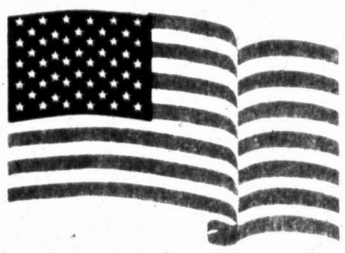


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The send-off will be held at 1:45 p.m. in front of the high school.

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COMING SUNDAY



Cover Story: Country star Reba McEntire discusses how her hometown upbringing and early rodeo experiences still influence her today.

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StarTek celebrates anniversary

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Four years down and many, many more to go.

StarTek, a support ser-

StarTek Payroll Specialist Kendra Sharp, right, gives a piece of cake to Texas Workforce Commission Assistant Manager Mary Thompson during the business' fourth anniversary celebration here Wednesday.

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vices company primarily for fortune 1,000 businesses, celebrated its fourth anniversary in Big Spring by opening up its facilities to the public Wednesday.

"We thought this was a great opportunity for the community of Big Spring to come out and learn what we are about," said Dennis Edmunds, Big Spring site manager.

Now employing more than 300 people and

expecting to increase its workforce in the future, the call service industry has skyrocketed within the last two years, Edmunds said.

"Our sales department in Denver continues to bring in new business and we expect business to grow," he added.

StarTek's current list of clients include a major U.S. cable company and

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Touched by angels

When Billy Turner was about to give up, family and friends would not let him

By LYNDEL MOODY

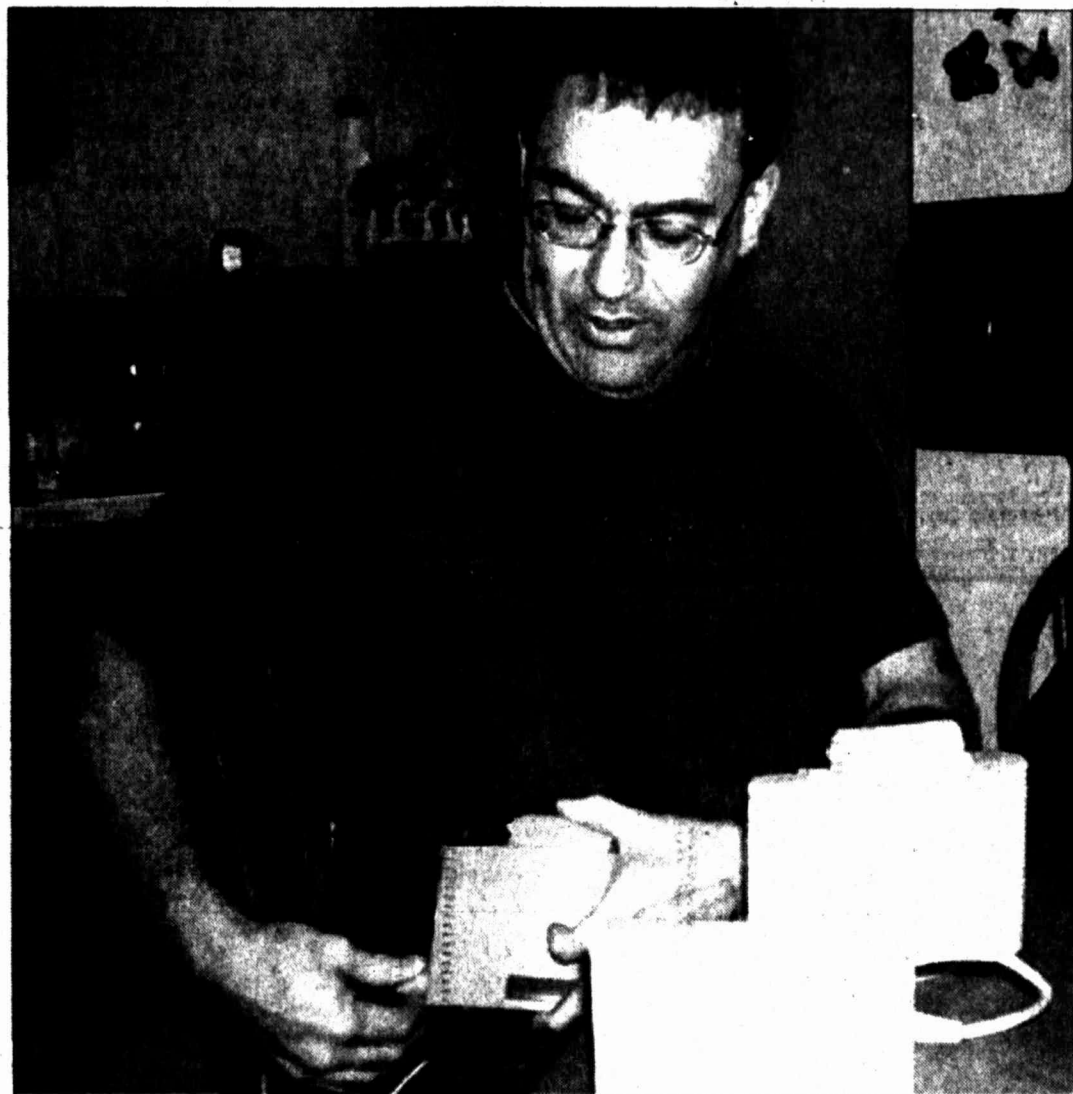
Staff Writer

An \$85,000 "miracle machine" is helping 44-year-old local resident Billy Turner stay alive and enjoy this Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

Yet, the real miracle in this unusual case is the flock of angels and one special "fish" surrounding this Big Spring native.

Turner, a U.S. Army veteran, was in his early 30s when he began to have serious trouble with his heart, and in March of 2002, a massive heart attack led to a year-long, turbulent fight to stay alive.

During that year, Turner underwent surgeries that placed 10 stents in his failing heart, pacemaker and a triple bypass, but these procedures could not stop the inevitable.



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Heart patient Billy Turner checks his Left Ventricle Assistive Device, a \$85,000 portable implant heart apparatus, that is acting as his heart. The Big Spring resident was given permission to leave with the device to fly home for the holidays from the VA Hospital in Richmond, Va.

What doctors can only attribute as a hereditary condition, the big-hearted guy's heart just couldn't

work anymore.

"It was like every month I was in the hospital because I was having

another heart attack," he said.

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Salvation Army prepared for Thanksgiving Day feast

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Volunteers literally filled the dining hall at the Big Spring Salvation Army Wednesday, as they prepared for one of the organization's largest annual offerings to the area's needy.

Sgt. Major Delores Albert, who has been a part of the Thanksgiving preparations for the Big Spring Salvation Army for almost a decade now, said preparing a holiday meal for 300 people is a tough chore, but it's all worth it.

"I've been involved with this for about nine to 10 years now," said Albert as she hustled about. "The reason I do this is simple. It's because of the people. The community is so appreciative of everything that we do, and as you can see they're always happy to help us on this occasion, and on

other occasions as well.

"It's just marvelous the way people come together. To be honest with you, that's what sold me on Big Spring. I came here

"It's just marvelous the way people come together. To be honest with you, that's what sold me on Big Spring."

Sgt. Maj. Delores Albert

from Oklahoma back in 1954, and the people here are the reason I stayed. You can't find any better or friendlier people that are willing to help others."

Albert, who actually

began cooking turkeys Tuesday to meet the Thanksgiving Day deadline, said preparations have gone smoothly, thanks to the large number of volunteers that came out Wednesday.

"We figure on serving around 300 meals," she explained. "We're doing 150 pounds of potatoes this year, 21 turkeys, and all of the trimmings. That means the pies, vegetables, yams... all of the goodies. It's quite a chore to get all of this together, but it's worth it. I've learned in the last few years to make myself a list of everything that needs to be done. That way, when someone comes in and asks what they can do, I just tell them to pick out a job from the list. It makes it go so much smoother that way."

"I'm really amazed how many people we have



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Joann Miears chops celery Wednesday morning at the Salvation Army dining room in preparations for today's holiday meal. Miears was one of more than two-dozen volunteers that gathered at the facility to help prepare an estimated 300 Thanksgiving dinners.

here. They are all so willing to spend their holiday with us to help others enjoy it. We're expecting about 50 to 75 in-house meals to be served, and

the rest will be delivered to those people that can't make it in."

For more than five

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During this time, Turner said his family helped strengthen his resolve.

"It was like my family gave up a year of their lives because they were there with me at the hospital every time," he said.

Several times, physicians prepared the family for Turner's death only to be proven wrong.

Yet, the pain and physical trauma to his body were taking a toll.

"It was like I didn't have a will to live," Turner said. "I have a daughter. I was thinking 'what I'm going to do? What can I say? How can I make it easy on her?'"

Then at his deepest despair, Turner received a poem from a friend, Jan Sims.

"If I could paint a picture of what friendship ought to be, I would tell the folks who asked me that it was you and me," an excerpt from the poem reads.

"That brought me back," Turner said. "I put my mother in that poem, my daughter, my brother."

Back in the fight, Turner was sent for a lengthy seventh-month stay at the VA Hospital in Richmond, Va., as a potential heart transplant patient.

And more angels flocked to his side.

A fund drive set up by the Big Spring Education Credit Union helped secure a laptop computer for Turner's use so he could stay in touch with loved ones. And while in Virginia, he met an "angel fish" named Yvonne Bass.

"She was my nurse," he said. "She is so loyal to her patients. It is incredible. I cannot say enough about her."

While under the care of Bass, whose nick-name is "Fish," and the staff of the Richmond VA Hospital, Turner was slowly nursed back to health and eventually fitted for a Left Ventricular Assistive Device (LVAD), an \$85,000 piece of machinery.

"Right now, it's my heart pumping blood in my body," Turner said

Then one more miracle happened.

Turner was allowed to leave the hospital with the LVAD, the first discharge patient to leave the facility with the machine, but first he had to prove his was up for the responsibility.

"You have to pick your patient," said Bass, a registered nurse. "They have to be able to provide self care and are able to have someone be there to assist them with care. With Mr. Turner, we know he would have a long wait for his heart and we decided we could discharge him if he came back every six to eight weeks for a checkup."

With the hospital's OK, Turner and his "Angel Fish" grew wings and flew back to Big Spring, courtesy of the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

"What is really incredible is the dedication of Yvonne Bass," Turner said. "She came down that weekend and taught the nurses at the Big Spring VA how to use this machinery. She didn't get paid a dime for it. The VA did pay for our flight and housing for her stay."

"Not only did she come down here, she gave classes at the convenience of the other nurses," Turner continued. "She was up until 3 a.m. once so she could work with the night nurses."

For Bass, a 28-year Richmond VA Hospital employee, it's all about love for her patients and for her job.

"For me it was a certain amount of fear factor," Bass said. "I was sending him to somewhere I didn't know of and I wanted to make sure everybody was comfortable. I just want my patients to do well and I do what ever I have to do."

The use of LVAD gives him time home and time to especially visit with his young daughter, Matthea, who he describes as "his life," until he moves up to a No. 2 position on the heart transplant list.

"If something was to happen to me during my surgery," he said. "I can still say I got to spend time with my daughter and my family."

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STARTEK

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several wireless phone businesses.

Edmunds said services for StarTek's newest client, a major blue-chip wireless phone company, has soared since coming on-line in March, requiring the Big Spring site to hire new employees to meet the demand.

"There is no discussion of the center going anywhere," Edmunds said. "We're ready to expand for additional volume."

The Denver-based corporation first opened its doors in 1987. It was through the efforts of the Moore Development of Big Spring that enticed the corporation to open the 30,000 square-foot Big Spring site in 1999.

