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Brrrrrr! Old man winter puts West Texas in ice box

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

If you thought it was cold earlier today, just wait because you haven't seen anything yet.

A massive Artic cold front was barreling down the front slope of the Rockies and into eastern New Mexico and West Texas Monday night, setting the stage for the coldest weather of the year this year.

With temperatures hovering around 27 degrees at 8 a.m., a few snow flakes began to fall as a precursor to single-digit temperatures expected tonight.

In fact, the 48 degree reading at 12:01 a.m. today is expected to be the high temeperature for the remainder of the work week.

A wind chill advisory is in effect for most of the Permian Basin as the front made its way into West Texas early today. The wind chill is expected to drop to as much as 20 degrees below zero later today and tonight.

A snow advisory is in effect for the Panhandle and northern areas of the South Plains. Early today, the front was located along a line from the Dallas-Fort Worth area westward to San Angelo.

Expect to wake up Wednesday morning to lows near zero to 5-below. Tomorrow's forecast is calling for a slight chance of snow and very cold with the high near 18 degrees. Lows Wednesday are expected to range between zero

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WINTER WEATHER TIPS

The city of Big Spring and the engineering/utility division reminds everyone of a few tips to prepare for the impending freezing weather:

To protect your plumbing from freezing:

- Wrap your pipes.
- Wrap any exposed piping, outside hydrants, etc.
- Stuff your water meter boxes with newspaper or old cloths.
- Drip water lines (both hot and cold) in your house.

Some other hints include: keep a reserve supply of water in jugs and/or in the bathtub. Cover your shrubs with old sheets and bring in your plants. Also, bring in your pets and remember their water supply outside can freeze so keep it indoors with the animals.

The utility division is also asking everyone to check their plumbing if your water is off before calling the city. If you do observe a city water leak, call 264-2392 to report it. The distribution and collection department will be prioritizing every leak based on the size of the line and the number of effected customers. City officials say every effort will be made to complete work as soon as possible.

Duncan, Fraser receive their Senate committee assignments

Staff and Wire Reports



DUNCAN



FRASER

AUSTIN — Robert Duncan and Troy Fraser, two of Texas' new state senators, received appointments to a number of committees Monday by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Duncan, who will represent Big Spring and Howard County, as well as Dawson and Glasscock counties as the 28th District senator, was named to the criminal justice, redistricting, economic development and jurisprudence committees.

Fraser, the Big Spring native and businessman who was elected to represent the 24th District, was named to the education, natural resources, state affairs, redistricting, veteran affairs and military installations committees.

Duncan's election on Dec. 10 gave Republicans a majority in the Texas Senate for the first time since Reconstruction.

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United Way exceeds campaign goal

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

. For the first time in the 1990s, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County reached its campaign goal.

In fact, with a day remaining until the campaign officially closes, the fund drive stood at $212,209 — more than $2,200 over the goal of $210,000.

"I knew we were going to make it when I saw the attitude of the people working on the campaign," United Way executive director Carroll Jennings said during the final campaign breakfast of the year today.

"I knew we were going to make it when the (Big Spring) *Herald* turned in its report and when the folks at Energas came through," Jennings added.

The *Herald* and Energas were among 12 businesses and individuals recognized for their participation in the fund drive. The Herald was cited for an 800 percent increase over last year's contribution while Energas was recognized for its employee and corporate contributions.

Jennings said the fund-drive was a success because of a broad base of participation.

"It (the support) came from every segment of the community ... from Mom and Pop businesses to big companies and everywhere in-between," he said.

Jennings said there were approximately 2,000 contributors to the campaign, making it possible for all member agencies to receive full funding.

"Our allocations committee has just now had its first meeting and we'll start working on the allocations again after the first of the year," he said.

"It's been a long time since we've reached our goal and it's so important that we did," he added.

Organizations and individuals recognized for their participation in the fund drive included Al's and Son Bar-B-Q for 100 percent participation, KBST/La Signal, Federal Correctional Institute for 50 percent over last year, VA Medical Center for exceeding goal by $2,500, TU Electric for 20 percent over last year, Howard College for 10 percent over last year, State National Bank for 25 percent over last year, Power Resources, Energas and the *Herald*.

Also, Bill Tarleton for the Big Spring Independent School District and Alton Fields for Fina. BSISD exceeded last year by 20 percent while Fina remains the largest contributor to the campaign.

Persons still wishing to contribute to the campaign may do so by contacting Jennings at 267-5201.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

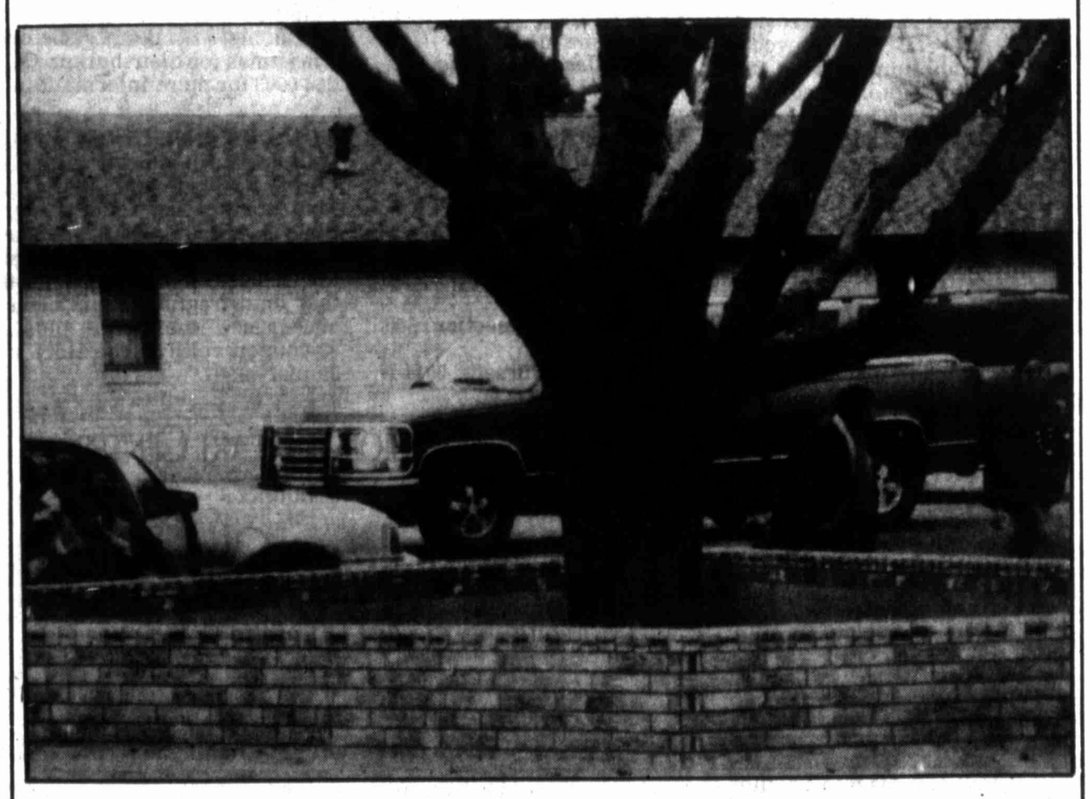
CAMPAIGN GOAL — $210,000

CAMPAIGN TO-DATE — $212,275

UNITED WAY BY-THE-NUMBERS

DIVISION	AMOUNT
Pacesetters	$32,250
Community	7,000
Commercial	16,631
Out-of-Town	5,987
Combined Federal	36,513
State Employee Charitable	7,180
Professional	8,345
Loaned Executives	95,903
Member Agencies	2,400
Special	66
TOTAL	$212,275

HEAVY COAT WEATHER



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Students at Washington Elementary hurry to get in where it is warm when the temperature dropped below freezing today. More cold weather is on the way with wind chills expected to drop to as much as 20 degrees below zero.

Retrial gets under way in 118th court

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Jury selection was completed Monday and opening arguments began this morning in the retrial of a wrongful death lawsuit brought against Yale E. Key Inc. by the family of Roy E. "Gene Strickland in Howard County's 118th District Court.

The Eleventh District Court of Appeals in Eastland recently upheld the Sept. 23 decision by 118th District Judge Robert Moore III granting the retrial.

The suit was originally filed because of the April 13,1995 death of Strickland, who was killed when a multi-piece rig tire he was repairing for the oil well service company exploded.

Billie Strickland, widow of Roy E. "Gene" Strickland, and her daughters Connie Moore and Eugenia Andrews were granted a new trial by 118th District Judge Robert Moore III on Sept. 23, overturning the a June verdict in favor of Yale E. Key, because Key was found to have not disclosed a witness.

In the September decision, Key was found to have withheld evidence in June by not naming employee Jack Morris in its answer to plaintiff's interrogatory No. 14, which asked the defense to state the name, address and phone number of all employees or independent contractors providing tire repair for Key's Forsan yard during the last five years.

Moore's order stated such failure on the part of Key was not justified.

The June judgment in favor of Key was set aside by Moore and the company was also ordered to pay the plaintiffs $29,160 as attorney fees.

In the motion for a new trial, the Stricklands were seeking to have their original judgment request for $6 million entered because of the discovery abuse by the defense. Plaintiffs contend Morris' testimony would, in all likelihood, have caused the jury to render a judgment in their favor.

The plaintiffs also argued they were entitled to a new trial because they were prohibited during the first trial from presenting evidence regarding Key's admitted removal and subsequent return of safety violations from its Forsan yard prior to the OSHA investigation, all of which occurred within hours after Strickland's death.

Southern Association reaccredits Howard, gets clean financial report from auditors

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard College administrators and board of trustee members recently received the results from the college's annual audit and news that the college has also been reaccredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Administrators and trustees received the news at Monday's board meeting.

According to Linda Conway, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, the college received a clean financial audit for the 1995-96 academic year from the accounting firm of Lee, Reynolds and Welch.

"This was our annual audit, which was a full financial accounting of the college," Conway said.

