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Family Medical Center opened its doors Sunday

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring welcomed a new neighbor to its growing medical community Sunday.

Family Medical Center, a branch of Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo and the newest clinic established by the Shannon Healthcare system, had its grand opening ceremonies Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The 7,700-square-foot clinic, 2301 S. Gregg (across from the VA Medical Center), will provide full-service, and urgent care to residents of Howard County. Services will include family practice, pediatrics, laboratory, radiology and more.

The \$850,000 facility was funded by the Shannon Healthcare system and brings the total number of clinics under the Shannon umbrella to seven. The other clinics, including San Angelo, are located in Ballinger, Brady, Coleman, Menard, Sterling City, and Robert Lee.

Lawrence Leonard, Shannon's senior vice president, said, "These clinics fill a

vital need in Texas. Establishing clinic and placing quality health care professionals in these communities allows people to stay home to receive health care. We are able to handle the day-to-day business of running these clinics, thus giving the healthcare providers more time to see patients.

"In addition, being in the Shannon system gives these physicians and patients access to a broader range of services in San Angelo, should the need arise."

The clinic will be staffed by physicians, physicians assistants, rotating physicians, nurses and office staff personnel.

The medical staff will include John Farquhar, M.D., who is board certified with 10 years of family practice experience in Big Spring; Eunice Anderson, M.D., board eligible in pediatrics; Craig Hoffman, PA-C, physician assistant and rotating specialist from San Angelo; Robert Meyer, M.D. and Lourell Sutliff, M.D., both board certified in OB/GYN; and Opal Smith, a certified nurse midwife.



Herald file photo

Family Medical Center hosted its open house Sunday, officially opening the center. On hand for the ceremonies was the medic-vac helicopter, the staff and Shannon Medical Center officials.

CHRISTMAS STYLE



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Angie Foster adds another ornament onto a uniquely-decorated tree at Stylistics Hair Salon Thursday afternoon. The tree has been adorned with such colorful items as brushes and hair rollers.

Armed robbery suspect in custody

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No one was injured and a suspect has been arrested in the Sunday morning aggravated armed robbery of the Friends Convenience Store at the corner of 4th and Gregg streets.

Around 5 a.m. Sunday, a male, later identified as 36-year old Hepolito Vasquez of Pecos and a former client at the Big Spring State Hospital, entered the store carrying a knife. He displayed the knife to the clerk and then demanded the clerk give him money.

Vasquez left the store after he had received an undisclosed amount of money and commandeered the store clerk's vehicle at which time the clerk called the police.

When police arrived at the scene Vasquez was still on the property. He had gone back into the store because he couldn't figure out which key did what. He demanded that the clerk start the car which the clerk did and went back into the store.

Vasquez was arrested as he was about to leave and police recovered an undisclosed amount of money.

Violent crime reported down across nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of violent crimes reported to police dropped 4 percent in the first six months of 1994 compared with the same period last year, with a 2 percent decrease in murders, the FBI says.

Overall crime during the period dropped 3 percent, the same percentage decline reported for the far more numerous property crimes, according to preliminary findings released Sunday.

At the same time, the FBI issued its final report on crimes reported to law enforcement last year, finding that violent crime fell 0.4 percent even as the number of homicides rose 3.2 percent, to 24,530.

"I think it's good news overall, but there's bad news hidden within," said James Alan Fox, dean of criminal justice at Northeastern University in Boston. The numbers, he said, "obscure the fact that there are two opposite crime trends going on: The baby boomers are getting older and less violent, and the young are getting more ruthless."

"The violent crime rate among adults has been dropping," he said, but "the rate of violence among juveniles has been skyrocketing. The overall

Looking someone special? Try Elmsford City Hall

ELMSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — An admittedly offbeat town supervisor wants to bring government closer to the people — and some people closer to each other.

His idea: a matchmaking service, compliments of Town Hall, just to prove that politicians really do have a heart.

"Why go to the bars when you can go to government?" reasons Cupid-wannabe Paul Feiner. "Instead of being totally upset and disgusted with politicians, people might say, 'Gosh, that's really nice, somebody cares.'"

Feiner, who concedes that "I see government a little differ-

ently than others," credits the matchmaking idea to an off-hand comment dropped by constituent Merna Youdelman while they were working on a civic project.

But there was a hitch: Feiner wasn't hitched. "People would say it was a conflict of interest," he said.

That's no longer a problem. Thanks to a relative's matchmaking efforts, Feiner is now engaged. After the wedding next spring, he himself can become a matchmaker.

Youdelman says she'll be one of the first to sign up.

"Absolutely!" said the 57-year-old divorcee. "Everybody wants

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Paul Feiner

to meet somebody ... in a comfortable atmosphere, not hanging out in a bar."

Not everyone is in love with the proposal. Some council members have expressed unromantic concerns about potential liability. And residents of Greenburgh, about 25 miles north of New York, aren't sure what to make of it.

On Friday, after the news appeared in suburban papers, Feiner was reveling in way-to-go calls from supporters and sloughing off are-you-crazy bars from critics.