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TREES

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Odessa placed on the ornaments. Each ornament contains a wish list for affordable items such as electric blankets, bathrobes, slippers and baseball caps.

Paper ornaments will be placed on the trees beginning Dec. 3, and will be available until Dec. 8. Unwrapped gifts can be taken to Western National Bank locations, or Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services offices located in Big Spring, Midland and Odessa.

Weather

Friday...Mostly clear. Highs in the upper 50s.
Saturday...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.
Highs in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

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The cost is \$10 per person. To register, call 432-756-2791, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This class is not a defensive driving class and cannot "forgive" traffic violations.

The Big Spring High School Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive for United Blood Drive Services from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the high school auditorium foyer.

Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. They must also bring a list of all medications they are presently taking and be prepared to show identification.

To make an appointment, call the high school office 264-3641.

Support groups

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

TUESDAY

Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

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Friday

Spring City Senior. Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in HC Cactus Room.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will not meet the last Friday of November and December.

Saturday

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults; \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in Howard County Library.

Wednesday

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard Country Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior. Citizen Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Take note

A FUND HAS BEEN set at State National Bank to help defray medical costs for Elsie Hinojosa of Stanton, a cancer patient. She is a relative of Patsy Padilla of Big Spring.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery.

For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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Mary Nix, left, and Debbie Jensen volunteer their time Wednesday to chop onions for the Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving dinner, which will take place today at 11:30 a.m. The dinner, which will feature Thanksgiving staples such as turkey and dressing, will be delivered to home bound residents between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. today, with the "sit down" dining scheduled at the Salvation Army office beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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years Joann Miears has been a part of Thanksgiving preparations at the Salvation Army, and although many people might find the tedious chores that she tackles just part of everyday life, she is more than happy to do her part. "The love of God is what keeps me coming back and volunteering each year," said Miears. "I love

to help out with the community and I love to feed the community, so I'm here every year, chopping celery and onions.

"I just want to show my love for people by helping with this day. What we do here today is just giving back to the community, because it has done so much for me."

Capt. Linda Keeney said she was surprised at how many volunteers made their way to the facility Wednesday morning as well, and is immensely pleased with the progress

of the annual meal.

"It's wonderful," she said. "I really didn't expect as many volunteers as we've had this morning, but with the number that we have, we should be done very quickly."

Keeney said they will begin delivering meals today between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., with the meal to be served at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth Street, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 267-8239.

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Ramos to sign autographs Friday at Aaron's Rental

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

El Mero Gato Negro is coming to Big Spring Friday.

Tejano star and Grammy Award winner Ruben Ramos will be performing in concert at 9 p.m. in the Howard County Fair Barns.

"It's going to be a sold out show," predicts Raul Marquez of KBYJ, which along with Hinojos Ltd. is presenting the concert. "It's going to be huge."

At the 1999 Tejano Music Awards, Ramos was recognized for Best Male Performance and received the Video of the Year award. His line of hits includes "El Gato Negro," "Los Lareles" and "La Ley Del Monte."

Before the concert, the 1998 Tejano Music Hall of Fame inductee will be signing autographs at Aaron's Rental, 1909 South Gregg, from 5 p.m.

to 6 p.m. Friday.

Tickets are available at Aaron's until 6 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$20 each, which admits one couple. Table reservations, which are also available at Aaron's, are \$7. Individual tickets will be sold at the door for \$12 each.

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The traditional lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain, sponsored by the Borden County Museum and the county courthouse, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday.

To ring in the special event, both the courthouse and museum will

be open at 5 p.m. for the festive event and refreshments will be served.

Special guests Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are flying straight from the North Pole to make an appearance at the courthouse and be available to pose for photos with children.

Other treats for the night include hay rides.

To kick off the charitable season, the court-

house will again serve as the drop off point for the Toys for Tots drive for Buckner's Children's Home. Gifts for children ranging from toddlers to 18 year of age must be dropped off by Dec. 15.

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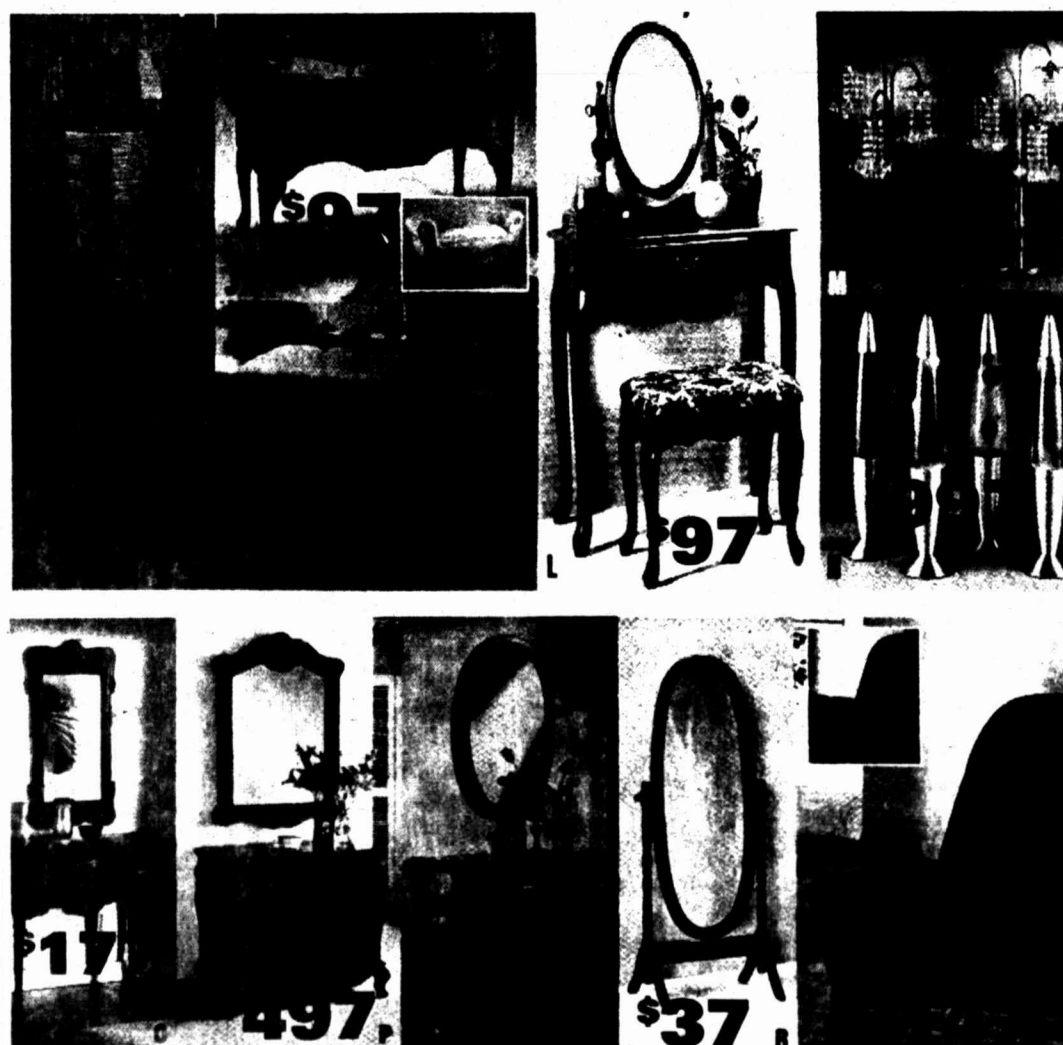
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OUR VIEWS

Thanksgiving
is truly a time
to give thanks

As we look to the sky today in its beautiful West Texas splendor ... as we watch the leaves turn color and gently float to the ground in advance of winter ... as we gather 'round the dinner table to share food with friends and family, let us give pause.

Thanksgiving is truly a time to give thanks ... for our good fortune, our friends, our family and so many other things in life we enjoy. But this day is more than turkey and dressing and cranberry sauce, and it is more than the football games television networks pitch at is as "part of the Thanksgiving tradition." And it is certainly more than a day off.

What is the Thanksgiving tradition?

In reality, its tradition lies within each of us, doesn't it?

Let's not forget as we give thanks for the various blessings we have received in life, that there are those in our community less fortunate.

To that end, let us give thanks for the opportunity to help others in the same manner we would want to be helped, were the shoe on the other foot.

From our extended family at the *Herald*, we wish that today we could all understand the true meaning of Thanksgiving and experience the warmth and joy of sharing our wealth with others.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank you, Lord, for all our blessings.

Amen

TO THE EDITOR:

I hate to lose, even at cards, just ask my wife. That is the way I was raised.

I have coached youth sports in Big Spring for several years. I tell all of my parents at the beginning of each season that I am a yeller and that I will yell at the kids. I will not yell anything negative, just instruction. I also tell them if that is a problem, let me know and I will try to get them on another team.

I tell the kids in our first practice that it is important that they have fun and that I will never ask them to do anything they are not capable of doing. I will teach them the fundamentals of the game and ask them to give 100 percent every time they step on the field or the court and that if they do that it does not matter if they win or lose because they are a winner.

However, if they are fundamentally sound and try as hard as they can they will not lose very often. This has been true for many kids I have coached over the years.

I have coached youth soccer the last five years and for four of those five years we have had a heated rivalry with another team. All of the kids on my team are a year younger than the other team and for years we have fallen one goal short of beating them.

My kids, my coaches and I would go out after each of these games and shake their hands and congratulate them. I believe we sincerely meant it.

Well this year we finally got over the hump in one of our two games. Their players and coaches met us a midfield and shook our hands and congratulated us. At the time I thought they were sincere and I feel the players were. However, their coaches went home and thought about it for two days, then decided that the referee had cheated them. They called the division coordinator and did not get any satisfaction. They then called the head of the referees and did not like what they were told. So, they called the president of the league, who, when he backed the referee, the coordinator and the head of the referees, was told that he was also a cheater.

Losing is part of sports just as winning is it is also a part of life. What are these coaches teaching their kids? That if things do not go their way in life to blame someone else because it can not be their fault?

Do referees make mistakes? Sure they do. They are only human. A referee has never cost me a game. At some time I might have thought so, but after looking back, it was the other team's play that made the difference.

Think about what you are doing before you do it and teach kids right. It is O.K. to lose as long as you did the best you can. It took me several years to learn that, but if I can, anyone can.

Congratulations to the Bulldogs, Dolphins, Dragons, Knights, Saints and Storm - all the kids played well and played hard. None of you have anything to hang your heads about.

ROBERT SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I worked as an air traffic controller in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in the early 1970s and met an American controller just returned from Vietnam by the name of Mike Tulip.

I haven't seen Mike since then and wondered if you would maybe place this letter where someone might see it who knows him.

Mike was proud of coming from Big Spring and I never forgot the name.

My address is: Tony Booth, White House, Mill Lane, Lower Padworth, Berkshire, RG7 4JU England.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to voice my opinion about the Moore Board.

The Moore Board has done many wonderful things for the city of Big Spring. Without the Moore Board, there would be many less jobs in town, thereby increasing our unemployment rate.

Just to give one example, the only reason that StarTek is here is the Moore Board. Without its hard work, there would be 400 less jobs.

The Moore board not only brings better jobs for this town, but also is always tirelessly working toward the betterment of Big Spring in every way possible.

In short, what people should remember is that the small tax percentage that the Moore Board receives provides much more than the cost when you look at all the wonderful things that the Moore Board does.

TAMMY ALEXANDER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing you today because your paper provides an important resource to readers, helping them navigate many complex and often confusing personal financial issues. Over the next few months, millions of Americans will be planning for 2003 tax deductions. For those who have an extra automobile or are looking to purchase a new automobile, there is a very strong benefit available by donating their car to charity. Thousands of charities throughout the country and dozens in our community advertise for vehicle donations. Unfortunately, many programs fail to live up to expectations. In fact, many of the car donation programs can create huge liability issues for the donor.