"The audit is a complete overview of our financial activities, something that is a requirement of both the state and federal government," Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks added. "The books are audited to make sure that everything is order."

As for the college being reaccredited, Conway said, "They (Southern Association) looked at our entire institution, including the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and our other campuses."

"Being reaccredited is important, it's critical," Sparks said. "This is a process that colleges go through every 10 years."

She added, "This is important because it tells the community and potential students that we meet certain criteria established by the colleges and universities that comprise the Southern Association."

According to Sparks, reaccreditation is a tremendous process to go through and it helped that Howard College recently conducted its own self-study.

A group of about 15 or so Southern Association members were in Big Spring for four days last spring as part of the reaccreditation process.

"This is a critical component of our performance that tells the community that we do have our affairs in order," Sparks said.

Although colleges and universities go through this process every 10 years, school are constantly being watch in some form or fashion.

According to Sparks, Howard college will file a follow-up report with the Southern Association next October as well as its annual report, and because of a recent new law that applies to schools with vocational programs, will also receive an unannounced visit from the Southern Association sometime within the next 10 years.

Also, colleges and universities associated with the Southern Association are required to do a 5-year mid-cycle report as well.

"The bottom line is that our status is closely reviewed every 10 years," Sparks said."

Enjoy the holidays with friends who blow in for a visit!



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TODAY'S WEATHER

25 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 5

Today: Highs today about 25, dropping sharply tonight to 5-10 degrees. Wind chill warning with possibility that wind chill could reach 20 below zero.

Wednesday: Highs 15, lows near 0. Very cold with chance of snow.

Extended outlook: Highs Thursday near 20 with lows 5-15. Friday high 30-35 with lows 5-15.

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OBITUARIES

John Springer

John Springer, 21, of Austin, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, in Austin. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Lorene (Granny) Dubose

Lorene (Granny) Dubose, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



DUBOSE

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lorene was born on April 28, 1918, in Hill County, Texas. She married James Richard Dubose on Marcy 7, 1934, in Ballinger, Texas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1978. Mr. and Mrs. Dubose owned Dubose Pipe Company and Truck Stop, south of Big Spring, in Glasscock County, known as Dubose City. Mrs. Dubose built the building and she also did house painting in Big Spring. She moved to Big Spring in 1960 from San Angelo. She was a Pentecostal and a homemaker.

She is survived by: two daughters and one son-in-law: Bessie and Al Price of Grand Prairie and Martha McCellan of Anderson, Calif.; four sons and three daughters-in-law: Douglas and Lou Gail Dubose of Braxton, Miss.; Jimmy and Sara Dubose of Malone, Texas; James (Dick) and Mary Dubose and Richard Dubose, all of Big Spring; two sisters: Nellie Gibson and Lovie Matheny, both of San Angelo, Texas; one brother: Dub Albright of Lometa, Texas; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by seven children.

Paid obituary

J.D. Hughes

J.D. Hughes, 87, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, at his residence. Services will be at a later date in Arizona.

He was born March 20, 1909, in Stanton and married Irene Crawley in 1943 in Waukegan, Ill. She preceded him in death Sept. 11, 1991.

Mr. Hughes had lived in Glendale and Prescott, Ariz. for 35 years where he and his late wife were antique dealers. He came to Big Spring in June of 1996.

He was a Protestant and served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include four brothers: Oliver Boyd Hughes, Frank Hughes and M.A. Lilly, all of Big Spring, and Emmett Lilly of Lomeda; two sisters: Iris Mae Conner, Robert Lee and Mildred Hocker, Sarasota, Calif.; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lorene (Granny) Dubose, 78, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M., Wednesday at Evergreen Cemetry in Ballinger, Texas.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Jody Day, 20, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
J.D. Hughes, 87, died Sunday. Services will be later in Arizona.

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WINTER

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and 10 degrees.

More snow is expected Thursday with a forecast of highs in the 20s. This weekend, expect highs to be around 30 to 35 with lows from 5 to 15 degrees above zero on Friday.

By Saturday, expect some warming with highs 45 to 50 and lows around 10 to 15 degrees.

A snow advisory was in effect for the Panhandle and northern areas of the South Plains today. Forecasters say the temperatures will fall far below freezing as far south as Houston this week, with a low of 9 degrees forecast in Houston for Friday.

DUNCAN

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With that majority, they nailed down several key chairmanships and a majority on most committees from Democrat Bullock.

But they still have fewer overall chairmanships than Democrats, with a breakdown of nine to six under assignments announced Monday. They also lack a majority on the powerful Finance Committee, which is headed by Republican Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant.

In assessing the committee assignments, Republican leaders didn't express concern over those numbers.

"Republicans chair four of the most powerful committees in the Senate — Finance, Economic Development, Natural Resources and Education," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Education Committee chairman.

The appointments of Ratliff and Bivins first were announced in August, after former Finance chairman John Montford, D-Lubbock, resigned from the Senate.

Republicans also head the committees on Administration and Veteran Affairs and Military Installations and were picked to lead Natural Resources subcommittees on agriculture and water that in the 1995 legislative session were headed by Democrats.

Bivins called the committee makeup fair and noted that Democratic committee heads include longtime senators.

"If we are in fact going to have a bipartisan Senate, the idea of taking a long-term incumbent Democrat out of the chair of a committee just because there has been a change in the (Senate) majority is something we don't need to do," he said.

Bullock, in making the assignments, stressed the need for bipartisan cooperation.

"Republicans and Democrats proved in recent sessions that they can work together and solve the problems that touch the lives of Texans and their families. That will continue to be a key ingredient," he said.

In making committee assignments, Bullock said, "My underlying criteria is what works best for Texas, works best for the Senate."

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson, who is the Senate's senior Republican and was selected as Natural Resources chairman, said he didn't have a concern over the numbers.

"The concern that I have would be that the work of the committees be good, sound public policy, and in the past that's meant hard-working chairmen whether they were Republicans or Democrats," said Brown, who has been a senator since 1981.

He added that there are more Republican chairmen than in previous years. In 1995, Republicans were named to head five of 13 committees.

In addition, Republicans will have a majority on at least 11 of the 15 committees. Bullock's assignments included a senator who has yet to be elected — the replacement for Jim Turner, a Democrat who is going to Congress.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

IF YOUR HOME OR business has been decorated for the Christmas holidays, please send in your address to the Big Spring Herald. We will be publishing a list of addresses for people to drive by and enjoy the handiwork you have created.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL students involved in Distributive Education Clubs of American (DECA) are currently selling a Big Spring Steer card for $10 offering discounts at various merchants. The owner of the card can use it once a day for a full year to receive such discounts as buy one food item, get one free, discounts on oil changes and dry cleaning, free second set of prints and buy one bowling game and get one free.

For more information and to purchase a card, contact DECA Sponsor Lee Lowery at the high school at 264-3641, extension 151.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health administers flu shots Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. They moved back to their regular location at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell. The cost is $5 and TDH will file on Medicare, if necessary. Call 263-9775 for more information.

AN ALICE HAYNES SCHOLARSHIP Fund has been established at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Cheri Sparks, President.

The Alice B. Haynes Dental Hygiene Scholarship will be awarded each year at Howard College to a deserving dental hygiene student, in honor of Dr. Haynes.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17, 1997. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

The Karat patch
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1008 E. 11th St. 267-1480

Your BIG TICKET For A Trip To LAS VEGAS Is At The BIG SPRING MALL

On the Run in Big Spring

•**Most Excellent Way**, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•**Good Shepherd Fellowship Church**, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•**Al-Anon**, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•**Narcotics Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•**Big Spring Art Association**, 7 p.m., Marcy House.

•**Big Spring band booster meeting**, 7 p.m., BSHS band hall. Contact Cyndi Marsh at 263-6705 for more information.

POLICE

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

•**BRITTON CHAD STRICKLAND**, 29, of 407 E. Seventh, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•**ABEL D. CASTRO**, 60, of 604 E. 12th, was arrested on local warrants.

•**INDECENCY WITH A CHILD** on the west side of Big Spring.

•**ROBBERY** in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 1300 block of Johnson.

•**ASSAULT** in the 2400 block of Runnels.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1200 block of W. Secnd.

•**THEFT** in the 2000 block of Gregg; 1700 block of Wasson; 900 block of Willow; 2300 block of Gregg; and 300 block of Runnels.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**CHARLES PHILLIPS MULLIS**, 34, of Denton, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, and released on a $3,000 bond.

•**JESSE MINCE**, 25, of 1504 Benton, was arrested on a parole violation.

•**LUIS JAMES VASQUEZ**, 30, of 4106 Dixon, was arrested on a Tom Green County revocation of probation warrant for driving while intoxicated, and released on a $1,500 bond.

•**JOHNNY RAY DUPREE**, 18, of 2402 Marcy Dr., was arrested on a simple assault warrant, and released on a $135 bond.

RECORDS

Monday's high 57
Monday's low 23
Average high 58
Average low 29
Record high 77 in 1946
Record low 11 in 1989
Rainfall Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.81
Year to date 18.24
Normal for the year 18.11
**Statistics not available

CLARIFICATION

In a Sunday article in the life! section about unusual Christmas gift ideas, the owner and manager's names of Spirit of the West were listed incorrectly. Claudia Darden is the manager and Sharon Coleman is the owner.