Feiner himself isn't sure how his love connection will work. Maybe it could happen at his Sunday supermarket stops, where he listens to residents'

complaints and problems — sometimes personal problems.

"It would be neat if people went to my supermarket hours and first complained about potholes, then told me they want to meet somebody," he said.

Shoppers at the Grand Union in Dobbs Ferry, where Feiner sometimes holds his Sunday forums, rolled their eyes or did double-takes when asked about his latest proposal.

"You're kidding," said Nanette Marks, 64. But after a moment's reflection, she added: "Why not?"

Kathy Fleming's first reaction

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Texas seceded from Mexico when?
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In 1845, Congress admitted Texas to the United States on what date?
Dec. 29


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WORLD/NATION

World: President Clinton today called on the leaders of more than 50 nations to strengthen Europe's collective capacity to curb ethnic conflicts like the one tearing Bosnia apart. "We must act on its lessons," he declared. See page 4.

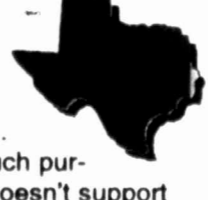
Nation: The Wall Street Journal reported Lloyd Bentsen is soon to resign as Secretary of the Treasury. However, Bentsen has not commented on the report. See page 5.



STATE

Deadly chases
A study has found that Houston's police chase policy is among the most lax in the nation. Despite 10 deaths because of such pursuits, however, the police chief doesn't support stricter rules. See page 3.

New habitat planned
Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt is expected to announce a new endangered species plan shortly. The new habitat plan would preserve endangered species in Central Texas while still allowing land development. See page 3.





TODAY'S WEATHER

Today
75 **▲** Highs **37**
Lows **▼**

Increasing clouds
Tonight, cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid 30s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, high in the upper 60s, southwest winds; mostly cloudy night, low upper 30s.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high in the upper 60s; mostly cloudy night, low upper 30s.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

Will Bush change
Austin?

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin's resident political experts are wondering how next month's inauguration of Dallas Republican George W. Bush as governor will change the atmosphere around the laid-back capital city.

The San Antonio Express-News quoted several experts in its Sunday editions as predicting Bush will bring a change in political and social climate to Austin after Austin Democrat Ann Richards' four years as governor.

They say Austin will be a more staid community under Bush, only the second Republican governor since Reconstruction, than under Richards, a veteran of the Democratic liberal establishment with a penchant for Harley-Davidsons.

"Austin with George W.? More elitist than populist, more Dallas than Austin, more lobbyists on the loose for guns and unrestricted growth, more rhinestone cowboy and less laid-back jeans, more limousines than Toyotas and horses," said Liz Carpenter, one-time aide to former President Lyndon and former first lady Lady Bird Johnson.

Defeated Democrat
seeking a job

LUBBOCK (AP) — U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, who has only a month left in Congress and is still rather bitter about it, is scouting around for another job.

"I'm just looking for any opportunity out there for me," said the three-term Texas Democrat, who was ousted by Republican Mac Thornberry in the November general election. "I'm not interested in lobbying. I am looking at trade organizations."

Sarpalius' defeat was the first of his political career.

"In one month, I got married and lost my job," Sarpalius, who lives in Amarillo, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in a telephone interview.

In late summer, Sarpalius proposed to Carol Davis at the top of the Capitol dome. He and Ms. Davis, a Pentagon underwater warfare consultant, married on Oct. 13.

Tree disease spreading
through Texas

DALLAS (AP) — An epidemic is killing Texas' oak trees.

Oak wilt, first identified in Texas 30 years ago, has accelerated in recent years and is now found in about 55 Texas counties. There is no cure known for the disease.

The diagnosis is heartbreaking to many owners of the stately trees, says Eugene Gehring of the Texas Forest Service.

"I've actually had more than one lady that tears started welling in their eyes," Gehring said. "And I've seen grown men get very emotional as well."

New endangered
species plan to
be unveiled soon

AUSTIN (AP) — A new plan to help protect endangered species in Central Texas is expected shortly from Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The centerpiece of the proposal apparently will be a revolving fund for land acquisition, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Developers and landowners would pay fees to the fund, based on how much habitat their projects would disrupt. The fund would be used to buy other land for habitat preservation.

Developers could also reserve habitat acreage in lieu of the fee, the newspaper reported.

The U.S. Interior Department plan could be unveiled this month, Babbitt press secretary Mary Helen Thompson told the paper.

"It's very close to at least a final draft. It's just a matter of cleaning up a few details," said Sam Hamilton, Texas state administrator for the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

"A great deal of the time has been spent focusing on how to get the development fee down to a reasonable level and yet still ensure that the preserve acquisition can proceed in a reasonable time frame," Hamilton said.

Officials declined to discuss the size of the fee or how much habitat would have to be set aside for each acre developed. Previous proposals called for the preservation of far more land than would be developed.

The proposal could be a last-ditch effort to save the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan, which has been stalled since Travis County voters rejected a \$49 million bond issue for land acquisition in November 1993.