I'd like to bring to your attention a couple of specific issues that should be considered before donating an automobile. This information may provide a good resource for you to devote a column to vehicle donation programs.

Not all car donation programs operate in the same manner. I'm sure you've heard of cases where a donor experiences unforeseen liability in the form of tickets or lawsuits. There are cases where the donor finds out a vehicle donated months before was not properly donated to charity and the donation is invalid. In some extreme cases, well-intentioned donors discover that the vehicle they designated to charity never benefited anyone except a greedy used car dealer. All of this can be avoided if the donor follows a few key suggestions.

Make sure the charity is a name you recognize and trust.

Ask how much money the charity receives from the donation. You should only deal with a program that can provide a 60 percent return on the dollar to the charity.

Ask how the car will be handled when it leaves your possession. Don't contribute to a program that wishes to 'drive' your vehicle from your house. You may still be liable for that vehicle. You'll want the vehicle towed, even if it's in working condition.

Ask how and where the money will be spent. Be certain to ask how the car donation money will be utilized, and inquire if the money is spent locally. It is always unwise to allow a donated car to go to any charity without being absolutely sure of how and where the money will be spent. If you are not able to acquire this information easily through the charity, choose another organization for your car donation.

As a representative of the National Kidney Foundation, I can tell you that our Kidney Cars Program easily meets these criteria. We are proud to be the nation's No.1 choice for donating cars. Last year more than 70,000 Americans donated to our program.

We are not the only good car donation program available; there are other programs that will properly handle vehicle donations. However, for every good program, there are easily a dozen more that can — and do — handle car donations carelessly.

NICOLE HARMON
NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF
WEST TEXAS

TO THE EDITOR:

You should congratulate Bill McClellan on his "Joe and the Jet Ski Saga." I thoroughly enjoyed the story.

Economic development — this goes in a circle. The following affect you — more people move to Big Spring, this increases newspaper sales which increases advertisement sales that increases the number of employees which, in turn increases responsibility; the increase in responsibilities generates a raise in salary, then more people move to Big Spring.

Think about it.

Has anyone considered converting the Settles Hotel into a law enforcement center. We would then have all law enforcement people in one location.

MAXWELL D. GREEN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my concern in regards to the article in Sunday's paper about the boys basketball game. I have received numerous phone calls from parents, fans, and the community apologizing for the negative article.

The community has been very supportive in hopes of building a basketball program here in Big Spring. These young men worked all summer and in the off-season hoping to gain respect in their program.

These happen to be the same young men who formed the "Encouragers," to support the volleyball and football programs in hopes that they would get the same support in their sport. I don't think Mr. Wells realized in his article, how hurtful his sarcastic remarks were to the team.

The community expressed to me after the game on Friday how impressed they were on how far this team has come since last year. I would hope in Mr. Wells next article that we can expect a more positive outlook about the maturity, teamwork, and the great defensive efforts of our young men.

I know Mr. Wells will want to be an intricate part of helping us build our basketball program. As you can see I am extremely proud to know and be a part of these young men's lives.

JUDY KINNEAR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR

A special thanks for the wonderful piece on Verna Davis. I just happen to be one of a legion of nephews and nieces that have no doubt in their minds that the "Grand Dame" of the Prewitt family also runs a refinery.

What you may not know about Verna is that she came from a family of 12 children and her mother passed away while she was a small child. For the most part, Verna was raised by an older sister. Verna was widowed as a young woman and then moved to Abilene where she worked her way through school prior to her return to Big Spring.

She was no where near the oldest of her many siblings, but I will tell you she is the toughest and she has been in charge for as long as I can remember. Verna is the redneck equivalent of Auntie Mame. She is a lot of fun!

People like Verna and the ideals that she represents make West Texas a great place to live and work.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Readers: Today is Thanksgiving. We hope you are enjoying this time with your friends and family, and are lending a helping hand to those who may not have anyone with whom to share this day.

Here is a little essay we thought you would like.

Things to Be Thankful For:

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means that you're employed.

Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.

Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

Be thankful for the space you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive.

Dear Annie: I am a young, professional, single woman. My aunt has two married children with young kids, and every Christmas I buy gifts for all of them. Last year, I decided to be frugal and only buy for the younger children. The teenagers didn't receive anything from me. On



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

the advice of my mother, I did not tell my aunt of my new policy.

A week later, my aunt e-mailed, asking if my gifts to her grandchildren were misplaced. I was in shock and never responded. The subject hasn't come up again. It's almost Christmas. How should I handle the gift-giving? — Frugal Niece

Dear Frugal: Your mother was off the mark with her advice. You absolutely should have informed your aunt of your "new policy" in advance of the holiday. Your teenage cousins were probably quite hurt that you ignored them at Christmas.

Tell your aunt about your plans now, and apologize for not making it clear last year. If at all possible, give your teenage cousins small, token gifts (books, magazines, homemade brownies), to let them know you are thinking of them.

Dear Annie: Until a few years ago, the handicapped parking spaces were for those in wheelchairs. The spaces were close to the store, and extra-wide to allow for chairs to be removed from the vehicle without hitting adjacent cars.

Now it seems everyone who is disabled, regardless of the problem, uses those reserved parking areas. A few feet or a few yards does not make that much difference to someone who can walk, but it

makes a world of difference to those in wheelchairs. Tell them to stop using those spots. — Disabled with Manners

Dear Disabled: Anyone with a handicapped license plate or sticker is entitled to use these spaces. Many of those not in wheelchairs are unable to walk more than a short distance due to respiratory or other problems. Their handicap may be less visible than yours, but they, too, need this assistance.

Dear Annie: I am a 13-year-old girl who has had cancer. When I was taking chemotherapy, I lost all my hair, so I had special permission to wear a bandana to school. (I needed permission because bandanas also

can be gang symbols.)

Last year, my school had a skating party at a local rink. When I got to the rink, I wasn't allowed in. I explained to the rink manager why I was wearing the bandana, but even though he understood I wasn't in a gang, he said it was the rink's policy not to allow bandanas. He claimed it might fall off my head and trip someone. He finally said I could come in if I wore a helmet, which, of course, I didn't have. I had to sit in the lobby while all my classmates had fun for over an hour. I was in tears. The manager finally agreed to let me skate, with only 20 minutes left.

Now, a year later, the time has come for that same field trip. I'm still

wearing my bandana, as my hair is too thin to look good. I've pretty much decided not to go, but thinking about it has made me upset again. I didn't make a big deal at the time, but now I'm wondering if I should expose what they did. What do you think? — Vengeful in Vernon, Calif.

Dear Annie: A friend of mine recently purchased a dog for his sister (her dog had recently died). He did this without asking her if she wanted another dog. He thought he was doing a wonderful thing, but he presented the little dog to his sister upon her return from a hospital stay. She was quite frail and not in any position to take care of a

puppy. To make matters worse, the dog was not housebroken.

I work at an animal shelter, and made arrangements for the dog to find a wonderful new home. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Please advise your readers never to purchase a pet for someone without their permission. And when considering getting a dog or cat, please check out your local animal shelter first. — Animal Lover in Connecticut

Dear Animal Lover: Bless you for caring. Readers, take note.

Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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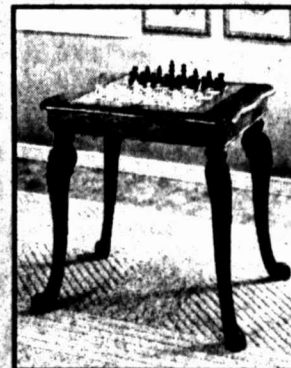


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Reader gets insight into one family's love of adventure

Ferenc Mate and his wife, Candace, had traveled the world living in Paris, New York, California, and the Bahamas working at various jobs; Ferenc wrote books, and Candace supplemented their income as an artist.



PAT WILLIAMS

One day while sitting in a church yard in Tuscany, Candace expressed her desire to settle down, own a small home, and live a quiet life that would allow each of them to express themselves with their art.

They quickly realized they would never find a place more satisfying per-

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sonally and more stimulating artistically than where they were at that moment.

With this dream firmly planted in their minds, the couple returned to New York for a year while Candace finished her master's degree and Ferenc wrote two books.

Then it was time to make the dream a reality. Temporarily renting a Tuscan house, Ferenc goes into the little town to search for a realtor to assist in buying a house. Ferenc speaks only assorted phrases in Italian, and in spite of this obvious handicap, tries to master the business deal.

The humor with which he describes the haggling

and awkward exchanges is so graphic; he gives the impression he is not exaggerating and it is highly likely he's telling it just as it happened. That just makes it funnier.

Ferenc vacillates between utter disbelief and absolute confidence when he realizes they had sunk their fortune into buying a house in a strange land with different customs and vast cultural differences.

They didn't even have the support of acquaintances with which to share their feelings and hopes. It's tough to make good friends, but harder still when communication is limited to a few mispronounced words and hand gestures, either of which can be easily misunderstood.

Most of the little Tuscan towns found by Mate and

his wife are too small to be found on a map, but the couple managed to find sources for fresh groceries, supplies for their home, wonderful restaurants, and old castles and churches to explore. The scenery described is nothing short of glorious and the way of life is steeped in self-preservation, family relationships, and a calm sense of fate that is found in few places.

The lyrical remembrance is magnetic. Mate avoids the rote incident-by-incident presentation by giving life to the personalities he describes, as well as recounting his activities in light of these unique people. Mate also has an uncanny ability to relate the humor that was obviously present in the awkward and strange situations they encountered as they learned to adapt

to their new life.

As the author of several successful technical books about sailboats, Mate has been able to change his writing style to one of description and color. "The Hills of Tuscany" gives the reader an insight into this young family's joy of adventure as their horizons were continually broadened. Ferenc's gift of writing lets the reader smell the grapes as they are made into wine, sense the warm and caring kindnesses of the old Tuscan residents, and yearn for a bite of grilled

porcini mushrooms which accompany the pasta and its ever-present tangy red sauce.

This wonderful work of non-fiction is funny and poignant, sensitive and irreverent and an absolute joy to read. Mate's book is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy and explore the beautiful and bountiful Tuscan hills.

"The Hills of Tuscany", Ferenc Mate. Dell Publishing, New York, New York, 1998.

Pat Williams is the wife of Herald publisher Chuck Williams.

Versatile cranberries cooks; decorates

(NAPSI)-There's a reason that Americans consume more than 400 million pounds of cranberries a year.

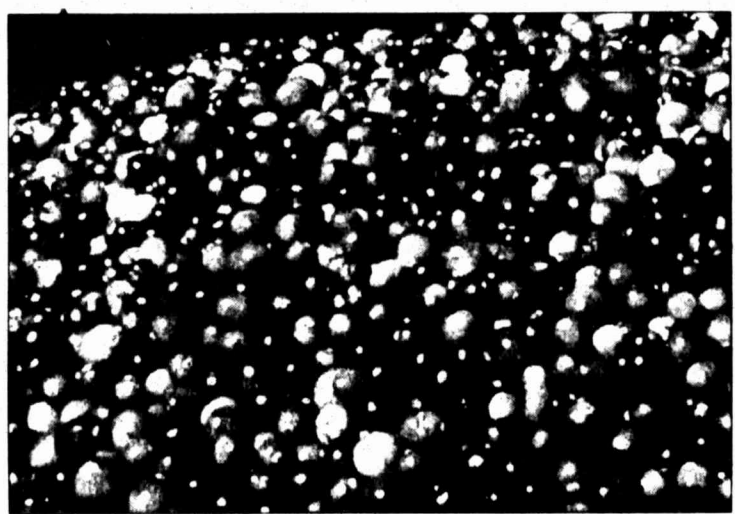
Though the most traditional use of cranberries is during the holiday season as cranberry sauce, this versatile fruit is used year-round in everything from appetizers to dessert-and even as festive home decor.

