

Local Roundup

More mild weather

Remainder of the Thanksgiving weekend will be mild, but windy. Mostly clear skies, southwest wind, 5-15 mph, and a low 35 to 40 degrees are forecast for Friday night while Saturday will be sunny, breezy and warm, with a high 75 to 80 degrees and a southwest wind, 15-25 mph. Remainder of the weekend will be mild with lows near 40 degrees and highs around 70 degrees.

News Digest

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Under pressure from Serbia, the Bosnian Serbs have grudgingly accepted the U.S.-mediated Bosnian settlement.

WASHINGTON - Heading into the climax of this year's budget drama, Republican leaders and the Clinton administration are both looking to avoid a repeat of the 1990 budget summit that featured too many people, too many leaks and, finally, too many taxes.

WASHINGTON - Enough young Americans - one of every 92 young men and one of every 33 young black men - have the AIDS virus that it threatens to become a deadly "rite of passage" in this country, a scientist says.

NANTERRE, France - France's first U.S.-style high-tech college has become a rallying cry for angry students at other government schools that they say are run down, crowded and out of step with the job market.

TAMPA, Fla. - Charles Brown stopped hawking T-shirts to teach chess to inner-city kids more familiar with bullets than bishops. Now he is stunning the amateur chess world as his kids win local, regional and national prizes.

UNDATED - U.S. Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros spent part of his Thanksgiving Day in an apron trying to feed senior citizens and the homeless as Texans spent the holiday in widely differing ways.

DALLAS - Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg calls them "Danas" in a song. One young man says they attract women. A cop in Los Angeles calls them "death rims." Police departments across the country are reporting that people are being killed by thieves who were after their custom car wheels, which are often spoked and made of chrome or plated with gold. They can cost \$4,500 a set. "It's an increasing problem," said Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer. "And it's senseless."

WASHINGTON - Two years after the North America Free Trade Agreement was ratified amid much political fury, some of its critics remain determined to pull the United States out of the continental trade pact.

BUDGET

year's talks will be held. But both sides are leaning toward the Capitol, which offers ample space, privacy and convenience when votes occur in the House and Senate.

The negotiations themselves seem likely to begin Tuesday or Wednesday, though preliminary talks about logistics may occur Monday.

Republican leaders are talking about small bargaining teams, with four for each side being the most frequently used figure. Democrats say they may want more than that. Other lawmakers, such as committee chairmen, would be involved in subgroups to work out details of particular programs.

"Small is always better than large with politicians, who have a lot of opinions," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

Kasich, House Majority Leader

Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services reports for Wednesday and Thursday, collected every 24 hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

Thursday

A 49-year-old male was arrested for assault/domestic violence.

A report was filed in the 800 block of Blevins of deadly conduct, where someone fired two gunshots while out in the street. No injuries were reported.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 200 block of Beach.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Avenue H.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.

Officers issued four citations.

Wednesday

A 27-year-old male was arrested for no liability insurance.

A 49-year-old male was arrested for failure to identify to a police officer and disorderly conduct.

A 40-year-old female was arrested for public intoxication.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Bradley, where a vehicle was damaged.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of Avenue E.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of South Schley.

A report was filed in the 200 block of North Lee of a person cutting his arm on broken window glass.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue.

Officers issued nine citations.

There was one traffic accident reported.

EMS

Wednesday, Thursday

Ambulances ran on five medical runs, one fire stand-by and one transfer to Amarillo.

Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., are likeliest to lead the GOP negotiators. On the Democratic side, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, Rep. Martin Sabo of Minnesota and Sen. James Exon of Nebraska seem destined for the team as the ranking Democrats on the House and Senate budget panels.

Republicans say Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., would not join the talks unless President Clinton did.

Those three, of course, will have the final word on approving a deal.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the final scorekeeper of the tax and spending changes that emerge from the negotiations, has started preparing for the talks. It is updating its assumptions about how the economy and federal programs will perform over the next seven years, crucial for determining just how much deficit reduction will be needed to balance the budget.

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Elks donation

Savas Celaya of the Herford Elks Lodge No. 2269 presents a check for \$300 to Alva Lee Peeler, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The donation will be used by the organization for activities.

Shoppers get jump start on shopping

Stores taking advantage of biggest retail day of year

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

AP Business Writer

Waves of consumers hit the nation's stores this morning, eager to get a jump start on the Christmas shopping season.

Retailers around the country opened their doors as early as 7 a.m., hoping to crowd stores early by offering extra discounts to those who shop in the morning.

"I always tend to be more careful recently. Raises don't come as frequently as they used to," Diane Kuc, 42, of Camp Hill, Pa., said today as she shopped at Camp Hill Shopping Mall. Nevertheless, she emerged from a store with shirts, ties and a computer.

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few months, and they're expected to be more frugal this holiday season than they were a year ago.

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Retailers won't know how well they'll do based on the first weekend. There's always a big burst of spending between Thursday and Sunday, then shopping trails off as the procrastinators start thinking they'll do it next week. The last 10 days are frenetic.

It's that interval between the Thanksgiving weekend and the season's climax that unnerves already

anxious retailers. If they feel business isn't coming in the way they expected they'll start slashing prices.

There are other variables that can affect how well retailers do, including the weather. If it's too warm, no one will buy sweaters. If there are blizzards, people may not be able to shop.

Still, it is Christmas and everyone will be buying presents for friends and family. But retailers worry about all the money that won't be made if, for example, everyone cuts back by just two presents.

Analysts believe that retailers who sell what are known as hard lines - computers, televisions, stereos and home appliances - have little to fear this season. Americans' hunger for new equipment, and the belief that a

big-screen television or a new computer would be a good present for the whole family, will keep stores like Sears and Circuit City happy.

Software retailers are expected to do well too, thanks to Windows 95.

Items for the home - china, kitchen goods, bedding and the like - should do well, but after two big Christmases in a row, maybe not as well as last year.

Clothing retailers, who have struggled for several years, are expected to remain in their rut.

But department stores are expected to sell plenty of clothes. A sense of tradition is taking many Americans back to the stores where they shopped as children and teen-agers, and Macy's, Sears, Lazarus, Filene's and their counterparts nationwide will probably have a good season.

BEEF

New Mexico and Oklahoma last year produced about 6.5 million fed cattle - about 25 percent of the nation's total.

Livestock analysts say the industry cycles every 10 years. Times were good from 1988 to 1993; now the herds have overexpanded and beef supply is high. Experts predict that ranchers will start liquidating next year.

Shepard manages Hale County Feeders, a 10,000-head capacity lot - a small one by Panhandle standards - where the cattle on Monday stood in beds of packed manure, slobbery strands of grain dangling from their mouths.

At Hale County Feeders, about 40 miles northwest of Lubbock, occupancy fell below 50 percent this summer when prices dropped so low that each animal sold to packers was bringing \$150 below what cattle sold for in February, Shepard said. Now the market has rebounded somewhat and the feed lots are more crowded.

"It's a natural reflex action," Shepard said. "Either you don't have the optimism to go again, or you don't have the money."

High grain costs and influx of cattle from drought-plagued Mexico have compounded the misery of Texas ranchers, said Ernie Davis, professor and extension economist for livestock marketing with Texas A&M University. Davis characterized 1995 as "the most disastrous year in the 20th century for the cow-calf operator."

Foreign exports should help improve prices by taking some beef off the domestic market and increasing the demand, he said. Still he predicted equity losses for Texans until 1997.

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Reporter finds Israeli security isn't what it's cracked up to be

By JACK KATZENELL

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) - Testing security after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, an Israeli reporter smuggled a dummy bomb aboard an El Al plane in a suitcase, a newspaper reported today.

The plane took off to an undisclosed European destination with the suitcase in the cargo hold even though the reporter stayed behind, the Ma'ariv newspaper said.

Ma'ariv said the security lapse was the result of a prevailing perception among security officials that a Jew would not hijack or blow up an Israeli aircraft, just as they believed that no Jew would murder Israel's prime minister.

