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How's that? All I want for Christmas...

Q. How can I check to see whether the toys my child wants are safe?

A. The Consumer Safety Commission operates a toll-free hotline to answer consumer questions. Call 800-638-8326. Or check your local library or newsstand for a copy of Consumer Reports, which usually has an issue on children's toys before Christmas.

Calendar: VFW meets

TODAY

• The VFW Post No. 2013 will have a covered dish supper at 6 p.m.
• The Big Spring Junior Women's Club will sponsor a "visiting Santa" today through Dec. 16. Call 263-8690 to make an appointment.

WEDNESDAY

• The League of United Latin American Citizens will meet at 7 p.m. at the Spanish Inn.
• Overeaters Anonymous will meet at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. For further information call Anna at 398-5428 or Guyerene at 398-5566.

THURSDAY

• The National Association of Federal Employees Chapter 1095 will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Kentwood Center. A luncheon will follow the business meeting.
• The Republican Women's Club will meet at noon at La Posada Restaurant.

Tops on TV: Discontent

Donald Sutherland and Teri Garr star in the Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation of "John Steinbeck's 'The Winter of Our Discontent.'" The relationships of the husband of a once-prosperous family working as a grocery store clerk are studied. It airs at 8 p.m. on channel 7. Barbara Walters interviews Johnny Carson, Johnny Cash and Walter Cronkite in a special at 9 p.m. on channel 2.

At the movies Right moves

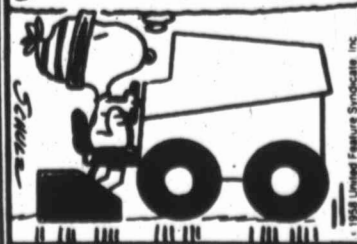
"All the Right Moves" with Tom Cruise debuts at the Cinema where it will show with "Amityville 3-D." "Tender Mercies" starring Robert Duvall will show at the Ritz with "Deal of the Century." "Space Invaders" runs at the R-70.



Outside: Warm

Clear skies are forecast in the Big Spring area today and Wednesday with highs today in the upper 50s. Winds today will be light and variable, increasing to southwesterly, 5 to 10 mph by tonight. Lows tonight will be in the mid-30s. On Wednesday highs will reach near 70.

ROLLING ALONG TO CHRISTMAS. 17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT.



Explosion rocks chemical plant

HIGHLANDS (AP) — About 2,000 residents who fled their homes in this Houston suburb in the wake of a series of explosions at a nearby chemical plant started returning to their homes today as firefighters watched over the smoldering remains of the plant.



Joe Dollar, a spokesman for Hi-Port Industries, Inc. where the blast occurred at about 7:30 p.m. Monday, said the company estimated damages at \$15 million and that no cause of the explosions had been determined.

There were no fatalities in the blast that raged out of control for 3½ hours but five employees and two police officers suffered minor injuries, officials said.

Electrical power, turned off dur-

ing the height of the fire, was restored, officials said, and schools opened on schedule.

Authorities said the cause of the explosion and fire was unknown.

The inferno burned about seven acres of the 34-acre plant, which manufactures jet fuels, insecticide and anti-freeze, Macaluso said.

Investigators probably will be unable to inspect the damage for two days because of the intense heat, Macaluso said. Firefighters were still pouring foam on the burning plant early this morning, but the blaze was described as contained.

Mike Craighead, who lives in a mobile home park about 200 yards from the plant, said he and his family fled the area as soon as the fire began.

"We heard an explosion about every 30 or 40 seconds," Craighead said. "The fire started in a building, it looked like, and started moving toward our house. Then the wind shifted, and it looked like it was moving back toward the storage tanks. At first you could see 75-gallon cans shooting into the air and being blown away."

"I'd like to go back and see if my house is still there, but they won't let me," he said.

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BATTLING BLAZE — Thirty to 40 area firefighting units finally controlled a massive petrochemical blaze in Highlands, a suburb of Houston. High winds hampered efforts to extinguish the dangerous fire.

Lending a helping hand



These Howard County farmers gathered yesterday to harvest the cotton crop of Carroll Walker who died recently of cancer. About fifty men in all turned out to pay their last respects to their friend.

Farmers pay last respects to a friend

By KEELY COGHLAN
Staff Writer

They came Monday — about 50 farmers, farm hands and their wives — to pay their last respects to a neighbor who farmed land near theirs almost all his 59 years.

