

## STATE'S BEST!

Big Spring High School Cross Country team members are saluted during a "State March" through the halls of the school Tuesday. The team won the state University Interscholastic League Class 4A team championship Saturday in Round Rock. Coach Randy Britton is profiled on Page 1B.

Courtesy photo

## Up for sale

Council to discuss Settles Hotel future

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Bids and advertisements will take center stage during Thursday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as the group is expected to look at bids on the Settles Hotel and consider advertising for a full-time city attorney.

The council voted to request bids on the historic Settles Hotel during a special meeting in October, opening the door for would-be investors and renovators.

Mayor Russ McEwen said the council is prepared to award a bid for sale during the meeting, but that certainly doesn't mean it's going to happen.

"Right now we haven't had any bids submitted," said McEwen Tuesday afternoon. "However, the request for bids doesn't end until the end of the



McEwen

business day Wednesday, so I'm really hoping we'll have something to consider during the meeting."

According to McEwen, the request for bids will give the council the opportunity to find out what interest expressed in the aging structure is real, and what is just talk.

"The thing we want to accomplish is to find out if there is any real interest out there," said McEwen. "There have been some people that have told us they might be interested, and this way we can find out if that interest is real, and at what level it is."

Any bids received are expected to be presented

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Texas Senator Kel Seliger talks about school finance reform during a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts Tuesday evening.

## Education, water focus for legislators

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Education continues to be the dominating subject in the state capital, according to State Senator Kel Seliger, who held a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus Tuesday evening.

Seliger said he's pleased with the progress the 79th Legislature — and the several special sessions — made in public school finance reform.

"The Supreme Court said our method of funding public schools was unconstitutional," said Seliger. "So we went back and made that system constitutional and managed to lower that property tax to \$1.37 for those districts that were already at \$1.50. I feel like this year we'll go all the way down to \$1."

"A lot of what we talked about in the session came

"The point of school is to teach and to learn. We're stopping teaching and we're stopping learning with TAKS, and that's a mistake."

—Sen. Kel Seliger

from school superintendents, and a lot of it came from your superintendent, who worked really hard and is single-mindedly dedicated to public school education for all of the kids in Texas.

"He (Michael Downes, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent) was a tremendous help to me and his fingerprints are on a lot of things we've been able to do with public schools,

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## CISD trustees to canvass results of bond election

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The euphoria hasn't quite passed, but the reality of renovation and construction projects at the Coahoma school district is beginning to settle in.

School trustees will take the first steps toward turning construction plans into actual projects when they hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the administration building board room.

CISD voters passed a \$13.9 million bond issue earlier this month, giving the green light to a variety of construction and renovation projects at the various district venues.

The various projects include:

- High School — Plans call for

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- 20 classrooms — two wings at the campus — to be razed and replaced and a new library/media center to be constructed. The agriculture shop also will be renovated.

- Renovation of the building's heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning systems also is scheduled. In addition, a new field house will be constructed and the auditorium

- and band hall will be renovated.

- Junior High School — Projects there include improvements to the fire alarm and other safety systems, electrical upgrades, new heating and air conditioning and complete bathroom renovations.

- Elementary — Installation of a sprinkler system, plus upgrades to the plumbing, elec-

- trical and heating systems.

- Administration building — This structure will be enlarged to house the district's technology department, currently housed in the old primary school building. That building will be demolished.

- In addition, tennis courts and parking spaces would be con-

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## GIVES IT EXTRA TWANG

HIDALGO (AP) — Federal Customs and Border Patrol agents arrested a man at a Texas border checkpoint after they said they found nearly seven pounds of cocaine in his two electric guitars.

Heriberto Quinones-Juarez, 25, a Mexican citizen who lives in Minnetonka, Minn., was arrested Monday.

Quinones-Juarez's baggage was examined at a border crossing in Hidalgo after he took a taxi from Mexico. An X-ray showed something unusual in the hollowed-out bodies of the guitars.

Investigators say each guitar contained a package of cocaine. They valued the cocaine at \$218,000.

## ANGELFOOD PICKUP DAY

Angelfood pickup day is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2702 N. Birdwell.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief to communities throughout the United States. Locally, the program is operated through North Birdwell United Methodist Church.

December orders can also be placed at this time. Orders will also be taken Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Westside Community Center and Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at North Birdwell United Methodist Church.

For more information, call Madeline Boadle at 267-2203.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

StarTek, 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 30, will host a Business After Hours program from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday.

Business After Hours is a community program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Door prizes will be awarded; refreshments will be available.

There is no charge to attend.

Those attending are invited to tour the facilities.



# Winter coats needed for state hospital

Special to the Herald

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, hospital Patient Education Coordinator.

"We depend on clothing donations from the com-

munity to keep our patients in appropriate clothing for changing weather conditions," she said.

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 and free of stains and holes.

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The 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.

# COUNCIL

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to the council by City Attorney Jean Shotts, who's position will be the focus of another agenda item.

The council is expected to grant permission for the city to advertise for a full-time city attorney position.

According to McEwen, the advertisement was requested by the council during budget session in an attempt to see if there is room for improvement in the position.

"I want to make it very clear that this is not due to dissatisfaction with the job being done by Mr. Shotts," McEwen said firmly. "During budget session the council discussed whether or not we would be better off with a full-time city attorney. Mr. Shotts contracts with the city and works here a couple of days a week.

"We may very well be in the perfect situation right now with our contract with Mr. Shotts. However, we want to see what's out there. It's all

just part of the evaluation process."

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to canvass the results of the recent bond election, which yielded approval for a pair of multi-million dollar projects.

Big Spring citizens voted in favor of a \$5 million upgrade to the Roy Anderson sports complex. They also approved more than \$9 million in improvements to downtown streets.

Proposition 2, \$5.08 million for improvements to youth sports facilities, didn't pass overwhelmingly — just 2,125 for to 1,891 against. But the \$9.2 million for improvements to streets and roadways was approved by a margin of 2,614 votes to 1,420.

Proposition 1 will allow reconstruction of Scurry and Main streets from First Street north to near FM 700 and the reworking of First and Second streets in the downtown area, to include sidewalks and period lighting.

Also on the agenda is discussion pertaining to the possible termination of the city's animal con-

trol board.

The council voted during its Oct. 10 meeting to table the discussion on whether or not the city's animal control board should be continued, a subject McEwen brought up during the council's previous meeting.

"I'm expecting this matter will be tabled once again," said McEwen.

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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structed.

The first step in the process begins Thursday, when trustees canvass the Nov. 7 election results which showed the bond passing by a 686-to-462 margin at the polls.

Once election results are fully certified, officials must wait 30 days before beginning any action to formally issue the bonds, CISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson said.

"We're looking at selling the bonds around early January," he said. "Right now, we figure it will be around early June before actual construction starts."

Johnson likens this period to the figurative calm before the storm.

"We're all still very excited about the election results, but things will calm down a bit while we're getting the final plans ready," Johnson said.

Allan Wolf of the architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and

Cooper — which has been refining renovation plans for more than a year — will meet with trustees to discuss further refinements.

Also at Thursday's meeting, trustees will consider selling attendance credits to either Fort Stockton or Sanderson school districts. Also, they will discuss the district's audit.

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# SELIGER

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both for Big Spring and schools all over the state."

Seliger said it's important to remember the tax cuts instituted by school finance reform do not represent a decline in the fiscal needs of public schools in the Lone Star State.

"When we cut the tax rate it wasn't meant to imply we need less money for the schools," said Seliger. "That's contrary to the case. If we take the 4.3 million young people who are in public schools today and realize next year there will be enough (additional) kids in school that we could have another Fort Worth School District — that many children next year, and the next year and the next year — it's going to require more money, not less.

"We're going to set the standards for performance in public school districts so the people who pay taxes in those school districts can look at the performance and how they are spending the money and make sure they are satisfied that they are spending it on educating children."

