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### MONDAY

November 15, 2004

WEATHER

**Tonight:** 



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## BRIEFLY

## Relay for Life rally set Tuesday

A rally to start the 2005 Relay For Life campaign will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St.

Refreshments will be served.

### **CISD** trustees to meet Thursday

The Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the board room of the administration building located at 600 Main Street in Coahoma.

The meeting will address such topics as consideration of changing graduation requirements, a facilities assessment by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and superintendent evaluation instrument.

## INSIDE

## Powell said ready to leave Cabinet

Secretary of State Colin Powell has told top aides he intends to resign from President Bush's Cabinet, highranking State Department officials said.

Powell, who long has been rumored planning only a single term with Bush, told his aides that he intends to leave once Bush settles on whom to succeed him.

Word of Powell's imminent departure kicked off a new week of Cabinet shuffling for Bush.

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## Community Angels program to fill void

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

It's Christmas morning, a teenager sits looking on as his 8year-old sister and 4-year-old brother, feverishly open pre-

Although his family can't afford to buy presents this year, his brother and sister are Angel Tree recipients. He smiles knowing his brother and sister will have a good Christmas after all; but inside he wishes there was a package under the tree for him

"We can't stand the thought of these children watching their siblings opening gifts and not being able to enjoy the holiday."

Thanks to the Salvation Army, many of the underprivileged children of Howard County will

BAREFOOT receive Christmas presents this year. But what about the children ages 13 to 18?

The Community Angels pro-

gram is answering this question by offering the Teen Angel Program, sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association.

The program is receiving donations to help purchase Christmas presents for needy teenagers in the community that have already been identified by the Salvation

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Six-year-old twins Jacob and Jonah Wiss, participants in the YMCA's after-school program, splash around during Friday's swim day at the YMCA.

# United Way helps YMCA provide after-school care

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Latchkey kid or fun; supervised activities?

For some parents, the cost for after-school care makes

the decision for them. Luckily, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County helps the YMCA of Big Spring offer scholarships to these needy working families.

More than 40 percent of children of children go home to empty hous-

es after school with no supervision and, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology, this number is growing each year. It also notes that this time between getting home



from school and the parent arriving home is the most dangerous time for children.

Big Spring's YMCA is helping working, needy parents to fill the gap between the end of the school day and the end of the work day. For many of those parents, the

YMCA is seen as a godsend. "The YMCA provides a lot of fun activities for children, adults and families," said one woman whose two children receive scholarship assistance for YMCA programs. "But for families who work and barely get by, the best thing the YMCA does is provide a safe place for our kids.'

YMCA Director Pete Thiry explained that to meet the needs of families, the YMCA provides three distinct services.

First is health and fitness, this portion of the organization encompasses weights, fitness equipment and exercise classes. Families need to take care of themselves not only emotionally, but physically as well.

Second, the YMCA provides physical education and sports such

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## DRA Christmas Concert slated for Nov. 27

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year... time for the Downtown Revitalization Association's third annual Christmas Concert set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Municipal Auditorium.

"This concert is free to the public and a gift to the community from DRA members," said Allan Johnson, president of the organiza-

Linda Lyndell will direct Big Spring High School's Rhapsody, bringing "Santa's Frosty Folly" to the stage. The concert will include traditional music, dancing and solos for half of the program. Following a brief intermission, a Christmas variety show will be led by Larry Thibeaulet and David Smith and will encourage enthusiastic audience participation.

This year's BSHS Rhapsody includes Cody Chandler, Bernadette Flores, Nadia Garcia, Gloria Garibay, Sophia Gonzales, Bianca Green, Erin Griffin, Tapley Holguin, Sameka Houston, Meagan Matthews, Samantha Pattin, Jonathan Smith, Kelli Warrington and Sarah Wilkinson.

All ages will enjoy a special visit

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## Fame

## United Way fund-raiser will offer 15 minutes

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

What's it like to be famous?

Well, the winner of the '15 Minutes of Fame" drawing being conducted as part this year's fundraising drive by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will find out what being famous is like.

While the winner of the drawing may not experience fame like film stars and professional athletes, they'll certainly be recognized around town.

"We think this is an excellent opportunity for everyone to get involved in this year's United Way drive," explained Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle, who first conceived of the project. "There's a \$5 entry fee, and the winner's 15 minutes of fame will include several things - their name will be placed on the marquee at Big Spring Mall, the Big Spring Herald will do a front page feature story on them, they'll be interviewed by local radio stations, they'll be on at least one billboard. receive a dozen roses from Dakota's Flowers and we're still adding prizes."

The winner of the contest will be announced on Tuesday, Nov. 30, the final day of the extended campaign.

"The few dollars each of us gives to United Way goes a long, long way," noted Cynthia Scott, executive director of the local United Way organization. "And it's really important that while some of the 15 agencies the United Way benefits primarily help the needy in our community, there are others that have a wider scope."

The United Way's support for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the YMCA, after-school programs and the like, Scott noted,

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## Stepping into Better Health presentation set for Thursday

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The smallest of changes you make can be the biggest step toward improving your family's health and well being.

This is the slogan for Stepping into Better Health, a presentation set for 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Big Spring

Junior High School Library. 'This program is being put on

County," said Karen McCormick, a registered nurse at Moss Elementary School. "We also want to help parents understand the changes the state has incorporated into the nutritional guidelines for children."

The event will feature several speakers helping parents find ways to support changes they can make for a lifetime of health and help children understand the

to help all parents in Howard value of good nutrition, said McCormick.

Missy Mikeska, a physician's assistant, will talk about childhood obesity and how parents can make changes to improve the health of their children. Bill Dodson, a physical thera-

pist, will speak on how to get started with physical exercise.

Marica Merrell, a dietitian, will teach parents how to have better eating habits and ways to slowly

get started.

"Texas is ranked No. 3 for U.S. states with childhood obesity,' said McCormick. "If we don't make some changes now, we are forcing our children into a lifetime of bad health," she added.

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

## **Obituaries**

## Sammy John Payne



Sammy John Payne, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services with military rites will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joel Miller, pastor of Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 20, 1923, in Fannin County. Mr. Payne served in the United States Army during World War II and was wounded in Germany and received the Purple Heart Medal.

He worked in the oil field, in the service industry, most of his life. He loved his family, friends and golf. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Edgar and Cindy Payne of Big Spring and Paul and Linda Payne of Liberal, Kan.; one brother and sisterin-law, Tony and Rae Payne of Mesa, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Delenda Payne and Brendan Payne, both of Grand Prairie; and a nephew, Frank "Buck" Main, of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Inc. Texas Affiliate, Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Road., Lubbock

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

Paid obituary

## Take note

☐ GARAGE AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT CIR-CLE SIX RANCH IN STANTON is set for Dec. 3-4 at the ranch, which is located six miles north of Stanton on Highway 137. Call 432-458-3467 for more information.

☐ TUMBLEWEED SMITH BOOK SIGNING, "Under the Chinaberry Tree," and new CD, "Natural-Born Storyteller," at the Martin County Library from 1-4 p.m. Friday. Contact Helen Thrailkill at 756-2722 for more information.

☐ TALENT SHOW AND SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1008 Birdwell Lane, at 6:30 Friday. Tickets are \$5 for each event, or \$8 to attend both. Proceeds go to fund missionary work of Janae Giles, who is attending the missions program at Lubbock Christian University. Contact Don Swinney, 263-9963, for more information.

□ NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Thanksgiving Feast for students and parents at 10:45 a.m. Thursday. Call Karen at 263-0203 for more information.

"LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CIT-IZENS (LULAC) CHAPTER 4791 is having an open meeting for the community from 6-8 p.m. Friday, in the Howard County Library Community Room. For more information, call Jennifer at 264-1297; Anita Marquez at 816-3226; Raul Marquez at 263-6351; Janey Tino at 268-9155; or Isabel Calderon at 213-4239.

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

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

□ FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

## Police blotter

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

· THOMAS DEL BOLTON, 22, of 1203 Harding, was arrested Saturday on three local warrants, a Howard County warrant and a charge of evading arrest.

 NUGE ALEXANDER, 45, of Snyder, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more with open container.

· COLBY SHAWN WARD, 22, of 3711 Connally, was arrested Saturday on a charge of tampering with identification numbers.

• PILAR ANN HILARIO, 24, of 3711 Connally, was arrested Saturday on a charge of tampering with identification numbers.

• JAMES RAY COGBURN, 27, of 1004 Hickory, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intox cation and resisting arrest.

• RONNY GERALD GIBSON JR., 25, of 1408 E. 18th Street, was arrested Sunday on local warrants.

 KELLY DAWN FORSHEE, 36, of 1519 Kentucky Way, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance. THEODORE E. RIOS, 34, of 713 Lorilla, was arrest-

ed Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

 SUZANNE MARIE IRVIN, 26, of 2636 Langley, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

reported in the 700 block of Creighton. · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

· CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported:

· in the 700 block of interstate highway 20.

- in the 600 block of 17th Street. EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 700 block of Creighton.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1900 block of Lancaster.

 TAMPERING WITH IDENTIFICATION NUM-BERS was reported in the 3700 block of Connally.

· THEFT was reported:

- in the 300 block of Owens. - in the 900 block of Willia.

## Sheriff's report

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

· EPIFANIO JOSE "JOE" GUZMAN, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation and violation of

· RONALD KEITH WEIBLE, 45, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of telephone harassment and unlawful carrying of weapon - dagger.