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Airports Authority spokesman Yehiel Amitai refused to comment, saying he could not discuss security issues. The Shin Bet does not have a spokesman.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Ann gives shoppers pointers to combat stress

DEAR READERS: It's holiday shopping time. I thought you might like to see this letter again. It has some pointers to help make your shopping less stressful.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Shopping with children can be a pleasurable experience -- or a disaster. We have all seen parents screaming at children, yanking their little arms, or worse yet, slapping

them so they will behave. Here are some tips from the Illinois Chapter of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse that may be helpful on the next family shopping trip:

1. Before you go shopping, ask yourself: Is your child too tired or hungry to shop? Are you? It's best to go when both you and your child are rested. Don't wait until the end of a

tiring day.

2. Bring along things from home that will keep your child busy while you shop. Some suggestions: a favorite blanket or toy; a nutritious snack (crackers, raisins, grapes); a story or picture book; and for a small child, a soft toy tied to the handle of the shopping cart.

3. Invite an older child along to help entertain yours.

4. Keep your child within sight in the store. Hold hands.

5. Never leave your child in a car outside the store -- whether the car is locked or unlocked. Terrible things can occur in a parking lot in broad daylight. -- Don Schlosser, executive director, Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Here's another letter about an "act of kindness" just in case there are still those who don't believe there is any such thing.

I was going to Tucson with my son, my daughter-in-law and their two small children. As we entered El Paso, the tire on my son's van blew out in the middle of four lanes of highway traffic. "Jim" pulled off the road and tried to change the tire, but the handle on his jack broke. It was 97 degrees of steaming heat outside, but he managed to walk to a nearby service station. No one there was willing to help him.

Jim then noticed a Sam's Wholesale store a couple of blocks away. He trudged on and tried to buy another jack, but the ones they had were too big. By this time, my son was pretty desperate.

A kind, sensitive man in the tire department saw that he was near tears. That sweet soul said, "I have a

solution," and then offered to loan my son his personal jack from the trunk of his car. Another "saint" who worked beside him drove Jim back and helped him change the tire.

I do not know what we would have done if these two angels of mercy had not come to our rescue. This happened long ago, but I'd be thrilled if that Good Samaritan saw this letter. -- Grateful in Louisiana

DEAR GRATEFUL: Stories like yours rekindle our faith in mankind. These days, when so many people are so self-involved, it's refreshing to receive a letter like yours.

MY LAUGH FOR THE DAY (CREDIT J.P. TAYLOR): A 5-year-old lad was playing with the daughter of new neighbors. They had been wading in the lake and decided to take their wet clothes off. As they were going back into the water, the little boy looked at the little girl and said, "Gosh, I didn't know there was that much difference between Catholics and Protestants!"

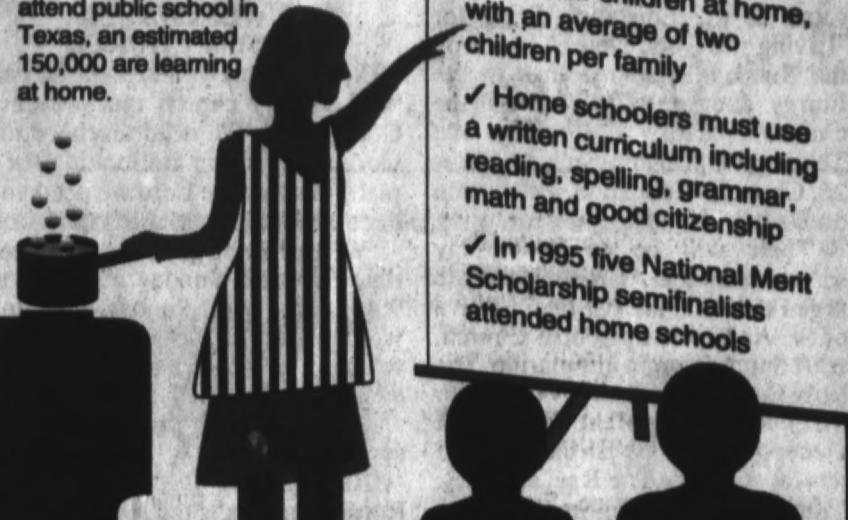
Nothing that was worthy in the past departs, no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies or can die.

—Thomas Carlyle

Keeping an eye on Texas

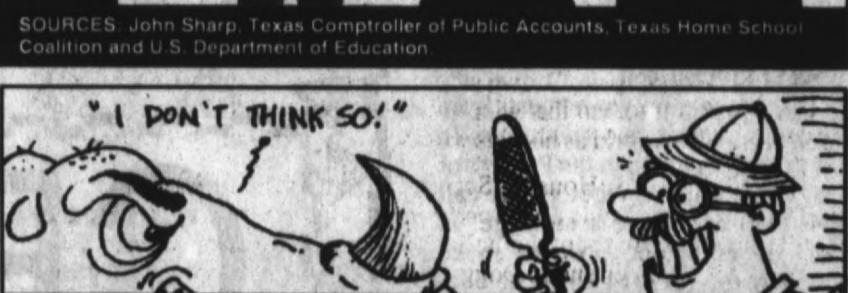
Some kids stay home for school

While 3.3 million children attend public school in Texas, an estimated 150,000 are learning at home.



Home schooling in Texas

- ✓ About 75,000 families teach their children at home, with an average of two children per family
- ✓ Home schoolers must use a written curriculum including reading, spelling, grammar, math and good citizenship
- ✓ In 1995 five National Merit Scholarship semifinalists attended home schools



The rhinoceros' horns are made of keratin, the same substance of which human fingernails are made.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast

MONDAY: Waffle sticks with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit cocktail, milk.

TUESDAY: Scrambled eggs, buttered toast; or cereal, buttered toast, grape juice, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast taco; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, milk.

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, rosey applesauce, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Texas style cinnamon toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, hot peach cobbler, hot rolls and butter, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green peas, pear delite, whole wheat rolls and butter, milk.

Church News

COUNTRY ROAD

CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive

Pastor "Weedy" Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The winter schedule of services is followed.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.

Ladies ministry is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

A nursery is available.

Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."

Our 24 hour information and prayer line is 364-5390.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Johnny Griffith extends a warm welcome to you and your family to join us at Avenue. There is a new face and a new spirit at Avenue and the only thing missing is YOU!!

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11. Wednesday prayer service is at 6:30 p.m. We invite you to come to any and all of these services.

This Sunday there will be a Youth Auction after evening worship services. You may purchase a youth for the whole Saturday of your choice to do your bidding. Proceeds will go to youth fund for ski and mission trips.

A staff meeting will be held this Sunday morning at 9.

Deadline for reservations for the Senior Adult Christmas breakfast will be Nov. 30. The breakfast will be Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Smith Auditorium of High Plains Baptist Hospital. Cost is \$4.50. Please register and pay for your meal at the church and we will give you a ticket.

Youth lock-in will be Dec. 1 at 7

p.m. We have an exciting youth group and we invite you to come and join us if you do not have a church home.

"Our Children's and Adult Choirs, along with Temple Baptist, are working very hard to present their Christmas cantata of "I Love to Tell the Story." The first performance will be Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at King's Manor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

There is a place for you at First Baptist Church. We invite you and your family to join us this Sunday for Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. and for Worship at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

As a result of our From Generation to Generation campaign, our congregation has pledged almost a quarter of a million dollars to update and improve the appearance and usability of our present building. It is our desire to be a faithful church in taking care of what God has blessed us with as well as sharing it and preserving it for future generations.

You are invited to attend the F.B.C. Praise Choir's presentation of the Christmas musical "In Adoration of the King of Kings" on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

p.m. This beautiful musical will be a treat for you and your family and friends to enjoy as you celebrate this Christmas season.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday.

The Bible study class begins at 9:30 a.m. and is being led by Guy Greenfield. Doug Manning will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through elementary ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

If you need transportation to the church services, please call 364-0359.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

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Church News

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Who Is This King?" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Last Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School room in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," based on the Sunday Bible readings in the liturgy. The Adult Class meets in the church parlor. Following the Thanksgiving holiday, including Nov. 26, Christian Education will resume on Dec. 3.