Seliger said he feels the long term answer to school finance can be found in the state's franchise tax, not in taxing vices such as casinos,

tobacco and gambling.

"So where are we going to come up with the money? The answer is we're going to have to do something with the franchise tax in the state of Texas that has long since outlived its usefulness," said Seliger. "And it was never that useful because it was a voluntary tax... Somewhere between 50,000 and 250,000 new corporate entities will be in this tax system (at the end of 2007) that were not in the franchise tax, and that's a very broad base, but the tax system has to be fair and it has to be efficient."

"The point is, we're setting tax laws and one of the most important things we can do is to ensure the pro-business and business growth climate in Texas is enhanced by tax policy, not hindered by it (and) that people want to build businesses and need, for their business purposes, to build them here. There's a reason for the last couple of years that site location magazines has named Texas the best place to move businesses in the United States, and tax policy is one of those reasons."

Going into the 80th Legislature, Seliger said the most important thing on the minds of the men and women that represent Texans will most certainly be water.

"Make no mistake, we

will deal with nothing more important than water for the entire time the Texas Legislature meets," said Seliger. "Because without it, you can't live. Our cities are not supportable, our businesses are not supportable and it (water) is essential. There are a lot of things going on with water, both potentially good and bad, depending on whether we do a good job. I'm bound and determined that we will do a good job.

"I'm a big proponent of ground water conservation districts. For some of us, that conservation strategy is absolutely essential. Those districts will determine how much water we've got, how much we're using right now and using any growth model we choose to use, and how to ensure that we conserve that water so that everybody in Texas can live, work and farm where they live today because they have adequate water to do it."

Another issue Seliger said he expects to see come before the legislature is the statewide TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test.

"I'd like to throw the TAKS test out," said Seliger. "And we can achieve all those goals with an end-of-course exam. A test that is given on what is being taught today. Now, is it a test of

algebra? No. Does it test that minimum standard of accomplishment that we can safely say that this young person should go on to the 11th grade? I think it does. I think it can be done from a recommended curriculum. It can meet all the requirements of Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and it can meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind.

"We're open minded in Austin and I think we're going to do away with the TAKS test and use end-of-course exams. Now, are we going to replace the TAKS test with another high stakes test? I think that would be a huge mistake. The point of school is to teach and to learn. We're stopping teaching and we're stopping learning with TAKS, and that's a mistake."

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# Kids with diabetes test families' fortitude

By MICHAEL GRANBERRY

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Jasmine Amerasekera is a super-cute 10-year-old kid. She loves to paint, act and play tennis. But Jasmine is different from most kids.

She has diabetes.

She received the diagnosis eight years ago, just before her third birthday. Life changed radically overnight for her and her parents, who live in Dallas. Jasmine is their only child.

From the moment a croupy cough and virus unveiled the onset of type 1 diabetes, Jasmine has had to cope with a harsher reality than most of her peers.

Even so, she is hardly alone. Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in school-age children. About 176,500 people in the United States younger than 20 have diabetes. About 1 in every 400 to 600 has type 1 diabetes, which afflicts an additional 13,000 children every year, according to the most recent figures from the American Diabetes Association.

For children with diabetes, and for the mothers and fathers who care for them, it's never an easy road.

"It's a huge adjustment," says Anoma Amerasekera, 43, Jasmine's mom, who had to undergo a crash course in how to care for a diabetic child.

For a big part of coping with juvenile diabetes is simply grasping the fact that your child has it. Ms. Amerasekera was surprised, even astonished, by Jasmine's diagnosis, since no immediate family members had ever been diabetic.

On a night shortly before her third birthday, Jasmine's cough and cold were soon followed by lethargy, frequent urination and extreme thirst. Once she arrived at the hospital, tests showed she was severely dehydrated, with a soaring blood sugar level.

Amerasekera soon began giving her daughter a minimum of three injections a day and pricking her finger for blood as many as eight times a day, to check her blood sugar. That way, she could determine how much insulin she needed to inject.

And that, she says, was the easy part. The harder task was "the food part," forcing her to become a nutritional genie almost overnight, measuring every morsel of food her daughter consumed, to determine carbohydrate content and the necessary dosage of insulin.

She would inject her daughter in the arm, the buttocks and the thigh. She used two different types of insulin, one fast-acting, the other covering the whole day.

"Obviously, I didn't like giving the shots," says Ms. Amerasekera, "but you have to do it. You don't have a choice. She was obviously very upset.

All she knew was that these two people who loved her were giving her shots."

But the nutritional balancing act was far more vexing and time-consuming.

"It wasn't that she couldn't eat most things," her mother says. "It was that she had to eat certain amounts at certain times. You would give her a shot based on the amount you thought she'd be eating 20 minutes later. So, 20 minutes would come around and she might say, 'I'm not hungry.'"

"That didn't work, because you had already based the amount of insulin she needed on the food she was supposed to eat. You simply had no choice. She had to eat what was put in front of her. For a child so young, that was almost impossible to understand."

Shannon Penn, 35, of Wylie, now finds herself coping with the same routine. She's the mother of 21-month-old Samuel Penn, recently given a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes. Sam's father, Deck Penn, 33, knows the drill. He and his brother have been diabetic since childhood.

Although type 1 diabetes can strike anytime between infancy and age 30, "you don't typically hear of that many kids being diagnosed as young as Sam," says Ms. Penn, also the mother of 5-year-old Joseph, who does not have diabetes.

"It's been very difficult having it happen to a baby," says Ms. Penn. "You can't explain things to them. You can't explain to him why he's frustrated when he wants to eat something and he just can't have it right then



MCT photo/Vernon Bryant, Dallas Morning News  
Joseph Penn, 5, Shannon Penn, Deck Penn, and Samuel Penn, 20 months old, at their home in Wylie. Sam has diabetes.

and there."

Sam gets his first injection at breakfast. He then has a midmorning snack that requires his mom to carefully count carbohydrates and prick his finger for blood.

"If his blood sugar is high at lunch," she says, "I have to give him another shot."

She checks him again in the afternoon. He usually has three shots a day, unless his blood sugar is high at lunch; then he has four. He usually undergoes six to eight finger sticks a day to determine blood sugar.

It agonizes his mom to have to stick him that many times, but Sam, she says, has been surprisingly good.

Ms. Penn checks Sam at 11 p.m. and - this is the tough part - in the middle of the night. She and her husband alternate the 3 a.m. routine, which is never easy. Having to draw blood from a sleeping child is one thing, but Mom in particular finds it

hard to fall asleep once she's awake.

The Penns recently learned that they are expecting their third boy in March.

"My concern about the new baby would be the same as having my 5-year-old diagnosed with diabetes," says Ms. Penn, "because lots of things can happen to your kids. We're happy that this is manageable, and my husband having the disease makes it easier to know what to do."

Jasmine and her family know a nighttime routine well. In the middle of each night - 2:30 a.m. in their case - one parent awakens to check on Jasmine, pricking her finger to check her blood sugar. If her levels are low, they give her glucose tablets to raise it. If it's high, they give her insulin. And if all is fine, they go back to bed.

Jasmine is, however, vastly different from Sam

in one important respect. Life has been made so much easier by the insulin pump enclosed in a tiny pouch around her waist. It contains a miniature computer, into which she enters data, such as the carbohydrate content of the food she's about to eat and her most recent blood sugar reading.

For example, on a recent afternoon, she comes home from a round of tennis and wants a snack - an apple and peanut butter. She enters 25 grams into the 2-inch computer - 20 for the apple, 5 for the peanut butter, plus her blood-sugar reading of 89, taken from her finger moments before.

The computer automatically tells the pump how much insulin to inject, and voila! It's done. She changes the catheter that's inserted into her body every three days, but it's so much easier than having to give her

self an injection several times a day.