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Hal Rosson
We gladly offer you our services.
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TEXAS LOTTERY CASH 5: 2, 13, 25, 29, 32 PICK 3: 5, 8, 9

MARKETS

March cotton 75.90 cents a pound, up 5 points; January crude oil 25.39, down 35 points; Cash hog steady at 55; slaughter steers steady at 67; December live hog futures 59.90, down 10 points; December live cattle futures 66.97, unchanged.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.
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ATT	39⅜ nc
Amoco	75⅛ nc
Atlantic Richfield	131⅜ +⅜
Atmos Energy	23⅜ nc
Cabot	25⅛ +⅛
Chevron	62⅛ -⅜
Chrysler	32⅜ nc
Cifra	1.18-1.22
Coca-Cola	48¼ +⅛
De Beers	28 -⅜
DuPont	91½ -⅛
Excel Comm.	22⅜ nc
Exxon	95 +½
Fina	46⅞ nc
Ford Motors	31⅜ +⅛
Halliburton	58⅜ +⅛
IBM	150¼ + 1⅛
Laser Indus LTD	11⅞ nc
Medical Alliance	11¼ -⅛
Mobil	119⅜ nc
Norwest	41⅞ -⅛
NUV	9 nc
Phillips Petroleum	42⅜ +⅛
Pepsi Cola	28⅜ -⅜
Polaris	23 -⅛
Rural/Metro	34⅜ -⅛
Sears	44½ -⅜
Southwestern Bell	49⅞ -⅜
Sun	24⅛ +⅛
Texaco	96 -½
Texas Instruments	62¼ -⅛
Texas Utils. Co	40⅛ -¼
Unocal Corp	38⅞ +⅛
Wal-Mart	23 -⅛
Amcap	13.93-14.78
Euro Pacific	25.23-26.77
I.C.A.	24.85-26.37
New Economy	16.65-17.67
New Perspective	18.72-18.80
Van Kampen	14.48-15.20
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	368.50-369.00
Silver	4.75-4.78

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The following addresses have been provided to the Herald as locations with Christmas decorations that our readers might enjoy:

- 2003 N. Monticello
- 605 George
- 1800 Grafa
- 2514 Central
- 410 College St., Coahoma
- 10th and Lancaster
- 711 Belvedere
- Kelly Newton Insurance, 1701 Lancaster
- Trinity Memorial Park
- VA Medical Center
- Southwestern Crop Insurance, 601 Scurry
- Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry
- Christmas Connection, 600 E. 3rd
- Moss Lake Nursery, 6911 N. Service Road, Sand Springs
- Econo Lodge
- South Mountain Agency, 601 S. Main
- State National Mini-Bank, 901 Main
- Joy's Hallmark, 1900 Gregg St.
- Texas RV Park, 1001 Hearn
- Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th
- No. 6 Glenwick Cove
- 4009 Connally
- 2308 Thorp
- 4004 Parkway
- 4002 Parkway
- 7601 Pats Rd.
- 2200 Cindy Lane
- 2605 Larry
- 1600 Oriole
- 1500 Mesa
- 908 Lancaster
- 1311 Lamar
- 2801 Crestline
- 705 Highland
- No. 1 Glenwick Cove
- 3205 Duke
- 903 Runnels
- 2402 Allendale
- 1400 Austin
- 2510 Cindy
- 2511 Cindy
- 905 Highland
- 421 Hillside
- 715 Edwards Blvd.
- 902 Mountain Park

HELPING OTHERS

TCA CABLE TV OF Big Spring is sponsoring a canned food drive for the Salvation Army to gather food for needy residents through Friday. If you donate eight or more food items, new customers recieve free installation and current customers will receive free connection to various cable services. Bring donations to the cable office, 2006 Birdwell Lane, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Call the cable office or the Salvation Army for more information.

CELLULAR ONE IS SPONSORING a canned food drive for the Northside Community Center. If you bring in 10 canned goods, the $35 activation fee is waived for new customers. A package of disposable diapers can also be used in exchange for paying the activation fee. The goal is to build a Christmas tree out of cans at the business that reaches the ceiling. The canned goods and diapers will be taken to Northside right before Christmas for distribution. Call 264-0003 for more information.

ON CUE IN THE Big Spring Mall is teaming up with Marine Corps Reserve and Toys for Tots during the holidays. On Cue is offering anyone that buys a gift for Toys for Tots at On Cue receives 20 percent off that item (regularly and clearance-priced items only) plus a $2 coupon valid at the store in January 1997.

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Teachers may get more power to remove unruly students from classroom under law toughening

AUSTIN (AP) — A state law empowering teachers to remove disruptive students from their classrooms would be broadened in some areas and pupils would be ensured due process under proposals by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

"The purpose of this package of bills ... is to further the cause of safe schools," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said in filing legislation Monday for consideration when lawmakers convene in regular session in January.

The safe schools provision in the 1995 education reform law allows teachers to remove violent or disruptive students from their classrooms for placement in alternative education programs. It also calls for automatic removal of students who commit violent or drug-related offenses.

Bivins' package includes bills to:

— Give schools the discretion to expel students for misdemeanor drug offenses. Bivins said current law only allows schools to expel students for felony drug, alcohol and controlled substance violations.

— Ensure students are informed of the allegations against them and have a chance to respond. A federal judge in May ruled part of the safe schools law unconstitutional, saying it denies students due process by moving them to alternative education programs without formal hearings.

— Require alternative education programs run by juvenile justice authorities to serve all students who are expelled, not just those declared delinquent by a court. This would allow students who continue to be disruptive when placed in a school-run alternative education program to be sent to a program run by juvenile justice authorities.

— Require schools to place students in alternative education programs for off-campus felonies only if the student has been charged and the school has been notified. Current law says school personnel must send students to an alternative program if the student "engages in conduct punishable as a felony."

House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, agreed that changes are needed in the safe schools law.

Like Bivins, Sadler said he doesn't want to back away from the law but said he believes clarification is needed in areas such as due process.

"What I'm going to take a look at is to see if we can rewrite the entire chapter (on safe schools) as a whole and make it a little easier to understand," Sadler said.

A major proponent of the safe schools law was the Texas Federation of Teachers. Its secretary-treasurer, John O'Sullivan, said the group still must review details of Bivins' bills but that they don't appear to change core provisions of the law.

"There is always a risk that presenting any list of changes to a fundamentally sound law invites others to submit their less well-intended changes as a result. So we certainly hope the short list of measures announced by Senator Bivins will not open the door to many more," O'Sullivan said.

Bivins also said he plans to file a proposal for a pilot program to allow public money to be used for private tuition for disadvantaged students. Such a program was backed by the Senate as part of the 1995 education measure but was negotiated out of the law in a House-Senate conference committee.

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15-year-old convicted on murder charge

SAN ANTONIO — The youngest person ever tried in an adult court in Bexar County has been convicted on a murder charge.

Albert Ramirez, 15, showed no apparent emotion Monday when the verdict was ready.

He was accused of fatally shooting Wayne Baker, 48, last Feb. 4 at a public housing project. Prosecutors said Ramirez killed Baker because the man caught him on the roof of his house earlier in the day and took his gun from him.

Defense lawyer Tony Jimenez says his client is too young to go to prison.

Toddler killed for disturbing Dallas game

DALLAS — A Dallas man has been charged and jailed after police said he beat his 3-year-old son to death for making too much noise during a televised Dallas Cowboys game.

James Thornton III died Monday at Children's Medical Center of Dallas while undergoing surgery for a ruptured kidney and liver, police said.

His father, James Thornton II, was charged with first-degree injury to a child, which may be upgraded to capital murder, police said. He remained in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center today in lieu of $25,000 bond.

Serious injury to a child is a first-degree felony and carries the same punishment as murder. Because the victim is younger than 6, police said, they may upgrade the charge to capital murder, which could be punishable by death.

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OUR VIEWS

If you haven't yet, take the time to give

During this, the most joyous time of the year, we seem to be more likely to give thanks for our good fortune.

There are those, however, who, for whatever reason, haven't experienced that same good fortune ... men, women, children and yes, even animals.

Because of the efforts of many organizations, we have a number of opportunities to help make someone else's holiday season a bit brighter ... to put a little more merry in their Merry Christmas and a little more happy in their Happy Holidays.

It really doesn't take much effort to help make a difference in someone's life. In fact, the most effort probably comes during the process to make up our minds as to what we're going to do.

While we don't like to think about anyone being cold or hungry during the holidays, think about a little child without hope for Christmas.

To many of us Christmas has gone beyond the miracle it is supposed to celebrate, but to be able to see the eyes of a child light up when presented with a brightly wrapped present ... well, perhaps that is the type miracle we all need to experience.

So many have gone the extra mile this holiday season to afford us the opportunity to help someone else. Don't pass up that opportunity.

Don't walk past another Christmas tree with the names of youngsters who might not have a Christmas without you.

Don't turn your head and pretend to look at something else when you walk up on that person ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Place yourself in another's place ... think of facing a child on Christmas morning without something from Santa Claus ... think of the children who don't have anything to look forward to and realize ... you can make a difference.

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Congress should cut income taxes for D.C. residents

By JAMES L. PROST
Congressional Quarterly

The District of Columbia is losing its middle-income wage earners. This contributes to the District's fiscal crises by reducing the tax base, increasing taxes for those remaining and generating a higher proportion of residents needing governmental services.

From 1990 to 1995, the District lost more than 22,500 middle-income households. The recent Census projection forecasts an even bleaker fiscal future for the District.

Something must be done to stop the "bleeding" of middle-income wage earners leaving Washington. This action must directly benefit middle-income wage earners, not directly fund the District government, and encourage reinvestment within the District.

POINT

The District of Columbia Economic Recovery Act, introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton, will have such a dramatic impact. It has broad bipartisan support and is structured to target benefits to the middle class and encourage investment and job creation in the District.

The act has been referred to by some as a "progressive tax." While this may be perceived as an oxymoron, the act is carefully structured to target benefits to encourage middle-income people to work, live and invest within the District.

The act encourages small business investment and venture capital into Washington by eliminating the capital gains tax for District residents for capital gains earned within the District.

The act avoids tax abuse by applying its lower tax rate only to wages and salaries earned in the metropolitan region and investment income earned within the District. Higher income households, with significant earnings from investments, wages and salaries earned outside the District, will pay taxes on this outside income two to three times higher than on their District earnings.

The act reduces the federal income tax of moderate-income residents significantly more than that of upper-income filers — those with adjusted gross incomes over $100,000. The proportional tax burden is shifted from middle-income to higher-income filers.

Obviously, the act needs to be matched by improvements in District services, schools and public safety. But dramatic steps to retain the middle class offer the best hope of achieving these other turnarounds.

By encouraging investments and increasing disposable income, the act will do much to facilitate neighborhood revitalization and small-minority business development.

