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WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 64°-67° TONIGHT 35°-40°

Holiday treat .
can be found at
Tour of Homes

The Big Spring Symphony Association presents its annual fundraiser — the Holiday Tour of Homes.

Homes of four local families make up the tour: Drew and Glynn Mouton, Joe and Cheryl Budd, Leslie and Kay Smith-Zant and Dr. Manish and Mrs. Shroff.

Today's *Life!* section, Page 1B, features information on each of the homes.

The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. and lasts to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased by the hostess at the houses. A map will be on the back of each ticket. Admission for the tour is \$10 per person.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Tour of Homes, 1:30-4:30 p.m. See today's *Life!* section for details.

□ Living Christmas Tree, 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

□ The Concerned Citizens Council meets 7 p.m. Monday at Fiber Flex at the airpark. Citizens interested in the future of Big Spring are invited to attend.

□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo Hall.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main St.

□ District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m.,

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Community parade colorful, delightful

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

What is the *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade without freezing cold weather and gusting winds?

Well, thousands of people found out Saturday as bands, floats, antique cars and many more entries paraded down Gregg Street to downtown for the annual event that ushers in the holiday season.

"I think it was one of the best parades in a long time," said Q. Lewis, a spectator who has attended the parade for a number of years.

Despite the past few snow-filled days and icy conditions, the weather turned in favor for the parade, a plus for those die-hard parade fans who had suffered through the cold, freezing conditions in the past few years.

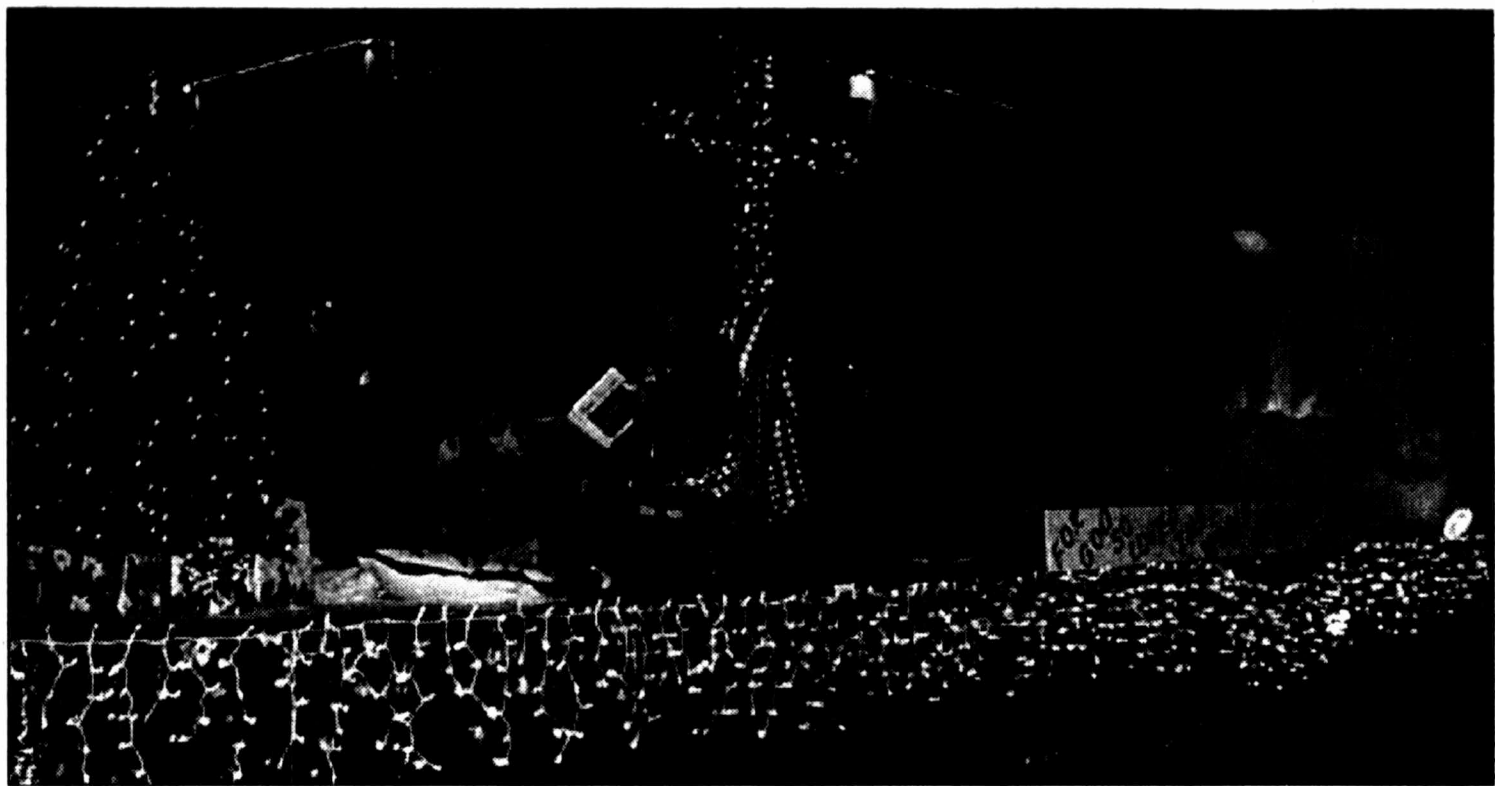
The two-hour event was filled with numerous creative, fun and beautiful floats along with festive holiday music from area bands.

Spectators lined the parade route to watch the lighted entrees pass by and maybe get a glimpse of Santa on his way.

Mandy Walker attended her first community Christmas parade this year and said she thoroughly enjoyed the event.

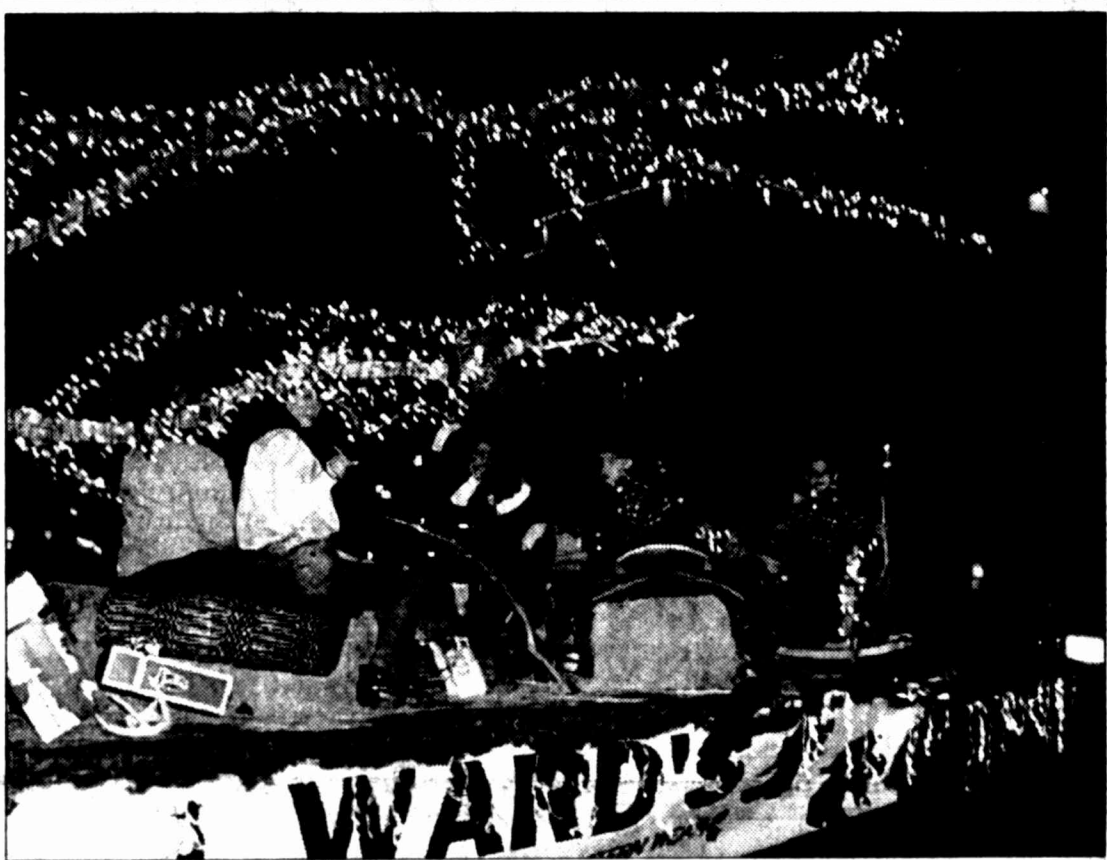
"I can say this is the best one I have gone to," Walker said.

This year's event also held special meaning for many after the events in September. The parade had more than 200 grand marshals including all the police, firefighters and sheriff's deputies of Big Spring and Howard County.



Religious and country were two of the dominate themes in the Herald Community Christmas Parade, held Saturday as depicted by the East Fourth Street Baptist Church entry above, and the Ward's Western Wear float at right.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody and Marsha Sturdivant



Each department was represented by their commanders at the beginning of the parade. Several floats were decorated in patriotic themes.

Christmas was still the favorite theme for most floats and brought out the Christmas spirit of many.

"I thought it was very festive," said Toby Parks, a visitor from Tucson, Ariz. "There were lots of kids and the music was fun. They

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Wow! All new winners in this year's big event

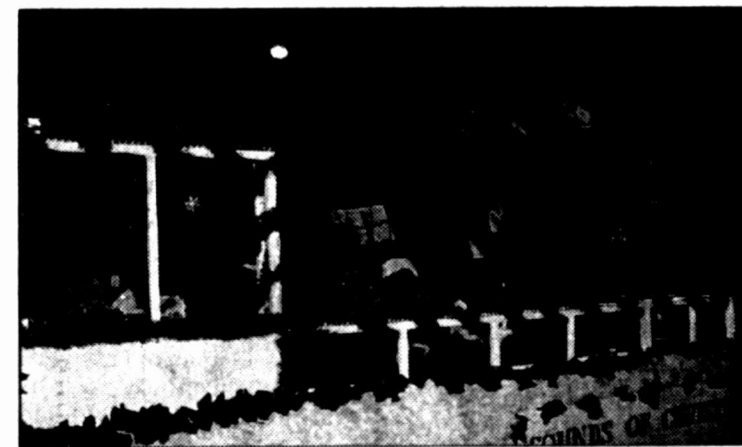
By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Special to the Herald

Thousands of people watched as lighted floats moseyed, stomped, galloped and vroommmed down Gregg Street to the Howard County Courthouse Saturday during the 15th annual Herald Christmas Parade.

An overall a theme of patriotism prevailed within most of the entries. Lighted United States of American flags, a float with a memorial to the World Trade Center's twin towers, and many red, white and blue lights highlighted some of the entries.

And while three of the four winners from last year's parade entered again this year, none of them



The U.S. Post Office entry won first place in the Civic Category.

were able to retain their crowns when the votes were tallied and the winners announced after the parade.

"The judges selected the

ones they felt were the best, and they admitted it was a very difficult job. So many good entries, so many good floats, I know it was difficult to select a winner."

PARADE WINNERS

Lighted: C&M Garage (Ag Service)

Church/School: East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Commercial: Ward's Western Wear

Civic: the United States Postal Service

said Edwin Vela, advertising manager of the *Herald*.

"We used a point system, and then added those points up three separate times, to make sure our math was right," he explained.

And the winners of the lighted parade contest are:

In the Church/School cat-

egory, East Fourth Street Baptist Church took home the honors. The float from the church had a revolving world globe positioned on the trailer, along with a slogan, John 3:16: "For God So Loved the World" embellished on the side view banner.

This is the first year East Fourth Street Baptist Church entered the parade, according to Don Adams, a member of the church.

"Our Royal Ambassadors boys said they wanted to be in the parade this year, so a bunch of us got together and just decided we would have a float. But we didn't even start on it until the day of the deadline, two weeks ago," Adams said.

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Parades keep on coming as Forsan plans Boomtown event on Saturday morning

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Fire trucks, antique tractors and automobiles are a few of the entries lined up for Forsan's first Christmas in Boomtown parade to welcome in the holiday season.

"We" really had a great response," said Pandy Buske, parade committee member.

The parade is set for Saturday at 10 a.m. and those participating should meet at the Forsan High School parking lot at 9 a.m., Buske said.

Those attending may want to make a day of it in the community as several craft and food booths will be set up along the parade route. There will also be musical entertainment.

"The Soda Shop will be serving up something warm

to fill your tummy while you enjoy the day," Buske said.

Ernie Strickland and company will be selling fajitas and Flo-Lite Sign Co. will have a booth selling patriotic items.

"We have Dimples the Clown with her balloon creations on tap for the day," she said. "There will be a couple of local bands set up for the crowd's listening pleasure."

Crimson Soul, a Christian rock band, will be performing in the Soda Shop.

For those who would like a memento of the first Christmas in Boomtown parade, committee members will be selling T-shirts to commemorate the event, Buske said.

Those interested in enter-

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The annual Rehearsal Performance of the Living Christmas Tree at First United Methodist Church Saturday afternoon draws nearly a filled auditorium to listen to the special music before the night's performance. The Living Christmas Tree, now in its 23rd season, will continue with its last performance at 8 tonight in the church sanctuary. Tickets are still available at no charge.

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Pecan show entries due

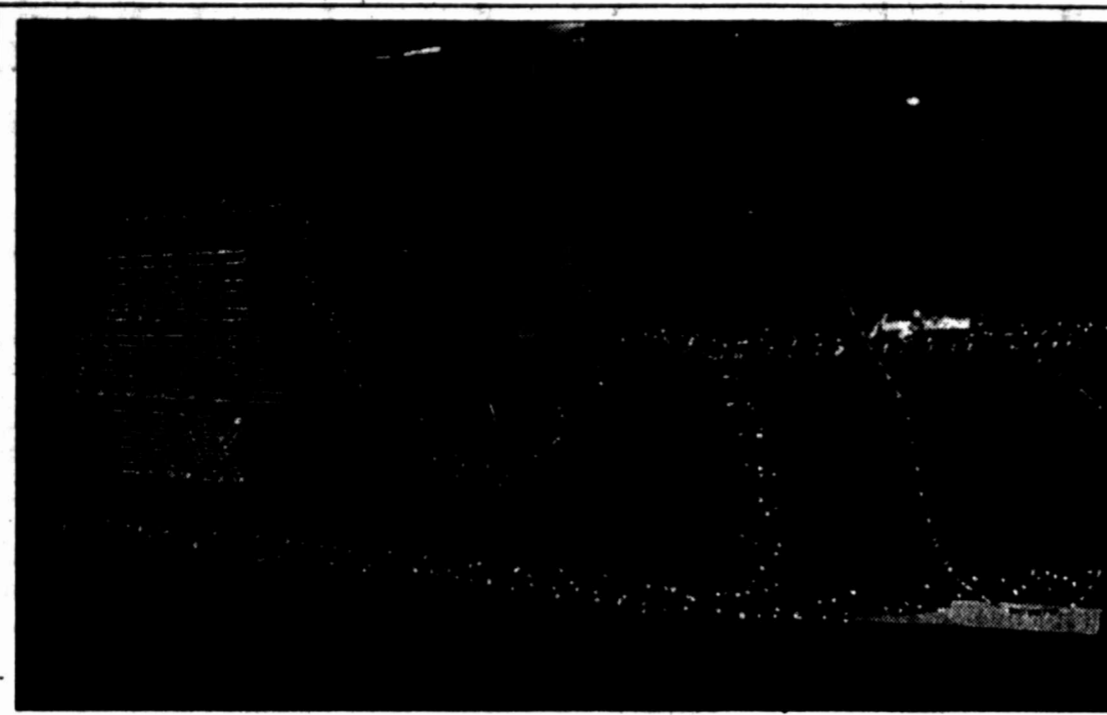
HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Extension Service has released rules for those wishing to enter pecans in the upcoming Howard County Pecan Show.