That plan, which has been discussed for about seven years, would preserve 29,000 acres of habitat for rare animals and plants and ease restrictions on development in other habitat.

"I certainly hope this one meets with success," said Austin Librach, Austin's director of environmental and conservation services. "We're out of energy and out of solutions and out of resources."

Many landowners and developers in Central Texas have waged an ongoing battle against federal efforts to impose land-use restrictions. The secrecy of the latest review could pose a problem.

David Armbrust, a development lawyer, said he wasn't familiar with the details.

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Bob Lyn Mosely, of Dallas, gets in the holiday spirit as he directs shoppers to their parking places at the Galleria Mall in Dallas.

State sues
two Klans

HOUSTON (AP) — The two largest Ku Klux Klan factions in Texas have been targeted in a \$4 million lawsuit filed by a state commission, despite the differences between the groups.

The Texas Commission on Human Rights is seeking financial compensation for those allegedly harassed during the integration of an all-white public housing complex in Vidor in 1993 and 1994.

Michael Lowe, grand dragon of the Texas Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, eschews the traditional white hood and robe, donning instead a suit and tie. He says the reservedness spills over into his group's actions.

"Our speeches are so conservative, we sound like Rush Limbaugh," Lowe says proudly. "We've gotten so good at it."

Charles Lee, grand dragon of the White Camellias, sticks with the familiar robe and hood and the more traditional white supremacist speech.

"We're not trying to change our image," Lee says. "As far as we're concerned, the Klan has a great image and a great history."

Lowe used to give speeches comparing "minorities and queers" to cancer. He now is trying to remake his Klan faction into a politically correct white power lobby.

On the flip side, Lee says he supports "positive violence."

"I do believe the time is coming when the people will take up arms to protect their constitutional rights," he said.

Bill Hale, executive director of the human rights agency, said that while their look is different, Lowe and Lee exude the same message.

"The Klan historically is a secret terrorist organization that has a past and current history of violence, up to and including the assassination of innocent victims," Hale was quoted as saying in Sunday's editions of The Houston Post.

The lawsuit contends white children were offered \$50 to beat up young blacks and that a rumored cache of 300 to 600 pounds of dynamite held by the Klan was available to blow up homes.

The Klan also was allegedly responsible for explicit death threats against the mayor of Vidor and at least one black resident of the housing project, the lawsuit says.

Lowe and Lee claim the allegations are fiction.

Both say they are the victims of harassment from a government agency that will stop at nothing to destroy them

Houston police chase policy found lax

HOUSTON (AP) — With 10 deaths this year caused by police chases, the Houston Police Department is re-examining a pursuit policy that is one of the most lax in the nation.

However, Police Chief Sam Nuchia said he doesn't support stricter rules, despite recent deaths.

"From an administrative position ... there's only so much guidance you can write down on a piece of paper that will help a man or woman out there facing the real-life situation make a decision," Nuchia said.

After three people were killed last week during police pursuits, Mayor Bob Lanier ordered Nuchia to conduct the survey to determine if the Houston policy needs revision.

This year in Houston, one police officer and nine citizens

have been killed during police chases.

A sampling of other cities' policies shows Houston is one of the few cities that allows officers to decide whether a chase over city streets is worth the risk of endangering innocent lives.

Some police departments, such as those in Baltimore, Phoenix and New York, do not allow high-speed chases unless warranted by "extreme conditions." Officers in Miami and Philadelphia are allowed to pursue only violent felons.

The Miami Police Department changed its policy a year ago after it realized chasing traffic offenders wasn't worth the liability, said Lt. Bill Schwartz.

"It has probably saved a lot of lives," he said.

Schwartz said the policy took

some getting used to, but is a better approach.

"Even though it was difficult for me as a commander to call off a chase, I never lost any sleep over it, whereas if an innocent child had been killed during a pursuit, I can't imagine how many sleepless nights I would have," he said.

Last year in Texas, police pursuits claimed the lives of 30 people. Texas was second only to California, where 47 deaths were attributed to police pursuits. Nationally, 342 people were killed in police pursuits.

"This is the last weapon in a police officer's arsenal that is not controlled," said Gerald LaCrosse, who formed the Desere Foundation four years ago in New Jersey after his daughter was killed by a fleeing motorist during a police pursuit.

LaCrosse said courts are allowing more people to sue law enforcement agencies when chases go awry. That, more than anything else, has caused departments to reconsider their policies, he said.

"When Houston gets hit with a \$6- or \$7-million lawsuit, they're going to decide that maybe they should change it," he said.

Geoffrey Alpert, a professor of criminology at the University of South Carolina, has spent the past 10 years studying police pursuits and has helped several police agencies establish new guidelines.

"With a policy like this (in Houston) it's not a one-time thing," Alpert said of the recent deaths. "(Nuchia) is basically condemning the public."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gingrich says White House staff used drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Newt Gingrich, showing no sign of softening his combative style as he prepares to become House speaker, says up to one-fourth of the White House staff formerly used illegal drugs.