Friends, relatives and neighbors gathered at Carroll Walker's more than 800 acres of farmland north of Big Spring to work his fields.

Walker, 59, died last Wednesday after a two-year battle with cancer

and heart disease. Friends and relatives — survivors include three brothers and three sisters — had planned earlier to gather Monday to help Walker strip the cotton he and his son planted in May and July.

"He was No. 1 in my book," said his next-door neighbor. "And I'm not even a Walker."

His friends and relatives described Walker as a good man, someone who loved children. His older brother, Johnie Walker, 87, said he

was a "loving man."

"He had a lot of fun. He couldn't keep from loving anyone," Johnie said. "He came as near to loving everybody as any man I knew."

Others of the approximately 30 farmers and farm hands who worked on 24 strippers and seven cotton module builders spoke about Walker in terms of his farm.

"He farmed this area all his life. He was born and raised here. He went to the Salem Baptist Church in

Sand Springs," one farmer said. "He had an implement business in Lamesa after World War II with his brother Johnie."

Farmers said Walker had some of the best dryland cotton acreage in the area.

"We're getting about ½ bale to an acre," said one farmer, who was working on Walker's 320 acres near Gail Road. "That's pretty good this year."

"It's about the best you'll see this

year," agreed fellow farmer, L.C. Gibbs. "Of course, he doubled or tripled that about two years ago."

Walker farmed that land since 1962, when he and his brother Johnie got out of the implement business, Gibbs said.

"Everybody loved him, not just the kids," said one of the farmers' wives, who brought chili, sausage, beans, ham, pie and cobbler for lunch.

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TIM HALL
...outlines plan

Corn available for area

By KEELY COGHLAN
Staff Writer

Low-grade corn stored in federal warehouses is now available to ranchers and livestock and poultry producers in area counties.

The surplus corn was released last week when President Reagan signed into law a bill containing drought-relief measures for West Texas ranchers.

Livestock producers in Howard, Glasscock, Mitchell, Martin, Dawson, Midland and Nolan Coun-

ties may now apply to purchase corn from the Commodity Credit Corporation today through Dec. 14 at their county's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines, the corn will be made available to livestock producers who have suffered production losses because of drought, hot weather or related disasters.

Farmers and ranchers applying to purchase the CCC-owned corn

must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of feed normally produced on their farm or ranch, Howard County ASCS agent Tim Hall said.

To qualify, livestock producers also must not have enough feed on hand to sufficiently keep their base poultry or livestock through a 90-day period, which begins at the time of their application, Glasscock County ASCS agent Joe Esparza said.

The CCC-owned lower-grade corn
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200 tour parade of homes

By TINA STEFFEN
Lifestyle Editor

The over 200 persons who toured four homes and the Potton House featured in the Big Spring Symphony Guild's Christmas Parade of Homes Sunday surprised tour organizers with the large turnout.

"In our planning, we thought that if we had 100 people go through in the first year, we'd be doing good," said Johnnie Lou Avery, a member of the parade committee of the guild.

"We felt very enthused that this was something we could do in years to come for the people in Big Spring," said Suzanne Haney, guild president.

She said she is excited that so many people enjoyed going to the Potton House, and that many of those who went to the historic house on Gregg Street had never visited it before, she said.

The tour was held in conjunction with the annual open house and reception this year at the Potton House. The committee may combine the two events again in the future, Mrs. Haney said.

The guild sold about 175 advance tickets, according to Mrs. Avery. In addition to those tickets, the
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Tornadoes rip through Gulf Coast



TORNADOES STRIKE — This graphic depicts where tornadoes struck in Alabama and Louisiana last night as thunderstorms moved through the Gulf Coast area.

By the Associated Press

Thunderstorms bearing heavy rains and hail rumbled across the Gulf Coast today, causing tornadoes that killed one person and injured dozens in Alabama and Louisiana, as new snows began to fall in the West and Midwest.

One person died in Selma, Ala., and five were sent to hospitals after a tornado smashed through a junior high school and shook a dormitory at Selma University.

"It hopped, skipped and jumped around town," civil defense director Warren Rhoads said. "We've had trees down, power lines down all over town." The twister flipped an 18-wheel truck, he added.