Judging in the contest will be Wednesday at the Howard County Courthouse and will be completed by noon that day. Entries must be received at the County Extension Office in the Courthouse basement no later than 9 a.m. Monday.

The deadline, originally set for 4:30 p.m. Friday, has been extended because of the snow Wednesday and Thursday.

- No entry fee is required.
 - Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow.
 - Growers may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as they wish.
 - Pecans must be entered in the same county they are grown. In other words, for the local contest, all pecans must be grown in Howard County.
 - The exhibitor must be the grower.
 - An entry consists of a minimum of 40 pecans; 42 is preferred.
 - Entries containing more than one variety of pecans will be disqualified.
 - Nuts which are cut, sanded, polished or otherwise altered will be disqualified.
 - Pecans exhibited must be from the 2001 crop.
 - Pecans must be entered in a Ziploc-style bag labeled with the name of the person and the variety of pecans.
- For more information call 264-2236.



HERALD photos/Marsha Sturdivant and Lyndel Moody
 Scenes from Saturday's parade included, clockwise from above left, the State National Bank sleigh, two children dressed as presents, Howard College's child development center, Howard Cottage, and Santa Claus. There were more than 50 entries in the parade this year.



FORSAN

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 ing the parade or setting up the booth should contact Jeff Jance at 457-2342 or Pandy Buske at 457-2282 or 457-2211, ext. 10, by Monday.
 The parade begins at the high school parking lot and then heads south on Avenue H to County Road 461. The route will follow Rex Avenue and turn on Main Street for the final leg. The parade route is a little more than a mile.

Grand marshals of the parade will be long-time residents C.V. Wash, Ida Camp and L.T. Shoults.
 Parade entrees include the award-winning Forsan High School Band, Howard Cottage, Howard College Child Care, the Forsan Junior High School cheerleaders, antique tractors, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the First Baptist Church bus.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Friendly folks made parade another delight

The Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade proved to be brighter than ever as entry after entry joined the route down Gregg Street to the Howard County Courthouse, to the delight of thousands who lined the streets waiting for a glimpse of loved ones, their company float, or Santa Claus.

A big congratulations to the winners of the parade contest. All four entries were first-time winners this year, showing a prevailing attitude of perseverance and goodwill.

And with all the holiday events this Christmas season within our community, it is easy to see why visitors here always remark about the friendliness of the people.

Those who chose their spots on Scurry or Main streets to view the parade were treated to hot chocolate and cookies, courtesy of the few friendly folks from Heritage Museum and Wells Fargo Bank.

And many of the folks who walked in the parade passed out candy to the spectators, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" were audible for all. Big Spring has a reputation of being filled with friendly folks, and no other time of the year than Christmas is that reputation so deserved.

Thus far for this Christmas season, Big Spring has had the parade, area businesses Christmas Open House, Howard College's performance of "Othello," the Veteran's Administration lighting celebration and the Hangar 25 Christmas Open House. The Tour of Homes and final performance of the Living Christmas Tree are today.

Upcoming in the next few weeks will be Howard College's Luminaria, the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park and the First Church of the Nazarene's Drive Through Nativity.

And let's not forget the many worthy causes Big Spring folks participate in each holiday season. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program, along with the other corps programs are always well received and fulfilled. Operation Show Box had many of Big Spring and Howard County folks providing show boxes filled with toys and supplies for children in impoverished countries.

The United Way exceeded its total from last year, raising more than \$240,000 for area organizations. The Salvation Army annual Doll Auction will also work to fill the coffers of the corps, which are so needed at this time of year. The annual food drive is under way now, and will no doubt be yet another successful program.

Yes, Big Spring is home for some of the friendliest and most caring people in all of West Texas, perhaps within all of the world. And we sure know how to enjoy ourselves, as we all watched our 2001 parade travel into history.

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The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

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- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
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A whole lot of coincidences here

Mathematicians argue that coincidences occur a lot more often than most people believe.

And who am I to argue with anybody who knows calculus?

Nevertheless, there are a number of coincidences involved in the war on terrorism.

It is a coincidence that there are large oil and gas reserves in South Asian countries north of Afghanistan whose governments we have recently provided with undisclosed millions of dollars, allegedly for the use of old Soviet air bases.

It is a coincidence that the logical route for pipelines runs through Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Therefore, I suppose it is a further coincidence that

the United States suddenly has an interest in not only getting rid of Osama bin Laden, but with replacing the government in Afghanistan.

And it is another coincidence that after nearly 10 years of dumping on Pakistan, we have suddenly re-embraced that country as one of our best friends.

And it is a final coincidence, and one that prompted this column, that the Central Command has just stated publicly that when the war in Afghanistan ends, it doesn't mean there won't be a need for a U.S. military presence in the region.

I suppose it is only a coincidence that we end up with a permanent military presence in the vicinity of huge gas and oil reserves, and that countries with oil and gas that think those resources should benefit them, rather than people in London and New York, end up on our enemies list.

The previous dictator of Sudan, for example, was just as enthusiastic about

slaughtering rebels in the south as the current government. But he had cut a deal with an American oil company. And, by coincidence, the United States thought Sudan worthy of American military protection. The present government tossed out the American oil company along with the dictator and is now doing business with the Chinese. Hence, by coincidence, Sudan has become a big enemy, a sponsor of terrorism and a violator of human rights — which, by coincidence, is a perfect description of the previous American-loved dictator.

I don't mean to sound cynical. If our president says his motivation is to save future generations from evildoers, I certainly believe that he believes that. I'm not sure his idealism is shared by everyone in his administration.

There is a cabal in the administration trying to make a case for attacking Iraq by claiming Iraq had something to do with the

Sept. 11 attack. It is a coincidence that on Sept. 21, the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph reported that Israeli intelligence officials said they had not detected any link between Iraq and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

I'm sure they're better informed than the Saddam Hussein lynch mob in Washington. Saddam, by coincidence, is one of those nationalists who thinks oil profits should be invested in the Arab world to benefit the Arab people rather than in London and New York. He is one more former ally of the United States (oh, yes, we were all for him when he was fighting Iran) who has run afoul of the internationalists.

It is naturally only a coincidence that all too often, American foreign-policy objectives dovetail nicely with the economic objectives of multinational corporations.

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CHARLEY REESE



Public feels increased need to trust government

By WILL LESTER
Guest Columnist

Americans' trust in government has increased to levels not seen in more than three decades, driven by both the September terrorist attacks and the Bush administration's response.

Overall trust in government and institutions has been at the root of many dramatic changes in public opinion. Approval has increased for Congress, the United Nations and the news business. President Bush's job approval has hovered near 90 percent for more than two months.

Pollsters, historians and social scientists are watching closely to see if the increased trust in institutions that came after the terrorist attacks will be long-term, like some public opinion shifts during earlier wars, or will fade quickly. The monitors of public sentiment tend to agree the length of positive feelings about government is related to the duration of security threats and the government's performance.

"This is a watershed event resulting in a true shift in public opinion," said John Robinson, a sociologist at the University of Maryland who helps direct the General Social Survey, a leading national measure of public opinion. "On the question of trust in government, I think this is... more likely to be a long-

term change."

The number of Americans who think government can be trusted to do what is right most of the time has risen to six in 10, according to a recent Gallup poll. That's a level not seen since the 1960s, before Vietnam, civil unrest and the Watergate scandal set off a steady erosion of trust in government.

By 1980, only 25 percent of the public felt government could be trusted most of the time, and by 1994, only 17 percent felt that way. By the late 1990s, the number who trusted government had rebounded to about 40 percent.

Those who closely monitor public opinion caution such attitudes can ebb or flow, depending on the progress of the war on terrorism and the economy. But they also said the terrorist threat may have changed something fundamental about how the government is perceived.

Earlier wars caused long-term shifts in public opinion, most notably World War II, when Americans grew more comfortable with the idea of women in the workplace and a peacetime draft. They also shifted from an isolationist view of the world to widespread acceptance that the United States has an international role, said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew

Research Center for the People & the Press.

Those who conduct the Gallup Poll met with public opinion specialists in Washington this week to assess the new changes in public opinion and what they mean.

"Attitudes on things that are directly related to terrorism or the government, anything related to the government or government leaders has changed significantly," said Frank Newport, executive editor of the Gallup Poll. "The real question is whether this represents a real realignment or is a temporary shift."

The increased trust probably will last as long as the country needs to keep its focus on national security, Newport said.

"Right now, people have to trust the government," he said. "It's the only entity that can provide security."

The attacks also increased public sentiment for the United States to stay engaged in world affairs to an overwhelming majority. Once the immediate threat is dealt with, that number is likely to slip back to the pre-attack levels of about 60 percent who felt that way, said Steven Kull, director of the University of Maryland's Program on International Policy Attitudes.

The increased trust in

government shows up in the polls with increased public willingness to accept:

- Government censorship for national security;
- Strict security measures that curb the rights of terrorism suspects; and
- A terrorism war that could include high American casualties.

"The increase in the trust of government cannot be extended beyond the government's response to these security concerns," said Stephen Wayne, a professor of government at Georgetown University. "I don't think the people trust the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the IRS or the Social Security Administration any more than they did."

Even the trust in government may be tempered as "Congress gets back to a more combative role," said Karlyn Bowman, polling analyst at the American Enterprise Institute.

That high level of trust in government probably includes a degree of wishful thinking.

"There is a very thin line," sociologist Robinson said, "between the trust people have of government in this national security crisis and the hope they have that government will succeed."

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Junell

AUSTIN (AP) - Junell, who has Texas' top moon chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee the past decade, said Friday he won't seek reelection to the Texas House in 2002.

Junell's announcement in town of San Angelo, wife, Beverly, by "Change needs Change is not a Democrat, said interview with Associated Press. Junell, 54, was ed to the House

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WASHINGTON Democrats blast cessful Republica block billions in funding increas abled students they'll come up v proposal next we

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Junell, longtime appropriations chairman, not running again

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Rob Junell, who has been one of Texas' top money men as chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee the past decade, said Friday he won't seek re-election to the Texas House in 2002.



JUNELL

Junell made the announcement in his hometown of San Angelo with his wife, Beverly, by his side.

"Change needs to occur. Change is not bad," Junell, a Democrat, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Junell, 54, was first elected to the House in 1988. He

said the decision not to run was personal and that he has no immediate plans to seek another political office.

"I enjoyed it. It's just hard for me to believe that it will come to a conclusion, but I served longer than I thought I would. I had greater opportunities than I ever imagined would be available. I never planned to be in politics, it just kind of happened," he said.

Junell, a 5-foot-8 former star linebacker at Texas Tech University, quickly climbed the legislative leadership ladder.

He was named freshman of the year in 1989 and is completing his fifth term as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which along with the Senate Finance Committee writes Texas' two-year budgets.

"The Texas House is losing someone who has mastered the toughest job in state government," said House Speaker Pete Laney. "The House will miss his experience, depth of knowledge, determination and sense of humor."

President Bush said in a statement that Junell is a close friend and model legislator.

"He was a champion of balanced budgets and a man who always worked to do what was best for Texas and his beloved San Angelo," Bush said in the statement Friday.

"I appreciated his friendship and advice during my tenure as governor, and I am proud to call him friend. He'll be missed in the Texas Legislature. I wish Rob and Beverly the best."

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he will miss Junell, whom he called a hard worker who is "scrupulously honest and completely immune from special interest pressure."

This past session the veteran Junell had a calm and thorough influence as he and rookie Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis wrote a \$113 billion budget against the backdrop of a slowing economy and growing costs.

"I gained a lot of respect and admiration for the job that he has done and he will definitely be missed around the Capitol," said Ellis, D-Houston.

"I hope he will leave us a phone number where he can be reached for advice in the future."

The Texas comptroller has said lawmakers could face a \$5 billion deficit when they return in 2003, a challenge Junell said legislators can conquer without him.

During the mid-1990s, Junell was passed over for federal judicial appointment by former President Clinton.

After campaigning in 2000 for Bush, Texas' former governor, speculation grew that President Bush would appoint Junell to a federal bench.

Junell said he's concentrating on finishing his current term. Then he plans to continue doing community service and working at the San Angelo law firm of Jackson, Walker LLP.

He did not rule out a return to politics.

Junell's announcement made political waves from West Texas to the state Capitol, where Republicans called Junell's leaving a blow to Democrat Laney's hopes of being re-elected speaker in 2003.

"Without Junell as his right-hand man, Laney's coalition of support is likely to fall apart at the seams," said Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas.

Laney said Texas voters will decide who is elected.

"I am confident that voters will choose new legislators who, unlike Ms. Weddington, understand the value of bipartisanship, cooperation and civility," Laney said.

Junell said he did not consider partisanship when making his decision.

Wealthy real estate heir, wanted for murder, arrested on allegations for shoplifting

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — The manhunt for fugitive real estate heir Robert Durst came to a sudden end when the murder suspect was arrested at a Pennsylvania store for allegedly stealing a sandwich and Band-Aid for a cut under his nose, police said.

District Justice Barbara Schlegel said Durst volunteered his name to police when he was taken into custody Friday and gave a New York address. A computer records check revealed he was wanted as a fugitive, she said.

"If he hadn't given us a New York address, we would have given him a summons and released him," said Colonial Regional Police Department Detective Gary Hammer.

Durst, 58, was charged in

October with murder in the death of his 71-year-old neighbor, whose dismembered body was discovered in Texas' Galveston Bay.

He also is being investigated in his wife's disappearance 19 years ago and in the slaying last Christmas Eve of author Susan Berman, a longtime friend.

On Friday, Durst was stopped by grocery store security guards for allegedly trying to steal Band-Aids, a sandwich and a newspaper, the store's manager Kevin Stickle said.

Police in Galveston said they were relieved to learn of the arrest because they had information that Durst might have fled the country. "He had the financial resources to remain a fugitive for a long time," Lt.

Michael Putnal said.

Durst is the son of the late Seymour Durst, patriarch of a real estate company that owns several of New York's skyscrapers. Robert Durst has been estranged from the family since the early 1990s.

He was arrested on Oct. 9 for allegedly killing Morris Black, a neighbor in his apartment building. Durst

posted a \$300,000 bond the next day and failed to appear for an Oct. 16 court hearing. He was declared a fugitive and indicted on a murder charge.

