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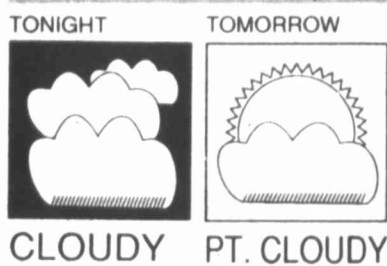
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Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid 40s.

Saturday, a 20 percent chance of showers, otherwise becoming partly cloudy.

Extended forecast on page 10-A.

Records

Wednesday's high temp.	74
Wednesday's low temp.	56
Average high	67
Average low	38
Record high	87 in 1923
Record low	14 in 1916
Inches	
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.60
Month's normal	0.80
Year to date	25.83
Normal for year	17.45

On the side

Department due to rule on remap

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas' congressional redistricting plan — decried by some as a "grotesque" map that distorts the political process — faces an onslaught of legal challenges from Republicans and minority groups.

Even the *Wall Street Journal* has weighed in with an editorial proclaiming a newly-drawn minority district a "monster map," whose snaking lines reminded one Texas legislator of "four spiders having an orgy."

Texas gains three new congressional seats next year, for a total of 30.

Four animals die in zoo

DALLAS (AP) — Tests are expected to determine whether a virus or bacteria caused the deaths of four animals, including an endangered red panda, at the Dallas Zoo this week.

"We don't know if it was a virus or bacteria," general curator Ron Kagan said Thursday after the death of Miles, a 6-year-old red panda, which looked more like a raccoon than a panda. He had been on loan for breeding from the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

The red panda, two howler monkeys and Moja, an African elephant, all died of pulmonary edema, Kagan said.

Inside



Elma Hood, left, and Gerry Spears prepare Thanksgiving gift baskets for the needy at First Church of the Nazarene. For more church information, see page 5-A.

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Big Spring City Councilwoman Pat Deanda talks to members of the press and concerned citizens at a press conference Thursday afternoon. Deanda called the conference to discuss her feelings on the firing of police chief Joe Cook.

Council members express concerns

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Two City Council members called press conferences to air concerns over the firing of Police Chief Joe Cook and the unethical behavior of some members of the council.

Thursday at 5 p.m., Council Member Pat Deanda urged Big Spring citizens to speak out against the political "muscle" behind the firing.

Deanda was concerned that the council as a whole was not consulted about the firing and said she believed City Manager Hal Boyd was under intense pressure from certain members of the city council to fire the chief.

Tim Blackshear, today at 9:00 a.m., said he had spoken with the mayor and added, "It seems like all the meetings are pre-arranged and everything's been discussed beforehand. I told him I didn't like it. It's unethical and bad for the town."

Cook announced Thursday that he had been fired effective at 5 p.m. today. Boyd confirmed the termination, but gave no reason for his action. Mayor Max Green and other city officials also refused to comment on the reasons behind the firing.

Deanda said there has been a long-standing vendetta against Chief Cook. "If somebody was to ask me when it started, I would say

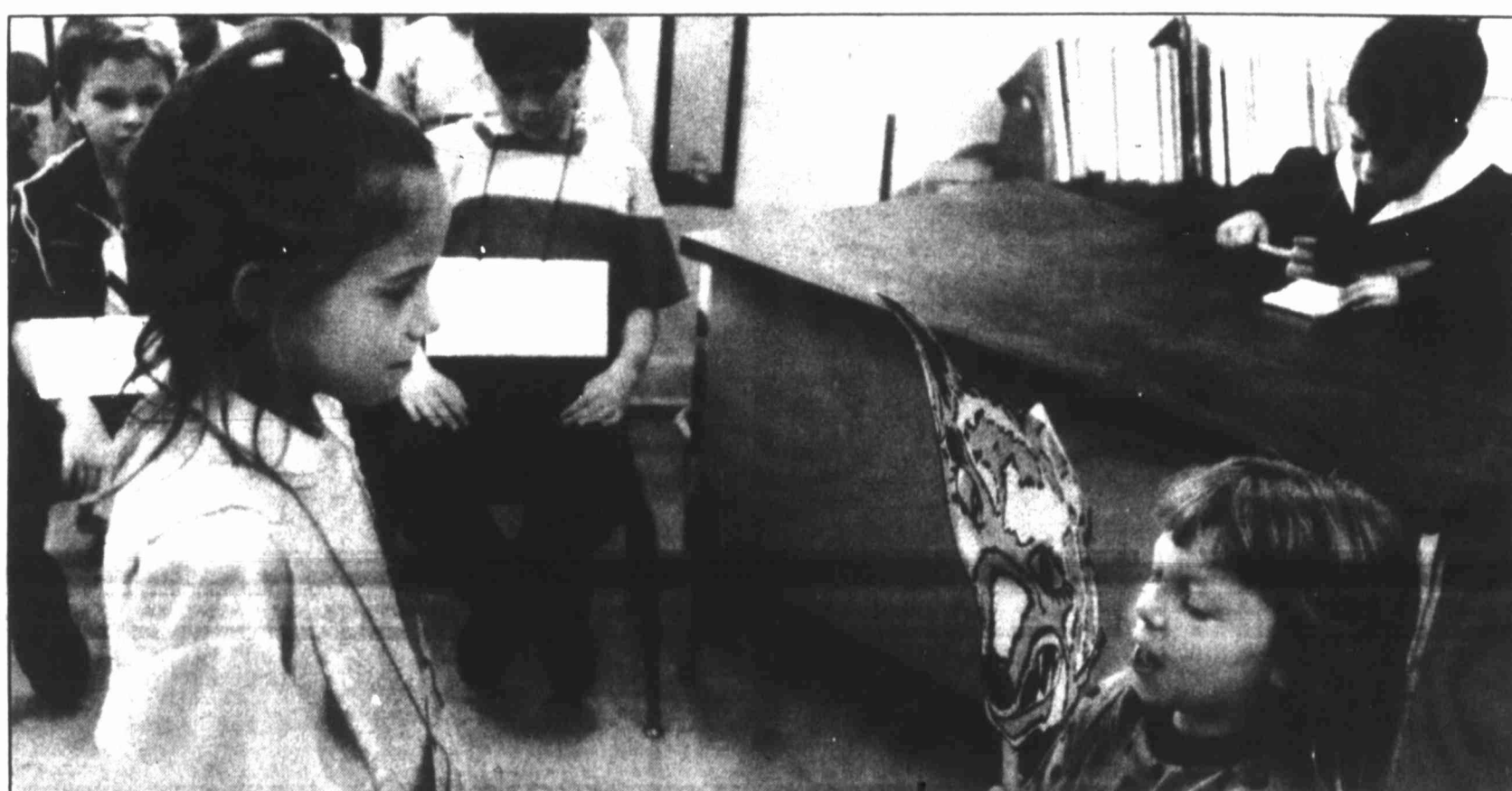
that it started in January of 1989 (when Green was elected). . . . I want to know why I'm being kept out of the loop."

Blackshear said he was told the source of friction between the chief and some members of the council was that the chief was getting too involved in politics. Blackshear believes, however, that they were angered that the chief would not bend to the will of the four-man majority at the expense of his department.

"I have dealt with chiefs of police and this is the best one we've had coming down the pike," Deanda said Thursday to an applauding

● COUNCIL page 10-A

Wolf on trial



Pupils in Robyn Thornton's third grade class were given a lesson in the judicial system Thursday as they staged a mock trial to see if the Big Bad Wolf from the story "The Three Little Pigs" was guilty. Defense attorney Abigail Parnell, left, asks a

question to "wolf" April Cunningham as jurors in the background listen. Also in the background is judge Eric Gamble. The wolf was eventually found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison.

NIE aim: Newspapers as instructional tool

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Using newspapers as instructional tools was one thing Linda Zions, Newspapers in Education-Literary Coordinator, shared with area educators during a recent workshop.

"I want you all to pretend you're fifth-graders. And no, you may not talk among yourselves," Zions said to the 45 teachers and administrators at the workshop, sponsored by Thomson Newspapers. Thomson owns the *Big Spring Herald*.

Zions said the goal of the NIE program is to make students life-long readers. "We're very concerned that people are not reading as much as they used to read and there are people in the community who are functionally illiterate — who cannot read."

"Newspapers in education is not new — in fact it's 26 years old. Seven newspapers came together to answer questions and help out," Zions said.

Zions demonstrated several teaching possibilities using the top half of a newspaper's front page, including sequencing exercises, geography, math and sentence structure. Consumer and living skills and creative thinking may all be taught using a newspaper as a tool.

Locating the name of the city where a newspaper is published



Teachers and administrators from Big Spring and Coahoma observed how newspapers make educational tools in the classroom during the News in

Education workshop Tuesday. Left to right, Moss Elementary teachers Margie Robertson, Betty Addy and Linda Alexander listen to the speaker.

and having students find that place on a map teaches geography, Zions demonstrated. Assigning students a classified advertising writing assignment or instructing them to discuss "for sale" ads teaches organization and independent thinking.

"Have your students take a job out of the paper and assign a salary. Then challenge them to live out of the paper for one month, from buying food to cars to rent. Hopefully, they'll think twice before dropping out," she said.

Zions said one thing newspapers

across the country are concerned with is that students believe the government owns the press. She said she conducted her own study of students from 1981-1988 and found that 95 percent thought that

● NIE page 10-A

HC theatre group performs at UTEP college festival

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

The production, "Other Places," was performed by the Howard College theater department at the University of Texas at El Paso during the American College Theater Festival.

"Other Places" is an existential play by Harold Pinter that examines the loss of communication between people. The play consists of four vignettes.

The cast and crew traveled to El Paso Nov. 2, staying all week to perform and see other college productions. A total of nine universities competed in the festival.

"Some of the schools there included Sul Ross, Lubbock Christian, Texas Tech and Amarillo College," said Bill Doll, HC director of theater. "I feel our acting was as good as the others, including UTEP, whose play was nominated to advance to regional. We did not

have the snap in the technical elements, such as lighting and grandiose set designs."

HC students Brandy Qualls, D.J. Tedesco and Pat Vera-Barrera received Irene Ryan Award Nominations. They will advance to regional competition, which will be held in Lubbock in February.

Ryan, widely known for her role as Granny in the "Beverly Hillbillies," established a scholarship fund for drama students, Doll

said. At the regional competition, the three students will have five minutes to perform two theatrical pieces, a monologue and a dialogue.