In LaPlace, La., 25 people received minor injuries when a tornado ripped through the Belle Pointe subdivision, damaging or destroying 126 houses and leaving more than 100 people homeless, officials said. The twister tore the gym off East St. John High School and a house-to-house evacuation call was ordered before dawn in the town 25 miles west of New Orleans.

Heavy storms rumbled eastward along the Gulf Coast, and tornado and flash-flood watches were in effect in parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

Other violent weather stretched from Lake Ontario in the Northeast, where a gale warning was posted today, to Idaho, where a belting of snow Monday closed the state School for the Deaf and Blind for the first time in 17 years.

New snow fell today from eastern Kansas to Michigan, much of it in areas already whitened by a premature snow blast that meteorologist Bill Hirt in Kansas City said "looks like winter."

The snow in southern Michigan fell on top of an overnight rain, setting up the potential for hazardous roads "when more cold air moves in," said weather service forecaster Dan Houser in Ann Arbor.

Today's pounding rain and hail in the South came close on the heels of fatal weekend floods and tornadoes.

The storm death toll in Alabama rose to five with the drowning of a man who apparently stumbled into a flooded drainage ditch, and the Selma fatality, which occurred when a twister traveling just outside the city's main business district rammed through a housing project.

Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace placed state agen-
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Editorial

The great train switch derails U.S.

On paper it looks like an even deal. The federal government and three railroads consolidate their land holdings by swapping parcels of roughly equal size and appraised value.

But the property, traded away by the Interior Department under former Secretary James Watt, contains millions of tons of coal. In giving up ownership of the land, the government is forfeiting uncounted millions of dollars in coal-mining leases.

Predictably, Department of Interior officials, who arranged the land swap, defend their work. They assert any royalties they are abandoning are merely hypothetical inasmuch as no coal has yet been mined. But no matter the rationale, the railroads clearly benefit from what only can be gross ineptitude or favoritism.

Indeed, the land swaps with the Burlington Northern in Montana, the Union Pacific in Wyoming, and Santa Fe Industries in New Mexico are as scandalous as they are unprecedented. Moreover, they may be illegal, and coal mining companies have sued to block the transactions. The plaintiffs say a 1920 federal statute bars any exchange of coal lands between railroads and the government.

The coal mining companies fear unfair competition from the railroads and no wonder. Unlike lessees of federal lands, the railroads won't have to pay any royalties on coal they mine. This is an appalling, incredible lapse of judgment on the part of the Reagan administration. Unless the miners succeed in their litigation, there may be no way to reverse the three outrageous land swaps already in place. In any case, the administration should not permit any such giveaways of the nation's patrimony.

Don't go behind our greenbacks, Mr. Mint

Pink and blue U.S. money? Say it won't happen! According to U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, a Republican from Lake Jackson, federal officials including new U.S. Treasurer Katherine Ortega are considering replacing good old greenbacks with colors usually associated with infant wear.

Anyone who has ever traveled overseas and had to contend with wads of multicolored foreign currency printed on flimsy paper probably would agree that there is no substitute for American bucks, wrinkly though they may be.

Let's keep America green — the longer the better!

Mailbag

Can Briscoe name the real Messiah?

To the editor:
In response to Mr. Briscoe's well-written article "In Search of the Real Messiah," I am interested in his opinions of some of the points he expressed. One, that "the Messiah idea defines those enduring qualities of the Jewish people..."
Where did those qualities come from? Does Mr. Briscoe believe them to be genetic or the products of adherence to an extrinsic code of ethics? And does Mr. Briscoe consider the Torah to be the product of man's wisdom or a gift from a Superior Being?
How would Mr. Briscoe suppose Jesus of Nazareth came by "embodying the attributes of the superhero" (Justice, peace, security) "more than any other purported Messiah?" The term "Messiah" ("Christ," or "Anointed") itself implies endorsement, by an external authority, of power to be utilized for a specific purpose desired by that authority.

Jesus said, "I can of my self do nothing" (John 5:19, 30) but purported to speak and act for God as God gave him power (John 5:17, 19; 7:16-18; 28-29; 8:16-18, 28-29; and 10:30). The other Messiahs, it appears, relied on their own inherent skills and talents and, according to Mr. Briscoe, either defected from Judaism to save their lives or else led their disciples to futile self-destruction.