Police gave no motive for the killing.

Authorities also have looked into a possible connection to the slaying of Berman, who was shot to

death in Los Angeles last year. She is the daughter of reputed Las Vegas mobster Davie Berman.

Durst has denied involvement in the 1982 disappearance of his wife, 29-year-old medical student Kathleen Durst.

Last year, the district attorney's office in New York's Westchester County

reopened the investigation into her disappearance. One of the people they wanted to interview was Berman.

During his time in Texas, Durst was known to have posed as a mute woman to avoid questions from neighbors. He was to have been featured Saturday night in a segment of the TV show "America's Most Wanted."

Panel kills guaranteed special education funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats blasted a successful Republican effort to block billions in guaranteed funding increases for disabled students but say they'll come up with a new proposal next week.

"Congress had found tens of billions of dollars to bail out the airlines, help energy companies and give tax breaks to profitable corporations in the last few months," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. "But when children with special needs show up, we shut the door."

He commented after House Republicans on Friday defeated a proposal that would have guaranteed annual \$2.5 billion increases over the next six years in federal funding for special education.

Saying they want to fund the program, GOP lawmakers worried that the money could wind up coming from a program aimed at helping economically disadvantaged children. "Why would we want to pit poor children against disabled children?" said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Boehner offered an alternative — \$2 billion in additional annual aid, but sub-

ject to the annual spending debates that Congress conducts each year. Democrats rejected that.

The clash came on one of a few issues remaining on the education bill, a priority on President Bush's domestic agenda.

The bill is expected to require annual math and reading tests for all students in grades three through eight, with proposals to give federal money for tutoring or transportation to families whose children attend schools with persistently low test scores.

The bill also is expected to give states and school districts more freedom over how they spend federal dollars.

Friday's meeting of the House-Senate conference committee, which is producing the final bill, was packed with disabled students' advocates. As lawmakers debated, a sign-language interpreter translated the proceedings.

The Senate last spring approved the special education measure, which would have guaranteed an annual \$2.5 billion increase for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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As enemy collapses, danger increases, Rumsfeld says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Danger to U.S. troops in Afghanistan is increasing as the Taliban militia and al-Qaida disintegrate, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warns.

"Let there be no doubt, there will be further casualties in this campaign, in Afghanistan and elsewhere," Rumsfeld said Friday, the 55th day of the U.S. aerial assault that has punished but not finished off the Taliban.

The only substantial portion of Afghanistan still under Taliban control is around Kandahar, the southern city that gave birth to the radical move-

ment of Islamic students. Appearing with Rumsfeld at a joint news conference Friday, Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace said the military situation in the Kandahar area remains unclear.

"We do not know what we cannot see, which is how many actual fighters there are inside the city," Pace said. "There has not yet been a major ground offensive battle. There are, we know, negotiations going on between the opposition forces and the Taliban leadership for surrender."

There are still pockets of resistance elsewhere in Afghanistan, and Rumsfeld said thousands of Taliban

and al-Qaida fighters are being held prisoner by the northern alliance and other opposition forces.

Without questioning the prisoners directly, he said, it is difficult to determine who among them are Taliban or members of al-Qaida, a terror network allegedly run by Saudi-born fugitive Osama bin Laden. Such interrogations expose interrogators to danger, Pace said.

"They are people who, for the most part, don't walk up and volunteer their names and identification numbers with a sample of DNA," Rumsfeld said. "What they do is, they blend into the

other prisoners."

This was the situation when CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann was fatally shot Nov. 25 while interrogating enemy prisoners in Mazar-e-Sharif, a northern city under control of the northern alliance, Rumsfeld said. He praised Spann as a hero who knew the risks he faced.

A military transport plane is bringing Spann's body home Sunday, CIA officials said.

Rumsfeld said the Taliban and al-Qaida remain dangerous, even as their hold on Afghanistan crumbles.

"The Taliban can no longer freely move around

the country; they're finding it increasingly difficult to manage their remaining forces," he said. "Ironically, however, as the size of the Taliban real estate diminishes, the danger to coalition forces may actually be increasing."

That is largely because shifting allegiances and growing chaos make it hard to distinguish friend from foe.

"There are plenty of Taliban people who 'defected,' quote-unquote, and may or may not stay defected. There are plenty of people who just melted into the cities and into the mountains that are still there —

and they're still armed," Rumsfeld said.

Americans also face dangers from fights between factions of the northern alliance, he said.

The danger to Americans would grow if the U.S. commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, decides he must send ground forces on a cave-by-cave manhunt for bin Laden. Franks' Persian Gulf-based U.S. Central Command includes the troops in Afghanistan. For now, Franks hopes Afghans motivated by \$25 million in U.S. reward money will provide enough information to enable U.S. bombs to get bin Laden.

Bush's appeal for aid to Afghan youth raises almost \$1.5 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush asked them to give a dollar each. America's children have responded with nearly \$1.5 million for young people in Afghanistan.

The total is sure to climb. Because of the anthrax scare, donations have piled up in unopened envelopes for a month.

The American Red Cross administers America's Fund for Afghan Children. So far it has received \$1.46 million. Most of the money came as cash folded inside heart-

felt notes or as checks for hundreds of dollars raised through ventures such as selling flower pots and taking on extra chores.

A youth concert in Utah raised more than \$5,000, Red Cross spokeswoman Leslie VanSant said. The contributions average about \$6 per child donor, she said.

"When children embrace something, they really embrace it," VanSant said.

Bush made his request Oct. 11 to involve U.S. children in the anti-terror effort, help them under-

stand the plight of children in Afghanistan and teach "a valuable lesson about service and character." Winter is coming, he said, and Afghan children need warm clothes and shelter.

Four days later, the president stopped by Red Cross headquarters in Washington to collect dollar bills from eager children. He put the wad of bills into the hands of then-Red Cross President Bernadine Healy.

The president does not mention the program now in his speeches

but periodically asks aides how it is going. White House spokeswoman Anne Womack said.

At the time of Bush's Red Cross visit, the White House had received 90,000 letters from young donors and forwarded them to the Red Cross in bunches of 6,000 to 25,000, Womack said. One day, 40,000 pieces of mail came in.

The total reached 242,010 before the fear of anthrax stopped the flow. The donations have piled up at a White House mail facility for more than a month.

"We hope to be able to send another batch to the Red Cross within two weeks or so," Womack said. "That initial response to the president's call for American children to help the needy kids in Afghanistan was overwhelming."

Before anthrax, the Red Cross received bundles of letters about every other day, VanSant said.

After opening them and processing the donations, Red Cross workers returned the letters to the White House so Bush aides can send appropriate thank-yous.

Longtime suspect arrested in connection with 1080s Green River serial killer case

SEATTLE (AP) — The women's bodies began turning up in the early 1980s, dozens of prostitutes found strangled near a seedy strip along the Green River south of Seattle.

For over a decade, the case remained one of the nation's deadliest unsolved serial killings; 49 women were either dead or missing, and officials had no solid proof linking anyone to the killings. Then on Friday, 17 years after the first victim's death, police announced a break in the case.

Gary Leon Ridgway, 52, a longtime suspect, was arrested as he left work at a Seattle-area truck company for investigation of homicide in the deaths of four of the women.

"I cannot say with certainty that Gary Ridgway is responsible for all of those deaths ... but boy, have we made one giant step forward," King County Sheriff Dave Reichert said Friday.

Using new DNA technology, detectives had matched saliva samples taken from Ridgway back in 1987 to three victims of the Green River killer, and other evidence had been found linking Ridgway to the fourth killing, Reichert said.

Late Friday, detectives

were searching Ridgway's home in a middle-class neighborhood about 20 miles south of Seattle, and they were re-searching a house in Kent where he had lived in the 1980s.

A message left at a phone number listed for a Gary Ridgway was not returned Friday.

An initial court appearance was scheduled for Saturday, though a prosecutor's spokesman said no decision on charges would be made until early next week. A public defender was appointed, said lawyer Todd Gruenhagen.

Ridgway is being investigated in the deaths of Opal Mills, Marcia Chapman and Cynthia Hinds, whose bodies were found in the river on Aug. 15, 1982, and Carol Christensen, found May 8, 1983, in woods in nearby Maple Valley. Hinds and Mills were both teen-agers. Christensen was 21 and Chapman was 31.

"We're just glad that after 17 years they caught him," Robert Christensen, Carol's brother-in-law, told KOMO-TV. "We miss her."

The break came this spring when forensic scientists were able to link Ridgway's DNA to Mills, Chapman and Hinds, the sheriff said.

Ridgway had been identified as a suspect as early as 1984. He had been questioned after witnesses identified his pickup truck and said he had been seen with two of the victims, according to a 1987 court document.

During a 1987 interview with investigators, Ridgway complied with a court order to chew on a piece of gauze to collect a saliva sample.

"At that point, we just sat back and hoped the technology would get better — and it has," Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. John Urquhart said.

In March, the department decided to test the saliva again. The successful results came back two months ago, and detectives put Ridgway under surveillance.

Ridgway, who is married and has an adult son, has worked for Kenworth Truck Co. as a truck painter for 32 years. He also has been the subject of intensive background investigation for over a decade. And investigators said Friday that they are looking into potential connections to other unsolved killings.

In 1987, when detectives removed boxes of evidence from Ridgway's home, the search warrant affidavit was largely blacked out on

the order of a judge, but the remaining information details two eyewitness accounts linking Ridgway to two Green River victims.

In one case, the affidavit said, one of the women got into a dark-colored pickup truck. The Seattle Times reported in 1987 that the woman was Marie Malvar, and that her boyfriend had tried to follow the pickup. He provided police with the license plate number, but an investigator who knew Ridgway cleared him as a suspect. Later, King County detectives began to focus on him again.

Reichert was one of the original detectives on the Green River killer task force and has made it a priority for almost 20 years.

"I always felt that Gary Ridgway was one of the top five suspects," Reichert said Friday. "This has got to be one of the most exciting days in my entire career."

Ridgway has been arrested twice in the past 19 years, Reichert said — in 1982 for soliciting prostitution and earlier this month, when he was arrested for loitering for the purpose of soliciting prostitution. He pleaded guilty in the recent case and was convicted in the earlier case, Urquhart said.

California high court blocks release of rapist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A serial rapist scheduled for release from a state mental hospital will remain there for the time being under a last-minute ruling by the state Supreme Court.

Patrick Ghilotti, 45, was scheduled to be freed Saturday from Atascadero State Hospital, where he has been confined for four years under a state law allowing sexually violent offenders to be committed after they complete their prison sentences.

A judge had ordered that Ghilotti be released after two independent psychologists determined he posed no danger. A third evaluation was inconclusive.

The state's high court blocked his release after Attorney General Bill Lockyer's office, at the urging of Gov. Gray Davis, filed an emergency petition to the court.

"There is probable cause to believe Ghilotti remains mentally disordered and likely to engage in sexually violent criminal behavior," Robert Anderson, chief assistant attorney general, wrote in the state's brief to the Supreme Court.

The court gave Ghilotti's lawyers until Dec. 7 to respond to its action.

Ghilotti cannot be released until at least Dec. 12, when the state Supreme Court will meet in private to consider whether it should review Ghilotti's case.

He will be freed if the

court declines to take the case. If the court accepts it, Ghilotti was convicted of raping four Marin County women and has admitted raping at least six others.

He was to become the first

person released under a 1996 California law that allows authorities to place rapists and molesters into a state-run mental-health facility upon release from prison.

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Steers consolation champs at tourney

Big Spring's Steers may well have been the best team entered in the Brownfield Invitational Basketball Tournament, but a canceled opening round left them playing in the loser's bracket. As a result, they rolled to a consolation championship Saturday afternoon with a 56-46 win over Sundown.

All-tournament selection Mic Fleming led the way for the Steers with 15 points, while Arthur Belvin added 12 more.

The Steers reached the consolation final with an easy 77-54 win over Ozona's Lions — a game that saw Big Spring coach Brian Ellington clear his bench after extending the lead to 35 points.

Clarence Wilkins led the way in that contest with 19 points, while Fleming had 14. Belvin and Clayton Weaver each added 10.

The Steers will play host to Lamesa's Golden Tors at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Steer Gym.

Youth basketball meetings scheduled

An organizational meeting for the upcoming Big Spring Youth Basketball League season has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the YMCA.

For more information, call Rick Watkins at 267-2358 or the YMCA at 267-8234.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires interested in working high school fastpitch softball plan to meet at the MUGS Umpires Building in Midland at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Umpires will be working games at schools throughout the West Texas area.

For more information, call chapter secretary Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

New tennis pro planning events

Craig Bobo, the Crossroads Tennis Association director of tennis, has outlined his plans for developing a rich program for players ages five and older.

Bobo will be offering a variety of activities, ranging from private lessons and clinics to tournaments and league play for juniors and adults.

For more information concerning the association or other activities at the Figure 7 Tennis Center, call Bobo at 268-1900.

Deer harvest recommendations

Hunters and landowners are being reminded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials that the general deer hunting season which will continue through Jan. 6.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is five deer. No more than two bucks are allowed.

Top-ranked Panthers prove too much for Mustangs

By HOLLIE GIBBS

Special to the Herald
ROPESVILLE — Sands' Mustangs came up short in the six-man state

quarterfinals Friday night, as the No. 1-ranked Whitharral Panthers took an early lead and defeated the Mustangs, 51-20.

"We gave it all we could, but Whitharral has a good football team. Our kids have nothing to be ashamed of. This was a great bunch of kids to work with, and I feel for them for not getting the win," Sands head coach Clint Lowry said.

On their first possession, the Panthers moved the ball from their own 39-yard line in impressive fashion. A 29-yard run by junior end Rocky Reyna capped off the drive with 8:24 remaining in the first quarter. Senior Will Kristinek added the extra-point kick conversion making the score 8-0.

The Mustangs turned the ball over

on downs, and once again the Panthers found paydirt when Kristinek scored from the eight yards out. Junior Brandon Hoskins found senior end Josh Brooks in the end zone and added the extra point. With 2:43 left in the quarter the Panthers increased their lead to 15-0.

Runs by Sands running backs Nate Looney and Heath Webb and sophomore end Brandon Woods and pass completions from quarterback Jeremy Renteria to Woods and senior end Dusty Floyd set up the first Mustang touchdown. Early in the second quarter, Looney charged through from the Whitharral five, putting the Mustangs on the board 15-6 with 9:56 left in the first half.

After some confusion over a ruling on a Whitharral pass play, junior quarterback Jordan Barker connected with Hoskins for the score with 9:12 on the clock and a Panther lead of 23-6.

The defense for both teams held

until 1:22 before the half when Sands Floyd and Looney took the ball from the Mustang 6-yard line. Looney broke through with a 61-yard scoring run, and sophomore Julian Mojica added the extra-point kick closing the gap with a score of 23-14.

With only 34 seconds left in the half, Whitharral once again scored when Barker completed a 34-yard touchdown pass to Reyna. Kristinek kicked the extra-point conversion, and Whitharral took a 31-14 lead into halftime.