"To test the students' acting range, they have to perform contrasting pieces, such as a drama vs. comedy or a classical vs. a modern piece," Doll said.

Regional competition consists of students from a five-state area.

Other acknowledgements at the festival went to the two original music pieces in Howard's production.

"The oboe piece that was composed by Adolf Labbe for the vignette, 'A Kind of Alaska,' and Kurt Locke's keyboard synthesizer piece for 'Family Voices' were recognized," Doll said.

After a holiday hiatus, the department will return to begin work on the spring productions.

● DOCTOR page 10-A

Jury clears doctor

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Local doctor John Farquhar did not negligently cause the 1988 death of two-month-old Crystal Herrera, a district jury ruled Thursday.

The unanimous decision, which came after about 45 minutes of deliberation by the seven-woman, five-man jury in 118th Judicial District Court, will be appealed to a higher court, said an attorney representing Crystal's mother, Joann.

The suit had asked for \$5 million in damages in connection with the Feb. 27, 1988, death of Crystal due to congestive heart failure. The three-day trial included conflicting testimony from nine doctors, including Farquhar.

"I feel like Crystal died again. I feel like I just lost her again," Joann said shortly after the verdict was handed down.

Farquhar could not be reached for comment but his attorney, Richard Palmer of Big Spring, said they were pleased with the decision. "It was just a tough trial and a tough case," he said.

Herrera's attorney, Luis Avila of Dallas, said he was surprised that the jury only took 45 minutes to make their decision. "Somehow they are familiar with him and didn't want to hurt him. That's my opinion of it," he said. "We need to move it out of Big Spring a little bit," he said of his intention to appeal.

Doctors providing expert testimony disagreed on whether Crystal's heart condition, caused by defective holes in her heart since birth, could have or should have been detected. It was disputed whether a telltale heart murmur, discovered the day Crystal died, would have been present a day or two — or weeks — before death.

The jury also had to decide if Joann Herrera, as she testified, had informed Farquhar of other ill health symptoms that could have led to a correct diagnosis. Farquhar testified that she did not.

Ill health symptoms in about one-third of babies with similar conditions as Crystal's are not even discovered until the babies show up at emergency rooms in shock, testified Dr. Timothy Feltes of Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Twelve percent of such babies die before corrective surgery can be done and up to 40 percent die after surgery, he said.

Sidelines

Three arrested in sexual assault

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A police investigator says he doubts the existence of a so-called "rape club" run by preteens in a low-income housing project, but authorities have arrested three juveniles in connection with a sexual assault of an 11-year-old girl.

Homicide Sgt. Billy Ewell, head of the sex-crimes unit, said Thursday officers will question three other girls about the same age who may have been victims of sexual assaults.

Teenager gets 20-year sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — A 14-year-old boy who shot a man to death in a robbery attempt at an automated teller machine has been sentenced to 20 years in prison by a juvenile court jury.

The sentence was returned Thursday in the July 31 shooting death of Ronald Kurt Krejci, 31.

Ironically, the victim had failed to get any money from the ATM.

Districts call for state to pay larger share of education tab

AUSTIN (AP) — A diverse group of school districts says the state should pay a larger share of public education costs than provided under Texas' new school finance law.

The coalition of organizations representing rich, poor, large and small school districts filed a brief Thursday with the Texas Supreme Court.

"Local property tax payers continue to bear the burden, while state lawmakers do the bare minimum to fund public education," said Bob Brezina, Victoria Independent School District superintendent and president of the Texas Association of School Administrators.

"We realize there is a partnership between the state and local levels. What we are saying is that this is primarily a state responsibility and as such, Texas must recognize that it is the 'senior partner,'" he said.

The state share of public school funding currently is 47 percent, said Texas Education Agency general counsel Kevin O'Hanlon. But the state is projected to pay almost 51 percent under the law in 1994-95, he said.

The school group, however, said that target is based on estimates and might not be achieved. In addition, the group said that there are costs — such as paying for classrooms and education mandates — that the state has not adequately addressed. School districts should not have to meet mandates if the state does not pay its share, said Houston lawyer David Thompson, representing the group.

The Texas Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments Tuesday on whether the tax system set up under the new law is constitutional.

The law was passed this year in response to a court order to even out funding available to school

districts. The system is designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing regions, made up of one or several counties.

Under the law, school districts in each taxing region share the revenue from a minimum tax. Local school districts also may tax more, without pooling the revenue, to enrich programs and for construction.

Property-rich school districts and individual taxpayers have challenged the law, saying that it sets up an unconstitutional statewide property tax. It has caused an increase in the average school property tax rate.

The coalition that filed a friend-of-the-court brief Thursday is not taking a position on whether the tax structure itself is constitutional, Thompson said. It also is not asking to be a party to the case.

Protests kick off in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Anti-abortion activists rallying in Dallas as part of a national campaign will be arrested if they choose to blockade women's clinics, police warn.

"Basically if protesters and demonstrators want to exercise their First Amendment rights, lawfully and legally, we don't have a problem with that," Capt. Doug Kowalski said Thursday. "They cannot trample upon or impede the rights of other individuals."

"If they decide to violate the laws, they will be arrested," he said.

Dallas will be the focus all next week of Operation Rescue, which held a seven-week protest in Wichita, Kan., last summer.

The protests received national attention and resulted in more than 2,650 arrests of more than 1,500 people.

This week, Dallas police have been mapping a plan to deal with the protests, which begin Saturday and continue through Nov. 23.

Kowalski said the department has contacted other police agencies, including Wichita. He would not say if extra police officers would be on duty during the week of events.

The Wichita protests ran up more than \$600,000 in state, federal and local court and law enforcement costs, which now concern abortion rights advocates in Dallas.

"We believe that Dallas should not have to pay that. We just hope that (police) will round these people up quickly, smoothly and efficiently and be done with it," said Kay Cole, of Dallas, a member of the board of directors for Texas Abortion Rights Action League.

Flip Benham, co-founder of Dallas Rescue, a group that supports blocking entrances of women's clinics, said lives are at stake.

"We're not only saying abortion is murder, we're acting to save the pre-born babies."

Tom Cyr, president of Dallas Pro-Life Action Network and a co-director of Dallas Rescue, said weekend activities also will include a protest at the home of a doctor who performs abortions.

Getting the cup



AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards received the Governor's Cup Thursday. The cup goes to the governor of the winning state in the annual Texas-Oklahoma football game played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Texas won this year, 10-7.

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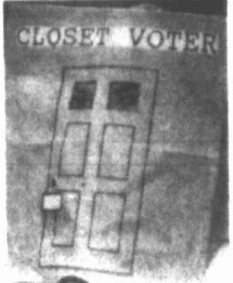
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Louisiana race opens checkbooks

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The heated contest for governor between David Duke and Edwin Edwards is opening a new chapter in the state's history. The Duke campaign is opening checkbooks wide, not only in Louisiana but around the nation and in Canada and Mexico.

"The Duke people are sending him undeclared voter money because they like his philosophy, what he stands for," said Silas Lee, a New Orleans pollster. "For Edwards, it's



business; they have something to protect. They have, or want to do business in the state and know he has a proven track record."

Saturday's election pits the Republican Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan leader, against Edwards, a Democrat and former three-term governor whose administrations were tainted by scandal.

"My views are David Duke's views," said Narcisus Roger Diaz of Florida, listed as a \$50 contributor to Duke. "The man was a KKK member. Big deal. The KKK is no worse than being a Democrat or a Republican."

Bill may save Thanksgiving dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress neared passage of a jobless benefits bill that could help the nation's unemployed put food on the table at Thanksgiving.

The House approved the \$5.3 billion measure by a resounding 396-30 vote on Thursday, and the Senate was expected to ship the bill to the White House for President Bush's signature today. Enactment would provide up to 20 weeks of new benefits to people who use up the basic 26 weeks of coverage.

"It's been a long, hard road to get to this point," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, an author of the measure, said of the four months of

political drama that saw Bush kill two earlier versions of the legislation.

Completion of the bill today would get some checks in the mail by Thanksgiving, lawmakers said.

It also would end a battle that began in July with Bush opposing a Democratic effort to extend unemployment benefits. The fight is concluding with his forces battling to preserve them.

Several senators from both parties were angry that their states would get fewer weeks of new benefits than others, and fewer than they would have under a version Bush vetoed last month.

Tiny electronic debris is key evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two tiny pieces of electronic circuit board, smaller than a human fingernail, found during an inch-by-inch search of 845 square miles in Scotland are key to criminal charges brought in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103.

One fragment was identified by FBI and Scottish investigators as being part of a circuit board of a radio that contained the bomb. The other piece came from the timing device two Libyan intelligence agents are charged with using to detonate the explosion that killed 270 people on Dec. 21, 1988.

After the Boeing 747 exploded six miles above Lockerbie, Scotland, Scottish police started what acting Attorney General William P. Barr called "the most extensive crime scene investigation ever carried out."

With debris scattered across the countryside, hundreds of Scottish police, military reservists and civilian volunteers "crawled on their hands and knees through the cold, wet earth and searched lakes and ponds and combed forests for clues," said U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens.

Nearly three years after the Christmas-season blast that hor-



This is a photo of a Toshiba radio-cassette recorder similar to the one used to conceal the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988, killing 270 people. The Justice Department handed down indictments against two Libyans for participation in the attack on Thursday.

rified the world, investigators wove a circumstantial case of breathtaking detail against two Libyan intelligence agents, identified as Abdel Basset Ali Al-Megrahi and Lamem Khalifa

Bush administration might retaliate against Libya.

"We don't rule out any options," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. "We find it very hard to believe this could have been carried out without the active involvement of higher-ups within the government."

The Libyan mission to the United Nations issued a statement Thursday saying Libya "unambiguously denies any and all association and knowledge of the tragic Lockerbie incident," and warned that if the "unsubstantiated allegations are a pretext to military aggression against Libya," the country would defend itself.

The two suspects are believed to be in Libya. Scotland's chief prosecutor, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, said they were unlikely to be "arrested in the normal way."

A green piece of circuit board was found in a shirt pocket that had been in the suitcase that contained the bomb, Barr said.

The other fragment was traced to a Toshiba radio-cassette player in which 10 to 14 ounces of plastic explosives were placed. The radio was put in a suitcase along with clothing to make it look innocent.