The conservative Republican, in a TV appearance Sunday, also offered a spirited defense of his proposal for placing welfare children in orphanages. He suggested that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton see the old movie "Boys Town" before discarding the idea.

Gingrich has said he would tone down his rhetoric upon assuming the House leadership in the GOP Congress that convenes in January, but he was at his provocative best on NBC's "Meet the Press."

In reasserting that the Clintons represent the American counterculture, the fiery Georgian said he "had a senior law enforcement official tell me that in his judgment, up to a quarter of the White House staff, when they first came in, had used drugs in the last four or five years."

Jury bigotry earns couple new insurance trial

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Derrick and Eugenia Powell don't think they got a fair trial when they sued their insurance company for \$235,000. Especially after the black couple learned their all-white jury compared blacks to chimpanzees before awarding them only \$10,500.

Jurors also told racial jokes, speculated the Powells' children were drug dealers, and said white people made better employees than blacks, according to a troubled member of the panel who called their lawyer a day after the verdict.

"The level of bigotry and racial intolerance demonstrated by this jury cannot be condoned," said the Powells' lawyer, Robert Gray.

The Powells appealed, and the state Supreme Court agreed to hear their request for a new trial Tuesday.

Manslaughter charges considered against club owner

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — Locked or obscured exits at a nightclub where four youths were killed in a panicky stampede may lead to criminal charges against the club's owner, officials said.

Manslaughter charges are being considered against Fernando Bravo, owner of the El Balcon club, said Michael Lapollo, a Union County prosecutor. Reports of overcrowding and of alcohol being served to minors were also being investigated.

Three young men and a 13-year-old girl were crushed to death in the stampede early Saturday morning after a fight on the dance floor escalated into a chair- and bottle-throwing melee. At least 21 others were treated at hospitals — most for bruises and sprains, some for psychological trauma.

Telephone calls Sunday to El Balcon club in Elizabeth went unanswered. There was no local directory listing for Bravo.

Quints ready to be born — three months early

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mary Scott is waiting to give birth. And waiting. And waiting. And waiting. Her quintuplets are due on March 1, but she's already having contractions.

"We haven't prepared physically at all. We knew the pregnancy was a very high-risk pregnancy," Mrs. Scott said from her bed at Ohio State University Medical Center, where she is staying until the delivery.

White House travel chief accused of embezzlement

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal prosecutors are expected to seek an embezzlement indictment against the chief of the White House travel office, his attorney told The New York Times.

Billy R. Dale, head of the travel office since 1982, may be charged with stealing \$69,000 that news organizations paid for presidential trips, said his lawyer, Steven C. Tabackman, the newspaper reported today.

Dale began working at the White House in 1957, but the charges are likely to focus on the time between 1988 and 1992, when he is accused of pocketing \$14,000 and depositing \$55,000 of travel-office money into his personal checking account to pay for vacation property and a boat, the paper reported.

Tabackman said Dale, 57, will plead innocent, and that his defense will center on a careful examination of the White House travel office scandal of 1993, when several staff members were fired for misuse of funds. They were reinstated after it was revealed that the original complaints were leveled by Clinton supporters who sought a share of the business.

The Times said Dale's friends believe he's being made a scapegoat by the White House to justify the Clinton administration's handling of the travel office affair. The Justice Department, which spent months in fruitless plea-bargain negotiations with Dale, declined to comment Sunday.

Tabackman said Dale believes he could be cleared by petty cash ledgers, which disappeared mysteriously after he was dismissed.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is introduced as Vice President Al Gore applauds prior to the Kennedy Center awards show. Songwriter Pete Seeger, director Harold Prince, composer Morton Gould, singer Aretha Franklin and actor Kirk Douglas were honored.

Kennedy Center honors 'an inconvenient artist'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four decades after being blacklisted in the McCarthy era, folk singer Pete Seeger heard first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and much of official Washington sing his songs and his praises.

And Arlo Guthrie evoked cheers at a Kennedy Center gala Sunday night with a swipe in song at California's anti-immigrant Proposition 187.

It was a night for poignant tributes in words, dance and music to five great American performers — Seeger, actor

Kirk Douglas, soul singer Aretha Franklin, composer Morton Gould and Broadway director Hal Prince.

President Clinton feted this year's winners of the Kennedy Center honors first at the White House before he left to catch a red-eye flight to a European security conference in Budapest, Hungary.

All five, he said, deserved "a national standing ovation."

He called the 75-year-old Seeger "an inconvenient artist who dared to sing things as he saw them."

Nicole's family, lawyers reach truce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicole Brown Simpson's father said the family plans to say less about her accused killer, now that Denise Brown has spoken her mind about her sister's murder.

"I think the trial should be in the courtroom, and not in public," Louis Brown said in a telephone interview Sunday, joining O.J. Simpson's lawyers in a pledge to quell their war of words over the case.

Simpson's lawyers promised last week to stop holding daily news briefings on the courthouse steps, after Denise Brown criticized the defense in nationally televised interviews and said she believed Simpson is guilty.

"It's satisfying," Louis Brown said of the pledge. "They've taken the low road, and they have provoked blasts from Denise."

