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NEWS DIGEST



▲ Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes today

The formal dining area in the house of Jerry and Louise Worthy, decorated for the holidays, will be featured during the annual Big Spring Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes from 1-5 p.m. today.



◀ Crossroads grid stars

The Big Spring Herald's Crossroads Country Honor Roll Football Team is featured in today's edition. The Herald sports staff and 11 area coaches helped pick the first team, second team and honorable mentions.

Christmas memories

Which Christmas was most memorable for you? Write us about your favorite Christmas story and we'll print it. Mail it to News Editor John A. Moseley at the Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by Dec. 17.



◀ Rotary tourney

Big Spring's Chris Wollenzien (40) and Torbin Lancaster (44) attempt to block the shot of Alan Drennan from Lamesa during Friday action in the Rotary Club Tournament.

World

•**Delay agreement expected:** Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat likely will resolve some disputes this weekend, but not enough to sign a detailed agreement on Palestinian autonomy on time. See page 6A.

Nation

•**Scandal confessions:** Former Rep. Carroll Hubbard, caught up in the House bank scandal, says he wore a body wire and taped phone conversations as an FBI informant in Congress. See page 5A.

Texas

•**Special Santa:** When the real Santa Claus gets lonesome for family, he comes to Celeste, Texas, to visit his daughter. Roxanne Clark calls him Santa, as do many other people across the country, including several presidents. See page 2A.

Sports

•**Steers succumb again:** After playing poorly Friday against Lamesa, Big Spring's boys' basketball team pulled itself together and turned in a fine performance Saturday against Merkel, but dropped a 75-73 decision. See page 11A.

Weather

•**Windy, high around 70:** Sunday, cloudy. High around 70. Southwest wind increasing to 30-40 mph. Low in the upper 30s. See extended forecast, page 8A.

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Commissioners to consider jail issue Monday afternoon

By TIM JONES
Staff Writer

The size of a proposed county jail will be discussed Monday afternoon by Howard County commissioners.

The 1 p.m. meeting was scheduled to determine how many beds a new jail should have.

"It's the most important issue facing the county," Sheriff A.N. Standard told commissioners two weeks ago. "If we are going to do something, then we need to do something and quit dilly-dallying around. If we don't get something done, we'll regret it."

The current jail is frequently overcrowded and is out of compliance with state guidelines in several other areas, but has been granted exceptions, Standard said. "Unless we take some kind of action, we'll be held in

noncompliance eventually."

County Judge Ben Lockhart is hoping commissioners can agree on the number of beds for a new jail during Monday's meeting.

"That's the biggest catch now, how big we are going to build it," he said.

A consultant hired last year projected only 74 beds are needed locally. Building a larger jail than needed could bring in revenue from overcrowded jails elsewhere in the state and defer projected construction costs of some \$25,000 a bed, interest on a loan and operating costs.

Other county business will be discussed at 10 a.m. Included is 911 addressing for Howard County, departmental business from the auditor, treasurer and sheriff's offices and extension on temporary help for the district attorney.

Sheriff's deputies seek help with investigation

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is asking the community's help in solving a Dec. 1 burglary.

A person or persons unknown entered Texas RV Sales and Services, Highway 87 South, and broke into two trailers through locked doors, according to Deputy Tony Chavez.

An Audiovox microwave oven and a Domatic microwave oven, valued at \$250 each, were taken and \$1,000 in damage was done to the trailers.

Anyone with information about the crime should contact the Sheriff's Office at 264-2244. Rewards up to \$1,000 will be given for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the burglary.



'Tis the season

Jean Cook straightens the ribbon that she put on the light post outside her home Saturday afternoon, while festooning the exterior with Christmas decorations. More and more Big Spring residents are getting in the spirit, as evidenced by the continual growth in the number of decorated and lighted homes.

Moroccan holiday far from tradition, still enjoyable one

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Features Editor

My Thanksgiving that year had been spent aboard a rickety bus traveling dusty roads with 50 or so others, a few chickens and one small, bleating goat.

It was 1990. I was traveling through the Moroccan countryside to visit another Peace Corps volunteer.

For lunch that day I ate, a lump of hard cheese, a piece of bread and a pear I had brought along for the trip. I was most thankful to see the signs of the town on the road ahead, knowing that the bumping, jarring ride was coming to an end.

Morocco's transportation ranged from clean, comfortable (and expensive) trains to the "souk buses," like the one I had taken into the country. Named because they were often the only way to get to rural markets, or "souks," those buses were the preferred way from one place to another for most farmers.

Besides the poor quality of the buses, frequent breakdowns and extreme temperatures, the main problem was that people weren't content tying their animals on top. But, in this North African country, who could blame someone for giving an animal its own seat? A couple of chickens and a goat could be a family's livelihood.

But Christmas would be different. My friends Julie, Cheryl and I were meeting in my home city and the country's capitol of Rabat. I had been asked to house-sit for our in-country physician's assistant during most of the coming week.

She had a television set, a stereo, a blender and just about every convenience of home the three of us had been missing. Mari even had a Christmas tree - a rare sight in an



Islamic country.

Of special interest to us, though, she had a maid who had already been given a bonus to do laundry for three houseguests during the next couple of days.

We planned a truly hedonistic vacation.

Cheryl arrived first by train from Fez, where the world's oldest university is said to have originated. She brought little more than a sack full of dirty clothes and a cardboard box.

In the box she carried the holiday's most-awaited treat: Six hours of "Cheers" episodes videotaped by her sister.

Julie's train arrived from the far north corner of the country, and after dropping off bags and dirty clothes at the house, we went shopping.

We hit several of the 10 or so stores in the fancy "European" neighborhood around Mari's house. We bought chocolate, French cheese, wine, fruit, cookies and assorted junk food, stacking it into our arms and struggling home.

It's not as if we had been starving. But cooking for yourself in a strange country can result in food worse than what you ate in college. We had saved our money for weeks to buy this feast.

Back at home, we turned on the Please see MEMORY, page 8A

Inmates provide toys for United Way program

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

Inmates at the Big Spring Correctional Center vocational program donated 107 toys to the United Way on Wednesday.

Correctional center instructors Shain Howard and Jody Griffith delivered the toys to be distributed among agencies for children.

"We want the public to know that everyone in this prison doesn't have a bad heart," stated the two inmates who made the toys. "We are Christians and this is our way of giving Christmas toys to children since we can't be with our own."

Griffith and Howard said the inmates, who cannot be identified, worked for about eight months on the toys.

The toys included games, puzzles, cradles, trucks, Jurassic Park figures, cars and airplanes. All the toys were created from the imaginations of the inmates, using no patterns.

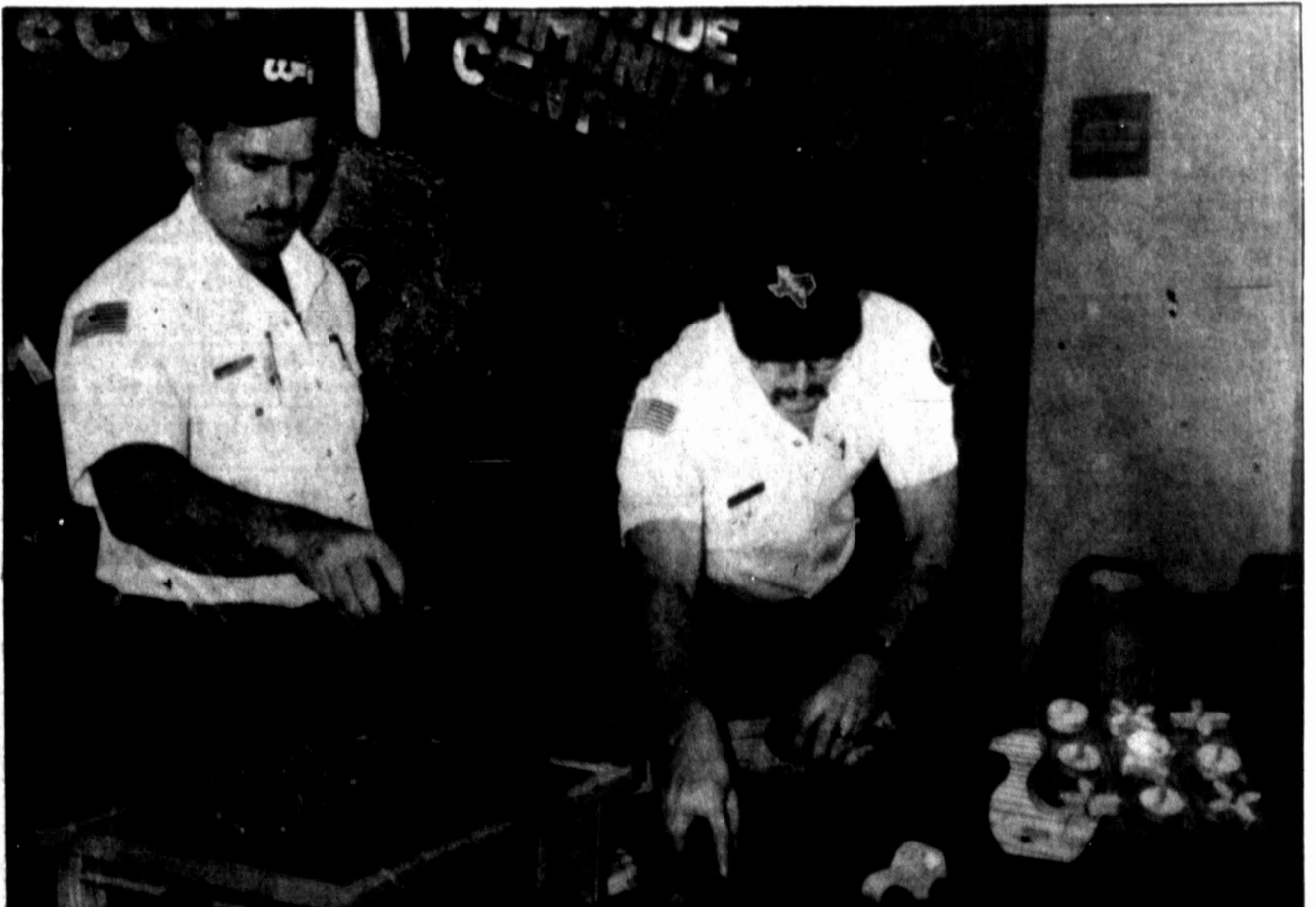
Donated wood and materials furnished by the vocational department were used to make the toys. This is the third year inmates have made and donated Christmas toys.

"This is the best thing done at the center as far as community relations," said Griffith. "We hope this will be a yearly program."

"The inmates don't do this for the money, just for the kids," said Howard. "We may complain about certain things but never this project." The inmates work approximately six hours a day, five days a week on the toys.

Inmates who volunteer for this program are selected according to ability of craftsmanship, potential, and as budget allows.

"We are very delighted that the United Way is chosen Please see TOYS, page 8A



Jody Griffith and Shain Howard, instructors at the Big Spring Correctional Center, display toys made by inmates and donated to the United Way. The toys will be distributed among agencies for children.

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The constitutional right of free expression is powerful medicine in a society as diverse and populous as ours.

John M. Harlan, Supreme Court Justice, 1971

Big Spring Herald logo and contact information for Patrick J. Morgan, DD Turner, and John A. Moseley.

Be there, be heard

Take note: Tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 13, will be an important day for Howard Countyans. That's because county commissioners will take up the issue of a new jail at 1 p.m. during their second of two meetings.

Rhapsody gets spirit going for the holiday

You know, sometimes it is hard to get into the old Christmas spirit nowadays. But, often, it doesn't take much to get the ol' spirit revived.



DD Turner

ing the fact that he was getting nothing for Christmas because "I ain't been nothing but bad!" Or, one of the young ladies asking for her two front teeth for Christmas and plenty of presents, preferably big presents.



Point Brady Bill just the first battle

By RICHARD ABORN For Scripps Howard News Service

After seven long years, a dispute of an intensity not often heard outside of the abortion issue, and a finale of the highest political drama, the Brady Bill has finally become the Brady Law.

We must also seriously examine the issues of licensing and registration. We should require a least as much of an individual purchasing a handgun as we do of those purchasing a car.

Handgun Control, Inc. will this week outline a comprehensive gun control package that will address some of the problems that we face as a nation because of our treatment of guns as sacred icons.

We must first ban military-style assault weapons. The Senate passed, as part of its omnibus crime bill, a ban on the manufacture and sale of these combat arms.

Counterpoint House's turn to get tough on crime

Sen. LARRY CRAIG For Scripps Howard News Service

After years of treating criminals as "victims of society" rather than human beings who should be held responsible for their violent acts, Congress may be on the verge of passing real anti-crime legislation.

While the waiting period will do nothing to get guns out of the hands of felons, who tend to buy on the black market, the instantaneous computerized background check I helped add to it will provide law enforcement with a useful tool.

Obviously, it will take strong families and communities and a return to the ethic of personal responsibility to bring about a major decrease in violent crime.

Nuclear deterrence remains good idea in post Cold War era

KEEP 'EM GUESSING Scripps Howard News Service

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's revelation that the United States secretly exploded 204 underground atomic bombs over three decades is something less than, well, earth-shaking.

Not only that, but the tests violated no laws nor treaties. Also, many of the explosions were, in nuclear terms, pipsqueaks — equivalent to 10 tons of TNT.

For example, the secretary also announced that she may reveal the total number of weapons in America's nuclear stockpile — an idea opposed by the Pentagon but unfortunately of a piece with President Clinton's decision to stop testing

Write the Editor

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This date in history

The Associated Press Today is Sunday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 1993. There are 19 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

Ex-Co Says he 'FBI's s during... WASHINGTON Carroll Hubbard, e House bank scandal body wire and tappings as an FBI in out of fear of being former colleagues in The Washington editions says Hubb 18 years in Congres from Kentucky, now nal prosecution. He Democratic primary The Post quoted H that the FBI used h bankers and busin tucky for possible Hubbard's and his sional campaigns i tricts last year. The ex-congressm he wore a recorder taped phone conve dozen times, trying t cution. "For more than s an FBI slave," The bard as saying. "I've Wond Peter Ruplinger w died youth in Sand, cal rebellious teen-a — until he was 17. At 17, he shocked a most bizarre, most vandalism. That single wantio tion sobered young ever had. Peter had been a so dismal that a hi solor had recomme of school. But almost overnis And before you a "religious experi explain that there is spiritual transfor burst of contritio done which revers life. Parent lawsuit child's The Associated P MARTINEZ, C Hansen's math gra — at least that's wh ured. So they too court. On Friday, Cont Superior Court Ju Poel gave Mike an an F — he upheld A "I don't know the part of anything th said lawyer Loren successfully defended i San Ramon Valley teacher Eric Henze The case revolve liarity in how Henz dent gets a final g his or her homew according to the po the first day of clas The Hansens arg — who arrived th semester — nev Henze's policy. When Andy got exam, that's what I report card. But / was worth only a maintained that th that students be r policies, so the f teacher. I would like my sincerer all of th showed knic time of s special tha Church Chaplain Si Myers an Funeral Ho the officers the Federal Institution a your show was overw all your ger thoughtfuln be forgotten Since Rhon and f

Ex-Congressman tells scandal story

Says he was 'FBI's slave' during probe

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Carroll Hubbard, caught up in the House bank scandal, says he wore a body wire and taped phone conversations as an FBI informant but quit out of fear of being used against his former colleagues in Congress.

The Washington Post in today's editions says Hubbard, who served 18 years in Congress as a Democrat from Kentucky, now may face criminal prosecution. He was defeated in a Democratic primary last year.

The Post quoted Hubbard as saying that the FBI used him to investigate bankers and businessmen in Kentucky for possible irregularities in Hubbard's and his wife's congressional campaigns in separate districts last year.

The ex-congressman told The Post he wore a recorder on his body and taped phone conversations about a dozen times, trying to stave off prosecution.

"For more than six months, I was an FBI slave," The Post quoted Hubbard as saying. "I've been absolutely



U.S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard, D-Ky., makes a point during a luncheon in Park Hills, Ky., in 1983. Hubbard, caught up in the House bank scandal, says in Saturday's Washington Post, that he wore a body wire and taped phone conversations as an FBI informant but quit out of fear of being used against his former colleagues in Congress.

destroyed by this." He said that while there may have been violations of federal elections laws, "they were honest mistakes."

In September, Hubbard told The Post, he refused to sign a plea agreement, fearing he might eventually be asked to investigate his former colleagues on the Hill.

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern confirmed for The Associated Press and the Post that Hubbard worked for the FBI as an informant this year. But Stern said the department had no plans to use Hubbard in any probe of his former House colleagues.

Hubbard told The Post that his FBI

handler, agent Robert Core, talked twice about plans for an "Abscam 2," referring to the FBI undercover operation in the early 1980s. Six congressmen and a senator were convicted of corruption charges.

Stern said Core "emphatically denies" talking to Hubbard about investigating House members.

Wonderful life grown from act of vandalism

Peter Ruplinger was a wild, unbridled youth in Sandy, Utah — the typical rebellious teen-ager of that time — until he was 17.

At 17, he shocked his parents with a most bizarre, most audacious act of vandalism.

That single wanton act of destruction sobered young Peter as nothing ever had.

Peter had been a dismal student, so dismal that a high school counselor had recommended he drop out of school.

But almost overnight ...

And before you attribute this to a "religious experience," let me explain that there is no record of any spiritual transformation, no sudden burst of contrition over what he had done which reversed his downhill life.



Paul Harvey

Classmates appeared in awe of what he had done, said they "could never do anything like that."

And their attention was further encouragement.

Peter did not drop out of school. He went on to community college — from there to a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from San Diego State.

The onetime near high-school flunkout became a scholar, studied four languages and became techni-

cally skilled.

The boy who had been a recluse became a man with a lovely wife and a wide circle of friends.

He rebuilt his neglected physique with bike riding, regular workouts and a healthful diet.

He began to make frequent trips to Mexico, then South America, then Europe.

The most frequent question Peter encounters from friends who remember him when is, "How in the world do you find time for all you do?"

Though they know the answer.

Peter, indeed, has become skilled as a locksmith — even knows how to crack open safes. He's into wood carving and makes his own fireworks. He paints in water color.

At birthday parties for his growing family, he entertains, making such days fun and exciting for everyone.

And somehow Peter Ruplinger has had time to learn scuba diving and sky diving. His insatiable curiosity has taken him into unexplored caves. He taught his son rock climbing.

Indeed, his children are fascinated as he is with exploring new frontiers. Each, a good student, is growing into happy, successful adulthood.

It is significant that you know that since the momentous "happening" of 30 years ago, Peter and the wife he adores and the children they begat share willingly — and eagerly — in the decision he made in 1963 —

The day Peter Ruplinger decided to make the time to live his own life — and left the couch behind.

That was the day at the age of 17 that he trashed his TV set, never to own one again.

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Feminists adopting new strategy to revive ERA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hoping to take advantage of the more supportive Clinton administration, a coalition of women's groups is trying yet again to pass the 70-year-old Equal Rights Amendment.

This time, the feminists are adopting a tactic that at least one constitutional scholar says might work. They plan to ask Congress to nullify the 1982 deadline for ratification that had been imposed on the measure back in the 1970s.

"We are aware that it is within the prerogative of Congress to lift that expired deadline so that ratification of three additional states may be secured," said Allie Corbin Hixon, spokeswoman for the coalition. ERA Summit. "With an

administration that favors constitutional equality for women, we also believe the time is now favorable to push our suit for justice for all."

Since the measure passed 35 of the 38 state legislatures required by the deadline, only three more states must pass it to make the amendment law, she said at a news conference in the Capitol.

"We think a concurrent resolution could be passed that says putting a deadline on the amendment was in error," she said.

The coalition does not yet have sponsors for the proposed resolution, Hixon said.

Mary Cheh, a professor of constitutional law at George Washington University, called the strategy plausible.

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Parents lose lawsuit over child's grade

The Associated Press

MARTINEZ, Calif. — Andy Hansen's math grade didn't add up — at least that's what his parents figured. So they took his teacher to court.

On Friday, Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge John Van De Poel gave Mike and Jo Ann Hansen an F — he upheld Andy's C.

"I don't know that I've ever been a part of anything that is so absurd," said lawyer Loren Carjulia, who successfully defended the grade given by San Ramon Valley High School math teacher Eric Henze.

The case revolves around a peculiarity in how Henze grades. No student gets a final grade higher than his or her homework assignments, according to the policy handed out on the first day of class.

The Hansens argued that their son — who arrived three weeks into the semester — never was told of Henze's policy.

When Andy got an A on his final exam, that's what he expected on the report card. But Andy's homework was worth only a C. The Hansens maintained that the district requires that students be notified of grading policies, so the fault lies with the teacher.

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*Sincere thanks,
Rhonda Tate
and family*

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Israelis think Arafat will OK delay

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat likely will resolve some disputes this weekend, but not enough to sign a detailed agreement on Palestinian autonomy on time, Israeli officials said Saturday.

Rabin and Arafat were to meet in Cairo on Sunday, a day before the target date for the introduction of autonomy and the start of troop withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank region of Jericho.

In downtown Jerusalem, some 2,000 Israelis carrying torches marched Saturday night in support of peace with the Palestinians and in protest against recent vigilante raids by Jewish settlers.

Some 300 right-wing counter-demonstrators moved toward the pro-peace rally, and shouting matches erupted. Police moved between the two groups and formed a cordon three-deep to prevent confrontations. Several right-wing demonstrators were detained.

In the Gaza Strip, hundreds of Muslim militants marched in opposition to the Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organization accord. Troops opened fire to break up a rally in Gaza City, wounding a Palestinian.

Monday is the target date for wrapping up negotiations on the details of army withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho and the handover of authority to the PLO in those areas.