Since entertaining is at its height during the holidays, harried hosts are looking for new ideas for festive, holiday-inspired dishes.

There are so many delicious ways to put new twists on traditional favorites.

Cooks can take a fresh look at seasonal favorites by adding fresh cranberries to make a dish different and fun, but also give it that special holiday feeling.

Tom Berry, executive chef of Bambara Restaurant in Cambridge, Massachusetts, uses cranberries to create rather non-traditional holiday dishes that still work in the flavors of the season like Cranberry Chicken Stew and Roasted



Cranberries are terrific for meal complements and holiday decor for both the novice and experienced host

Pumpkin Risotto with Cranberry Brown Butter Sauce.

"Cranberries are an essential part of the holiday meal, and it's more than just the sauce. I've added the popular fruit to stuffing, marinades and appetizers," said Tom.

"To cook with cranberries year-round, toss them in the freezer, without pre-washing, in their original plastic bag. Cranberries are one of the best fruits for freezing."

Creative yet simple recipes are just the beginning for fresh cranber-



Cranberries in their natural habitat ready for picking

ries, the most imaginative hosts think decorations. Your meal is planned and now you need a centerpiece for the table-from naturally rustic to simply elegant,

cranberries add festive flair to your decor.

Create a quick and easy Cranberry Candle Float by adding fresh cranberries and floating candles to a wide glass bowl, or for the more artistic hosts, a cranberry topiary by attaching cranberries to Styrofoam balls with toothpicks and covering with shellac.

Add sparkle to holiday festivities with a cranberry of a different color-white cranberry juice drink.

The least tart white cranberry juice is simply delicious on its own, or in cocktails and punches. And, as a fabulous garnish to a favorite concoction, skewer fresh cranberries on a toothpick or freeze in an ice ring.

Whether the plan is to serve the traditional holiday dishes, or the traditional Thanksgiving meal, cranberries have every versatile use the holiday host needs.

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Dad's presence in a girl's childhood critical

Thanksgiving is about more than turkey and football; it's about family, and for a young daughter, family bonds can be critical to her development, specifically the bond she has with her father.

In instances when a dad is absent from the home, the chances greatly increase for a fatherless-daughter to become sexually active while still a teenager, according to a study by a team of Texas A&M University researchers.

In their study, "The Father/Daughter Relationship and Its Impact on Selected Intimate Outcomes of Adult Females", Texas A&M researchers Danny Ballard, Brian Colwell and Janna Molen, along with Marvin Genuchi of Kingwood College, determined that the absence of a father or father figure greatly affects a young girl's decision to have a sexual relationship before age 19.

In addition, daughters who lacked a father or father figure were twice as likely to be sexually abused by someone and much more likely to have multiple sexual partners.

"The findings are clear: If a father is present, the daughter is far less likely to be sexually active before age 19", says Ballard, a professor of health and kinesiology in the College of Education.

"The presence of a father, and the daughter's relationship with him, greatly influences the sexual behavior of young women".

The findings are important, she believes, because statistics show the United States is increasingly becoming a fatherless society. Since 1950, the number of American children growing up in homes without a father has quadrupled.

The researchers surveyed almost 1,000 com-

munity college and nursing school female students. They asked if a father had been present during their lives prior to age 16, and if so, could his behavior toward the daughter be described as "caring" or "overprotective".

If the daughter perceived the father has having a "caring" attitude, she was less likely to have sex before age 19, to have an unintended pregnancy and to be sexually abused by anyone when compared to daughters who considered their father to be "overprotective".

For their study, the researchers defined "caring" as showing affection, emotional warmth, empathy and closeness.

"Overprotection" was defined as showing too much control, intrusion, excessive contact and other behaviors that might restrict autonomy and independence.

"The study shows that daughters who have lived in a home or currently live in a home with a present biological father are more likely to delay initial sexual activity", Ballard explains.

"They are also less likely to have fewer male sexual partners before age 19 and are less likely to be sexually abused by anyone than daughters who reported an absent father or father figure".

Ballard adds that for many young girls, the negative effects of no male role model can be experienced quite early.

"Many young girls complete elementary school and all they've had are women teachers", she says. "If they don't have a father at home, they can go years without any kind of male role model or interactions with males".

Ballard added that several studies have shown females raised in a

fatherless home were three times more likely to experience unintended pregnancies.

"Our society tends to rely on the mother to instill values and to be the problem solver", she adds.

"But equally important is that the father contribute to the emotional health of the children.

"The father or father figure is crucial to the emotional well being of a young girl. Having a father who is present and who is emotionally caring improves the chance of engaging in behaviors that are health promoting and life enhancing".

Growing Up is a service of Texas A&M University.



Atlantic salmon get river

Atlantic salmon gain a river

(NAPSI)-Here's some encouraging news for anyone lured by the majesty of wild Atlantic salmon. A landmark conservation agreement has set the stage for restoration of Maine's largest river and the only significant population of wild Atlantic salmon left in the U.S.

The agreement, between PPL Corporation, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the U.S. Department of Interior and others, will decommission three dams and increase energy production at other dams to maintain 90 percent of current production.

Many species of sea-run fish, including the wild Atlantic salmon, will gain access to spawning habitat.

Other benefits will include improved recreational boating, fishing and wildlife watching.

Maine's Department of Marine Resources estimates that under this plan, the Penobscot River could support 12,000 salmon. Just over 1,100 salmon returned to the river in 2003.

Realization of the Penobscot River restoration depends on the ability of the Coalition to raise \$25 million to purchase the dams from PPL. To learn more, visit www.asf.ca.

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Seventh grade Big Spring Junior High student Ian Scott killed a six foot rattlesnake Thursday afternoon behind his home located on Wood Street. Big Spring Police Department Animal Control responded to dispose of the slithering guest, which came as a reminder citizens should still be on the look-out for snakes despite the cooler weather.

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On page 9 of the Sears Retail November 27th advertisement, we picture the Sony Playstation 2 Bundle with a remote and three games for \$199.99. The picture incorrectly shows items that are not included. The PS2 Online Bundle includes a built-in network adapter and progressive scan technology and an ATV Off Road Fury 2 game for \$199.99. It does not include a remote and three games.
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Every time my grandma would hit a bump in the road the toy Chihuahua dog's head would bob up and down.

(As memory serves, I don't think its head ever stopped bobbing).

Without question, the Impala nameplate has a rich history, and early models have

become prized collector vehicles.

In fact, the 1961 Impala helped launch Chevrolet's Super Sport (SS) performance series.

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The good news, Chevrolet has brought back the Impala SS for the '04 model year.

It is performance-oriented. It is stylish. It is nicely equipped and affordably priced.

And while those sweeping tailfins looked cool on my grandma's '65 Impala, I'm glad Chevrolet made the decision to look to the future when designing the current model instead of the past.

As I said before, this is not my grandma's Chevy Impala. The modern-day Impala is sleek. It is sophisticated. It is in every way a family sedan and an executive car.

The Super Sport trim level adds a little spice to the equation with a beefed-up four-wheel independent suspension system, high-performance speed-rated 17-inch tires, fog lamps, six-gauge instrument cluster with boost gauge

and a 3.8-liter V-6 engine (240 horsepower and 280 lb.-ft. of torque).

The 2004 Impala SS is quick, quiet and deceptively responsive. It is not a muscle car, nor will it throw you to the back of the seat during rapid acceleration.

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Frequently.

While it may feel like you're just cruising down the road at normal speed, a quick check of the speedometer will show that you're actually doing several miles above the limit.

That's what I mean by deceptive. In most vehicles you can feel the g-forces of acceleration, or hear the noise and vibrations caused by high speed. Not in

this car.

The heavy duty version of the Hydra-Matic 4T65-E four-speed automatic transmission provides seamless shift points at all levels of the torque curve, and the sedan is so well engineered, there are no vibrations, no rattles, no wind noise — just smooth sailing.

The only fault I found with the 2004 Impala SS test vehicle (driven during a one-week evaluation period) involved the optional 6-way power seats.

It's not that they are bad seats, I just had a difficult time making them comfortable. But that's just me. A few of the people I took out for a test drive thought they were very comfortable.

The Impala is available in three trim lines, base, LS and Super Sport.

Super Sport models include special badging and is available only in black with a monochromatic theme. It does have a stealth look to it, which I found very cool.

For those in the market for a performance-oriented sedan under \$30,000, I highly recommend the Impala SS for a test drive.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 10 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association and the Midwest Automotive Media Association. Comments may be sent to Neal at editor@waxahachiedailylight.com.

ON THE ROAD

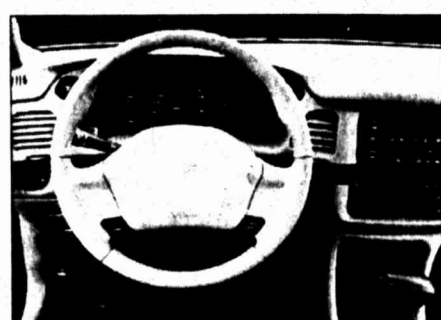


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TRANSMISSION:
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FUEL: 87 octane (base, LS)
92 octane (SS)
EPA: 20 mpg city/30 mph highway (LS)
BRAKES: Power-assisted four-wheel disc (ABS standard on LS and SS)
STEERING: Power rack-and-pinion
TURNING CIRCLE: 38-feet (39.6-feet SS)
SUSPENSION: Four-wheel independent suspension
LENGTH: 200 inches

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NEWS BRIEFS

Officer wants back on the job

DALLAS (AP) — A police officer injured at the start of a deadly standoff said he longs to return to the streets.

A bullet took a tennis ball-sized chunk out of Dallas police Sgt. Michael Flusche's left bicep in the early morning hours of Nov. 12. Shotgun pellets tore 13 holes in his right arm, leaving his hand numb.

But Flusche said he and his fellow officers didn't hesitate when they were called to an apartment where Francisco Fuentes had killed two men and was holding three children and their mother hostage. Four children who had escaped from the apartment gave police a chilling message, he said.

"He had said this to the kids, that he was going to take them to heaven with him," Flusche told The Dallas Morning News for a Wednesday story.

When they heard choking, gurgling noises, "we thought he was making good on that promise," he said. "We could either sit back and listen or do something about it."

Mayor criticized for calling judge

DALLAS (AP) — A state district judge is criticizing Mayor Laura Miller for calling her to discuss an ongoing child custody case.

Calling the mayor's actions "sinister" and "malicious," Judge Frances Harris questioned whether Miller was trying to unduly influence the outcome of the case. Her concerns prompted her to call a hearing last month to discuss the issue, and she has recused herself from the case.

"I've been doing this job a long time. I have never

had any elected official or lawyer call and try to ex parte me about a case," Judge Harris said during the hearing. "I know this: It's wrong, and I don't know what to do."

Because judges must remain impartial, no one is allowed to have casual conversations with them about pending cases. Such conversations, known as ex parte communication, are forbidden by the legal code of conduct.

James Alfini, dean of South Texas College of Law in Houston, said public officials should know that it would be improper to talk to a judge about a case.

Miller insisted she did nothing wrong, saying she interjected herself into the case as a concerned mother, not as a mayor.

Supporters say men guilty

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — Two men appealing a conviction in the slaying of San Antonio Express-News reporter Philip True have suffered a setback with the withdrawal of their attorney and the loss of two key supporters.

