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## Aggies Cotton bound

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Texas A&M and the University of Texas last met to decide the Southwest Conference football championship on a Thanksgiving Day 42 years ago.

A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill celebrated his 42nd birthday on Thanksgiving Day.

And the Aggies, proving that bad luck indeed comes in threes for Longhorns, scored 42 points against Texas in a Thanksgiving Night 42-10 feast that propelled A&M to the SWC title and the host berth in the Cotton Bowl for the first time since 1968.

"I didn't play up the fact that it was my birthday," Sherrill said. "I don't even know how old I am. All I know is that I'm a lot younger today than I was yesterday."

The Aggies with a record of 9-2 will face Auburn (8-3), led by Heisman Trophy-favorite running back Bo Jackson, in Dallas on New Year's Day. A&M's conference championship is the 10th in school history.

The Longhorns (8-3) will play Air Force in the Bluebonnet Bowl on New Year's Eve in Houston's Rice Stadium.

"We knew all along we had the best team in the conference," said Doug Williams, an A&M senior offensive tackle. "We just had to go out and produce on the field. Everything worked out for us this year."

And everything worked out against Texas — including the legendary A&M Twelfth Man.

A Kyle Field record-setting crowd of 77,607 fans jammed into endzone seats and temporary bleachers erected on the track level.

On three separate occasions, Texas quarterback Bret Stafford refused to snap the ball because of crowd noise. After the third delay which lasted over two minutes, Stafford was sacked for an eight-yard loss and subsequently was replaced by UT senior Todd Dodge.

The Longhorns trailed 28-3 at the time, with only a 57-yard field goal from Jeff Ward to show for three quarters of offense.

Dodge proceeded to complete a 10-yard pass to Russell Hayes for Texas' only touchdown of the game.

A&M junior linebacker Johnny Holland, an All-American, seemed perturbed that Texas finally scored a touchdown against an Aggie defense that had kept opponents out of the endzone for 11 straight quarters.

"We were ahead by 28 points and I think we just let up a little bit," Holland said.

Through the first three quarters, however, the only thing the A&M defense "let up" was Stafford, who was sacked five times for a total loss of 45 yards. Dodge was sandwiched once for six additional yards of losses.

For the game, A&M held the 'Horns to 252 total yards (32 yards less than the Aggies' league-leading defensive average), intercepted four passes (two each from Stafford and Dodge) and recovered both of Texas' fumbles.

More important to the final score and the early momentum, however, was what the Aggies did not do.

Texas recovered an A&M fumble and drove 61 yards to the A&M six-yard line. On first down, UT tailback Charles Hunter broke inside to the three yard line. On the second and third downs, the 'Horns moved the ball to the goal line.

And, on fourth down, with the ball less than six inches away from an early go-ahead touchdown for Texas, the Aggies stopped the 'Horns Edwin Simmons for a one-yard loss and a huge swing of momentum.

The Aggies didn't let Texas into the endzone or into the game.

"I think Texas lost a lot of confidence after that," Holland said. "When you're at the two-(yard-line) and can't score, it takes it out of you."

"All week long, we'd heard about how good the Texas defense was when we had the leading defense in the conference. We just wanted to show what we could do. And we didn't believe they could get across the goal line."

Following the stand by the A&M defense, the A&M offense moved from the shadows of its goal line to near mid-field before being forced to punt.

The kick from junior punter Todd Tschantz was fumbled by Texas' freshman kick returner Eric Metcalf and recovered by the



Ira Valentine (42) celebrates with Craig Stump (9) and Rich Siler after Valentine's fourth-quarter touchdown.

Aggs on the Texas 12-yard-line.

Sophomore quarterback Kevin Murray then put the Aggies on the scoreboard first with a 10-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jeff Nelson. That TD pass was the only scoring play of the first half — which was not a very accurate indication of what was yet to come.

A&M took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove 78 yards for a score which culminated in a 9-yard TD pass from Murray to freshman Rod Harris.

In a span of less than three minutes, the Aggies scored twice more — once after another Texas turnover when junior fullback Roger Vick crashed through the middle of the Texas defense for an 11-yard TD run and again when

Murray found Harris in the back of the endzone for a 32-yard TD strike.

"This is what it's all about," Murray said. "You have to be able to make the big plays in the big games. I didn't feel I had an outstanding night but Texas had a good defense. I think Rod (Harris) can be one of the best ever in the SWC."

The Aggies would be one of the best offenses in the history of college football if they could bottle the formula that turned a defensive thriller into the most lopsided A&M victory in the history of the series between the two rival schools.

"It was that third quarter that

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## Israel gives apology for Pollard spy case

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel made a belated and conditional apology to the United States on Sunday over the Jonathan J. Pollard spy case. It promised to punish culprits and disband a secret intelligence unit if an investigation finds that the U.S. Navy analyst was recruited to spy for Israel.

The apology was issued in the name of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and delivered to U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering in hopes of defusing the controversy, officials said.

The announcement fell short of a full admission of guilt, but said that any Israeli espionage directed against the United States "was wrong, and the government of Israel apologizes for it."