Key issues remain under dispute, including the size of the Jericho region, security arrangements for Jewish settlements and control over crossings from Egypt to Gaza and from Jordan to Jericho.

Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said Saturday he was confi-



Israelis supporting the Israeli-PLO peace accord rally in downtown Jerusalem Saturday. Hundreds marched to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's residence to show support for the accord. Police arrested 15 counter demonstrators who attempted to block traffic. The signs being waved read: "Yes To Peace, No To Violence."

dent that Rabin and Arafat "may bridge the gaps to the minimum."

Ben-Eliezer met with Arafat in Tunis earlier in the week.

An Israeli government official said it was likely that Rabin and Arafat will reach an understanding to postpone the deadline by two or three weeks.

Rabin has said Monday's deadline for beginning implementation of the autonomy agreement wasn't as important as April 13, the deadline for completing it. But Palestinian negotiators say a delay would further

undermine the credibility of the peace talks.

Even without agreement on broader security and border issues, Israel is still expected to withdraw soldiers from some military posts to give some sense of momentum to the peace process.

Since the Sept. 13 signing of the Israel-PLO accord, 41 Palestinians and 14 Israelis have been killed in extremist violence.

Muslim militants Saturday threatened to kill more Israelis to sabotage the peace agreement. "Your fury

should descend on army patrols and Zionist settlers," said a leaflet by the Muslim group Hamas. It called for attacks with guns, grenades and knives.

Hamas is opposed to the partial autonomy plan, which does not guarantee the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said Saturday he expected the violence to continue during the transition period to self-rule.

Election Yeltsin's first real test since October's violence

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Nearly two years after the Soviet Union disappeared, Russians began voting early Sunday for their first post-Soviet parliament and constitution in a crucial test of the country's patience with Boris Yeltsin's reforms.

It is the first test of Yeltsin's popularity since the president disbanded the old parliament and sent tanks to pound hard-line holdouts into submission in early October.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin warned on the eve of the election that if the constitution was rejected, Yeltsin might have to declare "direct presidential rule."

At least half of Russia's 107 million eligible voters must vote on the constitution for the referendum to be valid, and there is wide concern that the turnout may be lower. Many voters appear bewildered by the large number of parties in the election and apathetic after years of hardships.

Reformers are worried that the voters' dark mood could result in extremist candidates, led by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, winning up to 20 percent of the seats in the new Federal Assembly. That could saddle Yeltsin with a parliament no more cooperative than the old one.

Zhirinovskiy's inflammatory remarks, such as a promise to recapture the former Soviet empire, outraged many voters but thrilled others and provided the only drama in an otherwise dull campaign.

To mollify voters angered by 900 percent inflation this year, Yeltsin nearly doubled most government pensions Saturday. He also raised benefits for families with children, single mothers, orphans and children of army draftees.

Because Russia stretches across many time zones, the polls opened at 8 a.m. Sunday (3 p.m. EST Saturday) in the Russian Far East and the last will close Sunday evening in western regions. Some remote hamlets in Siberia actually began voting Friday. Results aren't expected until Monday.

People in the Pacific port of Vladivostok, among the first to vote Sunday, expressed disgust with politics and the worsening economy. Many workers in the region's defense plants haven't been paid for months.

"I'm not familiar with the candidates. There are so many parties and candidates that I don't know who to choose," said Roman Malyshev, an 18-year-old student who voted against the constitution but cast no votes in the parliament races.

Convoys give up, guns shut down Sarajevo's airport

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Routes that the United Nations was using to provide aid to cold and famished Muslims were closed Saturday, either by shelling or Bosnian Serb bureaucratic delays.

Sniper fire and mortar shells also claimed more casualties. At least 10 people, including two children, were wounded in Sarajevo. Bosnian radio said shelling killed a child and wounded two other people in the besieged enclave of Gorazde.

Two U.N. convoys trying to gain Serb authorization to reach Gorazde finally gave up Saturday and turned back toward the Yugoslav capital Belgrade, where they started.

"They've given up the struggle," said Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo. "These two

convoys are over." The Serbs also blocked a Canadian convoy that was trying to reach Srebrenica. The Canadians drove through a Serb checkpoint, but turned back after two mortar shells exploded near them.

Later, the convoy made it to Srebrenica after the U.N. protested to Bosnian Serb leaders and the Canadians got flyover support from American A-10 tank-killers and reinforcements from the U.N.'s Nordic Battalion.

More than three weeks ago, all sides signed an agreement to permit passage of relief supplies this winter to the millions of people who need them to survive.

On Friday, U.N. peacekeeping forces announced they would stop delivering fuel to Serb hospitals because of Serb obstacles to shipments for Muslim areas. But UNHCR is continuing to supply fuel to Serbs in order to avoid the appearance that it is using aid as a weapon.

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Glasscock Co-op plans new gin

Facility will consolidate operations

By GLENDA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

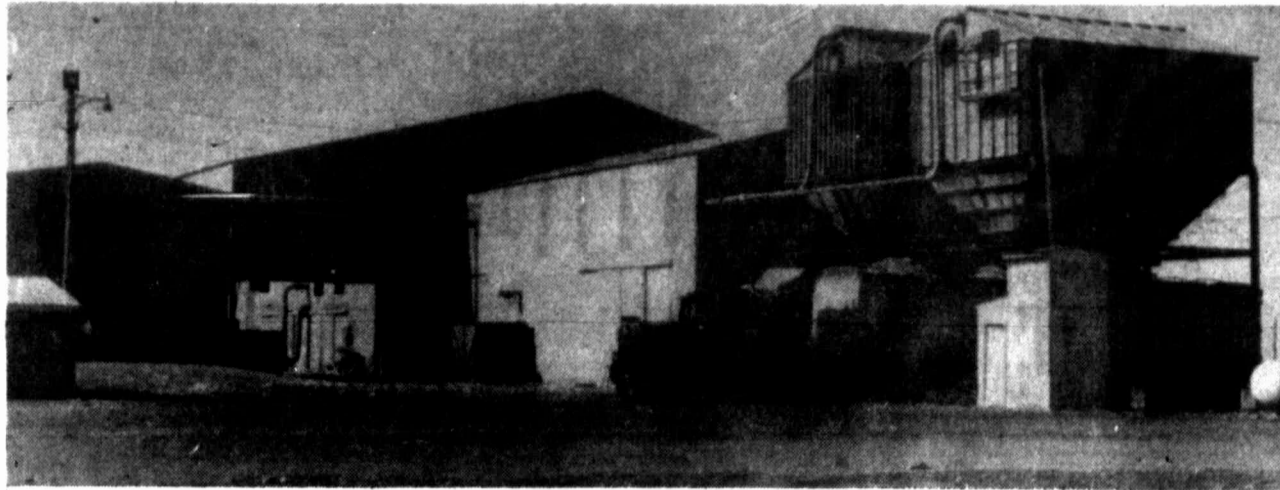
ST. LAWRENCE - The Glasscock County Co-op is negotiating a contract to build a new cotton gin that will be located adjacent to the present plant and facilitate management from one site.

The co-op presently owns and operates two gins, one in St. Lawrence and another in Reagan County. These two sites necessitate two separate offices, but after completion of the new gin, all business will be handled in the one office.

Ginning season now extends into mid-December, consequently the cotton is slower getting on the market.

"The completion of the new gin will benefit the farmers," explained co-op manager B.J. Havalak. "The shorter the ginning season, the sooner the cotton gets on the market and the faster the money turnaround."

A study group has been working



The Glasscock County Co-op is presently negotiating a contract to build a new gin to work with this present one to shorten ginning season. Ginning season presently extends into mid-January, with rows and rows of cotton modules waiting to be processed.

on the idea for more than a year, and presented the ideas to the members about a month ago. After two member meetings, a two-thirds majority vote passed the motion to build.

Contract negotiations are ongoing with Continental Gin Company in Montana.

"Nothing is official except the motion to build," said Havalak. "But we want this to be a higher capacity plant."

In 1969, farmers started talking

about forming the co-op, and in 1970, it actually came into being as the St. Lawrence Co-op. Due to some confusion, the name was changed to Glasscock County Co-op in 1972.

Today, in addition to the two gins, the cooperative handles grains and has a farm supply store. During ginning season, the co-op employs 75 people, and in off-season, about 15 people handle office, store and maintenance responsibilities.

The Co-op is 135 members strong, and partnerships count as

one member. Members of the Board of Directors are Jerome Hoelscher, President, Mitchell Jansa, Lawrence Jost, Tex Halfmann, Floyd Schwartz, George Schwartz and Gary Halfmann.

In past years, renovations have been made to upgrade the capacity of the large gin, but the new one is expected to shorten the season almost a full month.

Once the new gin is completed, plans are to shut down the Reagan County gin for a period of one year before making any further decisions.

Courthouse renovations force GCUWD into move

By GLENDA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY - Thursday and Friday were moving days for Glasscock County Undergrround Water District personnel, who have awaited the move for about four months.

Formerly housed in the Glasscock County Courthouse, GCUWD were informed several months ago that they'd be having to look for another office.

The courthouse is in need of renovations in order to meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. There is no elevator in the courthouse, thereby denying access to the courtroom.

Much discussion on this point led to a visit by Texas Historical Commission members from Austin in order to determine just what should be done and how.

It was determined that the elevator would have to be housed in the area

currently that had housed the water district office.

They would not allow the elevator to be built onto the outside of the building, and it could not enter the courtroom from the other available space.

After discussion, the district's board of directors decided to lease office space from Glen Riley in a building on Highway 33, next to Elliot-Waldren Abstract. The building was remodeled to make it handicapped accessible and, though not completely finished, it was decided to begin the move.

Water District personnel were honored with a "going away" party Wednesday, Dec. 2, and received a Christmas poinsettia to help decorate the new office.

Once the move is completed, the staff and the board will invite the public to an open house, complete with an explanation of the lab.

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Glasscock County SWCD ordering windbreak trees

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CRMWD pipeline work hitting gear

Contractors are chugging along the Lake Ivie - San Angelo - Odessa - Midland pipeline and will soon be in high gear.

John D. Stephens, pipeline contrac-

tor, is almost in sight of the last major rock and has 57 percent of the 158-mile line in the ground. Crews have crossed FM 2131 and are right on the Glasscock County line. The next road crossing is RR 33 (Garden City-Big Lake) 20 miles away.

Twin ditchers have been cutting hole (eight by eight feet) at the rate of 2,000 feet per day. Within another five miles, digging should move into dirt and caliche with twice that much trench a day. Pressure-gauge 53-inch concrete cylinder pipe is being hauled from Grand Prairie and regulate 53-inch from the Gifford Hill American plant in Lubbock.

Meanwhile, the first wing-wall for one of a pair of 8 million-gallon steel storage tanks has been poured at Station Two, south of Miles. The foundations are 574 feet around and require some 1,800 cubic yards of concrete for the one and a half by four foot walls. An eight foot section is being left open in the center pending arrival of a special fitted on-line pipe.

By the time Station 3 at San Angelo is ready for pouring, the pipe and fittings should be on ground and the entire job will be poured at once. Three other steel tanks will be 164-feet in diameter and will hold 6 million gallons each.

CRMWD deliveries increase 12 percent

Deliveries by the Colorado River Municipal Water District jumped by 12.06 percent in November, assuring the district of a 16 billion gallon year.

Total deliveries were 1,146,464,188 gallons, up 123.6 million gallons. Of this, 1,051,835,000 gallons went to municipalities, up

16.57 percent and 96,629,000 gallons, down 18.80 percent for oil and industrial customers.

By cities, the picture was this: Big Spring 169,002,200, up 21.25 percent; Midland 322,910,400 gallons, up 6.77 percent; Odessa 413,283,000 gallons, up 3.65 percent, Snyder 63,108,000 gallons, up 9.74 and Stanton 4,475,000 gallons, down 30.12.

Contributing to the totals were San Angelo with 69 million gallons, up 59 million; Robert Lee used nine million gallons, up six million.

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Crossroads Country Honor Roll

CROSSROADS COUNTRY HONOR ROLL

FIRST TEAM

COACH OF THE YEAR
Bob Keyes, Sands

Offense

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Cody Cox, 5-10, 160, Sr., RB, Borden County

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Class	School
QB	Wes Hughes	6-0	175	Sr.	Big Spring
RB	Lonnie Jackson	5-8	165	Sr.	Big Spring
RB	Jerele Lee	5-11	165	Jr.	Stanton
TE	Ross Roberts	6-1	180	Sr.	Big Spring
WR	Tony Rodriguez	5-10	170	Jr.	Big Spring
WR	Henry DeLaRosa	6-1	180	Jr.	Coahoma
OL	Stephen Gallagher	6-2	200	Sr.	Big Spring
OL	Jamie Gilliam	6-2	235	Sr.	Greenwood
OL	Kraig Walker	6-3	200	Sr.	Coahoma
OL	Ricky Gonzales	6-0	200	Sr.	Big Spring
OL	Ron West	6-0	255	Sr.	Colorado City
K	Josh Jones	6-1	165	So.	Greenwood

Defense

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Torbin Lancaster, 6-1, 180, Sr., Big Spring

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Class	School
DL	Eric Pierce	5-11	225	Jr.	Greenwood
DL	David Foresyth	6-1	190	Jr.	Big Spring
DL	Shawn Sayles	5-10	160	Sr.	Greenwood
DL	Mario Martinez	5-10	270	Sr.	Coahoma
DL	Brandon Hamblin	5-11	235	Sr.	Big Spring
LB	Matt Seidenberger	6-0	195	Sr.	Garden City
LB	Chad Kemper	5-8	160	Jr.	Forsan
LB	Louis Bustamante	5-9	170	Sr.	Big Spring
DB	Brent Seidenberger	5-11	175	Jr.	Garden City
DB	Todd Parrish	6-0	170	Sr.	Big Spring
DB	Cody Hall	5-11	170	Sr.	Greenwood
P	Wes Hughes	6-0	175	Sr.	Big Spring

SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB - Tanner Etheredge, Klondike
 RB - Heath Gillespie, Sands
 RB - Ricky Lucas, Stanton
 WR - Dustin Waters, Big Spring
 TE - Benji Rodriguez, Sands
 TE - Michael P. Smith, Greenwood
 OL - Stephen Grigg, Sands
 OL - Jesse Salazar, Garden City
 OL - Steven Aguirre, Stanton
 OL - Rusty Purser, Greenwood
 OL - Burke Martin, Greenwood
 K - Stephen Grigg, Sands

Defense

DL - Shay Adams, Big Spring
 DL - Eric Gang, Coahoma
 DL - Murphy Henry, Deaham
 DL - Delynn Reed, Sands
 LB - Dallas Hopper, Sands
 LB - Damon Cumba, Greenwood
 LB - Neil Allen, Sands
 LB - J.J. Ortiz, Stanton
 DB - Eric McMillan, Coahoma
 DB - Cody Paugh, Grady
 DB - Josh Jones, Big Spring
 P - Stephen Grigg, Sands

Honorable Mentions, plus stories on Coach of the Year and the Second Team on page 10.



Pictured above is the First Team Offense for the 1993 Crossroads Country Honor Roll. In the front row, from left, are linemen Kraig Walker, Jamie Gilliam, Ricky Gonzales and Stephen Gallagher. In the back row are tight end Ross Roberts, wide receiver Henry DeLaRosa, running back Jerele Lee, quarterback Wes Hughes, running back Lonnie Jackson, wide receiver Tony Rodriguez and kicker Josh Jones. Not pictured is lineman Ron West.



Pictured above is the First Team Defense for the 1993 Crossroads Country Honor Roll. In the front row, from left, are linemen Brandon Hamblin, Shawn Sayles, Eric Pierce and Mario Martinez. In the back row are linebackers Chad Kemper and Louis Bustamante; defensive backs Brent Seidenberger, Todd Parrish and Cody Hall; linebacker Matt Seidenberger and punter Wes Hughes. Not pictured is lineman David Foresyth.

MVP - Offense

Cox did it all for Borden

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Cody Cox is not particularly big, he's not particularly strong and he's certainly not particularly fast. But he was particularly successful this football season.

To say Cox was the main man for the Borden County Coyotes this year would be a massive understatement. Quite simply, he was THE man.

Of the 2,900 yards the Coyotes gained on offense this year, Cox accounted for almost 2,000 of that total. The 5-foot-10, 160-

pound running back gained 1,908 yards on 272 runs during the regular season (a 7-yard average) and scored 209 points (30 touchdowns, 14 point-after kicks and one point-after run).

Oh, and for good measure, he averaged 37.6 yards a punt for the Coyotes.

It's little wonder, therefore, that Cox was named Offensive Most Valuable Player on the Herald's Crossroads Country Please see COX, page 10



Honor Roll stars pour thrills into 1993

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

The 1993 Crossroads Country Honor Roll has its great high school football players, of course, but it's filled with interesting stories and personal triumphs as well.

Some of the players took advantage of their first full seasons as starters.

Some came back from serious injuries.

Some were locks from the start.

Yet all of them contributed to making 1993 a fabulous football season in Crossroads Country.

Big Spring missed the playoffs but used a dominating defense to drive to a 7-3 record. Sands had an unbeaten regular season and won a six-man playoff game before finishing at 10-1-1. Greenwood, buoyed by a powerful line, just missed the playoffs

Could this have been The Year of the Running Back?

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Whether by accident or design, 1993 will be remembered as the Year of the Running Back around the Crossroads Country.

To say there were plenty of good runners in this area this season would be like saying there are plenty of stars in the sky. Highlighted by Honor Roll Offensive MVP Cody Cox's 1,908 yards rushing, six area runners gained at least 1,000 yards, and three more were within one more good game of the mark.

Some of the most sterling performances this season included:

• Stanton's Jerele Lee, who gained 1,136 yards on 155 carries, a 7.3 per-carry average.

• Lee's teammate Ricky Lucas, who gained 1,037 yards on 146 carries.

• Big Spring's Lonnie Jackson, who

when it lost in a classic regular-season finale against Kermit. Stanton missed the playoffs but showcased one of the best running back tandems Crossroads Country fans have seen.

Klondike and Grady kept the heat on Sands in the six-man playoff races, with Klondike reaching the playoffs. Borden County, led by its Mr. Everything, Cody Cox, recovered from an 0-3 start to reach the playoffs. Garden City nearly did the same before running into Wink and Rankin.

The Herald gave these teams, plus Coahoma, Forsan and Colorado City, their ink during the season. With the season just a memory now - except for a few distant playoff games yet to be played - it's time to pour some ink on the individuals that made the season what it was.

A thrill.

became the first Big Spring rusher in several years to break the 1,000-yard mark, gaining 1,094 yards this season.

• Garden City's Stuart Wilde, who despite being only 5-foot-8 and 132 pounds, gained 1,004 yards in 134 carries.

• Grady's Tommy Hewtt, who gained almost 1,100 yards for the Wildcats this season.

• Sands' Heath Gillespie barely missed the 1,000-yard mark, gaining 963 yards this season. In addition, he scored 24 touchdowns on the ground for the District 5 champions.

Then there was Coahoma fullback Edward Dunn, who was on track to gain 1,000 yards until an appendectomy sidelined him for half the season.

As to why there were so many good rushing performances this season, some coaches ascribe to the

This season, the Herald decided to get the 11 area coaches into the act. These coaches and the Herald sports staff nominated players for the team, and then a ballot was mailed to all of the coaches. The Honor Roll's First and Second teams resulted from the ballots completed by the coaches and the Herald sports staff.

Calling the plays for the First Team is Big Spring quarterback Wes Hughes. Hughes, in his first season as a full-time starter after sharing quarterback duties in 1992, completed 84 of 165 passes for 1,110 yards and 10 touchdowns. When his receivers were covered, Hughes frequently tucked the ball under his arm and ran for the first down.

All that, and he was also the First Team's punter.

"I really felt a lot more comfortable this year," Hughes said. "Last year, I threw for about 800 yards, then this

cyclical theory.

"I guarantee you, everything goes in cycles," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said. "You'll go through a cycle where you have a lot of good skill people and no linemen, then a year where have good linemen but no backs."

This year, Butler had one of the best backs around. Despite missing parts of two games with injuries, Jackson broke the 1,000-yard mark with the help of a 309-yard performance in the season finale against Fort Stockton.

"The two games he missed - against Andrews and Sweetwater - not only hurt our chances, but put in doubt his getting a 1,000 yards, which was a team goal ... The last three games, we took him out in the last quarter, or there's no telling how many yards he would have gained."

And if Butler felt fortunate this

year I threw almost 1,200. I think I just had a lot more confidence."

When Hughes isn't dropping back to pass for the First Team, he has the enviable choice of handing off to fellow Big Springers Lonnie Jackson or Stanton's Jerele Lee.

Jackson gained 1,094 yards on 158 carries despite battling a nagging ankle injury for most of the season. He scored 14 touchdowns - 13 rushing - and caught 14 passes for 86 yards.

Lee, just a junior, gained 1,136 yards on 155 carries, caught 15 passes for 184 yards and scored 17 touchdowns. He and Stanton senior Ricky Lucas combined for 2,173 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"I felt like we had the two best backs in the district," said Lee, who as a Stanton Buffalo plays in District 6-2A. "Every team we played, they

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MVP - Defense

Lancaster lit the fire for Steers

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

To Torbin Lancaster, talent can only take you so far on the football field.

To quote the old song: You've gotta have heart.

Lancaster, a linebacker for the Big Spring Steers this season, was noticeable this season in two ways: He made a lot of tackles, and he was the defense's unofficial spiritual leader.

The two-time All-District 3-4A selection is the Herald's Defensive Most Valuable Player for the 1993 season.

Lancaster was one of the top performers on the district's top-ranked defense this season. He accounted for 104 tackles, three sacks, an interception, a fumble recovery for a touchdown and two blocked punts.

But stats don't tell the whole story about Lancaster, his coach said.