Postal worker described as 'waiting time bomb'

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — The fired postal worker who killed three people and wounded six others before shooting himself was described by co-workers as a "waiting time bomb" whose deadly outburst was not unexpected.

Colleagues predicted that Thomas McIlvane, who threatened supervisors and co-workers, would one day shoot up the Royal Oak post office if he didn't get his job back.

On Thursday, police said, the 31-year-old ex-Marine made good on his threats, spraying the post office with bullets from a 22-caliber semiautomatic rifle. Three postal workers were killed and six were wounded before he turned the gun on himself.

McIlvane was pronounced brain dead early today and doctors prepared to remove his organs. Two of the wounded remained in critical condition.

"Everybody said if he didn't get his job back, he was going to come in and shoot. Everyone was talking about it."

Bob Cibulka
Postal worker

The post office in this suburb 10 miles north of downtown Detroit was closed today and mail delivery to the city's 70,000 residents was canceled, while counselors met with shaken survivors and relatives of the victims.

McIlvane was fired from the post office last year for timecard fraud and had appealed his dismissal. U.S. Postal Service spokesman Lou Eberhardt said an arbitrator rejected his appeal on Wednesday.

"Everybody said if he didn't get his job back, he was going to come in and shoot," postal worker Bob

Cibulka said. "Everyone was talking about it."

"He was a waiting time bomb," said former postal worker Mark Mitchell, who was stationed with McIlvane at the Marine Corps base in Twentynine Palms, Calif., in the early 1980s.

"One time at Twentynine Palms there was a guy he was mad at and he drove a tank over his car," Mitchell said.

Thursday's shooting came just a month after four New Jersey postal workers were killed during another rampage. In that case, Joseph Harris, 35, is charged with

shooting his former supervisor and her boyfriend at their home, then going to the Ridgewood, N.J., post office and killing two employees. He later surrendered to police.

In 1986, a part-time letter carrier in Edmond, Okla., killed 14 people in the post office before taking his own life.

McIlvane's threats against supervisors had been forwarded to postal officials, and Postal Inspector Art Vandeputte said steps were taken to prevent a possible tragedy. Doors with combination locks were installed in the loading dock area about three months ago, workers said.

Letter carrier Rockie McDonald said McIlvane fired at him but missed.

"I yelled 'No, Tom! No!'" McDonald said. "I don't know how many times I yelled it. He turned and went the other way."

Bureaucrats uncertain about jobs

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin was a bastion of anxiety today, as bureaucrats worried if a Russian funding cutoff would leave them without jobs by quitting time. High officials were uncertain whether the crucial Ukraine would join the new Union Treaty.

Meanwhile, trouble continued to roil in Russia's far south, where the separatist region of Chechen-Ingushetia faced a possible economic blockade.

Workers in about 80 national

ministries and agencies were waiting to hear if their funding was to be eliminated by the Russian government.

Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin, in his moves to vitiate what's left of central control, said earlier month that as of today he would cut off his republic's funding for all central government ministries and departments except for defense, railroads and nuclear energy.

French envoy expelled from Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — France's ambassador, who sheltered supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, has been ordered to leave by Sunday as anger grows against an international embargo pressing for Aristide's return. Haiti's provisional government said Thursday that Ambassador Jean Rafael Dufour "is declared undesirable" and has 48 hours to leave. He will

no longer be considered a diplomat as of Sunday at 5 p.m., the Foreign Ministry said.

Meanwhile, witnesses reported that gangs — possibly members of security forces — shot and killed a Haitian bodyguard to the U.S. ambassador and raped a female companion Thursday.

In another attack, 15 gunmen tried to raid the house of a chauffeur for the Venezuelan Embassy.

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Opinion

Other opinion

Reform ideas for health care

In response to Democratic Sen. Harris Wofford's come-from-behind victory in Pennsylvania over the issue of national health care, President Bush has pledged to propose a comprehensive health plan for all Americans. At this stage in the debate, the multitude of reform proposals can be divided into three broad categories.

The first is mandated health care, under which employers would be required by law to insure their workers or contribute to a government fund that would cover the 34 million Americans who now lack health coverage.

The second is universal health insurance, which essentially would eliminate private financing of health care in favor of a nationalized system similar to those of Canada and Great Britain. Under this model, the government would provide insurance for all Americans and be the single payer of doctors and hospitals.

The third is a market-driven, consumer-based system, under which changes would be made in the federal tax code so that most families would acquire health insurance directly, rather than rely on employers or the government.

At present, individuals pay only 27 percent of the nation's health care bill. Four decades ago, individuals paid 65 percent. Because most individuals rely on insurance instead of paying their medical bills directly, they have little incentive to hold down the costs of services. The result has been exploding cost increases that routinely have been double the rate of inflation.

As Mr. Bush considers these alternatives, he should have four basic goals in mind. The reforms should bring cost increases into conformity with increases in the consumer price index. They should extend coverage to the 15 percent of Americans currently lacking insurance. They should not be overly onerous to any particular segment of the system. And they should ensure that the quality of American health care remains the best in the world.

The mandated health care approach would satisfy the goals of extending coverage to the uninsured and would not detract from the quality of care. But it would do nothing to control runaway costs, and the burden of financing it would fall disproportionately on employers.

National health insurance also would bring the uninsured into the health care system and very well could achieve some savings. But it would destroy the \$200 billion-a-year private health insurance industry. Perhaps more important, it almost certainly would result in a decline in the overall quality of care for the average American, because the government in effect would ration health services as it does now in Canada and Britain.

A market-driven approach stands a better chance of satisfying the major goals of the reform effort. By having individuals and families pay for their health coverage, it would make them more responsive to costs. This, in turn, would give providers stronger incentives to hold down escalating prices.

Under this approach, those who did not earn enough to buy insurance would be given government vouchers to pay for private coverage. This would allow low-income Americans to exercise consumer power. And, because consumer demand would be a driving force in health care, overall quality would remain high.

The market approach is not without shortcomings. But it is perhaps the most promising strategy yet to emerge from the national debate on health care.

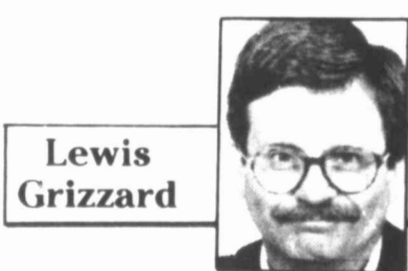
San Diego Union

Some Court rulings I'd like to see

Now that Justice Clarence Thomas has replaced Thurgood Marshall, we have a most conservative Supreme Court. Like President Reagan and his predecessors have done, President Bush has nominated Supreme Court justices who mirror his own political philosophy, and who, when confirmed, he hopes will rule to his liking on future cases.

Though I had no say in the recent makeup of the Court, I know how I'd like to see the Supreme Court rule on certain cases. I'd like to see the Supreme Court, in its current session, rule thusly:

- Upon arresting a suspect, police no longer have to read a person his or her Miranda rights unless the suspect's first name is Carmen and she's wearing a big hat made from bananas. (And is there a single person out there who doesn't know he or she has a right to call an attorney?)
- When it comes to constitutionally protected freedom of speech, the Court should hold such protection does not extend to babies crying on airplanes. And further that airlines will be required to put all crying babies and their mothers way back in the rear of the plane behind a sound-proof wall.
- In the case with major ramifications for American businesses, the Supreme Court should uphold the appeal of an Atlanta man who sued to prevent all company receptionists from telling callers that they were, in fact, going to be transferred to Mr. Trimbell in customer service, when what they were really going to do was connect you with his phonemail instead.
- In a related case, the Court should overturn an earlier ruling that had allowed phone companies



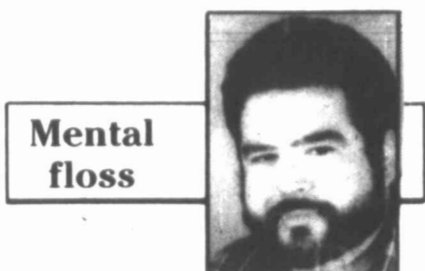
Lewis Grizzard

I saw my first commercial for a Christmas song album on October 20. The Supreme Court should make it illegal for anybody to air any sort of Christmas commercial whatsoever before December 1st.

to require you to dial up to 58 digits before reaching the party you're calling. By a 9-0 vote, the Court should now require that all phone companies hire a person named Mabel, who can be reached by dialing "0" for operator, who would then cheerfully and promptly connect us with the Rib-bets across town.

• I saw my first commercial for a Christmas song album on October 20. The Supreme Court should make it illegal for anybody to air any sort of Christmas commercial whatsoever before December 1st. Also, the Court should hold that freedom of speech doesn't allow anybody to make an idiotic record where dogs bark to the tune of "Jingle Bells." The Court probably doesn't have jurisdiction in this area but I'd like to see whoever first thought of dogs barking Christmas tunes be forced to go

World won't tiptoe around sensitivities



Mental floss
By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

I am simply distraught with life, because it's too offensive — I don't even go to the restroom, I think it's degrading.

Y'know, life is not always a Georgian picnic where everyone dresses the same and the lawn is immaculately manicured.

As long as one is alive on this earth, things are going to happen or be said that one will find offensive. I know it can hurt, especially if it's personal, but you can't expect the world to tiptoe around your feelings.

For instance, I'm undertall. For my weight, my height should be slightly over 7 feet — so I'm undertall.

Because I'm undertall, it bugs me when I see an attractive girl (I don't care what the feminists say, if they're younger than I, they're a girl) who has a bumper sticker that says "No fat dudes."

But I don't have any say about what that girl puts on her car, even if she does have a big nose!

Like recently, one of our part-time sports writers upset a lot of people in Forsan and Stanton. He made a tacky remark, which a lot of other people thought was funny — like those sportscasters on ESPN who draw \$70,000 a year doing the very same thing.

Probably we shouldn't have run it, but it's not like we killed their dog or anything. It's a game for Pete's sake!



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The sports staff has agreed not to write anything controversial like that anymore in deference to the football parents' feelings, but I don't agree. This is submitting, to offensiveness, a word coined by Burk Breathed to describe people who are just too easily provoked.

If the pride of an entire community rests on the shoulders of a teenage football team, these kids are being saddled with waaaaaaaaaaaaaay too much stress!