The act represents an innovative, balanced and targeted approach, offering the opportunity to immediately change market perception, encourage the middle class to remain in Washington and achieve broad bipartisan support.

(James L. Prost is an economic consultant at Basile Baumann Prost & Associates.)

Congress should not cut income taxes for D.C. residents

By STEPHEN S. FULLER
For Congressional Quarterly

The 15 percent flat federal income tax proposed for District residents would not lead to the revitalization of the D.C. economy. This is not because of some flaw in the tax concept: It is just the wrong answer to the District's economic problems.

Taxes are not the issue facing residential and business investment decisions in the District. The federal income tax is not responsible for the District's loss of 50,000 residents and 50,000 jobs over the last five years.

The problem is the District's deteriorating infrastructure, growing fears for personal safety, declining market conditions and government mismanagement.

The reputation of the District of Columbia as a good place to live and do business has been seriously diminished over the past decade. Reducing the federal income tax with the hope that this taxpayer subsidy would ameliorate these fundamental problems or make them less important to current and future residents and investors ignores the factors that shape these important personal and business decisions.

COUNTERPOINT

Research has shown that the most important factors in determining residential location are proximity to place of work, quality of public facilities and services, community reputation and image, housing conditions and costs, neighborhood amenities and familiarity with the jurisdiction.

Taxes are not a primary factor. In fact, residents are willing to pay higher taxes if they feel that the investment value of their house will grow and be protected because of the city's strong commitment to high quality of local public facilities. It is not that taxes are unimportant. It is just that other factors are more important.

Tax-based incentives are far too indirect a means for influencing the District's economy. The windfall benefits from lower federal tax rates, which would accrue primarily to households with incomes above $100,000, would not generate significant levels of new spending in the District. Rather, these tax savings would be spent or invested elsewhere in the national economy.

Accordingly, there would be no direct job growth or business development generated in the District.

The federal Office of Management and Budget has estimated that this tax cut would cost the nation's taxpayers $700 million a year.

With funding of that magnitude, improvements having direct impact on the District's quality of life, ones that correct the problems discouraging business investment and residential location decisions, could be undertaken.

Such an approach would have much more certain results than can be hoped for from a tax cut where the benefits to the District of Columbia cannot be focused on its real problems.

(Stephen S. Fuller is a professor of public policy at George Mason University.)

Finally getting a handle on the debate over English as official language

By CHARLES MCDOWELL
Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court heard arguments recently about the notion that English ought to be the official language of the United States and immigrants ought to have to learn it to deal with the government. More than 20 states have adopted versions of this idea as law.

I was irritated by the little bit I knew about the case and was tempted to attend the argument. But I found something else to do. That was fortunate because the proceedings apparently got bogged down in legalisms rather than confronting the question whether government employees and plain citizens have a First Amendment right to use whatever language works best for them.

Last week I got a notice from U.S. English, Inc., a lobbying group leading the movement for the official language It was inviting reporters to a discussion of the issue at the National Press Club. I suddenly cared enough to drive from the Virginia suburbs into the city before 9 a.m. just two days after publication of a study showing that Washington ranks second only to Los Angeles in time wasted in American cities by commuter-traffic gridlock.

Before I got to the Press Club I had convinced myself more than ever that the adoption of an "official language" amounted to a rather mean-minded if supposedly patriotic movement. It would virtually require immigrants to put their culture behind them to become real Americans with real legal rights.

Only a half-dozen reporters showed up. Waiting for more, who did not come, I was assured that our meeting could become "a lively debate." I resented that, too. I didn't know enough about the subject for a debate.

A political consultant, Rick Shelby, briefed us: the House passed an official-language bill in the past Congress, the Senate did not; Bob Dole endorsed it, President Clinton did not; the national bill will come up again and more states will act on their own; more than 80 percent of American-born citizens say in polls that they support the idea of one official language, and so allegedly do 71 percent of immigrants.

Now Shelby introduced the chairman and powerhouse of the organization that claims almost a million contributors. The chairman's name is Mauro E. Mujica. He is an immigrant from Chile. Yes.

He came to the United States to study architecture at Columbia University and is now retired. As a grateful citizen, he favors English as the official language to promote "the melting pot idea" rather than "a bilingual country" of, say, Americans and Spanish.

Mujica got to me when he said almost in passing that he and his wife speak Spanish at home, and their children learned both English and Spanish early on.

"I will not be involved in a group trying to pass an English-only type of legislation," he said. "I am for teaching American students other languages, absolutely."

Mujica spoke of another organization, smaller, radical in his opinion. He said that one — "English First" he called it — hoped to make English the only language for Americans at school, at work, in true American life.

Gradually I was coming to understand the theme of Mujica's organization: it wants to get to unity without shutting down anybody's language. English, besides being the language of the Constitution, would be the recognized language and symbol of American government but not by any means the only language of a free people.

"We want a common language," Mujica said, not just so immigrants can speak to American citizens but so they can speak to each other.

"This is the first step...back to the melting pot," he said with a proud trace of the accent he brought from Chile.

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Wetteland liked what he saw, so Rangers now have an MVP closer

ARLINGTON (AP) — Once John Wetteland opted out of the final year of his New York Yankees contract, he expected the World Series champions to come right back with another offer.

It never happened.

Wetteland eventually got tired of waiting for New York to do something, so he decided to do something on his own. He visited Texas, talked to Boston and considered going back to Montreal.

But after the World Series MVP spent some four hours at The Ballpark in Arlington with Rangers' management last Thursday, he knew he'd found a new home.

"It was just pretty hard to pass up," Wetteland, 30, said Monday after signing a four-year, $23 million contract that makes him the highest-paid reliever ever. "The conditions here are too perfect. It's kind of mind-blowing to me."

Wetteland said he loved being a Yankee, and nearly choked up thinking about all the friends he was leaving behind.

"I'm really going to miss seeing those guys' faces every day," he said.

It was a goodbye he really didn't expect to make.

"I thought something was going to happen early (with the Yankees) because all the reports said they wanted to take care of that first," he said. "I didn't have time to be disappointed. I had to go and search elsewhere."

Texas was desperately seeking a closer of Wetteland's stature, especially after Mel Rojas signed with the Chicago Cubs and Eric Plunk, whom general manager Doug Melvin coveted, re-signed with Cleveland.

Surprisingly, the Rangers wound up getting Wetteland himself.

"Somebody said this is as big as when Nolan Ryan came aboard," Melvin said.

Wetteland's deal includes a $1 million signing bonus and $1 million in severance pay after his career. He'll make $4 million in next season, $5.25 million in '98, $5.75 million in '99 and $6 million in 2000.

"We feel this is the final piece of a puzzle to get us to the next level," Melvin said. "There is no doubt in my mind we have the best closer in baseball today."

Wetteland proved he was among the game's best by converting 43 of 47 save opportunities during the regular season, then going 7 for 7 in the playoffs. His four World Series saves earned him the MVP award.

The Rangers had learned the importance of a dominant closer, as their bullpen blew 16 saves last year. Texas relievers also squandered leads in all three first-round playoff losses to the Yankees, while Wetteland shut them down twice.

"I'm aware of those problems they had last year, and, yes, I'm excited to see if I can make some kind of a difference," said Wetteland, who becomes the fifth-highest paid pitcher in baseball.

"But I'm not going to tell you I'm the big, important piece that's missing. I don't view it that way at all. I'm just looking forward to the opportunity to getting a lot of work, and I think I'm going to get that here."

The closer won't be the only new face in Texas' bullpen next year. The Rangers signed Xavier Hernandez last week and on Monday they acquired Cory Bailey from the St. Louis Cardinals.

The only players expected to return are lefty Ed Vosberg, who must be re-signed, and right-hander Danny Patterson, who will likely be groomed into becoming a closer.

In New York, Wetteland will be replaced by setup man Mariano Rivera, who went 8-3 with a 2.09 ERA and 130 strikeouts in 107 2-3 innings in his first full season in the majors.

"From what I've seen," Wetteland said, "there's no question in my mind he can be outstanding."

Notes: For signing Wetteland, the Rangers must surrender to the Yankees their first-round pick in the 1997 amateur draft. ... For Bailey, the Rangers gave St. Louis minor-league pitcher David Chavarria and a player to be named. ... Next up on Texas' postseason task list is re-signing center fielder Darryl Hamilton and getting a long-term deal with catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

Class A All-State team filled with returnees, two-way stars

Garden City's Batla second team quarterback

DALLAS (AP) — At 6-feet-6 and 351 pounds, Wortham's Leonard Davis takes up a lot of room wherever he goes.

Davis' size, along with his tremendous football ability, helped him fill two spots on The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class A All-State team announced Monday.

Garden City senior Bradley Batla was the only area athlete placed on the team. He was named second-team quarterback.

Davis was voted a first-teamer on the offensive and defensive lines and was an overwhelming choice as defensive player of the year.

"Because he is so big, he wouldn't have to work hard to have success, but he has a great work ethic," said Wortham coach Tommy Roberson.

Davis upped his bench press from 395 pounds in May to 421 in August, Roberson said.

"I think that work ethic is what has given him the success he's been able to enjoy."

Also filling two first-team slots were Granger junior James Everage at wide receiver and defensive back and Bryon's Todd Tuel, who made it as a linebacker and punter. Tuel also was the first-team punter last year.

Other players returning from last year's first team include Munday linebacker Gerald Taylor and Runge's Alonzo Esparza, who made it at running back this year after being a linebacker in 1995.

Two more first-team spots went to players from Windthorst, which defeated Tenaha 41-12 last weekend for its first 1A title. Those all-state picks are offensive lineman Jeremy Vieth and defensive lineman Quentin Berend. Defensive lineman Roderick Calloway was Tenaha's only first-teamer.

First-team running back Stephen Gann of Meridian was the offensive player of the year after rushing for 2,136 yards and 30 touchdowns.

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior also threw three touchdown passes and returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown.