Miguel Gatins and Patricia Morales, who had backed the defense of the two Huichol Indians, announced at a news conference on Tuesday that they now believe the men are guilty.

Defense attorney Arturo Zamora, who has been elected mayor of nearby Zapopan, said he also had pulled out of the case and asked officials to name a public defender.

"I don't have the slightest doubt today that Juan Chivarra and Miguel Hernandez killed Philip True, for reasons that perhaps will never be explained, in the Sierra Huichol in 1998," said Gatins, who had helped finance the men's defense.

His change of heart apparently was based on Morales' admission that the two men had admitted the killing during a meeting with her two years ago.

Women charged in immigrant deaths are jailed in Mexico

HOUSTON (AP) — Two women accused of participating in a smuggling operation responsible for the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants have been caught in Mexico, U.S. prosecutors said.

Emma Rodriguez and Rosa Gonzalez were arrested on Sept. 5 in Matehuala, a town in the interior state of San Luis Potosi, according to a statement from the Mexican attorney general's office. They are among the 14 people named in a federal indictment in what's been called the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt.

Both women are charged in the United States with multiple

counts of conspiracy to conceal and transport undocumented migrants and causing them serious injury and death.

Rodriguez has been a fugitive since May, when authorities found 70 immigrants packed in a sweltering tractor-trailer that had been abandoned at truck stop in Victoria, 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Investigators say Rodriguez and her husband, Victor Sanchez Rodriguez, allowed the immigrants to sleep at their Brownsville home and then took them to a place where they were loaded into the trailer. Her husband is still at large.

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The Bulldogs moved into the game with a 10-2 record. The tie is 12-0.

BSYBA registration set for Dec. 1-

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The Big Spring School Lady Soccer team defeated the Big Spring Lady Soccer team 1-0 in a game that was played at the Big Spring High School. The game was played on Tuesday, October 10, 1995. The Big Spring Lady Soccer team was defeated by the Big Spring Lady Soccer team 1-0 in a game that was played at the Big Spring High School. The game was played on Tuesday, October 10, 1995.

Quarterback meet on Dec.

The Big Quarterback will hold a meeting with the BSHS Training Committee to begin preparing for the football season and to hold off-season practices. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

New classes forming at Y

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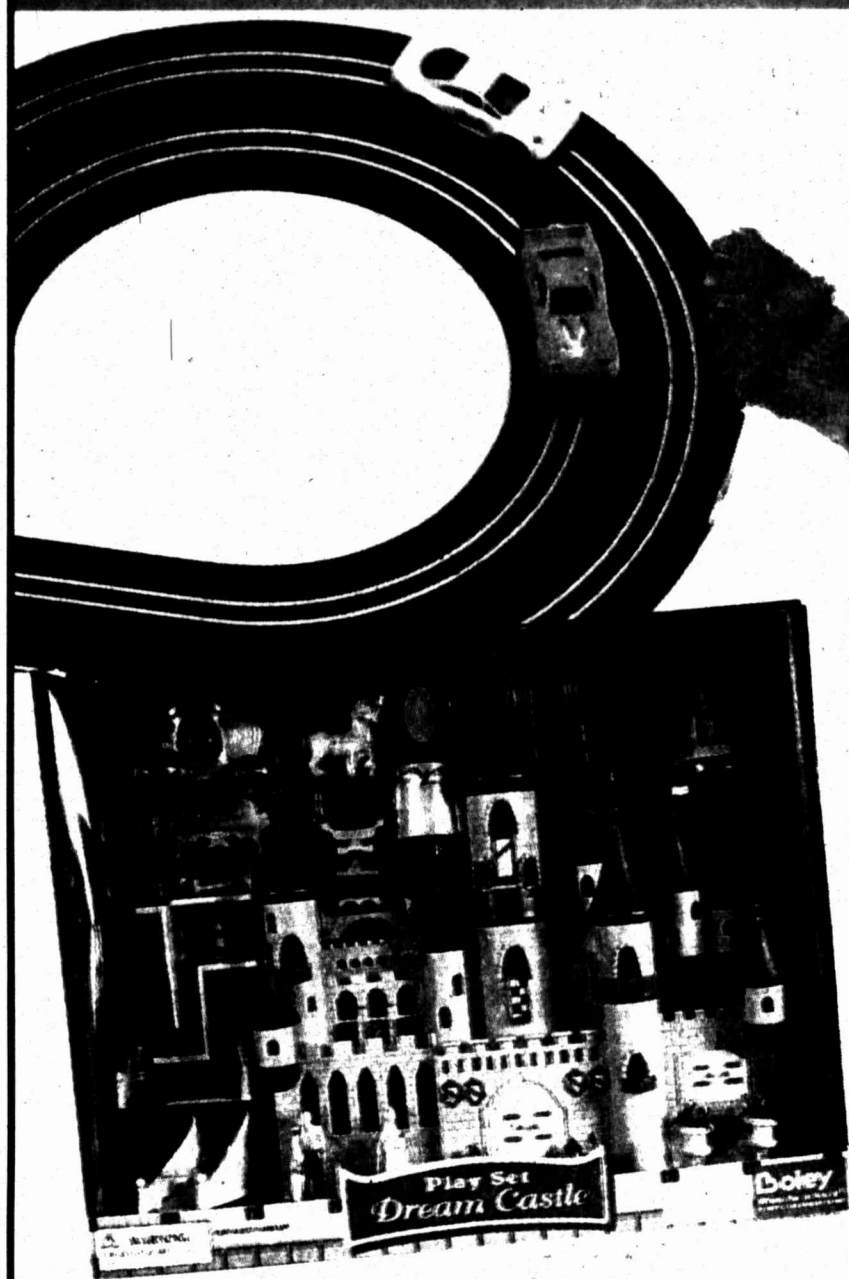
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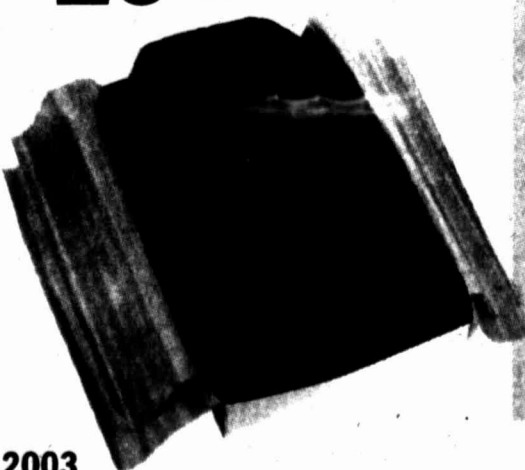
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The Bulldogs head into the game sporting a 10-2 record. Panhandle is 12-0.

BSYBA registration set for Dec. 1-13

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League will run from Dec. 1-13 at the YMCA. Youths between the ages of 5 and 14 are eligible to participate.

Players will be divided into age groups based on the eligibility date of Aug. 1, 2004. The registration fee is \$20 per player. Financial assistance is available for those unable to afford to fee.

Boys and girls participating in a skills evaluation an player draft on Dec. 20 Games will begin Jan. 17.

Adults interested in volunteering as a coach or referee should apply at the YMCA.

Lady Steers to face Lamesa on Dec. 2

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers basketball team will square off against the Lamesa High School Lady Tors on Dec. 2 in Lamesa.

Big Spring is slated to tip off at 8 p.m. The Big Spring JV will begin play at 6:30 p.m.

Quarterback Club to meet on Dec. 1

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting Dec. 1 at the BSHS Athletic Training Complex to begin preparations for the football banquet and to hold officer elections.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

New classes now forming at YMCA

Registration for classes in gymnastics, swimming, martial arts and women's weights is now being held at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Gymnastics classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers, ages five and younger, and regular gymnastics and tumbling classes for boys and girls six and older.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

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ON THE AIR

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Cowboys vs. Miami	2:30 p.m.	1490
Nov. 28		
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Texas vs. Texas A&M	1:30 p.m.	94.3
Texas A&M vs. Texas	1:30 p.m.	1490
Coahoma vs. Panhandle	6:15 p.m.	94.3
Spurs vs. Lakers	9 p.m.	1490
Nov. 29		
Event	Time	Station
Spurs vs. Warriors	9 p.m.	1490

Crossroads Little Football League



Steers' running back Pavo Plakhotny runs around a block from Ty Hall during the third quarter of their Division II play-off game against the Forsan Buffaloes Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. The Steers claimed an 18-0 win and finished third in the overall Crossroads standings.

Bulldogs, Steers grind out wins on 'Super Saturday'

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The 4-peat is complete.

The Coahoma Bulldogs used a powerful ground game to score early and often Saturday afternoon en route to claiming their fourth straight Crossroads Little Football League Division II title with a 32-6 over the Big Spring Cowboys in the 2003 championship game.

The Bulldogs turned on the fireworks early, showing the large crowd at Memorial stadium a glimpse of what was to come by taking their initial possession and moving 65 yards for a score.

Michael Hill was the first to come up with a big play for the Bulldogs. After taking a handoff, he outraced the Cowboys defense to the corner and then bolted down the sideline for 49 yards.

Two plays later, Coahoma attacked the right side again — only this time quarterback Josh Paniagua kept the ball and raced a virtually untouched 24-yards to the Big Spring end zone and putting the Big Red up 6-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Cowboys looked to be getting untracked later in the frame.

Anthony Arrendo broke off a 15-yard run to start the Cowboys' ensuing series. Arrendo's run was followed by a eight-yard jaunt by Tyler Ware.

Unfortunately for Cowboys fans, there wasn't much more the cheer about. The Cowboys were unable to muster anything else. The team misfired on its next three plays from scrimmage and turned the ball over on downs and deep in its territory.

Coahoma took advantage of the great field position. The Bulldogs needed just two plays to capitalize on the gift.

CLFL Champions	
The following is a list of the final standings for the Crossroads Little Football League.	
Division II	
Champion — Coahoma Bulldogs	
Runner-up — Big Spring Cowboys	
Third Place — Big Spring Steers	
Fourth Place — Forsan Buffaloes	
Division I	
Champion — Big Spring Panthers	
Runner-up — Big Spring Texans	
Third Place — Forsan Buffaloes	
Fourth Place — Coahoma Bulldogs	
Division I	
Champion — Coahoma Cardinals	
Runner-up — Big Spring Eagles	



The Coahoma Cardinals nailed down the Crossroads flag football championship Saturday by running past the Eagles.

After Lupe Abrego had plowed through the middle for a gain of 12 yards, Paniagua threw a strike to receiver Riley Wood for a 22-yard touchdown.

Paniagua's pass staked the Bulldogs to 12-0 cushion just into the second quarter.

The Bulldogs received great field position on its next possession, taking over at the Cowboys 38 as a result of a swarming defense.

It didn't take Coahoma long to turn inflate their lead even farther. The Bulldogs needed just one play as the Ray Gutierrez took the handoff and race around the left side for a 38 yards and a touchdown.

Coahoma added another touchdown in the first half minutes later when Paniagua went to the air once more and found Gutierrez for 36 yards and a score.

The Cowboys shot themselves in the foot on their last possession of the half. The Cowboys fumble deep in their own end. Coahoma standout Hunter Williams recovered the ball and preserved the Cowboys' 26-0 — and ending any hope the Cowboys taking some momentum into the half.

The Cowboys looked to have made the right adjustments defensively in the second half. Big Spring held the Bulldogs early in the third quarter and took the ball at their own 36.

The Cowboy offense, however, continued to

See CLFL, Page 3B

Morgan's double-double leads Lady Steers by Snyder

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Meredith Morgan and the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' eighth grade B team capped a solid start to their 2003-2004 basketball season this past weekend by pounding out a 43-29 win over the Snyder Lady Tigers.