· PETER MANUAL CANELARIA, 17, was transported to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation. TOMAS RIVERA HERNANDEZ, 44, was arrested

Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order. · DAVID CLAYTON GOETZ, 50, was arrested

Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container. JOHN ALBERT LOPEZ, 21, was arrested Sunday

by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. · GREGORY ALLAN MCDANIEL, 35, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxi-

cated. · MICHAEL ROY ROBERSON, 22, was arrested Sunday by HSCO on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

· COLBY SHAWN WARD, 22, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of pampering with identification numbers.

• THEODORE E. RIOS, 34, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

· JAMES RAY COGBURN, 27, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of resisting arrest - search or transport.

 KELLY DAWN BRADBERRY, 36, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

· PILAR ANN HILARIO, 24, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of tampering with identification numbers.

· TOMMY DALE BOLTON, 22, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Sunday on a charge of causing an accident involving damage to a vehicle.

## Support groups

## MONDAY

☐ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Thanksgiving covered dish dinner planned, and the turkey will be provided. Call 398-5522 for more information.

## TUESDAY

☐ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## THURSDAY

☐ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

1001 Goliad.

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

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

## FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9

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## **Bulletin** board

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

### TODAY

· Texas Recycle Day.

· The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at

· Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call

· Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

 Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m.

at 610 Abrams St. Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited

for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

TUESDAY

 Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

· Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

· Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 12-14-17-35-39. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$13 for the second of the second of the second

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-20-27-32-36. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$23,640. Winning tickets sold in: Cypress, Fort Worth.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

## Weather

Today — Showers and thunderstorms with heavy rainfall. Areas of fog. Highs near 50. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain is near 100 percent.

Tonight — Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely with heavy rainfall. Lows in the mid 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Tuesday — Showers and thunderstorms with heavy rainfall. Highs near 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Tuesday night — Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely with heavy rainfall. Lows near 50. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Wednesday - Widespread rain and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance

of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Friday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

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## Top pay for college presidents rises again

By JUSTIN POPE

AP Education Writer

Tuition is rising sharply and many schools are still fighting through budget cuts. But the salaries of the highest-paid college presidents are also increasing, according to a survey out Monday.

The number of university presidents earning more than half a million dollars jumped again this year \_ though overall they remain a small minority.

Seventeen presidents of public universities and systems will earn more than \$500,000 this year, up from 12 last year and six the year before, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education's compensation survey. Tuition at four-year public colleges rose 10.5 percent this

At private colleges and universities, the number of presidents earning more than \$500,000 rose from 27 to 42 in fiscal 2003, the last year for which data are available for the private institutions.

"I don't underestimate the important work they do. But I think they're starting to look more like CEOs than college presidents, and I think public trust is a real issue."

Johns Hopkins University President William Brody's total compensation of \$897,786 topped all college presidents.

University Washington's Mark Emmert is the top earner among public presidents, with a package that will total \$762,000 in pay and benefits. Mark Yudof at the University of Texas ranked fifth with a salary of \$651,400.

Several education experts said the figures aren't necessarily a sign of excess, given the competition for strong leaders, who are at least as valuable in tough times as in flush ones.

Many of the top earners preside over complex institutions and manage thousands of

Johns Hopkins, they also oversee teaching hospitals.

"Certainly in the private sector you'd be paying four, five, six times more for the same function," said David Ward, president of the American Council on Education, which represents universities. Jim Boyle, president of College Parents of America, said high salaries aren't necessarily a problem, since finding a strong leader can hold tuition down in the long run.

Still, the figures concern some observers.

"I don't underestimate the important work they do," said Roger Bowen, general secretary of the American Association of employees. At schools like University Professors and a for-

mer president in New York's state university system. "But I think they're starting to look more like CEOs than college presidents, and I think public trust is a real issue."

Roger Bowen

Former NYSU president

The median salary for presidents at public institutions was \$328,400. This is the first year the Chronicle has computed a median salary for those presidents, so it can't say for sure whether the median increased.

But it has tracked median salaries at private schools, which last year rose 19 percent to \$459,643 at private research universities.

Ward said the increases are being driven less by raises than by big jumps when schools recruit someone new.

For instance, at Washington, where Emmert earned \$762,000 (including a one-time relocation incentive), his predecessor earned \$296,400 and the interim president \$405,000.

Taxpayers don't foot the whole bill to pay presidents at many public universities. Private foundations contribute at least part of the president's salary at nearly half the public institutions the Chronicle surveyed, up from one-third last year, with a median amount of support of \$100,000.

But such arrangements have also caused conflicts over influence. After a dispute with the University Georgia Foundation, the board of regents overseeing the system there voted recently to pay the salary of president Michael Adams entirely with state funds. He will earn \$637,966 this

On the Net: Chronicle of Higher Education: http://chronicle.com

## Study: Most car seats do poor job of preventing whiplash

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - More than half of car seats as currently constructed do not do a good job of prewhiplash venting injuries, tests by the insurance industry show.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, in test results released Sunday, said that General Motors Corp. cars were among the worst performers, and it said that Volvo and Saab cars were among the best.

Altogether, 97 seat and headrest combinations found in 88 cars now on the market were studied tested 73 of those seats in a 20 mph rear-impact crash to see how well they would protect an average-

size male dummy

Eight seats earned the institute's highest rating, including those in the Volvo S40, S60 and S80, the Saab 9-2X and 9-3, and the Jaguar S-type.

Sixteen seats, including those in the Chevrolet Malibu and the Subaru Outback, got the secondhighest rating of acceptable; 19 seats, including those in the Ford Focus and the Mini Cooper, earned the third-highest rating of marginal.

The other 30 received the institute's worst rating, poor, indicating the highest likelihood of neck injury in a rear-impact crash. Among those were by the institute, which the seats in the Audi A4 and S4, the BMW 3 Series, the Dodge Neon and the Jaguar X-type.

Neck injuries sustained in a rear-end crash rarely are life-threatening, but they happen frequently and can be painful and expensive. Neck injuries cost around \$7 billion in insurance claims each year.

The institute did not the force of the crash. test 24 seats among them those in the Buick Regal, Cadillac Seville, RL Acura Volkswagen Passat because it determined the headrests were designed in a way that would not

protect taller people. GM said it has been folguidelines for placement ny also said it has led development of a headrest that moves according to

GM said occupants come in many sizes and sit in various positions in the vehicle and cautioned against making changes based on one test.

"If the test methods chosen are not reflective of reducing real-world harm, there could be siglowing the institute's nificant potential to cause seat design changes that of headrests. The compa- are directionally wrong," GM said.

The institute has evaluated headrests for nearly a decade.

"It's obvious that some automakers are doing a better job than others of designing seats and head restraints to protect their customers' necks in rear crashes," said Adrian Lund, the institute's chief operating officer.

Neck injuries sustained in a rear-end crash rarely are life-threatening, but they happen frequently and can be painful and expensive. Neck injuries cost around \$7 billion in insurance claims each year, the institute said.

Whiplash happens when a vehicle is hit from behind and the seat propels forward. If the headrest does not move with the seat, the occupant's neck will bend back and

On the best-performing cars, the seat was sturdy but had enough cushion so the occupant's body could sink into it, keeping the head closer to the headrest. The headrests were positioned so that they would be close to the back of the head and protect tall occupants.

Some vehicles got different ratings depending on which seats installed. For example, Chrysler Sebring with power reclining seats got an acceptable rating, but the Sebring with manual reclining seats was not tested because the institute determined its seats were inadequate.

On the Net: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety: http://www.iihs.org

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provide our community's children with an opportunity to learn teamwork, responsibility and the value of participation.

Programs such as Victim Services give those who have suffered emotional and physical

to, and the American Red Cross responds to disasters of all types.

provides school supplies. coats and shoes for those who don't have them; food for those who are hungry; Christmas for those who would not otherwise share the joy and peace of the holiday season. In

trauma a source to turn short, it helps those who Northside Community are having a tough time. In addition, Scott noted

that many lives are The Salvation Army touched by other nonprofit organizations the others United Way serves - the CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Council on Aging, Howard County Humane

Center, the YMCA of Big Spring, the Westside Community Center and Westside Day Care Center.

"So, when you contribute to the United Way in any fashion — whether it's through payroll deduction, a one-time gift or through taking part in fund-raisers like the 15

Minutes of Fame contest Minutes of Fame contest, - you're helping make a real difference in our community," Scott continued.

Members of the Howard College Thespian Society will be registering people for the contest, as will members of the United Way board of directors.

In addition, those wanting to register for the 15

which Grizzle and Scott say they hope will become an annual event, can also go by the United Way office at 808 Scurry. For more information, call 267-5201.

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## **YMCA**

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as flag football, volleyball, gymnastics and any other instructional activity. "When children are involved in sports activities, they learn teamwork and how to get along with others, both are helpful to their development," said Thiry.

provides childcare. This is where the United Way steps in to help needy families pay for childcare and after school care. Children ages 3 through 5 have all-day childcare available to them. Students who need afterschool care are picked up by the YMCA vans.

Parents who need finan-And third, the YMCA cial assistance to pay for childcare can apply for scholarships to help with tuition.

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Society,

"We look at the family's size and income and then are able to help them financially with their child care explained Thiry.

Last year alone, the United Way donated more than \$15,000 to his organization, which in return provided 145 children with scholarship assistance. "If it wasn't for the United Way, we wouldn't be able to provide financial assistance to those who need it," Thiry noted.