"Torbin is a young man who's highly motivated and extremely

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Coach of the Year

Keyes pulled Sands from tough situation into playoff picture

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

ACKERLY - A year ago, Sands fans, coaches and players suffered through a 4-6 season - not a good predicament when you consider the Mustangs had reached the state six-man semifinals the previous year.

Declines, especially one that sharp, are never easy, but the situation became tougher in May. Sands coach Kerry Owens left the school to take the head coaching job at Highland, a hometown job he'd been waiting for.

Fortunately for Sands, they had an ace coach sitting in the principal's office.

Bob Keyes, who came to Sands in 1992 as the school's principal, had had his fill of coaching. He'd just completed a four-year stint at Borger High as football coach and athletic director. Borger sported a 12-28 record under Keyes, and Keyes said it was in the best interest of all concerned if he left.



KEYES

"I'd gotten kind of burned out on coaching at Borger," Keyes said. "But as I started seeing these kids out here as principal, seeing their attitudes and things, I just felt like I'd like to be a part of this."

Like any coach, Keyes pushes all of the credit to his players, but he was a major part of Sands' turnaround. Sands won District 5 with a 6-0 mark. The Mustangs had a 9-0-1 regular season and finished at 10-1-1, falling to Sierra Blanca in the second round of the playoffs.

Keyes, 45, saw potential in the Mustangs, and the Mustangs saw potential in him. Sands' star running back, senior Heath Gillespie, said he and many of his teammates were shaken when Owens left the school, but it didn't take them long to decide they wanted Keyes to be their coach.

"When we found out Coach Owens was leaving, we were pretty upset. But a lot of us got together and got to talking, and we decided we'd like for Mr. Keyes to be our coach."

The straightforward, smiling personality Keyes carries with him might have been a key factor in his players' endorsement, but Keyes has the credentials to go with it.

Keyes, born in Crane and raised in Seminole, was a lineman for four seasons at Abilene Christian University, where he graduated in 1970 and later became offensive coordinator. In addition to Sands and Borger, Keyes has been head coach at Cisco Junior College. He's also been on the coaching staffs at Amarillo High, Hereford, Round Rock and Graham.

In that tremendous travelogue, however, there's only one six-man school - Sands. Keyes said the adjustment wasn't easy, but he had help from assistant Jerry Gooch, who has been at Sands for seven years.

"He steered me in the right direction a lot of times," Keyes said of Gooch. "I'd think of a play that I thought might work in six-man, and Jerry would say, 'We've tried that before, you know. It doesn't work.'"

But for Keyes and his Mustangs, most things worked just fine. In fact, Keyes may have made only one mistake this season.

He promised his players they could give him a burr haircut if they won district.

Second Team stacked with plenty of talent

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

The First Team on the 1993 Crossroads Country Honor Roll showcases some of this area's best players, but it's a good bet the Second Team would give the first-stringers a tough game.

The Second Team's quarterback is Klondike sophomore Tanner Etheredge, whose statistics were remarkable. Etheredge completed 77 of 162 passes for 1,135 yards and 25 touchdowns, rushed 82 times for 724 yards and 11 touchdowns and scored

four more touchdowns on kickoff or punt returns.

Another six-man star, Sands' Heath Gillespie, joins Stanton's Ricky Lucas in the Second Team backfield. Gillespie - 5-foot-7, 145 pounds - gained 963 yards on 145 carries and added 131 yards on 15 receptions. Gillespie, a senior, scored 28 touchdowns.

Lucas, a 6-2, 185 senior, gained 1,037 yards on 146 carries and scored eight touchdowns.

Two tight ends were put on the Second Team - Sands' Benji Rodriguez (5-11, 198) and

Greenwood's Michael P. Smith (6-2, 185). Both seniors were first team All-District.

The Second Team's lone wide receiver was Big Spring junior Dustin Waters. Waters, 6-1, 165, caught 17 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns.

The Second Team's offensive line is Burke Martin and Rusty Purser (Greenwood), Steven Aguirre (Stanton), Jesse Salazar (Garden City) and Stephen Grigg (Sands). Grigg, 5-11, 195, made 42 extra points and had a punting average of 36 yards, so give him three spots on

the Second Team - offensive lineman, kicker and punter.

The Second Team's defensive line has Shay Adams (Big Spring), Eric Gang (Coahoma), Murphy Henry (Coahoma) and Delynn Reed (Sands).

Sands has two of the four Second Team linebackers - junior Neil Allen and sophomore Dallas Hopper. The others are Greenwood's Damon Cumba (5-8, 215) and Stanton's J.J. Ortiz (5-9, 175).

Defensive backs for the Second Team are Josh Jones (Big Spring), Eric McMillan (Coahoma) and Cody Peugh (Grady).

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Quarterbacks

Timmy Garza, Grady
Brandon McGuire, Coahoma
Cory Maxwell, Sands
Steven Cantu, Sands

Running Backs

David Akin, Big Spring
Ashley Walthall, Colorado City
Stuart Wilde, Garden City
Mike Lee, Klondike
Cody Hall, Greenwood
Tommy Hewitt, Grady
Jacob Hopper, Forsan
Kelby Bailey, Coahoma
Edward Dunn, Coahoma
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Linemen

Eric Gang, Coahoma

Defense

Linebackers

Jon White, Coahoma
Jason Henderson, Sands
Jim Bob Archer, Klondike

Defensive Backs

Michael P. Smith, Greenwood
Brad Cox, Grady
Tyron Banks, Big Spring

Cox

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Honor Roll for the 1993 season.

Borden coach Bobby Avery said Cox found a way to gain yardage even when opposing teams knew he was the Coyotes' one and only weapon.

"Highland knew they had to stop Cody to defeat us ... and he got 330 yards against them," Avery said. Borden tied Highland 37-37 in that game, which determined District 6's second playoff team. The Coyotes advanced on penetrations.

"It just kind of became standard in district," Avery added. "He'd hit the hole, and he wasn't afraid of what he might find once he got there ... On a lot of his longer runs, he'd get hit by down-

field tacklers, but they couldn't bring him down."

Cox was a blocking back for Clint Wills in 1992, but moved up to the lead role in 1993. By all accounts, he made the most of the opportunity.

"I knew my role was as a blocking back, so it was no big deal. I didn't mind," Cox said. "It was kind of an honor to block for him."

"I was very surprised (by his totals)," Cox added. "I just got good blocking, and got the ball enough to run for that much."

He said his goals for the year included gaining 1,000 yards rushing and helping the Coyotes reach the playoffs.

Two for two isn't bad.

Lancaster

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team-oriented." BSHS coach Dwight Butler said. "If I had 11 Torbins out there, I'd never lose a football game."

Lancaster broke into the starting lineup in 1992, and played well enough to be named first team all-district.

"I think I had pretty good success," Lancaster said. "I learned how to feed off the line play last year. Overall, I'd say I had a good year. Coach Butler helped me out a lot."

But Butler said Lancaster stepped it up a notch this season playing the weakside linebacker position.

"I think he was a better player for us this year," Butler said. "He had more experience, he was stronger, and he really understood what was going on out on the field."

Besides being technically profi-

cient, Lancaster also brings a bit of fire to the defense.

"I'm pretty emotional," Lancaster said. "I feel like you should psych up the rest of the team, that's how you fire everybody up."

Lancaster has already accomplished one goal this year - repeating on the all-district team - and would like to receive some all-state recognition. But his major goal, making the playoffs, barely eluded him and the Steers for the third straight year. The games that knocked Big Spring out of the playoff chase, losses to Andrews and Sweetwater, stick in his craw the most.

"They got the tempo first," he said. "I think we were pretty even with them, and I think it showed at the end of the season. One thing about it, we never let down."

Sounds like how defensive MVPs are made.

Honor

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didn't know who was going to get the ball. I know they'll be going on me a lot next year."

Lee missed almost his entire sophomore season because of a recurring separation of his left shoulder. He said he's had surgery on the shoulder since this season ended.

The First Team's pass-catchers are Coahoma's Henry DeLaRosa (10 catches, 235 yards, one touchdown) and Big Spring's Ross Roberts (15-185, 3 TDs in six games) and Tony Rodriguez (22-300, 2 TDs). Roberts is the tight end.

DeLaRosa, a junior, started the season at tight end, but Coahoma coach Steve Park moved him to wide receiver at the start of district, DeLaRosa said.

"I enjoy being wide receiver a lot more. You get a lot more opportunities, and you catch longer passes," DeLaRosa said. "I just try to improve as much as I can."

The First Team offensive line includes Stephen Gallagher (Big Spring), Ricky Gonzales (Big Spring), Jamie Gilliam (Greenwood), Kraig Walker (Coahoma) and Ron West (Colorado City).



WEST

Josh Jones of Greenwood, who kicked 23 extra points and made a

48-yard field goal for his season best, is the First Team's kicker. He is the only sophomore on the team.

Big Spring dominated the First Team's roster on defense as well, which makes sense considering the Steers had the top defense in District 3-4A this year.

The linebackers selected for the First Team are Louis Bustamante (Big Spring), Matt Seidenberger (Garden City) and Chad Kemper (Forsan).

Bustamante teamed with linebacker Torbin Lancaster, the Honor Roll's Defensive Most Valuable Player, to give Big Spring a terrific tandem on defense. Bustamante had 116 tackles, nine sacks, three caused fumbles and an interception.

Kemper had 107 tackles, one fumble recovery, one interception and 1 blocked kick.

Seidenberger turned in 100 tackles - a great season, but not as terrific as his All-State season last year. However, a slight decline was understandable - he wasn't even supposed to be able to play.

Seidenberger was in a car accident last December and suffered severe damage to his aorta, a major artery. "One of the first things the doctors told me, when I asked them if I could play football, they said 'Definitely no,'" Seidenberger said. "But I came back ... and I had great doctors. I didn't really have any say in it though. If they had said I couldn't play, I couldn't play. Football's great, but you can only go so far in it."

"Matt did as good as he could do," said Garden City coach Dennis

Bryant. "He was a team leader. He wasn't quite as good as he was last year, but he was a solid player."

"He was up there every day in the summer working out, to get himself to the point that he could play."

Seidenberger also had two shoulder separations to recover from, Bryant said.

Seidenberger's younger brother, Brent, joined Big Spring's Todd Parrish and Greenwood's Cody Hall as the First Team's defensive backs. Parrish laid some vicious hits on Big Spring opponents this season and finished with 81 tackles.

Five linemen anchor the First Team's defense - David Foresyth (Big Spring), Brandon Hamblin (Big Spring), Eric Pierce (Greenwood), Shawn Sayles (Greenwood) and Mario Martinez (Coahoma).

Foresyth, a junior, wasn't even a sure bet to make varsity this season according to Big Spring coach Dwight Butler, but Foresyth punched the cash register for 79 tackles and nine quarterback sacks. Martinez dominated the line of scrimmage for Coahoma as a two-way player.

So that's the First Team on this year's Crossroads Country Honor Roll.

When does practice start for next season?



FORESYTH

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With some programs, however, quality running backs are par for the course, Greenwood's wishbone offense annually features one or two top-drawer rushers, and Borden County's Tight I has produced more than 4,000 yards the past two seasons from the tailback position.

"The last three years at Borden County, I've been privileged to coach a fine group of running backs," Borden coach Bobby Avery said. "When I coached at Loop, I never had that one running back I could go to like I've had at Borden County."

Regardless of how good the running backs are, however, they're

only as successful as their supporting cast, Butler said.

"You can't do it by yourself," Butler said. "Anytime you have a decent running back, you've got decent linemen blocking for him. Because if you don't have the good line, you'll never get the ball snapped."

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THE BEST OF BIG SPRING "SMITTY" SMITH



Panther Creek's football state champion by the Dell City Cou

Snake close

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

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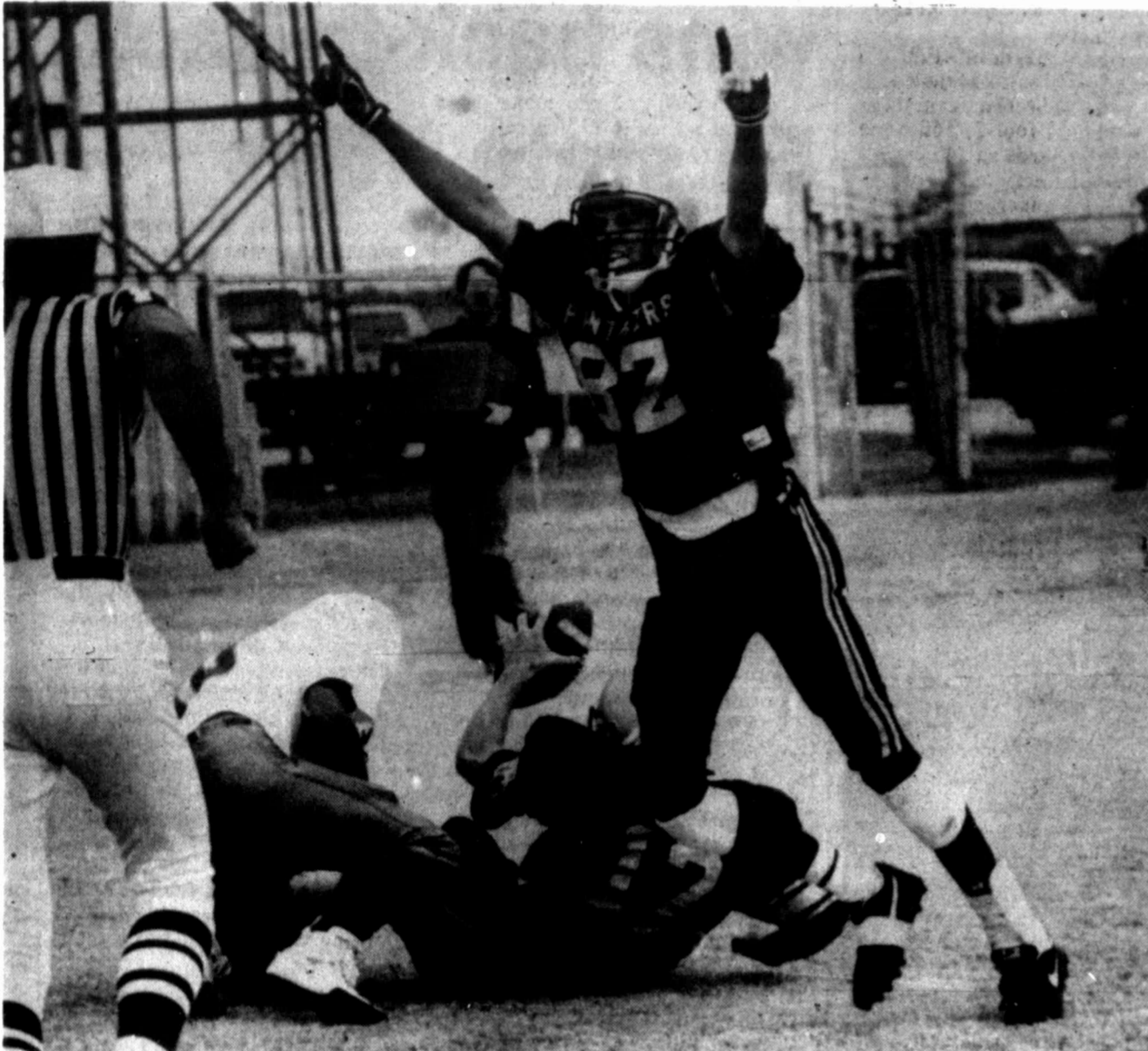
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Panther Creek grabs second straight state title



Panther Creek's Randy Griffin (82) celebrates after his Panthers scored the first touchdown of Saturday's six-man football state championship game in Big Spring. On the play, Panther Creek's Paul Risse (12) recovered a high snap by the Dell City Cougars in the end zone. Panther Creek won 56-28 to take its second consecutive state six-man title.

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

It is a mark of a great team that it can lose its star quarterback and one of its top running backs, change its entire offensive philosophy and still win the state championship game by 28 points.

The Panther Creek Panthers went into the state six-man championship game in Big Spring minus their star quarterback, who had broken his collarbone the week before, then had to do without running back Clayton Hinds, who hurt his knee early in the title game.

To top it all off, the Panthers junked their wide-open spread offense in favor of a more conservative, run-oriented attack.

So what happened? Panther Creek (15-0) got 187 rushing yards from running back Monty Bouldin, four touchdown passes from reserve quarterback Chad Bolton and a smash-mouth performance from its defense to win its second consecutive state six-man title with a 56-28 win over Dell City (13-1) at Memorial Stadium Saturday.

After star quarterback Chad Humphries broke his collarbone last week against Guthrie, Panther Creek coach Alan Luker decided that his team would have to power its way to a second straight title, and the Panthers did just that, stifling the smaller Cougars for most of the game.

"We watched film from (Dell City's game with Ropes last week) real close," Luker said. "I thought we had the bigger, stronger kids. They started getting a little tired in the fourth quarter, but I thought everything

went smoothly."

The Panthers used their superior size from the very beginning. Although their initial drive ended on downs at the Dell City 5, the tone had been set.

"We worked on running tight all week," Bouldin said. "We planned on taking control of the game; blasting them off the line of scrimmage."

Panther Creek held the Cougars on downs on their first possession, then got a gift score when the punt snapped over Daniel Galvan's head. Paul Risse recovered the ball in the end zone, and the Panthers had an 8-0 lead.

Dell City had averaged almost 50 points a game in the playoffs, but quarterback Wade Mitchell and running back David Gallegos found Panthers almost everywhere they turned. Panther Creek's defense limited the Cougars to only 24 yards rushing in the first half and did not allow a first down until the second quarter.

By that time, the Panthers had increased their lead to 16-0. Early in the second quarter, Bolton connected with Todd Harris over the middle, and Harris went untouched for a 37-yard touchdown.

Harris passed 15 yards to Jason Copeland to make the score 24-0 before Dell City finally scratched the scoreboard just before the half. On second down from his own 24, Mitchell found Galvan streaking down the sideline and hit him in stride for a 56-yard touchdown, making the score 24-6 at the half.

The Cougars closed to within 10 on its first possession of the second half when Gallegos made a beautiful 60-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage.

That, however, proved to be Dell City's last hurrah. Bouldin scored touchdowns on the next two Panther Creek drives, and the Panthers' defense did not allow the Cougars back into scoring range until late in the contest.

"Panther Creek did a good job of shutting us down," Dell City coach Billy Barnett said. "I think we played the ball flat, but I think Panther Creek had a lot to do with that."

"To me, it look like we lacked confidence," he added. "We didn't run the ball with the authority we usually do. But we were still in the ball game at halftime. We should have been able to overcome that."

The Panthers added two insurance scores in the fourth quarter on touchdown passes from Bolton, one to Harris and one to Bouldin, and then it was time to celebrate.

"This feels really good," Bolton said. "I felt quite a bit (of pressure this week). I just tried to relax as much as I could. We knew they were a little team. We just tried to overpower them."

"This feels great," Copeland said. "This is my last year, and I wish I could get another one in, but I guess all good things come to an end."

"All (losses) feel the same," Barnett said. "It's just another scar. But it's like I told our kids: There's 90 other teams sitting home today. They don't have anything to be ashamed of."

Dell City	Team stats	Panther Creek
7	First downs	18
17-125	Rush-yds.	43-251
223	Passing yds.	167
10-23-2	Comp./Att./Int.	12-22-1
3-24-3	Punting/yds.	1-38
2-1	Fum./lost	1-0
8-58	Pen/yds.	3-22
Dell City	0	8 14-28
Panther Creek	8	16 18-56

Snake-bit Steers lose another close one in Rotary Club tourney

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

After playing poorly Friday against Lamesa, Big Spring's boys' basketball team pulled itself together and turned in a fine performance Saturday against Merkel.

But fine doesn't cut it - not when the Steers are playing Merkel (10-2), and not when the Steers seem to be snakebit.

Merkel handed Big Spring (2-9) a 75-73 defeat in the consolation game of the Big Spring Rotary Club Tournament at Steer Gym. Amarillo Palo Duro won the championship game over Lamesa, 84-82 in overtime.

The Steers have lost four games by three points or less this season. The Steers appeared to do everything right Saturday as they placed their three main scorers - Wes Hughes, Torbin Lancaster and Dustin Waters - in double figures and led by eight in the third quarter, but once again something went wrong.

This time, that something was free throws.

The Steers made just 15 of 29 free throws for the game, a meager 52 percent. Those numbers don't tell the whole story - the Steers missed three front ends of 1-and-1 situations in the fourth quarter.

Merkel wasn't much better at 20

for 32 from the line, 63 percent.

"Friday was the worst ball game we played this year," said Big Spring coach Gary Tipton, referring to Big Spring's 70-48 loss to Lamesa. "We put a good quality basketball game together today. If I could go back and change anything, it would be at the free-throw line and on defense - we made some defensive mistakes at times. But we played well. We simply came up two points short."

Big Spring led 43-40 at halftime, looking poised to avenge an 83-75 defeat at Merkel Nov. 19. After trailing the entire second half, once by eight points, Merkel took the lead with 5:07 left in the game when Larry Sommers hit a three-pointer to put the Badgers ahead 62-60. When Stephen Edwards hit a two foul shots at the 3:42 mark, Merkel led 67-60.

The Steers fought back to cut the lead to 69-66, but Merkel's Marcus Malone banked in a 15-foot jumper to put Merkel up by five. Big Spring couldn't score on its next two possessions and fouled Malone after each. Malone sank 3 of 4 free throws to put Merkel up 74-66.

Waters scored on an offensive rebound, then after Merkel missed a free throw, Hughes drained a three-pointer, and suddenly the Steers were within three again at 74-71.