There will be no Wednesday service this week. All parishioners are urged to attend the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1601 South Georgia in Amarillo. The Holy Eucharist will be at 7 p.m. with the annual Piping of the Tartans and a reception in the parish hall after the service to honor The Rev. and Mrs. Evans Moreland, longtime residents of Amarillo and the Diocese of Northwest Texas. The Morelands are moving to Austin.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

On Dec. 3, The Rt. Rev. Sam B. Hulsey, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, will make his annual visitation to St. Thomas' Parish. Bishop Hulsey will be present for Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. for a "Bishop's Hour" of question and answer time. He will also be the presiding celebrant and preacher at the 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Bishop Hulsey will also preside over the burning of the mortgage for the remodeling of the church.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friday mornings at 7 a.m. all adults are welcome to come for a "Wake Up!" study of Pope John Paul II's talks given on his recent trip to the United States. Class is in the Antonian Room and coffee is provided.

A men's advent scripture study will begin Dec. 5, and subsequent Tuesdays, at 7 a.m. in the Antonian Room. The material for these sessions will be the next Sunday's scriptures.

We need four more turkeys for the Dec. 3 Parish Holiday Meal. If you would like to donate, call Beverly Jesko at 364-3296. For the meal, persons with last names A - F are asked to bring a vegetable dish to serve 10 to 12, names G - M bring a dessert and names N - Z bring a salad.

If your name is on the waiting list for a parish directory, come by the office with \$5. Books will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Please remain faithful to recycling newspaper through our St. Anthony's School paper barn.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.

We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.

For additional information, call 364-5874.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

909 Union St.
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to join us in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday morning.

Our early service begins at 9 a.m. and is in Spanish and our late service begins at 10:40 a.m. and it is in English.

Everyone is welcome! A special invitation is made to those needing healing in their bodies to come to our Healing School on Tuesday nights at 8 where we will pray for the sick.

For additional information or prayer call 364-5239.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to come be part of a country church that preaches God's word. We need teachers and workers so if you are looking for a place to serve the Lord we need you to come be a part of our services.

We are having good services three times a week. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday morning worship at 11, Sunday evening worship at 6:30 and Wednesday evening service at 7.

A nursery is provided at all services.

Ray Sanders is the pastor and Ronny Sanders is the song leader.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor Gaston and the congregation of First Assembly of God church extends a warm invitation to you to join us this Sunday for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Morning worship begins at 10:45.

Christmas play practice will start at 5 p.m. for the program to be presented Dec. 17.

The evening worship service will begin at 6.

Women's Ministries will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. Following their study, they will serve lunch to the Ministerial Alliance members.

Royal Rangers and Missionettes, scouting programs for boys and girls, will meet Tuesday from 7-8:15 p.m. Parents and grandparents, get your kids enrolled in this exciting program. They will love it.

The mid-week service is held on Wednesday from 8-8:15 p.m. During the same service, a youth service is held in the fellowship hall. All teens are invited to attend.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Taylor and congregation welcome you to join us at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday to share in praise and worship. Pastor Ted's sermon will be "Christian Monitoring" taken from 2 Timothy 2: 1-3 and Titus 2: 1-10.

There will be a family dinner this Sunday following morning service sponsored by the youth.

Bible Clubs have started on Wednesday mornings at 7 in the senior high gymnasium and Thursday mornings at 7:20 at the junior high.

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday as we will have family service.

No Kid Venture on Nov. 29 due to the NCA musical "The Secret of My Success" at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Susie Merrick's Bible study class is held each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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The choir will rehearse at 9:45 a.m.

Monday evening at 6 the ladies' Precept ministry meets in the church parlor, and a crafts workshop will be held at 7 p.m. There will be no ladies' Precepts ministry on Wednesday this week.

The Wednesday evening activities for Family Night include: 5:30 to 6:45 -- a delicious meal for \$3.25 per plate, 6 to 7 -- the music team will rehearse, 6:45 to 8 -- the teens will meet in the Youth Wing, 7 to 9 -- children's ministries (Whirly Birds and Jet Cadets) will meet, 7 to 8 -- adult teaching and praying in the sanctuary.

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Pregnancy risky for women suffering with cystic fibrosis

EDITOR'S NOTE - Many women with cystic fibrosis are defying medical odds to become mothers. And some recent successful pregnancies indicate that CF patients can live full lives if their symptoms are carefully controlled through new treatments. Here are the stories of a few of those women.

By MARY ESCH
Associated Press Writer

GLENS FALLS, N.Y. (AP) - Having struggled with cystic fibrosis all her life, Sharon Dingman knew pregnancy would be risky. Even if she succeeded in having a baby, she might not live to see her child through grade school.

After all, when she was diagnosed at birth with the incurable, smothering disease, she wasn't expected even to live through childhood. When she met her husband, John, medical advances had stretched the life expectancy for people with cystic fibrosis to 21 years. She was 21 already.

"All the accounts I had read about pregnancy and CF were very negative," said Mrs. Dingman, now 26. "The women often died within the first year of giving birth, or got

very sick during pregnancy."

As she spoke, her fingers trailed over the silky hair and chubby toes of her infant son, Ian. He was born June 11 at Albany Medical Center Hospital, 45 miles south of here.

The birth was celebrated as one of the first for a woman with CF in the hospital's 146-year history. Within several weeks, two more mothers with CF gave birth to healthy babies.

Dr. Anthony Malanga, head of pulmonary medicine at the hospital, said the successful pregnancies signify optimism that CF patients can live full lives if their symptoms are carefully controlled through new treatments.

Cystic fibrosis is the most common inherited disease among Caucasians. One in 20 people carry the gene responsible for the disorder, and one in 2,000 babies have CF, according to Dr. David M. Orenstein, director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

A few decades ago, most children with CF died before their second birthday, Orenstein said. Now the life expectancy is near age 30, with many people surviving into their 40s.

The disease causes the lungs to

become clogged with thick, sticky mucus that provides a breeding ground for bacteria, leading to frequent infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

Patients require continuous antibiotics to stave off infection, and daily physical therapy to expel mucus. They are frequently hospitalized when an infection sets in.

The pancreas also is affected, causing problems absorbing nutrients from food. Thus, people with CF are usually thin and often malnourished.

Therapeutic advancements include new antibiotics, mucus-thinners and anti-inflammatory drugs, improved methods of loosening and expelling mucus, and enzyme tablets to improve nutrition.

Joanne Washburn, 24, who lives 30 miles east of the Dingmans in Hoosick Falls, had to contend with the threat of miscarriage caused by a weak cervix as well as the debilitating symptoms of CF.

"I grew up wanting a family," she said. "The doctor said it would be hard to get pregnant," because the thick mucus of CF hinders conception. A year after she married her husband Tim, she discovered she was pregnant.

"My mom cried," Mrs. Washburn said. "She didn't want that. Everyone had tried to discourage me, even my husband. They didn't want to lose me."

Terribly sick with CF symptoms and unable to gain weight, Mrs. Washburn lost her first baby. She had another miscarriage a year later.

During her third pregnancy, she developed asthma and was hospitalized three times for lung infections.

"Toward the end of the pregnancy I got so big it restricted my breathing," she said. "They put me in an oxygen tent at 29 weeks."

Her son Andrew was born by Caesarean section six weeks prematurely on June 20. While Mrs. Washburn was under anesthesia, a pulmonary team poured a liquid mucus-thinner into her lungs.

"He's given me new life, new hope," said Mrs. Washburn, cradling her son at the kitchen table of her parents' farmhouse. "Andrew's my miracle baby."

Caring for a newborn as well as herself is difficult, said Mrs. Washburn, who doesn't work outside the home. She spends four to six hours a day giving herself treatments with bronchodilators, antibiotics, steroids, mucus-thinners and chest-pounding exercises that help her cough up secretions.

Mrs. Dingman, who works full time as a respiratory therapist, and her husband, who manages a shoe store, said they rely on help from their extended families within the community.

Both infants tested negative for CF. The parents were offered genetic testing to determine the odds of passing the disorder on.