Brown also disputed a report in Star magazine that his slain

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Louis Brown

daughter had predicted Simpson would kill her in a letter she gave to a lawyer along with her will. The magazine said in its Dec. 12 issue, out today, that Ms. Simpson's parents received the letter about six weeks after her death.

"Nope, I'm afraid not," Brown said. "I have an advance copy of the Star magazine you're talking about. There's no truth to that."

Attorneys plan today to resume the search for 15 alternate jurors. They were hoping to assemble a pool of 46 prospects by Wednesday, when peremptory challenges are sup-

posed to begin. So far, 41 are in the pool.

Meanwhile, attorney Peter Neufeld, a key defense DNA expert, was fighting to free himself from a New York trial in order to participate in a Dec. 12 evidence hearing in the Simpson case.

Neufeld said he would appeal a judge's order that he stay in New York to represent a man accused of killing a police officer. If this third attempt at freeing his schedule fails, it could force a delay in the Simpson trial or make Simpson's defense proceed without Neufeld, one of two DNA experts.

The Simpson camp has bristled at both possibilities. Since much of the prosecution's case rests on DNA evidence, Neufeld's participation is considered vital. In addition, Simpson has repeatedly insisted on a speedy trial.

Republicans say military readiness sagging

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Republican broadside aimed at the White House says President Clinton has allowed military preparedness to erode far more than the administration has acknowledged.

The incoming chairman of the

House Armed Services Committee under the new Republican majority issued a report Sunday that finds military readiness sagging in all the armed services, not just a few isolated spots.

Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C.,

who will take over the Armed Services panel in January, said the report by his staff found problems in military units

much more pervasive than the Clinton administration has acknowledged.

Newspaper says Bentsen plans to resign soon

NEW YORK (AP) — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen plans to resign soon, The Wall Street Journal reported today, citing unidentified administration officials.

The newspaper said that President Clinton had not formally accepted Bentsen's resignation and that Bentsen would not comment Sunday. But his associates in the administration said he had indicated an eagerness to retire from politics this year and go into business, the Journal said.

First elected to the House in 1948 and to the Senate in 1970, Bentsen was Clinton's first Cabinet choice as a reassuring senior economic policy maker. Bentsen, 73, ran unsuccessfully for the presidency in 1976 and was the Democratic nominee for vice president in 1988.

There has been speculation over the last few weeks that Bentsen might resign early next year. The Journal indicated that he sees the timing as favorable now because that he can claim credit for successes with free-trade, deficit reduction and interstate banking legislation in the outgoing Congress, while the furor over the Treasury Department's handling of the Whitewater affair has died down.

The Journal said speculation on a successor centers on Robert Rubin, 57, the head of Clinton's National Economic Council and the former co-chief of Goldman, Sachs & Co.



Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen gestures while testifying on Capitol Hill, Aug. 3, 1994, before the Senate Banking Committee. The Wall Street Journal reported that Bentsen plans to resign soon. The newspaper, citing unidentified administration officials, said President Clinton had not formally accepted Bentsen's resignation and that Bentsen would not comment Sunday.

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'Boys clinch NFC East

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles running back James Joseph didn't want to talk about it, simply saying, "One play never made a game."

Whether Joseph agreed or not, a 94-yard interception return for a touchdown that clinched the Dallas Cowboys' 31-19 victory over the Eagles Sunday was a bonafide game-breaker.

That the Cowboys won their third straight NFC East title on a big play isn't surprising; Dallas is loaded with star players who can make clutch plays.

The surprise was that it wasn't one of their Pro Bowl players — Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin, Alvin Harper, Jay Novacek — who came up big. It was safety Darren Woodson, whose play this season might earn him a trip to Hawaii.

And while Joseph didn't think that one play made the difference, his teammates knew differently.

"That just goes to show one play can make or break a game," said Randall Cunningham, whose errant

throw fell into the arms of Woodson.

Cunningham had just thrown a 5-yard touchdown pass to Maurice Johnson to cut the Dallas lead to 24-19 with 10:15 left to play. The Philadelphia defense did its part, stopping Dallas on four plays.

Jeff Sydnor added to the growing Eagle momentum by racing up the middle with a 49-yard punt return to the Dallas 12. Two plays later, Philadelphia was only eight yards away from the go-ahead touchdown.

On third-and-6, the Eagles called a play which had Joseph swinging out of the backfield as a safety valve. Cunningham dropped back to pass, found all his primary targets covered and, under pressure, threw the ball toward Joseph on the right sideline.

"I don't think he saw me," Woodson recalled. "I jumped on that route."

Woodson floated over into the flat, burst in front of Joseph, took the pass at the 6 and headed upfield. Within 20 yards, he

had outrun all the Eagles except Cunningham, who dove at Woodson.

"I just tried to make him miss," Woodson said of the nifty juke that left Cunningham grabbing at air. "I knew he was going to try and cut me down."

Woodson was escorted down the sideline by a number of slower Cowboys, all of whom were ahead of the nearest Eagle.