However, just 16 seconds

remained. Merkel's Dustin Lewis hit a free throw to take the Steers out of three-pointer range of a tie game, and Big Spring's Heath Anderson put back an offensive rebound as time expired.

Merkel's plan, as it was in Merkel Nov. 19, was to get the ball inside to its big men, Edwards, 6-foot-6, and 6-5 Bryce Buntin. Buntin carried the load, scoring 31 points and snaring 18 rebounds.

Lancaster, 6-foot-1, managed to go inside among the trees to score 24 points and grab eight rebounds. Hughes added 17, hitting five three-pointers, and Waters scored 14.

The Steers play Lamesa Tuesday in Lamesa. They went 0-3 in the Rotary Club tourney, while Merkel was 1-2.

Merkel	22	18	15	20	75
Big Spring	22	21	13	17	73
Merkel (10-2)	Walsh 0, Buntin 31, Malone 7, Edwards 14, Lewis 7, Sommers 14, Carson 2, Tipton 0, Sanchez 0.				
Big Spring (2-9)	Jones 1, Terrazas 8, Waters 14, Hughes 17, Lancaster 24, Wolfenzien 0, Anderson 7, Bellinghausen 0, Smith 0.				
Three-point goals	Sommers 2, Buntin, Hughes 5, Anderson.				
Friday	22	8	20	20	70
Lamesa	12	11	12	13	48
Big Spring	Lamesa - Warren 2, Winford 4, Vaughn 10, Steven 8, Jenkins 6, Drennan 0, Harris 6, Adams 2, Stewart 10, Stevens 9, Cantu 16, Garcia 7.				
Big Spring	Jones 5, Terrazas 2, Waters 4, Hughes 6, Lancaster 21, Wolfenzien 8, Banks 2, Anderson 0, Bellinghausen 0, Smith 0.				
Three-point goals	Jones, Cantu 2, Hughes 2.				

Palo Duro wins Rotary Club tourney

Amarillo Palo Duro won the Big Spring Rotary Club Boys Basketball Tournament with an 84-82 overtime victory over Lamesa Saturday.

The tournament was sponsored by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. Palo Duro beat Lamesa 89-74 in the first round Thursday. In the championship, Palo Duro raced to an 8-0 lead and held a 26-12 advantage after one quarter.

Jermaine Gilbreath, a 6-foot-3 senior, led the Dons with 36 points, while senior James Jackson added 18.

Fonzie Jenkins scored 26 for Lamesa, and Alvin Cantu had 23. Palo Duro advanced to the championship by winning Friday. Gilbreath scored 17 and Luvirt Wells scored 16 to push the Dons past Odessa, 63-61. Lamesa beat El Paso Montwood 51-48 in the 11 a.m. Saturday game

to reach the championship. Jenkins and Cory Harris scored 11 each for the Golden Tornadoes. Jason Harper had 15 for Montwood.

Friday scores were as follows:

Championship Quarterfinal
Palo Duro 63, Odessa 61

Elimination Quarterfinal
Lamesa 70, Big Spring 48

Elimination Semifinal
Lamesa 71, Odessa 69

Championship Semifinal
Palo Duro 51, El Paso Montwood 50

possible.

"The Rotary Club tournament has brought in a lot of good teams," he said. "Anybody that came out to watch saw some really good basketball."

Big Spring Rotary Club Tournament
Championship game
Palo Duro 26 14 15 22 5-84
Lamesa 12 19 28 20 3-82
Palo Duro - Gilbreath 36, Jackson 18, Flowers 9, Chavez 11, Brazell 4, Wilson 5, Wells 1.
Lamesa - Winford 3, Vaughn 15, Jobl Stevens 7, Jenkins 26, Drennan 1, Harris 4, Josh Stevens 2, Cantu 23, Garcia 1.
YMCA continues basketball sign-ups
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Ward runs away with Heisman

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charlie Ward, who ran away from defenders all season, ran away with the Heisman Trophy on Saturday.

The elusive Florida State quarterback won college football's most prestigious award by the second-largest margin ever. Ward beat Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler by 1,622 points, trailing only O.J. Simpson's 1,750-point victory over Leroy Keyes in 1968.

"It's an honor. I'll always cherish it," Ward said. "Maybe in 10 years it will sink in."

Although Simpson won by more points, Ward received the highest percentage of first-place votes and points in the Heisman's 59-year history. Ward got 91 percent of the first-place votes, topping the previous record of 85 percent by 1991 winner Desmond Howard of Michigan.

Ward, leader of the nation's highest scoring offense and top-ranked team, is the first Heisman winner from Florida State or the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Ward's mother and father attended the ceremony at the Downtown Athletic Club. Ward dedicated the trophy to his late grandfathers.

"I tried to stay as team-oriented as possible," Ward said. "I'm not a guy who wants all the attention, but for some reason, I get it."

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior from Thomasville, Ga., completed nearly 70 percent of his passes for 3,032 yards and 27 touchdowns with only four interceptions. He also ran for 339 yards and four TDs.

But Ward isn't a player who can be measured merely by statistics. His amazing ability to dodge tacklers, make big plays and keep cool under pressure left opponents bewildered and brought Florida State to the brink of its first national championship.

"He is phenomenal — the great-

est college quarterback that I have ever seen," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said after the Hurricanes lost to Florida State 28-10.

After Ward threw for 446 yards and four touchdowns against Florida, Gators coach Steve Spurrier said: "You can't catch him. He's the best scrambler ... I've seen in college football."

Shuler got 10 first-place votes and 688 points, while Alabama all-purpose star David Palmer finished third with 16 firsts and 292 points. Shuler and Palmer also attended the ceremony.

"He should have won it because he had a great season and he has a chance to lead his team to the national championship," Palmer said of Ward.

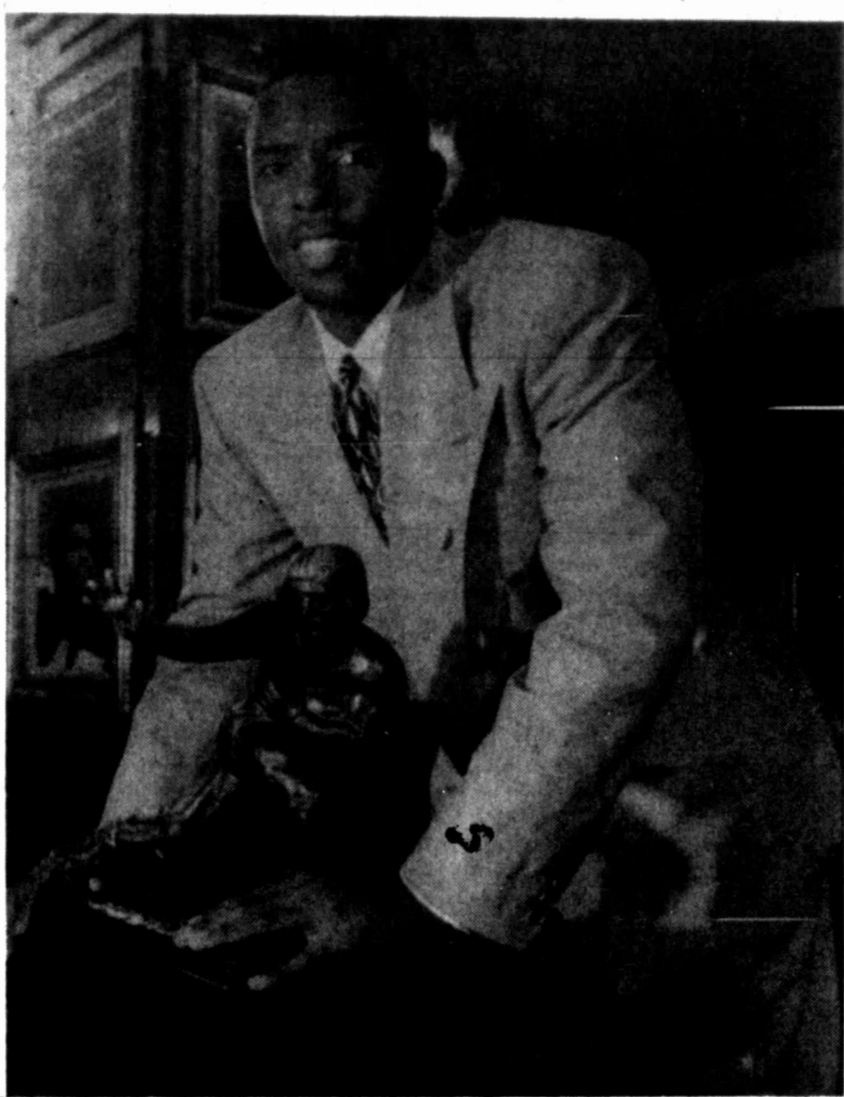
San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk, who was runner-up last year to Heisman winner Gino Torretta, finished fourth. He was followed by Boston College quarterback Glenn Foley, Northern Illinois running back LeShon Johnson, UCLA receiver J.J. Stokes, Michigan running back Tyrone Wheatley, Fresno State quarterback Trent Dilfer and Georgia quarterback Eric Zeier.

Despite his Heisman victory, Ward might not play pro football. He also is a star point guard for Florida State's basketball team, and he might choose the NBA.

Ward said he will decide his future in April after the Seminoles end their basketball season. "I'm going to make a decision one day and stick with it," Ward said.

Largely because of Ward, Florida State is in position to win the national title against No. 2 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. He set a host of school and ACC records as the Seminoles went 11-1, including six victories over bowl teams. They lost 31-24 at Notre Dame, but Ward threw three touchdown passes and nearly rallied his team from a 17-point deficit.

If Florida State beats Nebraska,



Charlie Ward of Florida State poses with the Heisman Trophy after being named the winner of the award at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York Saturday.

Ward could become the first player to win the Heisman and a national championship in the same season since Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett in 1976.

Ward wasn't an instant success in college football. Coming out of high school, he lacked the required test scores to enter Florida State so he attended junior college to improve his academic standing.

At Florida State, he spent one year as a punter, another as a red-shirt and a third as a bench-

warmer before becoming a starter last season. He threw eight interceptions in his first two games as a junior, but blossomed when coach Bobby Bowden switched to a no-huddle, shotgun offense that better utilized his talents as a scrambler and improviser.

This year, Ward set a school record for total offense (3,371 yards) even though he missed one game with bruised ribs and sat out the fourth quarter of six other games.

Converse Judson wins back-to-back 5A state titles

By The Associated Press

WACO — Jerod Douglas scored four touchdowns and rushed for a title-game record 245 yards Saturday, carrying Converse Judson to its second straight Class 5A Division I state football championship with a 36-13 victory over the Plano Wildcats.

Douglas, 5-10 and 170 pounds, the all-time leading class 5A rusher, scored on runs of 8, 1, 17, and 69 yards and rushed 31 times for the record-smashing 245 yards. Douglas set the 5A championship game record last year with 237 yards rushing against Euleus Trinity.

The All-time Texas schoolboy rushing record for a championship game is 296 held by Eric Dickerson of Sealy.

It was the fourth state title for the Rockets (13-0-2) and the first time they had gone through a season undefeated.

They were tied by Longview and Aldine Eisenhower. Converse Judson advanced to the finals after winning on penetrations following a tie with Aldine. Douglas scored four touchdowns in that game.

The Wildcats (13-2) were seeking their sixth title. The last time they won state was in 1987.

The Rockets clung to a 15-13 lead at halftime before an estimated 19,000 fans in Floyd Casey Stadium.

Converse Judson started strong, striking for touchdowns on its first two possessions.

It was all Douglas the first time

Converse Judson had the ball. He scored on an 8-yard run to cap a 74-play drive. He rushed nine times for 46 yards on the drive.

Quarterback Clint Rutledge whipped a 46-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Doug Mazur and the Rockets had a quick 12-0 lead.

Plano charged back, aided by a 50-yard pass from quarterback Mike Nelson to Todd Mrozek that set up Derek Williams' 1-yard scoring run on fourth down.

After Plano stopped Douglas for a 2-yard loss on fourth-and-1 from the Wildcats 14, the Rockets drove to the record-smashing 245 yards. Douglas set the 5A championship game record last year with 237 yards rushing against Euleus Trinity.

Plano played beat the clock at the end of the first half. Nelson hit Jason Little with a 31-yard pass. On 3rd-and-13, Nelson and Mrozek connected on a 24-yard touchdown pass with six seconds left. Mrozek out-jumped defender Kourtney Baker for the ball. The 2-point conversion pass for a tie failed.

Douglas scored on runs of 1, 17, and 69 yards in the second half as the tiring Wildcats failed to contain him.

The Rockets also shored up their defense and Plano couldn't convert except but once and it didn't count.

Williams ran 29 yards for touchdown but it was erased when Plano was flagged for holding.

Douglas had 2,017 yards and 29 touchdowns going into the game although he missed the first two contests of the season because of injury. He finished his high school career with 53 touchdowns.

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Briefs

Lady Hawks win in Eastbay Classic

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Howard College Lady Hawks improved to 16-0 with wins Friday and Saturday in the Eastbay Classic.

Howard is No. 2 in the NJCAA poll. The Lady Hawks beat Los Angeles Harbor 82-70 Friday.

Angel Spinks had another big game for Howard, scoring 29 points. Spinks was 8 for 8 from the free-throw line.

Annette Robinson added 19 points, and Tiffany Johnson scored 14.

Howard led by just one at the half, 44-43. Howard trailed 56-49 with 16:11 left, but that's when Howard began to slow down L.A. Harbor. Howard coach Royce Chadwick credited Cathy Grice, Becky Barnes and Johnson for their strong defense down the stretch.

From the 16:11 mark until 4:05 remained, Howard outscored L.A. Harbor 29-10.

"We played a very strong team," Chadwick said. "They were ready to play and we were once again slow starting. Thank heavens we finished strong."

On Saturday night, Howard beat Butte 77-66. Butte fell to 9-1.

Five Lady Hawks scored in double figures - Johnson 18, Robinson 15, Spinks 13, Grice 10 and Joy Bass 10.

Butte led 33-32 at halftime.

Howard went into a zone press with 13:41 to go and forced three consecutive turnovers, which Chadwick saw as the turning point to the game. Grice once again played strong defense, Chadwick said, but overall the coach was not pleased with his team's play.

Last night we played 12 minutes

of good basketball," Chadwick said. "Tonight it was only eight. I hope tomorrow (this afternoon) in the finals we can get it together."

Howard plays Merritt today at 1 p.m. Pacific time for the championship.

Coahoma finishes play at Ozona tournament

OZONA - The Coahoma Bulldogs took third place, and the Coahoma Bulldogettes took fourth at the Ozona Basketball Tournament that concluded Saturday.

First, the Bulldogs. Coahoma (8-3) lost in the semifinals Saturday to Brownfield 58-40. Henry DeLaRosa scored nine for the Bulldogs.

In the third-place game, however, the Bulldogs beat host Ozona 59-49. DeLaRosa was the high-point man once again for the Bulldogs with 18. Chad Wright added 15.

Wright scored 20 in the Bulldogs' 79-38 win over Sonora Friday. Wright was named to the All-Tournament Team.

After falling to Sonora in the opening round, the Bulldogettes bounced back with two wins to take the consolation bracket.

Coahoma (7-4) beat Ozona's junior varsity 46-31 Friday, then won the consolation bracket Saturday with a 62-49 win over Irion County. Angela Crippen scored 28 for Coahoma.

Friday's Herald incorrectly reported that the Coahoma girls' team was playing in Abernathy. Stanton's girls' team played in the Abernathy Tournament.

Lady Steers play at Seminole

SEMINOLE - The Big Spring Lady

Steers played Seminole Saturday at the Seminole Tournament, but results weren't available at presstime.

Friday, Big Spring (9-4) won its eighth straight game, beating Greenwood 50-47.

Amy Earnst scored 21 for the Lady Steers.

Steers swim at Seminole

Big Spring swim team saw action at the Seminole Invitational Saturday.

The boys' team took third place with 84 points. Carlsbad won with 155 points, and Monahans was second at 111.

The girls' team was fourth with 53 points. Monahans won with 129 points. Carlsbad was second and Hobbs was third.

More details of the meet will be in Monday's Herald.

Sands, Roby win at Coyote Christmas Classic

GAIL - Sands' girls and Roby's boys won titles at the Borden County Basketball Invitational Saturday.

First, here are the girls' scores from Saturday:

Seventh-place - Borden Co. JV 33, Forsan JV 22
Consolation - Roby 52, Grady 49
Third-place - Crosbyton 48, Forsan 47
Championship - Sands 59, Borden Co. 48

Sands' Courtney Fryar scored 21 in

the championship game, with Amy Nichols adding 14 and Alisa Kays 12.

Melody Harrison scored 18 for Borden County (8-3), while Nicole Lawrence added 12. It was Harrison who piloted the Lady Coyotes to the championship with a 30-point effort against Crosbyton Friday in the semifinals. Borden County won 58-57 over Crosbyton.

Forsan's Jenny Conaway scored 21 points against Crosbyton Saturday. On Friday, Conaway scored 20, but Forsan lost to Sands, 62-44. Fryar scored 18 in that Sands' win.

Here are the boys' scores from Saturday:

Seventh-place - Post JV 53, Grady 38
Consolation - Sands 104, Hamlin JV 37
Third-place - Borden County 38, Forsan 37
Championship - Roby 54, Stanton 45

Roby (11-0) led Stanton 41-29 at the end of three quarters. Stanton cut that lead to six before Roby pulled away. Stanton coach Doug Gordon was pleased with the Buffs (7-4).

"That's the best we played all year," Gordon said. "Roby's a great team. If we didn't play well, we were going to get massacred."

Gody Cox and James Cooley scored 12 points each for Borden County in its win over Forsan. Shane Sims scored 14 for the Buffaloes.

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By The Associate

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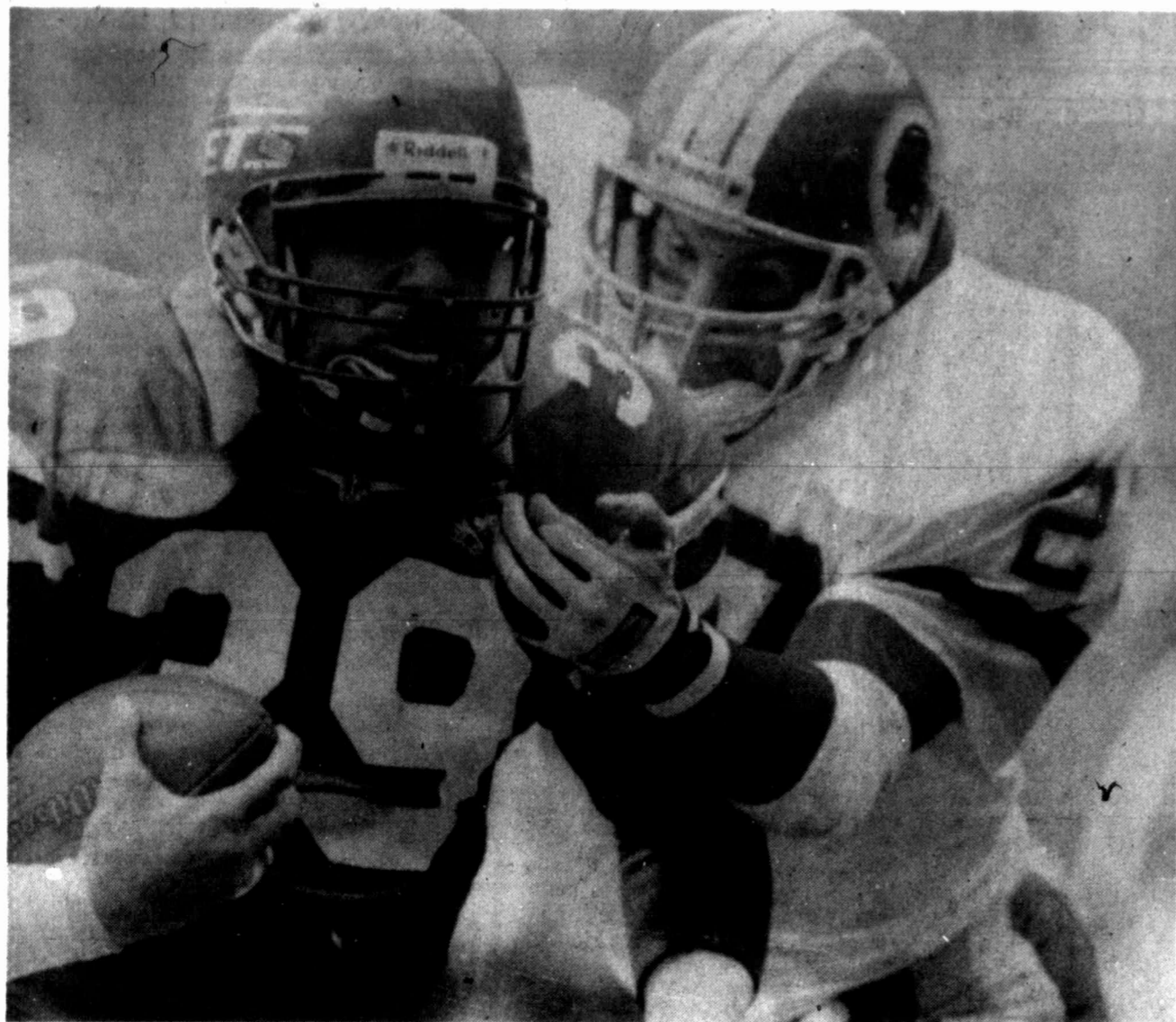
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Falcons stun 49ers; Jets win 3-0

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — San Francisco's march to the doorstep of another NFC West title ran aground Saturday when the 49ers blew a 17-point fourth-quarter lead that kept Atlanta's playoff hopes alive.