Morgan paced the Lady

Steers' win by turning in her second double-double in the team's last three games by pumping in a game-high 16 points and 11 rebounds. Amber Simer and Clarissa Carrisalez also turned in strong performances, scoring 10 and eight points, respectively. Hali Torres had three points in the win, while Nita

Cotton, Emily Slape and Samantha Boehringer chipped in two apiece.

With the win, Big Spring goes into the Thanksgiving holidays sporting a 3-2 record. Meredith Randy Phillippe aided the BSJHS defensive effort with six rebounds.

The eighth grade A

See BSJHS, Page 2B

Cowboys hoping to stuff Dolphins

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't allowing anybody to run all over them any more.

The same defense that three years ago became the first in NFL history to allow three 200-yard rushers is now making life tough for running backs. How tough? Just three runners have managed 100 yards against the Cowboys over the past two seasons.

"We're getting hats to the football, getting a lot of hats there and we're not missing tackles," defensive end La'Roi Glover said. "Usually the first guy makes the tackle or gets him held up so other

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Tampa Bay's Michael Pittman (113 yards on 30 carries) is the only back who gained 100 yards this season against the Cowboys, who have allowed an NFC-low 82.4 yards per game and five rushing touchdowns.

Indianapolis' Edgerrin James (106 yards) and Jacksonville's Fred Taylor (100) barely broke the mark last year.

The Cowboys will try to keep Miami's Ricky Williams from joining the list Thursday when he plays his first NFL game in Texas, where he was the Heisman Trophy winner for the Longhorns.

"All of backs in the NFL wear down when you keep going at them, hitting them and hitting them," said defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban. "Ricky runs hard all four quarters. ... We can't let up because he's always going to be able to make the big play."

Williams ran for 107 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns Sunday night in the Dolphins' 24-23 comeback win over Washington.

That same day, Dallas was holding power runner Stephen Davis to 59 yards, including just 27 on his last 18 carries in a 24-20 win that gave the Cowboys (8-3) a share of the NFC's best record.

While they are similar in their hard-running styles, Williams presents a different kind of challenge.

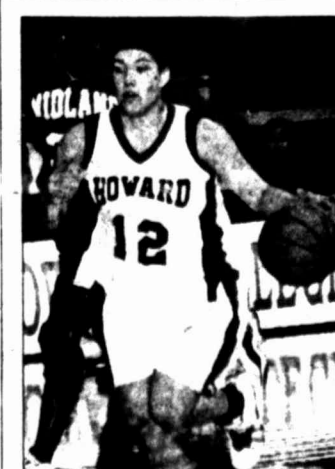
"Ricky Williams has the ability to bounce outside a little more readily. He's got real good durability."

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HC feds to face Dodge City Friday

The Howard College Lady Hawks will return to action Friday afternoon in central Kansas as they participate in the annual Dodge City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Hawks, who improved to 7-5 overall Monday with a win over the Hardin Simmons JV, are scheduled to open the two-day event against Dodge City Friday.



Clara Tidwell and the HC women play in Dodge City, Kansas Friday.

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BSJHS' Karly Green (left) is fouled by a Snyder defender while attempting to shoot Monday in the seventh grade A team's opener. Snyder claimed the win.

Chavez, Lady Cats off to perfect start to year

Herald staff report

The Westbrook Junior High School Lady Cats opened the basketball season on a good note as they swept past Blackwell and Highland in their first two games.

The Lady Cats, led by Linsey Chavez, opened the season by defeating Blackwell, 41-25.

Chavez was the team's top scorer, netting 13 points. Teammate Brittany Clowers finished with eight while Monica Molina contributed seven.

"I'm real proud of these young ladies," said Westbrook head coach Cassie Short. "They played real hard. This team never quits and it makes me proud."

Others contributing offensively were Rachel Gonzales with five, Cassie Olivas with four, Keesha Krapf and Jessica Clowers each with a bas-

ket. Defensively, Joaquina Cantu, Larmie King, and Carly Hill played well.

The Lady Cats turned in a solid defensive effort in their next outing and claimed a 16-12 win over Highland.

"We played real hard against Highland, but they were very tough," said Short. "The two teams matched up very well. Their main thing is defense and we rely on our defense to win ball games."

Defensively, the Cats held Highland to six points in the first half.

The Lady Cats' defense was keyed by Cassie Olivas, Keesha Krapf, who also had five points, Larmie King, Jessica Clowers and Monica Molina.

Offensively, Chavez shined again, scoring six points. Brittany Clowers and Rachel Gonzales, each pitched in two.

COWBOYS

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bility." Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "He's a little less upright. Stephen Davis a little bit of an upright guy. Ricky's got a lower center of gravity."

Glover and Williams were teammates for three seasons (1999-2001) in New Orleans, where coach Mike Ditka made the running back his only draft choice in 1999. Williams was traded to the Dolphins last year, when Glover signed as a free agent with the Cowboys.

"He's showing some speed, hitting the corner and leaving guys," Glover said. "That was a knock on him early in his career, and he's kind of proven that one wrong. Ricky wants to bounce the ball outside more than Davis did."

"He's running with power, bouncing the ball out more, leaving secondary guys. He used to want to run them over, now he's running from them."

The Cowboys-Dolphins game will be one of two NFL games played on Thanksgiving Day. The Detroit Lions will host the Green Bay Packers.

BSJHS

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team dropped its bout with Snyder, falling 39-19.

Desiree Yanez, Lauren Byrant and Maddy Hopkins all scored four.

The Big Spring seventh grade A and B teams both took tough losses. The A team, despite three points from Brianne Downes, suffered a 43-10 setback. The B team, sparked by eight points by Mirella Torres, lost by a 28-23 margin.

The B teams went into their games with Snyder after turning in stellar efforts in the Big Spring Junior High School Basketball Round-Robin Tournament. Both teams posted 2-1 marks in the event and walked away

with second-place honors.

The eighth grade B team picked up a dominating performance from Morgan in the first round of the event. She registered 16 points and 14 rebounds and led the BSJHS girls to a 38-14 win over Greenwood.

Clarissa Carrisalez also hit double figures, chipping in 12 points—which included a perfect 6-for-6 from the free-throw line.

Andrews managed to sneak out an 18-17 win in the second round despite nine points from Carrisalez and eight boards by Morgan.

Big Spring rebounded from the loss nicely. The Lady Steers, led by Carrisalez and Amber Simer, downed Seminole, 39-19, to claim second in the overall team stand-

ings.

Carrisalez led all scorers in the game with 14 points. Simer added eight, while Morgan had nine rebounds and finished the with 32 rebounds.

The Lady Steers seventh grade B team defeated Greenwood, 32-18, in its tournament opener. Leading all scorers in the game was Haylea Stuteville with nine points.

Big Spring picked up five points by Mirella Torres and took a wild 11-10 win over Andrews in the second round.

Big Spring being dropped an 18-17 decision to Seminole in the final game. Jennifer Beauchamp led all BSJHS scorers with six.

The Big Spring Junior High School basketball

teams opened their seasons on Nov. 17 in Lamesa. The seventh grade B team dropped a 21-11 decision. Mirella Torres was the high-point scorer for the BS girls, netting five points. Catherine Leubner added four and Crystal Torres contributed two. The seventh grade A team lost, 31-4. Whitney Worthan, M'Lynn Swinney 1, and Brianne Downes all scored in the game.

The eighth grade B team, despite garnering 11 points from Carrisalez, dropped a 26-20 decision to the Lady Tors. Lauren Sage tallied 10 in the eighth grade A team's 42-23 loss.

The Lady Steers will return to action Dec. 2 when they host Denver City.

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Texas QB Chance Mock to consider transferring from Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — There it is. The first public dent in the armor surrounding the Texas quarterback rotation of Vince Young and Chance Mock.

Mock, the former starter, is considering transferring after this season in search of more playing time, his father told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Mock will be a senior next season and going to another school could help him get to the NFL, Mike Mock said.

"He's considering options," Mike Mock said. "He has to. It's logical. There's nothing that's

been decided. The story is he's looking at options."

One option would be to stay at Texas. Mike Mock said his son would like to graduate from Texas and that they had not yet contacted any other schools. Mock would have to transfer to a Division I-AA school or lower to be eligible next season.

Chance Mock went public with the idea of transferring in Tuesday's Austin American Statesman. He said he would wait until after the season to explore it completely.

No. 6 Texas (9-2, 6-1 Big

12) ends its regular season Friday at rival Texas A&M (4-7, 2-5) with a bowl game to follow.

"I don't want to be a distraction," he said. "Right now, I'm a Texas Longhorn ... I think I can throw the ball well enough to be able to play at the next level. I don't know what will happen."

Mock said it would be difficult for him to leave.

"I'm looking for every possible reason to stay," he said. "This school has been so great to me. In no way would I want to burn them. This is a great place with great people,

and I've loved every minute of it."

Texas coach Mack Brown, who told the newspaper that he believes Mock will stay at Texas, was hesitant to discuss it Tuesday after practice.

"It's not a distraction," he said. "We're talking about A&M. That's what's important to us."

Team spokesman John Bianco said Mock would not be available for comment.

Junior tailback Cedric Benson said after the Longhorns' practice that he wasn't surprised by

Mock's comments.

"I don't blame the guy. You've got to do what's best for yourself. Nobody's looking out for you more than you are," Benson said. "Whatever decision is best for him."

Mock and Young have publicly supported each other all season, even as Young took over the

starter's role. His comments did not direct any criticism toward Young or Brown.

Mike Mock said his son needs to think about his dream of a professional career.

"He has to have reps. He has to be able to get into a game and throw the ball," Mike Mock said.

CLFL

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founder and eventually crippled itself. After failing to gain a first down on three plays, the Cowboys elected to punt. A bad snap sent the ball over the punter's head and enabled the Bulldogs to take control deep in the BS end.

Coahoma used just three plays to convert the opportunity into points, scoring on a 24-yard dash by Paniagua.

The Cowboys, to their credit, managed to avoid the shutout by mounting a late charge. Tyler Ware scored on a 2-yard plunge late in the fourth.

The Big Spring Steers also walked away from the weekend's action with reason to smile. Sparked by an aggressive defensive push, the Steers claimed the third-place honors with an 18-0 win over the short-handed Forsan Buffaloes.

"Coach (Bradley Garrison) said we could win if we worked hard and believe in ourselves and we did," said Big Spring defensive end Tommy Wells Jr. "We worked hard all year to get here."

The Steers, who had lost their previous two meetings with Forsan, struck early against the Buffs. The Big Spring running back staked the Steers to a 6-0 lead by scoring on a 4-yard run with 4:53 remaining in the first quarter.

The Steers added to their lead early in the second quarter when Stephen Islas plowed his way into the end zone from three yards out for a 12-0 cushion. Alberto Gonzales set up the Steers' second touchdown by reeling off a 22-yard gain to the Forsan 3 on a quarterback keeper.

Cameron Carroll closed out Big Spring's scoring effort in the fourth quarter by hauling in an 19-yard pass from running back David Peterson.

Big Spring running back Pavo Plakhotny



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Forsan's Ruben Mier attempts to shake off a would-be tackler in the fourth quarter of the Buffaloes 22-6 win Saturday. With the win, the Buffs finished third in the CLFL Division I standings.

rushed for more than 70 yards to key the BS offense.

In Division I action, the Panthers rode the strengths of two first-half touchdowns by Haden Ware to a 14-0 win over the Texans.

"I was just glad that I helped my team win," said Ware.

For Coach Kenneth Whitehead, winning the CLFL title was an experience he won't soon forget.

"I'm just real proud of

the boys," he said. "They learned how to work as a team and had a lot of camaraderie throughout the season."

The Forsan Buffaloes earned third in the Division standings by grinding out a 22-6 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs.