"We turn no one away due to an inability to pay," Thiry added. "With help from the United Way, we can reduce almost zero."

United Way funds add up to about 23 percent of what the YMCA uses to give scholarships to these families. The rest of the funds come from private donations and fund raising activities. Thiry explained.

For more information about the YMCA, contact Thiry at 267-8234.

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needy families fees to Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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## **ANGELS**

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OUR VIEWS

## Relay for Life rally is another chance to help

elay in November? Now you know why the Howard-Glasscock Unit was tops in Texas and among the best nationwide last year. Our Relay for Life organizers don't mess around. Tuesday is the rally for the 2005 American Cancer Society Relay for Life drive and you are invited. It

begins at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry. Those attending will celebrate the successful 2004 event and get started on 2005.

For those not familiar with Relay for Life, it's a night-long fund-raiser set locally at Blankenship Field. As many as 90 teams spend the day and night taking laps around the track, camping out, enjoying food and entertainment. There's friendly competition and lots of fellowship. It's actually the culmination of a year of activities in which the teams hold car washes, bake sales and some much more extravagant events. The whole point, of course, is to raise money to fund cancer research.

Tuesday's rally is the time for team captains to pick up information packets, ask any questions and get ideas on how to hold fund-raisers. The volunteer officials with Relay will explain the importance of the event and how it impacts the community and individuals. Of course, the fund-raising began as soon as the last Relay ended. But that's the way it is with the Howard-Glasscock Unit.

If you haven't been a part of Relay before, this is a good opportunity to learn more about it.

So when is the 2005 Relay for Life? Not until the second weekend in May. But when you're No. 1, it's never too early to get started.

## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Nov. 2, my wife and I left Fort Worth headed for Las Cruces, N.M., to attend a funeral for her uncle. Just outside Big Spring, we had a flat. After putting on the spare we proceeded into town and asked about a tire repair shop. We were directed to Big Spring Tire on Gregg Street.

The staff there examined the tire and had some question about the integrity of the sidewalls. They thought a new one was probably needed. But, since they didn't have one, directed me to the Goodyear dealer, Franklin and Son on Runnels. There the tire was repaired. When both found out our reason for being on the road, they expedited their efforts, and the cost was minimal, mostly loss of time.

My wife and I grew up in West Texas, northwest of Lubbock, but moved to Fort Worth about 30 years

ago. At times we forget the trusting friendliness and the courtesy of people in that part of Texas. The personnel at both places certainly reaffirmed our faith in human nature.

We are most grateful to the staff at both the firms. They certainly helped ease a very stressful situation.

> Jedd and Gene Blessing Fort Worth

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to congratulate Coach Roberson and Big Spring Junior High School's seventh-grade A football that went undefeated this season.

They played very well together and it was fun to watch them.

I look forward to the year 2009 when they go to

> **Bill Norris Big Spring**

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## Eliminating income tax a good start

Editors note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published in January

ust to show that Congress never sleeps (except when it is in session), a group of lawmakers has banded together quietly to repeal the Sixteenth Amendment. I know this because I have a

source on Capitol Hill who alerts me to all major developments.

But repealing the Sixteenth Amendment will never work, I told him. Nobody wants to return to Prohibition.

"That's the Twenty-First Amendment,' he said. "I am talking about the Sixteenth.

Surely an educated journalist with at least a high school degree knows which the Sixteenth Amendment is.'

Uh, I said. Is that the one about quartering British Soldiers under the Stamp Act?

"Not even close," he said. Lowering the voting age to 12? Repealing the Law of Gravity?

"The Sixteenth Amendment," he said, "establishes an income tax." And now Congress is going to get rid of it? I asked. That's great news!

"Well, Congress has not exactly taken it up," he said. "But the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Bill Archer, a Republican from Texas, announced last week that he is

stepping up efforts to repeal it." Hooray! I said. No more income

"That's right," he said. "Instead, we will have a National Sales Tax."

A what? I said.

"A National Sales Tax," he said. "That is what Archer wants to replace income taxes with."

You mean like a few pennies added on to the price of everything we buy? I said. That doesn't sound too bad.

"Well, its more than a few pennies," my source said. "The National Sales Tax that most people contemplate would start out at 23 percent."

Twenty-three percent! I said. What would that mean?

"Simply put," my source said, "the price of everything in America would rise 23 percent overnight."

And this is progress? "Archer thinks so," he said. "He said last week that a National Sales Tax 'would unleash the domestic economy, improve the value of U.S. exports, encourage foreign companies to build more factories in the United States and save Americans \$300 billion annually in money they pay to comply with the current tax code."

What does that mean? I asked. "It means that the cost of everything would go up 23 percent," he

But isn't that unfair? I said. I mean wealthy people would get this huge tax break because they would no longer pay tax on their income.

"Right," he said.

But poor people would have to pay 23 percent more for everything they buy.

"Yes, but they would have their income tax eliminated, too," my source said.

But they don't have any income! I said. Or very little. So they would get hit with huge increases in the cost of the basic necessities of life, but they would get very few benefits.

"Which just goes to show you," my source said.

Show me what? "Show you how poor people

don't have lobbyists on Capitol Hill," he said. It also occurred to me that mid-

dle class people don't get that much out of this deal. Sure, they don't have to pay income taxes. But everything they buy, like cars and houses, for instance, would go 'up 23 percent.

"Oh, it's a little bit worse than

that," my source said.

I can hardly wait, I said. "Yes," he said, "because by eliminating the income tax, we also eliminate tax deductions."

Which means what? "Which means that you wouldn't get the home mortgage deduction any more," he said. "Or the deduction you get for your children. Or

any other deduction." Oh, swell, I said. He also said that The Wall Street Journal reported recently that the groups behind this scheme are about to launch a \$90 million sales

campaign to sell it to the American people by means of TV commercials. Are those commercials going to show rich people using \$100 bills

to light their cigars while driving in their limousines to their yachts? I said. "Probably not," he said. "But the

plan is not heartless. The poor, would get a monthly 'rebate' on things like food."

A monthly rebate? You mean you would collect the sales receipts, send them to Washington each month and then wait for a rebate check? And how would you live in the meantime? With the cost of all food going up 23 percent, where would you get the money to eat until your rebate check arrived?

"The details have not been worked out yet," my source said. "But look on the bright side — we would get to eliminate the IRS."

But who would administer all these rebate checks? I asked. Wouldn't it have to be an agency very similar to the IRS?

"Yes," my friend said. "But these guys in Congress see a National Sales Tax as a good campaign commercial. Their ads could say: 'We eliminated the IRS; we eliminated the Sixteenth Amendment; we eliminated the income tax!""

I might go for it, I said, on one condition.

"Which is?" If they eliminated Congress, too.

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## Inside report: Reform on the right

he untold story from last week's Republican victory was the ineffectiveness of the left's attacks on rightwing reform. Democrats surprisingly did not launch a national campaign against par-

tial privatization of Social Security. They did unlimber heavy artillery against radical changes in federal taxation but ended up shooting duds. This failure was

dramatized by Senate elections in the very red states of Oklahoma and South

NOVAK Carolina. Right up to Election Day, serious Democratic strategists saw an excellent chance to win in both states because the Republican candidates were uncompromising reformers and, therefore, stigmatized as loony rightists. Instead, former Rep. Tom Coburn in

Oklahoma and Rep. Jim DeMint

in South Carolina won easily. The same Democratic strategists who misread those Senate races are chortling that the re-elected George W. Bush blundered by pledging his political capital on radical reform. Even in his own administration, officials whisper that President Bush surely will step aside in the face of intractable opposition. These skeptics, however, are contradicted by

the outcome of 2004. The Club for Growth, which in 2000 began supporting economic conservatives running for Congress, this year contributed to seven non-incumbent Republican candidates - all in tightly contested races. Six were winners (in Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Louisiana and Florida).

The only loser was beer baron Pete Coors in Colorado, a rookie candidate with much to learn. Five of the seven candidates were vigorous Social Security and tax reform advocates, the exceptions being John Thune in South Dakota (who concentrated on trashing Democratic Leader Tom Daschle) and Mel Martinez in Florida. Steve Moore, the feisty free mar-

ket economist who is Club for Growth's president, concentrated on helping aggressive reformers Coburn and DeMint. Both had to wade through fierce Republican primary opposition and were not favorites of the GOP's Washington establishment. The Oklahoma Republican power structure was aligned against Coburn, as was the House Republican leadership that did not remember him fondly from his congressional days. Speaker Dennis Hastert publicly dismissed Coburn as a probable loser in the same category as Alan Keyes, who finished 43 percentage points behind in Illinois. Rep. Brad Carson, Coburn's sup-

posedly moderate Democratic opponent, blistered the Republican in debates for wanting to "privatize" Social Security. But in Oklahoma as elsewhere, the major thrust by Democrats assailed Coburn for considering a 23 percent national sales tax (part of a nationally coordinated mailing the last week of the campaign). The outcome: Coburn won by the landslide proportion of 12 percentage points.

In South Carolina, DeMint was as pure a free market candidate as possible in winning a seat held for 38 years by arch-protectionist Democrat Ernest F. Hollings. A free trader, DeMint fought off protectionist assaults, first in the primary and later in the general election by State Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum. But Tenenbaum, a popular Democrat in this prototypical red state, campaigned hard against the 23 percent sales tax and excited her party's national strategists. The outcome: DeMint won by the landslide proportion of 10 percentage points.