Norm Johnson, who saw his string of 26 consecutive field goals end in the first half, kicked two in the final 2:12, from 47 and 37 yards, as the Atlanta Falcons rallied for a 27-24 victory, snapping the 49ers six-game winning streak.

The 49ers (9-4) could have moved within a victory of clinching their fourth division crown in five seasons under coach George Seifert, and this one appeared to be safely in hand after Steve Young built a 24-7 lead with a 10-yard scoring run with 2:22 left in the third quarter.

Atlanta rallied behind the passing of Bobby Hebert and the fumbling of San Francisco's kick return specialist Dexter Carter.

Hebert hit Michael Haynes on a 1-yard touchdown to camp an 80-yard drive 1:23 into the final period. Less than seven minutes later, Andre Rison hauled in his second touchdown catch from Hebert, a 6-yarder set up when Carter muffed Harold Alexander's punt.

Charles Washington recovered the ball in the end zone, but the muff ruling gave Atlanta possession on the San Francisco 6. The score to Rison

came on the third play, cutting the lead to 24-21.

Atlanta stopped the Niners, forcing a punt that gave the Falcons possession on their 38. Hebert's pass tipped by Mike Pritchard into the arms of David Sims netted 17 yards and a first down on the 49ers 34, setting up Johnson's 47-yarder that tied the game with 2:12 to play.

Carter was stripped of the ball on the following kickoff on a hit by Darion Conner, with Ken Tippins recovering on the San Francisco 18.

Hebert fell forward into the line for three plays and Johnson came in to kick the game-winning 37-yarder with 28 seconds to play.

Deion Sanders picked off Young's pass after that and Atlanta ran out the clock.

Jets 3 Redskins 0

WASHINGTON — For those who like defensive battles, the New York Jets and Washington Redskins put on a good show Saturday. For those who like touchdowns, forget it.

The Jets, who have failed to score a touchdown in 14 quarters, defeated the Redskins 3-0 on Cary Blanchard's 45-yard field goal. The Jets did threaten three times — Washington never got inside New York's 30.

Johnny Johnson, returning to the Jets lineup after being hampered the past three weeks with bruised ribs,

rushed for 155 yards.

The only score was Blanchard's field goal late in the first quarter after a 59-yard drive on the Jets' first possession.

The victory kept New York (8-5) in the race for a wild card playoff berth. The Redskins fell to 3-10 in their worst season in three decades.

Johnson collected 37 yards on seven carries in an 86-yard drive by the Jets at the opening of the second half. Boomer Esiason threw a 25-yard pass to Rob Moore at the Washington 12, and Johnson rushed three times to the 3.

But the Jets again came away with nothing. On fourth down, Esiason found Brad Baxter wide open in the end zone on a rollout pass but Baxter dropped it.

The Jets' special teams also did a lot to keep the game close, muffing a field goal attempt at the end of the second quarter. Blanchard hit a 27-yarder — after the referee had blown the whistle for delay of game.

On the second attempt, Roger Duffy's snap hit holder Louie Aguiar in the head.

Aguiar had no better luck punting; two of his kicks were partially blocked and he shanked a coffin-corner attempt. His average for the game was 26 yards on five attempts.

Veteran quarterback Mark Rypien came into the game in the fourth quarter for the first time in a month, after Rich Gannon had completed only seven passes for 62 yards.

Duke throttles Michigan

By The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Third-ranked Duke used its balanced scoring and depth to take a 14-point lead with six minutes to play, then had to hold off a furious rally by No. 4 Michigan for a 73-63 victory Saturday.

It was the fourth time over the last three seasons the Blue Devils (5-0) have beaten the Wolverines (5-1). The first two came during the freshman season of Michigan's Fab Five, including a blowout in the NCAA championship game, and the third was last season at Duke when Michigan was the No. 1 team in the country.

The Blue Devils had plenty of players step up Saturday as center Cherokee Parks finished with 23 points and nine rebounds. Grant Hill had 18 points on 7-for-11 shooting, including 3-for-3 from 3-point range. Antonio Lang and reserve guard Marty Clark had 10 points each.

Michigan, on the other hand, got almost all its offense from Jalen Rose and Juwan Howard. Rose finished with 31 points and Howard had 20.

Duke led 55-50 midway through the second half when it went on 9-0 run, with reserve Chris Collins scoring five of the points.

No. 5 Temple 54 Villanova 49

PHILADELPHIA — Eddie Jones made 12 of his 18 points in the second half as No. 5 Temple held off a late rally to defeat Villanova 54-49 on Saturday.

Aaron McKie added 17 points and Derrick Battie hit a crucial layup with 31 seconds left to raise the Owls' record to 3-0. The Wildcats fell to 2-2.

After trailing since 6 minutes into the first half, the Wildcats closed to 50-49 with 52 seconds left on a trey by Kerry Kittles. But Battie's layup with widened Temple's lead to 52-49, and Rick Brunson added two free throws to seal the win.

The Wildcats earlier narrowed the score to 38-37 after a 3-pointer by Kittles at 9:37 and a Kittles dunk 27 seconds later.

Temple led 23-16 at the half, despite shooting 22 percent from the field.

Temple jumped to its largest lead of the game, 9 points, on a steal and layup by Rick Brunson at 17:49 in the second half.

Kittles led Villanova with 13 and Ron Wilson had 10. Villanova's Jason Lawson fouled out at 4:35 after 6 points. Kittles, Villanova's leading scorer this season, sat out the first five minutes of the game for disciplinary reasons.

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Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos, NBC, 3 p.m.
Green Bay Packers at San Diego Chargers, ESPN, 7 p.m.
Texas Class 5A Division I Championship (Rerun) - Converse Judson vs. Pland, HSE, 6 p.m.
Golf
Senior PGA from Puerto Rico, ABC, 3 p.m.
Rodeo
From Mesquite, Texas, TNN, 3:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Texas Playoffs

Texas High School Playoff Pairings
Class 5A Division I
FINAL
Converse Judson defeated Plano, 36-13
Class 5A Division II
SEMIFINALS
Lawrenceville defeated Temple, 40-16
Aldine MacArthur defeated Victoria, 20-7
FINAL
Lawrenceville (14-0-1) vs. Aldine MacArthur (11-4), Saturday, noon, Astrodome
Class 4A
SEMIFINALS
Stephenville (14-0) vs. Waxahachie (14-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Waco Floyd Casey Stadium
La Marque beat Corpus Christi Calallen, 33-31
FINAL
Stephenville (14-0) or Waxahachie (14-0) vs. La Marque (14-0), TBA
Class 3A
SEMIFINALS
Southlake Carroll defeated Tatum, 28-14
Cuero defeated Columbus, 32-0
FINAL
Southlake Carroll (15-0) vs. Cuero (12-2-1), TBA
Class 2A
SEMIFINALS
Goldthwaite defeated Pilot Point, 47-7
Omaha Paul Hewitt (13-1) vs. Wimberley (13-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Bedford Pennington Field
FINAL
Goldthwaite (13-2) vs. Omaha Paul Hewitt (13-1) or Wimberley (13-1), TBA
Class A
SEMIFINALS
Sudan beat Crawford, 34-8
Tanaha (11-1-1) vs. Bremond (13-0-1), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Palestine
FINAL
Sudan (13-2) vs. Tanaha (11-1-1) or Bremond (13-0-1), TBA
Six-Man
FINAL
Panther Creek defeated Dell City, 56-28

Heisman Voting

NEW YORK (AP) - Voting for the 1993 Heisman Trophy, with first-, second- and third-place votes and total points (rounding on 3-2-1 basis):
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David Palmer, Alabama 16 78 86 292
Marshall Faulk, S. Diego St. 7 74 81 250
Glenn Foley, Boston Co. 5 47 71 180
LeShon Johnson, N. Illinois 5 51 59 176
J.J. Stokes, UCLA 3 37 48 131
Tyron Wheatley, Michigan 2 31 32 96
Trent Diller, Fresno State 2 28 29 91
Eric Zeier, Georgia 0 24 37 85

NFL Standings

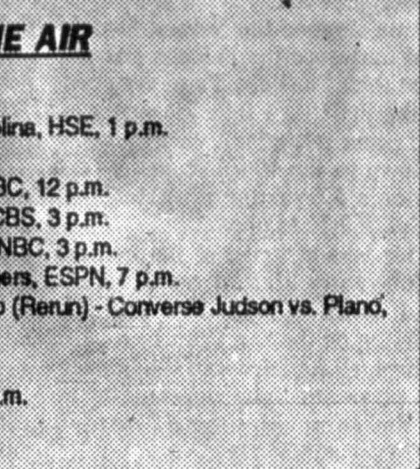
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Saturday's Games

New York Jets 3, Washington 0
Atlanta 27, San Francisco 24
Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Monday's Game
Pittsburgh at Miami, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18
Denver at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York Jets, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 19
Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 4 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20
New York Giants at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

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Wisconsin 91, Texas Tech 88
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AP Top 25

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Saturday:
1. Arkansas (4-0) vs. Delaware State. Next: vs. Jackson State, Saturday.
2. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Saturday.
3. Michigan (5-1) lost to No. 4 Duke 73-63. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Monday, Dec. 20.
4. Duke (5-0) beat No. 3 Michigan 73-63. Next: at Iowa, Wednesday, Dec. 22.
5. Temple (3-0) beat Villanova 54-49. Next: vs. No. 20 Cincinnati, Thursday.
6. Kentucky (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Friday.
7. Kansas (7-1) vs. Arkansas-Little Rock. Next: vs. Georgia at the Georgia Dome, Saturday.
8. Massachusetts (6-1) vs. Holy Cross at Worcester, Mass. Next: vs. Hartford at Springfield, Mass., Tuesday, Dec. 28.
9. UCLA (4-0) beat Long Beach State 93-51. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.
10. Louisville (3-1) beat Eastern Kentucky 90-66. Next: at Wyoming, Saturday.
11. Purdue (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Southern, Saturday.
12. Indiana (3-1) vs. Washington State. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Saturday.
13. Syracuse (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Monday.
14. Arizona (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Tuesday.
15. Oklahoma State (5-1) vs. LSU at New Orleans. Next: vs. UC Davis, Saturday.
16. Illinois (3-1) vs. American U. Next: vs. Chicago State, Saturday.
17. Minnesota (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Wednesday.
18. Georgia Tech (4-1) beat Mercer 86-69. Next: vs. Georgia at the Omni, Wednesday.
19. Wisconsin (4-0) beat Texas Tech 91-88. Next: vs. Eastern Michigan, Monday.
20. Cincinnati (5-1) vs. Rutgers. Next: at No. 5 Temple, Thursday.
21. Connecticut (4-0) beat Central Connecticut State 117-33. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.
22. Virginia (3-2) lost to Old Dominion 76-69. Next: at Stanford, Wednesday, Dec. 22.
23. Vanderbilt (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Georgia Tech at the Georgia Dome, Saturday.
24. George Washington (4-1) beat Jackson State 94-74. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Saturday.
25. California (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane at Oakland, Sunday.

Women's Top 25

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll fared Saturday:
1. Tennessee (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No.

NBA Standings

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Snagging the board

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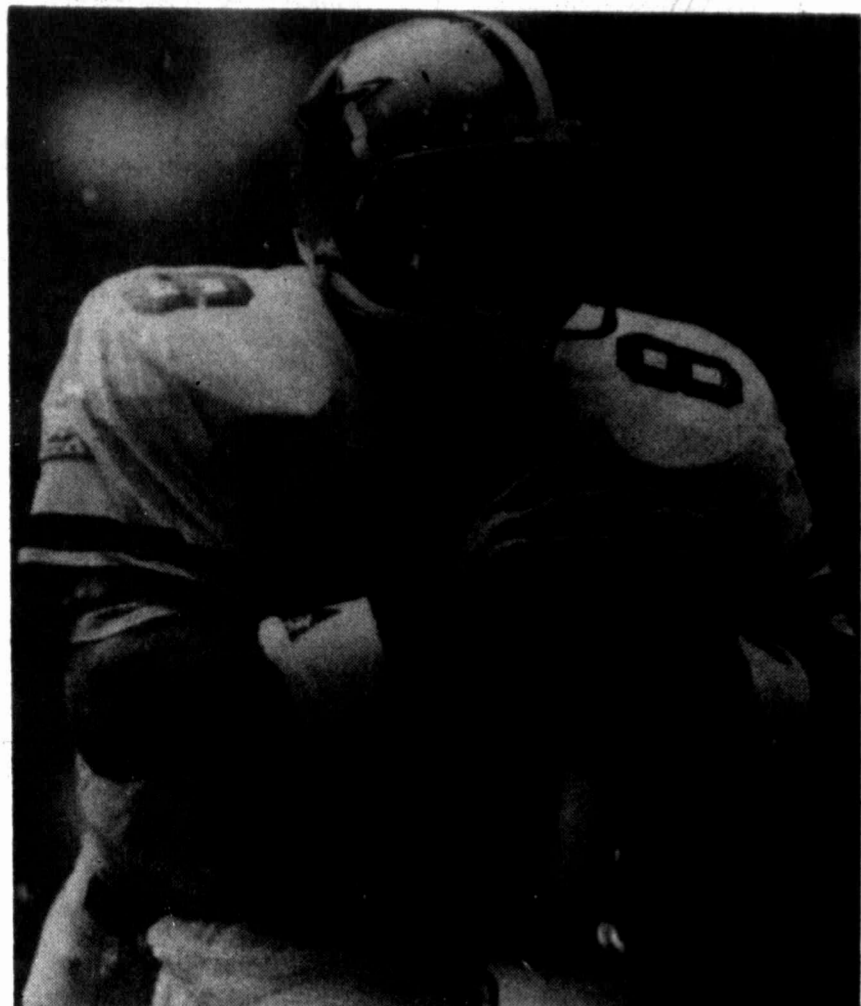
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Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman looks down for a receiver in action earlier this season. Aikman will lead the Cowboys against the Minnesota Vikings today.

Del Rio happy with trade that made him Viking

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For all the fond memories and friendships he made during three years in Dallas, Jack Del Rio will be forever grateful.

Then there's Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

"As a businessman, he's accomplishing what a businessman wants to do — if that's all you have value for," said Del Rio, who on Sunday will face his former team for the first time since signing with the Minnesota Vikings as a free agent after the 1991 season.

"But I think that you can accomplish those things without stomping on people, without degrading people, without treating people unfairly.

"But, hey, the guy's won a Super Bowl and kept his bottom dollar down, so he's been successful. But is he a good people person? I don't think so. It's not what I want to be."

Del Rio wanted to be a winner, so he hated leaving a Dallas team that was 11-5 in 1991 and obviously on the verge of greatness. The Cowboys won the Super Bowl without Del Rio last year and take an 8-4 record into Sunday's game against the Vikings (6-6).

When he was left unprotected in Plan B after having led the Cowboys in tackles, Del Rio decided to look for a better situation. Mostly, the middle linebacker was upset his Dallas contract included a clause that would pay him only 50 percent of his salary if he got hurt.

"It was definitely a slap, particularly based on the fact that the year before I played on a knee that needed surgery," Del Rio said. "I took it for the team, and then turned around and the team didn't take it for me."

"The minute I got off the plane in Minnesota, I felt good about the situation. Once I came here, I went back and told my agent, 'Get the deal done.' I signed it a month before the deadline."

Minnesota coach Dennis Green is glad he did. Del Rio has anchored the team's strong defense, leading it in tackles for a second straight season and displaying a penchant for big plays. He had three interceptions in last week's win at Detroit.

"We wanted Del Rio. He was the first big, hard move we made," said Green, who also arrived in Minnesota after the '91 season. "We sold him on the fact that we had guys up front who were pretty good and that there would be an opportunity to make a lot of tackles."

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Jones in the middle last season before coach Jimmy Johnson shifted Ken Norton Jr. from the weak side this year.

"We were disappointed that Jack left," Johnson said. "He has the toughness that you're looking for, the intelligence to make the calls and adjustments, and he's been a playmaker. But Kenny Norton has played very well."

Del Rio has no "what-might-have-been" feelings about leaving a team that went on to win the Super Bowl.

"It was my choice," he said. "I look back on my year and I was proud of what I was able to accomplish. We won our division and I led our team in tackles. I never say somebody else has to fail for me to succeed."

"I was happy for Ken Norton; I rehabbed my knee with Kenny. And Mark Stepnoski and Troy Aikman and Daryl Johnston, a list of guys. We were all there when it was 1-15 and people didn't think we had the talent."

Sunday also will bring back memories for Aikman, none of them fond.

It will be his first game here since 1985, when he was beginning his first year as Oklahoma's starting quarterback. The Sooners came into the Metrodome ranked second in the nation, but struggled in opening the season with a 13-7 victory over the mediocre Minnesota Gophers.

"They couldn't do anything offensively and yet they almost beat us because we were so inept," Aikman said. "I remember playing in an offense that really didn't fit anything I can do remotely well."

Aikman was 7 of 17 for 67 yards against the Gophers and realized then that he'd never be comfortable running Oklahoma's wishbone attack.

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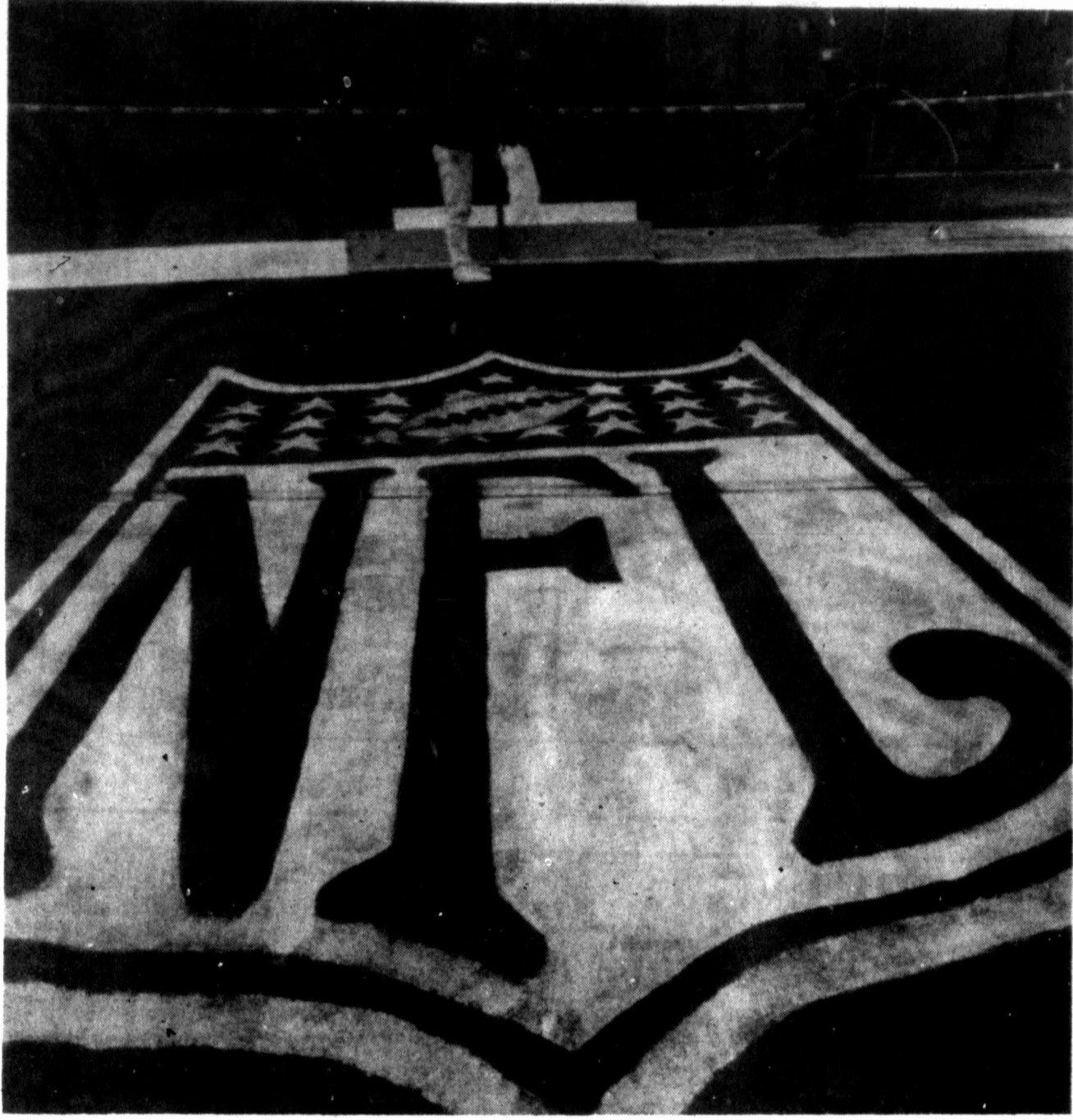
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Athletes: Playing on turf is like playing on cement

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The green field in Veterans Stadium always has been artificial, but this fall it is sown with discontent.

Some Philadelphia Eagles complain the AstroTurf is putting their well-being at risk, mucking up their gridiron and making an injury-plagued season even worse.

"It's a killer," linebacker Byron Evans said.

If there's one thing that defines the Eagles this season, it's injuries. Among the worst: quarterback Randall Cunningham, receiver Fred Barnett, linebacker and special teams captain Ken Rose, offensive lineman Rob Selby and guard Eric Floyd.

Not all of those occurred at the Vet, and none has been directly linked to turf. But in a decaying season in which a lot of Eagles are looking for answers, the field is getting called on the carpet.

"You would have to say it's one of the worst artificial turf fields I've seen," said George Toma, the NFL's artificial turf consultant, who has worked with every type of synthetic field ever marketed.

"I've heard horror stories," said Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz, whose team played Navy at Veterans Stadium last month.

Eagles players say the worst spots are the west end zone and the bumpy circles where turf covers the Philadelphia Phillies' bases. Center David Alexander has likened it to "cement with a bedsheet pulled over it."