But that's enough about that subject. Something else that annoys me are these Soloflex commercials. They feature this 20-year-old Adonis-type guy working out in lit-

tle shorts that show more about this guy than I want to know. He came on the other night and I was thinking, "Yeah pretty boy, you think you're so great! Mess with me and I'll Jap-slap you into next week!"

But when realized I was out of breath from getting up to change the channel, the ugly truth set in. No matter how offended I am by how good this guy looks, I have no right to say he can't be on television.

Besides, if I can get this guy into a Scrabble game, I'll whip him like an ugly step child!

Anyway, all I'm trying to say is some people need to work on being a little less sensitive.

I'll say it again, the world isn't likely to tiptoe around sensitivities.

For instance, it's not my fault Prince Charles has big ears, and if I want to say Prince Charles has big ears, I'm going to say it!

Shoot! I just had two people I consider friends compare me to Mr. French from "Family Affair!" And even while I was removing their teeth so the police wouldn't be able to identify the bodies, I felt that they had every right to say it.

Boy! I bet the kymchee is going to hit the fan after this one!

Sionara people!

The writer's art Abducting the helpless noun

A few weeks ago the Labor Department filed a report on women in executive positions. The report quoted a chief executive officer who had launched a program to bring more women and minorities into the company's pipeline.

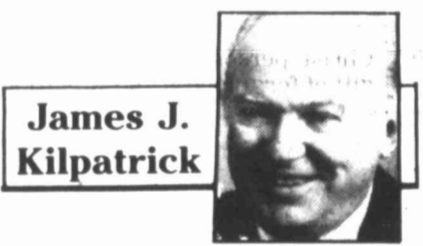
"This is critical to us," said the CEO, "because of our very strong promotion from within policy."

The point of today's observations is to condemn the slovenly practice of abducting nouns and putting them to work as adjectives. This press-gang practice happens all the time, in some quite respectable publications, but it shouldn't happen. The CEO would have had a much better sentence if he had referred to "our very strong policy of promoting from within."

The Wall Street Journal carried a story about an annual tribute paid by McDonald's to "founder Ray Kroc." This annoys the real founder, Richard McDonald. He was selling hamburgers at a San Bernardino drive-in "back in 1940, when Ray Kroc was still a milkshake-machine salesman." Better: "a salesman of milkshake machines."

The New York Times noted in July that homosexuals are congregating openly in Moscow, "free, thus far, from nattering intrusions from KGB agents." Better: "nattering intrusions from agents of the KGB."

Newsweek magazine reported a temper in an inkpot that arose in The New Republic last summer. Editor Jacob Weisberg criticized the major book-publishing houses. Spokesmen for the houses jumped all over him. Their collective response, said Weisberg, had "all the spontaneity of a pre-glasnost Soviet May Day rally." His sentence had all the awkwardness of a grade-school boy at his first cotillion. Perhaps "all the spontaneity of a May Day rally in Moscow in the days before glasnost" would be an improve-



James J. Kilpatrick

I'm not sure. My point is that we ought not to pile on the modifiers.

In May the Cox News Service reported that President Bush was trying to ease tensions with Cuba. He called on Fidel Castro to free political prisoners "and allow the United Nations to investigate human rights abuses." Better: "abuses of human rights." So modest an emendation would have enabled the writer to end his sentence with a short word and a long vowel.

This is an important element of prose style, but it's not easily explained. We read not only with our eyes but also with our ears. The difference between a smooth sentence and a rough sentence is largely a function of cadence and sound. To write of "human rights abuses" or "KGB agents" is to let a sentence, you know, kind of, like, well, dribble off. If you can recast the sentence to achieve a strong ending with "rights" or "KGB," you will get a tighter sentence.

The Associated Press in August reported that Mikhail Gorbachev had stripped the Communist Party of its vast holdings of land. President Bush termed the action "another welcome step in the reform process." It takes but a moment to switch to a prepositional phrase: a welcome step in the process of reform.

It sounds better to my ear to write of "an advocate of censorship" than "a censorship advocate." To comment upon a "liability insurance premium crisis" is to burden "crisis" with more weight than it ought to carry. An economist wrote in 1989

of the consequences of "a low female labor force participation rate." Surely the sentence would have been more palatable if he had directed our concern to a low rate of participation by women in the labor force.

I don't mean to complain of every use of a noun as an adjective. Nothing would be gained by replacing "deer crossing" with "crossing for deer." We mail books at the "book rate," not at a "rate for books." A heistman in New York bank robber, not a robber of banks. Don't let me inspire you to write of a pump for gas instead of a gas pump. Be sensible. Avoid the use of nouns as modifiers when you reasonably can.

With that caveat, I admonish you not to be slovenly. Long ago I saluted a gentleman in New York who deplored "the modifier noun proliferation increase." He wrote modifier noun proliferation increase articles. He directed his ire at such mushy mouthfuls as "the capital gains tax reduction proposal."

Let us listen to our own staff. Achieving euphony isn't hard. All that is required is that we hear words as closely as we write them.

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Briefs

Patterson reinstated

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Paige Patterson, a key strategist in the fundamentalist rise to Southern Baptist dominance, was reinstated as president of Criswell College here, a week after he was fired.

After fundamentalist leaders and students rallied to his support, the college trustees who earlier had dismissed him for spending too much time in church politicking, reversed themselves.

"We just prayed and came together in the Spirit of the Lord," said the Rev. Adrian Rogers, three-term Southern Baptist president whose 1979 election to that post began a 12-year string of victories.

Viewer numbers grow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the U.S. Catholic bishops' international policy committee has urged Congress to tighten restrictions on U.S. military aid to El Salvador.

Archbishop John R. Roach of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., said further cutting back of such aid would help the peace process mediated there by the United Nations.

NEW YORK (AP) — The interfaith satellite network, VISN, whose programs emphasize ethics, cultural values and faith, says it has passed the 10 million-mark in households reached.

Helping others



Gerry Spears, front, and Elma Hood help prepare Thanksgiving baskets at the First Church of the Nazarene last Tuesday. The church organization of Ladies About the Masters Business, or LAMB, organizes the program. Through the help of area merchants and church members, the baskets are collected, filled and given to the needy in our community. This year over 60 baskets will be distributed.

Area briefs

Media-Library workshop

The Big Spring Baptist Association will sponsor an Area-Wide Church Media-Library Workshop at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 FM 700 West, on Nov. 18. Leader for the workshop will be Miss Barbara Freese, Consultant for Church Media-Library Department of Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Freese is a native of Tampa, Florida, and a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She also has an M.S. Degree from the University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale, Illinois. She served as Reference Library Assistant with the Shawnee Library System in Carterville, Illinois, for ten years before going to the Sunday School Board in Nashville. For twelve years, she served as Media-Library Director for the University Baptist Church in Carbondale.

Areas of specialization for Miss Freese include small church media-libraries, media training and space and furnishings.

The Baptist Association Media-Library Organization would like to extend an invitation to other denominational library workers or secular library workers as well. The public is invited. The sessions will begin at 9:00 A.M. A nursery will be provided.

First Assembly welcomes composer

The First Assembly of God, at 4th and Lancaster, will host a gospel concert featuring recording artist Gordon Jensen.

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Gospel Lighthouse hosts music group

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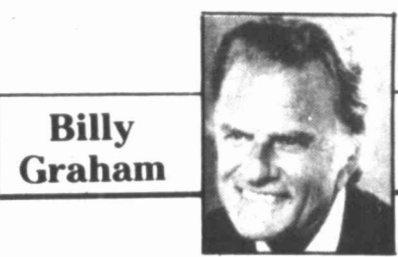
Know and trust that you belong to God

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I have always been a church member, and I believe in God, but if you were to ask me if I am sure that I will go to Heaven when I die, I would have to say that I am not. How can I know — really know — that I will be saved? Or is that possible? — Mrs. L.A.

DEAR MRS. L.A.: God doesn't want you to be filled with doubt and insecurity concerning your salvation. Instead, He wants you to know that you belong to Him, and that someday when you die you will go to be with Him in Heaven throughout all eternity.

The key is to realize that it is Christ who saves you; you don't save yourself. We are not saved because of how good we are (for we can never be good enough, since God's standard is perfection). Nor are we saved just because we have joined a church and believe in God. Instead, we are saved solely because of what Christ has done for us.

Let me explain. There is only one thing that keeps us out of Heaven —



Billy Graham

this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11-12). Make sure of your own salvation by trusting Christ today.

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I am in my 80s and recently had a stroke (in fact, someone else is writing this letter for me). I was always very active in church, but now I feel so completely useless. I can't serve God in my present condition. Sometimes I find myself yearning to die and go to Heaven. Is that wrong? — Mrs. M.W.

DEAR MRS. M.W.: Heaven is the true home of every Christian — and no, it is not wrong to yearn to go there. In fact, it would be wrong to want to stay on this sin-scattered earth forever!

The Apostle Paul said, "I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far" (Philippians 1:23). He also noted that "we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

and that is our sins. The Bible says that God is "too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong" (Habakkuk 1:13). But how can the stain of sin be washed away? How can we be cleansed of our sins? We cannot do it ourselves. The only way it can happen is if God does it.

And that's exactly what God has done in Jesus Christ. We deserved to die for our sins. But Christ — who was sinless — took our place. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserved through His death on the cross.

What must we do? We must trust Christ personally and receive the gift of forgiveness and salvation He has for us. The Bible says that "God has given us eternal life, and

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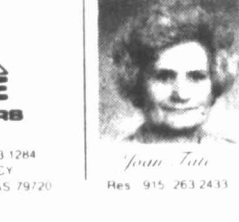


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 - Baptist Temple 400 11th Place-11 a.m.
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 - Birdwell Lane Baptist 1512 Birdwell Lane
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 - Central Baptist Elbow Community
 - College Baptist 1105 Birdwell Lane
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 - First Baptist 702 Marcy Drive
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 - First Baptist Knott-11 a.m.
 - First Mexican Baptist 701 NW 5th
 - Forsan Baptist Church 10:55 a.m.
 - Liberty Baptist Church 1209 Gregg
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- Iglesia Bautista Central 22nd & Lancaster
 - Midway Baptist Church East Highway
 - First Baptist Church 201 South Avenue Coahoma
 - Morning Star Baptist 403 Trades
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In 1906, two years after the founding of the city of Coahoma, a local preacher living in Colorado City by the name of W.C. (Uncle Billy) Hart organized the Big Spring Mission Church. Brother Hart was a supply pastor ministering in the southern and western sections of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church. Reverend Hart started church services at first in the Bell School house and later in the Presbyterian church. The first parsonage was built later that same year at the corner of College and McGates streets.