As the second half opened, the Mustangs and Panthers took turns intercepting each other's passes. Webb intercepted a Whitharral pass at the Panther 25-yard line. The Mustangs took advantage of the turnover, and Webb charged in for the touchdown from the Whitharral 7-yard line with 7:23 remaining in the third quarter cutting the lead to 31-20.

Whitharral answered with another

Reyna touchdown run from the Mustang 13-yard line. With 5:28 left in the quarter, Whitharral led 37-20. After the Mustangs turned the ball over on downs, Reyna again scored with 58 seconds left in the third quarter widening the margin to 43-20.

Whitharral controlled the ball throughout the fourth quarter with Reyna adding still another touchdown with 6:04 in the game. Barker added the extra-point conversion increasing Whitharral's lead to a final score of 51-20.

Sands had a total of 248 yards. Looney led in rushing for 95 yards. Renteria completed five of ten passes with one interception for a total of 90 yards.

Lowry continued to praise his team.

"I feel fortunate to have worked with such a group. I really appreciate our seniors and look forward to working with the younger ones next year," Lowry said.

Bulldogs suffer 21-14 loss

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Coahoma Bulldogs walked away from Friday evening's regional semifinals match-up against the Quanah Indians true winners, despite coming up short on a comeback attempt and losing the game 21-14.

The Bulldogs were threatening from the Indians' 11-yard-line with 3 seconds left to play. A touchdown and extra point would have thrown the matter into overtime, while a 2-point-conversion would have given the Bulldogs the game.

Those 3 seconds gone from the clock, Coahoma quarterback Chase Ward searched in vain for an open receiver and finally threw the ball away with Indian defenders hanging from his legs.

After the game, Coahoma head coach Robert Wood told the Bulldogs they had no reason to be ashamed of their performance.

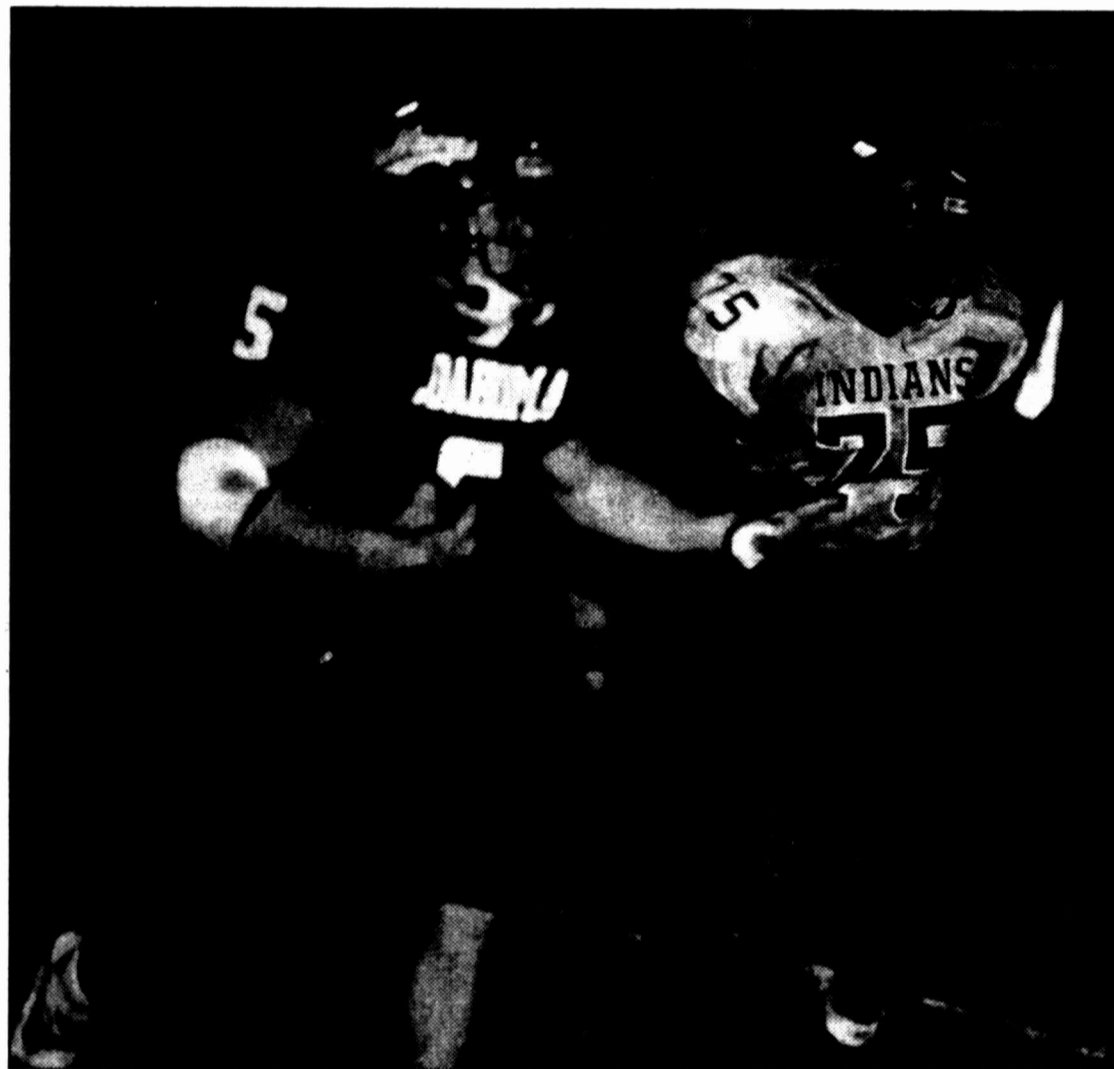
"Just that I was proud of them," he said of his post-game-huddle words. "There's no reason for them to hang their heads. You get this far, you don't hang your head when you lose."

Coahoma struggled the first half of the game, taking a 21-7 deficit into the locker room at halftime.

"They're real quick," Wood said. "I don't think that we can simulate that on the practice field."

In an interesting quirk of this match-up, Quanah's two quickest players are quarterback Jeff Ward and running back Johnathan Hill. Coahoma's quarterback is Chase Ward and their best back (2000-plus yards rushing for the season, 131 in this game) is Cory Hill.

Coahoma's Ward passed 23 times for 245 yards including an all-pass last drive of 12 attempts and seven completions. Quanah's Ward went to the air 10 times for 73 yards. Hill was Quanah's leading rusher with 117 yards,



HERALD photo/Bryan Beck
Coahoma running back Cory Hill tries to follow his blockers and find a hole in the Quanah defense during Friday night's Class 2A, Division II regional semifinal playoff game in Breckenridge. The Bulldogs saw their season come to an end with a 21-14 loss to the Indians.

although he was well supported by Ward with 74 yards and Lucas Martinez with 47 yards.

Coahoma's second-place rusher was David Davis, who carried the ball twice for 10 yards.

"When you've got a kid like (Cory Hill) you've got to use him," Wood said after the game.

Quanah earned all of their points in the game's first quarter. The first touchdown came 4 * minutes into the game on a 33-yard Ward to Brison Bursley pass.

When Coahoma punted four plays later from their own 34, Quanah's Hill fielded the ball and scrambled back all the way to the Bulldog 15, setting up the

TD two plays later on another pass to Bursley, this one for 13 yards.

Coahoma's first play of their next drive, a 35-yard sprint by Hill, showed promise, but Hill was dropped for a 3-yard loss on 3rd down and Ward was sacked for a whopping 12-yard-loss on 4th. Quanah took over on their own 47.

The Indians got their final TD with 21 seconds left in the period on a 5-yard Hill run. The play was set up by a couple of 10-yard-plus keepers by Ward, a 20-yard run by Hill and a couple of short gains by Martinez. The PAT left the Bulldogs looking at a bleak 21-0 scoreboard as the second quarter began. Coahoma's first appearance

on that scoreboard came with 4 * minutes left in the half after a fruitless drive for each team in the period.

The Bulldogs took over on downs at their own 29-yard-line, and on the very first play, Ward opened up with a stunning touchdown pass to Hill, the longest single gain for either team during the night. Anthony Herrera's PAT set the score at 21-7.

Neither team scored again in the half, although Quanah threatened from the Coahoma 28 with about 30 seconds left to play.

An endzone pass was picked off by Davis for a touchback, and the Bulldogs took over on their

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Bufs thump 'Horns

IRVING (AP) — Just call the Colorado Buffaloes the Rose Bowl elimination squad. One week after erasing Nebraska's road to the national title game, they knocked Texas out of the way, too.

Chris Brown ran for three touchdowns as the No. 9 Buffs turned Texas quarterback Chris Simms' four first-half turnovers into 22 points, then held off a rally to beat the No. 3 Longhorns 39-37 Saturday night for their first Big 12 championship.

Colorado (10-2) fulfilled the vision coach Gary Barnett had for the Buffs this summer when no one else expected much from them after a 3-8 season. Their stunning turnaround will continue in a Bowl Championship Series game, likely the Sugar Bowl.

Simms' meltdown prevented Texas (10-2) from its own storybook season.

The Longhorns knew before kickoff that if they won, they'd be in position to move up to No. 2 in the second-to-last BCS standings because Florida lost to Tennessee. Early arriving Texas fans cheered wildly when that result was announced and several waved red roses.

But Simms threw two early interceptions that let Colorado turn a 7-0 deficit into a 16-7 lead. After the Longhorns regained some momentum, Simms blew it again with a fumble and another interception that put the Buffs up 29-10.

Then the Longhorns turned to forgotten fan favorite Major Applewhite, and the senior quarterback nearly pulled them out of their biggest hole of the season.

Applewhite threw a 79-yard touchdown pass on his second play and led two more drives that ended in field goals. When Roderick

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Cowboys-Redskins II: This time, only one is weak

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — A few Monday nights ago, the embarrassed Washington Redskins walked off the Texas Stadium turf as the undisputed Worst Team in Football.

They haven't lost since. The dunce hats were traded for top hats. The Redskins are now the hottest team in football, the turnaround kings as the first NFL team to go from 0-5 to 5-5.

Think the Redskins might be a bit pumped for Sunday's rematch against the Dallas Cowboys?

And if that's not enough, here's more motivation: Washington has lost eight in a row to its most despised foe, the longest streak ever in the storied rivalry. The last Redskins victory came in 1997.

"I've been here four years and never beaten them," tight end Stephen Alexander said. "We had them a couple of times, but just didn't finish them off. Sometimes somebody has your number. Hopefully we'll put that to rest this

week."

The Monday night game was a cliffhanger, with Dallas winning 9-7 on a field goal on the last play. It was called the "Gutter Bowl" because it was the first game in Monday night history to feature two 0-4 teams.

This one isn't expected to be close at all.

The Redskins are full of composure and confidence — not overconfidence, they say, because the 0-5 experience has them well-grounded. The Cowboys (2-8) have lost four straight, have started four quarterbacks and are again putting their trust in rookie Quincy Carter.

"In a sense, it is like starting over," running back Emmitt Smith said. "But he has experienced two games, and I think he's capable of getting in there and making something happen. It's a matter of him getting back in the saddle and letting the game flow."

The Cowboys thought enough of Carter in training camp to release

Tony Banks, who is now flourishing as the Redskins' starter. But thumb and hamstring injuries have limited Carter to 13 drives all season, and none produced a touchdown.

Carter has missed the last six games and recently discovered he needs to grip the bigger NFL football differently than he did the one in college. While he was out, Anthony Wright, Clint Stoerner and Ryan Leaf experienced various degrees of failure.

In other words, the Dallas defense, which has played reasonably well, might have to carry the load again.

"The communication I have with each quarterback is different. It takes some time to establish that," receiver Joey Galloway said. "With Quincy being a rookie and him coming off injury, I don't know how much we'll be able to throw at him right away."

Another simmering controversy involves Smith, whose pursuit of Walter Payton's career rushing mark has been slowed by the emer-

gence of Troy Hambrick.

"Emmitt has legs left, but we have to make sure that we use him properly," coach Dave Campo said. "I don't think he's at the point of his career where he can go 30 carries a game."

When told that, Smith was taken aback.

"I don't know why he feels like I'm not a 30-carry back," Smith said. "They haven't given it to me 30 times to find out if I can still carry it 30 times. I feel like I can carry the ball as many times as they need me to, given the opportunity."

The Redskins watch and hear all this and nod their heads. They were where the Cowboys — just a few weeks ago.

"We've been on the lower part of the ladder," running back Curtis Martin said. "We're still climbing our climb. You still remember where you came from. You remember those feelings from the first five weeks. 'Can we do anything right?' We don't want to go back there."

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Miami headed to Rose Bowl; Tennessee takes out Florida

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Computer games are over for No. 1 Miami — the Hurricanes will play for a national championship in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

But just barely. Miami completed a perfect regular season Saturday, holding off No. 14 Virginia Tech 26-24 behind the running of Clinton Portis and a stifling defense that intercepted four passes and recovered a fumble by quarterback Grant Noel.

Virginia Tech scored on a blocked punt with 6:03 left to pull within two points, but Noel's 2-point conversion pass attempt went through the arms of split end Ernest Wilford, and the drop turned out to be Miami's final margin of victory.

Ken Dorsey, in a final bid to win the Heisman Trophy, was just 21-of-44 for 235 yards and a touchdown, while Portis added 124 yards and a TD. Todd Sievers kicked four field goals for the Hurricanes (11-0, 7-0 Big East).

Miami's top-rated defense again came up with enough big plays to save the game. With 4:18 left and Miami clinging to the two-point lead, safety Ed Reed picked off an overthrown pass by Noel at the Hurricanes 31. The 'Canes ran the clock down to 31 seconds, and punter Freddie Capshaw pinned the Hokies down at the 4 with 20 seconds left.

Noel, a horrendous 4-of-16 for 81 yards, was sacked on the final play of the game as the Gator Bowl-bound Hokies finished the season at 8-3 overall and 4-3 in the Big East.

Miami led 26-10 lead with 11:32 left on Sievers' fourth field goal, but Jarrett Ferguson's second 1-yard TD run and a 2-point conversion pass from Noel to Terrell Parham with 8:33 left pulled the Hokies within

eight points. Then, the Hokies came up with their signature play — a blocked punt — to make it a nailbiter. Eric Green raced in untouched from the right side and smothered Capshaw's punt, with line-backer Brandon Manning pickup the loose ball and running 22 yards for the TD with 6:03 left.

The Hurricanes were far from the dominating force of the previous two games, when they outscored Top 25 opponents Syracuse and Washington by a combined 124-7. But they left little doubt they will remain first in the Bowl Championship Series standings no matter how the one-loss teams rated second through sixth fare later Saturday and next week.

The only question the Hurricanes need answered is who their opponent will be, and the final BCS standings on Dec. 9 will determine that. The BCS ratings use a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record and bonus points for big wins.

Miami came up with the perfect plan to beat the computer this season — win 'em all. Last year, the Hurricanes finished 10-1 but lost out on a berth in the Orange Bowl to Florida State, a team Miami had already beaten.