Joining Gann in the first-team backfield were Henry Diggs, whose 1,839 yards helped Itasca go from an 0-10 team to an 8-2 district champion, and quarterback James Williams, who threw for 719 yards and 11 touchdowns and ran for 1,162 yards and 18 touchdowns in leading Springlake-Earth to an undefeated season.

The other offensive skill position went to Era receiver Wayne Twiner, a junior, and the kicker was Kress junior Travis Pittman, who hit two 47-yard field goals this year.

Rounding out the first-team offensive line were Gorman's Kris Carlton, Dawson's Daniel Kelley and Bartlett's Eric Ramos.

Other defensive players honored by the APSE include Ben Bolt lineman Jeremy Escobar, Runge linebacker Justin Wimpigler, and the defensive backfield trio of Wink's Calvin Baker, Bremond's Jody Ortega and Milano's Derrick Wilcox.

The APSE All-State team is based on regular-season performance. Players were nominated for the seventh annual team and votes were cast before the playoffs.

Davis, who runs the 40 in 5.0 seconds and is nimble enough to dunk a basketball, is easily the most dynamic 1A player to come along in several years.

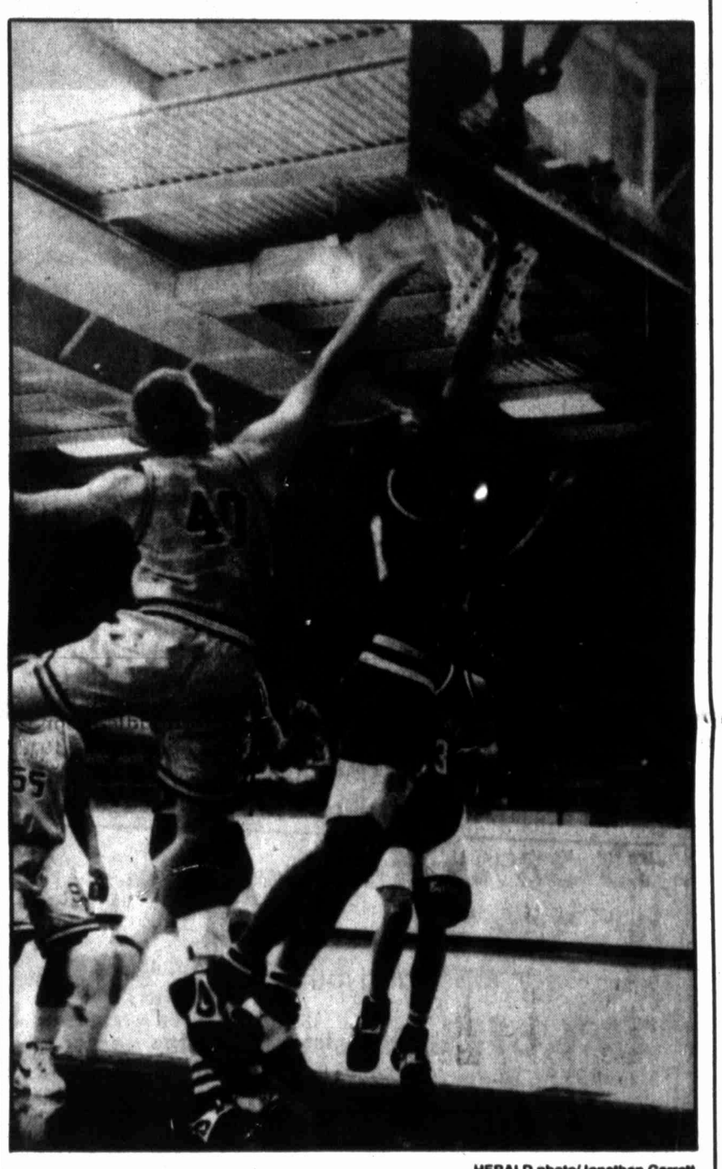
While a handful of small-school players earn college scholarships every year, it is rare to for one to become as hot a prospect as he is.

Ohio State sent a recruiter down last spring and left convinced he'd seen the next coming of Orlando Pace, the Buckeyes' two-time Lombardi Award-winning offensive lineman.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum was in the stands to watch Davis the first day college coaches could do such a thing.

Davis has committed to the Aggies verbally, but he still plans to make his five visits. He went to Texas Christian last weekend and will still go to Miami, A&M, Texas and a fifth school, either Baylor, Kansas State or Houston.

UP AND IN



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Coahoma's Matthew Hamilton (dark uniform) banks a two-pointer off the glass during the Bulldogs' game with Sterling City Saturday. Coahoma's boys and girls face Forsan in a doubleheader tonight beginning with the girls' game at 6:30.

Swimmers reign at Seminole

HERALD Staff Report

That shattering sound you heard to the north last weekend was a lot of precedents being broken.

The Big Spring High School girls' team not only won their first swim meet title ever, but they established themselves as a district favorite after taking first place at the Seminole Invitational Saturday.

The Lady Steers went into the final event — the 400 freestyle relay — needing a strong showing to wrap up the title, and that's exactly what they got. The quartet of Allison Thomas, Michelle Tuttle, Somer Leubner and Melissa Sheedy captured first place in the event (in a time of 4:39.95) to finish the meet with 90 points, two better than runners-up Carlsbad and Monahans.

The meet also marked the first time this season that Big Spring defeated Monahans in head-to-head competition. With that barrier gone, the Lady Steers have now bested every District 4-4A team at one time or another this season.

"We've come in second or third before, but this is the first time we've had a win at an invitational," BSHS coach Harlan Smith said. "We had some real good swims. Everything we've been working on is starting to come

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Irvin seeks to dispel latest drug rumors

IRVING (AP) — Michael Irvin says he's still clean of drugs, despite rumors to the contrary.

The Dallas Cowboys wide receiver tried Monday to squelch talk that he had violated terms of his four-year probation on charges of drug possession.

Irvin, suspended by the NFL for the first five games of the season, made a rare appearance in the dressing room during the Cowboys' daily media hour. Irvin had been speaking to the media only after games.

For several weeks, rumors have swept the NFL that Irvin had a setback and was in danger of being sent to jail by state District Judge Manny Alvarez, who had warned him not to make even one slip.

Alvarez's court coordinator, David Lozano, has affirmed Irvin's contention that the rumors are unsubstantiated.

Irvin said he wanted to answer "all the rumors and speculation."

"I have not done anything in any way, shape or form to violate my probation or in any way, shape or form to violate the NFL drug policy," he said.

Irvin struck a deal with prosecutors during his trial in July after a topless dancer testified about drug and sex parties involving the wide receiver.

He pleaded no contest to a felony cocaine possession charge and was sentenced to four years' deferred adjudication, a $10,000 fine and 800 hours of community service. Irvin has been compiling community service time, but it's not public record how many hours he has served.

The story seemed to gain momentum earlier this month after the NFL suspended Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett for violating the league's drug policy for a second time.

Irvin said he decided to speak out because rumors have reached the Cowboys fans "and the people deserve this."

"It's not fair for a bunch of fans to sit back and bite their nails," he said. "I have not done anything. I will be playing football here this year."

Asked how the rumors started, Irvin replied, "I swear to you I didn't trigger them."

"People said I was in jail on drugs," he explained. "I have never flunked a drug test. I've had phone calls and phone calls and it's unfair. There is nothing to it."

Ford enjoys coaching return to Boston Gardens

BOSTON (AP) — Chris Ford was probably feeling pretty down when he was fired by Boston Celtics boss M.L. Carr after the 1994-95 season.

If any painful memories lingered, though, they were erased Monday night when Ford returned to Boston as the Milwaukee coach and the Bucks won 107-91 for their fifth victory in six games. The Celtics, now coached by Carr, have but five wins in 22 games this season.

"I don't think he (Ford) would trade places at all," said Bucks guard Sherman Douglas, who was traded from Boston to Milwaukee last year. "I assume someplace deep inside, he was like, 'Yes, I'm happy.'"

Ford played for and coached the Celtics when they still played in the Boston Garden, and he had only been inside their new building once, for the circus.

"We, as players, had it in our minds that it was an important game," said Bucks forward Vin Baker, who scored 28 points and added 11 rebounds. "We didn't talk about it. There wasn't anything different we did. We just came out and played."

Andrew Lang had 12 points and 13 rebounds and Glenn Robinson had 19 points and nine rebounds for the Bucks, who have won three straight.

NBA

Dana Barros led Boston with just 16 points.

Elsewhere in the NBA on Monday night, it was Detroit 98, Toronto 92; Washington 97, Sacramento 89; and the Los Angeles Clippers 122, Phoenix 121 in overtime.

Ford played for the Celtics from 1978-82 and coached them from 1990-95, when Carr, then the director of player personnel, fired him. Ford caught on with the Bucks (13-9) this year, taking on a promising roster that has a chance at the playoffs.

Carr and his Celtics cannot say the same. The sparse crowd offered Ford polite applause at his introduction — still better than the smattering of boos given to the man who fired him.

"I joined in," Carr said. "I'm a fan, too."

Ford said, smiling, that he didn't notice the boos for Carr, but that it was nice to hear that people appreciated his work as a player and a coach. He also said the game didn't bring back many memories for him because he had served his Celtics tenure in the Boston Garden; in fact, he had only been in the FleetCenter once before, for the circus.

And there were no hard feelings towards Carr, he said.

"How long ago was that? We've got to move on now," he said. "My job is to win basketball games, no matter who they're against."

Ray Allen helped Milwaukee get off to a fast start, scoring 13 of his 16 points in the first quarter. The Bucks scored eight consecutive points to take a 28-17 lead before David Wesley's jumper cut the lead to nine at the end of one.

In the second, Boston scored nine straight points to close to 47-44. The Celtics tied it in the third, 54-54, when Eric Williams followed a 12-footer with a slam dunk with 9:58 left.

But after a Bucks timeout, Baker hit an 18-footer, Lang made a layup and Robinson sank a 16-foot jumper to make it 60-54. Boston closed to 64-62, but Baker made two layups and a free throw to help Milwaukee extend the lead to 11 points by the end of the third.