"I was gassed at about the 40- or 50-yard line," Woodson said. "I knew I was gassed when I saw (defensive lineman) Chad Hennings next to me."

The play provided the fatal blow to the Eagles, who slipped to 7-6 in losing their fourth straight, and gave the Cowboys (11-2) their first NFC East title under new coach Barry Switzer.

Dallas never trailed the Eagles, who had to settle for field goals in their first two drives inside the 20 while the Cowboys were getting touchdowns on their first two trips.

Rodney Peete, subbing for the injured Troy Aikman, made his first Dallas start and followed

the same game plan third-string quarterback Jason Garrett did in the Cowboys' last game: let the stars do their thing.

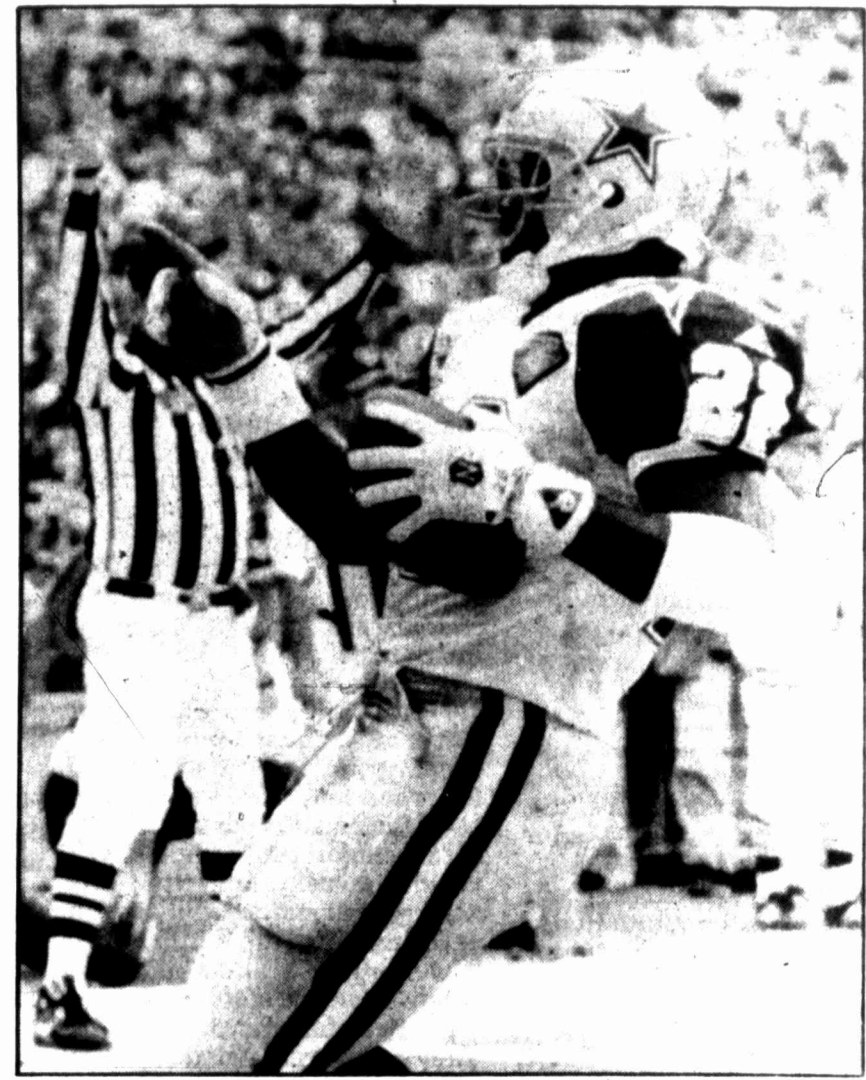
"It's important for the rest of the team to see that we can step in and they can be confident," Peete said.

Smith scored two touchdowns and had 130 yards rushing and receiving. Irvin had four catches for 117 yards and a touchdown. Charles Haley had three sacks and Tony Tolbert two.

Winning the NFC East crown again didn't produce any special joy in the Cowboys locker room. "A lot of us expected to win it," Woodson said. "When you expect things and they happen, it's no big deal."

After three weeks of terrible play, the Eagles were noticeably improved in several areas. Their defense did limit Dallas to 264 yards.

"We can pull some positives from this game," said wide receiver Fred Barnett, who had seven catches for 99 yards and a touchdown. "We moved the ball well."



Dallas Cowboy Emmitt Smith celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Philadelphia Sunday. Dallas won 31-19.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bundas named Hooptown MVP

Stanton's Sande Bundas, a senior post player, was named girls' Most Valuable Player at the Stanton Hooptown Classic.

Bundas scored 28 points in one of the three games the Lady Buffs won to take the title. Stanton (7-3) beat Forsan 87-39 Saturday in the championship game.

Rankin's Tomas Wroten was the boys' MVP.