The anti-sales-tax argument was pressed against Republicans all over the country, particularly State House Republican Leader Cathy McMorris in the state of Washington and former district judges Louis Gohmert and Ted Poe, running against redistricted incumbent Democrats in Texas. All were endorsed by the Club for Growth, and all won in landslides. DeMint in South Carolina

alarmed supporters temporarily by defending the 23 percent sales tax and failing to make clear that the reform would totally repeal the income tax. In fact, the plan is a work in progress with the possibility that the national sales tax could be reduced to as low as 13 percent or 10 percent by coupling it with a value-added tax in place of the corporate income tax.

Meanwhile, it was a bad election day for EMILY's list, which funds pro-choice female candidates. The organization's star candidates for the Senate, Tenenbaum in South Carolina and former State **Education Commissioner Betty** Castor in Florida, lost winnable races. Since its founding, the Club for Growth now has defeated EMILY's list, 10 to 3, in head-tohead contests. Economic freedom trumps abortion rights to the president's advantage as he pursues his new agenda.

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Associated Press Writer

LAREDO — Bridges to Mexico in this trafficchoked border city began testing a new immigration security program Monday that calls for fingerprinting, photographing and running checks on unusual or suspicious U.S. visitors.

Laredo is one of three cities chosen to test the Department of Homeland Security's US-VISIT technology for border crossings. The others are Douglas, Ariz., and the Canadian border city of Port Huron, Mich. The technology has been in place at airports and seaports since Jan. 5.

Officials are looking for glitches as they prepare for the Dec. 31 extension of US-VISIT to the nation's 50 busiest land ports. By the end of 2005, US-VISIT is scheduled to be at all 165 land border crossings.

"We always test first," said Anna Hinken, outreach manager for US-VISIT.

Fabian Gonzales was among the first to experience the system.

The 34-year-old walked up to row of bank-like teller machines on the U.S. side of the Lincoln-Juarez International Bridge, answered a few questions, then inserted his finger into a small fingerprinting machine. A golfball-sized camera snapped his picture.

Gonzales, a restaurateur from Monterrey, who is looking to open a store in San Antonio, bridges.

said the process was simple and only took about 7 minutes. "It's OK," he said. "I hope this new process improves the security and also helps the tourists. It's more comfortable."

After the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress merged federal border security agencies and mandated a speedy system that would identify and record every foreigner who enters and leaves the United States.

Homeland Security is spending \$340 million implementing inkless fingerprinting machines, digital cameras and computer equipment.

Business and political leaders in border cities fought the system when it was announced but have since been appeased. They had feared it would slow traffic and deter Mexicans who have made the impoverished Texas border one of the hottest retail spots in the nation.

One business group, The Alliance for Security and Trade, commissioned a study finding that a 20 percent delay at the border would cost the 375,000 U.S. jobs.

Laredo Mayor Betty Flores, one of the loudest early critics, insisted her city would be bankrupt if long lines and document hassles caused Mexicans to stay behind. Laredo each year has 4.6 million pedestrians, 1.4 million trucks, 6.8 million private vehicles and more than 40,000 buses cross its four international

## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Blanco soldier remembered for his devotion to duty

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Army Sgt. John Byron Trotter, who had helped recover bodies from the Pentagon after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was remembered by friends and family following his death in Iraq.

On Sunday afternoon about 200 people filled a chapel as the 25-yearold was eulogized.

Trotter, known by his Army friends as John and family as Byron, died Tuesday in Ramadi after his patrol came under smallarms fire. The graduate of Blanco High School was killed instantly.

Trotter, who is survived by his father, six siblings and a toddler son, was to have been at the Pentagon on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, in the part of the building where one of the hijacked planes crashed. His meeting was moved, though, and Trotter was about a mile away when the plane struck.

In the following days, he undertook the task of recovering bodies. That ultimately drove him to reenlist in the Army, where he knew duty would call him to Iraq.

### Study: Parkland study faults medical school

DALLAS (AP) — A new study says that Parkland Memorial Hospital's ability to respond to the needs of patients has been hampered by the emphasis of its partner — the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center — on training doctors.

The county-commissioned study cited a wide range of situations in which patients appeared to wait needlessly. The study, which will be reviewed publicly at the county commissioners' meeting Tuesday, said that sick people wait an average of 13 hours to be admitted through Parkland's emergency

"Almost all of these patients are ultimately admitted but only after a prolonged and, from the perspective of the patient, unnecessary delay in a noisy and crowded area," said the 111-page done by Health Management Associates,

Michigan-based consulting firm.

In Parkland's operating rooms, "doctors who need to experience certain kinds of surgeries in their training, will often look for the most 'interesting' cases, leaving general surgeries behind," the report stated. "It is very difficult, for example, to schedule a routine gallbladder or hernia operation in Parkland."

The study added that chronically ill people must wait for months to see specialists because certain hospital clinics are open only one or two days a week.

### Man runs vehicle into library in effort to be deported

HOUSTON (AP) - A man described by police as an Egyptian national was arrested Sunday after authorities say he rammed his car into the Houston Public Library as part of an attempt to be deported.

Houston Sgt. David Crain said Amin Hamby, 33, was being charged with felony mischief to the Jesse H. Jones Library in downtown Houston. The damage occurred about 4:45 p.m. Sunday.

Hamby was to be released into immigration officials' custody after criminal charges are processed, Crain said.

He said the incident appeared to be isolated to an individual with a history of mental illness who admitted he refused to take his prescribed medication.

Police set up a two-mile perimeter around the site and evacuated the library while they checked out the man's car, he said. Nothing was found, Crain said.

No one was injured and the library sustained minimal damage.

### Five die in plane crash at apartment complex

SAN ANTONIO - A small airplane trying to land in bad weather crashed near a senior citizens apartment complex, killing all five on the plane and leaving a wing embedded in the wall of one apartment unit.

John Clabes, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said the pilot and a pair of fathers traveling with their sons, died in the Sunday afternoon crash. All were from San Antonio. Their names were not immediately released.

Joe Rios, a spokesman for San Antonio police, said all injuries were on the ground were minor. Some people were treated for smoke inhalation. The woman whose apartment suffered the most damage was not injured.

Rios said part of the 34-foot-long plane was buried in the ground at the housing complex and pieces of it were scattered around the area. He said one wing disintegrated on impact, while the other was embedded in the wall of an apartment. The impact left a 3-foot-by-5-foot hole in the wall.

"It looks like it clipped a tree, clipped the apartment and went into the ground," Rios said of the plane. He said there was a small explosion after the crash.

Clabes said that the Piper Navajo owned by Dash Air Charter Inc. of San Antonio was on approach to San Antonio International Airport shortly after 5 p.m. The pilot was off course and was swinging around to try again when the plane

"He pulled out of the approach and disappeared off our radar," Clabes said.

The aircraft was trying to make an instrument landing in rainy conditions with poor visibility. It had filed a flight plan in Dodge City, Kan., Clabes said.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board were scheduled to arrive in San Antonio on Monday to investigate the cause of the crash.

David Herrmann, vice president of the company that owns the plane, told the San Antonio Express-News that the group was returning from a pheasant hunting trip in Kansas.

The crash site is in a thickly populated residential and commercial area about six miles northwest of downtown San Antonio.

The plane, which can seat as many as eight people, crashed about three miles from the airport and just off a busy city street.

## Cheating on standardized tests alleged at Wilmer-Hutchins ISD

student at the troubled on alleged misappropria-Wilmer-Hutchins school tion of funds and other ments is a third-degree district says his teacher helped him with answers

"The teacher would TAKS walk around the class during the test and be like, 'Hey, that's wrong," James Wright, now a 12year-old sixth-grader at Kennedy-Curry Middle School, told The Dallas Morning News. "You'd go through the answers and you'd say, 'Is this the right one?' They'd say 'nope.' And you'd say, 'Is this the right one?' And they'd say 'nope' until you got the right one. Then they'd say 'Yeah' and nod their head."

An analysis by the newspaper first raised suspicions that cheating took place on the TAKS tests in the district.

It found that despite a history of poor academic performance, one elementary school in the district posted the state's highest scores on the third grade reading TAKS test last year.

The district has been investigated in recent months by the Texas Rangers, two grand

HUTCHINS (AP) - A juries, the FBI and others accusations.

After the newspaper's on the Texas Assessment analysis, the Texas of Knowledge and Skills Education Agency began standardized test last a preliminary inquiry into the possibility of cheating Wilmer-Hutchins. Friday, the TEA said it was upgrading its inquiry to a full investigation.

Interim Superintendent James Damm said he suspects that cheating occurred in at least one of the district's schools. He said he had not closely examined test scores at all campuses.

"Is it possible those scores are real? Yes," he. said. "Is it likely? No. Statistically, it's highly unlikely there wasn't something amiss there."

Damm said he has told district principals that if any of them knowingly allowed cheating at their schools, they will be treated as if they did the cheat-

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Addie Stepney, a former fourth grad teacher at Wilmer Elementary, said she had suspected cheating, but when she raised the issue with Principal Geraldine Hobson, she said she got no response.

"If someone had really worked with them, I think most of them could have passed, eventually," she said. "But the best scores in the state? Are you kidding?"