If both parents had CF, the child also would have it. If the father was a carrier of one of the 32 most common defects in the CF gene, there would be a 50 percent chance the child would inherit the disease. If the father tested negative, there would be a one-in-500 chance the child would have CF.

If the mother's lung function is good, pregnancy doesn't make cystic fibrosis progress more rapidly, said Dr. Renee Samuelson, a high-risk obstetrician at the medical center.

"But if pulmonary function is low," Samuelson said, "the stress of pregnancy can cause respiratory problems for both the mother and baby."

Mothers with CF may have trouble meeting the fetus' nutritional needs as well as her own, Samuelson said.

and there is an increased risk of diabetes.

Mrs. Dingman, who eats three times the calories a normal person would just to maintain her weight, said it was hard to do that after she developed diabetes during pregnancy.

The joy of new life mingled with sadness at the death of a friend a month after Ian was born, Mrs. Dingman said.

"We went to the funeral of a girl (with CF) who was just 29. I've lost nine friends in the past few years."

"I hate the thought of not being around for him," she said, rocking her sleeping son. "I hope gene therapy comes through. I try to keep a positive attitude, even as I'm watching my friends die one by one."

Medical researchers hope gene therapy will cure CF by replacing the defective gene with a normal one. Malanga said. Scientists already have constructed the corrected gene, he said, but have not found the right "biological syringe," such as a virus, to carry the gene into the patient.

John Dingman said he and his wife did a lot of soul-searching before they decided to have a child. "I was concerned that pregnancy would shorten Sharon's life," he said. "I told her I'd rather have 10 years with her than one year with her and a child."

"I'd give up the 10 years," Mrs. Dingman said, smiling at her baby. "I'd do anything for him."

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Dear Heloise: I have a lovely folded map of the Erie Canal that I would like to hang in a frame. How can I get the folds out of the paper? — Arlene Harrington, Rochester, N.Y.

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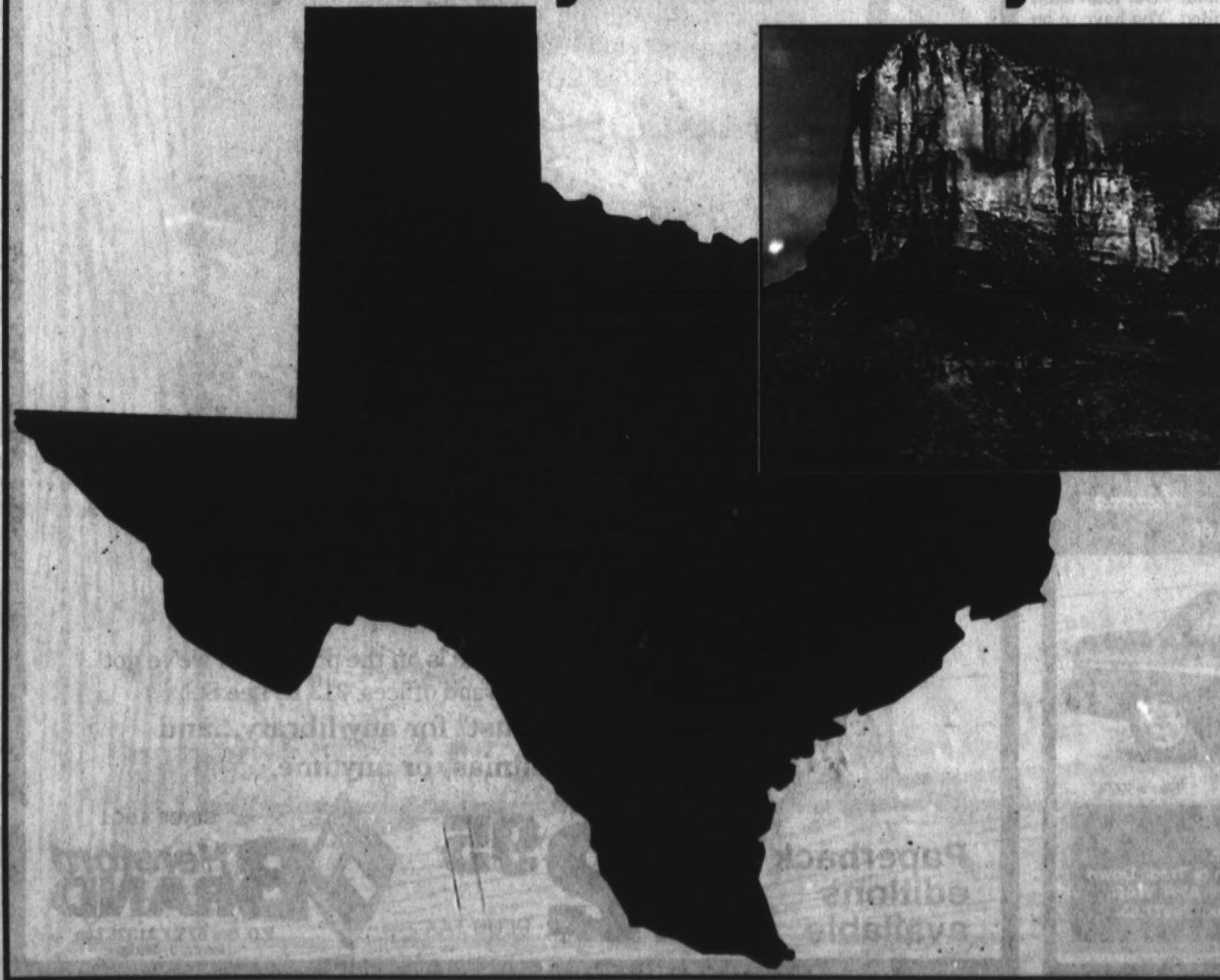
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Cowboys roll in Thanksgiving showdown with Kansas City

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

AP Sports Writer
IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys now have the best record in the NFL. Whether they still have the NFL's best running back remains to be seen.

After beating the Kansas City Chiefs 24-12 in a Thanksgiving Day showdown, the Cowboys now might face a more demanding test - the possibility of playing without Smith, who was wheeled off the field with a knee injury late in the third quarter.

He is to have an MRI exam today, and the entire Cowboys' organization is not about to rest easy until the preliminary diagnosis of a sprain is confirmed. Anything worse could doom a shot at another Super Bowl.

"I just pray to the good Lord my man is OK," said running backs coach Joe Brodsky.

Dallas ended Kansas City's seven-game winning streak and a chance to clinch a playoff berth with the big win, but Smith's injury made for one gloomy locker room.

"Emmitt thinks the knee is going to be OK," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer.

Dallas also lost center Ray Donaldson, who will undergo surgery today for a broken ankle.

"Losing Ray and Emmitt are big losses," said Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman.

Dallas improved to 10-2 while the Chiefs, off to their best start, dropped to 10-2 in a clash of the teams with the best NFL records.

When Smith missed the first two games of the 1994 season in a contract dispute with owner Jerry Jones, the Cowboys lost both games. Jones settled with Smith and the

Cowboys went on to win the Super Bowl.

Smith, the NFL's leading runner, has had nine 100-yard rushing games this year. Bothered by hamstring injuries last year, he had been injury free this season.

But with 1:24 left in the third quarter, Smith went down without being tackled while trying to make a cutback on the artificial turf.

"Emmitt has made that cut 1,000 times," said offensive tackle Nate Newton. "This time the knee didn't hold up. It just shakes you."

Smith was walking in the locker room after the game. Trainer Kevin O'Neill called that a "positive sign. Still, we don't know exactly what is wrong until we have an MRI on Friday. We're calling it a sprain until

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'Pokes remember life without Emmitt

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones learned his lesson about Emmitt Smith's value two years ago when a contract feud kept Smith out of the first two games of the season.

"We had a Super Bowl team," Jones said, "and we lost both games."

Dallas again has a Super Bowl-caliber team with a 10-2 record.

But they again may not have Smith.

Smith sprained his left knee with 1:24 left in the third quarter of the Cowboys' 24-12 victory over Kansas City on Thursday. An MRI scheduled for today would determine how bad it really is.