Hunter education class slated for Dec. 17-18

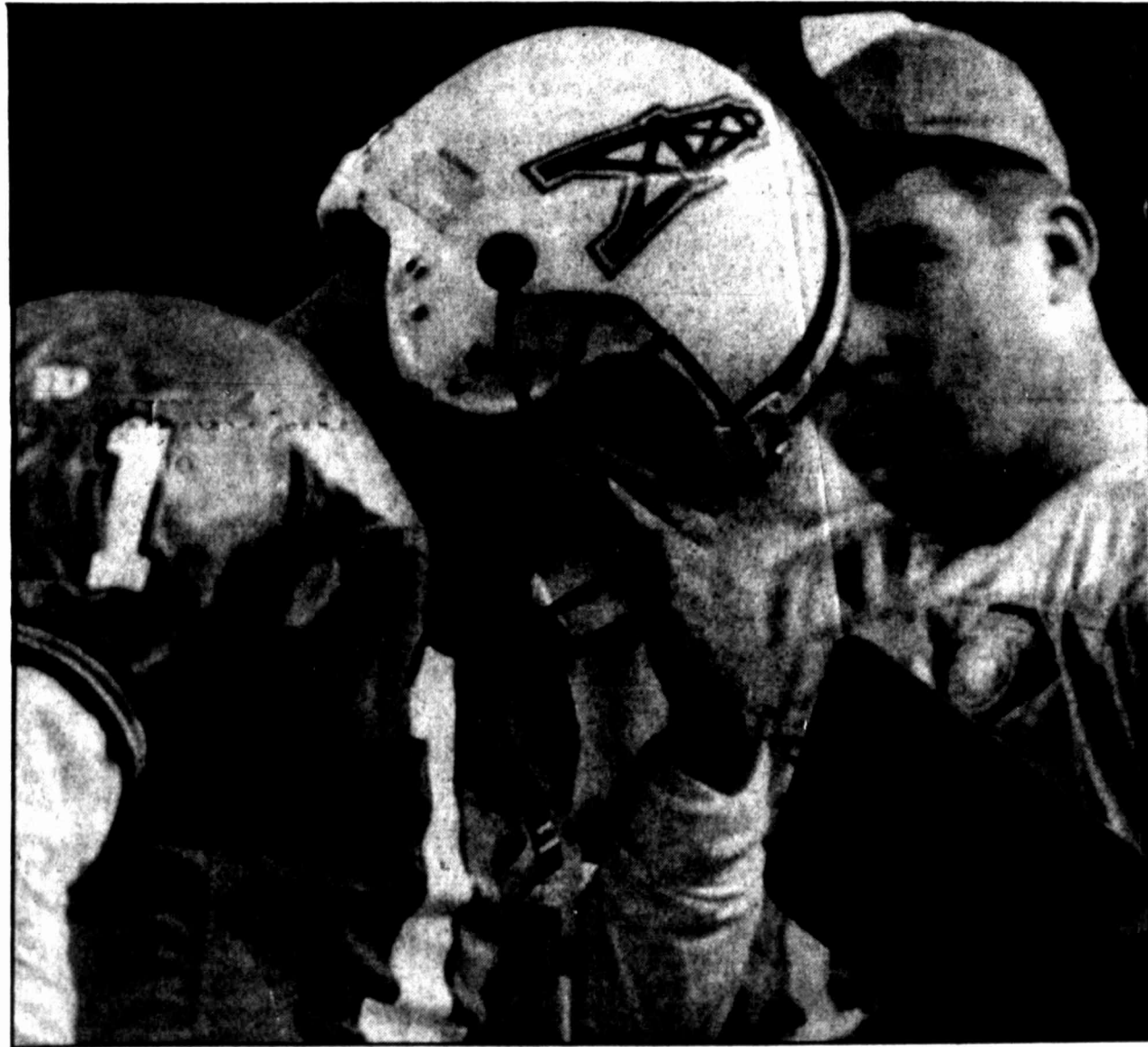
A course in hunter education has been scheduled for Dec. 17-18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, if you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and you are 17 or older, you must successfully complete a hunter education course to hunt in Texas. However, anyone may take the course, and all are encouraged to attend regardless of requirements.

"The course is open to adults and youngsters and will include instruction in rifle, shotgun, handgun and primitive sporting arms handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; laws and regulations; wildlife conservation and identification; hunting traditions; field care of game; and wilderness first aid and survival," said Boyce Hale, area hunter education instructor.

The course cost \$5. For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or the TPWD at 1-800-253-4536.

THOSE POOR OILERS!



Billy Joe Tolliver hangs his head after throwing an interception Sunday. Tolliver's Houston Oilers lost 30-12 to Arizona. The Oilers fell to 1-12.

Murray shines at rodeo finals

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ty Murray didn't win one go-round last year on the way to his fifth straight all-around world rodeo championship and first bull riding title.

The Stephenville, Texas, cowboy made certain that wouldn't happen again with two go-round victories Sunday night at the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Murray moved into fifth place in the saddle bronc with an 81

on Rock and Ronnie Skoal and into eighth place in the bareback after an 82 on Satans Skoal.

Murray has made \$33,258 at the NFR in three days to run his season earnings to \$198,816.