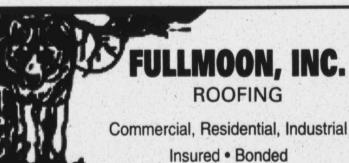
Hobson did not return a phone call by the newspaper for comment. In an earlier interview she denied that there had been any TAKS cheating.

find evidence of cheating on other tests in other grades at the school.

Another school in the district, Alta Mesa Elementary, scored highly in all grades and on all tests. Some students said cheating was widespread.

"When the test started, some people didn't know the answers, so they'd raise their hand and the teacher would come up to them. The teacher read the question and then gave us the answer," said Guyler Easter, who attended Alta Mesa in the fifth grade at Wilmer-Hutchins.

TEA investigators are scheduled to arrive today to question teachers and possibly students.



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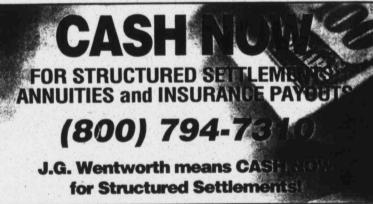
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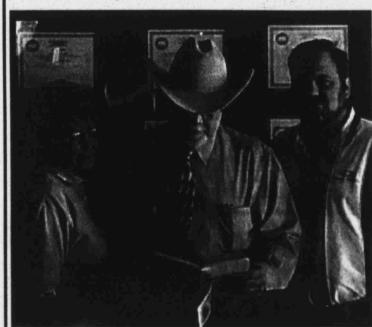
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By TINI TRAN

**Associated Press Writer** BAGHDAD, Iraq Fierce battles between insurgents and U.S. and

Iraqi forces killed at people nine Monday in Baqouba. Red Cross

spokesman said that a relief convoy of ambulances and supplies trying to enter Fallujah was turned back by Iraqi authorities or U.S. Marines on Monday. The Red Crescent and Red Cross have been unable to gain access to people inside Fallujah during more than a week of fighting.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's office confirmed that two of his female relatives who were kidnapped last week have been released. Allawi's cousin, Ghazi Allawi, 75, his cousin's wife and his cousin's pregnant daughter-in-law were abducted at gunpoint last Tuesday in western Baghdad's Yarmouk neighborhood.

"Yes, yes, the two women were released yesterday," said an Allawi spokesman who declined to be named. There was no word on the cousin, Ghazi Allawi.

On Sunday, Marines found the mutilated body of a Western woman as they searched for militants still holding out in Fallujah. The woman could not be immediately identified, but a British aide worker and a Pole are the only Western women known to have been taken hostage.

In Baqouba, U.S. officials said the trouble started when insurgents reached attacked 1st Infantry General Hospital on the Division soluters with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire near a traffic circle and police station.

U.S. troops started getting fire from a mosque, the U.S. military said. Iraqi security stormed the mosque and found rocket-propelled grenades, mortar rounds and other weapons and ammunition, the statement said.

The fighting took place in Baqouba and neighboring town of Buhriz, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. American aircraft dropped two 500 pound bombs on an insurgent position.

Four 1st Infantry Division soldiers were wounded, although two of them returned to duty, the military said. Nine Iraqis, including one attacker, a policeman and seven civilians, were killed and 11 Iraqis were injured in the fighting, according to Mohammed Zayad of the Baqouba hospital.

The week-old offensive in Fallujah has left at least 38 American troops and six Iraqi soldiers dead. The number of U.S. troops wounded is now 275, though more than 60 have returned to duty.

U.S. officials estimated more than 1,200 insurgents have been killed.

On Monday, U.S. forces resumed' heavy airstrikes and artillery fire, with warplanes making between 20-30 bombing sorties in Fallujah and surrounding areas. U.S. ground forces were trying to corner the remaining resistance in the city.

American forces had attacked a bunker complex Sunday in the city's south where they discovered a network of steelreinforced tunnels and underground bunkers. The tunnels connected a ring of facilities filled with weapons, an antiaircraft artillery gun, bunk beds and a truck, according to a statement from the U.S. military.

Marines also found the disemboweled body of a woman Western wrapped in a bloodsoaked blanket on a street in Fallujah. Two foreign women Margaret Hassan, 59,

director of CARE international in Iraq, and Teresa Borcz Khalifa, 54, a Polish-born longtime resident of Iraq — were abducted last month but the body could not be identified without further tests.

Civilians seeking medical care were told through loudspeakers and leaflets to contact U.S. troops. In Geneva, the Baghdad spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, Ahmed Rawi, said Monday an Iraqi Red Crescent convoy of four ambulances and four trucks carrying supplies Fallujah city's outskirts, but was unable to go further.

The hospital itself was well-supplied because no patients or wounded people have been able to reach it from the embattled city, Rawi said.

"Regretfully, there was no patient in sight," he said.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi Red Crescent, the partner organization of the Red Cross, said U.S. forces and the Iraqi government prevented the aid convoy from crossing the Euphrates River into the main part of the city and told it to leave the hospital area as well.

told Rawi Associated Press by telephone that no reason was given for the refusal, but that the convoy then went to the south in hopes of entering nearby Amiriyah al-Fallujah, where there are camps for displaced residents who have fled the fight-

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Marine general who designed the ground attack on Fallujah said it had gone far more quickly than expected and that troops had fought their way across the city in just six days.

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## Powell poised to leave Cabinet?

By GEORGE GEDDA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Secretary of State Colin Powell has told top aides he intends to resign from President Bush's Cabinet, high-ranking Department officials said.

Powell, who long has been rumored planning only a single term with Bush, told his aides that he intends to leave once Bush settles on whom to succeed him, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Word of Powell's imminent departure kicked off a new week of Cabinet shuffling for Bush, who is planning his second term.

"I do expect some announcements shortly regarding members of the Cabinet," White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters at the White House Monday morning. "There are a few resignation. I expect four today."

McClellan said he did around the not expect any announce-

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ments, however.

The White House was preparing an announcement to confirm Powell's resignation. According to official, Powell expects that his departure date will be sometime in January. It was not immediately clear whether he would leave before Bush's second inauguration, on Jan 20.

Most of the speculation on a successor has centered on Ambassador Danforth, a Republican and former U.S. senator from Missouri, and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. Powell has had a contro-

versial tenure in the secretary of state's job, reportedly differing on ous junctures with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Powell, however, has generally had good relations with his counterparts

ments Monday on replace- although his image stand- Wednesday and a mutinaing has been strained by the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Powell, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, led the Bush administration argument at the United Nations for a military attack to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, arguing a weapons-ofmass-destruction threat that the administration could never buttress.

Powell submitted his letter of resignation to the President on Friday. He John will go about his usual schedule and will continue at full speed until a successor is named and in place, a senior administration said.

meet with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and was to attend a meetsome key issues at vari- ing of Asian in Chile

tional conference on Iraq next week.

He told some two dozen staff members of his projected departure at the

start of the day. For many months, Powell had been viewed as a one-term secretary of state but he has always been vague about his intentions. He had said repeatedly in recent weeks that he serves at "the pleasure of the president."

One senior official said that Powell's departure was part of a much broader Cabinet shakeup.

There had been speculation that Powell might Powell was scheduled to elect to stay on until after the Iraqi elections at the end of January, but the senior official made no reference to that possibil-

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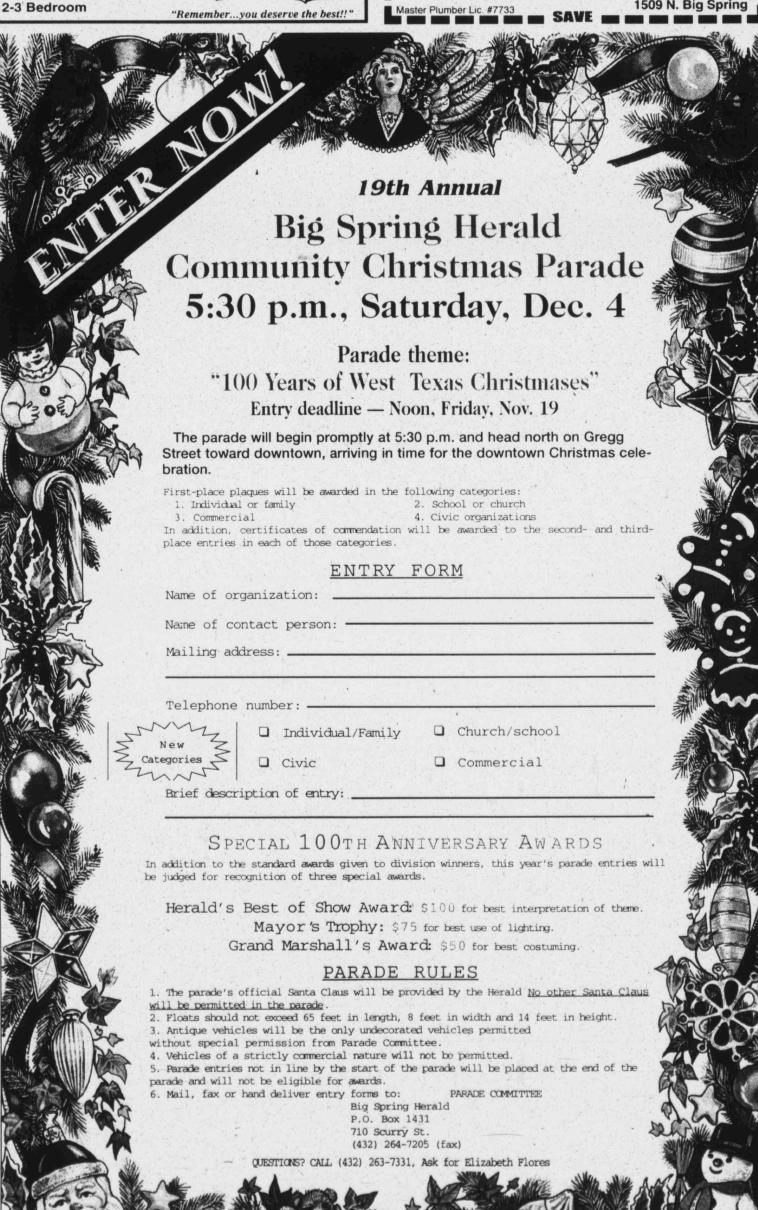
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### Youth basketball set at B.S. YMCA

The YMCA has announced that basketball registration for the upcoming season will run through Nov. 20.