The first church building was erected in 1910 on the corner of Main and Central streets. This wood structure would serve thirty years before the congregation would outgrow it. In the spring of 1939, church leaders made provision to acquire a loan for \$2,500. Later, a total of \$5,000 would be used to build the present rock building. Soon after its completion the new structure was debt free. Dedication services were held in 1947.

A new parsonage was built from the lumber of the R-Bar Methodist church on the corner of Main and North streets and in 1957, an addition of the educational wing was finished and gave the church its current shape. During that same time, the present parsonage was moved from Lubbock and placed along side the church. A day of celebration and dedication was held in 1972.

The church in the early days of its ministry was part of the Big Spring Mission circuit and the Colorado circuits. Not until 1940, thirty-four years after its organization did Coahoma Methodist church become a full charge. Some of the other stations on the circuits included: R-Bar, Elbo, Center Point, Moore, Knott, and Vincent.

In the 85 years of its history the church has had 41 pastors. Each has had his impact on the church, and is important in the history and ministry of the church. Today, we stand at the end of a long line of pastors and members who have done much. We too are ready to take on the tasks of ministry and service in the name of Christ. As important as our history is, we are not quitting, satisfied with the accomplishments of the past. As the Apostle Paul would say, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenlyward in Christ Jesus." (Phi. 3:14).

Just recently we have taken on that challenge. On October 6th, we experienced a renewal event called Stirring the Flame. Small Church Renewal, which is a unique program designed for churches with membership of less than 200. A team of lay and clergy came to preach and to teach, sharing from their own experiences. This has created a new vigor and excitement in the church. We learned about the disciples experience at Pentecost and how we need a similar experience, what it means to be the church in the midst of the world, what it means to be the body of Christ, and how we are called as Christians.

Out of this event several goals were made and are currently becoming realities. Two groups currently are meeting to discuss and learn about the Holy Spirit. The morning Spark group meets Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. The Wednesday night Flame group meets at 7:00 P.M. Both groups are studying Billy Graham's book *The Holy Spirit*. The Seekers Sunday School class, made up of parents with children in school, have set aside every other Wednesday to fellowship and invite people to their class and activities. Their goal is to double in size. Other goals are renewing our choir and music program, and fellowship activities for the youth of Coahoma. Many things cannot be listed, like the feeling the church has and the excitement that is building.

We are very much a church that now has a vision and ministry goals. I, as the pastor, am excited at the possibilities that are present. We are renewed and stepping boldly forward in ministry to our members and to our community. Our flame has been stirred and soon will be a burning fire for Christ. Come and have your heart set a blaze with the fire of God's love and grace.

Darren Skinner, Pastor

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 - Church of God of Prophecy 15th & Dixie
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- First Christian Church 911 Goliad-10:50 a.m.
- ### CHRISTIAN
- College Heights Christian Church 400 East 21st 10:45 a.m.
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Hispanic organizations work for and with community

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

In the 1980s, three Hispanic organizations in Big Spring flourished. In the 1990s these clubs are continuing to meet the needs of the community with their efforts. Each one has a focus held together by dedication, determination and concern for the community.

Hispanic Women for Progress was started in 1988. Since its conception, the organization has awarded six scholarships and has set up a tutoring class and a parenting skills class.

Concern for the alarming rate of Hispanic drop-outs prompted the group to begin tutoring at the Westside Day Care Center. The sessions were held at the center with four groups of tutors and a certified teacher leading the group. The sessions were dropped once the Big Spring Independent School District began implemen-

ting its own tutoring program within the schools. It was operated through HWP for two years.

As an extension of the tutoring program a summer refresher course was introduced to the community in the summer of 1989. The course was to assist students in preparing for the upcoming school year by helping them refocus on academics.

HWP has awarded six scholarships in the last two years. The group gave out two \$500 scholarships in the first year. In its second year, the women awarded four \$300 scholarships.

HWP's commitment to community focuses on education for youth and adults. It offered a parenting skills class that is now offered as a Continuing Education course at Howard College and have awarded one of its scholarships to a non-traditional student.

"Through our different pro-

grams, we want to emphasize to the Hispanic community as well as the community as a whole the importance of education and the importance of family," said Margaret Trevino, a founding member of HWP.

Big Spring ALSA club members are bound by two things, a love for cars and a concern for the Mexican-American community.

The club was founded in 1979 by a few young men who enjoyed customized cars. This week the members will toast to their 12th anniversary and to the prosperity of the community.

Throughout the years, the members saw a need to organize and help in the community. With that in mind, the club's focus shifted to such endeavors as helping those in need by reroofing their homes, joining in with other civic organizations to raise scholarship funds and keeping the faith in the Mexican-American community.

"The word ALSA translates to, rise, and that is what we want our community to do," said John DeLaSantos, president. "We have set a goal and are going towards it. We may never reach it, but at least we have gone further than we would if we hadn't tried at all. We would like everyone to set a goal and go for it."

The club will be co-sponsoring a flag football tournament on Nov. 16-17 with the Big Spring boxing club in order to raise money to replace the boxers' uniforms. They are also donating five Christmas videos to College Heights Elementary.

"We can't do everything, but we will do what we can in hopes that someone will be better off because of our efforts," DeLaSantos said.

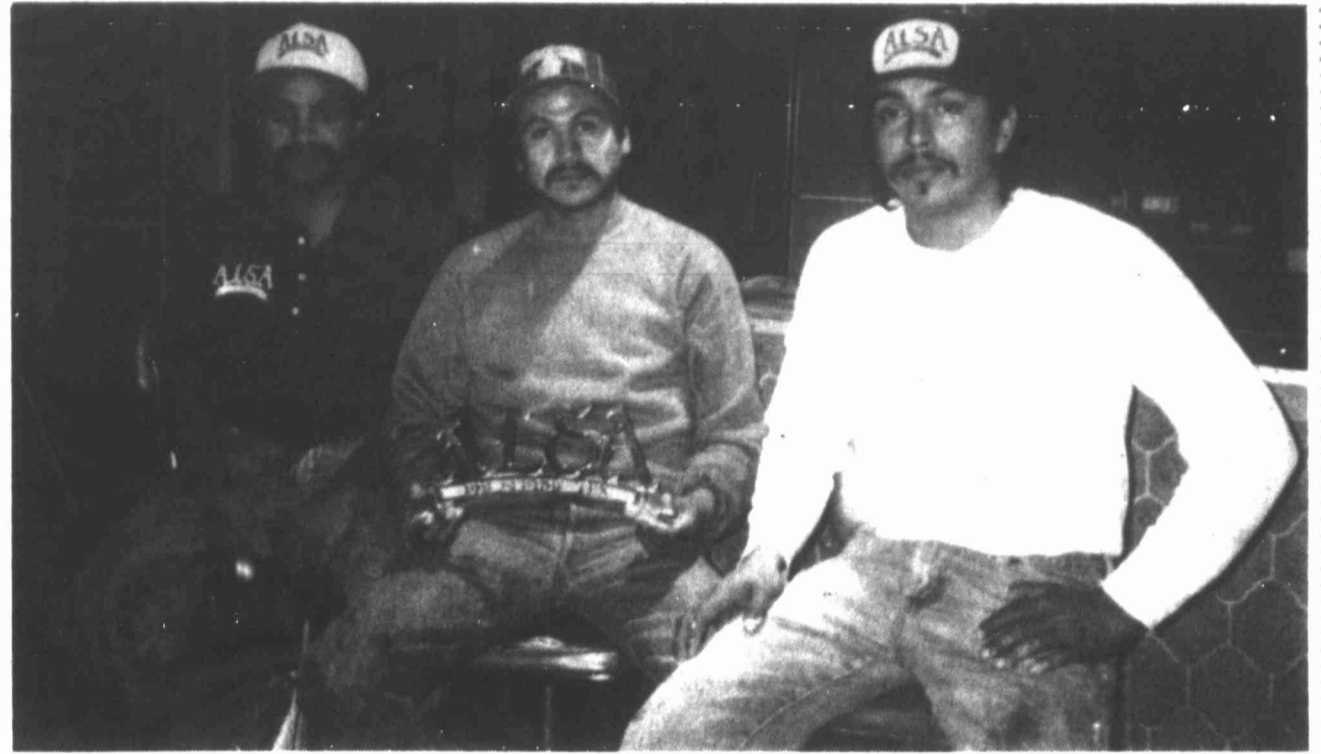
The Chicano Golf Association, in existence since 1972, coordinates golf tournaments at the Big Spring golf course for area golfers.

It is more than putters and handicaps, for the members of this association.

More than two-thirds of these tournaments are held to raise money for benefits, scholarships and charities.

"We help the Hispanic Women for Progress in its scholarship drive each year by holding a tournament," president of the Chicano Golf Association, Tommy Billalba said.

This year, in conjunction with Miller Light, the association raised



Left to right, Big Spring ALSA Club's John Paul Garza, treasurer, John DeLaSantos, president, and Pablo Ramirez, segregant at arms, at the club house. The club members commitment to each other and to the betterment of the communi-

ty may attribute to the its strength and involvement with other civic organizations. ALSA will co-sponsor a flag football tournament Nov. 16-17. The proceeds raised will go to purchasing new boxing uniforms for the Big Spring Boxing Club.