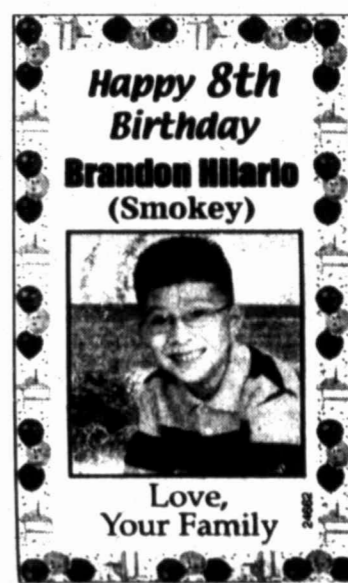
Ms. Amerasekera is a volunteer at Children's Medical Center Dallas, where she sees all types of people who find themselves confronted with the grim news that they, too, are suddenly the parents of a diabetic child.

"It's a huge challenge," she says, "and all parents of newly diagnosed children of type 1 diabetes find it extremely scary. They're overwhelmed and scared. The frustration comes later. But they all face the same challenges."

It helps when children have stay-at-home moms. For them, such a term is a cruel misnomer. Taking care of a child with diabetes is the equivalent of a full-time job.

Ms. Amerasekera has spent years educating teachers at her daughter's school about potential pitfalls, such as midday snacks. When it comes to such things as birthday parties, which usually mean ice cream and cake, her efforts at educating must, by necessity, also extend to other parents.

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## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



### Tasty turkey leftovers

It seems Thanksgiving always demands a big turkey. But then there is the problem of what to do with the leftovers. Say farewell to dull leftovers with these tasty, easy-to-make dishes for the weekend. Plus, crafting wooden buckets and raising dogs for the blind.

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# News briefs

### Racial hatred fueled attack, witness says

HOUSTON (AP) — A witness to a vicious attack on a Hispanic teen that authorities say was racially motivated said he didn't try to help because he feared for his own life.

Gus Sons, who is half Hispanic, said he could only watch as David Henry Tuck punched and kicked the victim, stripped off all his clothes, sodomized him with a plastic pipe and poured bleach all over him.

"He said, 'If you were white, you would be helping me,'" the 16-year-old Sons said of Tuck, whose trial began Tuesday and continues on Wednesday. Sons described Tuck as a "racist."

Tuck, 18, is charged with aggravated sexual assault in the attack on the victim, who spent more than three months in a hospital recovering from his injuries and is now doing better. If convicted, Tuck could face from five to 99 years or life in prison.

The other person authorities say participated in the attack, Keith Robert Turner, 17, is set to go to trial next month.

### Sunset Commission blames parole board for prison overcrowding

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prisons are overcrowded with thousands of unnecessary inmates because the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles hasn't followed its own parole guidelines for releasing prisoners, a state panel said Tuesday.

Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically reviews state agencies and recommends changes, told the parole board in a hearing in Austin that a lack of alcohol and drug treatment programs was another contributing factor to the overcrowding problem.

Texas has 153,000 prison beds but has had to lease another 1,500 prison beds from county jails to accom-

modate the number of inmates, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported in its online editions Tuesday.

"If you'd just followed your own guidelines, we wouldn't have a (prison) capacity problem right now," said state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Brad Livingston, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the agency is asking for money to pay for more rehabilitation and treatment programs.

### Death penalty sought in case of slain CPS worker

VICTORIA (AP) — The Victoria County district attorney said he will seek the death penalty for a man accused of killing a Child Protective Services administrator in March.

Jeffrey Frank Grimsinger, 24, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Tuesday on a charge of capital murder.

Grimsinger is accused of killing 53-year-old Sally Blackwell, who once dated Grimsinger's father. Blackwell's body was found March 15 in a South Texas field about five miles southeast of the city. Investigators said she was strangled.

Blackwell's death sparked concern for the safety of CPS workers around the state but apparently was unrelated to her work.

District Attorney Dexter Eaves said he considered factors such as the feelings of the victim's family in his decision to seek the death penalty.

### Dallas fans flock for ex-Cowboy Smith in 'Stars' finale

DALLAS (AP) — In a city that worships Cowboys football and style, Emmitt Smith has found a way to meld the pair.

Now his fans will find out if he can be a winner at both.

When the votes are announced Wednesday, Smith is hoping to add "Dancing with the Stars" champion to his Super Bowl rings and status as the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Doing so would make him the most successful token athlete on the ABC celebrity dance contest, surpassing the runner-up finish by NFL great Jerry Rice last season.

"I keep expecting him to mess up, but he's been amazing all season," said Kim Rock, a lifelong Dallas resident and Cowboys fan. "He's got showmanship. It's incredible."

Rock was among about 200 "Stars" fans who packed a theater at Dallas' Studio Movie Grill on Tuesday to watch the final competition, which pitted Smith and partner Cheryl Burke against actor Mario Lopez and Karina Smirnoff.

### Child rapist who videotaped acts sentenced to 24 years

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A man who was videotaped performing sex acts on an infant and instructing a 4-year-old boy to do the same has been sentenced to 24 years in prison.

Darryl Hinds, 37, had been sentenced to 14 years for aggravated sexual assault on a child and 10 years for promotion of child pornography.

On Monday, Judge Neil Caldwell approved prosecutors' motion to make the prison terms consecutive, and for 10 years of probation to begin afterward.

The defense attorney had opposed the motion, saying the jury's intent was for Hinds' sentences to be served at the same time.

The case came after a Texas City woman found the videotape in her kitchen cupboard in December. Hinds used to live in that apartment and had custody of the two children when the July 2005 acts happened.

The children are now in Child Protective Services' custody.

## Lawmaker questions decision to privatize some CPS operations

By LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Citing the death of a 16-month-old foster child, the state senator who spearheaded reforms to Texas' Child Protective Services agency questioned Tuesday the Legislature's decision to let private groups manage foster children's cases.

Sen. Jane Nelson said the Labor Day death of Christian

Nieto suggests the state should tread carefully as it prepares to give private entities responsibilities usually handled by state caseworkers.

"We're not privatizing the printing of telephone books here," said Nelson, a Republican from the Dallas suburb of Flower Mound who chairs the Senate's health and human services committee. "We're talking about children,

and we can't make mistakes." Christian died of head injuries in Corsicana after being placed in five different foster homes in seven months by Mesa Family Services, a private foster company that had been cited by the state for many safety violations, according to an investigation by The Dallas Morning News.

His foster mother has been charged with capital murder

but maintains her innocence and says he was already hurt when he arrived at her home five days before he died.

The state has revoked Mesa's license, and its foster homes are being supervised by another child placement agency, said Carey Cockerell, commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. He said the department is examining what it has done in

the past and what it could do in the future to prevent similar tragedies.

"I gotta tell you I've been thinking about what could I have done — is there anything that we could have put in the legislation that would have prevented this from happening," Nelson said at a committee hearing on the implementation of the reform law. "Did we err in allowing privatization?"

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# Democrats to press Bush advisers on leaving Iraq

**By ANNE FLAHERTY**  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — Emboldened by election gains and the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Democrats want to press a top Army general and other advisers to President Bush on beginning to pull troops out of Iraq.

Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, and David Satterfield, the State Department's senior adviser on Iraq, were scheduled to testify before the House and Senate Armed Services committees on Wednesday, followed by CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden and Defense Intelligence Agency Director Lt. Gen. Michael Maples.

"I would hope and expect that we're going to be given some indication at that hearing that they see the need to change direction," said Sen. Carl Levin, who will take control of the Senate Armed

Services Committee. "My displeasure with the president, he doesn't understand the urgency of this," incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid told *The Washington Post*. "It's all victory for him, but I don't know what that means anymore in Iraq. I do know what we are doing now doesn't work."

The hearings are the first since the Nov. 7 elections, when voters handed Democrats control of Congress in part because of their frustration over the lack of progress in Iraq. Just over a third of the public approves of President Bush's handling of the war, according to AP-Ipsos polling last month. About six in 10 think the U.S. military action in Iraq was a mistake.