Pistons 98, Raptors 92

Grant Hill had 27 points and 12 rebounds, and Detroit closed the game with a 10-0 run at Toronto.

Hill scored four points during the decisive run as the Pistons overcame a four-point deficit.

Damon Stoudamire scored 28 points to lead the Raptors, who dropped their fourth straight since defeating the Chicago Bulls on Dec. 8.

Bullets 97, Kings 89

At Sacramento, Chris Webber had 24 points and Juwan Howard 21 as Washington downed the undermanned Kings.

Webber added 14 rebounds for the Bullets, who won their fourth straight game. Washington's defense limited Sacramento to just 15 points in the third quarter.

Mitch Richmond led the Kings with 28 points.

The Kings played only seven players because of injuries and coach Garry St. Jean's decision not to use Duane Causwell and rookie Kevin Salvadori.

Clippers 122, Suns 121

At Anaheim, Brent Barry's 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left in regulation tied it and Terry Dehere scored five points in the final 46 seconds of overtime.

Malik Sealy scored 28 points and Loy Vaught had 16 points and tied a career-high with 21 rebounds as the Clippers won their third straight game after losing 10 of 11.

Danny Manning scored 12 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Suns.

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FOOTBALL

APSE Class A All-State Team

DALLAS (AP) — The Class A All-State high school football team, released Monday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season statistics:

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

LINEMEN

KRIS CARLTON, Gorman, 6-3, 245, Sr. — 73 knockdowns, 15 clearing blocks, on offense that avg. 300 yards a game.

LEONARD DAVIS, Wortham, 6-6, 351, Sr. — Followed up first-team all-state selection last year with 56 pancake blocks in 1996; Dominated everybody he lined up against; offense averaged 350 yards per game; Texas A&M commitment.

DANIEL KELLEY, Dawson, 6-4, 280, Sr. — Offense rushed for more than 3,000 yards; good run blocker, technique blocker and exceptionally strong; three-year all-district.

ERIC RAMOS, Bartlett, 6-0, 285, Jr. — Consistently graded out at 90 percent. Best blocker on that average more than 300 yards per game.

JEREMY VIETH, Windthorst, 6-3, 246, Sr. — consistent, best blocker on line that avg. 456 yards total offense and 50 pts a game.

QUARTERBACK

JAMES WILLIAMS, Springlake-Earth, 6-2, 190, Jr. — 32-89-3, 719 11 TDs; 114-1,162, 18 TDs rushing.

RUNNING BACKS

HENRY DIGGS, Itasca, 5-10, 160, Sr. — 177-1,839, 25 TDs; team captain played major role in turning Itasca from 0-10 last year to an 8-2 district champion.

ALONZO ESPARZA, Runge, 6-1, 190, Jr. — 156-1,585, 21 TDs for a 9-1 playoff team.

STEPHEN GANN, Meridian, 5-10, 175, Sr. — 235-2,136, 30 touchdowns; 6-14-135, 3 TDs passing; 97-yard kickoff return for TD; 108 yards receiving; accounted for 2,642 total yards and 32 TDs.

ENDS

JAMES EVERAGE, Granger, 6-3, 205, Jr. — 44-888

WAYNE TWINER, Era, 5-8, 140, Jr. — 52-904, 2-yr starter, all-district.

PLACE KICKER

TRAVIS PITTMAN, Kress, 6-2, 170, Jr. — 44-53 PATs, 7-7 FG (47 twice).

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Stephen Gann, Meridian.

DEFENSE

LINEMEN

QUENTIN BEREND, Windthorst, 6-2, 218, Sr. — 112 tackles, 8 sacks, 7 caused fumbles, 4 recoveries, on def. that gave up 59 points, allowed avg. of 66 yards rushing and 6.5 first downs a game.

RODERICK CALLOWAY, Tenaha, 6-3, 190, Sr. — All-district for four years; 13 unassisted tackles, 114 assisted, 2 fumble recoveries for first-team defensive unit that allowed only 26 points all season.

LEONARD DAVIS, Wortham, 6-6, 351, Sr. — 89 tackles despite teams running away for him, eight tackles behind the line, three sacks, 2 INTs (one returned 82 yards for TD) and five forced fumbles; defense allowed only 184 yards per game.

JEREMY ESCOBAR, Ben Bolt, 6-2, 230, Sr. — 5.0 speed, 16 sacks, 4 in 1 game; 73 tackles, two fumble recoveries, 1 for TD, team was 8-2 with 3 shutouts, opponents averaged 8 points per game.

LINEBACKERS

GERALD TAYLOR, Munday, 6-1, 205, Sr. — 127 tackles, 15 behind line, 4 pressures, 6 caused fumbles, 2 recovered, 6 pass breakups, 2 INTs, 1 for TD; all-state last year.

TODD TUEL, Bryson, 6-1, 191, Sr. — 25 solo tackles, 81 assists, 3 fumbles recovered, 3 caused fumbles, 4 INTs, 3 pass breakups.

JUSTIN WIMPIGLER, Runge, 6-1, 185, Sr. — 152 tackles, including 21 for losses, caused 11 fumbles and recovered 6 fumbles for 9-1 playoff team.

DEFENSIVE BACK

CALVIN BAKER, Wink, 5-11, 165, Sr. — 170 tackles, 6 INTs, 1 for 99-yard TD.

JAMES EVERAGE, Granger, 6-3, 205, Jr. — 7 INTs, 7 sacks, 84 tackles.

JODY ORTEGA, Bremond, 5-10, 160, Jr. — unanimous first-team all-district pick, 8 INTs, 2 for TDs; 84 tackles, 1 fumble recovery for a TD and punt return for a TD.

DERRICK WILCOX, Milano, 6-3, 185, Sr. — 6 INTs, 1 returned for a TD, 18 passes broken up, 97 tackles, 3 fumble recoveries and forced 2 fumbles.

PUNTER

TODD TUEL, Bryson, 6-1, 191, Sr. — 21 for 45.5 average.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Leonard Davis, Wortham.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

OL CURTIS CROFT, Mildred, 6-3, 260, Sr.

OL LUCAS HARTMAN, Muenster, 6-1, 235, Jr.

OL RUDY MONREAL, Springlake-Earth, 6-0, 240, Sr.

OL MATT PAVLATOS, Bremond, 5-11, 215, Sr.

OL KEVIN VITEK, Granger, 6-2, 205, Sr.

E RON GILES, Tenaha, 5-11, 170, Sr.

E LUPE SALINAS, Lorenzo, 5-9, 145, Sr.

QB BRADLEY BATLA, Garden City, 6-0, 180, Sr.

RB PRESTON MEYER, Sabinal, 6-0, 215, Sr.

RB JONATHAN REAGINS, Munday, 6-2, 180, Jr.

BSHS

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together."

Juniors Leubner and Tuttle had the top individual postings for Big Spring.

Leubner took first place in the 200 individual medley, winning in a time of 2:45.27, while Tuttle also claimed first place in 100 breastroke, finishing in a time of 1:23.40.

Big Spring's boys came close to making a sweep at Seminole, as they finished second to champion Pecos at the meet.

Stephen Smith and Slate Broyles had the top individual performances for the Steers. Broyles won the 100 backstroke in a time of 1:05.97, while Smith won the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:28.69. Smith added a second place finish 100 freestyle, while Broyles was third in the 100 butterfly.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Broyles, Smith, Manfried Robinson and Billy Beckworth was second in their event, while Big Spring took third place in two other relays — the 200 medley and the 200 freestyle.

The BSHS swimmers are off until Jan. 25, when they compete at the district meet in Fort Stockton.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Freshmen girls third

The BigSpring High School girls' freshman basketball team finished third at last weekend's Colorado City tournament.

The freshmen Lady Steers opened with a 43-27 victory over Snyder. In that game, Monica Rubio and Angie DeLaCruz led Big Spring with 10 points each.

In their second game, the frehsmen dropped a 30-20 decision to Merkel despite nine points from Lindsey Marino.

Then, in the third-place game, Big Spring turned up the defensive pressure, holding Hawley to five second-half points en route to a 25-24 victory.Candice Fryar scored all of her six points from the free-throw line to lead Big Spring.

The Lady Steers (7-3) return to action at 4:30 p.m. Friday at home against Odessa Permian.

Martin receives honor

Big Spring High School graduate Stacy Martin, now at Sul Ross State University, recently was named to the America Southwest Conference second-team defense.

Martin, a junior strong safety for the Loboes, was the team's leading tackler with 52 takedowns. In addition he had two interceptions and 4 1/2 sacks.

Borden sweeps tourney

GAIL — Borden County's girls' and boys' teams each took top honors at last weekend's Coyote Christmas Tournament.

The Lady Coyotes took first place in the girls' division with a 51-35 win over Klondike, whle the Borden boys won their division with a 63-50 victory over Klondike.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18:

Accept responsibility for your decisions concerning funds and security. Carefully examine what is happening. Take command of your own ship. Be more in touch with what you want, and build toward those goals. Be imaginative and creative, but not with your finances. If you are single, you meet people effortlessly. You might join a new crowd of friends. There are many potential suitors here. However, don't overdo trying to impress another. If attached, the two of you work as a team to realize a heartfelt desire. ARIES encourages you to be more playful.