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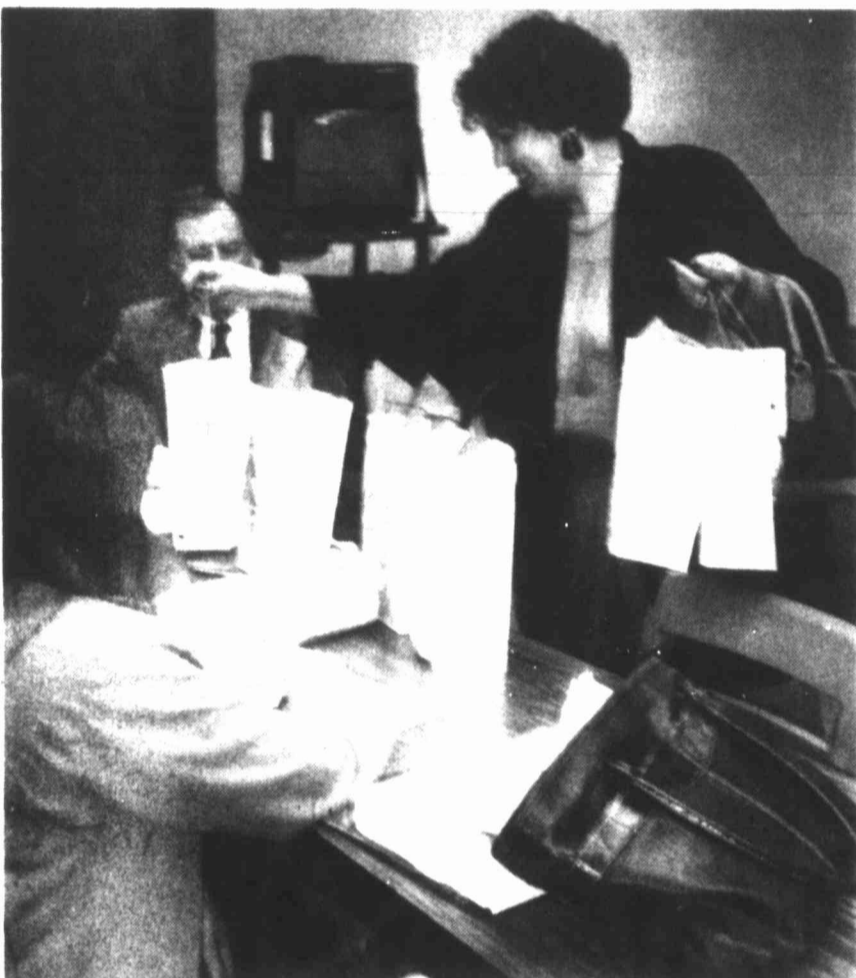
\$1500 for an academic scholarship. The money was raised during the two day event, which included a golf tournament and barbecue. The tournament was held in the late part of the summer, and Billalba

anticipates it will be an annual event.

The Chicano Golf Association also contributes to the Little League organization, Girl Scouts and have helped with funeral ex-

penses in situations when the family was unable to completely finance the funeral.

Members have also participated in benefit tournaments in Odessa and Midland.



Merlinda Chavez, HWP treasurer, distributes samples of gift bags to other members and guest, Jim Purcell at a meeting this past Tuesday. HWP will gift wrap and sell baked goods at Wal-Mart on Nov. 29-30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The proceeds will go to its 1992 scholarship fund.

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Urban homeless become farmers

CAMDEN, N.Y. (AP) — A year ago, John Dixon, Tony Mastro and George Wilder were living in meat trucks, cardboard boxes and homeless shelters in New York City. Today, they are living off the land — land that could someday be theirs under a plan to turn street people into farmers.

"If someone had told me a year ago I'd be digging in the earth, I would have said they were crazy," said Dixon, 50, who lost his museum job and then his apartment in 1990 and wound up on the streets.

Now, he is a pioneer, one of first homeless men brought to an upstate New York farm by a visionary farmer and crusader for justice, Winston Gordon.

Gordon saw the number of homeless people rising while the number of farmers fell. It was a mathematical problem for which he offered a solution: Plucking the homeless out of the city and transplanting them to his family's farm.

There they rise early and work hard, living the lives of latter-day homesteaders.

The three men are the first crop of pioneers sown by Earthwise Education Center, a non-profit group founded by Gordon, his brother Joe and organic farming advocate David Yarrow. Gordon calls it "bringing the people back home."

"On the streets, you can say, 'Well, putting money in that homeless man's cup is a dead-end street,'" he says. "Well, why not teach him to farm, then buy vegetables from him? Then he can say, 'I'm back on the streets, providing for your nutrition.'"

Earthwise is built on the premise that America has lost respect for its two greatest resources, the people and the land. It borrows ideas from new age farming, the utopian communes of the 1960s and the Iroquois Indian spirit of giving back to the land what you take out of it.

"Our Onondaga Indian friends say we must think today for seven generations," Gordon says.

The group is looking into the

future of farming. Most farmers are nearing retirement, and "there's no one to take over from them," Yarrow says. Since 1981, the number of U.S. farms fell 13.7 percent, from 2.44 million to 2.1 million.

"Street people have good potential to become farmers because they're survivors," Yarrow says. "Training landless people in the methods of sustainable agriculture is laying the foundation for a new food system."

Last March, working on referrals from welfare agencies, Earthwise chose eight homeless men from New York City and brought them to Cornerstone Farm, 30 miles northeast of Syracuse. Gordon persuaded his family, who live in Chicago, to buy the 250-acre farm eight years ago.

The startup costs were minimal; the land and buildings already were there. Earthwise gets some donations and is applying for government and private grants.

The 44-year-old Gordon says he was a homeless farm laborer for 10 years himself after serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He also lived in communes in the 1960s and has studied utopian experiments such as the 19th century Oneida community, just south of Cornerstone Farm.

At Cornerstone, the emphasis has been on organic farming, which produces food without chemical pesticides and puts as much nourishment back into the soil as it takes out.

Since their arrival, Dixon, Mastro and Wilder say they've become healthier and happier than ever.

"Eating good food, breathing fresh air. Their bodies are changing, and they don't even know it," Gordon says.

Dixon, a lifelong city dweller, says going rural was "nothing compared to the transition from self-reliance and employment to being without a job and being homeless."

At first, the homeless men had doubts. They worried they might not be able to adapt to the hard life



David Yarrow, center, poses with George Wilder, left rear, and Tony Mastro, right rear, on a farm in Camden, N.Y. Wilder and Mastro were formerly homeless and Yarrow is one of the founders of Earthwise Education Center, a nonprofit group taking homeless people off the streets and teaching them organic farming.

of farming. Friends warned them they were selling themselves into plantation slavery.

"I thought, who in their right mind is going to take people off the streets and take them in to live with them?" says Mastro, 34, who lost his apartment after losing his deli job last year.

Four of the eight men quickly dropped out, discouraged by the hard work. A fifth man, who had been one of the "moles" living in railroad tunnels beneath Manhattan, moved back to New York City in October and plans to marry and stay off the streets.

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Citizens eager for U.S. ties

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Le Ngoc Thuy drew aside a soiled curtain across his altar to reveal fading photographs of his wife and their three children. They died, he said, when U.S. bombers destroyed their neighborhood 19 years ago.

"If I had met the pilot who dropped those bombs right after the attack I would have killed him by any means possible. I was crazed with grief," said the 78-year-old man, sadness etched in his eyes.



Thuy described the night of Dec. 26, 1972, the so-called Christmas bombing of Hanoi, when he lost his family inside an underground shelter next to their brick home that also was obliterated.

"But if that pilot were in front of me now?" he said. "Well, I have become calmer. I know everyone on both sides had to do their duty — they had no choice. And the war has been over for many years. Now we must look to the future."

If any place in Hanoi has cause for bitterness against the United States it is Thuy's neighborhood along Kham Thien Street, a working-class area through which American warplanes cut a deadly swath.

Several hundred civilians perished in a campaign by President Nixon to pressure Hanoi into a peace agreement to end American involvement in the Vietnam War.

A memorial to the Kham Thien Street bombing says 283 people were killed and 266 wounded.

But even here, among factory workers and sidewalk vendors, the anger has faded, and residents hope for renewed ties with their one-time arch-enemy.

In one of the world's last bastions of Communist power, a new and once most improbable refrain goes: "America is No. 1," accompanied by the thumbs-up sign.

Many Hanoi residents have relatives in the United States, which represents the good life in contrast to their sacrifice and poverty.

And most in Hanoi under the age of 30 do not remember the war's horrors and hatreds — as do the survivors of Kham Thien Street.

"I hope Mr. Bush will be the architect of charity towards Vietnam," said Dinh Ngoc Duc, a 77-year-old retired doctor who lost his eldest son in the Christmas air raids.

"Every war creates tragic consequences. But I am not angry anymore. It's been long enough to forget," he said.

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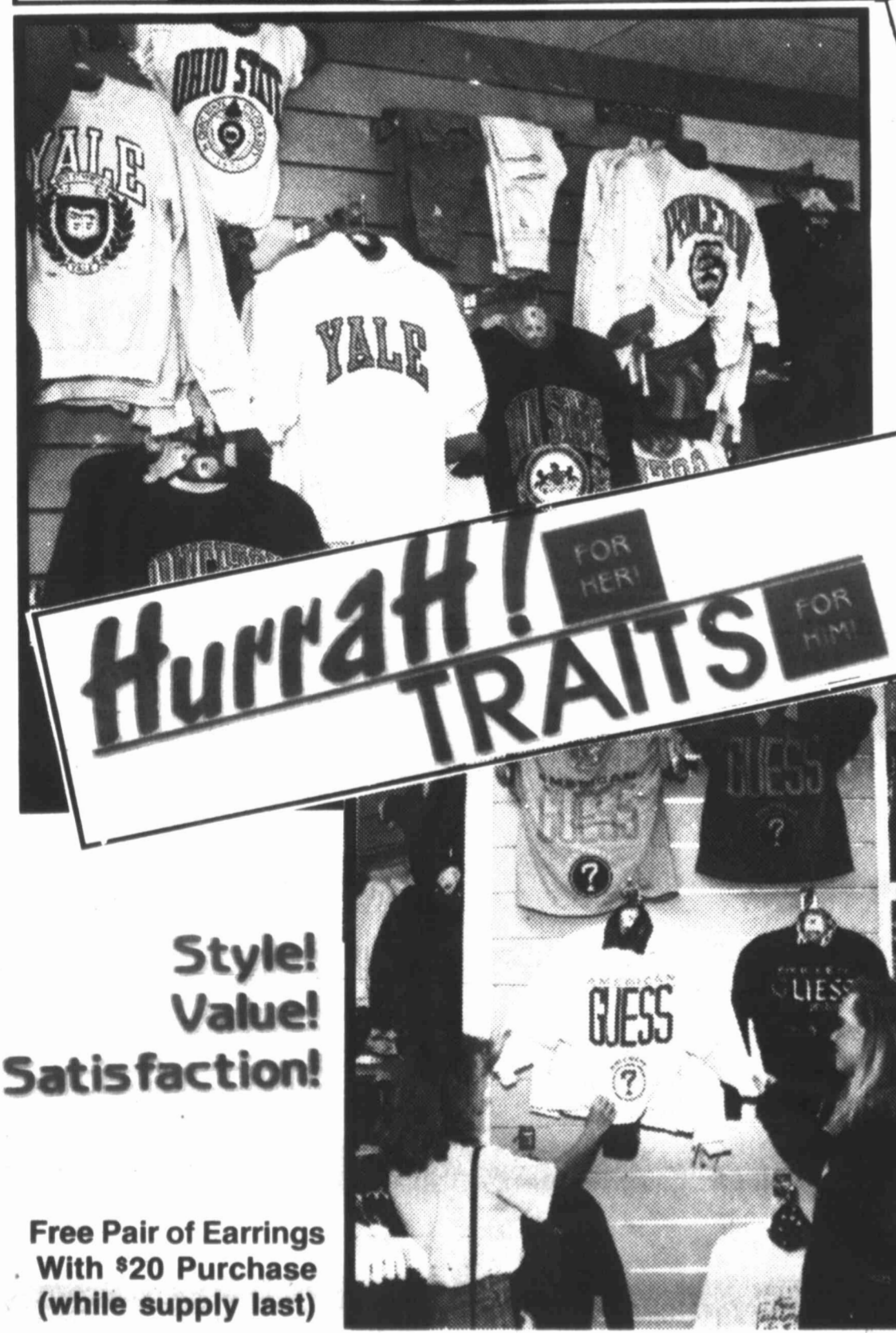
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Goliad sweeps Monahans

