Cooper was slightly injured and a sideline-clearing brawl last month in a game against Florida



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Bryan Pata, who played on the University of Miami football team, was shot and killed after practice on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

International. "It's spiritual, but God's not going to give you more than you can handle," Coker said. "And I'm just disappointed that he trusts us so much, because we've been getting a lot to handle."

Some former Hurricanes expressed shock and outrage over Pata's killing.

"It's a product of ignorant individuals and stupid people who don't care about life," said Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Jerome McDougle, a former UM standout and a South Florida native who was shot in the stomach by three armed robbers in

southwest Miami in July 2005. "It's tragic. I feel for him and his family."

Added Washington wide receiver Santana Moss, another UM alum: "He is a guy that had a promising future, and it was taken away from him."

Well-wishes also poured in from around the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Commissioner John Swofford released a statement offering prayers to Pata's family and the U of M community, while many of the league's players and coaches expressed their condolences to Coker and the Miami Hurricanes players and families.

# 49'ers look to move team to Santa Clara

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The 49ers have given up hope of building a state-of-the-art stadium in San Francisco and are considering a move to suburban Santa Clara.

Owner John York notified San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom of the team's decision Wednesday, the mayor's spokesman, Peter Ragone, told The Associated Press.

York planned to hold a news conference Thursday in Santa Clara to talk in detail about the decision. But in a news release announcing the decision issued late Wednesday night, York said the team will not change its name even if he decided to move.

"Nothing will persuade us to change the name of the San Francisco 49ers, one of the most storied brands in the world of sports," he said.

According to the release, York made his decision after a yearlong study of the area around Candlestick Park determined that the area needed too many infrastructure and public transit improvements to make a new stadium viable.

The 49ers team

spokesman said the cost of those improvements could have exceeded the entire bill for the proposed stadium, which was estimated to cost between \$600 million and \$800 million.

Also, the team said it was unlikely it could achieve its goal of opening the new stadium in time for the 2012 season.

Now the team is seeking to build a new stadium in Santa Clara, near the Great America amusement park and the Santa Clara Convention Center. The 49ers headquarters and training facility are currently based in Santa Clara, which is located about 30 miles south of San Francisco, near San Jose.

"We have been looking to expand our entertainment options in the Great America-Convention Center area for years now, and this stadium could be a great addition," Santa Clara Mayor Patricia Mahan said in a statement issued by the San Francisco football team. "The 49ers have been clear that their goal is to put together a project that has no impact on the city's general fund, and no increase in the taxes, and we are ready to give this project our full attention."

# TIGER

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biggest rounds of my career — a big tournament, big players," he said. "So to be leading gives me great pleasure."

Randhawa, who won the Indian Open after a three-way playoff last month, said he tried to ignore the hype.

"It's great to have gotten a good round in a field like this — especially with Tiger Woods (but) I try not to think about that — it might break my rhythm," he said.

Woods had a special guest on hand for the first round, with tennis No. 1 Roger

Federer in the crowd.

Federer is in Shanghai for the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup, which starts Sunday, and decided to return a gesture to Woods, who watched the Swiss star win the U.S. Open in September.

The pair worked Thursday's visit out ahead of time and talked in the clubhouse immediately after Woods' round.

"Rog is a great guy. We've become good friends. For him to come out here and watch and support is special," Woods said. "He's busy. He's getting ready for the tournament here on Sunday. He's going to go back now and start hitting."

Woods had gone 39 days without hitting a competitive golf shot, taking time out after winning the World Gold Championship by eight shots on Oct. 1.

He has not lost a 72-hole event since July 9, when he finished two shots behind Trevor Immelman at the Western Open.

The time off did a lot of good, Woods said, after a tumultuous year in which he won two majors, coped with the death of his father and weathered criticism for skipping the PGA's season-ending Tour Championship last week in Atlanta.

"Oh, I needed it," Woods said of the break. "It was a lot. I know I don't play

that much golf, but it's how the schedule worked out this year and I was awfully tired.

"It's always nice when you get that break and the light's at the end of the tunnel."

Woods previously had contracts to play the HSBC Champions at the Sheshan International Golf Club, where last year he finished second to David Howell, and the Dunlop Phoenix in Japan, where he is defending champion.

Still left on his schedule is the two-day Grand Slam of Golf for major champions Nov. 21-22 in Hawaii, followed by his Target World Challenge on Dec. 14-17 in California.

# MAVS

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referees during the final 28 minutes of play, thanks to a technical foul he got with 4:05 left in the second quarter after complaining that Mobley fouled him while stripping him of the ball.

"I think we did an excellent job on Nowitzki," Cassell said. "We crowded him, forced him to take quick shots and put a

monkey wrench in his rhythm."