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) Commotion marks events and colors your decisions. It is tough to disengage from this energy. It affects you specifically at work, dealing with those who are in control. Use the atmosphere of confusion to empower yourself. Tonight: Take a leisurely break! ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Accent inner solidity. There is much pressure around changes and long-range goals. Consider further education and travel. Evaluate new information. The dice has yet to be tossed, so don't worry. More is going on than is being revealed. Tonight: Do as you choose. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid making monetary decisions. You feel you are on a winning streak. Still, you might not see everything with enough clarity. Network, and stay open to all options. What you need to know soon becomes available. Tonight: Get together with a friend. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others add a strong element of confusion to your work day. Be accountable and willing to take a risk or change course. Your imagination will keep work on the right track. Another may have different ideas. Postpone distraction. Tonight: Go out and about. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Adjust plans, and be prepared to move in another direction. Information comes your way that may indicate you do not have the whole story. Be sure of yourself. Pull back, evaluate and find an expert if need be. Additional insights are on the way. Tonight: Rent a movie. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Teamwork is instrumental to taking the right action. Carefully consider another's ideas. Brainstorming adds to the mania but eventually helps narrow down the best choices. Remember a child, who needs your attention. Tonight: Make time for a loved one. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) In the current atmosphere, you are best off determining what an associate wants. The issue isn't whether you are in agreement. Rather, is your thinking anchored? Your ability to see both sides of the story will play into this scenario. Tonight: Be flexible. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Stay close to the true story, which may be hard to get. You might find you are a victim of mixed messages. Do what you know is correct here. An even approach will help you distinguish the smoke from reality. Tonight: Work out at the gym. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Experience opens doors. Sort through financial confusion. Understand the toll a risk could take on funds. Find other ways to succeed, without risk. A loved one is full of spunk. Enjoy good times. Tonight: Grab an unexpected invitation. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You add to the pressure. A family member pushes you. Listen, and think through what is important. Don't react. You do not have the full account. Sort through what is absolutely necessary before diving into the unknown. Tonight: Have a talk with a brainy pal. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You add more to events than what is going on. Use that extra touch of self-awareness, and take a leap of faith. You might not always be right, but detaching keeps you on the right track. You are able to bend and surprise others. Tonight: Go with spontaneity. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) News could be upsetting. A friend may not lead you in the right direction. Honor what is going on with a loved one Know what you can and cannot do. Money plays a big part in your decision. Be direct, if possible. Take care of yourself first. Tonight: Write Christmas cards. **

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Miami puts crimp in Bills' playoff plans

MIAMI (AP) — The Buffalo Bills' road collapse is complete, and a decade of dominance against the Miami Dolphins is over.

Now the Bills stumble back to Buffalo, where their season will end Sunday if they are unable to right themselves.

Needing a victory to clinch a playoff berth Monday night, Buffalo instead lost to Miami 16-14. The defeat extended the Bills' losing streak to three games, all on the road.

"We know we're a better team than we're showing," said Jim Kelly, who threw two touchdown passes. "I don't have the answers right now."

For the first time since 1986, Miami (7-8) swept a season series from the Bills (9-6) and defeated them in a late-season game. Buffalo had beaten the Dolphins 11 consecutive times in November, December and January in the past decade.

"There's a feeling of frustration and dismay," Buffalo defensive end Bruce Smith said. "Something's wrong. This is ridiculous."

Because the Bills lost, New England (10-5) clinched the AFC East title and will host at least one playoff game.

Buffalo fell into a tie with Kansas City and Indianapolis for the best record in the AFC wild-card race, which means the Bills will have to win on the road in postseason to reach the Super Bowl.

"If I'm in the playoffs, I don't care where it's at — in Buffalo or North Dakota," Smith said.

The Bills can clinch a wild-card berth if they win their final regular-season game Sunday at home against the Chiefs, or if Jacksonville (8-7) loses or ties its final game against Atlanta.

The second-year Jaguars will earn a berth by beating Atlanta, unless the Buffalo-Kansas City game ends in a tie.

Miami, eliminated from playoff contention Sunday, claimed a consolation victory and broke a three-game losing streak.

"We approached the week like any other game," coach Jimmy Johnson said. "We didn't want to finish the year on a down note, regardless of the situation."

For the fifth consecutive game, the Dolphins scored just one touchdown, but they controlled the ball for 42 minutes.

"We played defense hard," linebacker Zach Thomas said, "but we only had to play it for 18 minutes."

"We have a quality defense," Bills receiver Steve Tasker said, "and they aren't getting support from this side of the ball. We're in a funk. There are some mental mistakes going on out there, and that's ridiculous at this point in the season."

The Bills scored on Kelly's touchdown passes of 67 yards to Andre Reed and 16 yards to Eric Moulds. But they were outgained on the ground 145 yards to 51.

"We got beat probably worse than the score says," coach Marv Levy said. "We didn't get the ball enough, and didn't do enough with it when we had it."

Marino went 26-for-37 for 263 yards. His 5-yard touchdown pass to O.J. McDuffie made it 16-7 with 11 minutes left.

After Moulds scored with 4:09 to go, Miami caught a break when officials ruled the ball was dead on an apparent fumble by McDuffie at the Dolphins 25.

Miami kicker Joe Nedney, who has struggled much of the season, went 3-for-3 on field goals, including an 18-yarder to give the Dolphins a 9-7 lead midway through the third period.

Buffalo blew a chance to take the lead later in the quarter. A 42-yard pass interference penalty on Calvin Jackson gave Buffalo a first down at the Miami 3, but the Dolphins held, and Steve Christie missed a 20-yard field-goal attempt when his kick deflected off the right upright.

"It's just nice to know I'm not the only one who can miss those kind of kicks," Nedney said.

A high snap contributed to Christie's miss, his fourth inside the 30-yard line in 60 career attempts.

Redskins ponder reasons for second-half collapse

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins have been reduced to bye-week status.

Once 7-1 and seemingly bound for the playoffs, the Redskins are out of it in one of the worst collapses in team history.

Now Dallas coach Barry Switzer, whose Cowboys come into RFK Stadium on Sunday with the NFC East title sewn up, has said his team will "treat the game as a bye in several ways."

"Are they?" running back Terry Allen said. "Well, we'll just beat the hell out of them, then. I wouldn't advise him to play his starters."

The Redskins should probably thank Switzer for the bulletin-board quote, because they need all the motivation they can get.

After Sunday's 27-26 loss to the Arizona Cardinals, the veterans are saying this season is tougher to deal with than 1994, when the Skins went 3-13.

"This is worse," receiver Henry Ellard said. "When you know you've got a chance and all of a sudden, things kind of fall in on you. ... I'm mentally drained. I'm exhausted. I've never been through a season where it affected me that way."

The only comparable season in the Redskins' 64-year history was 1978, when Jack Pardee's team started 6-0 and made it to 8-3 before losing its last five to finish out of the playoffs at 8-8.

The leader in the sympathy stakes has to be linebacker Ken Harvey, a three-time Pro Bowl selection who has never played on a winning team in nine NFL seasons.

He thought he would finally make it to the postseason this time, but found himself gamely talking — again — about coming back next year as he collapsed his tired body on the couch at Redskin Park on Monday.

"You live to fight another day, hopefully," Harvey said with a sigh. "Hopefully, my career isn't over yet and hopefully there's another opportunity."

There was no finger-pointing. In fact, many players shrugged their shoulders and couldn't come up with any answers when asked why and how the collapse came about.

"Man, I have no idea," Allen said. "The last half of the season, we didn't look like the team that was playing the first half."

Others, including coach Norv Turner, topped the list with injuries. The Redskins were always playing with a small margin of error, and the extended downtime of players such as Ed Simmons, Michael Westbrook, Leslie Shepherd, Sterling Palmer, Marc Boutte, Darryl Pounds and Darryl Morrison was too much to overcome.

"The disappointing things for me were the number of injuries in the second half of the season that kept us from playing at the same level," Turner said. "... Those things take their toll. Then being in two overtime games and the game Sunday, you need to find a way to win."

Turner was referring to the overtime losses at home to Arizona and San Francisco, then the 27-26 defeat at Arizona on Sunday decided by Kevin Butler's field goal on the last play of the game.

While it's true that a break or two here or there could have kept things alive until January, it's also true that the last seven games have exposed one weakness after another that proved the Redskins were a mediocre team.

The offense hasn't scored more than one touchdown in a game in four weeks and can't seem to punch the ball in from the red zone.

Three times Sunday, the Redskins had to settle for field goals after getting inside the Cardinals' 10.

The defense is among the worst in the league, in need of stronger play from the defensive ends, the middle linebacker and the safeties.

Third-and-long has become a promising prospect for opposing offenses against Washington's nickel package, and the Cardinals were 9-for-17 on third-down attempts of five yards or longer.

Turner avoided answering last week when asked about defensive coordinator Ron Lynn's future.

The special teams, among the best in the league last season, have committed untimely penalties and have been too often on the wrong end of big plays.

On Sunday, Arizona rusher Tommy Bennett got to punter Matt Turk so quickly that he actually blocked Turk's drop — before the ball was kicked.

Humble candidates lose, say those who know firsthand



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR READERS: A short time ago, I printed a letter from a man and his wife who were in a heated discussion about whether a person should vote for him (or her) self. In my reply, I said: "I can't imagine anyone who is running for public office voting for the opposition. I'd be interested in hearing from those who have run for public office and how they cast their ballots."

The stack of responses was quite surprising! Read on:

DEAR MISS VAN BUREN: Speaking of candidates who do not vote for themselves, I am sending you this true story: In 1840, my great-great-great uncle, John Janney, was chairman of the Whig Party Convention in Virginia. This convention nominated William Henry Harrison for president. Uncle John and John Tyler were the nominees for the vice presidency. When the vote of the convention was a tie, Uncle John as chairman did the honorable thing and voted for John Tyler. Harrison won the election and died soon after, and John Tyler became president. Our family says that Uncle John lost the presidency by one vote — his own!

Since Uncle John's sister Anna Janney Miller had 11 children and 53 grandchildren, there are many of us great-great-great nieces and nephews in the United States. I wonder how many of them will write you this story. — HELEN JANNEY STABLER GRINSTEAD

DEAR MRS. GRINSTEAD: You are the only one I've heard from.

DEAR ABBY: I was a naive seventh-grader when I learned the bald facts. There were 12 girls competing for drum majorette in the baton corps, and we were to vote for which one of us would be majorette. The girl I voted for got two votes, each of the other 10 got one vote apiece, and I got none! — MONTE PRUDE, MIDLAND, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I ran for president of my student council. As it turned out, I ended up losing to my opponent by one vote. Sign me ... LOST BECAUSE OF MY OWN MANNERS

DEAR ABBY: More than 40 years ago, as a young wife in a new community where wives and mothers created a monthly coffee group to get acquainted and share ideas, my name was nominated for an office. I will never forget that I lost by one vote. I had not voted for myself out of humility and old-fashioned manners. When I told my husband what I had done, he could not believe I lacked the faith in myself that he believed was indicated by my vote.