GOLIAD A 22, MONAHANS 2
MONAHANS — Monahans held a 2-0 halftime lead but Goliad rallied to close their season with a 6-1 mark.
 Tom McVea scored on a 47-yard run for Goliad, Robert Valencia scored on a 49-yard run and also two two-point conversions. Mike Simon scored from 38 yards out.
GOLIAD B 14, MONAHANS 0
MONAHANS — The Mavericks ended their season with a 4-3 mark by whitewashing Monahans.
 Joe Ontiveros scored on a 62-yard run and Brian Slaveron ran in the two-point conversion. Ontiveros scored the other Maverick TD on a 56-yard punt return.

B-County

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 averaged more than 250 yards rushing and 100 yards passing each game.

"Our game plan is simple - run straight up the field," Avery said about the approach the Coyotes will take offensively. "We have to make quick blocks on their defensive ends. Hopefully we will muscle out four to five yards a carry."

The problem for the Coyotes is facing a defense that has to be one of the toughest in six-man football in Texas. The Mustangs have held teams to an average of only three points a game less than 62 yards rushing. The only team to score in double digits against the Mustangs this past season was Wellman. So it doesn't seem likely that Coach Roemisch will make any defensive changes against Borden County.

"We're going to dance with what brought us to the ball," coach Roemisch said about the Mustang's defense. "We are going to stand tall and hit them hard. Our motto in Ackerly is 'Give up four but not 44' and we are going to do our best to uphold that."

One factor that will affect the play of the Coyotes will be the loss of their starting running back and cornerback on defense, Brandon Adcock, who was killed Saturday in an automobile accident returning home after watching Sands play Klondike in Ackerly.

"We have been dealing with Brandon's death since Tuesday and right now I feel that it has brought us closer together as a team," said Avery. "It was going to be a difficult game to begin with but without him it will be harder. The game will be dedicated to him and we will use our feelings for him to help us give it our all because that is what Brandon would have done."

Sands will honor their native son by wearing his number on the back of their helmet. "Right now we are focusing on the game," said Roemisch. "The team honored Adcock at his funeral last Tuesday and each man will have a '32' on the back of his helmet in his memory. This will be tougher on coach Avery. We still have a football game to play."

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Mustangs ranked second in state

LUBBOCK (AP) — Undeclared Fort Hancock is favored to win its fourth consecutive six-man state championship when the high school football playoffs begin this week.

The Mustangs were the unanimous choice for No. 1 in the final regular-season six-man poll conducted by The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Fort Hancock collected all seven first-place votes in the balloting of Texas sportswriters.

The rest of the top 10 jockeyed for position after two ranked teams lost their regular-season finales Friday. Silvertown stunned previously unbeaten Lazbuddie, 42-12, and the Longhorns tumbled from second to eighth.

Silvertown (9-1) debuted at No. 7. The Owls have won seven consecutive games since a 37-8 loss to McLean on Sept. 20.

Gordon, ranked eighth last week, dropped out of the poll after a 28-18 defeat to Moran.

After Fort Hancock, the order is Sands, Jonesboro, McLean, Trinidad, Rochester, Silvertown, Lazbuddie, Bosqueville and Rule.

Some shuffling took place in the final weekly balloting, even among winners. Jonesboro hurdled McLean, moving from fifth to third.

JV Steers finish with 9-1 record

The Big Spring junior varsity Steers finished their football season in fine form, defeating Monahans 47-14 at Memorial Stadium.

The Steers finish their season with a 9-1 mark, their only loss being to Sweetwater. The Steers opened a 34-0 halftime lead and cruised to the win. Big Spring scored three times in the third quarter. Wes Hughes threw a six-yard scoring pass to Mike Oliva, and Hughes added the first of his five extra points. Also scoring in the first quarter was Lonnie Jackson, on a 10-yard run and 60-yard punt return by Josh Jones.

Big Spring added two more scores in the second quarter. Jimmy Johnson scored from 60 yards out and Torbin Lancaster scored on a 40-yard run.

Monahans scored twice in the third quarter to pull within 34-14, but the Steers iced the contest with two fourth quarter scores. Lancaster scored from one yard out and Brian Scott scored on a two-yard run.

The Steers end the season at 4-6.

Safety Todd Parish picked off a pass for the Steers. "Everybody did a great job," said coach Ricky Long. "They had a great season."

MONAHANS 28, STEERS 47
FRESHMEN 8

MONAHANS — The Monahans Lobos got two key pass interference calls and converted them into touchdowns, and also got a 65-yard punt return to beat Big Spring in its season finale.

Monahans led 28-0 going into the fourth quarter. Steers fullback Kory Ryan scored from six yards out for Big Spring's lone TD. Brian Burchett passed to Chris Haddad for the two-point conversion. Ryan led the Big Spring offense with 150 yards rushing.

Haddad, a linebacker and safety, and safety Manuel Cervantes played well defensively.

Coach Mike Simmons said the game was much closer than the score. "The kids ended on a good note," he said. "We made some hustling mistakes, we played too aggressive."

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Mavericks guards deliver

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks didn't get much help from its touted three-guard rotation as they started the NBA season 1-6.

On Thursday night, things were different. Rolando Blackman scored 30

points, including five clutch free throws in the final two minutes, and Fat Lever and Derek Harper also had solid games.

"Their three guards really played well," Clippers coach Mike Schuler said. "They shot ex-

tremely well, and they were able to take us off the dribble. And our backcourt didn't play well at all."

Lever, who scored 19 points, said he hopes the victory, Dallas' first at home this year and second overall, will help the Mavs get rolling.



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Continued from page 1-B seniors," he said. "Now Santos (Santos Martinez) was good, he was the best we had, but we didn't have good leadership. This year we have me, Rocky and Jason (Helms)."

Ortega (5-9, 190), said he felt the offensive line was for real after the Lubbock Estacado game. "We've had a whole lot of people play in the line, we've had a whole lot of starters," said Ortega. "Coach Burk (offensive line coach Dan Burk) gets the first and second teams and we work hard and work together. He's done a good job."

Helms (6-1, 216) is a senior that saw spot duty last year. This season Helms has been the all-purpose guard, according to Burk. Helms said there's a lot more camaraderie this season. "Last year we had lots of hard feelings from linemen who didn't get to start. They were mad at the coaches and mad at the players," said Helms.

"This year we've had so many different starters, we work hard each week so we'll get to start. The ones that don't start are on the sidelines cheering on the others."

Starting right tackle T.L. Rogers (junior, 5-9, 188) has stepped in and become a consistent performer. He said there was pressure gaining an offensive spot. "There was a lot of pressure at first, but as the year went on, I got used to it," said Rogers. "I try to stick to the leaders. Rocky has helped me a lot. I matured over these games."

Then there's players like senior starting left guard Kevin Rodgers (6-0, 170) and starting left tackle Augustine Hernandez (5-7, 161) who are running backs-turned linemen.

Rodgers, who was switched late in the season, likes the change. Hernandez, who was switched at the start of the season, didn't.

"I had been bugging Coach all year long about putting me in there," said Rodgers, who also starts at outside linebacker. "One day in practice I said 'Coach, put me in there,' and he said, 'Rodgers, you're in there.' I loved the change."

It wasn't so easy for Hernandez, however. "I didn't want to play on the line, there were too many big people," he said. "I like running the ball. The first couple of weeks I was there I didn't want to go hard. Coach Burk talked me into it, I knew I could hit people hard."

Burk is one of those who thinks his troops should win an award for effort.

"The main thing is these kids have a lot of heart. They are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. There are no selfish players. They are willing to change positions to help the team out," said Burk.

"Week to week they've gotten better. They love to play the game, they don't care how big their opponents are."

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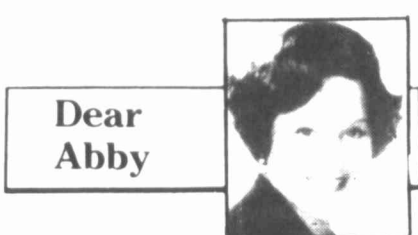
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Couple seeks united front before going separate ways

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are separating after six years of marriage. I am 31 and he is 33. After months of discussion and many sessions with a marriage counselor, we came to realize that we had no common goals. (He initiated the idea of separation after expressing a desire to be on his own again.)

I have cried, bargained and offered to compromise, but his mind is made up; he wants his independence. I refuse to commit emotional blackmail or entrap him with a pregnancy to continue the marriage. Therefore, I have decided the best thing to do is let him go. It hurts, but this way we can part as friends and get on with our lives.

Our problem: how to explain this to our families, friends and co-



Dear Abby

workers who have always viewed us as the "perfect couple." We rarely fought. We trusted each other, supported each other's careers, shared the work and had fun together. No one would suspect that we've been talking about separating for the past four months. It will be a shock to our families and a total surprise to everyone else.

Abby, we want to be truthful and call it a mutual decision, but I know

people will look for something more scandalous than incompatibility as soon as this spreads via the grapevine.