It was Israel's first apology since the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Pollard on Nov. 21 and accused the 31-year-old American Jew of selling military secrets to Israel for \$50,000 over the last 18 months.

His wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, 25, was arrested the next day and charged with unauthorized possession of national defense documents.

Secretary of State George Shultz said the United States was satisfied with the statement, according to State Department spokesman Pete Martinez.

"We think this is an excellent state-

ment, and we are satisfied by it and we welcome it," Martinez said. Shultz told reporters on his way to Cartagena, Colombia, for a meeting of the Organization of American States.

"We have full confidence in Israel's determination and ability to pursue this case down to the last detail and to bring those responsible to account," Shultz said.

The apology, released after a Cabinet meeting, pledged to punish those responsible and "completely and permanently dismantle" the unit involved if the charges against Pollard proved true.

The statement did not identify the unit. But Israeli officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said Pollard was working for a secret department of the Defense Ministry founded about 20 years ago to conduct industrial espionage, but which recently expanded to include military spying.

Accounts published by U.S. newspapers and confirmed by officials named Rafael Eytan as head of the unit, which used scientific attaches in the United States as conduits for other types of espionage.

Eytan, an adviser on terrorism to former Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, continued to head the unit although he left the prime minister's office after Peres took office in September 1984.

## Space toys

### Orbital building continues with Atlantis' hardhats

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Atlantis' spacewalking hardhats, eager to "go outside and play" with a four-story tower they were to build and maneuver by hand, moved into the shuttle's open cargo bay Sunday for their second orbital construction demonstration.

"It's a bright shining day outside," said astronaut Jerry Ross as he and Sherwood Spring put on their space suits. "I can't wait to go outside and play."

Mission commander Brewster Shaw told Mission Control, "We've got a couple of bit chompers up here. What you say we get this thing started?"

Mission Control agreed, and the astronauts started their second day as zero-gravity construction workers at 3:22 p.m. EST, about half an hour early.

The astronauts built and disassembled a 45-foot tower, or beam, and a 12-foot-tall pyramid during a five-hour, 32-minute spacewalk Friday. The structures are put together with 99 aluminum struts that snap together like Tinkertoy.

NASA officials said construction of the beam and pyramid proved that astronauts will be able to assemble major elements of a permanent space station that NASA hopes to build in orbit in the 1990s.

During much of Friday's work, the astronauts floated free.

But Sunday's work schedule called for them to assemble the two structures while one of the astronauts stood on the end of Atlantis' robot

arm, controlled from inside the shuttle by astronaut Mary Cleave.

After the tower was assembled, they were to take turns picking up the structure, which weighs 200 pounds on Earth, while standing on the robot arm and manipulating it by hand.

A 12-foot pyramid, weighing about 384 pounds, also was to be assembled and moved about by hand.

David Akin of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who directed development of the pyramid structure, and Douglas Heard of NASA's Langley Research Center, who was in charge of the tower materials, said that Friday's spacewalk proved conclusively that astronauts can be the construction workers of the homesteading era of space exploration.

## Blast of arctic air hits state

Associated Press

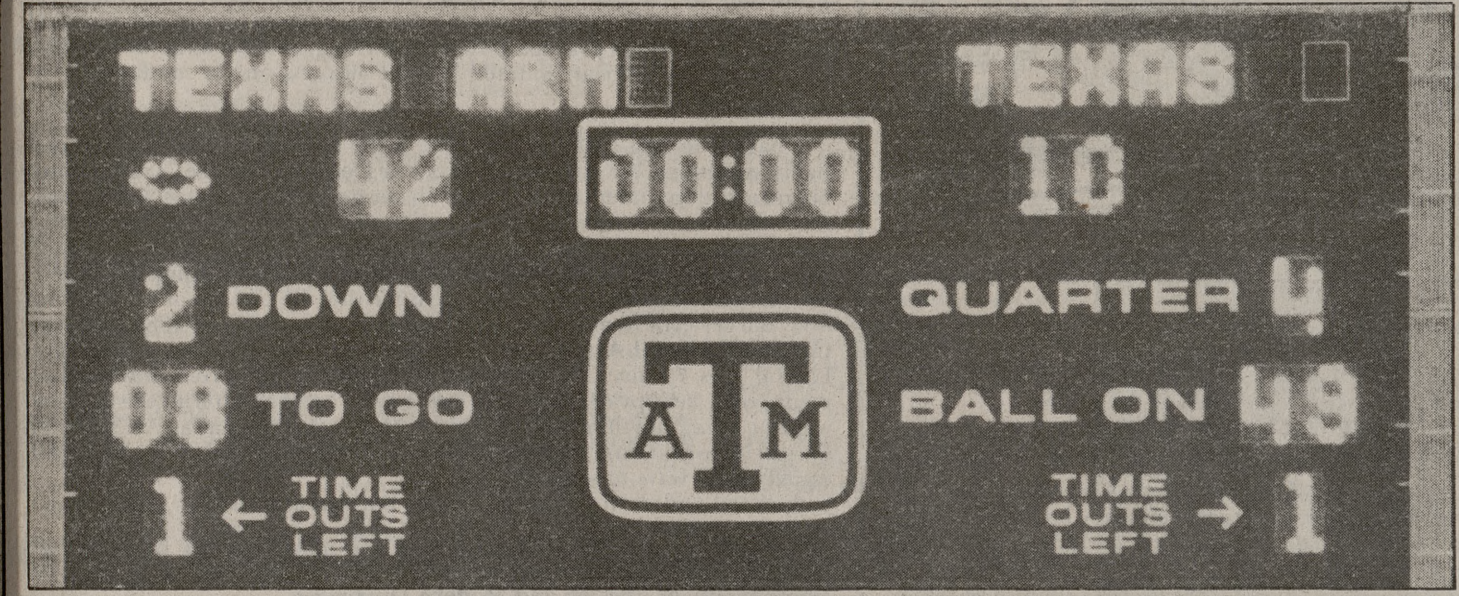
Texas weathered frigid temperatures, blustery winds and snarled traffic Sunday as an arctic front chilled the state.