Boys and girls age five through 12 may register to take part in one of four age groups.

The registration fee is \$30 and all sign-ups will take place at the YMCA.

There will be no fund-raiser this year, but financial assistance is available for families who require assistance.

An organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these two scheduled meetings.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday,

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

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

### Aggles win thriller over Red Raiders

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Courtney Lewis scored on a 25-yard run on the first play of overtime and Melvin Bullitt swatted away Sonny Cumbie's fourthdown pass into the end zone, sending the Aggies to a thrilling win.

Lewis' second touchdown run of the afternoon helped Texas A&M (7-3, 4-2 Big 12) dramatically end a twogame losing streak that included an overtime loss at Baylor and a seven-point defeat No. against Oklahoma last week.

After Tech quarterback Sonny Cumbie's 50th and final pass of the afternoon fell incomplete, A&M players stormed the field and the frenzied Kyle Field crowd of 82,278 erupted with cheers.

### Missed kick sends Hawks past Gophers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Rhys Lloyd's 51-yard field goal try drifted left with 28 seconds remaining, allowing Iowa to hold on for its sixth straight win.

Drew Tate completed 24 of 39 passes for 333 yards and two touchdowns for Iowa (8-2, 6-1). Clinton Solomon had nine receptions for 157 yards and a score. Kyle Schlicher kicked a school-record five field goals as Iowa claimed Floyd of Rosedale — the bronze pig that goes to the annual winner of this rivalry - for the fourth straight time.

## Stanton's playoff season ends early

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO - Five turnovers and big plays from Coleman's offense proved that records can be thrown out the window when the playoffs start as the 3-8 Bluecats upended Stanton (5-5), 21-7, at San Angelo Stadium Saturday in the bi-district round of the Class 2A Division II playoffs.

The Buffaloes turned the ball over five times. and four of them came deep in Coleman territory. All three of Coleman's touchdown were scored from more than 10 yards out. The first one was a 34-yard touchdown pass and the game-sealing score, which came with under three minutes to go in the game covered 72 yards.

Coleman turned the ball over four times, but Stanton could not capitalize on the Bluecat miscues.

"The guys played hard, but the turnovers hurt us tonight," said Stanton head coach Lee McCown. "We took some of their turnovers, too, but we couldn't capitalize on them and just came out on the short end."

The win by Coleman sets up an area championship game against Mason next week. Mason advanced after defeating Alpine Friday.

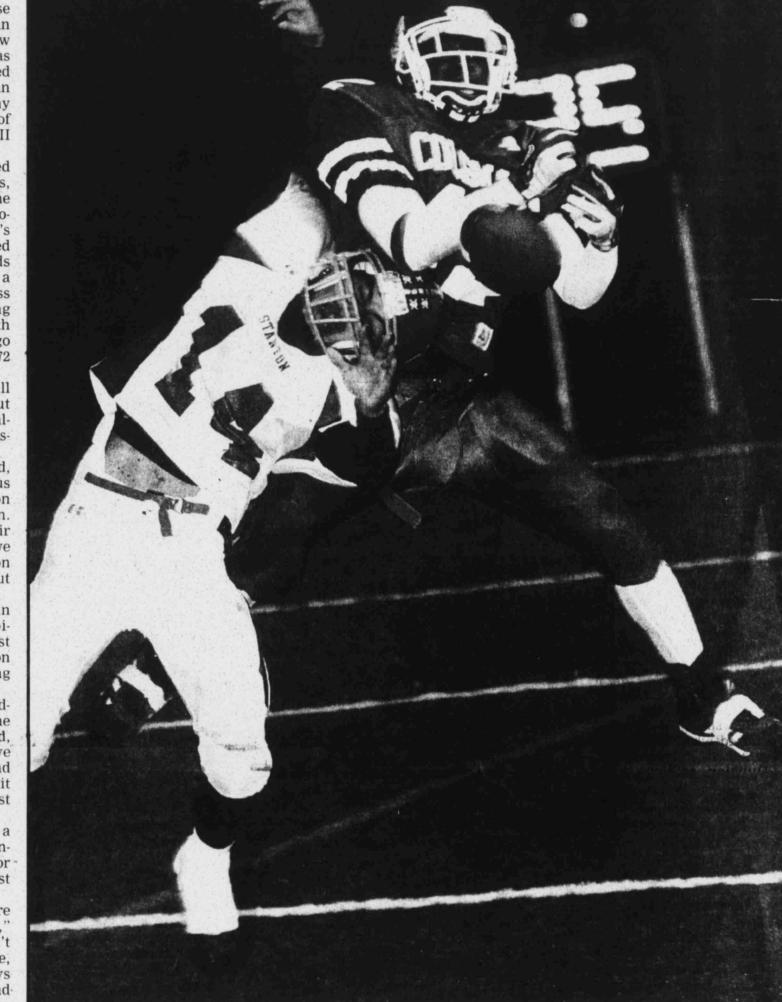
Coleman's tough schedule had them entering the playoffs with a 2-8 record, but the Bluecats gave state-ranked Jim Ned and Texas Longhorn recruit Colt McCoy its toughest game, losing 3-0.

The Buffaloes ends a season in which they finished 5-6 and qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

"Coleman had been here before and we hadn't," said McCown. "I don't know if that played a role. but I just wanted our guys to come here like we had been here before. Now the goal is to return here next year."

Stanton looked good early on its first drive as junior running back Bobby Gutierrez took the ball on the first play and rumbled for a big gain. However, the drive was stalled on the next play as sophomore Michael Washington threw his first of two interceptions.

Coleman then took advantage and scored on its second possession off the turnover. The first play resulted in a first



Stanton's Matthew Ruiz has the ball knocked away from by a Coleman defensive back during the Buffaloes' 21-7 loss to the Bluecats at San Angelo Stadium Saturday. Ruiz led all Stanton receivers with 86 yards on four receptions. The win sends Coleman to the area round next week against Mason, which defeated Alpine Friday night.

Stanton held the Bluecats on the next two runs. Then, on third down and six, Coleman quarterback Brady Hunter found Caleb Hail on a 34-yard pass play that reached the end zone.

Stanton's next two possessions resulted in a punt and a turnover on downs.

Coleman's drive after

down off a pass, but the touchdown also resulted in a turnover on downs, but its first possession in the second quarter resulted in more points. Stanton stuffed the Coleman running backs on two straight plays to force a third and 19. The Bluecats, who scored their first touchdown on third down, converted the long third down with a 54-yard pass completion to Hail, which then set up Carlton Brown's 14-yard touch-

> down run. Stanton continued to fight in the second half despite trailing at half-

time 15-0. The Buffaloes first drive of the second half, one that covered 56 yards in nine plays, put Stanton on the board and back into the game. The drive consisted of mostly short runs and a fourth down conversion before Sloan Kelly crossed the goal line from two yards out with 7:43 to play in the third quarter.

'We fought hard in the second half, but couldn't come out on top," said McCown.

The next three possessions resulted in three turnovers in six plays. Coleman went two plays on its next drive before fumbling. Then, after an 11-yard run by Sloan, Stanton turned the ball

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## Rodriguez finishes 11th in Round Rock

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring sophomore Michael Rodriguez saved his best race of the season for last as he finished

11th over-Saturday at the state cross country meet in Round Rock in a time of

15:54, which RODRIGUEZ was less

than a second away from all-state honors. "Michael ran an out-

standing race and I can't realsay much more about how he ran,'

said Big Spring head coach Randy

Britton. "It was just a tremendous race for him.

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"It was the best finish and fastest time of any Big Spring runner ever at the state meet."

The race was very tight as Britton said Rodriguez was seven-tenths of a second off seventh place.

Frenship's Snowden took eighth overall in 15:53, while Andrews' Ryan Roberts finished in 75th overall.

In Class 1A, the Grady boys cross country team took 12th overall with 246 points and were led by Roy Rodriguez's 40th place finish. He ran his race in 17:45.

Luciano Najera, Israeal San Juan, Douglas Rutledge and Justin Pribyla finished 93rd, 98th, 99th and 100th. respectively.

The Class 1A boys title was won by Plains, which finished with 74 points. The Class 4A boys title was won by Boerne and the girls title was won by Dallas Highland Park.

Forsan senior Cynthia Becerra also competed in Round Rock Saturday. She finished 29th out of

105 Class A competitors. "She will be greatly missed next season," said Forsan head coach Brandye Hughey. "It has been a pleasure working with her during the past three years.