But, he acknowledges, "I don't know if it's as bad as it's been made out. We've had so much focus because we've had so many injuries — especially that poor guy from the Bears."

Chicago receiver Wendell Davis was hurt at Philadelphia Oct. 10 when he leaped for an underthrown pass from Jim Harbaugh, came down and blew out both knees. The Eagles' defenders never touched him.

Davis has spoken of suing the city, which owns and operates the stadium. Such talk, along with repeated complaints from Eagles players, led owner Norman Braman to call in a turf expert.

"It was time to ... remedy the existing problems — not cure them, but at least improve on them," said Braman, a grass fan who talks of building his own stadium with the real thing.

Toma, head groundskeeper at the Kansas City Chiefs' Arrowhead Stadium, visited Veterans Stadium twice in November at Braman's behest. Toma didn't like what he saw: seam gaps big enough for feet, ankle and knee pitfalls; bumps three inches high.

"Something had to be done," he said.

So the city took advantage of a two-week Eagles road trip to make improvements. Balsam Corp., the St. Louis firm that manufactures AstroTurf, is helping.

More work is planned during the off-season, and an entirely new carpet is due in 1995, when the field's eight-year warranty expires and the city opens up bids.

Michael DeBerardinis,

Philadelphia's recreation commissioner, said the changes — tightening seams, removing clay particles and smoothing rough patches — improve the field's feel.

"I'll be honest with you — I don't feel there is a hardness problem in terms of the turf," DeBerardinis said. "I don't mean to say that the Eagles are raising bogus concerns with us. But it's interesting that this wasn't an issue last year or in the early part of this year."

Jim Savoca, Balsam's vice president of sales, said the work done this month was "general housekeeping."

"Places like Philadelphia, Three Rivers (in Pittsburgh), Cincinnati, where they're multipurpose, you have to make special provisions," Savoca said.

"I don't think there's anything design-wise that makes Veterans Stadium worse. It's something that snowballs — one player says it and the others say it too. We used to be defensive but we've gotten used to it."

"Let's get through the Eagles' season, then we'll take a step back and find out what we need to do to make everybody happy."

Eagles players, however, seem unanimous in their feelings about artificial turf.

"I hate it. Any time you play on turf, it's bad," quarterback Bobby Brister said. "Nobody likes turf. You ask the majority of players, they'll tell you that. Everybody's concerned about ours."

"When you go down, it's like getting hit once by the player and again by the turf."

Oilers' defense coming to life

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Each week another piece of the Houston Oilers defense seems to click into focus.

"We've been getting better each week," defensive end Sean Jones said. "It's been one guy figuring it out one week and another guy the next week. Now we're all getting a good idea of how to play it."

Learning the intricacies of Buddy Ryan's 46 defense couldn't come at a better time for the Oilers, who face a crucial AFC Central Division test against Cleveland in the Astrodome.

Victories over the Browns on Sunday and Pittsburgh Dec. 19 would give the Oilers (8-4) their second division title in three years. After

a 1-4 start, the Oilers have won seven in a row for the first time since 1961.

Cleveland (6-6) recovered from a four-game losing streak last week with a 17-13 victory over New Orleans in a game that marked the return of quarterback Vinny Testaverde from a shoulder separation.

Testaverde is getting back into action just in time to face the Oilers defense at its best.

"Each week, we've been getting more confident," Jones said. "It's been slow. Even when we beat Kansas City (23-0) we just caught them on a bad day. We didn't understand too much what we were doing."

Last week, the Oilers got seven

turnovers from the Atlanta Falcons and much maligned cornerback Steve Jackson, victimized all season, turned tiger with two interceptions.

"After the Buffalo game (a 35-7 loss that dropped Houston to 1-4) Buddy simplified things," safety Marcus Robertson said. "We knew we had the talent. We just needed to take the time to understand what we were doing."

"It was frustrating knowing that we could make the plays if we could just get into position to make them."

Getting aggressive and getting turnovers have been cornerstones of the Oilers' defensive improvement.

"I've never seen a defense that won anything that wasn't physical," Ryan said. "We're still making mistakes but we're playing more physical now."

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Big Spring Herald

Springboard

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Bingo listings appear on Sunday Springboard.

Today
 •Maximum Prize Bingo is offered at the Lions Building, Monday-Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. 1607 E. 3rd Street. Lion's Lic. #12372690748, CIA Lic. #17521878011, HARC Lic. #30008084854.

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•Bingo at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Lic. #1751274202. Maximum payout.

•American Legion Post #506 will have a Shuffle Board Tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Entry fee is \$2. Draw for partners 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

•A chili and barbecue cookoff is planned Jan. 29 at Lake Thomas Park and Recreation Area to benefit Trish and Bill Payne. It will be sanctioned by CASI. Entrants are needed. Call Bettie Wilcox at 965-3491 for information.

•Tour of Homes sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Guild will be 1-5 p.m. \$8 per person. Tickets may be obtained in advance at the Chamber of Commerce or the Heritage Museum on the day of the tour.

•West Texas Opportunities office will be closed Monday.

Monday
 •Gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Drive at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.

•Howard County NAACP will meet at 7 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

•Christian Home Schoolers will have family night at 8 p.m. For information call Jeana at 264-0304.

Tuesday
 •Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

•The Big Spring Senior Citizens Center will have ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•High Adventure Explorers Post 519 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VA Medical Center room 212. Ages 14-20.

•Big Spring schools winter band concert, 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Seasonal tunes and many others, free of charge. Arts and crafts show in conjunction with the concert. All parents are urged to bring items to show or sale. Contact Sharon Jernigan, booster club president or Steve Hankins, high school band director.

•Coahoma school choirs Christmas program at the high school, 7 p.m. The junior high choir and two 4th-5th-6th grade choirs will perform music from classical to contemporary. The program will be repeated Friday morning. The public is invited to attend either or both showings free.

Wednesday
 •West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.

Thursday
 •Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizen Center offers art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. And bingo from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

•Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

•Human Services Council will meet 10 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Individuals representing any organization, club or group providing human services to our community are invited. For information call Naomi Hunt at 264-2237.

Friday
 •Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentack from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

•Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Area seniors invited.

•The Spring City Senior Center will have free fashion painting classes from 7:30-10:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.



Homes for the Holidays

Visitors to Julie Shirey's home get that holiday feeling as soon as the car door opens at the curb. Chiming bells, strung along greenery atop her front door, greet with a cheery Christmas carol. But it's just a taste of what is to come.

Just inside the front door, a tiny, lighted town shows its quaint sparkle. Besides two traditional Christmas trees, Shirey has created a cowboy Christmas tree, and her green ceramic cactus looks as if it were made to wear red holiday lights.

Souvenirs from travels to other countries combine with family mementos and remembrances to create the Kentwood home's everyday flair. But the holiday touches add a special flavor that is not to be missed.

Shirey's home is one of five local residences that will be showcased by the Big Spring Symphony Guild's Tour of Homes today. Tours extend from 1-5 p.m. and tickets are \$8 each.

Tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Museum, where Big Spring musicians will provide entertainment from 1-2 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Lilja Lysaght, of the symphony guild, said the homes tour is a popular fundraiser each year.

"People love it," Lysaght said. "They like looking at the different decorations, different personalities of the homes. It's just a nice thing to do on Sunday afternoon."

Visiting the home of Tommy and Laurie Churchwell is seeing a work in progress. The Churchwells bought their distinctive home, once referred to by other Highland residents as the "gas station" because of its construction, two years ago.

"We've done a lot of work on it," said Tommy, "but we try to add something every year. It's neat being able to work with it."

Tommy and Laurie, parents of two sons ages 4 and 7, have done a lot of work on the house themselves - mostly jobs Tommy describes as "cosmetic." The home itself is open and roomy, with a wonderful view.

Then, shortly after Thanksgiving, Laurie began adding special holiday accents - many of which she created herself. From their frosted tree hung with gold bows to shiny-wrapped gift boxes and wreaths of forest green and mauve - everything sets a seasonal mood.

One word sets the tone for Jeanie and Richard Knocke's Kentwood home: Antiques.

"We love them," says Jeanie, whose home does not deny her addiction. Antiques give every room a stop-and-look quality.

An ancient ice box, an old radio, a chest that was used by her family during the Civil War - every piece of furniture has a story. Jeanie added her own touches to the decor, creating works of art out of family heirlooms.

"Almost everything here is either from my family or given to me by friends," she said.

For the holidays, she created her own mantle decoration and draped her tree with nearly as many ornaments as it would hold - each one of special significance. A ceramic nativity scene made especially for Jeanie by her co-workers recalls the season's meaning.

At Mike Cowley's home, the most unusual feature is over a visitor's head. The ceiling, that is. Vaulted ceilings throughout the central Big Spring house were what attracted Cowley to it more than three years ago. In that time, he has done a lot of work to the place, but is pleased with the results.

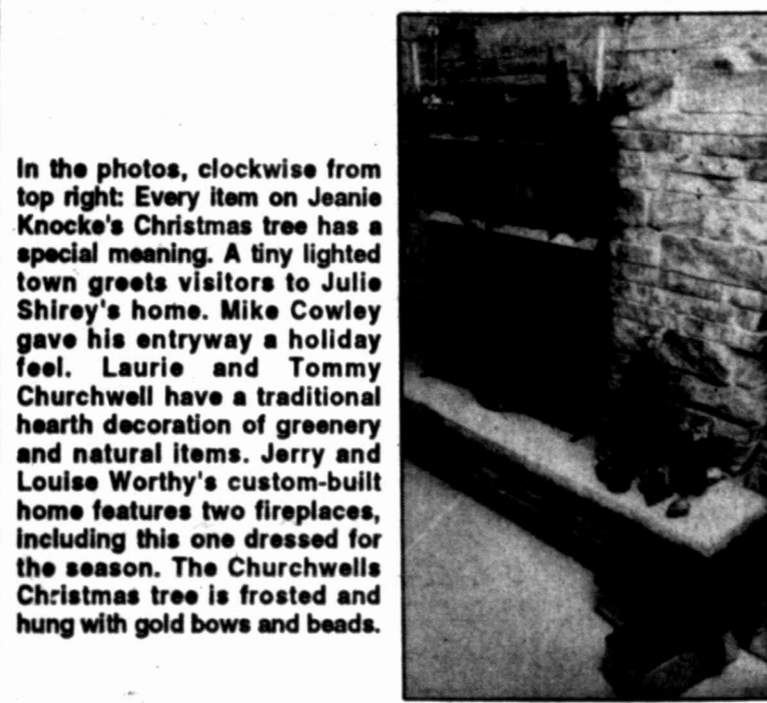
"I enjoy updating," he said. "Before I bought this home, I think a lot of people looked at it and saw only the negative qualities. I saw the positives."

Cowley, who has bought and remodeled three other houses, hired a decorator with special experience in Please see Homes, page 10B.



Photos by Tim Appel

Story by Debbie Lincecum



In the photos, clockwise from top right: Every item on Jeanie Knocke's Christmas tree has a special meaning. A tiny lighted town greets visitors to Julie Shirey's home. Mike Cowley gave his entryway a holiday feel. Laurie and Tommy Churchwell have a traditional hearth decoration of greenery and natural items. Jerry and Louise Worthy's custom-built home features two fireplaces, including this one dressed for the season. The Churchwells Christmas tree is frosted and hung with gold bows and beads.



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A community news column

Corral Christmas

The Corral, a psychosocial rehabilitation program of Big Spring State Hospital, will be accepting donations of hygiene products, instant tea, instant coffee, candy and toiletries.

Coahoma seniors

Christmas came early to the Senior Citizens of Coahoma this year - Dec. 7 during their regular monthly luncheon meeting in the Community Center in Coahoma's City Park.

Thirty-seven persons registered for the noon meal - a pot luck covered dish affair. Prayer was offered by Jack Martin. Tables were decorated in a Christmas Theme by Mildred Buchanan. White Elephant gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed singing "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World."

Announcements concerning a

spring money making project were made by President Bea Fishback. The meal will be held around March 8 and stew and/or chili and desserts, coffee and/or tea will be available.

The next regular meeting for the senior group will be Jan. 4 at the Community Center in the Park in Coahoma. Everyone is welcome.

Bands in concert

The Big Spring Independent School District will feature its band programs in a Winter Concert, Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Bands featured will include the Goliad Middle School Bands, conducted by Pat Daniel, the Runnels Junior High Band, led by Tim Allshouse, and the Big Spring High School Bands, conducted by Tim Allshouse and Stephen Hankins.

Most tunes featured will be seasonal, and include "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Up on the House Top," and many others. The concert is open to all and free of charge.

In conjunction with the concert, the Band Boosters organization will sponsor an "Arts and Crafts" show and a bake sale in the Auditorium lobby.



OSTERHOUT

Big winner

David Osterhout of Big Spring won the progressive jackpot of \$35,987 recently at the Lady Luck Casino in Las Vegas. A Royal Flush dealt him while playing Caribbean Stud Poker scored the jackpot, according to a release from the hotel.

Parents who wish to bring items to show or sale should contact Sharon Jernigan, Booster club president, or Steve Hankins, High School Band director. Goods can be brought directly to the concert and left in the lobby. The band boosters encourage all parents to participate in the sale.



"Home For The Holidays" special is Dec. 19-26. Dogs and puppies will be \$35, and cats and kittens will be \$25. Covers spray/neuter, vaccinations, testing and rabies shot.

"Princess" small brindle chihuahua, ears up, spayed female.

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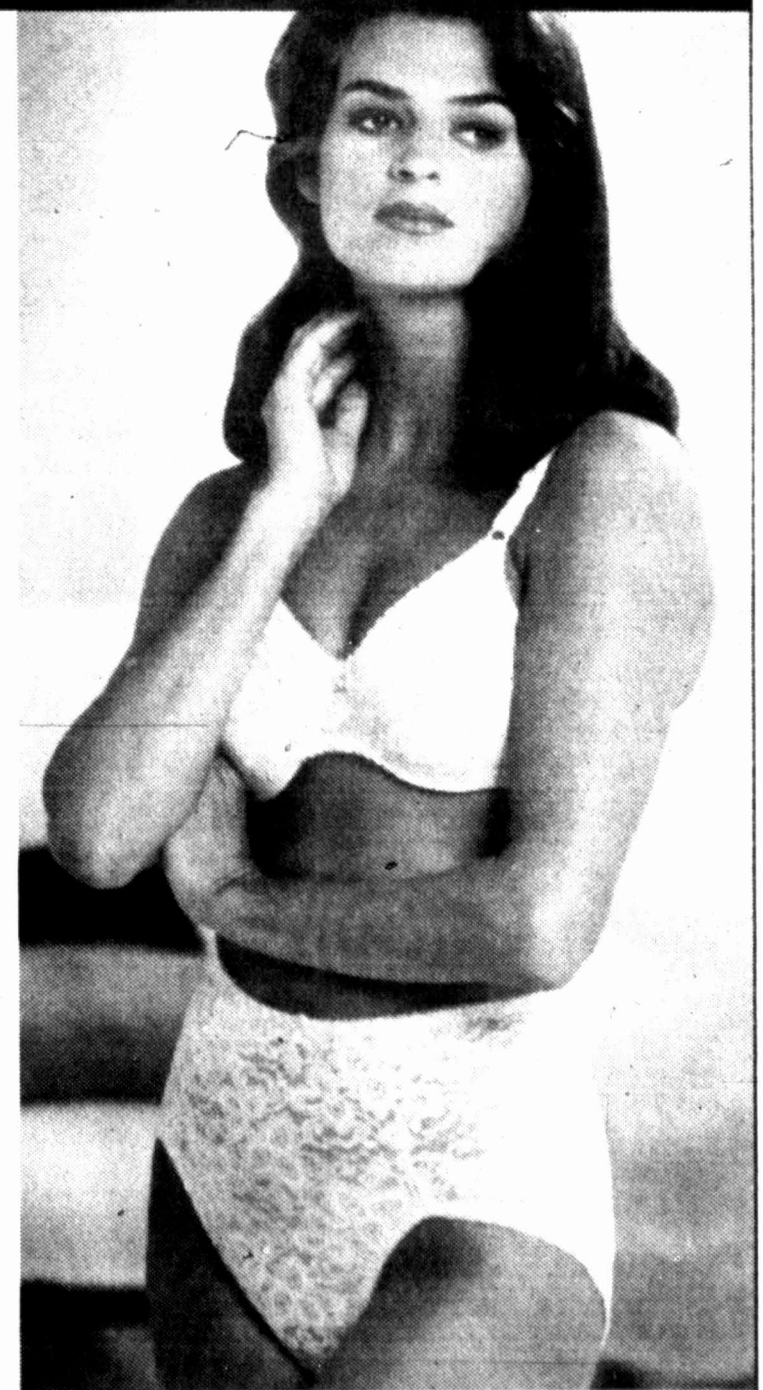
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Fat Lady vs. Average Woman

How I discovered the causes of my yo-yo cycle and what I'll do to end it

If you hear the word "yo-yo" and think of a child's toy, then today's column will probably be a waste of your time. But if the word yo-yo conjures visions of a bath scale continually going up and down, and of owning two sets of clothing, one for when you're fat, and one for when you're not, then you can relate.



Christina Ferchalk

For some time I've been aware that two very different women take turns using my body. One of these beings I call "Average Woman."

Average Woman and I get along just fine. She's a size 10 or thereabouts and she's lots of fun. She likes pretty clothes, shopping trips and experimenting with make-up and hairstyles. She's very outgoing, loves to dance and socialize. We have lots of fun together. The only problem with Average Woman is that she tends to be fragile. When the going gets tough, Average Woman runs for cover and hides behind the other

being, whom I call "Fat Lady." Fat Lady is a pill. She wears frumpy clothes, no make-up and pulls her hair back with a rubber band. She doesn't care how she looks because she doesn't leave the house. We're talking about a major stick-in-the-mud.

As much as I loathe Fat Lady I realize she serves a purpose. She takes over the body during times of emotional upheaval, or when I feel a need to punish myself for some imagined sin.

By the way, I didn't have to have my head shrunk to figure all this out.

I just did some mental soul searching and all the pieces fit together.

Fat Lady had had control of the body for quite sometime now. I tried to diet her away numerous times, but there's no shaking her loose until she's darn good and ready to go. I was beginning to think that Fat Lady and I were destined to be together for the duration.

Then one day, late in September, Fat Lady said, "This masochistic routine is a real drag. I'm outta here." Average Woman and I were shocked. Usually Fat Lady gave us advance notice before deciding to get lost, at least enough time to prepare a diet plan and lay in some rabbit food. This was very unusual behavior, so I decided to have a chat with Fat Lady. "What's with you?" I asked her.

"You've been hanging around for years, using my body and ruining my life. Just look at me. I've never been this huge before! Now, out of the blue, you decide to leave. So, what's

going on?" Fat Lady said, "Now you just hold the phone a minute Missy. I don't make the choices here, you do. I don't use you, you use me. You call on me when you want to beat yourself up. I'm your hair shirt. Then when you get over whatever it was that was eating you and pull your act together, you send me away. You're the one who makes the decisions, so take responsibility for your own actions."

I said, "Oh ... OK." And that's how the diet to end all diets began. I'm not only confident, I'm downright defiant about this undertaking. I'm going to drop 50 big ones and nothing or no one will stop me. I'm not sure how long this will take, but I'm shooting for sometime between Easter and Memorial Day. By the end of next spring I am going to be beautiful (or a reasonable facsimile).

We'll talk more of this as the months go by.

Recycle this

Moose droppings latest jewelry craze in Maine

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine - There's something new on the market for tourists desperate for a unique memento of their visit to Maine - earrings, tie clasps and key rings decorated with genuine moose manure.

"They are the hottest selling items this season," said Richard Whitney, owner of Maine Line Products. The company introduced the "Moose Drop Jewelry" this season, promoting it as the ultimate in recycling.

The jewelry decorated with pellet-like moose droppings is made by naturalist Christopher Lewey.

Lewey, of Conway, N.H., leads natural history trips and teaches courses in ecology and ornithology, an occupation that has given him more than a passing familiarity with many varieties of animal excrement.

"Being in the business, it's second nature to stop and pick the stuff up," he said.

Lewey lacquers his raw material to make it odor free and durable. He uses only winter droppings which are 99 percent wood, reflecting the ruminants' seasonal diet of twigs and bark.

Actually, the idea isn't totally unique.

An artist in Boothbay Harbor packaged "Freeze-Dried Sea Gull Poop" in small plastic bags a decade ago. Tourists by the hundreds grabbed it up at \$1 per package.