By completing the sixth undefeated regular season in school history, the Hurricanes now get to play for the their fifth national title. Miami will be making its first appearance in the Rose Bowl, which will feature a non Pac-10 vs. Big Ten matchup for the first time since 1946.

Playing under blue skies and with the temperature reaching 65 degrees on the first day in December, the Hurricanes started slowly but revved up their game in

the second quarter to pull away for a 20-3 halftime lead.

The Hokies closed to 20-10 in the third quarter on Ferguson's first TD before Sievers kicked field goals of 42 and 39 yards to put Miami ahead 26-10.

Miami bumbled away two early scoring chances when Portis lost one of his two fumbles and then Sievers had a 30-yard field-goal attempt blocked. The Hokies, with a sellout crowd of 53,662 cheering them on, took a 3-0 lead on Carter Warley's 27-yard field goal with 3:08 left in the first quarter before the Hurricanes' defense came to the rescue with a pair of interceptions.

On the first play of the second quarter Noel's pass was picked off by Phillip Buchanan, and Miami took over at its 45-yard line. Six plays later, Dorsey completed a 14-yard TD pass to tight end Jeremy Shockey to put the Canes ahead 7-3.

Portis added a 7-yard TD run with 6:11 left in the half before Reed returned his first interception 11 yards to the Hokies 26. The play set up a 34-yard field goal by Sievers to push Miami's lead to 17-3.

Miami received a gift to close the first half. After Dorsey's third down pass fell incomplete, Tech's Colas ran into the quarterback and was called for a personal foul. The Hurricanes retained possession at the Tech 40, and Sievers then kicked a 43-yard field goal with 16 seconds left.

No. 5 Tennessee 34, No. 2 Florida 32

Travis Stephens ran for a career-high 226 yards Saturday to lift No. 5 Tennessee to a 34-32 upset of No. 2 Florida, sending the Vols (10-1, 7-1 SEC) to the SEC title game next week and giving the Rose Bowl

picture yet another huge, unexpected stir.

Rex Grossman, who will be able to make next week-end's Heisman Trophy ceremony, after all, led the Gators on a late 77-yard touchdown drive. But Florida needed a 2-point conversion, and Grossman couldn't find anyone open in the end zone.

Then the Vols recovered the onside kick.

Stephens had runs of 49, 35 and 68 yards — only Herschel Walker has run for more against the Gators — the last of which set up a 2-yard touchdown by Jabari Davis for a 34-26 lead.

No. 4 Oregon 17, Oregon St. 14

Keenan Howry returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown, and Maurice Morris added an 8-yard scoring run with 4:36 left as No. 4 Oregon kept its slim national title hopes alive with a rainswept 17-14 victory over Oregon State on Saturday.

Oregon (10-1, 7-1 Pac-10) already had secured a spot in the Fiesta Bowl, but the victory gave the Ducks their first outright Pac-10 title since 1994. They're also still clinging to hope of rising from No. 5 in the BCS standings to the top two and playing in the Rose Bowl.

The Ducks were beaten up at the line of scrimmage nearly the entire game, and the team's powerful offense generated just 143 yards in the first three quarters.

Oregon State (5-6, 3-5) managed just two field goals, however, and led 6-3 when punter Carl Tobey drove a low, line-drive kick to Howry. After a blocker nearly hit a would-be tackler in the back, Howry ran untouched up the middle for the score.

No. 16 Georgia 35, Houston 7

Georgia had a little trouble getting fired up

Saturday.

Just a week after beating their biggest rival, the Bulldogs had to play a makeup game against a winless team before thousands of empty seats at Sanford Stadium.

Even so, Georgia wasn't about to let an opponent such as Houston ruin the season.

David Greene threw three touchdown passes, Verron Haynes rushed for 122 yards and the Bulldogs overcame a sloppy start to beat the Cougars 35-7.

Georgia (8-3) wrapped up its fifth straight eight-win season — a first for the Bulldogs. They'll have to wait another week to learn the destination for their fifth consecutive bowl appearance.

The Bulldogs, still relishing an emotional 31-17 victory over Georgia Tech the previous week, led only 14-0 at halftime.

The game was scoreless until Haynes scored on a 2-yard run with 6:30 left in the first half. Green added a 12-yard touchdown pass to Fred Gibson with just over a minute remaining.

Georgia really got rolling in the third quarter, scoring three touchdowns to blow it open.

Edwards caught a 49-yard TD pass, tying Brice Hunter's school record with the 19th scoring reception of his career. Backup tight end Ben Watson scored on another 49-yard pass, though he did most of the work after hauling in a short screen.

Troy St. 18, North Texas 16

Drew Boteler kicked a field goal with 23 seconds remaining to lift Troy State to a 18-16 win over North Texas on Saturday.

Even with the loss, North Texas (5-6) is bound for the inaugural New Orleans Bowl as the Sun Belt

Conference champion. The Mean Green will be the first team to take advantage of an NCAA waiver that allows a conference champion to play in a bowl without the mandated six victories.

North Texas scored a safety with 4:02 left to give the Mean Green a 16-15 lead. But Troy State (7-4) drove 31 yards on eight plays to put Boteler in position for a game-winning 22-yard field goal.

The Mean Green led until the fourth quarter. Less than three minutes into the fourth, Boteler game Troy State its first lead on a 23-yard field goal that made the score 15-14.

The Trojans were down 14-6 at halftime.

With 7:21 left in the third quarter, Demontray Carter ran 34 yards for a touchdown, making the score 14-12 before a 2-point conversion attempt failed. Carter ran for 149 yards.

Scott Hall led North Texas, passing for 145 yards, including two touchdowns. He connected with George Marshall twice in the first quarter on 17- and 22-yard touchdown passes.

The Mean Green outpassed the Trojans 145 yards to 86. But Troy State outran them 162-7, and had 248 total offensive yards to 217 for North Texas.

After losing their first five games, the Mean Green won their next five to win the Sun Belt Conference and clinch a spot in the New Orleans Bowl.

Only a couple of Division I-A teams have gone to bowls with losing records, even before the NCAA started requiring six wins for bowl eligibility.

SMU was invited to the Sun Bowl with a 4-6 record in 1963, losing to Oregon 20-14. William & Mary went to the Tangerine Bowl at 5-6 after the 1970 regular season, losing to Toledo 40-12.

BULLDOGS

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20 with 22 seconds left in the half.

A 33-yard run by Hill got Coahoma fans screaming for another score before the marching bands took the field, but it was not to be. Two "Hail Mary" passes by Ward fell incomplete, the second off the fingers of Travis Hipp, and the final seconds ticked off the clock.

The Bulldog defense came out looking for blood in the second half and as Coahoma fans took up a "woof-woof" chant, the "Dog" defenders stopped Quanah cold on four straight downs to lead off the half.

Coahoma threatened from the Indian 17, and Hill carried the ball all the way to the 4 before dropping it to be recovered by a Quanah player with 5:19 to go in the quarter.

The Indians didn't relinquish the ball for 13 plays, but ended up punting from their own 47.

The next drive was all Coahoma. After Cory Hill was injured on the second play of the drive, the Quanah defense looked as if it didn't know where to focus its energies. Ward took his little-used passing game off the shelf and ripped off 15-, 49-, and 17-yard passes to Ricky Richters, Davis and Hipp, respectively, setting up a 1-yard diving keeper for the TD.

With 6:16 left in the game, the scoreboard was set at its final totals.

Quanah, intent on running out the clock, didn't pass but once in their last drive of the game. After a failed 25-yard field goal attempt, Coahoma took over with 1:47 to play on their own 20.

During the last drive, which lasted 12 plays, Ward passed on every play.

After four plays, the "Dogs" were facing first and 10 on the Indians' 41 when a 15-yard illegal block penalty put them up against 1st and 25.

By the time 4th down rolled around, Coahoma had only regained five of those yards and was facing 4th

and 20.

With the same determination they have shown all season, Coahoma lined up and Ward pulled off a 34-yard completion to Hill, miraculously putting the "Dogs" on Quanah's 28-yard-line with 12 seconds to play.

Another pass to Hill for 17 yards put the Bulldogs on the 11 with 3 seconds to play, setting up the final play of the game described earlier.

Wood said he's proud of his players for fighting until the end. "We never gave up," he said. "I think that's just the character of this group. They never give up."

Coahoma ends the season with an 11-2 record, while Quanah continues its play-off quest with a 10-3 record.

BUFFS

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Babers intercepted a fake punt and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown, the Buffs' lead was cut to 36-30 with 9:10 left.

Colorado answered by taking 7:12 to move 51 yards for a 43-yard field goal by Jeremy Flores with 1:58 left that iced the victory.

That drive was kept alive on a fourth-and-1 dive by quarterback Bobby Pesavento and a roughing-the-punter penalty against Texas. The Buffs added to the drama by taking a delay of game penalty when Flores was set up for a 38-yarder.

Applewhite threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to B.J. Johnson with 31 seconds

left, but Colorado recovered an onside kick and was soon celebrating with its small cluster of fans.

The Buffs avenged a 41-7 loss to the Longhorns in Austin six weeks ago. They'd won six straight since that game, which they gave away with three first-half turnovers and a touchdown they allowed just before halftime that put them behind by 17.

Sound familiar? The Longhorns lived up to a lot of bad precedents.

They lost a championship game rematch of a regular-season victory, just like they did to Nebraska in 1999.

Simms mirrored his pratfall in Texas' only other big game this season, a 14-3 loss

to Oklahoma" in which he threw four interceptions. He'd thrown 16 touchdowns and two interceptions in the six games since, all victories.

And, Longhorns coach Mack Brown will once again hear about losing the big one. Since beating the Cornhuskers in '99, his teams have lost two Big 12 title games, two bowls games and two games against the Sooners. Although he's among the highest-paid coaches in the country, he remains without a conference title in his 18 years as a head coach.

Texas' next game will probably be the Holiday Bowl against No. 19 Washington.

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Texas takes 83-75 upset win over Stanford in overtime

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Royal Ivey's long reach, large hands and running commentary all helped him play tough defense against Stanford's Casey Jacobsen.

"He was getting frustrated because I got in his head and because I was talking to him," Ivey said Saturday after Texas beat Jacobsen and No. 11 Stanford 83-75 in overtime.

"I was like, 'Come on, you've got to show me you're an All-American' to get into his head," Ivey said. "I just wouldn't let him get open. I was on his tail the whole game. Toward the end of the game, he got tired and it showed. I was talking to him on the line, all throughout the game."

Jacobsen, averaging 22 points, shot just 3-of-17 from the field and was only 3-of-8 from the line, finishing with nine points and ending a stretch of 32 straight games in double figures.

"They had some quick defenders, but I've played against guys quicker than them," said Jacobsen, admitting his frustration, but quickly pointing out that the trash talking had nothing to do with his poor performance.

Ivey "was yapping at everybody. He's a competitor. He needed that to get himself going," Jacobsen said. "But I've played too many games to let one defender get in my head. I can't say one guy talking in my ear is responsible for me shooting 3-for-17."

Chris Owens led Texas with 26 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked six shots. He scored eight of his points in overtime.

"I think I just relaxed, stayed aggressive and let the game come to me more today," Owens said. "I knew it would come. It was a matter of time."

Texas freshman T.J. Ford had 11 rebounds and 12 assists, and Ivey added a career-high 18 points in the first game of the Dell Classic 4Kids.

It was the 6-foot-3 Ivey's defense that stood out.

"Royal is a guy we've got a lot of confidence in. He's a little deceptive," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "He's got a 6-9 reach and big

hands. He's one of the most competitive players I've been around."

Jacobsen's woes were just part of Stanford's miserable day. The Cardinal (3-1) were hurt most by shaky free throw shooting, making just 10-of-25.

"Things like this happen," Jacobsen said. "I know I can shoot the ball and score and this team needs me to do that."

Josh Childress scored 15, and Julius Barnes 13 for Stanford (3-1). Barnes hit a pair of late jumpers as Stanford took a 65-64 lead with 30 seconds to go in regulation.

After Owens missed a layup, he was fouled on the rebound, missed the first free throw and hit the second to tie it.

Barnes then missed a jumper, Ford came out of a scramble with the rebound, raced up court and missed a desperation shot, forcing overtime.

The Longhorns (2-3), whose tough early schedule also included games against Arizona, Oregon State, Gonzaga and Indiana, broke away in overtime as James Thomas tipped in a shot, Owens hit two free throws, and Ford broke away for a layup, making it 77-70 with 1:35 left.

Texas jumped to a 29-15 lead with 8:47 left in the first half behind four 3-pointers and strong inside play.

But suddenly the Cardinal got going behind a pair of 3-pointers from Tony Giovacchini and a three-point play by Jacobsen.

When Jacobsen missed the second of two free throws with a second left, Curtis Borchardt followed it in at the buzzer, capping a 20-4 run and giving Stanford a 35-33 lead at the half.

Brandon Mouton's three-point play capped a 9-0 spurt and put Texas back on top by four with 11 minutes left.

Kansas 105, Arizona 97
Drew Gooden had 23 points and tied his career high with 15 rebounds, and Jeff Boschee scored 19 as eighth-ranked Kansas defeated No. 4 Arizona 105-97 Saturday.

Keith Langford also had

19, Kirk Hinrich 16 and Nick Collison 14 for the Jayhawks (4-1), who beat the Wildcats for the fifth time in six meetings.

Jason Gardner scored a career-high 34 points, but the Wildcats (3-1) couldn't make up a 16-point deficit in the final 11 minutes.

Luke Walton had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Rick Anderson scored 15 of his 17 points during Arizona's desperate attempt to rally. He also had 10 rebounds.

Arizona State 100, Prairie View 62

Kenny Crandall scored a career-high 22 points to help bring Arizona State to a 100-62 victory over Prairie View Saturday.

The 3-2 Sun Devils finished with four players in double-digits. Awvee Storey ended with 12 points, while Chad Prewitt had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Arizona State put heavy pressure on the 1-6 Panthers, allowing only six points to Prairie View in the first ten minutes of the second half.

The Sun Devils extended their 33-point halftime lead to 91-46, their largest of the game, after eight straight points by the squad.

Prairie View went on a run late in the second half to come within 38 points, fueled by five straight points from Jamar Miles, the top scorer for the Panthers with 16 points.

Still, the Panthers were unable to get any closer.

The Panthers committed 32 team fouls, giving up 25 points to Arizona State on free throws alone, while making only 12 free throws themselves.

Prairie View also committed 31 turnovers to Arizona State's 12.

The Panthers notched 30 of its points off three-pointers, led by Miles, who was 4-7 from behind the arc.

Christian Sonier, who finished with nine points, also made three three-pointers.

No. 3 Missouri 100, Grambling St 76

Arthur Johnson had 16 points and 10 rebounds as No. 3 Missouri overcame a sluggish first half to beat Grambling State 100-76

Saturday.

Missouri (7-0) shot 34 percent in the first half and led only 36-29. The Tigers, playing their second straight game against Southwestern Athletic Conference competition, shot 55 percent the rest of the way as Johnson scored 13 points en route to his second straight double-double.