"She was very dedicated and worked hard to get to this point this year. I am so proud of her."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Stanton sophomore quarterback Michael Washington tosses the ball to the official after picking up the necessary yards for the first down Saturday at San Angelo Stadium during the Buffaloes' 21-7 loss to Coleman in the bi-district round of the Class 2A, Division II playoffs.

## Manning throws down on Texans PLAYOFFS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) quarterback Texans David Carr quickly summed up his team's 49-14 loss Sunday to the Indianapolis Colts: "Embarrassing."

"We just didn't come out and do anything," he said. "We're going to have to be resilient, try to fix whatever was broke today because it was a rough one."

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning shredded sloppy Houston for 320 yards and five more touchdowns, and the Colts scored twice on defense to rout the Texans.

"For us, just the total points is what I'm happy about," Manning said. "It's not something we're being conscious of as far as throwing touchdowns."

It was another efficient performance for the league's defending co-MVP.

Manning was 18-of-27 and threw five TDs for the third time this year to tie an NFL record. He now has 31 TD passes, two more than he had all last year, and remains on pace to shatter Dan Marino's record of 48 set in 1984.

Houston (4-5) is now 0-5 all-time against the Colts after matching the worst loss in franchise history. The Texans lost 38-3 to Cincinnati in their inaugural season of 2002.

Indianapolis (6-3) won its second straight and retained its share of the AFC South lead with Jacksonville.

Houston couldn't block, run, tackle, cover or even a Indianapolis, meanwhile, took advantage of almost every chance it had.

"It snowballed on us quickly," Texans linebacker Kailee Wong said.

Manning, the only player in NFL history to throw five TDs four times in a 12-month span, engineered three touchdown drives that used a total of already 2:06. After three quarters, Houston allowed two Manning had just one third-down conversions, Stokley turned outside, more incompletion (six) used all three timeouts than he did touchdown two on challenges that and outran another on his passes, and he surpassed were upheld — and was way to a 69-yard TD.



KRT photo/Matt Detrich, Indianapolis Star Houston Texans quarterback David Carr (8) loses the ball while being sacked by Indianapolis Colts defensive end Robert Mathis in the first quarter. The Colts defeated the Texans, 49-14, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Sunday.

expect it," coach Tony Dungy said of his quarterback. "I think they're a good defensive team, but we had some guys make big plays."

Defensively, the Colts' maligned unit looked like a Pro Bowl team. Robert Mathis had three sacks and forced three fumbles. The Colts also returned a fumble and an interception for touchdowns.

Things deteriorated quickly.

On Houston's second series, Carr was sacked on back-to-back plays by Mathis, who swatted the ball out of Carr's hand.

With Indianapolis leading 7-0,

his last year's TD total of drawn offside twice. The result: A 5-yard touch-"You kind of come to down pass from Manning to Reggie Wayne for a 14-0 lead.

Things got worse.

A second-quarter punt Houston's Chad Stanley bounced the wrong way and bounded over the head of would-be defenders. Indianapolis wide receiver Aaron Moorehead, who was blocking, alertly grabbed the ball and ran it back 34 yards to the Houston 29. Freeney just as he threw. Dallas Clark for a 1-yard yards and two TDs. TD pass and a 21-0 lead.

The mistakes didn't

the second half, Houston had allowed two more long touchdowns.

Manning hooked up with Brandon Stokley on a 14-yard completion, but avoided four defenders

stripped by Mathis. safety Bob Rookie Sanders scooped it up and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown. Houston finally scored

Then Carr was again

on a 1-yard TD run by Domanick Davis late in the third quarter, but when the Texans blew coverage again, Manning hooked up with Clark on an 80-yard pass to make it 42-7.

Carr finished 22 of 41 for 215 yards with three During the first play, Manning needed just two interceptions, and Davis Carr was hit by Dwight plays to hook up with carried 31 times for 98

Stokley led the Colts with five receptions for 132 yards, while Clark Less than 2 minutes into caught three passes for 102 yards and Edgerrin James carried 20 times for 86 vards.

"We knew coming in that we were going to have to execute to come into their stadium and compete with them," Texas coach Dom Capers said. "We didn't."

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back over to the Bluecats. However, Jeremy Esparza gave the ball back to the Stanton

offense after intercepti n g Hunter for his first of two interceptions. Neither

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team did much offensively until late in the fourth quarter. Stanton put together a long drive late in the game to

to try close the gap, but with 2:23 to play a Hail interception set Coleman's game-

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clinching score. Brown, who finished with 186 yards on the ground, found a hole on the outside and rumbled carries.

72 yards on the next play to put the Bluecats up for good.

Gutierrez left the game with a knee injury early in the second as he finished with 51 yards on five carries.

His replacement, senior Emilio Villa, led the Buffaloes with 65 yards on 16 carries.

"Not having Bobby hurt us, but Emilio came in and did a great job for us in his place," said McCown.

Seniors Alex Shafer and Bobby Decker also suffered knee injuries in the game. McCown said offseason knee surgery for all three guys is likely.

Washington finished with 18 yards rushing and was eight-for-20 for 112 yards and two interceptions through the air.

Matthew Ruiz led all Stanton receivers with 86 yards on four receptions.

Coleman and Stanton were even in passing yards, but the difference was Coleman's rushing attack that produced 257 yards on just 27 carries. Stanton running game amassed 153 yards on 46

## **Mavericks get by Wizards**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jerry Stackhouse found himself in a starring role against his former team.

Stackhouse scored 28 points against his former team, including three 3pointers during a pivotal 23-6 run in the fourth quarter, to help Dallas win for the seventh time in eight games, a 122-113 victory over the Wizards. Dirk Nowitzki had 32

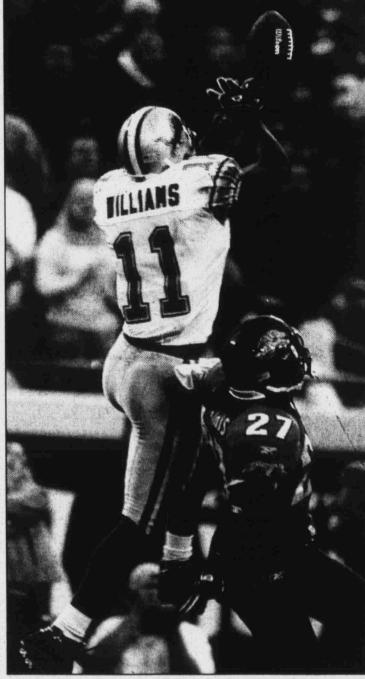
points\and 13 rebounds for the Mavericks, who won despite four Wizards starters scoring at least 20 points.

sprained Stackhouse who

accepted a reserve role after being traded to Dallas — has been called upon to carry more of the scoring. He also had 28 points against New Jersey on Saturday.

It was the first game between the two teams since the draft-day trade that sent Stackhouse, Christian Laettner and the draft rights to Devin Harris to Dallas for Antawn Jamison, winner of last season's sixth man of the year award.

Jamison led a balanced Wizards attack with 23 With Michael Finley on points, nine rebounds and the injured list with a six assists. Larry Hughes also had 23 points for Washington in the loss.



KRT photo/Julian H. Gonzalez, Detroit Free Press Detroit Lions wide receiver Roy Williams (11) goes up but can't come down with a catch over Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis (27) late in the fourth quarter. The Jaguars defeated the Lions in overtime, 23-17, at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla.,

## Auburn makes case, backed up by rankings

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN, Ala. Auburn made its case on the field - and off - and enough voters were swayed. The Tigers moved up to

No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, but they're not alone. Auburn and Oklahoma now share the spot behind No. 1 Southern California in the media poll. And they're only sepa-

rated in the coaches poll by two points, with the Sooners holding the slim advantage.

The next thing to change will be the Bowl Series Championship standings, which come out Monday.

The annual debate about the BCS is about to reach a fever pitch.

football left before the postseason matchups are determined, the chances of three major conference teams finishing unbeaten is a distinct possibility.

USC will play in the the season by at least two voters Orange Bowl for the BCS title on Jan. 4 with little protest if it wins its remaining two games.

Sooners, with two wins each, one will be on the way to Miami while the other is left to wonder why a 12-0 record and a major conference champiwasn't good onship enough.

This much is clear: If USC, Oklahoma and Auburn all run the table, a team deserving a shot at the national championship isn't going to get it. Nice job, BCS.

Auburn and Oklahoma each received 1,536 points in the latest AP poll. The Tigers got six first-place votes and the Sooners received eight.

Last week, Oklahoma led Auburn by 43 and had With three weekends of 10 first-place votes to the Tigers' three.

Auburn made a convincing case Saturday against Georgia, beating the Bulldogs 24-6. It was

touchdowns. "I haven't talked much

about the BCS until this point," Auburn coach As for the Tigers and Tommy Tuberville said Saturday. "We had to get over this hump because of how good that team (Georgia) is." Now, Tuberville is

ready to talk about the BCS.

He made those comments not at the postgame news conference, but during an impromptu postpostgame news conference in the pressbox at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Tuberville admittedly dropped by to do a little lobbying.

helped? It's doubtful that he could have said anything that was more persuasive than his team's stellar performance.

Sooners beat The Nebraska 30-3 Saturday night, but it was their close calls the previous two weeks against Oklahoma State and Auburn's ninth victory of Texas A&M that left the everybody else."

questioning Oklahoma's credentials.

The Sooners beat the Cowboys by three and the Aggies by seven, playing poor defense in each game.