No Christian committed suicide on Masada because, like Jeremiah before him concerning Babylon, Jesus contradicted all of his contemporaries by accurately prophesying the annihilation of Jerusalem by Rome as a judgement of God.

When the Jews returned from Babylonian exile and after they fought the Maccabean wars, they were purged forever from paganism and gave glory to God. For this, God added seven days of

light to the one day of oil they had, and Chanukkah was born.

Following the belief engendered by false messiahs that humanity can transcend itself into God-ness, Nietzsche taught the super-man doctrine that Hitler incorporated in making Nazi Germany a Babylon of hell for Jews. Who saved them from this and brought them back into the land of their ancestors? Salvation by goyim? Their own talents? Coincidence? Or was it God Himself?
The question for the modern Jew (or Christian) is, with this freedom to dwell safely and read the Bible he holds dear, will he be purged from the madness of his false messiahs and captors that believe that mankind can be supermankind "needing no help from the Lord?" Perhaps it is no coincidence that the Feast of Dedication arrives in such proximity to the celebrated birthday of Jesus, whose name means "Jehovah-Savior" or "Salvation is of God."

Thank you very much,
DAVID M. TAYLOR

Briscoe's article shows he's atheist

To the editor:
I am writing this letter in response to the Dec. 4 Around the Rim article by Keith Briscoe.

This article was of concern to me because apparently Mr. Briscoe has no belief in God. If he did he would not have written an article comparing an all powerful, all merciful, loving God to mere human beings.

Yes, Mr. Briscoe Jesus Christ is God, and my prayer is that one day before it is eternally too late you may come to know Him as your Savior, the true Messiah, and be able to rejoice with other Christians as we celebrate His birth and cherish the greatest gift of all eternal life through Jesus.

Praise the Lord!
KIM MARTIN
609 W. 16TH



Jack Anderson

Oilgate scandal dwarfs other debacles

WASHINGTON — The watchdogs of the press have leaped from Koreagate to Billygate to Debagate in hot pursuit of a scandal equal to Watergate. Yet all the while, it was lying right under their noses — a scandal that, in fact, dwarfs Watergate. I call it Oilgate.

The villain of the piece is the same black-jowled Richard Nixon who was caught in the whirlpool of Watergate. Yet he escaped judgment for Oilgate, which was far more disastrous.

He abandoned the oil policies of the past and allowed the OPEC cartel to run the price of oil into the stratosphere. This brought economic distress that staggered the industrial world and devastated the Third World.

In this country, for example, every dollar that was added to the price of crude stunted economic growth by 0.1 percent to 0.2 percent. Translated into human terms, this meant misery for millions.

Yet despite the calamitous consequences, Nixon succeeded in perpetrating the fiction that the oil debacle was caused by inexorable forces: Nature was running low on oil; demand was overtaking supply; the OPEC nations were coalescing into an unassailable force; the historical resurgence of Islam could not be repressed.

None of this was true. Nature was NOT running out of oil. On the contrary, oil was being discovered almost twice as fast as it was being used.

Demand was NOT overtaking supply. Though consumption was rising, there was enough in the cataloged reserves to meet the anticipated demand far into the 21st century.

OPEC was NOT coalescing; Islam was NOT resurging; the Arabs were NOT uniting. They were, in fact, in disarray, having been repeatedly and variously

defeated by the Israelis, by the oil companies and by each other.

What happened simply is that Uncle Sam was tied down by Lilliputians. And Richard Nixon helped to tie the knots.

He inherited an almost impregnable structure of oil abundance, oil stability and oil security. Then, step by step, he dismantled the machinery that had supported the golden age of oil.

The United States was the world's greatest oil producer when Nixon was inaugurated. We imported almost no Middle East oil, and we carefully maintained the capacity to export oil temporarily to places where it might be needed in time of emergency.

This made it futile for the Arabs or anyone else even to dream of seizing oil power by breaking their contracts and cutting off supplies. Attempted Arab embargoes in 1956 and 1967 were easily thwarted. The last time was just a year before Nixon was elected.

Visualize the world's oil reserves as a vast, black ocean that was constantly expanding. The crude needed for daily consumption oozed through oigates that regulated the flow.

The U.S. strategy was to keep this daily stream overflowing. All that was required was a slight but constant surplus, which provided enough leverage to hold prices down.