By Sunday morning, the front, which was preceded by intense thunderstorms, rain and hail, stretched along the Texas coast and the weather had turned dry and the sun was out.

But afternoon temperatures were still in the 20s and 30s across most of north Texas and the High Plains, the National Weather Service said.

The forecast for North Texas called for very cold weather today with highs in the 30s and 40s. The lows tonight and Tuesday were expected to be in the 20s.

The weather was expected to warm up today in West Texas, the weather service said. Highs today were expected to be in the 30s and 40s with some readings in the 60s in the far west.



## Seat belt law offenders now penalized

By FRANK SMITH  
Reporter

Sunday marked the beginning of the penalty enforcement phase of Texas' mandatory seat belt law, meaning those caught not complying can now be fined from \$25 to \$50.

Since the law went into effect Sept. 1, violators have been issued warnings.

The law requires the use of seat belts by the drivers and front seat

passengers of all cars, vans and trucks with a capacity of less than 1,500 pounds. Drivers are held responsible for themselves and any front seat passengers younger than 15 years old.

J.A. Orozco, personnel training officer for the College Station Police Department, said last week that the issuing of citations to those not abiding by the new law will be left to officers' discretion when they work at accident sites or stop motorists for other traffic violations.

Bryan police Maj. Lee Freeman said that city's officers also will work to uphold the new law.

"We will enforce the law, and we will issue citations when violations come to our attention," Freeman said. "The normal way that's going to come to our attention is when we make a normal traffic stop for some other type of violation or when we go out to work an accident."

"In other words, we're not going to be setting up roadblocks to stop peo-

ple like the old DL (driver's license) checks or something like that."

According to a survey conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute — which is headquartered at Texas A&M — prior to the implementation of the law, compliance with the law would represent a change in habit for many Texans.

The survey, conducted at major street intersections in 12 of the state's metropolitan areas between January and June of this year, indicated that

only 15 percent of the sampled automobile drivers and 10 percent of the front seat passengers sampled wore shoulder belts.

In the Bryan-College Station area, 16.4 percent of the observed drivers and 14.7 percent of the observed front-seat passengers were wearing shoulder belts. Bryan-College Station had the third highest shoulder belt

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## South African union steps up anti-apartheid push

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South Africa's biggest union federation, one day old and claiming to represent 400,000 workers, allied itself with black anti-apartheid activists Sunday and demanded that restrictive pass laws be abandoned within six months.

In another development, U.S. business executives were reported to be stepping up pressure on the government to end its system of racial segregation, under which 5

million whites dominate 24 million voteless blacks.

"The Congress of South African Trade Unions is giving (President P.W.) Botha six months to get rid of pass laws," Elijah Barayi, president of the new labor federation, told a rally of 5,000 people in a Durban rugby stadium. "Otherwise we will burn all the passes of the black man."

Pass laws require blacks to carry documents proving that they have permission to work or live in or near white areas. The laws result in tens of thousands of blacks being

prosecuted each year, and are a foundation of apartheid. The laws also mean separation for many black families, with the husband working in an area where his family is not permitted to live.

"COSATU (the labor federation) will not only concentrate on wages, it will also concentrate on politics, as well," Barayi said.

The federation was formed Saturday in Durban and claims 36 affiliated unions with more than 400,000 members — nearly 40 percent of South Africa's 1.4 million unionized workers.

COSATU is multiracial but nearly all its workers are black, and about half belong to the National Union of Mineworkers.

The formation of COSATU is expected to unify and strengthen black workers' demands for social change. Still outside the federation are about 250,000 workers in 20 unions linked to black groups rejecting a significant role for whites in the struggle for black rights, and two white labor organizations opposed to multiracial unions.

In Cape Town, 186 U.S. companies operating in South Africa announced that a week

ago they sent Education Minister F.W. De Klerk a 15-page memorandum urging abolition of racially separated education. Among the 186 were Mobil and IBM.

A statement by the companies, their second in two weeks on education in South Africa, also urged immediate retraining of 100,000 black teachers and offered to help in retraining programs.

But they said, "Reforms in education without a commitment to the elimination of apartheid will lack credibility in the eyes of the majority of South Africans."