The Coahoma Cardinals claimed the CLFL flag championship with a win over the Big Spring Eagles.

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Wildcats split first two games

Herald staff report

The Westbrook Junior High School Wildcats opened their 2003-2004 season by splitting their first two games against the Blackwell and Highland.

The Blackwell Hornets scored the first blow in District 8A play with a 44-23 win in the season-opener for both teams.

Leading the way for Westbrook was Tate Burleson with 10 points. Teammate Michael Morton added seven.

The Hornets sealed the win by outscoring WJHS by a 26-2 clip in the second and third quarters.

Defensively the Wildcats were aided by Colton Rich, Drake Thurman, Tommy Wells, Hunter Scott, Lee Midwell and Brandon Smoker. Offensively, Daniel Ramirez, Wesley Goswick, Eli Farrell, and Evan Allen played well.

The Wildcats evened up their record at 1-1 in their ensuing outing by downing Highland, 32-22.

Morton lead all WJHS scorers with 14 points, Burleson chipped in 10.

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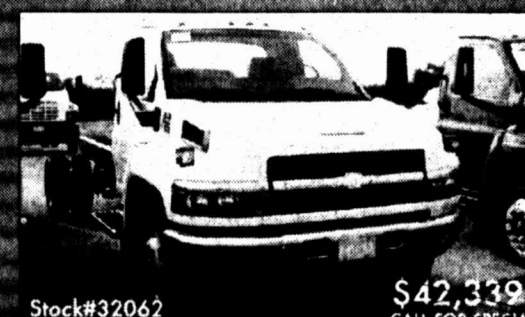
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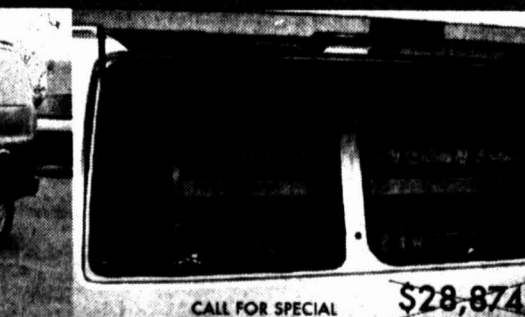
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LASTING IMPRESSIONS

GRAND NATIONAL DRIVER OF THE YEAR



Hamilton Jr.

There are many possible candidates here, but one driver went about trying to win the championship with reckless abandon, striving to do whatever it took to win races: Bobby Hamilton Jr. The addition of crew chief Harold Holly was surely an important key to Hamilton Jr.'s four wins in the second half of the season, but somebody still had to drive the car.

RACE OF THE YEAR

No question. The seemingly endless side-by-side, nose-to-tail battle between Brian Vickers and Shane Hmiel at Indianapolis Raceway Park — both going for their first win — was by far the most dramatic race of the season.

BIGGEST BLUNDER

NASCAR's creation of the "act of passing" doctrine that prompted the black-flagging of Vickers while he led the Texas race and appeared to be on his way to his first win. The call would come back to haunt NASCAR in the season finale Truck race at Homestead, Fla.

SMARTEST MOVE



Hendrick

Ricky Hendrick's hiring of Vickers to replace him in Hendrick Motorsports' No. 5 Chevrolets. Vickers, 20, won three races and the Grand National Series championship with the team in his first full season. Vickers now moves to Hendrick's No. 25 Chevrolets as a rookie in the Nextel Cup Series next season.

MOST IMPROVED

Vickers is the easy choice, considering he hadn't run a full season before bolting right to the title. A close second is Kasey Kahne, who made great strides in his first full season with Akers Motorsports.

'WELCOME BACK' AWARD

David Green has been in and out of the Grand National Series, but his first full season with Brewco Motorsports almost produced his second series championship and did give him the most wins (three) he has had in one season.



Jeff Green

2004 CHAMPIONSHIP PREDICTION

With Jeff Green's return to the series, David Green back for another season and the addition of talented rookie Kyle Busch, the 2004 title should be wide open. But look for Hamilton Jr. to continue his rise to the top of the standings.



Kyle Busch congratulates his Grand National teammate Brian Vickers on winning the 2003 Winn-Dixie 200.

TRUCKS DRIVER OF THE YEAR

An untimely wreck derailed his championship hopes, but Brendan Gaughan was clearly the class of the field. He earned six wins, including a second consecutive season sweep of both Texas races, and three poles. Not bad for a driver and team based on the West Coast.

RACE OF THE YEAR

Not much could beat the season opener at Daytona, which featured a three-wide finish with Rick Crawford coming out with the victory.

BIGGEST BLUNDER

Because it made a similar call earlier in the season, NASCAR had to black-flag Ted Musgrave in the season finale for being in the "act of passing" to the left on the last restart, thus denying him his first series championship.

SMARTEST MOVE

Roush Racing's hiring of Carl Edwards has to be a no-brainer. He won rookie of the year honors and had three wins and one pole.

MOST IMPROVED

Jon Wood performed well with Roush in 2002, but he raised the bar this season, registering two victories and finishing fifth in points.

'WELCOME BACK' AWARD

Bobby Hamilton left Winston Cup and joined the Truck series with his own team. He won twice — at Darlington, S.C., and Homestead — and finished sixth in points.

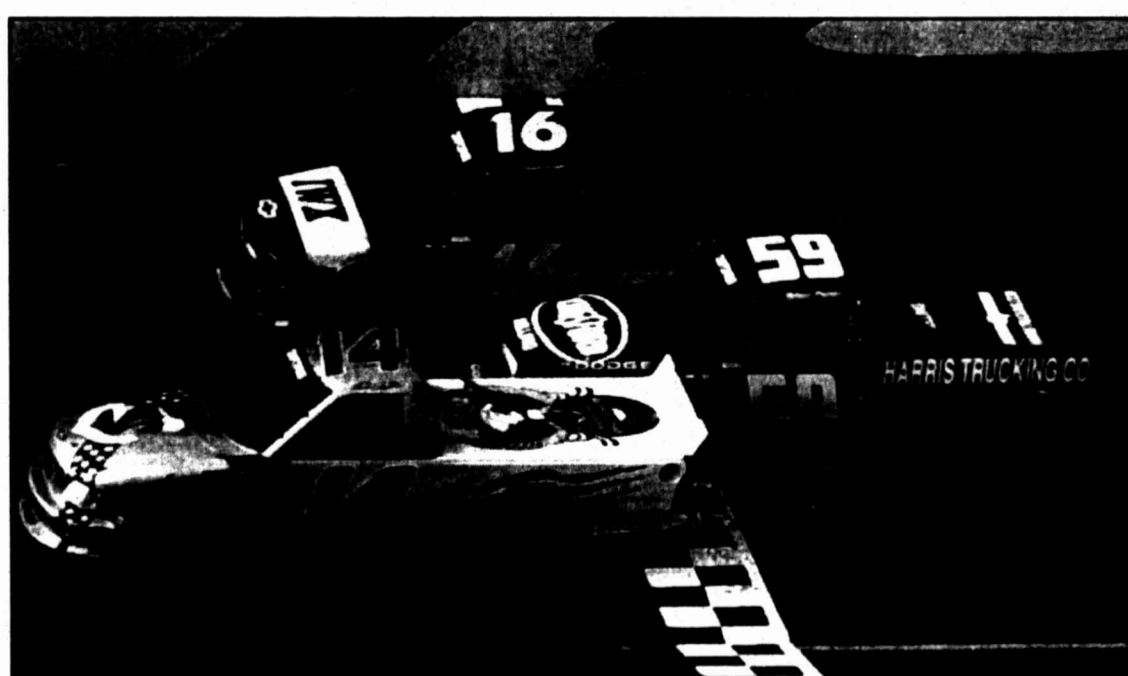
2004 CHAMPIONSHIP PREDICTION

If Gaughan is in the series — he is being wooed by several Nextel Cup teams — he will be the favorite. If he is gone, the title chase is wide open, with former champions Jack Sprague and Mike Skinner, Edwards, 2003 champion Travis Kvapil and Musgrave among the favorites.

Reflecting on the most memorable moments, drivers in NASCAR's other top racing series

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The NASCAR Grand National and Truck series produced some exciting moments this season as well as NASCAR's best points races. As the 2003 season wraps up, let's take a look back at some of the best and worst moments the Grand National and Trucks series had to offer.



The Truck Series race of the year was the season opener at Daytona, narrowly won by Rick Crawford.

Random thoughts on a new points system that rewards race wins

Applying one points system to results from races run under a completely different set of rules is inherently unfair.

With that disclaimer out of the way, please allow me to resurrect the Competition Index, my own championship-determining formula that I've had on the shelf for a couple of years now.

Under my system, which is not a radical change from what's in place right now, the season's final race would have brought the season to a close with the most dramatic finish in history.

The Index is a simple formula. Take the Winston Cup points as now awarded and subtract the bonuses drivers get for leading a lap and leading the most laps in a race. Add 15 additional points for a race win and five for a pole, since qual-

ifying ought to count for something in the title race. And, to reward drivers for leading races — which is what they ought to be trying to do — give one point for every five miles a driver leads.

Entering the final weekend, Matt Kenseth would have been 21 points ahead of Ryan Newman and 116 ahead of Jimmie Johnson.

After Kenseth blew an engine and finished last, Newman finished 37th with damage from an early wreck and Johnson finished third, Johnson would have won the title by 19 points over Kenseth and 22 over Newman, with Jeff Gordon only 65 back.

Nobody knows for sure yet what NASCAR will do to adjust its point system. There are all kinds of rumors out there, some of them involving a radical change that would designate the

COMPETITION INDEX ADJUSTED STANDINGS

How the 2003 Winston Cup standings would look if the Competition Index was used instead of the points system employed by NASCAR:

Driver	Cup Pts.	Bonuses	Poles	Wins	Miles led	Index
Jimmie Johnson	1072	110	2	3	987.0	5074
Matt Kenseth	5022	90	0	1	543.5	5058
Ryan Newman	4711	135	11	8	1509.1	5053
Jeff Gordon	4785	140	4	3	1497.7	5010
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	4815	140	0	2	1292.4	4963
Kevin Harvick	4770	105	1	1	787.1	4842
Tony Stewart	4549	105	1	2	1423.9	4764
Bobby Labonte	4303	95	4	2	838.0	4480
Bill Elliott	4303	75	0	1	823.1	4408
Kurt Busch	4150	100	0	4	681.0	4246

final 10 races as some kind of a "championship playoff" series for only those who'd made the top 10 in the first 26 races.

That sounds like a television idea to me. Just as NBC is beginning to compete with NFL broadcasts for ratings,

the first segment would be wrapping up and there would be a battle for the 10 qualifying spots. Then, the slate could be wiped clean and the 10 qualifiers would battle it out from there.

The problem with that would be it would automatically give the final 10

races of the year a different status from the first 26. It would certainly diminish the importance of the Daytona 500. How could you call any race in the qualifying round the season's most important event?

RIDELESS DRIVERS

There are 21 drivers qualified for the season-opening Bud Shootout for Feb. 7 at Daytona.

Jamie McMurray, Jeff Green, Dave Blaney, Bobby Labonte, Ryan Newman, Elliott Sadler, Jeremy Mayfield, Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte, Steve Park, Jimmie Johnson, Boris Said, Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick and Mike Skinner all qualified by winning poles in 2003. Past Shootout winners Dale Earnhardt Jr., Mark Martin, Rusty Wallace, Ken Schrader, Bill Elliott and Dale Jarrett also are eligible.

Some of those drivers might not be in the race since they don't, as of yet, have rides for next season.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should NASCAR change the points system before the 2004 season?