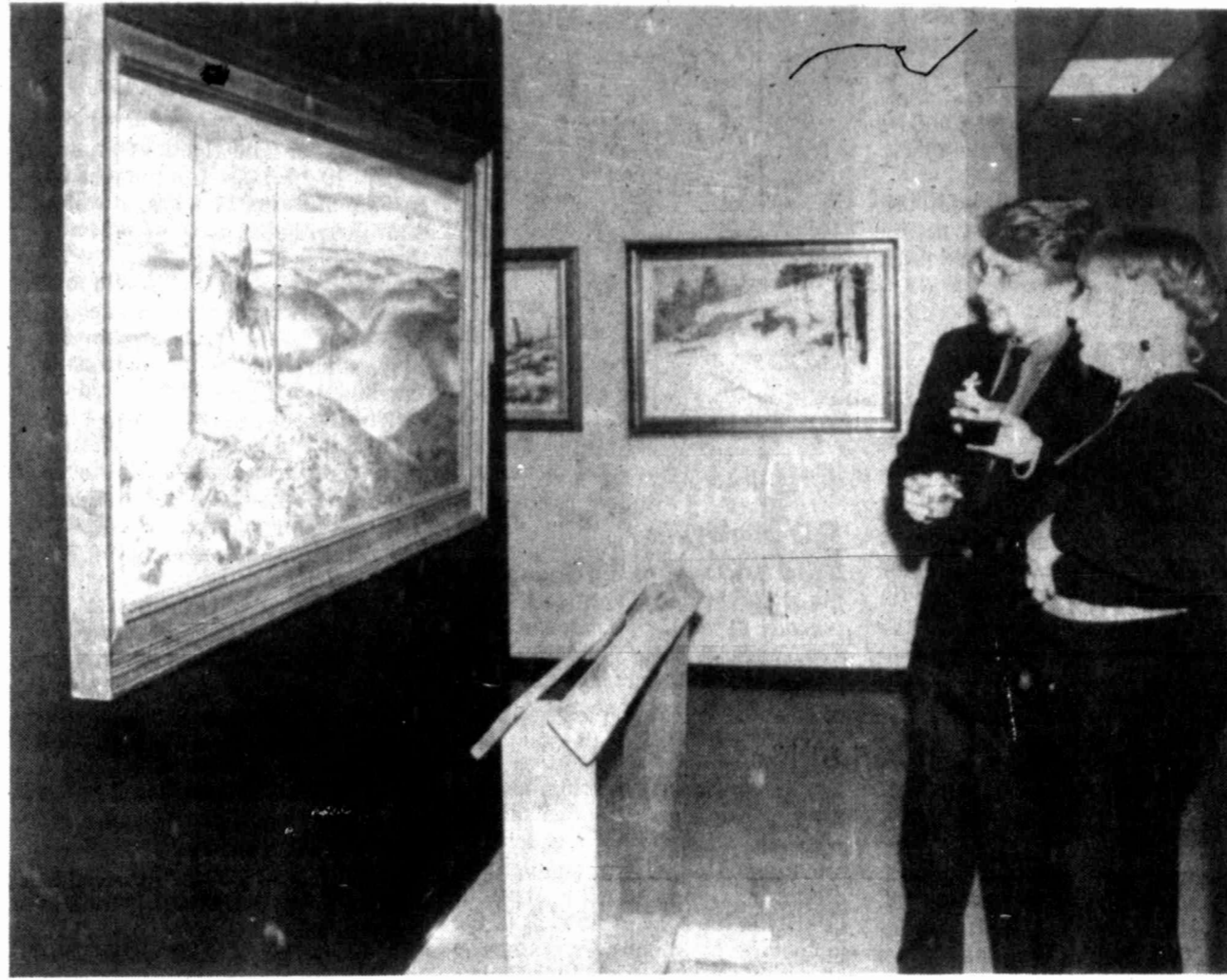


Tuba carol Jesse Phillips, 2, plays his own version of Jingle Bells at the annual Tuba Christmas event in Indianapolis recently. Phillip's grandfathers, Harvey Phillips, conducts the group of tuba-playing Santas every year.

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'Favorites' exhibit

Local residents enjoyed viewing the favorite pieces of local collectors at a fundraiser for the Heritage Museum Thursday. Above, left, are Joe Pickle and Tippy Anderson. At left are Linda Rupard and Mary Horn. Above, Diane Linhart and Dan Day look at a Peter Hurd painting. Curator Angie Way said the exhibit gave local art enthusiasts a chance to share work they own with others. Among those on display were works by the masters Picasso and Rembrandt as well as regionalist Peter Hurd. Sculptures in bronze and acrylic sculptures were shown along with a variety of other mediums. Way displayed the "favorites" alongside much of the museum's current collection.



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Courtney Jackson Ballard III, Nov. 15, 1993, 5:11 p.m.; parents are Courtney and Kelli Ballard. Grandparents are Marvin and Helen Kendrick; and Bill Ballard, all of Big Spring.

Christopher Ryan Blaine, Nov. 21, 1993, 3:11 p.m.; parents are John and Katrina Blaine, Big Spring. Grandparents are Mona Blaine, Big Spring; and Fred and Linda Roth, Lubbock.

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Louis Alfus Casteel, Dec. 1, 1993, 9:55 p.m.; parents are David and Betsy Casteel. Grandparents are Sammy and Betty Casteel; and Kenneth and Mary Modley, all of Graham.

Albert Damarkus Smith, Nov. 29, 1993, 7:03 p.m.; parents are Jennifer Gamble and Albert Smith, Jr. Grandparents are Jo Allen Canales; and Fern and Albert Smith Sr., Big Spring.

Derrick David Juarez, Nov. 15, 1993; parents are LaGene Garza and David Juarez. Grandparents are Shirley and Robert Buck; J.C. and Dolly Woodard; and Ismael and Dora Juarez Sr. Big Spring.

Kendell Lavelle Smith, Dec. 5, 1993, 12:04 p.m.; parents are Patricia Lea Smith and Lyndell Wayne Smith. Grandparents are Mary Mayberry and Jr. Oswell, Oklahoma; and Dewayne and Mary Ann Smith, Illinois.



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Modified for modesty

Restoration of Sistine ceiling includes removal of clothing

By DAVID WILLEY
London Observer Service

ROME — Using sponges dipped in a solution of distilled water and a few benign chemical solvents — including ordinary baking powder — four skilled art restorers have spent 14 years cleaning Michelangelo's stupendous frescoes inch by inch over the ceilings and walls of the Sistine Chapel.

Soon they will begin their most delicate and controversial final task: the removal of some of the 38 drapes, loincloths and underpants added to Michelangelo's nudes by papal command after the artist's death.

One of the 20th century's most important art restoration projects is almost complete.

Michelangelo's last judgment, towering 66 feet above the main altar in the Sistine Chapel, had become obscured by the accumulation of four-and-a-half centuries of dust, grease and candle-smoke. It has taken four years to remove the dirt and various accretions and retouches by subsequent artists.

The colors that have been revealed show a chromatic scale quite different from that displayed in the restored "creation" painted by Michelangelo three decades previously on the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

While the creation seems to be inspired by Florentine art, the "last judgment," with its deep blue background — Michelangelo used real

lapis lazuli as his pigment — has the colors of Venetian painting. Michelangelo's daring interpretation of Christ presiding over the separation of the saved and the damned at the end of the world aroused controversy from the time it was first unveiled in 1541.

The nudity of many of the figures was gradually covered up by inferior artists. The best retouching was done by Michelangelo's own pupil, Daniele da Volterra — nicknamed "The Trousermaker" by the irreverent Romans — within a few years of the artist's death.

The figure of St John the Baptist, for example, has a strip of animal pelt painted over his private parts, which harmonizes with the lion's skin at his side.

But during the 17th and 18th centuries other less-skilled artists joined in the general cover-up. Jean Richard, a French tourist who visited the Sistine Chapel in 1760, wrote in his diary that he had seen "extremely mediocre painters at work hiding the most beautiful nudes in the history of art."

Seen from the seven-story metal and wood scaffolding on which the restorers have been working, the impact of Michelangelo's 300 giant figures is stunning. The painting is still in excellent condition because of the fresco technique used by the artist. The colors were absorbed by the wet plaster as he worked.

It is easy, even for the novice, to distinguish between "modesty"

undergarments painted by Michelangelo himself and those added later by a different technique applied to a dry surface.

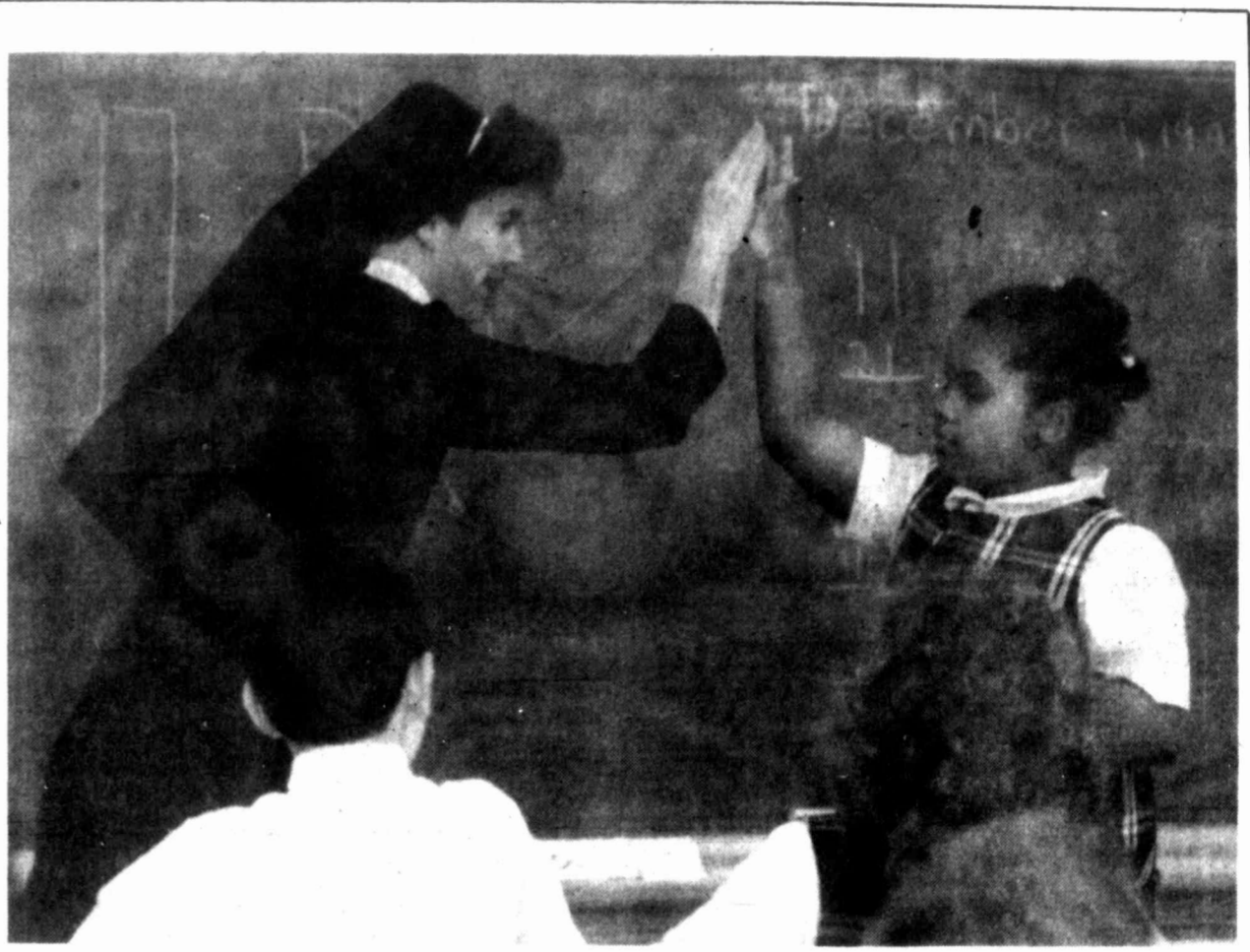
The veils over the figure of Christ and the Virgin Mary at his side are clearly by the master's hand. But many slips of cloth covering up the buttocks or the genitalia of angels and saints are obviously by another hand. These will be sponged away when a committee of experts headed by the Vatican's chief curator of paintings, Fabrizio Mancinelli, makes its final decision before Christmas on which loin cloths should remain and which should be sponged away.

Mancinelli minimizes the problems raised by angels' undergarments.

"The real problem of the last judgment was not one of its nudes, but of its subject matter. In traditional treatments of the last judgment, it was very clear who are the good and who are evil," he said. "But in Michelangelo's version, many of the figures of saints surrounding the risen Christ lack serenity. The pope wanted the artist to communicate a clear message to those who saw the painting, but Michelangelo's figures depict his own anguish instead."

The 216 square yard fresco will be visible to the public after next Easter when the scaffolding comes down and the pope celebrates mass in the chapel for the first time since its complete restoration.

—Scripps Howard News Service



Associated Press photo

Congratulations times five

Sister Lisa Ann Golden, recently selected as the teacher of the year in her diocese of Raleigh, N.C., gives one of her second graders a high five after the student correctly answered a math problem.

Court rules Santa's just fine the way he is

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — He may smoke and drive like a bat out of hell and possibly even imbibe now and then. And he wears fur! Politically incorrect maybe, but forgivable flaws in a right jolly old elf. Case closed.

The Court of Historical Review & Appeals ruled against city Supervisor Angela Alioto, who wanted Santa to

present children with a slimmer, healthier image.

"I'm not here to attack Santa," Alioto said. "He's my friend."

The mock court met Thursday for its 74th session, ruling that Santa is in fact politically correct.

Past rulings have involved such weighty questions as "Did the Chinese or Italians Invent Spaghetti?" and "Does Chicken Soup Deserve Its Reputation as Jewish Penicillin?" (The Italians and Yes).

Dr. Boyd Stephens, the San Francisco coronor, testified that Santa's "speeding and erratic" driving could be alcohol-related. And how about those rosy cheeks?

The Grinch also testified, insisting that he and not Santa had the right image for these days: slim, albeit green.

Santa himself denied all charges when he took the stand.

"I haven't smoked in years," he said. "I use the pipe as a prop."

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All of us are Americans

DEAR ABBY: A reader signed "Asian-American in Alabama" wrote to say that even though he was born and raised in Montgomery, Ala., he had been stopped by strangers on the street who asked, "Where are you from?"

Well, Abby, I was born in the United States, as were my parents, my grandparents and my great-grandparents. On my father's side, the records are not quite clear, but he can trace his family back to the Colonial days, possibly before there was a United States. However, despite my German ancestry, it would never occur to me to call myself a German-American. I am an American.

When World War II broke out, my father didn't wrestle with his German ancestry. He was an American. He fought the Nazis in Africa, in Italy, in France and in Germany. He did not fight as a German-American; he fought as an American.

I am getting tired of people who insist on hyphenating Americans. They refer to Afro-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, Italian-Americans, Mexican-Americans, etc. "Asian-American in Alabama" said, "The only authentic Americans in the United States are the American Indians," which isn't true, as they also came from somewhere else. My family has been in America



Dear Abby

long enough for me to qualify as a Native American. In fact, I even have some Indian blood in my veins.

My advice to "Asian-American in Alabama": The next time you are asked, "Where are you from?", or worse yet, "What are you?", proudly reply, "I'm an American!" Sign me ... AN AUTHENTIC MIDWEST AMERICAN FROM MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR AMERICAN: Well said. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You advised "Asian-American in Alabama" to respond, "I am an Asian-American" when asked his nationality.

Well, in my book, he is an American, period!

My father's parents came from England by way of Canada. My mother's grandparents came from Norway; so am I a Scandinavian-English-Canadian-American? No, I am an American.

Americans come in all sizes and colors. Some have been here for many generations, others a short

time, but we are all Americans. Phooey on this Afro-American, Asian-American, Native American business. Why divide this beautiful nation? America is a great melting pot — and we are all Americans. — AN AMERICAN IN OREGON

DEAR ABBY: In answering "Asian-American in Alabama," you missed the implied racism in the question, "Where are you from?" As a Caucasian woman married to an Asian-American, I have become acutely aware that racism still exists.

My German family and my husband's Japanese family came to the United States at approximately the same time. My husband's family spoke English sooner and acquired American mannerisms sooner, yet they were often asked, "Where are you from?" and, "Where is the best Japanese restaurant in town?" Such questions were never asked of me or my family, probably because we looked "American" — while my husband's family looked "foreign." — MARILYN IN HOUSTON

DEAR MARILYN: Your point is well-taken. There is no typical American "look"; today's American is a meld of people from every corner of the world — Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, as well as the Americas.

How to de-stress your holidays

By KAY MILLER
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Once upon a time there were just 12 days of Christmas and they began — rather leisurely — on Dec. 25.

Planning for the holidays began a week or two before Christmas.

Only children got presents. Shortly after World War II, American retailers got an inspiration: With a little advance advertising, surely they could persuade husbands to pop for a present for the wife. And children could be pushed to beg for toys they never knew they wanted.

Today, we walk into Target two weeks before Halloween to tinsel and glittering lights over a full Christmas display. Great stabs of guilt hit: "Oh! I've got to get my Christmas cards out. I need to bake cookies, make some Jule Kage. When will I ever get our annual giant Christmas party organized?"

Louise Kurzeka is here to tell you that much of this is insanity. And that you can choose how you want to celebrate the holidays — whether Christmas or Hanukkah.

"Though Hanukkah is not a major Jewish holiday, retailers have picked up on the fact that Jewish families try to find some balance for their children during the holiday season by celebrating Hanukkah," said Kurzeka.

"People who are not Orthodox Jewish ... tend to do some of the same holiday preparations as Christians or gentiles: They decorate their homes, they shop for and exchange gifts, do speciality baking. So they face many of the same stresses on their time as gentiles. It may not be quite as hectic because there isn't the focus on one day. But they still face some of the same deadlines."

Think of the seminar she and partner Pam Hix give as permission to celebrate the holidays in ways that will actually give you pleasure — a radical concept, to be sure.

A year ago, Kurzeka and Hix started Everything in its Place Inc., a home and office consulting business in Minnetonka, Minn. They've been organizing other people's lives since.

Holiday stress comes from family, friends and our own expectations of repeating every nice event we've turned into a tradition — whether that means rounding everybody up at Grandma's house on Christmas morning or giving presents to nieces and nephews we wouldn't recognize if we ran over them. That retailers have stretched the holidays into October only exacerbates the tension.

What to do? First, decide what you want to get out of the holidays, suggest Kurzeka. Is your goal getting all your shopping done by Dec. 5? Do you want to spend more time with your family or have a huge party, paying back every dinner invitation you've ever received? Or would you rather focus on the spiritual part of the holidays? Planning is the key. Pull out a calendar in early November for step-by-step planning. Block out time for religious services or gatherings with friends. If you've decided that you

genuinely enjoy sending out holiday cards showing how much the children have grown, continue to do so. Jot down the date by which you need to get negatives to the photo company.

Set time aside to spend with your children. "What kids really want during the holidays is time with their parents," said Kurzeka, "but there often are so many activities that go on top of the normal activities of work, laundry, shopping, meals and homework, that kids sometimes feel lost in the shuffle."

"The key is to schedule time. That doesn't mean spending a lot of money. Make it simple. Go sledding for an hour. Or ice skating for an hour."

Spread the holiday season out. There's no law dictating that every festivity be crammed into the month between Thanksgiving and Christmas, said Kurzeka. Instead of an ornament exchange (and isn't your tree already straining at the bough?) why not host a January gathering at which friends share holiday stories and photographs?

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Exposing the issues

New books include investigative look at major current events

New books available at the Howard County Library this month include the following:

"Tyranny of Kindness" by Theresa Fucicello.

This one-time welfare mother presents an insightful and honest look at America's welfare system. She has had first hand experience with the "endless nightmare" of the system which propelled her into advocacy, exposed the root cause of our present debacle and which prompted her to write this sane, viable and cost-efficient alternative.

She describes the struggle to survive on sub-poverty-level assistance and the impossible choices it forces between food, clothing, health care, and shelter. A single fast aside — that while the moneys set aside for social services have grown tremendously over the last decades, the poor are actually receiving less! At a time when welfare reform is being pushed to the top of our national agenda, Tyranny of Kindness will redefine the terms in the ongoing public debate.

"A Million Open Doors" by John Barnes.

The most isolated of humanity's Thousand Cultures, Nou Occitan — on the planet Wilson — is a place where duels are fought with equal passion over insults and artistic views alike.

A place of violent natural beauty, gradually being terraformed over centuries into a tamed-but not too tamed-home for a uniquely creative and flamboyant culture. But change has come to Nou Occitan — since no human culture is all one thing. Young Giraut, a traditionalist, knows this change is inevitable and merely hopes the old order will last long enough for him to enjoy the fruits of youth.

As rebellion and song well up on a cold world long denied the fruits of both, Giraut must suddenly learn to manage and direct the age-old conflict between human nature and culture.

"The Myth of Male Power" by Dr. Warren Farrell.

This book shatters the singular assumption that most keeps men and women apart — the belief that men have the power. This myth hurts everyone by making women feel oppressed and angry and men feel unloved and unappreciated.



Betty Condry

It permits both sexes to ask the questions we need to begin a genuine dialog, such as: If men are the powerful sex ... why are they the suicide sex? Why did men live one year less than women in 1920 but live seven years less than women in 1990? Why are our dads about as likely to die of prostate cancer as our mothers are of breast cancer while breast cancer receives 660% more funding?

Why do men make more money but have lower net worth? Dr. Ferrell has listened to both sexes for more than a quarter of a century and is uniquely able to write in a way that both articulates men's feelings and helps women feel more love for the men in their lives.

"Conduct Unbecoming — Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military" by Randy Shilts.

There is a country where citizens are interrogated for long hours and threatened with prison or loss of their children if they do not cooperate, where citizens are ordered to denounce others, to give information — often entirely fabricated — dispatching people to ignominy and jail. And

if they refuse they are threatened with prison! This country is America, and the people under attack are people who have chosen to serve their nation.

They are military personnel. They are lesbians and gay men. And they are hunted day in and day out. With thousands of documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, Shilts offers the first in-depth look at the behind-the-scenes decision making that results in fierce purges of gays in the military over the past thirty years. With its epic scope this book will provide the basis of national debate not only on the issue of lesbians and gays in the military but on the broader issue of the place of homosexuals in American life!

"Not For Sale At Any Price — How We Can Save America For Our Children" by Ross Perot.
The purpose of Not For Sale At any Price is to examine in detail the causes and solutions to the problems that face our country. Specifically, it deals with the economic and political situations that we find ourselves in today.

Perot expresses his thanks to all who voted in the 1992 elections, regardless of how they voted. He states that we must tell Washington exactly how we feel and what we expect from our government. He feels that United We Stand belongs to the people of this country and that together our voices can be heard!