The hearings also will be the first since Bush announced Nov. 8 that Rumsfeld would step down and Robert Gates, who led the CIA in the first Bush administration,

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— Sen. Harry Reid

would be nominated to replace him.

An AP-Ipsos poll released Tuesday found that people consider Iraq the top priority for Congress over the next two years. But a majority of people, 57 percent, say the Democrats in Congress have no plan for Iraq — highlighting the sense of frustration over the war that was started more than three-and-a-half years ago.

While Republicans will still control the committee gavels, Wednesday's hearings are likely to offer a first look into how Democrats will approach the issue of Iraq next year. They also may indicate whether some

Republicans will break ranks with the president and support a timetable in Iraq, as many Democrats have predicted.

Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and John McCain, R-Ariz. — two possible presidential candidates — are members of the Senate committee and will likely use the hearing as a forum to express their opinions on Iraq. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., chairman of the House panel, has begun his own presidential run.

Levin, D-Mich., this week said he spoke with a "key Republican" and several others who have expressed a willingness to change U.S. policy in

Iraq. He declined to name them.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said in October after returning from a trip to Iraq that he thought the war was "drifting sideways" and that the administration and Congress may need to rethink their options.

Warner, who opposes setting a date to begin pulling troops out of Iraq, said this week he won't initiate a major change in course right away. He said he wants first to see recommendations from a bipartisan panel led by Republican James Baker III and Democrat Lee Hamilton, as well as an internal assessment under way at the Pentagon.

Baker and Hamilton are expected to unveil their report after Thanksgiving, although it

is unclear whether they will recommend how long U.S. troops should stay in Iraq.

"I think they'll probably be deferring a lot to commanders on the ground on how to do that," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Dodd, along with several other senators, spoke in recent days with members of Baker's group.

"I think they may talk about timeframes but leaving the details to the people on the ground who have to make those decisions," said Dodd, D-Conn.

Levin said he hoped Abizaid and other uniformed generals will be more willing to discuss drastic changes to Iraq policy, including a draw-down of U.S. troops, now that the elections are over.

## LAPD officers cleared in taped pepper spraying

**By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ**  
Associated Press Writer  
LOS ANGELES — A district attorney's investigation has cleared police officers of wrongdoing in a videotaped incident in which a transient in handcuffs was apparently pepper-sprayed in a police car, police Chief William Bratton said Tuesday.

The February 2005 incident came to light this week when the videotape, shot by a citizen, was released by the man's attorney.

The tape of Benjamin Barker's arrest surfaced on the heels of an 18-second video showing a Los Angeles officer repeatedly punching a suspect in the face while another officer tried to handcuff the man during a struggle on a Hollywood street on Aug. 11.

At a news conference, Bratton cited a Nov. 15, 2005, decision by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office in which prosecutors declined to file any charges against officers in the arrest of Barker, who had been in

a scuffle with a Venice Beach merchant.

The officers were identified as David Guiterman, Victor Eguez and Peggy Thusing. Guiterman, seen in the video using pepper spray, left the department last year for reasons unrelated to the arrest, but remains in law enforcement, police said.

"Examination of the videotape clearly shows (the officers) did not use excessive force on Benjamin Barker, nor did they assault him under color of authority," Bratton said, quoting the decision. "The officers showed remarkable restraint and demonstrated professional courtesy to Barker despite his belligerent ... behavior."

The tape shows Guiterman take pepper spray out of a holster, then raise it toward Barker's face, but the actual spraying is obscured by shadows.

The report found that officers arrested Barker after the merchant reported that Barker had hit him and customers.

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## IN BRIEF

**Class 4A, Big Spring playoff tickets**  
Hereford (9-1) vs Spring (3-7), 2 Saturday, Lubbock Lowrey Field. Tickets are now sold at the Athletic Training Center. They are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults or they may be purchased at Lowrey Field.

## Powder Puff football fund raiser slated

The Powder Puff Football Game will be played this Thursday, 7 p.m. Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for adults. Freshmen will face against the sophomores in the 11:00 a.m. class, followed by Junior vs. Senior in the 1:00 p.m. Championship Game. The fund raiser is sponsored by the JHS class. All Steer fans, parents of BSISD students are asked to come and support the Spring High School fund raiser.

## Big Spring junior basketball updates

The 8th grade team lost to Stanton 25-14. Top scorer for girls was Jillian with seven points. The 7th grade team defeated Stanton 26-14. The top scorer Bridgette Tuitt with 12 points, and the rebounder was with six.

## Howard Hawks basketball program

Howard College offering a basketball program for girls first through eighth grades. The program is scheduled to start on the first 2006 season pass to all games, a T-shirt, courtside pizza with the Hawks. Date of the election Nov. 18, at Dorothy Coliseum. For registration information, contact Coach Earl Didd 264-5043 or as coach Eric Rodev 264-5043.

## Howard Hawks mens basketball

The Howard Hawks basketball team continuing winning ways Monday night with a victory over Lubbock Christian University's JV team a score of 112-66 Dorothy Coliseum. The Hawks are defeating opponents an average of 35 per game. The Hawks trailed 31-30 with remaining in the half before Matt Loftis connected short jumper to Hawks a lead Howard would relinquish. Howard exploded 36-8 run that pushed Hawks lead to 35-35-50. The Hawks were in scoring by more center Akpan with 23 points. Howard will meet Con College this Friday at the Dorothy Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.



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#### Class 4A, Big Spring playoff tickets

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All Steer fans, and parents of BSISD students are asked to come out and support the Big Spring High School fund raiser.

#### Big Spring junior high basketball update

The 8th grade black team lost to Stanton, 28-25.

Top scorer for the girls was Jillian Valle with seven points.

The 7th grade black team defeated Stanton, 28-14.

The top scorer was Bridgette Tuitt with 17 points, and the top rebounder was Tuitt with six.

#### Howard Hawks start Basketball Program

Howard College is offering a basketball program for girls in the first through sixth grades.

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 Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For registration information, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 264-5043.

#### Howard Hawks mens basketball

The Howard basketball team continued its winning ways Monday night with a victory over Lubbock Christian University's JV team by a score of 112-66 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks are 5-0, defeating opponents by an average of 35 points per game.

The Hawks actually trailed 31-30 with 5:55 remaining in the first half before Marques Loftis connected on a short jumper to give the Hawks a lead that Howard would never relinquish.

Howard exploded on a 36-8 run that pushed the Hawks lead to 35 points, 35-50.

The Hawks were led in scoring by sophomore center Benson Akpan with 23 points.

Howard will host Mesa Community College this Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

# Retirement will have to wait

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Riding off into the sunset with a state championship trophy is the way to go for a high school coach, and that scenario was on Coach Randy Britton's mind after his boys' cross country team won the class 4A state title this past weekend.

He will tell you that before the season began his intention was to announce his retirement. However, the last four months have caused him to change his mind.

Britton has been a fixture in Big Spring as cross country coach for 30 years, and on Saturday, he achieved something that had eluded his illustrious career, a team state championship. Over the past few days egression has once again entered his thoughts.

"If I was smart I would probably retire while I'm on top," Britton acknowledged. "I love coaching and I love the workouts. Right now my plan is to stay for at least one more year and see these kids try to repeat as state champs. We have a great nucleus and it would be crazy for me to walk away right now. This is a hard work sport, but if we can get a couple more runners to join the program, we have a shot at another state championship."