Johnson had identical totals in a victory over Jackson State on Thursday.

Clarence Gilbert shot his way through a 1-for-11 start, finishing with 20 points, and Kareem Rush had 17 points and seven rebounds for Missouri.

Texas Tech 99, TCU 86

Kasib Powell scored 13 points in the first four minutes during a 19-6 run and Texas Tech went on to defeat TCU 99-86 Saturday.

Powell finished with 29 points and Andy Ellis added 22 for the Red Raiders (6-1).

Texas Tech led by 27 points at one point in the first half before TCU (4-3) went on a 10-0 run. The Horned Frogs pulled to within eight points with 5:32 remaining in the game, but Tech scored seven unanswered points to quell the threat.

All five Tech starters scored in double figures. Will Chavis directed coach Bob Knight's motion offense to near perfection, notching 9 assists, 8 rebounds and 21 points. Tech's other guard, Nick Valdez, had 13 points and 5 assists, and Andre Emmett added 12 points.

Tech's swarming man-to-man defense kept TCU run-and-gun offense off balance. In one four-minute stretch, TCU turned the ball over 5 times and missed five of six shots.

Corey Santee led TCU with 22 points. Bingo Merriex added 21.

It was the first time this season that Tech has surpassed 90 points in a game. For the Horned Frogs, it was only the second time

this season they have been held to under 90 points.

Tech had some lapses in the second half, including a 10-2 run by TCU midway through the period. Turnovers and bad passes by Tech led to opportunities the Horned Frogs capitalized on.

Tech played nearly flawless in the first 20 minutes and led 53-25 at halftime. They built a 27-point lead at 39-12 after a 17-4 run. Powell was all over the floor in the first half, shooting from outside and driving to the basket. He didn't miss in the first four minutes of the game, hitting 5-of-5 from the field, knocking down a 3-pointer, and was 2-for-2 from the line. By halftime, he had 25 points and 8 rebounds.

TCU coach Billy Tubbs and Knight are old acquaintances, but it was the first time they have coached against each other. Their 1983 teams played in the NCAA tournament when Tubbs was at Oklahoma and Knight was at Indiana, but Tubbs was injured by a car while jogging and was not on the sidelines that day.

Rice 75, Baylor 60

Omar-Seli Mance scored 26 points and Jason McKrieth 22 as Rice handed Baylor its first loss of the season Saturday 75-60.

Mance hit five of his 10 three-point attempts, and Michael Harris added 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Owls (3-3).

Rice trailed 33-32 at halftime, but shot 55 percent from the field in the second half.

Chad Eisey and Greg Davis led Baylor (5-1) with 15 points apiece. Davis also had eight rebounds.

Baylor's starting backcourt of John Lucas and Wendell Greenleaf combined to go 4-of-20 from the field.

The Bears shot just 32 percent from the field and missed all eight of their 3-

point attempts in the second half.

Minnesota 89, UT-Pan American 72

Travarus Bennett scored 19 points and Dusty Rychart added 18 Saturday afternoon to lead Minnesota past Texas-Pan American 89-72.

The Golden Gophers (4-1) shot 23-for-27 from the free-throw line, rebounding from an 85-79 road loss to No. 25 Wake Forest on Tuesday.

Mire Chatman had 21 points for the Broncos (4-2), who dropped their second straight but are still off to the school's best start since the 1971-72 season.

Bennett's short jumper in the lane with 53 seconds left gave Minnesota its biggest lead, 85-64.

Michael Bauer added 13 points and Kevin Burleson chipped in 10 for the Gophers — who were 8-for-17 from 3-point range.

Chatman, averaging 24.8 points per game before Saturday, completed a 3-point play a minute into the second half to pull the Broncos within 42-36. But that was as close as they came in the first-ever meeting between the schools.

The Broncos went on a 13-4 run until Michael Bauer's jumper cut their lead to 23-22 with 5:45 left in the first half. Then the Gophers made up for 15 ragged minutes with five sharp ones.

After Jerry Holman's second straight basket, Minnesota's trap caught the Broncos in their backcourt and drew a 10-second call. Rick Rickert followed with a layup off a spin dribble in the lane to make it 32-28.

Bennett added a pull-up 3-pointer and putback in the final 1:25 to give the Gophers a 42-30 lead, finishing a 22-7 spurt to close the half.

Reserve Andrius Sakalys had eight of his 12 points in the first half for the Broncos, who got 11 points from Nick Traylor.

Rickert, a freshman, was 4-for-15 from the field.

NCAA to investigate Tech forward

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech forward Pawel Storzynski's eligibility to play will be reinstated in two weeks.

The NCAA Reinstatement Committee has ruled the Lodz, Poland, native will be eligible to play when the Red Raiders visit the Houston Cougars Dec. 14. That is the next game scheduled after Tech hosted Texas Christian on Saturday.

The 6-foot-8, 22-year-old

transfer from Dodge City Community College in Kansas had been ruled ineligible shortly before the season for playing with professionals in Europe.

Storzynski, who grew up in France, also received educational expenses while in playing high school basketball in France.

He had faced a potential 11-game NCAA suspension for the violations. Texas Tech appealed, seeking immediate reinstatement.

Instead, the NCAA handed down a seven-game suspension, athletic director Gerald Myers said in a statement issued Saturday.

Myers has said Storzynski never received money for the one game he played with a French professional team while in high school.

Storzynski is one of about 340 foreign-born college players who have been investigated by the NCAA at 60 Division I schools.

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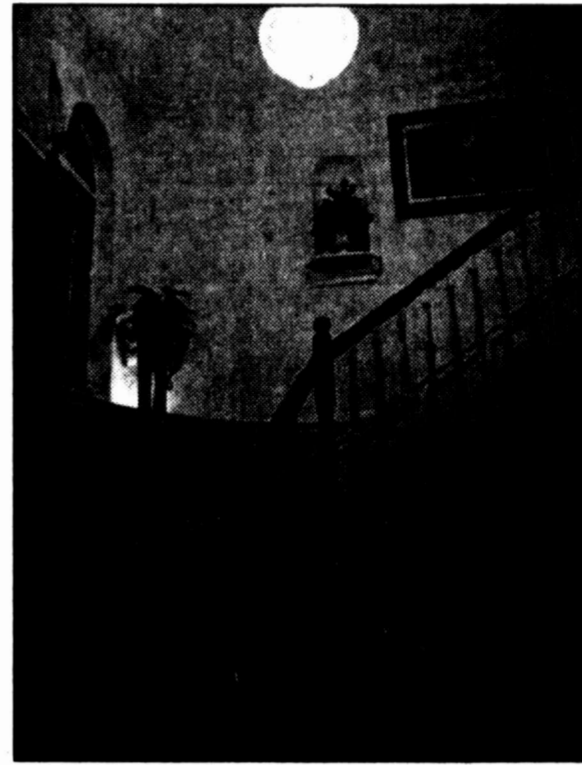
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You are cordially invited to visit ...



Four families will open their homes today for the Holiday Tour of Home sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Association. Hostesses will welcome visitors at each house and offer a glimpse into some very beautiful homes in Big Spring. The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. and last to 4:30 p.m.

554 Hillside Drive

The home of Drew and Glynnia Mouton built in the 1930s is decorated with a Southwestern flare and set in a beautifully rugged landscaped area. Drew and Glynnia went hunting on their first date which may have set the tone for their marriage.

The living area boast mouse antlers decorating one side of the wall, a trophy Drew earned with a bow and arrow while on a trip to Alaska. Across the room hangs caribou antlers, another prize from Drew's accuracy.

Don't miss the breakfast room where Southwestern art is literally painted onto the walls, a treat courtesy from a former owner of the home. Set in the dining room is a 1000 pound marble round table. The house surrounds an impressive pool and patio area and just as impressive is the master bedroom that leads into a bathroom area that is to be envied.

910 Johnson

Joe and Cheryl Budd love collecting antiques and the two story house on 910 Johnson built in 1913 seems a perfect fit for the couple.

Watch that first step on the stairs that lead up to the front door. The step was originally designed to be the area where buggies would drop off and load travelers.

The house is decorated with antiques the couple have collected over the years from old fashion writing desks to spinning wheels and exercise equipment. Most of the beds are suspended by ropes instead of box springs and the couple have to actually tighten the ropes from time to time.

The second story balcony offers an impressive view of downtown Big Spring as well as a nice area to sit and watch sunrises and sunsets. In the outside yard sits a Pergola that is placed on top of the storm cellar.

800 Caprock Drive

The home of Leslie and Kay Smith-Zant could almost be called an art gallery with the creative and eye-pleasing decorative rooms. Kay, a professional artist and owner of the Brushworks Studio Gallery, uses her creative talent to bring about a unique home setting.

Each room has a blending of different colors and patterns that needs a talented eye to bring together so well. Each room has something to catch the eye from furniture to sculptures.

Many of the walls are decorated with Kay's own originals and those touring the Smith-Zant's home will have an opportunity to view a painting create by Kay that will be latter giving away to a lucky recipient.

The Big Spring Symphony will offer a chance to win the original painting for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the Smith-Zant's house from the hostesses. The winner will be announced during the intermission of Big Spring Symphonic Christmas set for Saturday.

715 Sage Circle

Just across the way from the Smith-Zants is the home of Dr. Manish and Mrs. Shroff. The expansive house is not to be missed for those on the tour. The two story home offers an impressive view of the city especially at night.

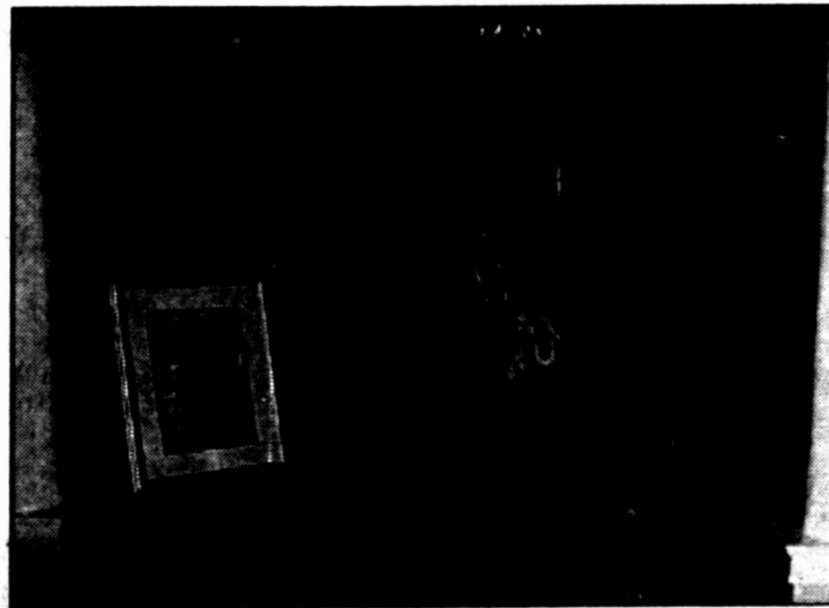
The Shroff's and the their children have lived in the home since 1998 after having the house built and the inside offers elegant decor. In the entrance room is an impressive cabinet display. The house is decorate with a number of elegant Indian art work and sculptures and the family offers a friendly and pleasant atmosphere to visitors.

Top left, the home of Dr. Manish and Mrs. Shroff offers a beautiful cabinet display and top right is a picture of one of the stairways in their home.

Middle top caribou antlers are decorated for Christmas in the living room of Drew and Glynnia Mouton.

Middle bottom, Joe and Cheryl Budd decorate this quaint fireplace area for the holiday season.

At bottom, the home of Leslie and Kay Smith-Zant offers a number of artistic paintings and statues to appease the eye.



Taking the tour

Tickets for the tour can be purchases from the hostesses at the houses. A map of the tour will be on the back of each ticket. Admission for the tour is \$10 per person.

Following the tour, a reception is set at the First Presbyterian Church from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mike Mitchell, organist for the church, and soloists will hold a with a performance at 4:30 p.m.

Story and photos by Lyndel Moody

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Howard College invites community to 23rd annual Luminaria

As the fall 2001 semester comes to a close, Howard College students and personnel are getting ready for our gift to the community, the 23rd annual Luminaria, which is set for Thursday at 7 pm. This year's festivities promise to be filled with that special holiday glow. Santa Claus is set to visit with the young and young at heart in the Student

Union Building, and we're hoping for music from a local choir.

Exam Pizza is Monday, Dec. 10 at 10 p.m., sponsored by Student Activities. Howard College Activity Director Linda Berry will once again be on hand to help students study for their finals. Pizza is free for all those who attend.

Dec. 13 is the last day of classes. Howard College expects more than 800 eighth graders Dec. 14 for Next Generation Day. All college employees and faculty assist with this program, which provides these

students with career information before they enter high school. This year we're extending a special invitation to parents to attend any portion of the program.

In recent events, Howard College Safety Office and Purchasing Director Dennis Churchwell awarded special winter jackets to more than 30 employees as part of the first Safety Awards Recognition Program. Special criteria was established for eligibility. The jackets have the Howard College logo and an HC Hawk on the front.

Those who achieved these awards are: Robert Williams, Ricky Sneed, Jim Buske, Bo Bokelman, Chris Newton, Ray Garcia, Moses Ramirez, Wes Shoup, Benito Hilario, Keith Whiteside, Roy Metcalf, Billy Sanders, Brad Lentz, Dewey McSwain, Tim Williams, Petra Valdez, Lorenzo Pina, Pancho Nabeviz, Phillip Meyers, Theo Hernandez, Kaye Wylie, Carroll Osburn, Miguel Areliano, Tessa Covert, Kym Clark, Philip Cross, James Gill, Paul Perner, Tony Claxton, Tom Arcand, Stan Feaster,

Robert Schmidt, Julia Trevino, Elizabeth Palomino, Bunni Aina, Glen Carrigan and Wayne Fitzgibbons. HC President Dr. Cheri Sparks was also on hand to present these jackets to the safety winners.

Howard College was honored to be among 19 finalists selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the new Star Award.

Howard College submitted the "If I Had A Hammer" program, created by Perry Wilson, to the star Awards nomination com-

mitte, and was selected from 88 submissions from educational institutions across the state. While HC did not "bring home the Star" from Austin Nov. 28, is was indeed an honor to be selected as a finalist, and plans are already underway to fine tune a submission for next year's awards program.

Howard College will close for the holidays Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. and will reopen Jan. 3, 2002, at 8 a.m. We wish to extend a special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one.

GETTING ENGAGED

Concienne - Doerre



Leigh Ann Concienne of Big Spring and Bradley Charles Doerre of Clear Lake will exchange wedding vows Jan. 5, 2002, in Clear Lake.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Concienne of Big Spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Doerre of Clear Lake.

Romine - Davis



Cheyenne LaDean Romine and Michael Ray Davis, both of San Angelo, will exchange vows Feb. 16, 2002, in San Angelo at the Cactus Hotel.

She is the daughter of Jacky and Toby Romine of Lenorah and the granddaughter of Jack and Donna Romine.

He is the son of Walter and Mary Davis of Ballinger.