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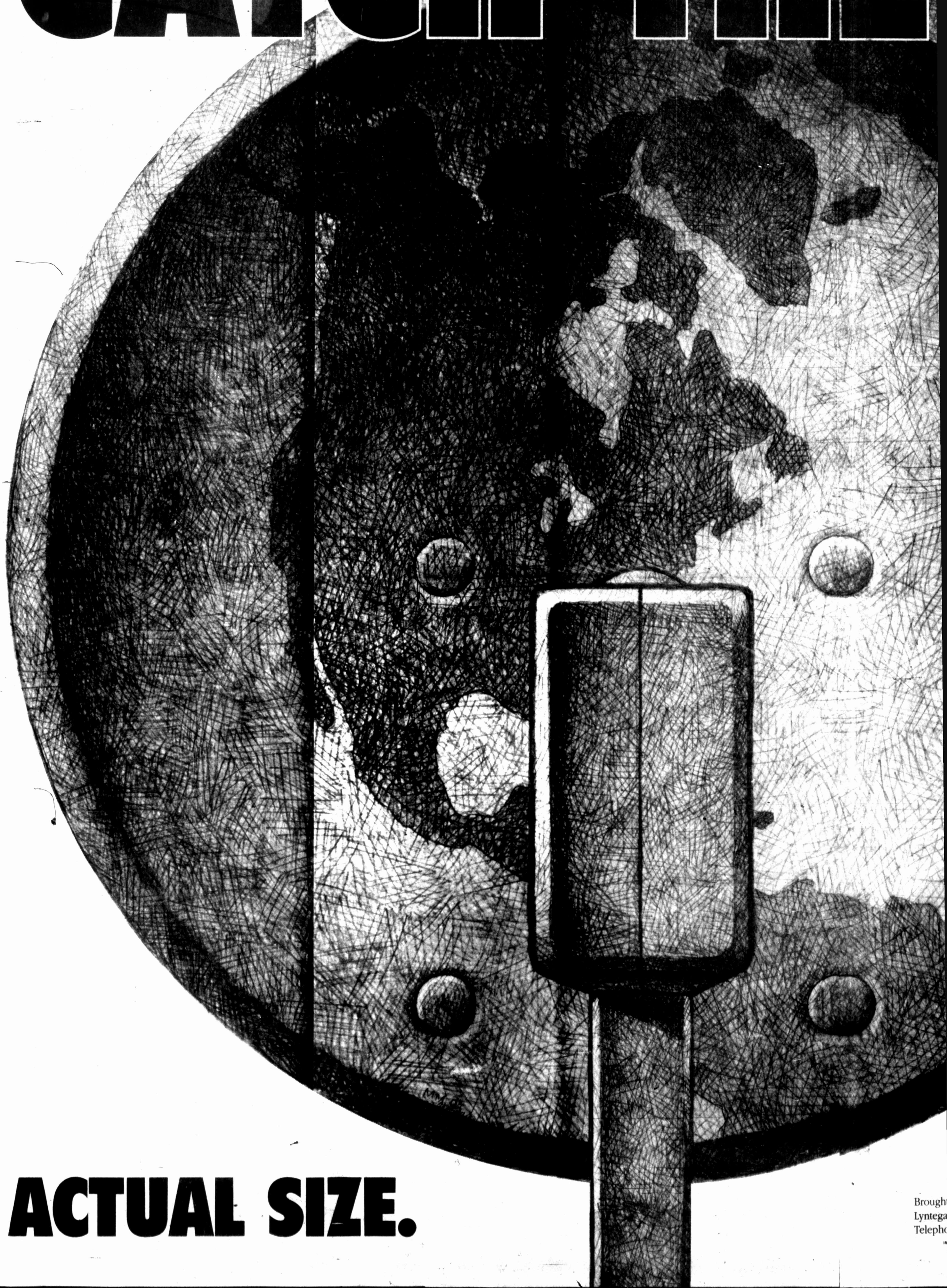
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Advertising against teen pregnancy

Advertising executive Hal Donofrio poses near a billboard promoting abstinence in west Baltimore earlier this fall. Officials of the state hope an advertising campaign will continue to reduce the high rate of teen pregnancy.

Drinking and shopping: Danger of the season

Most people know they should not drink and drive, but a psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says drinking and shopping don't mix either. "Drinking alcohol can lead to impulse shopping," said Dr. Stuart C. Yudofsky, professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor. "If you have a few drinks at a holiday party, go home, not to the mall." Many stores count on impulse shoppers during the gift-giving season. To avoid overspending on gifts, make a list, allow a certain amount of time for shopping and shop in advance. If overspending is a problem, Yudofsky recommends leaving credit cards at home. Yudofsky says that impulse shopping is quite common and vastly different from a more serious problem related to obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). "Obsessive shoppers think about shopping constantly, which can interfere with relationships and careers," he said. "When they act upon these thoughts and spend money set aside for food, clothing, and housing, an OCD may be present." Yudofsky believes that OCD's are both biological and psychological in nature. The biological part relates to mood and anxiety disorders such as depression. The psychological aspect may stem from repressing deep-seated feelings such as anger, sadness, or fear.

"Clearly, most of us who overspend around the holidays do not have a psychiatric disorder," Yudofsky said. "It is only when shopping interferes with key relationships and job performance that it is a medical problem." Anyone with similar traits as described, or a potential concern, should obtain consultation from their physician," said Dr. Gordon Yee, Chief of Psychiatry at Big Spring VA Medical Center. Veterans, visitors, and staff gathered together on Dec. 6 to enjoy the festivities of the annual Christmas lighting ceremony. Each year medical center employees work feverishly assuring everything it just right to provide this traditional gift to the residents of Big Spring and surrounding communities. Medical Center Director Conrad Alexander and Mrs. Odell Turner, president, American Gold Star Mothers, Department of Texas pulled the switches to light over 7,000 bulbs, providing a brilliant display of color. Special thanks to the following employees for their diligent efforts in getting the lights placed just right: James Bailey, Shane Brown, Don Cervantes, Virgil Churchwell, Ben Douglas, Raul Hernandez, Donny Lindsey, Mark Maas, George Moore, Jimmy McCann, Tommy Ralston, Herb Seems, Joe Sharpnack, Tommy Sullivan, and Scott Whitmore.



Pat Atkins, Engineering Service; John Calvio, Environmental Management Service, and workers from the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp. Additional thanks goes to Bobby Cordova, Chief Environmental Management Service and his staff for all of their assistance. Following the lighting ceremony, Rhapsody Show Choir, under the direction of Linda Lindell, Big Spring High School Choir Director, lead everyone in singing Christmas carols. Heidron Covington, Clara Lewis, and Tammy Evans, members of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary served refreshment following the ceremony. Other volunteers assisting with activities that evening included, Martha Cummings, and Bonnie Hale, Daughters of the American Revolution; Evelyn Redman, American Legion Auxiliary, Marvin Holland, DAV, and other members of the Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary, DAV Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Gold Star Mothers. Special thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. We could not get along without their support.

In holiday decorations ... everything old is new again

By JANET JIMMERSON
Scripps Howard News Service
No matter how many boxes of holiday decorations you unpack each year, retailers will always find a way to tempt you into buying more. Who cares if there isn't room on the tree for another stuffed Santa or lighted angel? Many families heap one tree with sentimental favorites and put a second evergreen in a dining room, sitting room or foyer decorated in the latest theme or popular color scheme. This season retailers say everything old is new. The hot holiday theme is traditional. Spokesmen for JCPenney, Importers Warehouse, The Bombay Co., Pier 1 and Waccamaw define this as anything "old-fashioned," "old world" or "old European." Other offerings of interest this year include: A 25-foot, flexible length of lighted, waterproof tubing that

resembles neon. The tubing has more than 100 mini-lights inside that "chase" in three speeds and won't tangle like most strings of Christmas lights. The David Kay holiday catalog offers the tubing in four colors — clear, red, green and multicolored — for \$30. The catalog also features a set of red-painted, cast-iron stocking holders in the shape of a Victorian village for folks who hate to scar their mantel with nails. Each holder is lit from inside with battery-operated bulbs and sells for \$10 to \$13. Don't just light your tree, activate it with "Ornomatic." Individual sockets (\$5) attach to standard strings of lights and will spin the ornament of your choice. Available at many Christmas shops. — A still popular holdover from last year are Barcana Festive Light Covers. The globes attach to individual bulb sockets on a standard string of lights (\$10 a box in assorted sizes and eight colors).

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Homes

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Sun Country attend conference
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Sun Country donates to Salvation Army
Representatives of Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors present a check to Salvation Army Lt. Albert Villafuerte.
The donation represented a gift for every house sale closed by Sun Country during November.
Representing Sun Country, from left, are: Janelle Britton, Katie Grimes, Julie Bailey, Pam Crouch, Janel Davis and Kelly Grawunder.

New doctors join Hall Bennett staff
Hall Bennett Clinic has announced the association of Dr. P.V. Patel and Dr. Parkaj Patel for the practice of cardiology beginning Dec. 10.
In addition, the clinic has announced that Dr. John Rallins, who is board certified in the practice of internal medicine, is now accepting new patients.

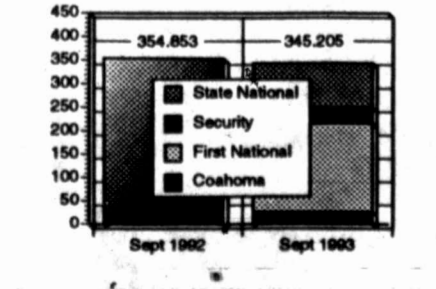
AME relocating lab to Hall Bennett Clinic
American Medical Enterprises has announced that it is relocating its laboratory operations to the second floor of the Hall Bennett Clinic, 411 E. Ninth.
AME officials noted that the lab will keep the same phone number, provide the same services as before and be staffed "by the same caring people to serve the public."

Sun Country sharing in the joy of giving
Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors sales associates have joined with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in participating as Toys for Tots sponsors.
Locally, Sun Country will serve as an official collection center from now until Dec. 20 and will sponsor a Toys for Tots Coloring Contest. Contest entry forms can be picked up at the Sun Country office, 600 Gregg, and returned with a new unwrapped toy. A winner will be selected and will receive a \$25 savings bond.
"We want every child to be happy during the holidays," said Janelle Britton, Sun Country's owner. "And we hope the citizens of Big Spring will respond by participating in this drive."
Founded in 1947, Toys for Tots has evolved from a small Los Angeles-area project to a nationwide campaign. Marine Corps Reserves distribute the toys to local charitable organizations.

Sun Country reps attend conference
Julie Bailey and Janelle Britton of Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors recently attended the Texas Association of Realtors Board Officer Leadership Conference in Austin.
Britton will be vice president of the Big Spring Board of Realtors in 1994, and Bailey will be the board's secretary.

Eye on the economy

Area bank deposits down just a little



Total bank deposits of the four area banks, shown in millions, at the end of the third quarter were \$9.6 million, or 2.7 percent, lower than the same time last year.
SOURCE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERALD GRAPHIC

Texas Republicans critical of oil, gas initiatives

Help for the oil and gas industry
The Clinton administration is unveiling a blueprint today to help the oil and gas industry, primarily by offering federal assistance in developing leading-edge technologies to reduce exploration and drilling costs.
Among the proposals outlined were:
■ Increased cooperation between the department's scientific laboratories to bring into use "leading edge technology" to help find and drill for oil and gas.
■ Easing regulatory burdens, by finding cheaper ways for refiners to comply with clean air and other environmental rules.
■ Lower government royalties for oil and gas from offshore and government land.
■ Developing ways for better marketing of natural gas.
■ The administration will ask for \$50 million in the 1994 fiscal year budget to create a joint venture with industry that would allow the sharing of the latest petroleum technology. Industry would contribute another \$50 million.

Oil, gas plan falls short
WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee said the Clinton administration plan unveiled Thursday to help the oil and gas industry falls far short of the mark.
Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., said "a far more substantive and aggressive response" is needed to boost the ailing industry.
Johnston acknowledged that the 36-page plan to help independent producers use new technology to cut exploration and drilling costs would benefit the industry in the long run.
"The question is: What will be left of the industry by then?" he said.
The administration also called for easing some regulatory burdens,

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New regs costly for refineries

Environmental regulations in recent years have been expected to close refineries the size of Big Spring's Fina Inc. refinery and smaller.
Now a dollar value of costs has been estimated in a 30-month study by the National Petroleum Council. From 1991 through 2010, all 187 U.S. refineries will need to spend \$31 billion to meet air, water, waste and safety and health mandates. Hardest hit will be small refineries, many of which are expected to close.
"Goodbye little guy," wrote Charles Vervalin in a recent editorial in Hydrocarbon Processing.
However, Plant Manager Jeff Morris says the Fina Inc. refinery in Big Spring should survive. At 60,000 barrels a day, the refinery is considered a small-medium sized plant. It employs 250.
"I continue to believe that the Big Spring refinery will continue to compete," Morris said. "The reason I'm optimistic is because we are doing the right things."
Since 1990, more than \$100 million has been spent updating the local refinery, he said, most to meet environmental regulations. About \$50 million more is expected to be spent in future improvements.
Other advantages include good distribution through pipelines to Wichita Falls, Abilene and Midland and being among the few plants that can handle 100 percent sour crude oil, which is high in sulfur content which must be removed in accordance with the U.S. Clean Air Act.
"But that's not sufficient," Morris said. "We still need to operate well."
Another concern, he said, is rising local property taxes.
In the last five years, taxes



Environmental safety is a big concern at Fina Refinery. On top, employees don protective clothing and head into a pitch-black room in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to simulate a smoke-filled situation during a training exercise in October. Eighteen graduates of the two-week course were certified as hazardous-waste instructors. On right, the \$27.5 million low sulfur diesel unit installed this summer is the largest single project in more than \$100 million in improvements in recent years to meet clean air requirements. It removes sulfur from petroleum products.

increased 280 percent, from \$1 million to \$2.2 million, compared to a 20 percent increase in the value of the refinery. Taxes account for 4 percent of operation costs, which, according to studies, he said, is about 25 percent higher than the average refinery.
"The way the community can help is address the problem of the enormous tax increases on the manuf-
turing businesses," Morris said.
Refineries closing doors is nothing new. Since 1982, 132 refineries have closed across the nation, with a loss of 50,000 jobs, according to the American Petroleum Institute.



What are Big Spring Bucks?

Big Spring Bucks are here!
The newspaper was the first to buy them for its employee Christmas bonuses. KBST is using them in a Christmas giveaway on the air. One prominent family has a really nice Christmas custom; instead of giving each other large gifts, they pool the money and give it to a needy family. This year they did it with Big Spring Bucks. Very thoughtful!
I don't know what it takes to get the word out, though. Weeks of publicity in the Chamber newsletter; in the newspaper, including a big picture of one on the front page; and the word put out strongly on the radio, and there was still one of our larger merchants that didn't know what they were and didn't want to take them.
Hopefully, now everyone understands that they are just as good as money, and can be deposited in your regular bank deposit just like money. Just have the person that it is addressed to endorse it just like a check.
If you think all of Santa's elves are two feet tall and live at the North Pole, be advised that he has some part-time elves that are big, good-natured guys and that drive company trucks.
Corporate Big Spring showed it has ample Christmas spirit as it turned out to put up Christmas decorations.
City Park Maintenance Supervisor Terry Jenkins was the head elf and supervised the effort. Terry has put up the decorations for years and knows all about it. Texas Utilities manager John Toone led the way providing bucket trucks and workers. Linda Basham of Southwestern Bell arranged to have a bucket truck there and a team headed by Carroll Husted. Cable manager Larson Lloyd provided a bucket truck operated by Steve Westbrook and Jimmy Ruth.
The city was also in evidence with a crew putting out decorations, joined by a crew from the Chamber, which used a trailer provided by our good mayor, Tim Blackshear.
These guys worked most of the day, getting the decorations ready to go, and doing installation in the city bucket truck. City workers were Terry Truitt, Frank Harilio, Richard Hicks and Mike McCuarty.
With the advance work done, the decorations went up in a couple of hours instead of taking three days. Gilbert Rascon supervised the TU workers. Other workers included Steve Watson, Jeff Turney, Walter Martin, Martin Arguello, Larry Newton, Kim Armstead and Ben Rubio.
This year about 30 new decorations went up, replacing some of the worst of the older decorations. There were donations to make the older ones more serviceable.
Hopefully, we will get more merchants to "adopt" a decoration until we can trade them out and upgrade them all. Look around, the new ones aren't too hard to spot.
Those businesses adopting decorations this year were Big Spring Mall; The Look; Olympic Taekwon Do; Janes Flowers; First National Bank; Bancroft, Mouton and Wolf; Don's IGA; Sun Country; Al's Bar-B-Q; Rip Griffin's; Main St. Bakery and Deli; Parks Agency; State National Bank;
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Many retailers are expecting more modest Christmas sales

SUSAN HIGHTOWER
AP Business Writer
Many Texas retailers are seeing pleasantly surprising visions of a merrier Christmas selling season as shoppers are swept to the stores by an early cold snap and optimism about the state's economy.
"Right now it certainly appears that the crowds are up and they're spending more early in the year," said Larry Gresham, marketing professor with the Center for Retailing Studies at Texas A&M University in College Station.
Gresham said many Texas retailers are expecting an average 6 percent to 8 percent increase in Christmas sales over a year ago. Baylor University economist Ray Perryman offered a similar outlook, predicting a 7 percent to 8 percent gain over last year.
"Texans are feeling better this Christmas. We've had a lot of job growth in Texas this year compared to last year," Perryman said.
Stores that have seen more shoppers spending more money early include Dave Anderson's Zoo Music in Fort Worth and Dallas.
"It seems to be doing real well," said owner Dave Anderson, who sells musical instruments, including offbeat and vintage items.
Stuart Schuster, owner of Marvin Electronics Co. in Fort Worth, said many big-ticket items are going earlier. Schuster said while he is seeing



Although Christmas sales across the state are expected to be modest, Big Spring merchants are expecting a good showing this holiday season.

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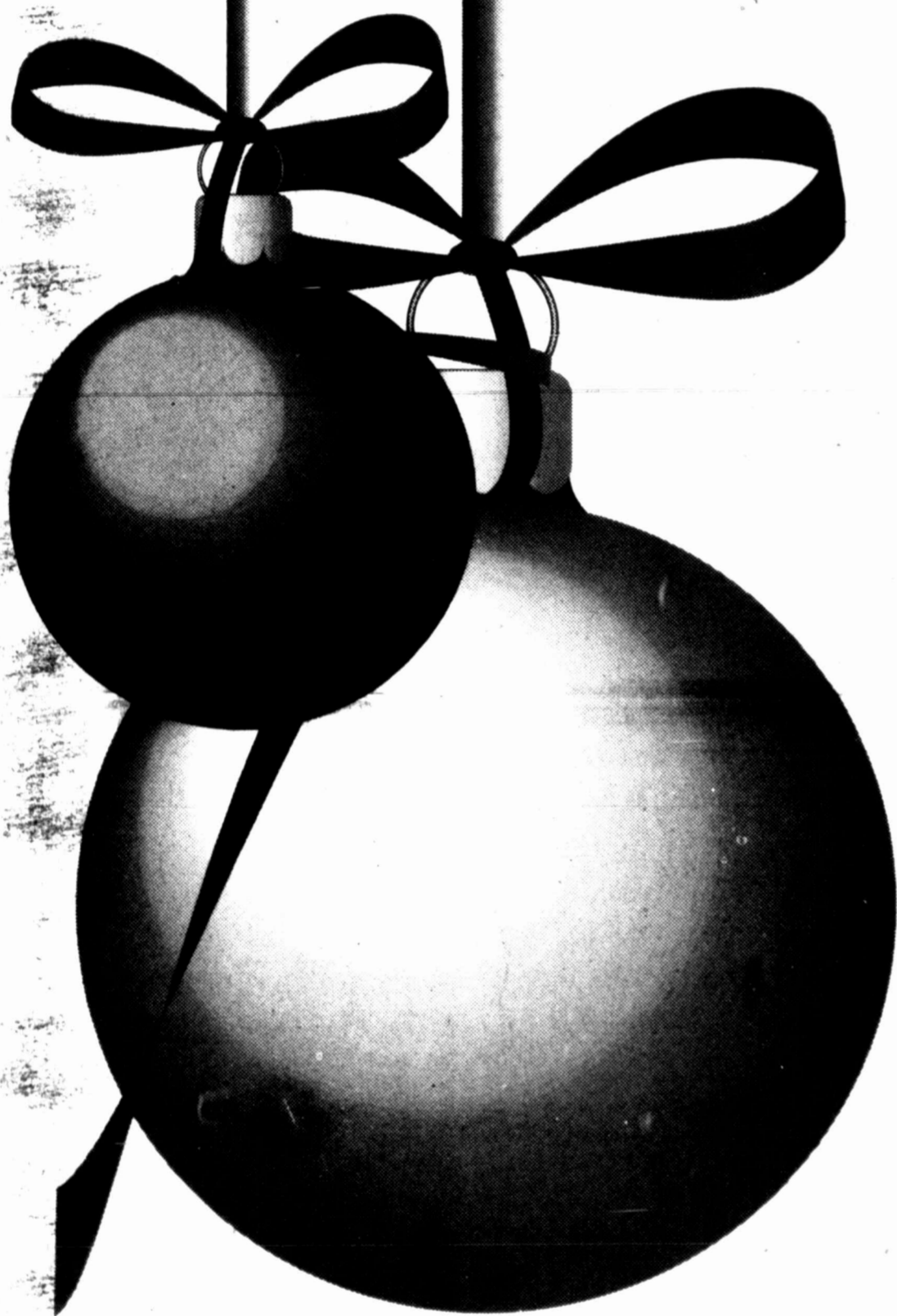
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