Under the guidance of Britton, BSHS had a stretch of qualifying for the regional meet in 14 of 15

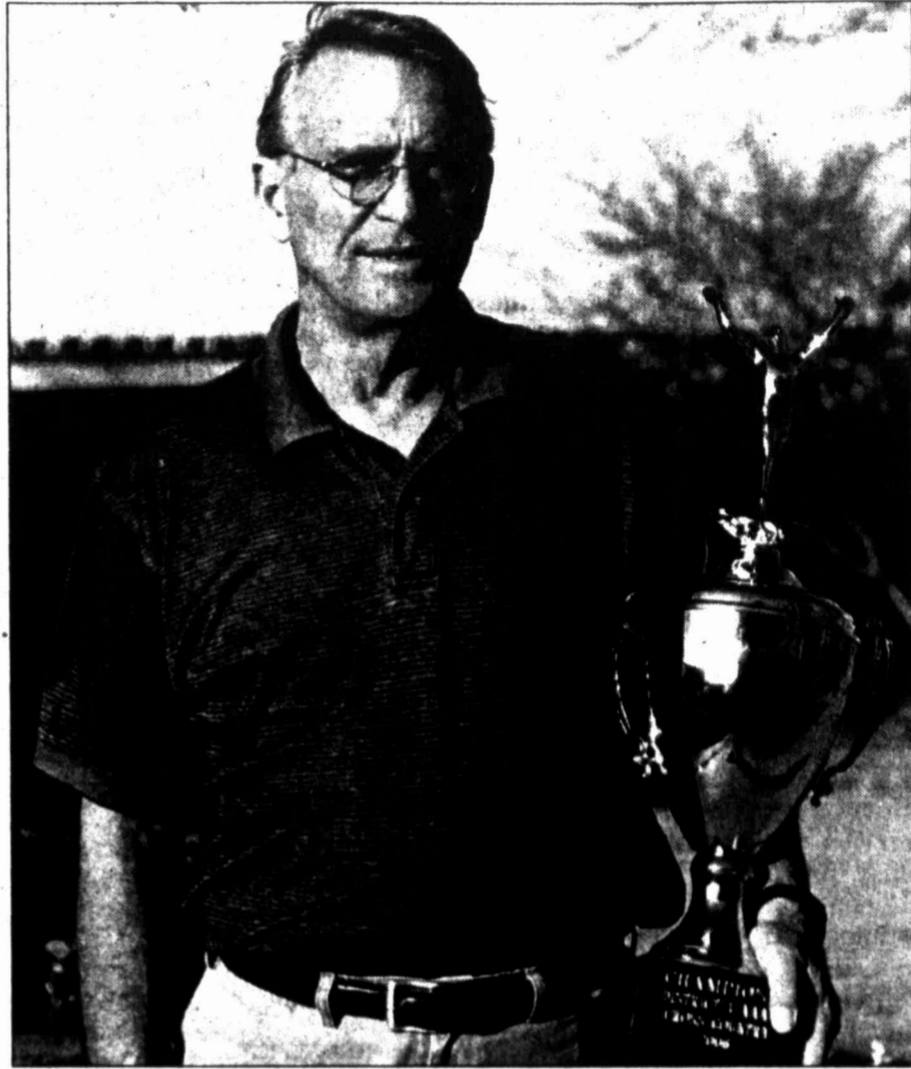
years during the 1980s and 1990s. He may not be able to recall the year that streak began, but he can tell you that the one season they failed to make the postseason was in 1991.

In 1996, Britton was offered an opportunity to leave Big Spring for a more high profile coaching position, but a young and extremely gifted athlete named Tory Mitchell caused him pause, and ultimately influenced his decision.

"I stayed because of that guy right there," Britton said, as he pointed to a plaque that read Tory Mitchell. "Well ... it was more than just Tory. We were coming off the 1995 regional track championship and we really should have won the state championship that year. The other thing is that here at Big Spring they let me coach my way."

That style of coaching has impressive results. Mitchell defended his individual state titles in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, the first time that had been done in more than 30 years

"I've been blessed with a lot of good athletes and everyone of them has helped me become the coach I am today," Britton explained. "I'm not taking anything away from these seven runners that just executed a dominant race, but this team championship means something



Coach Randy Britton poses with the district championship trophy the cross country team won Saturday in Round Rock.

for every kid that has ever come through this track program and allowed me to coach them. If I could, I would like to share this team title with everyone who has ever run track for me. "It has sure been a fun run for me."

## Mavs win; Dampier plays big

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Every so often, Erick Dampier reminds the Dallas Mavericks why they gave him a \$73 million contract.

Rather than lament how seldom it happens, they've learned to savor when it does — such as Tuesday night, when his 14 points, 13 rebounds and high energy helped the Mavs beat the Chicago Bulls 111-99 for their first home victory of the season.

Going against defensive player of the year Ben Wallace, Dampier set season highs for points and rebounds. He made 7-of-8 shots, with five dunks, and blocked three shots. He even had his second assist of the season, which came on one of the many early plays that let his teammates know this was one of Dampier's nights to shine.

"When he's filling the lane and he's into the game, we're tough to

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Dallas Mavericks' Jerry Stackhouse drives inside during the first quarter at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Tuesday. Dallas defeated the Bulls 111-99.

## Spurs ground Rockets; bench saves the game in 92-84 conference win

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — San Antonio's reserves bailed out the stars on Tuesday night and sparked a comeback victory over the Houston Rockets.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 15 rebounds, but the game began to turn when he was on the bench and the Spurs rallied from 19 points down to win 92-84.

Gregg Popovich benched Tony Parker along with Duncan and the rest of the starters after Houston built a 74-55 lead in the third quarter.

With the two All-Stars out, the Spurs mounted a 20-1 spurt, holding Houston without a field goal for eight minutes. Beno Udrih sank two 3-pointers and turned a steal into a breakaway layup to cut the Rockets' lead to 75-71 heading to the fourth.

"Our bench did one heck of a job to get us back in it," Duncan said. "Pop took us out

because we were turning the ball over and not making shots. But our bench came in and they were the difference."

Francisco Elson had 12, Udrih added 11 and Robert Horry had 10 off the bench to propel the Spurs to their seventh straight win over the Rockets.

Reserves Michael Finley and Horry scored early in the fourth to cap the run and tie the game.

"Robert and Francisco and Beno, off the bench, were the reasons we ended up with this victory," Popovich said.

Shane Battier's 3-pointer with 8:56 left ended Houston's field-goal drought and put the Rockets up 78-75. But three minutes later, Manu Ginobili made a 3-pointer from the wing to put the Spurs up 82-79, their first lead of the second half.

At that point, the Rockets were on the verge of collapsing after

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## Knight upset with media questions

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Bob Knight was in no mood to elaborate on his most recent incident with one of his players.

He grew irritated Tuesday night at reporters who questioned him after Texas Tech's 93-59 win over Arkansas-Little Rock about how he forcefully lifted up the player's chin on the sideline the previous night.

"I have said nothing publicly about it nor do I intend to, and that is the attention that it deserves," Knight said. "Now does anybody else have a question about basketball? This is a press conference for a basket-

ball game."

One reporter persisted, pointing out that the incident involved his team which makes it about basketball.

"No, not to me it doesn't," Knight said. "I've already answered it, and that's it."

During the game, the volatile coach poked fun at himself, passing along a couple of love taps — these clearly in jest — to Darryl Dora and Michael Prince, the player who Knight confronted Monday night.

"All you've got to do is watch me coach any game and you see my coaching style," Knight said.