Down by as many as 14 late in the first quarter, the Clippers went on a 17-7 run in the third to turn a seven-point halftime deficit into a 60-57 advantage. They took their first lead, 57-56, on a 10-foot jumper by Cassell with 7:48 left in the quarter and never trailed again.

"We did well on the defensive end and it helped our offense," Mobley said. "They came out in that first quarter

bombing and moving around. But in the second quarter, we played Clipper basketball. We played together, got some deflections and got a lot more in the second half. We made them take tough shots, then we rebounded the ball and ran it."

Mobley triggered a 12-4 run with a driving layup and 16-foot bank shot, and Elton Brand capped it with four free throws to give Los Angeles a 97-83 cushion with 1:54 remaining. Brand finished with

13 points and 12 rebounds.

"We've got so many offensive threats, so when it's your turn you've got to heat up — just like Cat did tonight," Brand said. "Cat and James Singleton did a great job on Dirk Nowitzki when it counted. We boxed out and rebounded, came out with some intensity in the second half, and that really helped."

Terry, who was ejected from Monday's game against Golden State after getting a flagrant foul for

clotheslining Monta Ellis, helped Dallas open a 30-17 lead late in the opening quarter. But the Clippers rallied with an 8-0 run in the second quarter and Mobley drained a 3-pointer from 33 feet away, narrowing the gap to 48-41 with 36 seconds left in the half.

"We started out with our small guards on Mobley and Cassell, and those guys like to post up regardless of who they're playing," Stackhouse explained after the loss.

"So I think they tried to go at those matchups early and got themselves going. And then the basket seemed pretty big for those guys tonight. "We played a lot of 1-on-1 and didn't really get the ball moving like we did in the first half, and it caught up with us."

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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 2006. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as a series of power failures lasting up to 13.5 hours left 30 million people in seven states and two Canadian provinces without electricity.

On this date: In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 1,000 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450

miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved 10 resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1986, Israel revealed it was holding Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician who'd vanished after providing information to a British newspaper about Israel's nuclear weapons program. (Vanunu was convicted of treason and served 18 years in prison.)

In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

Today's Birthdays: Sportscaster Charlie Jones is 76. Baseball executive Whitey Herzog is 75. Former Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., is 70. Singer Mary Travers is 70. Actor Charlie Robinson ("Night Court") is 61. Movie director Bille August is 58.

Actor Robert David Hall ("CSI") is 58. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 54. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 47.

Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 46. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 37. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 37. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi is 36. Actor Eric Dane is 34. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 28.

Thought for Today: "Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it." — Robert Frost, American poet (1874-1963).

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Newsday Crossword

PHARMACOLOGY by Raymond Hamel Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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- DOWN 1 Throws in 2 Civil wrong 3 Musk quality 4 Web annoyances 5 Paycheck ID, perhaps 6 They may cross 7 Sore spot 8 Important British architect 9 Arrest 10 Business bigwig 11 Bowl-shaped cookers 12 Let Us Now Praise Famous Men writer 13 Uses a bench 18 Escapee's shout 19 Bear up? 24 Roller-coaster unit 25 Large vase 26 Top grade 27 Peter of Herman's Hermits 28 Faint 29 Highway levies 30 Caspian Sea feeder 31 "Tiny Bubbles" singer 32 Church instrument 33 Personal preference 35 Fuzzy Wuzzy's lack 39 Haydn piece 40 "Jumbo shrimp," for one 42 Punch sound from Dogbert 43 Exclamation 45 Old sayings 46 Hoopla 49 Dust particle 50 Aussie greeting 51 Killer whale 52 Gloomy atmosphere 53 URL opener 54 Where Chillicothe is 56 Steinbeck character 57 Roman Polanski film 58 Editorial mark 60 Greek letters 61 Fannie

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By BILL MCCLELL News Editor A salute to veterans will be the ob... though inspira... theme Saturday... the West Texa... Health Care Syst... ebrates Veterans... The program... begin at 11 a.m. i... of the VA M... Center, located... Veterans Blvd... "In the spirit of... ness, the VA... launched its Ve... Pride Initiative... we are asking Am... veterans to p... wear their m... medals and dec... on Veterans Day... Iva Jo Hanslik, c... nity relations co... tor for the VA M... Center... "Our goal is to i... the American pe... recognize and ho... military service o... fellow citizens a... engender a g... sense of pride an... faction on the p... the veterans for... they did for our... try," she added... See VAMC, Page 9

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By BILL MCCLELL News Editor Under Dog was Howard Glas... Counties Relay F... kickoff meeting T... but it wasn't beca... stellar unit is an... dog when it co... fund-raising. A... but... No, Vicki Dento... Recruitment Co... chairperson, was... up like the fumb... loveable cartoon... emphasize this... Relay theme... Heroes... It's a fitting pre... the American... Society's No. 7... team in the nat... capita, and the... ranked team with... lation between 30... 34,999. The loca... raised a net \$19... the fight agains... this year, a fig...

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