Texas photo books are pure pleasure

AUSTIN — For most people, images preceded words in their first contact with books. Yet for many adults, a certain anxiety is attached to purchasing volumes of pictures.

First, there's the expense. Because of printing costs, a handsome coffee-table book starts at twice the price of an average hardcover work of fiction or nonfiction, which now hovers above \$25. Then there's the guilty pleasure of paging through dozens of images without necessarily reading a single word.

But those simple, delicious diversions are worth the price of two University of Texas imprints, both highlighted in the recent Texas Book Festival. "Small Deaths" (\$65) lovingly reproduces the hand-colored photographic prints of former Austin artist Kate Breakey. With more verbal description, Stuart and Scott Gentling's "Of Birds and Texas" (\$75) is the latest stage in a multidecade project recording the state's landscapes and birds in the grand tradition of John James Audubon.

Before she moved to Tucson, Ariz., three years ago, Australian-born Breakey was one of Austin's most celebrated young artists. She collected the corpses of small animals — also skeletons and flowers — photographed them, then hand-colored the prints. Often, the bodies were gifts from friends, so the "Small Deaths" project had a social context.

The effect, especially in large prints, was astonishing. Breakey actually gave the corpses a burst of visually abundant life, an afterlife, as it were. For several years, Austin galleries glowed with Breakey's art. Museums collected her finer work.

Now book buyers can own 81 images from her "Small Deaths" series. In an introduction, art critic A.D. Coleman aptly compares Breakey's images to hand-colored post-mortem daguerreotypes from the mid-19th century, Greek Orthodox icons and illuminated manuscripts.

UT Press has done a tremendous job of reproducing Breakey's flushed colors with more than just exactitude — with a consonant tone. In each image, Breakey includes tiny white script with the scientific and common names for each species. It's too bad some of the most powerful images, such as "Northern

Cardinal II," "Common Yellowthroat Warbler I" and "Cooper's Hawk III" were spread over two pages, but the book's designers devised sensitive uses for page gutters.

The Gentlings, twin brothers and artists based in Fort Worth, started their bold birding project in 1977 and first published "Of Birds and Texas" in a 23-by-29 1/2-inch elephant folio limited edition in 1986. Upon publication, the Dallas Morning News called it "the most magnificent book ever produced in Texas."

There is more to read here than in the Breakey book, including admiration for Audubon, the artist and naturalist whose work was the clear inspiration for the Gentlings' paintings and observations.

Revered author John Graves, whose "Goodbye to a River" was another inspiration for the brothers, added his personal thoughts about birding.

Nonetheless, this book is really about the 48 images. Among the most interesting are comparisons of Audubon's original paintings for "Birds of America" and various revisions, including those by the Gentling brothers. The artists also include Texas landscapes without birds, along with anecdotes about encountering the land.

The Audubon style places birds in a natural setting, involved in some typical activity — a turkey vulture sunning broad, golden-tinted wings, male cardinals quarreling near a nest, burrowing owls examining the tail of an armadillo. The portraits are also meant to exhibit as much of the bird's features as possible, so they are often viewed from contorted positions with wings askew — to show both sides.

Some of the Gentlings' images capture more than just a natural act. "Flammulated Owl," which depicts the raptor atop a fragile pine eyeing a moth, communicates an almost mystical quality. "Northern Mockingbird," with the bird pinwheeling at night above a honeysuckle vine, transmits a domestic serenity. There are also some awkward settings, such as one pairing a serene chuck-will's-widow with an approaching tornado.

Detailed and fascinating reading, it's a perfect complement to these books and to the original Sibley's guide.

NEWCOMERS

Betty Worthington of Slanton. She is a retired secretary.

Troy and Angel Callaway, sons, Daniel, Travis and Kasey, and daughter, Ariel of Roswell, N.M. He is employed by Canterbury.

Juan and Anna Perez, son Eric, daughters, Michelle and Nancy of Lamesa. He is employed by Fiberglass Systems Inc.

James Peters of Ft. Hood. He is retired from the U.S. Army and Amoco Oil Co.

Andy and Irene Rodriguez, sons, Andy and Brian of Lamesa. He is a security guard for Cornell Corrections.

Robert and Wanda Welch, son, Jeffery of Monticello, Ark. He is employed by Big Dog Drilling Co.

Melissa Ortiz and son, Joshua of Carlsbad, N.M. She is a dental hygienist student at Howard College.

Chuck Okeaudu of Houston. He is the administrator for Community Mental Health Program.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Spot — DLH, cream and gray, male, 1 yr. Maria — DSH, black, female, 2 yr.

Jumper — DSH, brown tabby, male, 2 yr.

Miss Annie — DLH, brown tabby, female, 4 yr.

Taffy — DSH, black and white, female, 2 yr.

Lucy — DSH, gray torti, female, 2 yr.

Lacy — DLH, gray tabby, female, 2 yr.

Kitty Calico — DLH, white calico, female, 2 yr.

Two Face — DSH, black torti, female, 2 yr.

Patches — DSH, calico, female, 1 yr.

Many, many more - come see!

Special note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the Howard County Humane Society have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

All pets come with a two week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

WHO'S WHO

Who's Who Among American High School Students

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STORK CLUB

Riley Wade Vickers, boy, born Nov. 26, 2001, at 6:34 a.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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TUESDAY-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Stew, blackeyed peas, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cobbler.

FRIDAY-BBQ chicken, potato salad, beans, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, cake.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Pizza, buttered potatoes, salad, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken/noodles, blackeyed peas, salad, fruit cobbler, crackers, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Bar b que

sandwich, french fries, salad, pickles/onions, cinnamon rolls, fries, milk.

THURSDAY-Sandwiches, chips/salad, pork & beans, cookies, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Taco salad, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Corndog, potato rounds, ranch style beans, peach cup, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Deli sandwich, Cheetos, blackeyed peas, apple, juice bar, milk.

THURSDAY-Mexican jambayla, salad, corn, pears, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, border beans, lemon pie, milk.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Corndog or baked fish, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, apples, hot rolls, catsup tartar sauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli & cheese, peaches, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Lasagna or grilled chicken patty, salad, salad dressing, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken & dumplings or riblet, salad, salad dressing, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef stew or grill cheese, potato puffs, carrot sticks, ranch dressing, orange, catsup, milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, carrots, biscuits,

syrup, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, blackeyed peas, carrot sticks, trail mix, gingerbread with whipped topping, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tortilla beef bake, salsa, tossed salad, peaches, crackers, milk.

THURSDAY-Nachos with meat, corn, pinto beans, cornbread, walnut chocolate cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Turkey & cheese deli sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, goodie bars, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY-Homemade burrito or corndogs, fries, fresh fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak or burritos, gravy, potatoes, rolls, corn, milk.

THURSDAY-BBQ beef-on bun or sub-sandwiches, salad tray, spicey fries, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Meat loaf or sloppy joe, macaroni, baked beans, bread, fruit, milk.

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MONDAY-Corndog w/mustard, macaroni w/cheese, salad, june peas & carrots, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, june peas w/carrots, sliced potatoes, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pear, milk.

THURSDAY-Quesadillas, salad, whole new potatoes, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, cookies or fruit, milk.

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MONDAY-Cowboy stew, corn, peaches, cornbread, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, salad, fruit, garlic bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey sandwich, potato chips, carrot coins, celery sticks, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Taco/cheese, spanish rice, salad, pineapple, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, french fries, salad/pickles, fruit, milk.

Candy maker raises disaster-relief money with red, white and blue M&Ms

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Packages of red, white and blue M&Ms will be sold to raise money for disaster relief.

The idea came from workers on the M&M assembly line in Hackettstown, N.J., on Sept. 11. The candy went into production days later. At first, the patriotic candies were handed out only

to rescuers at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. "The response that we got from relief workers — literally, from everyone who saw it — was that it was just terrific," said Robert Gamgart, vice president of chocolate for M&M/Mars. "Doesn't everyone in the United States need a boost right now?"

The company marketed flag-colored M&Ms once before, over the last Fourth of July, but this is the first time its has sold the candy for charity. Profits from the 5 million packages, expected to top \$3 million, will go to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Around the country, office parties will be a lot less lavish this year

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Optika Inc. usually toasts the holidays with a banquet for employees and their spouses at a hotel ballroom, complete with a band, prime rib, fine drink and good cheer. This year, though, the party is off.

"We have a corporate goal for profitability this quarter and we want to make sure we hit that goal," said Mark Rupert, president and chief executive of the struggling software company.

In this season of war, terrorism and recession, many employers are scaling back or canceling holiday celebrations.

Rupert said the decision at the Colorado Springs, Colo., company is a demonstration of its commitment to a leaner mindset. "The attitude is the determining factor. We're asking people to look at all parts of the

company, whether they be generating revenue or trimming expenses," he said.

But while the quest for profits is behind many of the changes, some executives said they are cutting back at least partly because it just doesn't feel right to throw a party after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

About a quarter of 150 companies surveyed recently by executive search firm Battalia Winston International said the attacks had caused them to rethink plans for employee celebrations, with most of those deciding in favor of smaller, less expensive parties. About 41 percent of the companies surveyed said they plan to spend less on their parties than in 2000.

In Chicago, Pear Tree Catering has seen a 30 percent drop-off in requests for corporate parties. A number

of companies are choosing to hold lower-cost buffet luncheons at the workplace, instead of dinner banquets. Dearborn Financial Services of Chicago is replacing its traditional holiday dinner at a fancy restaurant with appetizers and drinks at a pub, collecting contributions at the door and donating the savings to the New York City relief fund.

"The driving force for us was wanting to still have our employees get together but also be able to give something back to the people who have lost so much as a result of what happened Sept. 11," said Kathy Heldman, a Dearborn vice president.

"It builds the culture and teamwork of the company so it's not purely altruistic," he said, "even though we'd like to think so."

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Study: TV drug commercials prompt one in eight people to get prescription

WASHINGTON (AP) — Television commercials for drugs to treat everything from heartburn to impotence have prompted one in eight Americans to get a prescription, according to a study by a health care think-tank.

But many viewers fail to retain critical information about the drug and possible side effects, the study also found.

drugs have become commonplace since the Food and Drug Administration set up rules and made them legal in 1997.

The report, funded by The Kaiser Family Foundation, found that the pervasive ads have a considerable effect — nearly a third of adults have talked to their doctor about a drug they saw advertised.

About 44 percent of those adults then received a prescription for

the drug they saw advertised, the study shows.

Viewers sometimes miss or forget important information, said the study, which was released Thursday.

After watching a commercial for an asthma drug, about a quarter of viewers came away with the mistaken impression that there are drugs that can be used to replace an asthma inhaler.

Some consumer groups have complained that the ads encourage Americans to believe they know what drugs are best for them — pressuring their doctors unnecessarily.

"We have people seeking out drugs that are not necessarily right for them and sometimes asking for the most expensive drug on the market, even though there may be generic drugs that accom-

plish the same thing," said Ron Pollock, executive director of the Washington-based consumer group, Families USA. "The high costs of the ads are causing companies to raise drug prices and health care providers to raise service prices."

Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Foundation, said the benefits of the commercials outweigh any price increases.

On Cue helps with Toys for Tots

Herald Staff Report

A local retailer will be helping the U.S. Marine Corps this holiday season as an official drop-off point for the national Toys for Tots program.

"This is an opportunity for the community to give to children that are less fortunate," said Michelle Tubb, manager of On Cue in Big Spring.

On Cue stores across the nation are teaming up with the U.S. Marine Corps by accepting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages.

This year, On Cue officials hope that teenagers are not forgotten.

"According to the Marine Corps, young teens are the most often overlooked group of kids in need during the holiday season," Jon Estes, vice president of On Cue said in a press release.

"As an entertainment retailer that appeals to teens, On Cue is strongly committed to helping Toys for Tots reach young teens in need," he continued. "We hope to help raise awareness as well as donations for all children—especially teens."

Tubb said the collection box is located at the front of the store for those who wish to donate. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 12.



On Cue employee Melanie McLaughlin, left, accepts a donation to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program from Shirley Gay. On Cue, located inside the Big Spring Mall, is now accepting donations for the national program and will continue through Dec. 12.

According to Dawn Bryant, media relations for On Cue, the toys will be transferred either to the nearest Marine Corps location or to an auxiliary loca-

tion for distribution. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program has been the nation's flagship program since 1947.

Last year, the program collected nearly 16 million toys and delivered to 6.3 million children in need.

ABWA

Big Spring native named Woman of the Year by prestigious organization

Herald Staff Report

A Big Spring native has been honored as the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Woman of the Year.

Gayle Glenn, DDS, MSD, daughter of Nelda Glenn of Big Spring and Dale Glenn of San Angelo, received the honor at the association's 2001 national convention in Albuquerque, N.M. in November.

Glenn, of Dallas, and the finalists in this year's Top Ten Award, were selected for their professional and philanthropic achievements, as well as their ability to demonstrate how their significant career achievement was benefited by their involvement with the association.

Dr. Glenn is a 1976 graduate of Big Spring High School. She attended Howard College and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She received her dental degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1982, then completed her graduate training in orthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry in

Dallas in 1984. She has been a member of ABWA for 16 years.

"Goal setting has always been very important in my professional career," Glenn said. "Joining ABWA helped me to achieve many of the career goals that I set for myself."

Each year since 1953, the association has recognized 10 members as the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA, and each year, one is chosen as Woman of the Year. A panel of three non-member judges initially selected this year's Top Ten. The finalists were then evaluated at this year's convention by a panel comprised of a past ABWA president, a past Top Ten woman and the 2001 Woman of the Year to determine this year's winner.

"Dr. Glenn and all the women who were selected as the 2001 Top Ten Business Women of ABWA are an inspiration to all ABWA members," Carolyn Elman, executive director of ABWA, said. "They represent the great strides of leadership and professional commitment that women have created in the working world."

These women are a precedent and testament to the bright future that awaits the working women leaders of tomorrow."



GLENN

Alternative crop enterprises program being offered

Howard County Extension Service, along with local lending institutions, will be sponsoring an educational program on Tuesday, December 4, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. Three CEUs will be provided at this educational program. The program will focus on alternative crops for the West Texas area.

Small grains and oil seed crop production and management will be presented by Dr. Calvin Trostle. Production costs and expected returns for guar, sunflower,



DAVID KIGHT

sesame and forages will be reviewed by Bill Thompson, an agricultural economist for West Texas. Forage management for haying or grazing will be provided by Dr. Vivian Allen from Texas Tech University Agronomy Department. Finally, three private industry representatives; Cory Golden with West Texas Guar, Mike Wallace with South Plains Sunflowers, and R.L.

Langham with Texas Sesame will be discussing their respective contracts for next year and the specifications for their contracts.

Each one of the alternative crops allows for a possible rotation or double cropping system on land in the Howard County vicinity. Producers are being forced to look at any possible opportunities due to low cotton prices. Although cot-

ton will always be the mainstay crop in this area, these alternative crops may offer some possible alternative cash flow lines.