"I pray the MRI says it's only (sprained)," running backs coach Joe Brodsky said. "I pray the good Lord

will take care of my man and he will be OK."

Smith was hurt on a routine play. He took a handoff going right, saw no hole and spun 180 degrees to his left. He kept going for a few steps, then plowed down without being hit.

"He's made that cut a thousand times," lineman Nate Newton said. "This time, his knee didn't hold up."

Smith had to be helped off the field and carted into the locker room. Within an hour, he was able to walk on his own.

"That's a positive sign," said Dallas trainer Kevin O'Neill.

Team doctors are hopeful that the injury is just a sprain because Smith was able to do things he couldn't do if it were something worse.

"I said, 'Tell me what you think it is, not what the doctors told you,'"

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said of his conversation with Smith. "He said, 'Coach, I think it is a sprained knee.'"

The calendar benefits Smith's recovery because Dallas doesn't play again for 10 days, and that game is at home.

Brodsky said he wouldn't be surprised to see his star in the lineup Dec. 3 against Washington.

"If it's only a sprain, it'll be hard to keep him out," Brodsky said.

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Borger, Pampa picked in playoffs

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Borger will be a three-point favorite over San Angelo Lake View when they meet at Lubbock's Jones Stadium at 8 tonight. Pampa has a 24-point edge over Andrews in their game at 2 p.m. Saturday in Jones Stadium.

In other 4A games in Region I, Harris picks Denison by seven over Sweetwater and Sherman by seven

over Stephenville. In other games in Region I for all classifications, Harris picks:

Class 5A: (Division I) Odessa Permian by 26 over El Paso Hanks; Grapevine by six over Arlington High (Division II) Abilene Cooper by two over El Paso Irvin; Flower Mound Marcus by 21 over Fort Worth Wyatt; Midland Lee by 25 over El Paso Socorro; Arlington Lamar by 10 over Lewisville.

3A: Springtown by seven over Childress; Abilene Wylie by one over

Greenwood; Littlefield by two over Boyd; and Ballinger by 22 over Colorado City.

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1A: Shamrock by nine over Kress; Wink by eight over Plains; Sunray by 14 over Petersburg; and Sudan by 15 over Rankin.

Mitchell's four TD passes propel Lions past Vikings

By HARRY ATKINS

AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - The word around the NFL used to be that if you stop Barry Sanders, you stop the Detroit Lions. That may not be true any more.

Minnesota held Sanders to just 1 yard in the first half Thursday. By then, however, Scott Mitchell had thrown three touchdown passes.

Mitchell finished with record numbers and the Lions held on for a 44-38 victory over the Vikings.

And, guess what? Sanders got his numbers anyway. He finished with 138 yards on 24 carries, including a 50-yard touchdown scamper that gave the Lions a 10-point lead with 5:18 left in the game.

"Everyone, when they talk about the Lions, it's, 'Stop Barry Sanders,'" tackle Lomas Brown said. "The thing is now we're making big plays we didn't make earlier, and that's why we're winning some football games."

The Lions (6-6) also were aided by the first mistakes in almost a month by Warren Moon. Moon, who turned 39 last Saturday, hadn't thrown an interception in his last four games. But he was picked off twice by the Lions and each was costly to Minnesota (6-6).

"This is really disappointing," Moon said. "We made enough plays to win it. We just hurt ourselves with mistakes."

With the Vikings stacking sometimes eight men at the line of scrimmage, Mitchell completed 30 of 45 passes for 410 yards and four TDs with one interception. Along the way, he shattered Bobby Layne's single-game record of 374 yards which had stood since 1950.

Mitchell also broke Gary Danielson's club records for both completions (252 in 1984) and attempts (417 in 1980) in a season. Mitchell has completed 259 of 440 for 3,150 yards and 23 TDs so far this season.

"We're going in every week and realizing people are going to play us differently because of Barry," Mitchell said. "We took what they gave us. We did an excellent job of blocking up front, our receivers were open and we played a sound football game all around."

Mitchell was masterful in spreading the ball around. Herman Moore, thrown in on defense for the Vikings' last drive, caught eight passes for 127 yards, Brett Perriman

tied a club record with 12 catches for 153 yards, and Johnnie Morton caught seven for 102 yards.

Moon's first interception led to Mitchell's 27-yard touchdown pass to Moore late in the third quarter. That gave Detroit a 34-31 lead the Lions didn't relinquish.

Moon's second interception came on the final play of the game when he just missed on a desperation pass to Cris Carter in the end zone.

Moon completed 30-of-47 passes for 384 yards and three touchdowns. He has 14 touchdown tosses in his last four games. Jake Reed had six receptions for a season-high 149 yards.

"I don't know if I have been in a game like this since grade school," Moon said. "I've been in games that were this high-scoring, but never when there were three touchdowns taken off the board. This could have been a 100-point game."

The Vikings had two touchdowns nullified by penalties. The Lions lost one to a penalty.

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Rockets' defense strangles Pistons

By HANK LOWENKRON
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Indiana learned the hard way why the Houston Rockets are two-time defending NBA champions and the Pacers are just contenders.

Facing a rare November defeat, the Rockets tightened their defense in the final minutes and executed effectively on offense for a 115-108 comeback victory over the Pacers in the only NBA game played Thursday night.

"You've got to give them credit, they know how to win," said Indiana guard Mark Jackson. "They knocked down shots when they had to. They're great when they scramble, and that's what they do best. You have to give their defense credit. They didn't let anything keep them from getting the job done."

The Pacers were playing their first game in five days, while the Rockets were playing their fourth in as many nights.

But this is a normal November for the Rockets. They've won seven straight, including five on the road, and are 10-1 for the month. Houston, which set a league record by opening the 1993-94 season with 14 consecutive victories in November, is 34-4 in the month over the last three seasons.

The Rockets, who were playing back-to-back games after defeating Philadelphia 115-106 on Wednesday, forced eight turnovers in the final period by Indiana and limited the Pacers to

just one field goal in the final 4:36.

The Pacers failed to capitalize on foul problems which kept Hakeem Olajuwon on the bench for 12 minutes in the first three quarters, and the Rockets utilized a balanced scoring attack that saw Mario Elie come off the bench to score 18 points and lead an offense that had eight players in double figures.

"We don't blow anybody out, we just try to keep it close the last five minutes. Our balanced scoring makes it hard for anybody to beat us. This team is better than the last two because of desire," said Kenny Smith.

"It's time everyone realizes these guys are for real. They didn't win two championships just on reputation. They're a good team," said Indiana's Eddie Johnson.

Houston also had trouble scoring in the fourth quarter. The Rockets led 96-91 when Elie made a layup with 9:13 to play.

Olajuwon reentered the game with five fouls and his team trailing 101-96 with 5:32 remaining. He hit two free throws with 5:17 left and a slam dunk for Houston's first field goal in nearly five minutes, cutting Indiana's edge to 103-100 with 4:17 remaining.

A three-point play by Elie tied the game 103-103 with 3:11 left. Olajuwon, who scored 15 points and had only seven rebounds in 31 minutes, then blocked a shot by Ricky Pierce and made a short hook to put the Rockets ahead to stay.

Arizona to meet Hoyas in NIT final

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Lute Olson is quite proud of the fact he lost 20 pounds over the offseason. He makes sure his Arizona Wildcats don't fatigued on any cupcakes either.

The 19th-ranked Wildcats meet No. 5 Georgetown tonight in the championship game of the Preseason NIT, the third Top 25 team Arizona will have faced before the Thanksgiving leftovers are gone.

"We need games like these," Olson said. "You don't learn from

blowing people out. I like to play good teams. I've never understood filling your schedule with games you're supposed to win easily. You won't get games like that once conference play begins."

Arizona beat Michigan 86-79 in the semifinals, its second win in a week over a 16th-ranked team as the Wildcats won at Arkansas in the quarterfinals.

Another ranked team would be quite an accomplishment as the Hoyas have been impressive, winning their games by an average of 32 points, including

a 94-72 semifinal win over No. 25 Georgia Tech.