Former world champion Ted Nuze of Escalon, Calif., moved ahead of Murray in the bull riding with an 88 on First Blood. Nuze has won \$31,675 at the NFR and leads the average race.

Marvin Garrett of Belle

Fourche, S.D., maintained his lead in the bareback with a fourth-place 77 that put him over the \$100,000 earnings mark this year.

Brad Gleason of Ennis, Mont., established himself as the steer wrestler to beat with his second straight go-round victory Sunday night.

For the full results report from the NFR, see SportsExtra on page 7.

Lady Steers win with 'D'

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

It's so simple on paper: Beat the Big Spring Lady Steers' defense, and you beat the Lady Steers.

For the past few seasons, however, that task has been anything but easy for opponents.

Since Ron Taylor took over the Big Spring girls' basketball program four years ago, the team has won a district championship every season. The main reason for that string of success is the Lady Steers' defense.

Defense was again at the forefront last weekend when the Lady Steers (7-2) won their second consecutive girls' title at the Coahoma Invitational Basketball Tournament. In games against Crosbyton, Merkel and Coahoma — which Big Spring won by a combined total of 36 points — the Lady Steers forced 77 turnovers and averaged 11 steals a game. In the championship, BSHS forced 30 turnovers and had 16 steals in its 66-48 win over Coahoma.

Sarah Bristow, one of three Lady Steers who made the all-tournament team, summed up the team's defensive philosophy: "Defense is what counts, because if they score, they win, and if they don't, you win."

"We feel like defense is the most important part of the game," Taylor said. "We feel like our best offense is our defense, converting steals or turnovers into points."

The Lady Steers employ a

variety of defenses during a game, including presses, zones, traps and occasional man-to-man sets.

The centerpiece of the Lady Steers' defense is its full-court press. The team uses the press from the start of the game until the issue is comfortably decided, one way or another.

"The kids really believe in the press," Taylor said. "We're a completely different team when we get in the press. We're very aggressive, and we're going to try to trap and take advantage of situations."

"Our philosophy with the press is that you might break it in the first quarter, and you might break it in the second, but sooner or later you won't break it," Taylor added.

If a team successfully navigates the Lady Steers' press, then it faces a variety of zones or man-to-man pressure in half-court situations. The team's main zone defense is a 1-2-2 set (a defender at the top of the key, and two down each side of the free-throw lane), although Taylor tinkers with that alignment during a game.

"It's not difficult at all," junior wing Robin Wise said. "I started learning the defense when I was on the junior varsity team my freshman year. It's kind of a Big Spring thing, I guess."

"It takes a good while (for the players to learn the system)," Taylor said, "but we've been running these defenses for the four years I've been here, so the teaching part is not as hard as when I first got here."

"I think they're going to get a lot stronger," he added. "We're still having some breakdowns, and we're trying to get it corrected. But we're not a bad defensive team. We just have to execute better on the fundamentals."



TAYLOR

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Putting problems
Helen Alfredsson reacts after missing a short putt Sunday. She and partner Robert Gamez settled for second at a mixed tournament. Marta Figueras-Dotti and Brad Bryant won the event in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

TEXAS SPORTS

Ex-Lady Hawk leads A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Angel Spinks, who played for Howard College the past two seasons, had 19 points and nine rebounds, leading No. 22 Texas A&M past Alcorn State, 86-66, on Sunday for the championship of the Lady Aggie Invitational Tournament.

Westlake wins shootout

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Records fell Saturday with Austin Westlake's 80-42 pounding of San Antonio Clark in the Class 5A Division II quarterfinal. The Chaparrals (14-0) ran for 364 yards, passed for 363 yards and set three records, including most points in a modern-day quarterfinal.

NATION/WORLD

Lady slams dunks for two

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte Smith of North Carolina became the first woman in 10 years to dunk during a game Sunday, making a one-handed jam in the Tar Heels' 113-58 victory over North Carolina A&T. West Virginia's Georgeann Wells had two dunks in 1984.

Bowe wins by decision

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Riddick Bowe, fighting for the first time since losing his heavyweight titles 13 months ago, outpointed Larry Donald in a 12-round unanimous decision Saturday night.

Afterward, Donald's camp attempted to serve Bowe with a lawsuit charging him with assault. He hit Donald at a preflight news conference.

ON THE AIR

Football

NFL
LA Raiders at San Diego, 8 p.m., ABC (ch. 2 & 8).

Basketball

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St. John's at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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Comic strip panels for 'DENNIS THE MENNACE' and 'FAMILY CIRCUS'.

Comic strip panels for 'PEANUTS' and 'SNUFFY SMITH'.

Advertisement for RITZ cinema listing movies like 'Interview With A Vampire' and 'The War'.

THE Daily Crossword by Diane C. Baldwin, including a crossword grid and a list of clues.

This date in history section with a world map and text about historical events on Dec 5.

Advertisement for Big Spring Herald newspaper, including contact information and subscription rates.

THE FAR SIDE comic strip by Gary Larson.

Advertisement for RITZ cinema listing movies like 'The Santa Clause' and 'Shawshank Redemption'.

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