Knight patted Dora on the back of the head and

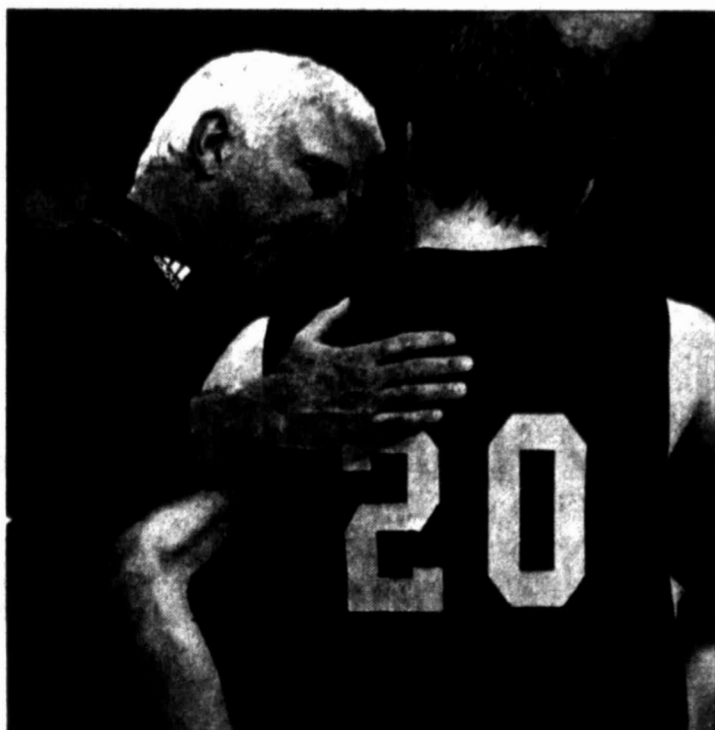
gave him two light swats on the behind as the senior jogged from the bench to the foul line late in the first half. The crowd roared its approval and Dora made both free throws.

Near the end of the game, Knight also gave Prince a gentle pat on the behind. Fans responded with light applause.

Knight, who's won 872 games in his 41 years coaching, is five wins shy of passing Adolph Rupp for second place on the men's Division I coaching list. Dean Smith ranks No. 1 with 879 wins.

Knight's players were quick to jump to his

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Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight, left, talks with Tech player Alan Vookull late in the game against Texas, earlier this year at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

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# Houston shows maturity in close road win

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer  
**HOUSTON** — The Houston Texans are finally growing up. It was easy to see the transformation on Sunday in their 13-10 win over the Jaguars. Coach Gary Kubiak doesn't like to use the phrase "turning the corner," but the young Texans may have done just that against Jacksonville. Yes, they beat the Jaguars earlier this season, and that one was good, but this one was dif-

ferent. The Texans hadn't won on the road since the day after Christmas in 2004, also at Jacksonville. In between the two wins, Houston lost an NFL-high 12 straight road games. The rookie-laden team had played well at home at times but until recently had seemed lost away from Houston. Not Sunday. They took advantage of opportunities, intercepting David Garrard four times. And overcame adversity, holding on despite injuries that knocked out quarterback

David Carr and a bevy of others. They also played turnover-free on the road for the first time this season. When the game was on the line, they showed the kind of maturity that Kubiak had dreamt about all season. Facing fourth-and-inches with a rookie backup right tackle, and needing a first down to seal the victory, the Texans came through. It was a stark contrast to last week, when Houston was driving for the go-ahead score against the Giants before fullback

Jameel Cook fumbled. Kubiak said he felt "the vibes of the team" and knew they could handle it this week. "It makes you feel good about the football team and knowing that they wanted that opportunity to end the game right there," Kubiak said. "Where that leads I don't know. It's week to week in this league, and that was a very positive ending and there's nothing like ending a game in this league on the field offensively when you're putting the game away."

While the offense made the play that secured the win, the defense played perhaps its best game. The Texans had just two interceptions all season before grabbing four Sunday. Houston also persevered despite bumps in the road. The Jaguars scored a touchdown with 4:32 left to get within 13-10, and the Texans had to punt it right back after a bad offensive series. Yet the defense wasn't deterred and didn't allow a first down, which let Houston keep control of

the game. "The biggest thing I see from this group is when something bad happens in a game right now, our football team doesn't linger point," Kubiak explained. "It happens, we go play the next play, then we play the next series and I think that is where we are really improving. We're learning to play football for 60 minutes. I think that's a sign of our players getting a little bit more mature and I think playing a little bit better together."

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beat," said guard Devin Harris, who made an acrobatic move to set up one of Dampier's rim-shaking dunks. "It makes everything so much easier when he's into it like that." Dallas was 7-0 when Dampier had a double-double last season and is 35-7 when he scores at least 10 points. It's a terrific .833 winning percentage, but a lousy percentage of times that it has happened (.284, or 42 of 148). "I need to see that about 85 more times this season," said Mavs coach Avery Johnson, who lobbied owner Mark Cuban to acquire Dampier two years ago. Dampier's explanation for what got

into him? "I know I have to make the most of every opportunity I get," he said. "I just go out and play to the best of my abilities." Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 10 rebounds as Dallas won its third straight following an 0-4 start. Two of those early losses were at home and the Mavs came out intent on avoiding a rare three-game home losing streak. Dampier had the game's first two rebounds, one on each end of the court, then after helping prevent a layup got another offensive rebound and passed to Nowitzki for a jumper. His first dunk made it 15-5. Chicago briefly went ahead in the second quarter, but never got closer than 70-67 in the second half. A nearly 4-minute scoring drought in the fourth quarter doomed the Bulls' comeback

hopes. "We made it close a few times, but it felt like they were toying with us," Chicago coach Scott Skiles said. "They were quicker all over the floor." Kirk Hinrich scored 25 points and Luol Deng added 24 for the Bulls, who were opening a seven-game road trip and breaking in a new starting lineup. Chris Duhon and Andres Nocioni joined the first five, with Ben Gordon and P.J. Brown going to the bench. Gordon, who had been 2-of-18 his last two games, was 6-of-18 for 17 points. Wallace, coming off an 18-rebound game, had only eight and six points. Nocioni scored 11, while Duhon had two on 1-of-6 shooting. "We just couldn't stop them," Hinrich said. "There was always something that kept us from getting back in the game." Nowitzki was 10-of-19 and made all 10

of his foul shots. He also had 10 rebounds, and seemed to have extra vigor after an early stuff by Deng that knocked Nowitzki to the ground. He came back with a jumper in the lane punctuated by a Michael Jordanesque tongue wag, then a dunk with an emphatic scowl. Nowitzki also went down hard in an early third-quarter collision with Wallace, but neither seemed too shaken up by it. Nowitzki also was hit with a technical foul with 3:37 to play after disagreeing with consecutive calls. Jerry Stackhouse added 21 for Dallas, which has beaten Chicago in 16 of the last 17 meetings. Jason Terry scored 17 and Harris had nine. DeSagana Diop, now Dampier's backup, blocked five shots in 11 minutes, including two on one possession in the final minute of the first half.

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a promising start. They shot 51 percent in the first half, then missed 13 consecutive shots after Rafer Alston's 3-pointer put them up by 19 with 4:57 left in the third. The Rockets missed 11 of their first 12 shots in the final quarter and San Antonio surged to an 86-79 lead on baskets by Duncan and Ginobili. Duncan ripped the ball away from Yao Ming at one end, then hit a decisive fadeaway jumper at the other to put the Spurs up 90-83 with 2:38 remaining. He also blocked three shots and put on what Popovich considered one of his best defensive performances ever. Tracy McGrady scored

26 for the Rockets, but he had only five in the second half. Houston went 2-for-17 in the fourth quarter and was outscored 21-9. "We stopped fighting," McGrady said. "When you've got a team down like that, you got to that point, you have to continue to execute and provided that kind of energy, because they're too good." The Rockets made several off-season moves and are hoping to contend for the Western Conference crown. McGrady conceded that Tuesday's game shows how far Houston still has to go. "In order for us to be at that level that San Antonio's at, we've got to learn how to close these types of games out," McGrady said. "Until we learn how to do that, we're going to be good,

but we're not going to be San Antonio. Hopefully, we learn from this." Ginobili scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half for the Spurs, who've won their opening four road games for the first time in franchise history. The Rockets finished 32-of-84 (38 percent) from the field and were outrebounded 51-36. McGrady seemed poised for a big night at the start, scoring 14 points in the first quarter. He came in shooting only 38.6 percent from the field, but made six of his first nine shots against San Antonio, including a pair of 3-pointers. McGrady rested on the bench as the second quarter began and the Spurs turned a 27-21 deficit into a 32-31 lead. McGrady returned with 6:40 left in the half and

the Rockets retook the lead. Houston finished the first half with a 7-0 run, sparked by Dikembe Mutombo. The 40-year-old Mutombo replaced Yao with 1:42 left before the break, blocked a shot by Duncan and tipped in a miss by Luther Head to give Houston a 53-43 lead. McGrady drilled another 3-pointer and pumped his first just before the halftime buzzer to put Houston up by 13. He finished the half with 21 points, six rebounds and two assists. "He looked like the usual Spur killer of all time out there," Popovich said of McGrady. Yao had only 10 points at the break, then scored eight in the third quarter as the Rockets' lead bulged to 19.