"Georgetown is deep and everything starts with their defense," Olson said.

The Hoyas have forced 65 turnovers so far this season, and the offense hasn't been too shabby, led by sophomore guard Allen Iverson, who had 23 points against Georgia Tech in his heralded point guard matchup with Stephon Marbury.

"Iverson is so quick and he creates opportunities for himself and his teammates with and without the ball," Olson said.

Iverson injured his left thumb late in the game and was taken for precautionary X-rays. No update was given on Iverson on Thursday, but all indications after the game were that

the sophomore would play.

"It just got pulled back," Iverson said. "Believe me, I'll play Friday night."

The title game will be a matchup of experienced frontlines with Arizona's senior pair of Ben Davis and Joseph Blair against Georgetown seniors Ohella Harrington and Jerome Williams.

But all eyes will probably be on Iverson and Arizona senior Reggie Geary, considered one of the better defensive players in the country. Geary has two inches and two years on the 6-foot Iverson.

"I know Reggie Geary is a great player," Iverson said. "He's a real athletic player. It should be a lot of fun. I like all matchups. You can learn from the good matchups."

Hoosiers survive opener of Great Alaska Shootout

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - The Great Alaska Shootout has a long history of bringing highly regarded teams crashing to earth.

Indiana, ranked No. 23, pulled out of a tailspin with four seconds left against Division II Alaska Anchorage, and limped off with a bruised reputation and a 84-79 victory in the first round of the 18th Shootout.

In the other first-round game Thursday night, Duke got 18 points from Greg Newton as the Blue Devils celebrated the return of coach Mike Krzyzewski with a 75-55 blowout over Old Dominion.

Indiana coach Bobby Knight agreed his Hoosiers were less than impressive.

"Let me tell you ... the wrong team won. We got outplayed, outhustled and out-everythinged," Knight said. "It's just an absolute shame they lost the game. I'd feel better if they had won."

"We're not very good, and I don't mean that in any way to detract from the other kids, because they made us not good."

Not until Todd Lindeman grabbed his missed free throw and muscled in a shot at the buzzer was Indiana's victory assured. Anchorage closed to 82-79 on a tip-in by Rick Stafford with four seconds left.

"I've never been as proud of a team in my 16 years here," Anchorage coach Charlie Bruns said. "This is what you want a team to be like. This is the way the game should be played."

The Seawolves (4-1) fell behind by 11, but scratched back and led 58-57 with 10:43 left. The game was tied at 67 with 6:31 to go, but the Hoosiers' superior height enabled them to hold off the Seawolves.

Brian Evans led the Hoosiers (1-0) with 23 points and Neil Reed had 19, including four 3-pointers.

Ryan Williams, the only Seawolves player as tall as 6-foot-7, matched Evans with 23 points. Stafford had 12 in the second half and 20 overall.

Indiana plays Duke and No. 6 Connecticut faces No. 10 Iowa in tonight's semifinals.

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we find out something different."

Smith rushed for 56 yards and scored a touchdown on a 15-yard run before he was injured. Aikman threw two touchdown passes of 33 yards each to tight end Jay Novacek and Michael Irvin.

"We've done a good job of bouncing back from our loss to San Francisco and we feel great about our position but we have a big concern about Emmitt," Aikman said. "We'll just have to keep our fingers crossed."

"I've had a sprained knee and I know it was hard to come back, and I can imagine how hard it is for a running back. (Substitute back) Sherman Williams is a good player, but we're a much better team with Emmitt in there. We'll just have to fight through it."

Kansas City's only touchdown came on a 45-yard pass from Steve Bono to Lake Dawson.

"This was a tough loss because we didn't show our true selves," said Bono. "But there's no question that

Dallas is the best team. And they've been able to maintain that level for several years now."

Smith's touchdown run was his 21st of the year, just three behind John Riggins' NFL season record.

Irvin caught 11 passes for 121 yards, and Aikman hit 21 of 29 passes for 192 yards.

"Nobody does it better than Aikman and Irvin," said Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer. "You can talk about Rice and Young but when it comes down to timing, nobody does it better than those two."

"Dallas was clearly the better team. We couldn't stop their offense. When Aikman gets his rhythm going he's hard to disrupt. Dallas is a great team."

The lucky thing for the Cowboys is that they have 10 days to get ready for their next opponent, the Washington Redskins, whom they play Dec. 3 at Texas Stadium. The Redskins beat Dallas 27-23 on Oct. 1.

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Chuck Wagon Gang folds after 60 years

By SHIRLEY JINKINS

FORT WORTH, Texas - A harmonic note in Fort Worth's history is fading: The 60-year-old Chuck Wagon Gang will disband Dec. 31 upon the retirement of two of its founding family's members, Roy Carter and his sister Ruth Ellen Carter Yates.

The legendary gospel group's last local concert was last Friday at Johnnie High's Country Music Revue in Arlington.

A retired Fort Worth schoolteacher, Roy Carter began singing with the group in 1952 and has served full-and-part-time stints ever since. He now divides his time between North Richland Hills and a farm near Morgan.

"What makes the Chuck Wagon Gang click is that sibling harmony and my insistence on it," Carter said. "Whenever I searched (for new group members over the years), I did not look for the best singer I could find, but that singer that would fit that quality."

"It was raw, honest-to-goodness," Carter said of the group's early sound. "They sang it just the way they felt it. People could understand and relate to it, because it was so ordinary."

The Chuck Wagon Gang's history is anything but ordinary, beginning with Carter's parents, a Bledsoe, Texas, couple and their nine children.

"We were itinerant cotton-pickers, with everything we owned on a flatbed truck," Carter recalled. "Dad would work the harvests, as well, and be gone several months. Everyone in the family could sing a little, and after we'd take a dunk in the (stock) tank, we'd sit around and sing in the evenings."

Other farm workers, similarly encamped, made up their audience,

rapt by the intimacy of one family singing. "Cigarettes would be glowing all around in the dark, and people would say, 'Those Carters are singing again.' They'd tell us we ought to be on the radio."

That encouragement - as well as desperation - prompted D.P. Carter to launch his family's musical career in Lubbock in 1935 when a daughter developed pneumonia. The penniless family couldn't afford a doctor, so the elder Carter stopped by radio station KFYQ with a son and daughter, and pitched a Carter radio show. The station accepted, offering the family \$12.50 a week.

"The family never picked cotton again," said Carter, who was 9 at the time.

After a year, the seasoned Carter Quartet tried its luck in Fort Worth, landing a job with WBAP radio. Their 15-minute show, sponsored by Bewley Best Flour, came on at 12:15 p.m. each day. The group changed its name to fit the show, "The Chuck Wagon Gang," which also starred a touring band of western swing musicians by the same name.

Gradually, the western swing was dropped, and the Carters began singing exclusively what the public liked, and that was gospel music. Their WBAP show lasted 15 years, and they were so popular that once, Bewley Mills offered a free picture of the group for mailing in a proof of purchase. Over 100,000 pieces of mail were received.

The first lineup included Dad Carter, oldest brother Ernest (called Jim on the radio), and sisters Rosa Lola (known as Rose) and the recovered Effie, who adopted the name of younger sister Anna as a radio name.

Over the years, all but one of the original Carters, including their

mother, Carrie, sang with the group from time to time. The real Anna Carter had to resort to Anne, or even Jane at one point, when she sang with the group.

Anna (Effie) is now married to former Louisiana Gov. Jimmie Davis, a music legend in his own right.

Of the original Carter family, eight of nine children are living. Eldest brother Ernest died in 1971 in Fort Worth. The surviving children include Clellon Carter, the one brother who never sang with the group, who lives outside Hillsboro; Rose Kanes of Azle, Anne Davis of Baton Rouge, La.; Eddie Carter of Bedford, Anne Everett of Watauga, Ruth Ellen Yates of Gainesville, and Bettye Goodwin of Richland Hills.

Current members of the Chuck Wagon Gang are Roy Carter, who sings bass; Yates, who sings alto; soprano Shaye Truax, granddaughter of Anna Davis; tenor Jimmy Wesson and guitarist Darrell Morris.