I'd rather you did not use my name. Instead, call me ... DEE IN SEAL BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was taught to be humble and have old-fashioned manners, and that to vote for oneself was a real no-no.

Thus said, in high school, I lost an election by one vote: my own.

Ergo, one can still be humble and polite, but if you believe in a cause enough to put yourself on the line to run for it, you'd better believe in it enough to vote for it. If you don't vote for yourself, you lose. — MAIZIE HARRIS JESSE, CARSON CITY, NEV.

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow, some interesting comments from candidates who did vote for themselves.

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LPGA luncheon features tears, cheers in equal measure

NEW YORK (AP) — The way the tears mixed with the cheers at the LPGA awards luncheon gave vivid testimony to what a great year it was for women's golf.

Laura Davies was player of the year, Annika Sorenstam had the lowest scoring average and Karrie Webb was rookie of the year and leading money winner. But the strides the LPGA made as an organization and the gains it made for women in sport were the true success story of the year.

"The result of 1996 very simply is more," said Jim Ritts, finishing his first year as LPGA commissioner. "We are the more tour — more events, more money, playing in front of more people and raising more for charity."

One of those charities — the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation — on Monday presented its award for promoting early detection of breast cancer to Titleist and Footjoy Worldwide for a public service spot it produced.

Another award — the Michelob Light Front Runner Award — went to 17-year veteran Patty Sheehan and produced a touching speech that put the success of the LPGA Tour into perspective.

"Take advantage," Sheehan said, "but don't take it for granted. Remember where we came from, remember those women so long ago. And remember to enjoy the journey because the destination is not always as good as we think."

Women's golf made great strides in 1996 toward parity with the men's game. Webb not only became the first women to win a $1 million in a season, but also was the first rookie — male or female — to win $1 million.

And Ritts, the energetic new commissioner, added four new tournaments for 1997 and boosted prize money.

Another moving moment came with the presentation of the Heather Farr Award, named for the LPGA player who died in 1994. It goes to the player who overcame obstacles and went this year to Martha Nause, who fought back from Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, a stress-related virus that damaged her sense of balance.

"With all my heart," Sharon Farr said, choking back the tears as she thought of the daughter she lost to breast cancer, "I wish there were no Heather Farr Award. That would mean she were still with us."

Those simple words, spoken with courage and honesty as Farr presented the award to Nause, set a tone for the annual LPGA awards luncheon.

That award could have easily gone to all the women who endured the early days of the LPGA to see it blossom. This was the most successful year in history of the tour — one of the few places where women can draw meaningful paychecks as athletes.

Other winners were:

The Ellen Griffin Rolex Award for teaching pros went to Ann Casey Johnstone; the Commissioner's Award for those to further women's golf went to JCPenney chairman William R. Howell, the Budget Service Award went to Shirley Furlong for her work with the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch for abused and neglected children.

New Pitt coach wants Panthers looking toward the future

PITTSBURGH (AP) — To today's players, Tony Dorsett is just another name on the Heisman Trophy, and Johnny Majors is only a memory. Tradition lives on at Pitt, which ceased winning football games long ago.

Walt Harris said it's time for Pitt to quit living in the past and start building something new, something now. Like a winning football team.

Harris, one of football's most reputable quarterbacks coaches with Illinois, the New York Jets and now with Ohio State, was hired Monday as Pitt's head coach.

He will be the latest — and, Pitt hopes, the last — to attempt what Foge Fazio, Mike Gottfried, Paul Hackett and Majors all tried and mostly failed to do: get Pitt back into the Top 25 and keep it there.

"A lot of moms and dads here know about Tony Dorsett, but maybe their sons don't," the 50-year-old Harris said. "It's more what have you done for me today."

At Pitt, the talk mostly is of yesterday; the Panthers haven't gone to a bowl game since 1989 and are only 15-41 in the last five seasons — including a 72-0 loss to Ohio State this season.

Still, Harris has a blueprint from which to build. The plans are very similar to those carried out by Gary Barnett (Northwestern) and Bill Snyder (Kansas State).

"There are teams that have not won for a period of time, and coaches came in and got everybody excited," said Harris, who agreed to a five-year contract. "If there weren't something to build on here, I wouldn't be here."

Harris isn't ready yet to uncover his rebuilding plan, but it includes significantly stepping up recruiting. The Panthers have long since ceased to be competitive in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, where Penn State and Ohio State now rule.

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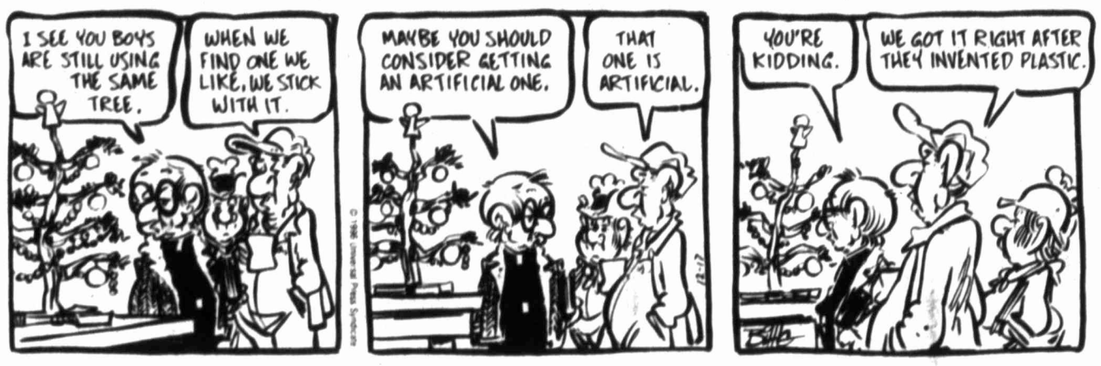
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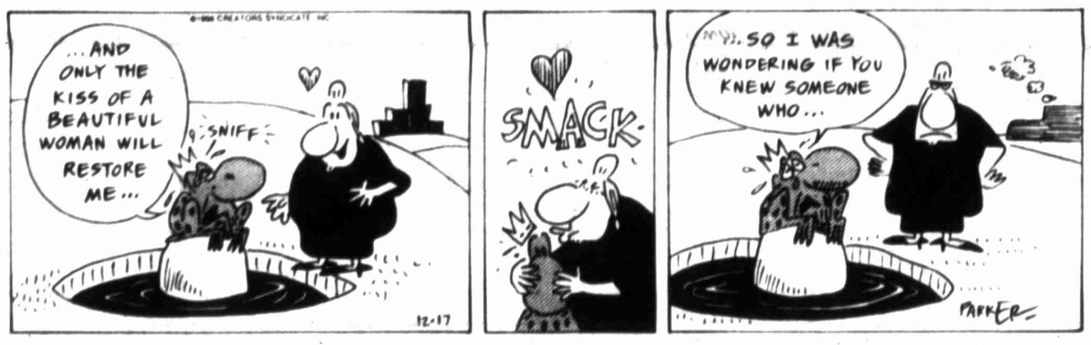


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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 1996. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright went on the first successful manned powered-airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

On this date:

In 1777, France recognized American independence.

In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.

In 1892, the dress rehearsal for "The Nutcracker Suite" by Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky was staged in St. Petersburg, Russia. (However, the ballet was poorly received when it officially premiered the following night.)

In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial of insubordination.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

In 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed its Project Blue Book by concluding there was no evidence of extraterrestrial spaceships behind thousands of UFO sightings.

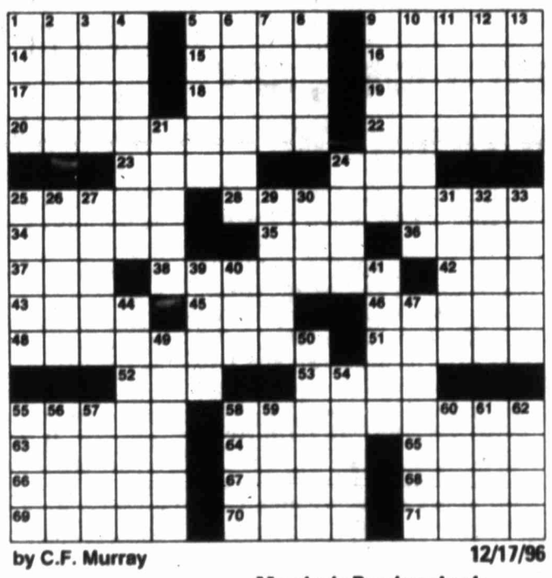
In 1969, an estimated 50 million TV viewers watched singer Tiny Tim marry his fiancee, Miss Vicky, on NBC's "Tonight Show."

In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford on September 5, 1975.

In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brigadier Gen. James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.)

Ten years ago: Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released.

THE Daily Crossword

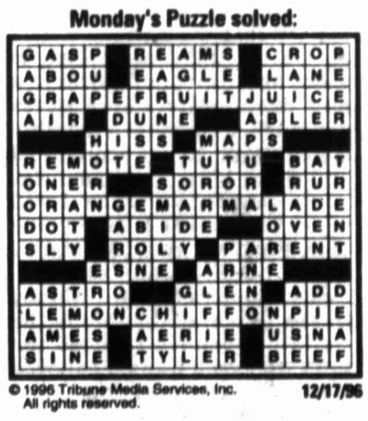


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4901 E. FM 700 BIG SPRING MALL 263-3478
$2.00 ALL SHOWS BEFORE 6 PM
$2.00 SENIORS & CHILDREN - $4.00 ADULTS
STEREO SURROUND SOUND IN ALL AUDITORIUMS
*DAYLIGHT (PG-13)
4:45-7:20
*JERRY MAGUIRE (R)
4:25-7:10
101 DALMATIANS (G)
4:35-7:05
SPACE JAM (PG)
4:40-7:15