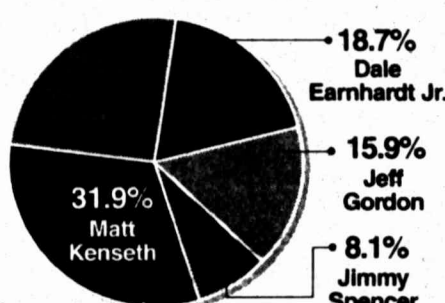
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

If you had a ticket to the Winston Cup banquet and your choice of where to sit, which driver would you sit with?

Number of votes: 5,129



RACIN' NOTES

PPI reorganizes No. 32 team

PPI Motorsports has overhauled its No. 32 team, hiring former team crew chief Mike Beam as competition director for its racing programs and David Charpentier as the team's new crew chief for driver Ricky Craven.

Scott Miller, crew chief for the No. 32 Tide Pontiac in 2003, is exploring options both within and outside of the team's engineering group.

Beam, a veteran crew chief, returns to PPI after serving as crew chief for Richard Childress Racing's No. 30 Chevrolet in 2003.

As competition director, Beam will help focus the organization's in-house operations toward increased performance. He will also work with Charpentier and the crew of the No. 32 Chevrolet to ensure the team's at-track competition needs are met. — Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

2004 NEXTEL CUP SCHEDULE

The dates and tracks for the coming season:

Feb. 7	Daytona International Speedway*
Feb. 12	Daytona International Speedway*
Feb. 15	Daytona International Speedway
Feb. 22	North Carolina Speedway
March 7	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway
March 21	Darlington Raceway
March 28	Bristol Motor Speedway
April 4	Texas Motor Speedway
April 18	Martinsville Speedway
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway
May 2	California Speedway
May 15	Richmond International Raceway
May 22	Lowe's Motor Speedway
May 30	Lowe's Motor Speedway
June 6	Dover International Speedway
June 13	Pocono Raceway
June 20	Michigan International Speedway
June 27	Infineon Raceway
July 3	Daytona International Speedway
July 11	Chicagoland Speedway
July 25	New Hampshire International Speedway
Aug. 1	Pocono Raceway
Aug. 8	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International
Aug. 22	Michigan International Speedway
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway
Sept. 5	California Speedway
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway
Sept. 18	New Hampshire International Speedway
Sept. 26	Dover International Speedway
Oct. 3	Talladega Superspeedway
Oct. 10	Kansas Speedway
Oct. 16	Lowe's Motor Speedway
Oct. 24	Martinsville Speedway
Oct. 31	Atlanta Motor Speedway
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway
Nov. 14	Darlington Raceway
Nov. 21	Homestead-Miami Speedway

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The moon graces social Aquarius, making this a



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Events of the day don't have to be stressful (just tell yourself you refuse to get stressed). Even so, the afternoon hours definitely have an edge. No worries, it's this quality that can make the day more memorable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you are most thankful for is your friendships: They are deep, true and numerous. Cutting corners on your meal will probably end up costing you money. Buy exactly what the recipe says you need. Be extra cautious driving.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Your underrated talents come to the fore. Everyone is glad for your witty conversation and bubbly laughter. However, do avoid talk of upcoming holidays. Family members may get jealous about who goes where and stays with whom.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Adjusting your expectations of others might be the key to happiness. Watch out: Seeking instant gratification can sabotage long-term financial or romantic goals. There's definite progress in your work with a child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Many responsibilities fall to you because you are so strong and able. Loved ones don't mean to criticize, but the way you hear it, they sound pretty harsh. Listen through the filter that only your caring, generous heart can create.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Say goodbye to friction and taking offense. Who needs it? Let weird comments roll off your back like water from a duck. When you're the bighearted one, others surprise you by rising to the standard you've set.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People have specific

roles in your plans — but do they know this? Your organization skills must be topped by your communication skills for things to go your way. Sit outside under the stars with friends tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're driven to win. But what does that mean on a day like today? Winning could be simply enjoying a meal with people who make you happy or walking in your neighborhood and noticing one thing you never saw before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may find it challenging to take care of yourself with so many other people seeming to need your attention. The buffer of time could be your savior — commit to nothing except in the most vague, open-ended way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is the day to show the world who you really are — and the world's impressed. You glow with charm when you're honest about what you do and don't know about. Asking for help endears you to a person.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make a list, and go for it. You can trust new people with traditional tasks. Your entertaining style may be a bit haphazard, but don't forget that at the end of the day a raucous good time is had by all.

ASTROLOGICAL STRATEGIES FOR FAMILY VISITS: Astrology holds information that can help all of us get through those stressful family visits around the holidays — and they can be stressful for even those of us with the happiest of families. Read on for some tips for making the most of your family's time together: SAGITTARIUS: The more the merry, as far as you're concerned. Just be sure to clear your last-minute guests with the host to avoid sibling rivalry or parental inconvenience. Family members will love your friends when they are expected guests! CAPRICORN: You remind everyone of important traditions that give gatherings a richness. If there are not enough rituals to make your special time together a bonding experience, it's up to you to create one that sticks. AQUARIUS: You provide the kooky element of fun that spices gatherings with an unforgettable story to tell later. Don't plan it — you're best on the fly. PISCES: Wisdom beyond your years helps you point out what others might miss. You give gatherings a spiritual significance. Embrace your role as a wise person in your group, and don't hold back!

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7 PM	Wheel Fortune	Wheel Fortune		My Wife-Kids	Movie: Dr. Dolittle 2	Cold Case (CC)	Movie: A Christmas	Movie: A Christmas	Update/Israel	West Tex Jm	Kandula: An	Movie: The Shawshank	Basketball	Source Awards	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Football: Kurt Browning	Movie: The Rock (CC)	Movie: Orange County (CC)
8 PM	Accurating Jim	Accurating Jim	Juan Gabriel	CSI: Crime	Movie: El Padrecto	Friends (CC)	Story (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Farm Aid 2003: A	Walking With	Redemption	NBA	Knicks at Indiana Pacers	Comicview	The Even Stevens Movie	Cup of China	Figure Skating	Mississippi State (CC)	Movie: Vanilla Sky (CC)
9 PM	PrimeTime	PrimeTime	Primer Impacto	70s Show	Without a Trace (CC)	Harry for the Holidays	National Lampoon's	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose	Sign Off	First Ancestors (CC)	9:55 Movie: The Bounty	Nets at Clippers	Nightly News	40 Movie: The Duke vs	Programs College	Basketball	Rome is Burning (CC)	Movie: Terminator 2
10 PM	News	News	Noticiero Univ	70s Show	Becker (CC)	Movie: Un	10 Movie: The Goonies	Rev. J. Hansen	Sign Off	Walking With	First Ancestors (CC)	40 Movie: The Terminator	Inside the NBA	Midnight Love	The Even Stevens Movie	Pacific	SportsCenter	Movie: Spanish	45 Movie:
11 PM	Ent. Tonight	Extra (CC)	Juan Gabriel	Becker (CC)	Movie: El Padrecto	Friends (CC)	Story (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Charlie Rose	Sign Off	First Ancestors (CC)	40 Movie: The Terminator	Inside the NBA	Midnight Love	The Even Stevens Movie	Pacific	SportsCenter	Movie: Spanish	45 Movie:
12 AM	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Movie: El Padrecto	Becker (CC)	Movie: El Padrecto	Friends (CC)	Story (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Charlie Rose	Sign Off	First Ancestors (CC)	40 Movie: The Terminator	Inside the NBA	Midnight Love	The Even Stevens Movie	Pacific	SportsCenter	Movie: Spanish	45 Movie:

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'll bet he wishes he had flown south for the winter."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm glad turkeys taste better than they look."

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2003. There are 34 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Nov. 27, 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

On this date: In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.

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

In 1945, Gen. George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to

try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

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

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

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

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

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

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

jetliner.

Five years ago: Answering 81 questions put to him three weeks earlier, President Clinton wrote the House Judiciary Committee that his testimony in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "not false and misleading."

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Avery is 55. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 48. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg is 46. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 44. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 41. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 41.

Answer to previous puzzle

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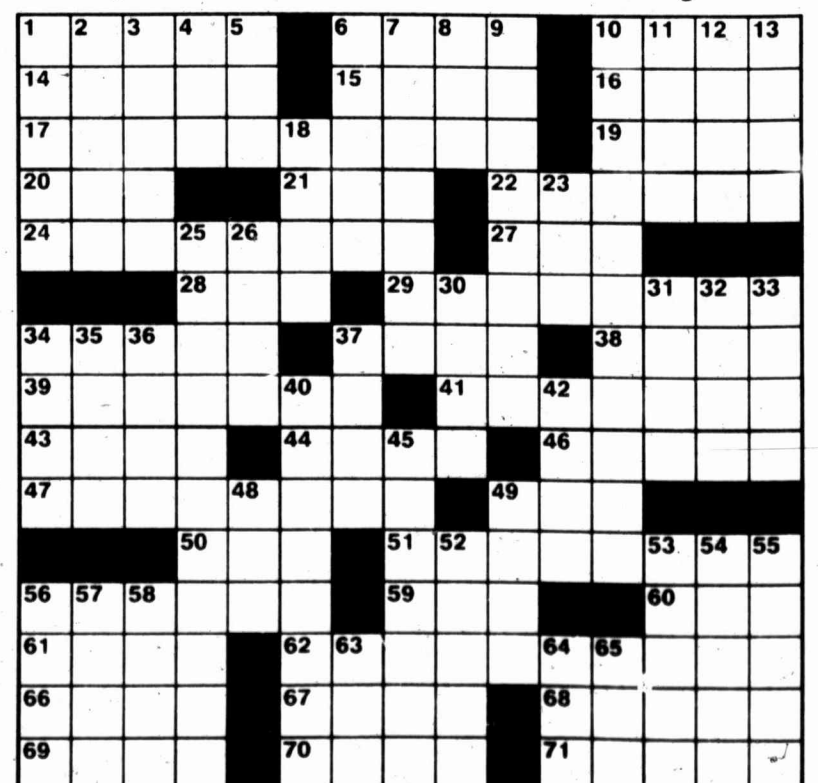
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Newsday Crossword

ROUND AND ROUND by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bike or trike
6 Clark's colleague
10 Send sprawling
14 Showed on TV
15 Topple from power
16 Ebb
17 Skillful press agent
19 Sikorsky of aviation
20 President pro
21 Have dinner
22 Not here
24 Strong joe
27 Thus far
28 Lennon's mate
29 Strip
34 Bagel relative
37 La Tar Pits
38 Chicken's dinner
39 Hop a shuttle, perhaps
41 Played for time
43 Working away
44 Toward sunup
46 Feather-brained
47 Boring voice
49 Doctrine
50 Pig's digs
51 Spine section
56 Egg rating
59 Bard's before
60 Slithery swimmer
61 Place to wait
62 Auto blinker
66 Makes a pick
- DOWN**
- 67 Times in history
68 Dorothy, to Em
69 Sneak a look
70 Delta deposit
71 Sharply dressed
11 Latest thing
12 Part of
13 Fresh-mouthed
18 buco
23 Paese (cheese)
25 Quaint office furniture
26 Irish New Age singer
30 Tree home
31 Spill the beans
32 No-goodnik
33 Whirling water
34 Grin broadly
35 Division word
36 "... hear drop"
37 Conk
40 Newborns
- 42 Mgr.'s aide
45 More than a few
48 Links prop
49 Ticks off
52 Dadaist Max
53 Poet Stephen Vincent
54 Do a double take
55 9 Down's home, maybe
56 Icky stuff
57 Ready to pick
58 First chip
63 Mentalist
64 Rural stopover
65 Supermodel Carangi



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