## KNIGHT

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defense. "You know, I don't think he did anything wrong," said Jarriss Jackson, who scored 21 points Tuesday. "He's just being coach, really. And I think any other coach in America can do that, too." Jackson said he didn't even know about the incident with Prince until he got home Monday night and saw it on TV. "That's his demeanor," Jackson said. "He just demands a lot from

us." Tech (3-0) never trailed and beat the Trojans (2-1) in the regional final of the College Basketball Experience Classic. The Red Raiders advanced to play No. 16 Marquette in Monday's semifinal at Kansas City. Lekheythan Malone and Rash Jones-Jennings each scored 10 points for the Trojans. Jones-Jennings grabbed 11 rebounds. Late during Tech's 86-74 win over Gardner-Webb on Monday night, Knight used his hand to push up the sophomore's chin during a timeout so that Prince would look

the coach in the eye. Prince, his mother and school officials say what Knight did was no big deal. Despite the added hoopla surrounding the game, Trojans' coach Steve Shields didn't think it was a distraction to his team. "I didn't think that was the case," he said. "I felt like we got good looks early and executed our offense early." Texas Tech closed the first half with a 20-2 run for a 52-24 lead. The Red Raiders finished 12-for-18 on 3-pointers and held the Trojans to 21-for-58 shooting. Eight players hit 3s for Tech.

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YOU MEAN YOU'RE THE MOST QUALIFIED??

NO... HE'S WILLING TO WORK THE CHEAPEST

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I USED TO BE A PSYCHOLOGIST

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BECOME AN ARTIST?

MY PATIENTS STARTED BUYING MY INK BLOTS

**BC**

EVERYBODY HATES ME.

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I CERTAINLY HOPE I NEVER GET HIM ON THE SUICIDE HOTLINE.

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**AGNES**

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WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?

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IT'S HARD TO NAP WHEN FUN'S GOING ON

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HE DIED YEARS AGO.

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PASSED ON EXTINCT.

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WHAR IS SHE ?

UP AT TH' GOSSIP FENCE-- I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY T'GIT OUT THAR FER OVER A WEEK !!

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WHAT DID YOU WANT, SIR?

UH... I FORGOT

SOMETHING INTERRUPTED MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT

THE TROUBLE IS, HIS TRAIN OF THOUGHT IS A CHOO-CHOO

**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2006. There are 46 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
Two hundred years ago, on Nov. 15, 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as "Pikes Peak" in present-day Colorado.

**On this date:**  
In 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor to the Constitution of the United States.  
In 1889, Brazil's monarchy was overthrown.  
In 1939, President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington.  
In 1948, William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent.  
In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.  
In 1969, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.  
In 1979, the British government publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" of a Soviet spy ring that included Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby.  
In 1985, Britain and Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.  
In 1986, a government tribunal in Nicaragua convicted American Eugene Hasenfus of charges related to his role in delivering arms to Contra rebels, and sentenced him to 30 years in prison. (Hasenfus was pardoned a month later.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Judge Joseph Wapner is 87. Statesman Howard H. Baker Jr. is 81. Actor Ed Asner is 77. Actor John Kerr is 75. Singer Petula Clark is 74.

Comedian Jack Burns is 73. Actress Joanna Barnes is 72. Actor Sam Waterston is 66. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 61. Actor Bob Gunton is 61. Director-actor James Widdoes is 53. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 52. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 52. CNN newsmen John Roberts is 50. "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 49. Rapper E-40 is 39. Actress Rachel True is 37. Country singer Jack Ingram is 36. Actor Jonny Lee Miller is 34. Christian rock musician David Carr (Third Day) is 32. Rock singer-musician Chad Kroeger is 32. Actress Virginie Ledoyen is 30.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Porkers' pads
- 6 Colombian city
- 10 Seemingly endless
- 14 Heart line
- 15 Well versed in
- 16 Oceanic predator
- 17 "Poison" shrub
- 18 Ernie's Muppet pal
- 19 "The heat \_\_\_"
- 20 AM station format
- 22 Faucet word
- 23 Long, long time
- 24 In vogue
- 26 Built to last
- 30 Nosy sort
- 32 Subtle glow
- 33 Choir member
- 35 Stew cooker
- 39 Lose it
- 40 Web-footed birds
- 42 "\_\_\_ Old Cowhand"
- 43 Chips dip
- 45 Harness-race pace
- 46 Mane location
- 47 Wipe clean
- 49 Menu choice
- 51 Catches on to
- 54 Daisy \_\_\_ (Abner's love)
- 55 Reduced by
- 56 Prohibition-era saloon
- 62 Italian wine
- 63 Pipe bends
- 64 Go limp

**DOWN**

- 1 Airline to Stockholm
- 2 Talk up
- 3 \_\_\_ la Douce
- 4 List-ending abbr.
- 5 Threw for a loss
- 6 From Havana
- 7 Made like
- 8 Actress Petty
- 9 Completely
- 10 High-tech ID
- 11 Property crime
- 12 Chew out
- 13 Driving Miss Daisy
- 14 Oscar winner
- 21 Fit for a queen
- 25 Flier of myth
- 26 Give lip to
- 27 Melt ingredient
- 28 Caspian Sea feeder
- 29 Informal chat
- 30 Keep for later
- 31 Banned activity
- 34 A whole bunch
- 36 Persian poet
- 37 Magician's garb
- 38 Patella's place
- 41 Barbecued food
- 44 Dada artist
- 48 Size up
- 50 Tease
- 51 Sugary coating
- 52 Put back to 000
- 53 Prefix for physics
- 54 Trowel welder
- 57 Whodunit's essence
- 58 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 59 Dry as dust
- 60 Bird call
- 61 Farm-team coupler
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Venus and Jupiter cozy up to one another on the Scorpio-Sagittarius cusp, emanating abundant love and luck with their cosmic embrace. Our desire comes on strong, and we are overwhelmed with both the fantasy and the reality of getting what we want. It's a rare day — the lines between those two states are deliciously blurred.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're in a forgiving mood, even toward repeat offenders. Your benevolence stems from the fact that fabulous things are

happening for you — you couldn't care less about a little mishap here and there.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Just as the proof of the pudding is in the eating, the proof of your love is in the doing. And doing. And doing. Now, you're doing so much in the name of love that selfishness is a distant, fond memory.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). For every view you have, there's an opposing view. That you've met your match is not enough reason to fight, though. Even if you win, it's a Pyrrhic victory. The best thing to do is believe what you want and let others do the same.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll get your chance to put it on the line today. You'll likely attract a

solid offer. But if, perchance, there are no takers, move on with dignity. By week's end you'll still be in a much-improved situation.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Old-fashioned values and manners are seriously underrated by most people, but not you. Your attention to social rules will be noted by truly classy people. Your name is added to an "A" list of sorts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're sensitive to subtle energy shifts, which will help you navigate family complications. You could very well be the one who makes everyone get along. The peaceful tone you set is infectious.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Think before spending, and ignore pressure that

salesmen or spouses put on you. (The pressure goes away, but debt will linger on.) On a personal note, you're extremely compatible with Aquarius people now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You wonder: What good is patience? While one person stands quietly by, enduring the wait, the squeaky wheel is getting greased. So you become the squeaky wheel tonight, and your needs are fulfilled.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It doesn't feel as though life is dancing to your groove. Empower yourself by asking probing questions. Are you rushing? Are you stalling? What can you do to get back to your groovy self?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not one big thing, but a million little

things that indicate you're all right. You're content with what you are, who you are and what you're doing now. If this isn't heaven, what is?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The two routes to happiness show up in a clear way. You can either get more of what you need to be happy, or you can lower your number of needs and be happy with what you have.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There was a time when you felt rested. Purified. Your mind was as peaceful as a stretch of glorious white beach. This is not that time. But if you can recall it for just a little while, it helps you through the hectic day.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Dynamic Daisy Fuentes smartly utilizes her Scorpio beauty and brains

to simultaneously further a career as an actress, hostess, model and clothing designer. Fuentes' lofty ambitions prove to girls throughout the world that doing as much as you can, whenever you can, is the best option. Her relationship with Brit Matt Goss intensifies this upcoming year as they enter into an engagement.