How do we maximize understanding and minimize rumor fallout? — D.J., ILLINOIS

DEAR D.J.: First, announce it to your parents, then inform other family members and friends. To minimize rumors flying, present a united front. The message should be along these lines: "Sam and I have agreed to end our marriage. Although it may come as a surprise to all of you, this decision is mutual. Even though we care for each other, we have decided that we no longer want to be husband and wife. Please don't press us further because we both would rather not go into details at this time."

If anyone is so insensitive as to question you further, simply say, "We'd rather not discuss it right now."

Good luck to both of you ... wherever your separate paths may take you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother's wife continuously flirts with my husband. She finds excuses to hug on him or be in his space.

I have spoken to my husband and asked him not to respond to her flirtations. He has backed off a little, but says he can't help it if she is always coming up to him.

Would I be wrong to speak to my sister-in-law about this and ask her to kindly stay out of my husband's face? — JEALOUS IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR JEALOUS: Your husband is a grown man and a free agent. If he wanted to discourage the advances of his sister-in-law, he could easily do it with a few well-chosen words spoken in earnest.

Jeane Dixon

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TALPUS (April 20-May 20): Companionship plays a special role in a decision you reach today. Clean important information from a stranger and you will gain a valuable new ally. Record a vivid dream for future analysis.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your intelligence shines through, gaining you the support of influential people. Travel can take you away from dull times and make you the center of attention. Put romance on hold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today's communications could bring the answer or agreement you have been waiting for. A friendship is not just a safety net — it can be a lucky charm. Romance begins to heat up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may know only half the story when it comes to a financial dispute. An objective approach is vital.

TAURUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Special recognition or valuable information comes your way. Make the most of an unusual opportunity. A dream can come true if you reach out to the right people. Romance is smooth sailing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Words written in anger could seriously affect your position at work or in the community. Hold back anything that you are unsure of. Brisk exercise will help you deal with mounting tension.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Romantic communications prove highly rewarding today. Long-term planning is favored; you are destined to succeed! A group function may be more exciting than a one-on-one encounter this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Steal away for a relaxing or romantic weekend. A change of scenery is way overdue. Loved one brings out the best in you! Confide your plans for the future. Helpful ideas are forthcoming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Correspondence with people at a distance holds special promise today. New career doors open to you. Get ready to take a step up! Entertaining an acquaintance in an intimate setting could be risky.

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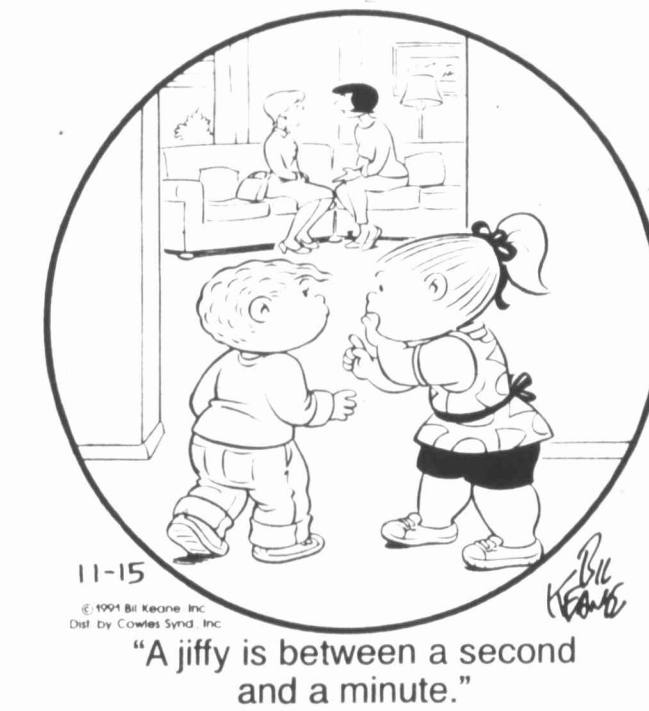
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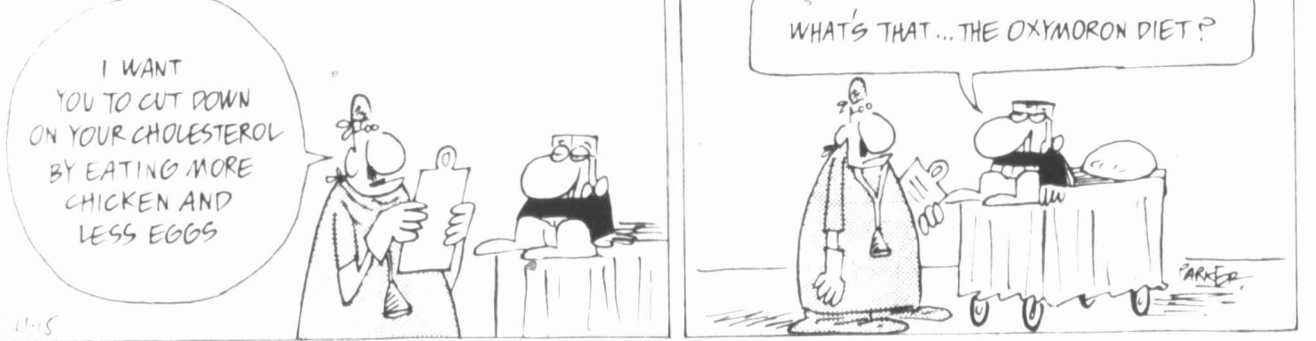
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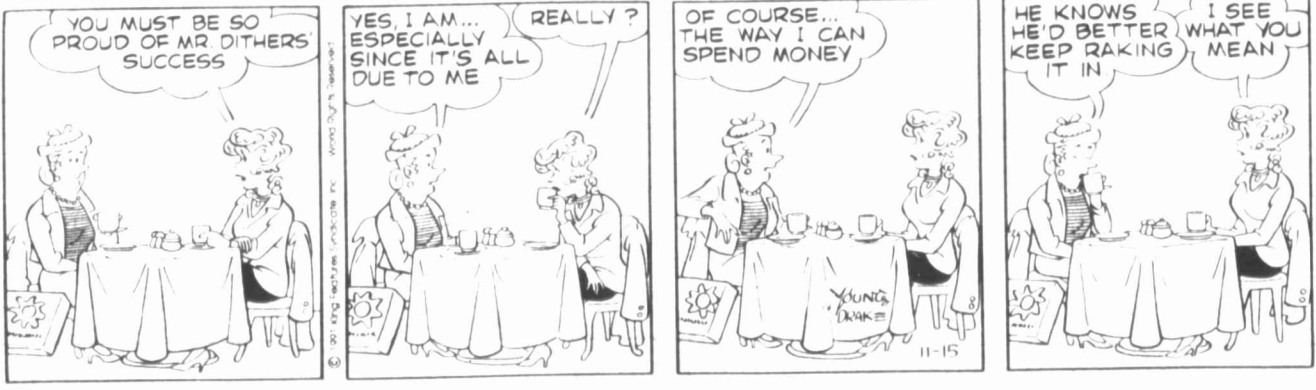
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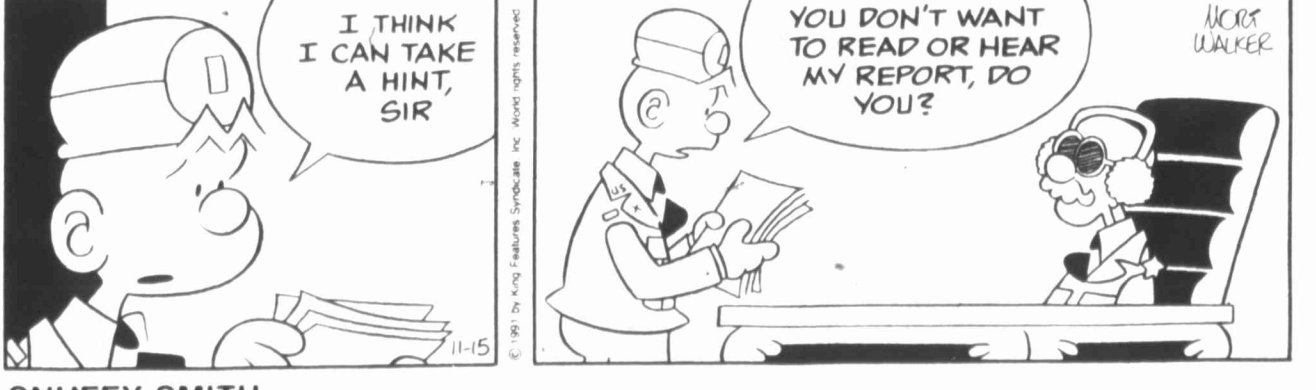
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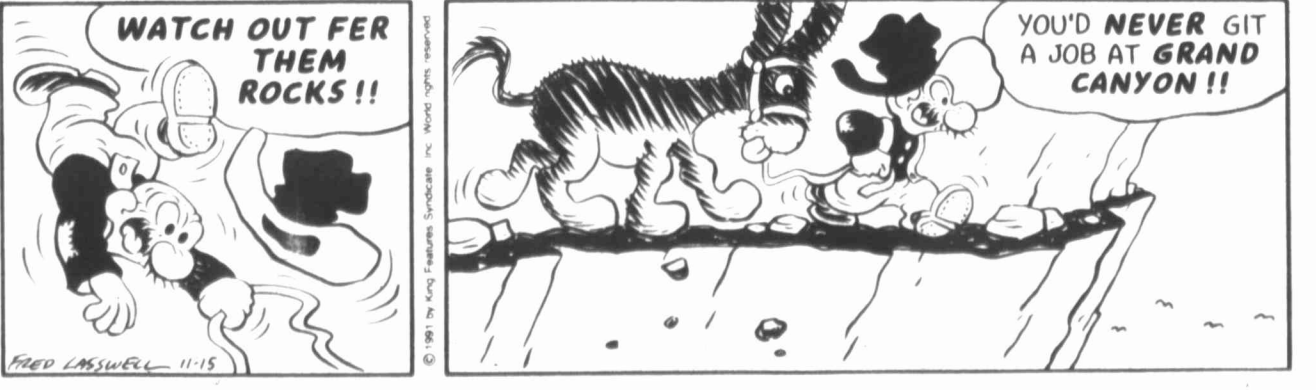
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