To date, The Chuck Wagon Gang has sold more than 30 million records; appeared at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the Grand Ole Opry; and been included in the Smithsonian Institution's Classic American Recordings.

Carter doesn't like to think much about the impending end to his family's heartfelt enterprise. "The only way I can get through it is to think of how much fun it's been," he said.

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
1	(5:35) Movie: The Cat From Outer Space		Movie: 'batteries not included' *+1/2 PG		Eerie Ind.	Movie: Return From Witch Mountain 'G'	Movie: Buck				
2	News Ent. Tonight	Movie: The Mighty Ducks (1992) Emilio Estevez, +*	TV's Friends - Neighbors	News	(26) Tonight Show						
3	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week Wall St. Across the River	Talking With David Frost	Walt for God	Preview	Cinema					
4	Movie: Good, Bad & Ugly	(05) Movie: Dirty Harry (1971) Clint Eastwood, ++*	(05) Movie: The Enforcer (1976) Clint Eastwood, ++*	Movie: Secret Gimes II							
5	News Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat. Boy-World Step-Step Mr. Cooper	20/20	News	Selznick	Hightline					
6	Fam. Mat.	Newhart Hercules-Jrny.	Xena: Warrior Princess	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon					
7	News Home Imp.	Movie: Free Willy (1993) Jason James Richter, +**	Reba: Starling Over	News	(26) Late Show						
8	Rosanne Simpson	Strange Luck X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted					
9	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Hall of Fame Tip-Off - Ky. vs. Md.	College Basketball: NIT Championship - Teams TBA	Sportsctr.	Basketball						
10	Walton	Highway to Heaven Rescue 911	700 Club	Movie: St. Ives (1976) +1/2							
11	Movie:	On the Set Movie: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit Whoopi Goldberg	(05) Movie: Clean Slate Diane Carrey.	FBI Frontal	Sherman						
12	Inside the NFL	Movie: Demolition Man Sylvester Stallone, ++1/2 T	Movie: Drop Zone Wesley Snipes, T	Mr. Show	Movie:						
13	(5:15) Movie: Once Bitten	Movie: Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle +*	Movie: Addams Family Values 'PG-13'	Movie: Secret Gimes II							
14	Movie: Young Cassidy (1965) Rod Taylor, +**	Movie: The Fugitive (1993) Henry Fonda, +**	Movie: Mighty Joe Young (1949) +**								
15	Club Dance	Dallas Cowboys Coleb.	Evening of Country Greats: A Hall of Fame Celebration	Club Dance	Cowboys						
16	Mysterious	Mysterious Mysterious Mysterious Mysterious Mysterious Mysterious Mysterious	Investigative Reports	Ancient Mysteries	Law & Order	Biography					
17	Rockford Files	Biography	Kitchen	Gourmet							
18	(5:30) Movie: Married to the Mob (1998)	Movie: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988) Steve Martin, +**	Movie: Unsolved Mysteries								
19	Hockey Wk. ATP Tour	Sportstalk Trans. Sport College Hockey St. Cloud State at Denver	Inade-NBA	Movie: Fletch (1985) Chevy Chase, ++1/2	Press Box						
20	Movie: +* Wild Science	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Utah Jazz	Inside-NBA	Movie: Chevy Chase, ++1/2							
21	RonStimp	Monsters Jeannie I Love Lucy Bewitched M.T. Moore	Taxi Kotter Van Dyke Newhart								
22	Wings	Murder, She Wrote Movie: Blind Date (1987) Bruce Willis, +**	Duckman	Movie: Fraternity Demon							
23	La Duena	Alondra Nuestra Selena	Noticiero P. Impacto	Movie: Oro							
24	Cartoon Planet	Garfield Scooby Doo Flintstones Jetsons	(10) Bugs & Daffy Tonight SpGhost	Moxy	Josie-Cate						
25	Women's College Volleyball	Iowa at Wisconsin	College Basketball: Great Alaska Shootout Semifinal	NFL Great	NHL 2night Talk2						

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 25

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
1	Mermaid	Ducktales Chip 'n Dale Darkwing	Movie: Stanley's Dragon Judd Trichier.	Raisins	(05) Five Mile Creek	Danger Bay					
2	Jelly Bean	Happy Hanes Sing a Story Science Guy	Saved-Bell Hang Time Saved-Bell	Dreams	Inside Stuff	NFL Films					
3	Psychology	Psychology Wash. Week Wall St.	Quilting Sewing Quilt	Sewing	Kitchen	Garden	Gourmet				
4	(5:05) Cartoon Planet	(05) WCW Pro Wrestling Nat'l. Exp. Explorer	World of Audubon	(05) World of Audubon	(05) Movie: Ben-Hur (1959) +**						
5	Pooh	Free Willy Dumb Bump	Fudge Reboot	Bugs & T.	Bugs & T.	College Football: Regional Coverage					
6	Farm Report	Business News	MotorWeek Outdoor	Zephyr Erlich	Soul Train	Movie:					
7	Hyperman	Timon News Turtles The Mask	Santo-Bug Felix the Cat	X-Men Life-Louis	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.				
8	Sandiego	Eskimos Rangers Rider Spider-Man Tick	Spider-Man Tick	X-Men Life-Louis	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.				
9	Fly Fishing	Wild Skies Walker/Cay Outdoors Photo Safari Outdoors	College Gamemday	Tennis: ATP Doubles Chmp. - Semi.							
10	Popeye	Mario Wish Kid Wild Animal Family Challenge	Boogies Big Jake	Movie: Union Pacific (1939) +**							
11	(6:55) Movie: The Ghoul Who Cushing	(25) Movie: The Seventh Coin 'PG-13'	Ready-Not Degreas J.	Chris Cross Movie: Across the Tracks							
12	Happy!	Wiz. of Oz Movie: Being Human Robin Williams, +1/2 'PG-13'	Inside the NFL	Movie: Silent Tongue Richard Harris, +1/2							
13	Movie:	Movie: Stay Tuned John Ritter, +** 'PG'	Movie: The Phenix City Story ***	(45) Movie: Amazons Tamara Dobson, +**							
14	(15:05) Movie: Young Runs Wild (1944) Kern Smith, +*	Movie: Panama Hattie (1942) Ann Sothern, +1/2	Movie: The Eiger Sanction (1975) +**	Movie: Kiss-							
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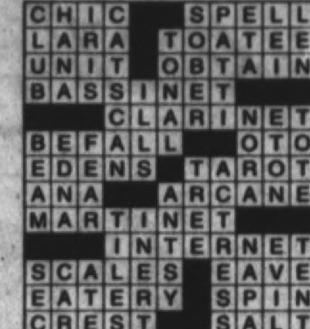
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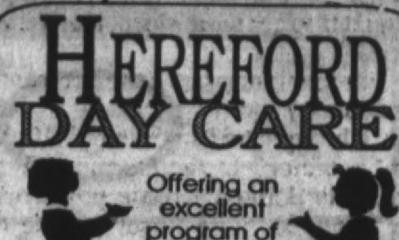
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By ROY A. JONES II

Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas - The Rev. Archie Echols might have aged a lot slower if he'd returned to the Big Country 10 years earlier.

Living closer to the center of Texas would have enabled the minister to get more sleep, that's for sure.

For four long years Echols refined his Sunday morning sermons as he sped through the Big Country at 2, 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning. But when he delivered those powerful sermons he was closer to New Mexico than to Abilene.

What would possess a pastor to go without sleep one night a week and drive several hundred miles to be back home before Sunday School?

Why, football, of course. And love for a son who is now following in the father's footsteps.

Echols, who became pastor of Abilene's St. Paul United Methodist Church in June, was pastoring in Levelland when his son, Daniel, an all-state back at Friona High School, received a football scholarship to Southern Methodist University.

Echols, a multiple-sport all-star himself in the 1960s, and his wife resolved they would not miss one of Daniel's games if they could possibly help it.

At the same time Echols felt strongly about not letting his family matter interfere with his pastoral duties. He resolved not to miss a Sunday in his pulpit, either.