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# Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have a longtime problem with my mother. She grew up very poor, in a large family, and there was some abuse. I think it hardened her. Mom has always been very critical of others, clearly favored my brother over me and favors her oldest grandson (my son).

Mom is not overly warm or communicative. We never had talks about drugs or sex, and family conflicts were not discussed. Everyone just stopped talking to each other. One time, my father did not speak to me for six months.

My parents paid for my college education and gave my husband and me a substantial amount of money for a house and land next door to them. But Mom is difficult. She became angry with us for putting in a pond. (We think she was the one who put large rocks in the pipe.) We've caught her in lies that make trouble for

us. She makes nasty comments to our neighbors about us. And most recently, she has been making horrid remarks about us to our three children, which often drives a wedge between all of us.

Because of this, I confronted my mother for the first time ever and told her to stop. Now she and my father are not speaking to me. (It's been two months). They are the type to hold grudges. Was I wrong? Should I have

continued to ignore the comments because of all they've done for me financially? — Angry Daughter

Dear Angry: You are not wrong to stand up for yourself, but you must realize that accepting land and money gives your parents the impression that they have some say over your affairs. In order to protect your family, you must be willing to let your parents stop speaking to you. Either they'll come around or they won't, but your children need to see you being strong. And stop accepting major gifts from your parents. There are too many strings attached.

Dear Annie: A few years ago, I was diagnosed with a severe progressive case of fibromyalgia. My husband retired two years ago, but I still work full time.

My husband and I had an arrangement where I would work and he would keep house, since he made me fire my maid

who came in every two weeks. Recently, I have been coming home from work and finding no housework done, no dishes washed, no laundry cleaned, etc.

Annie, we are pretty well off, which is why we can afford this arrangement, but I don't have the strength or energy to come home after eight hours on my feet and clean up and go to the grocery store. My husband is breaking our deal, and I am increasingly exhausted. Am I making too much of this, or should he get back on the program? — Tired, Sore, Worn Out and Still Working

Dear Tired: Well, yes, of course he should be doing more, but he won't. So tell him you are re-hiring the maid to come as often as you can afford. If he doesn't like it, he should remove his gluteus maximus from the sofa and pitch in.

Dear Annie: What is the appropriate tip for hair-

stylists now? My hairstylist is raising his prices again, and although I love the way he does my hair, it's getting harder and harder to keep adding 15 percent. By the way, he owns the shop and rents space to other hairdressers. He is so good I guess his other clients just keep paying no matter what he charges. — A Loyal Patron of an Expensive Hairdresser in Santa Fe

Dear Santa Fe: Tell the stylist that you love the way he does your hair, but unfortunately, the price hike means you cannot afford an additional 15-20 percent tip. He may tell you that a gratuity is

not necessary since he is the owner, and he may want to keep a good client. You have nothing to lose by speaking up.

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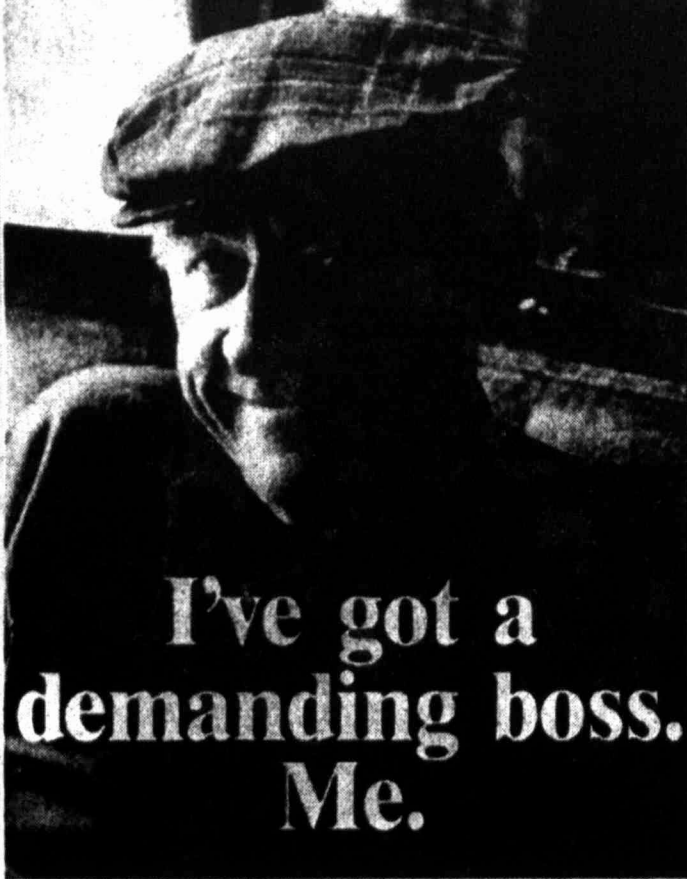


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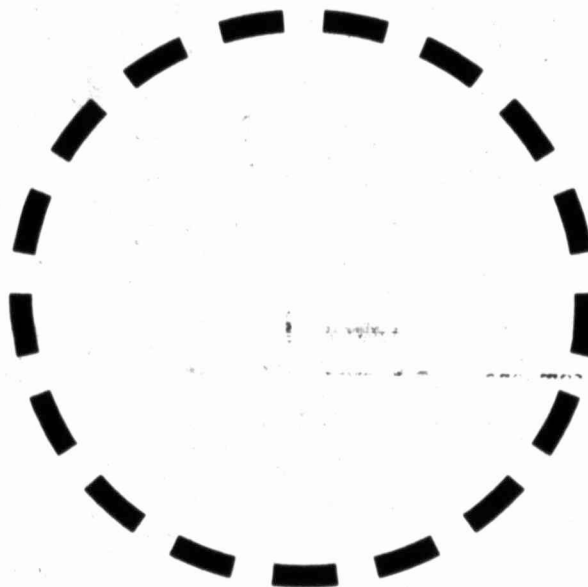
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- The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
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**2006 Christmas Parade Entry Form**

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**Ja**  
What's next? Prisoners be housed elsewhere  
By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer  
With regards to the Howard County prisoners officially from "what now" "what next" morning.  
An emergency meeting early today, prisoners met with Dale Walker and officials to discuss to do in the face jail's impending closure. While very specifics were upon at the meeting consensus was reached - whatever decision is found to be the best, it will be expedient.  
Although Judge-elect Mark was quick to point out that final closure have not been resolved from state officials.  
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**Effort**  
By BILL MCCLELL News Editor  
Proponents of a recall the mayor Spring City County have 30 days to gather necessary signatures.  
Charging that "circumvented that majority of electors a law banning smoking places last month students Shannon T Robert "Steve" C an affidavit with  
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By THOMAS JENK Staff Writer  
The board of directors for the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to increase dues Wednesday afternoon, part of an effort for the local organization to cover its administrative costs.  
Debbie V.

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