Despite the struggles, Oklahoma's resume stacks up well with Auburn's.

Both are 10-0 with three victories against ranked opponents.

The Tigers have been winning more decisively, by an average of 25 points. The Sooners average

margin is 16.8, but so far they've played a tougher schedule. The Tigers' nonconfer-Who knows whether it ence slate served up three

cupcakes - Louisiana-Monroe, The Citadel and Louisiana Tech — making their push for the top spot difficult.

"Everybody's talking about catching Oklahoma," Tuberville said Sunday. "I don't understand how USC's gotten so far ahead of

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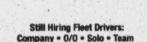
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The Capricorn moon You're heady with a locks an agenda into sense of empowerment. Down with outdated place, and it ways of doing things -feels like the revolt! Your mind/body only choice connection to strengthened, making it possible for you to heal yourself, control your

weight

button.

specialists.

down the drain.

other than me!"

world

headaches.

or

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). A stealth mission is

featured. It's up to you to

ferret out the key

information and relay it

to your team. Being well

informed gives you the

edge, but don't exclude

your primal intuition,

which will focus you

right in on the hot

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Hesitation is the

enemy act now and now

and now! Love won't

wait! On a practical note,

you can delegate more to

yourself, and you'll likely

break it further and

watch your money swirl

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You've got the

answer to your identity

issues, so trust yourself --

as Gavin DeGraw sings,

"I'm tired of looking

'round rooms, wondering

what I've got to do or

who I'm supposed to be. I

don't want to be anything

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

through

Dec. 21). You see your

romantic lens, fragrant

breezes shifting shadowy

clouds, sunset and

fireflies, and suddenly,

you're taking out the

garbage. Real life can be

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Your exquisite

handling of prickly

people earns you a

such an interruption!

Fix

prevent

accomplish that mission with soldierlike proficiency. Small talk? Don't have HOLIDAY time.

MATHIS

Artistry and style? After the dishes are done! Try not to be militaristic in areas that require a more nuanced approach, like romance, or you could wind up hurting feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Bust out your old diary, dust off that guitar in your closet, and get into those boxed-away clothes. Memories inform you about who you are now. A sweet person from the past re-enters the scene. This time, don't lose touch!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Purchases from the Internet, wholesalers and discount stores are winners. It's not so much about the actual money you'll save. It's more that you get a sense of pride from realizing how financially capable you

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Loved ones can play your heart like a harp, but don't let the angelic plucking disguise the fact that promises have not exactly been kept. Instead of letting things slide, make a new agreement that can be more readily kept.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting your needs met will save you from later trouble. Perhaps you're toying with someone's expectations, but you can't get yourself to stop. Consider what your real desire is. Once you know, it's satisfied in an instant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). want to be the go-to person for the world's difficult most personalities, but there are special privileges that reward versatility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Perfection is overrated. You're not Barbie or Ken (as the case may be) after all. Once you throw out the notion that appearances are more important than what is inside, "plastic" problems and people disappear from your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you're with your special someone, time isn't present. There's no beginning and no end (so it's no wonder you forgot to pay that bill or answer that call). Singles: Obsessing over your crush of the moment is a guilty pleasure!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Taurus (age 41), and my boyfriend of seven years is also a Taurus (47). I really love him, and he loves me. But there is one kink: He's been a bachelor all of his life. I'm a divorcee. I told him I want to get married, but the longer the relationship goes, the less likely I feel he is to want to get married. Should I just count myself lucky and leave well enough alone, or should I move on?"

I believe in marriage, both as the union of souls and the union of assets. You've got the most important part of marriage with your current relationship. When you make the commitment to consider another person's feelings, proclivities and needs reputation -- not that you before your own, it

expands who you are. other The person's essence actually becomes included in your soul. I believe if we could enter a dimension in which we were able to see people's souls, people who are spiritually joined would be fuller and brighter due to one another's spiritual contributions. And the same happens when material assets and goals are joined. Your boyfriend is stubborn, yes, but also practical. You can begin by making financial agreements together. When these go well, he'll be more open to making things legal.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: DeVito is the owner of Jersey Films, named for his home state - where his family and Jack Nicholson's ran a hair salon together. He was also a roommate to Michael Douglas in his early acting days. DeVito's Uranus, the planet of serendipity, is in friendly Gemini, so it's likely many of his early breaks came through connections. But with Jupiter in Virgo, it was ultimately his hard work that got the job.

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

Dear Annie: I recently had a very disturbing experience with my 12year-old son, "Ben." While in class, Ben was told that another boy had brought a knife to school and was planning on stabbing my son. Shortly after, another boy reported to Ben that there was, in fact, no

Based on the confusing information and some bad history with the kid in question, Ben decided to take action. He waited until the boy was walking home from school, and then Ben beat him up. It was a pretty bad beating, too. And no knife was

found. What I am struggling with is my son's attitude. Ben believes the kid deserved it because he is always threatening other kids and everyone knows he's a bully. (This is true. The kid isn't a good person.) Ben seems completely unrepentant about the situation, and his classmates are divided about whether or not he did the right thing. How should I

handle this? -- Ben Senior Dear Senior: Ben obviously thought a pre-emptive strike would prevent a future attack, but he should not be taking the law into his own hands. We understand his motivation, but he allowed his fear to get the better of him. When he heard about the knife, he should have reported it to the school authorities immediately and let them investigate the charge and handle the punishment.

Please discuss this with the school counselor so there can be some mediation between Ben and the other boy. Ben also must make some kind of restitution for causing intentional harm, and he needs to understand why his



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

behavior was wrong. That's where you come in, Dad. We hope you're up to the task.

Dear Annie: I know my husband means well, but his taste in decorating is starting to bother me. He just bought another piece of furniture, and I hate it.

I'm art deco and tofu, but our house looks like meatloaf and bowling. There's nothing wrong with that for those who like it, but don't you think I should have some say in decorating my own home? When I tell "Dan" that I have opinions, too, he yells, "Then get a job and buy whatever you like. Don't I have good taste?" Frankly, no, he doesn't. I'm surprised we're not up to our ears in paintings of dogs playing poker. Dan also picked out my car, our linens and the bedroom furniture.

Dan says if I don't like the house, I can move. This has been going on for 20 years. Do you think he hates me? - Want to Throw Up in My Rainbow Living Room

Dear Rainbow: You're writing now, after 20 years of this? That last piece of furniture must have been truly ugly.

Dan may be a control freak, resentful that he supports you or just into interior design. Why have you let him get away with it for so long? Assert yourself and tell Dan that you'd like all future decorating to be a cooperative activity. If he refuses, either see a counselor or sign up for bowling lessons.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "California Shopper," regarding the lack of common courtesy seen in retail establishments. You said there wasn't much she could do. Annie, the world IS less polite, but only because we allow it to be.

I will not put up with a lack of courtesy. Each time I make a purchase and am not thanked properly, I ask to see the manager. I tell the store to please train its staff in the fine art of customer service. If nothing changes, I take my business elsewhere. Pass this along to your readers and see what the power of the can do. people Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Dubuque: Anyone willing to take the time to see the manager and complain about an inadequate "thank you" deserves all the support we can give. Good luck.

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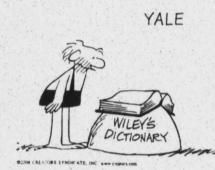
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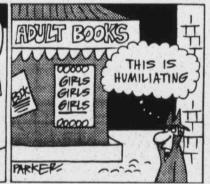


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## This Date In History

### By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 15, the 320th day of 2004. There are 46 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 15, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor to the Constitution of the United States.

On this date: In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes

In 1889, Brazil's monarchy was overthrown.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Company debuted with a radio network of 24 stations.

1939, President In Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1940, the first 75,000

men were called to armed forces duty under peace-

time conscription.
In 1948, William Lyon
Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent. In 1966, the flight of

Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic. In 1969, thousands of pro-

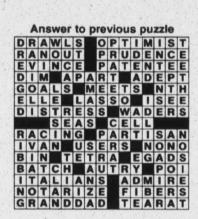
testers staged a peaceful demonstration Washington, DC against the Vietnam War.

In 1982, funeral services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid

Brezhnev. In 1984, Baby Fae, the month-old infant who had received a baboon's heart to replace her own congenitally deformed one, died at a California medical center almost three weeks after the transplant.

Today's Birthdays: Judge Joseph Wapner is 85. The U.S. Ambassador to Japan,

Howard H. Baker Jr., is 79. Actor Ed Asner is 75. Actor John Kerr is 73. Singer Petula Clark is 72. Comedian Jack Burns is 71. Actress Joanna Barnes is 70. Actor Sam Waterston is 64. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 59. Actor Bob Gunton is 59. Director-actor James Widdoes is 51. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 50. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 50. "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 47. Rapper E-40 is 37. Rapper ODB (Wu Tang Clan) is 36. Actress Rachel True is 35. Country singer Ingram is 34.



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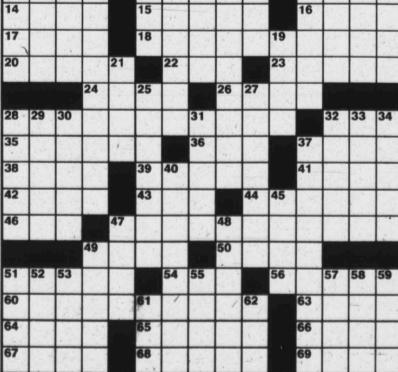
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