Amazingly, the couple kept both commitments. During Daniel's SMU career they missed only one game and only one Sunday in the Levelland pulpit.

"We didn't go to South Bend when they played Notre Dame," Echols explained. "We flew to Nashville when they played Vanderbilt, instead of driving, but we took some vacation time and didn't try to get back in time for church."

"You can't get a flight out of Dallas to Lubbock after 10 at night, so that meant for a lot of driving," Echols said.

Each week in the fall was much the same. "Home" games for the Ponies meant a six-hour drive from Dallas. You could tack on another hour each way for trips to Austin, two hours to College Station and Waco, and an interminable three hours to Houston. New Orleans (Tulane) and Little Rock (University of Arkansas) were all-night marathons.

"Aw, it was fun," Echols said, dismissing the effort as nothing any other parent-sports fan wouldn't do for a son. "On the home games we'd get in the car about midnight in Dallas, get home about 6 (a.m.) and be at church by 8," he said.

Echols said he looked at the long drives as "another six hours of preparation."

"My sermons were already done by then, so it was mostly thinking, organizing and polishing," he said. "It helps you stay awake!"

Like his father, Daniel Echols went on to earn a master's degree at St. Paul School of Theology at Kansas City. And last June - on the same day that Archie Echols was appointed senior pastor of St. Paul - the Rev. Daniel Echols was appointed to pastor Ropes and Meadow United Methodist churches in the Panhandle.

Archie and Donna Echols didn't short daughter, Michelle, on support, either. She attended Texas Tech on a track scholarship and they attended all of her meets except one in California.

Michelle is carrying on the family tradition, too. She's serving a two-year commitment as a volunteer missionary at a Methodist children's home in St. Louis.

At age 49 Archie Echols can't remember when he first experienced a call to the ministry. His father had been a local pastor before he was born and his earliest memories are of attending church in Lockett, near Vernon.

As a teen-ager he was influenced by well-known preacher-artist, the Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, who was then a young pastor at nearby Chillicothe and the district's youth coordinator. Echols preached his first sermon in Wyatt's church when he was 19, and has been preaching ever since.

"I considered Kenneth Wyatt the model of what I was supposed to be as a preacher," Echols said.

Coincidentally, Wyatt was the McMurry University roommate of Dr. David Hamblin, the retiring pastor Echols was selected to succeed at St. Paul. Echols also found Wyatt's famous paintings of the apostles lining the walls when he arrived at St. Paul.

As a teen-ager Echols was also influenced by the Rev. Noah Amprester, a McMurry graduate whose pastorate included three years at Nolan.

"He was my pastor for four years at Lockett, and I married his daughter,"

Echols explained. He and Donna married their freshman year at McMurry - while he was filling a student pastorate at Avoca.

"The youngest member of the church turned 50 while we were there, and we were just 19," he said with a laugh. "Instead of us being ministers to them, they were ministers to us."

A year at Eula UMC followed the two years at Avoca. Echols graduated from McMurry in 1968, then Daniel was born in Kansas City while Echols was earning a master's degree at St. Paul seminary.

Until his appointment to the Abilene pastorate Echols had been pastoring in the northern part of the Northwest Texas Conference for 24 years - at Spur, Lubbock, Friona, Levelland, and finally Borger.

The transition from the 1,000-member Borger congregation to St. Paul (closer to 2,500 members) has not been difficult, he said.

"I love to preach, so the more people there are makes it easier," he said. He added that Hamblin, a longtime friend, "has been an asset to me rather than a liability. I don't feel like I'm fighting what he did or who he is."

Echols likes for his members to call him Archie, and for a reason.

"Being real and authentic is important to me. It's something I really stress in my ministry," he explained.

"I resist being categorized as different than anybody else in the church," he added.

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Arlington woman lends hand with Spielberg project

Woman's work with Holocaust survivors helps her learn of her father's anguish

By MARY DOCLAR

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
ARLINGTON, Texas - Carol Pock never understood what made her father cry when he got a letter from a European relative. Or why he was so reluctant to talk about his parents.

She remembers times during her childhood when he would disappear into his Chicago basement, where he would sift through a collection of pictures and mementos locked in a wooden box.

It wasn't until she was in college that Pock, now 40, learned that her father, a Polish refugee who died

when she was 12, had spent much of his life mourning the family members he lost in the Holocaust.

"I basically grew up with an incredible desire to know about my father, but absolutely no clues or no information because he was not around to tell me anything," said Pock, who moved to Arlington in 1982. "He always said to me, 'I had a family. They all died.'"

Pock's desire to better understand the Holocaust and her father's private anguish has led her to become part of an endeavor led by filmmaker Steven Spielberg to preserve the testimonies

of thousands of Holocaust survivors around the world.

Inspired by the survivors he met while making the academy award-winning movie Schindler's List, Spielberg initiated the \$60 million, three-year project in June 1994, opening offices worldwide and offering training sessions for interviewers and videographers.

The effort is being funded by Spielberg, Time-Warner, NBC and a number of other donors, said Kristie Macosko, a publicist for the foundation.

So far, 7,000 testimonies have

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For Pock, the interview is a chance to make a connection with her father's pain.

"I feel like it does connect me a lot to everybody who goes through that," said Pock, a dietary consultant who also teaches elementary students about the Holocaust atrocities of the 1930s and '40s. "I feel like we didn't know enough back then to encourage people to talk about it, to express their love, their pain. I feel that talking to survivors at least gives them the understanding that they did not go through it for nothing."

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Interviewers are given two hours to gather details about the survivor's life before the war, their life in the Nazi camps and what happened to them after the war, Pock said. Afterward, family members can join the survivors, and pictures or documents are filmed, she said.

Copies of the interviews will be kept at repositories, including Yale University, the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Pock said.

Pock said she hopes the project will open an era of history that some say has been buried for more than 50 years.

"What most survivors realize is if we don't talk about it, explain it, make sense and interpret it," she said. "all of those lives would be for nothing."

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — With an eye on the end of 1998, when the number of child support cases is expected to total about 1 million, Attorney General Dan Morales made proposals last week to shift the responsibility of processing child support cases to his agency.

Doing so, he said, would reduce the burden on Texas' courts and save the state money, although he did not give figures on how much would be saved.

Some of Morales' proposals include authorizing the attorney general's office to:

- Order paternity tests, which are now authorized only by courts;
- Gather information about missing or uncooperative parents;

- Enforce child support orders by garnisheeing wages and filing liens on property without court approval.

Morales' proposals would require new legislation that could be filed for consideration by the Texas Legislature in 1997.

Because about 95 percent of Texans ordered to pay child support do not dispute their parenthood or the amount of payment, courts needlessly serve in a rubber-stamp role.

"There is no reason why our overburdened judicial system should have to handle tasks that could easily be handled administratively by our child support staff," Morales told the Austin American-Statesman.

Since 1990, the amount of child support the attorney general's office has collected each year has increased 185 percent to about \$500 million, while the caseload has increased 75 percent.

Moses Rejects AIDS Grant

Texas Education Commissioner Dr. Mike Moses returned a \$1.35 million federal grant to develop a school program for the prevention of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

But, last week, Moses said he would be willing to reconsider recommending continuation of the grant "provided the Centers for Disease Control can furnish assurances in writing that Texas school districts will not be told how to teach sex education or health education.

"This includes permitting Texas school districts to utilize abstinence-only programs," Moses added.

Moses wrote a letter dated Nov. 2 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, informing the agency that the TEA would not accept funding totaling \$450,000 for the remaining three years of a 10-year initiative.

Debbie Graves, a Texas Education Agency spokeswoman, said Moses canceled the grant for "policy and personnel" reasons.

Graves pointed out that the state's new education code passed by the Legislature in the spring requires that the school curriculum must stress that abstinence is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. But the federal grant stresses the use of an abstinence-based rather than an abstinence-only approach, she explained.

The classes have not been scheduled since last December when Moses' predecessor, Dr. Lionel "Skip" Meno, suspended them because of a disagreement over how much influence the state should exert over local sex education classes. The Dallas

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