This program is being co-sponsored by the following lending institutions of Howard County that serve the agricultural interests of Howard and surrounding counties: First Bank of West Texas, State National Bank, First Big Spring Banking Center, Wells

Fargo and American State Bank.

The program will conclude by 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)

IN THE NEWS

Kathy Yarbrough was named Big Spring State Hospital Activities Therapy Department Employee of the Year during a reception at the ATD building on Tuesday. Yarbrough was one of four employees nominated for the award.



YARBROUGH

A committee of past recipients selected the winner.

Yarbrough was selected for her willingness to take on additional duties and her sincere concern of the patients' treatment.

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Michael Marquez was selected Mental Health Worker of the month by the Big Spring State Hospital Activities Therapy Department employees.

The new award recognizes mental health workers who go the "extra mile" to help hospital patients. Marquez, an employee since September, was cited for "learning sign language on his own to help with some of the patients. He works particularly well with the mentally retarded population"



MARQUEZ

Chelsea Swartz, a student at Garden City High School, will attend the first Presidential Classroom Law & Justice in a Democracy program March 9-16 in Washington, D.C.

The program provides students with an in-depth look at the federal legal system and how the federal government operates.

House OKs compromise Mexican truck restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved restrictions Friday on Mexican trucks driving into the United States that are stricter than President Bush wanted and will delay the vehicles' entry into this country, probably for months.

The new rules — including safety inspections, driver's license verification and other checks by U.S. inspectors — were included in a transportation spending bill that the House approved 371-11.

Senate passage is expected next week. Bush's signature will end a battle that pitted unions and safety groups favoring tougher restrictions against business groups supporting the president.

Bush, who had threatened to veto earlier versions of the restrictions, called the compromise "an important victory for safety and free trade."

"We must promote the highest levels of safety and security on American highways while meeting our commitments to our friends to the south," Bush said in a statement.

Unions and others who opposed Bush's fight for less stringent rules said they had prevailed, citing the tougher standards the deal imposes. Originally, Bush wanted to let the trucks enter the United States beginning Jan. 1 while Mexican trucking

firms were to be audited over the following 18 months.

"It's a clear victory for highway safety," said Rob Black, spokesman for the Teamsters union, which represents more than 120,000 American truck drivers.

A Department of Transportation spokesman said the new rules will "prevent the border to be opened on a timely manner," but declined to say how long it will take. He cited the time needed to hire border agents, write safety procedures and take other steps.

Black said the delay will be "at least many months." He and others cited the time needed to set up computers for border agents to verify Mexican truck drivers' licenses, train inspectors and install truck scales at some border crossings.

Jim Whittinghill, top lobbyist for the American Trucking Association, which backed Bush, said he believed the delay would be a couple of months.

"But my guess is the Department of Transportation will put it at the top of their priority list, given the president's personal interest in the issue," he said.

Until the rules are implemented, Mexican vehicles will be allowed to continue operating in a roughly 20-mile-wide zone north of the countries' border.

Bush, the former Texas governor, has built a friendship with Mexican President Vicente Fox and made improved relations with that country a priority. White House officials said those seeking tighter standards wanted to thwart free trade between the two neighbors.

But proponents of stricter regulations — led by Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., and Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Richard Shelby, R-Ala. — said the real issue was the safety of Mexican trucks.

The final agreement, struck Wednesday, came after the terrorist attacks boosted the leverage of the advocates of tighter restrictions.

Under the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexican trucks were to have full access to U.S. roads by January 2000. President Clinton blocked that from happening, but Bush pledged to let the trucks in after a NAFTA arbitration panel ruled in February that the United States was violating the treaty.

The House voted in June to prevent the trucks from driving across this country.

In August, the Senate voted to let them in only after Mexican trucking companies and drivers could satisfy an array of inspection, insurance and other standards.

Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — Energy trading giant Enron Corp. continued waiting game retraining from president even as it readied for what the largest corporate bankruptcy filing in history.

Enron's employees including more than 10,000 in Houston, were also word on what would still have week, Enron laid Britain on Friday. Some in Houston already cleaned desks, anticipating after getting paid. They also reflected whirlwind downgriped the one company two day would be savior Inc., walked away \$8.4 billion bailout. "We kind of went a bang," Enron Nathan Will said. like we sat around months bleeding. West scenario the lot of disappointment. The bleeding Friday on the 1 Stock Exchange shares trickled down 10 cents, or 28 26 cents in heavy Last December, sl trading near \$85 per Enron declined

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Enron employees await bankruptcy

HOUSTON (AP) — Former energy trading giant Enron Corp. continued to play a waiting game Friday, refraining from public comment even as the market readied for what could be the largest corporate bankruptcy filing in history.

Enron's 20,000-plus employees worldwide, including more than 6,000 in Houston, were also awaiting word on whether they would still have jobs next week, Enron laid off 1,100 in Britain on Friday.

Some in Houston had already cleaned out their desks, anticipating layoffs after getting paid on Friday. They also reflected on a whirlwind downfall that gripped the once-heralded company two days after its would-be savior, Dynegy Inc., walked away from a \$8.4 billion bailout.

"We kind of went out with a bang," Enron employee Nathan Will said. "It wasn't like we sat around for six months bleeding. It's a Wild West scenario that masks a lot of disappointment."

The bleeding continued Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, where shares trickled down another 10 cents, or 28 percent, to 26 cents in heavy trading. Last December, shares were trading near \$85 per share.

Enron declined to return

repeated calls Friday.

However, a source familiar with the situation said that the company was evaluating various options, including filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection so it could reorganize, but no filing would be made until at least early next week.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, would not discuss what the options were, but said Enron officials are not considering Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which would result in a liquidation of the company's assets.

"Everyone is sitting around and waiting to see what (Enron chairman and chief executive) Ken Lay is going to do," said Prudential Securities analyst Carol Coale. "As far as we're concerned they don't have a lot of alternatives. They have good assets with the pipelines, but as we've said in print, those assets are pledged against banks."

Standard & Poor's, which was the first rating agency to downgrade Enron's credit to junk status Wednesday, late Friday lowered the company's rating several notches further, saying that a bankruptcy filing was "likely."

According to BankruptcyData.com, Texaco Inc. filed the largest

bankruptcy in history in 1987 when it had \$35.9 billion in assets. Adjusted for inflation, that amount would be about \$56.4 billion today, the Boston-based company said.

As of Sept. 30, Enron had \$62.8 billion in assets, though that figure may be substantially less, given developments over past several weeks.

Robert Christmas, a bankruptcy expert with Nixon Peabody LLC in New York, said Texaco sought bankruptcy protection to escape an \$11 billion court judgment. He said Enron needs Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to keep creditors seeking up to \$27 billion in debt at bay while the company tries to remain in business, albeit smaller and humbled.

But Enron also needs cash and credit to maintain its trading operation — both of which are scarce.

"What do you do if no one trusts your credit?" Christmas said. "No terrorist blew up Enron. It was management."

Several energy companies have stopped making trades with Enron, while getting ready to take a charge against profits for potential exposure for contracts that aren't completed. Typical was a statement from

Naperville, Ill.-based Nicor, which said its financial exposure to Enron was less than \$5 million.

Enron's loss of credibility in the market stemmed from revelations that its chief financial officer was running partnerships that allowed the company to keep half a billion dollars in debt off its books. In early November, Enron restated its earnings back to 1997, eliminating more than \$580 million in reported income in that time span.

Houston-based Dynegy swooped in to rescue its neighbor with an \$8.4 billion buyout, but even top officials at the smaller rival were surprised when Enron later disclosed it had a \$690 million debt within a week.

Amid negotiations to reduce the purchase price, the Dynegy-Enron deal fell apart after Enron's credit was reduced to junk status.

Congressional leaders are calling for hearings into the Enron fallout, the Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating, and both investors and employees have filed several lawsuits.

The SEC investigation of Enron's failure to disclose its problems is also examining the work of its accounting firm, Andersen, a spokesman told the Houston Chronicle on Friday.

Kimberly-Clark to close five plants

DALLAS (AP) — Tissue and diaper maker Kimberly-Clark Corp. said Friday it will close five plants with 1,400 workers because of weak demand, but remains on track to meet analysts' earnings expectations through next year.

The Irving, Texas-based company, which makes Kleenex tissues, Huggies diapers and a variety of other paper and consumer goods, said it will close a paper plant in East Ryegate, Vt., by the end of the year and four plants in Latin America over the next 18 months.

The job losses would represent about 2 percent of the company's work force.

Kimberly-Clark said sales to hotels, office buildings, airports and other commercial buildings had fallen since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The away-from-home sales comprise about one-sixth of the company's sales, and the company said it expects weakness in such sales for several more months.

The company said it would take \$120 million in charges to cover the plant

closings, including \$90 million in the fourth quarter.

Kimberly-Clark told analysts in a conference call that it is on track to earn 75 cents to 85 cents per share in the current quarter. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call expected 79 cents per share, a decline from 87 cents per share a year ago.

Chairman and chief executive Wayne R. Sanders said the company is "cautiously optimistic" about next year because of lower costs for energy and raw materials and less impact from weak currencies in key overseas markets.

Sanders said the company continues to aim for annual sales growth of 6 percent to 8 percent and double-digit increases in earnings per share. He said per-share profits would grow faster than sales partly through the company buying back 2 percent to 3 percent of its shares each year.

A spokesman said the 80 workers at the Vermont plant, which makes specialty papers, were notified Friday that the plant will close by year end.

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Consumer Credit offers tips

Dear Readers: The National Foundation for Consumer Credit has some suggestions for holiday shoppers who may be overextended with their credit. You do not need to spend a lot of money to be a generous and thoughtful gift-giver. In fact, most people prefer receiving a gift that comes from the heart and shows how much you care.



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Here are some suggestions that could be helpful: Make custom gift baskets for the people on your list. Start with unusual baskets that can be found in garage sales or secondhand stores. For someone who reads, fill the basket with paperbacks from a used bookstore. For the coffee drinker, fill it with coffee samples and two coffee mugs. Shop at dollar stores and discount centers to buy safety goggles and work gloves for the woodworker, kitchen utensils for the cook, and baby items for the new parent. Give a gift with a theme. If you have a friend who loves elephants, look for inexpensive jewelry, pillows, trays or postcards imprinted with elephants. Many people have a favorite animal or hobby — think of people who like cats, horses, monkeys, zebras, dinosaurs, astronomy, teapots, the list is endless. Go to import stores, resale shops and flea markets.

Personalize gifts. Create stationery or notecards to give to friends and family. Buy white or lightly colored card stock and matching envelopes from an office supply store. Personalize them on your computer, if you have one, or buy rubber stamps and colored ink pads and decorate each sheet or card and envelope. Package them in sets of 10 or 20, and tie them with ribbon.

For the outdoor types, make a pine cone bird feeder for someone's yard. Plants from your garden can make valued, yet cost-free, gifts. Take a clipping from a hearty plant and put it in an old teakettle or flowerpot. Paint the container and put a bright red ribbon around it.

Consider making cookies, fudge, brownies, breads or casseroles. Many tasty dishes are easy and inexpensive to prepare, and anything that is homemade is always welcomed as a special treat.

You might also consider flavored spoons. Buy a package of good quality plastic spoons. Dip the spoon in melted chocolate. When cool, wrap in cellophane and tie with a ribbon and a sprig of holly. Put a few spoons in a coffee mug along with some individual hot cocoa or coffee packets. It makes a great gift.

Scour garage sales for cheap but interesting teacups. Melt old candle ends into the teacups and add a wick. This makes an unusual candle. You can also put small votive candles into inexpensive flowerpots and paint them.

Shop sales for picture frames. Add photographs of your family and give them as gifts to relatives. You and your children can decorate a plain wooden frame with paint or glitter and glue on trinkets.

For the children on your list, try giving them the thrill of having their own dress-up treasure trove. Clean out your closets and drop by garage sales for jewelry, scarves, hats, gloves, used toys and frilly dresses that went out of style years ago. Put all the items in an old suitcase or trunk and tell the kids to come enjoy themselves. They will have fun for hours, and you will have spent only pennies.

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Dealing with others involves keen observation. Work on understanding close associates more carefully. You'll do best when working with other people one on one. Money and partnership seem inexorably intertwined this year. Once you grasp this fact, your finances grow. You have unusual charm and finesse, drawing others to you. You will not have a particularly difficult time impressing anyone intellectually or emotionally. If single, you will become involved in a significant relationship, enjoying a great deal of happiness. If attached, the two of you will make a major investment this year. Do something fun as well, for you as a couple. CANCER reads you loud and clear.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)*** Decide to lay back. Shuffle through your Sunday paper, rent a movie and chat with friends and family. Reading or escaping into an intellectual game helps you relax. Your softer side comes out with a relative from a distance. Indulge this person. Tonight: Share a favorite piece of music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Express yourself in the relaxed atmosphere and mood of Sunday. You speak more openly over a meal or snack. Go out to a favorite place for a late brunch or early dinner. Get into the holiday mood. Decorate the tree, go window shopping. Tonight: Be a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)*** Take off with a friend or by yourself. Beat the last minute rush and shop for some presents. Wandering around inspires some great holiday ideas. Meet a loved one or potential new friend for a leisurely meal and movie. Infuse your relation-

ship with mistletoe and romance. Tonight: Say yes to someone's request.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)***** The moon beams its good vibes on you, as it is in your sign. Use its power and charisma to make what you want a reality. Do nothing halfway right now, even if it is flirting. People respond to you and join you. Actually, others will look for an excuse to be closer to you. Tonight: Your wish is another's pleasure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)*** Your mind and body opt to vanish, though you still might want to invite someone along. Your bond deepens in this happy escapade, be it walking in the woods, shopping together or doing some favorite winter sport together. Just be. Tonight: Continue to maintain a low profile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Friends clamor at the door. Your phones ring. Though you might want to lounge at home, you still make plans. Remember this is your day of rest; you don't need to charge out the door. A child or roommate relishes your time and attention. Tonight: Do you really care that tomorrow is Monday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*** A must appearance turns into a delightful event. You bring others together. Appreciate all the good vibes and happy chatter. What is now a mere flirtation could eventually develop into much more. Be careful with this person, as he is most sensitive. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Send cards, but remember the joy of a phone call. Why not catch up on a classmate that you haven't spoken to in years? Pick up the phone! Consider doing more of your shopping over the Internet this year. Hop on out and explore. Tonight:

Order in. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Venus moves into your sign this morning. People are getting the vibe that someone might be totally absorbed by you. On the other hand, express your caring in a way that someone can respond to. Take this person out to do what they most love. Tonight: Be discreet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Openly deal with those around you. Still, you might decide to hold an important detail back. On the other hand, if single and meeting someone new, they too might decide to hold back an important fact or two. Be careful the next few weeks. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** You have certain key goals that you might want to clear out before you join a friend or a loved one. Your determination manifests itself through concentration and single-mindedness. Consider inviting someone along, if possible. Happiness surrounds friends. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** The holiday energy infuses your relationship. Others react to you as if you were standing under mistletoe — no matter where you are. Use the magic of the moment. Someone makes a very endearing gesture and it allows you to show just how much you care. Tonight: Play the night away.

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