To maintain the existing oil order in the world was a peaceful process — a commercial process, with an occasional diplomatic gesture. All Nixon had to do was occasionally oil a machine that was already running beautifully and had been running beautifully for decades.

It was the negative things Nixon did, the routine chores he neglected — rather than a failure to take controversial new actions — that caused him to lose control of the

oilgates.

The oil companies manned those gates under the watchful eye of the U.S. government. Together, the industry and the government had scheduled various domestic oil projects — in Alaska, offshore and elsewhere — that would have kept the leverage in U.S. hands. Nixon botched these domestic options.

The oil catastrophe could still have been averted if he had merely continued the foreign oil policy of the past. This had meant helping U.S. oil companies gain entry around the world and setting up the machinery for supplying Europe in the event of an oil cutoff in the Middle East.

From Harry Truman through Lyndon Johnson, U.S. presidents had blocked the oil potentates from manipulating the oilgates and had backed the existing oil order — not with force, but with moral support. It was understood in Washington that the oil order was keeping the oil flowing and preventing its price from skyrocketing.

Nixon reversed all this. He actually helped the oil states break up the united front of the oil companies. After that, it was one defeat after another for the Western oil structure, as each puny oil sheikdom demanded and got gains in prices and power.

Nixon did nothing to defend the oil order and a lot to undermine it. Remember that before Nixon, OPEC was a woefully divided house of cards. Most of the important oil sheikdoms — such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya — believed in the existing oil order and opposed the radical forces. The balance of power in the OPEC world was heavily in favor of continued cooperation with the Western oil establishment.

Nixon changed this by giving easy victories to the tattered forces of expropriation and extortion.



Around the Rim

By CAROL HART BALDWIN

A cheap shot on 'Hill Street'

Television, like most things these days, smacks of commercialism and we've come to expect it. But I was very disappointed in "Hill Street Blues" Thursday night when they faded out with a gunshot and left viewers wondering the fate of Officer Howard Hunter.

I don't believe the producers for a minute when they say that the plot wasn't devised to boost ratings. The show has been fighting with "Knots Landing," which airs at the same time on CBS, for top position in their time slot. "Hill Street Blues" has been lagging behind and shows in similar positions have been known to try to catch viewers' attentions with plots not unlike the one "Hill Street" used.

As much as I enjoy the show, I think it serves them right that television listings which are published nationwide ran a little blurb to the effect that "LaRue saves Hunter's life." The next time the show tries to copy "Dallas," maybe they'll remember to better guard their secrets.

Producers do face a problem in that they have to keep those ratings up if they want to stay on the air. And that "vast wasteland" out

there called television has in the past been unkind to shows like "Hill Street" which can be depressing and make the viewer think about the plot line instead of what would make a good evening snack.

Advertisers want to put their money into the show with the biggest following. As long as there are TV ratings there will be plots designed to pull viewers in, whether the plots are smooth-flowing and tasteful or whether they are just thrown in to catch our eye.

Advertisers aren't the villain in this situation, though. After all, they are trying to get the best buy for their money and they naturally want to advertise during a program that draws a big audience.

And to be fair, advertisers make much of what we watch on television possible. If we had to pay for the programming ourselves most of us would not be watching anything because production costs are so high.

One of my professors said that if television was strictly "pay TV" with no advertising, we'd be paying about \$100 a week for the chance to watch the tube. That makes advertising a lot more appealing. The trouble starts when the race

for the bucks begins to interfere with what we are viewing, and this race has been interfering a lot lately. We as viewers have got to start demanding a little class in what we watch. I appreciate a good cliff-hanger as much as the next guy, but it has to be well thought out and meaningful to the plot. I didn't think that was the case on "Hill Street" the other night.

A textbook of mine has a story which illustrates the commercialism of television very well. Nicholas Johnson, who was for many years a member of the Federal Communications Commission, had a recurring dream which followed him throughout his term on the FCC.

EYE ON THE ECONOMY: Several times a year the Federal Reserve Board invites academic experts, including its critics, into the Fed's august chambers for a critique of its performance. At one such off-the-record meeting recently, a consensus was reached on two points: The international debt crisis is still a serious threat to the world economy, and the Fed should not resume the policy of rapid money growth it abandoned last August. Fed Chairman Paul Volcker said little all day, but did reveal at one point that he's worried about recent wage settlements he sees as inflationary.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., tried to cut the federal deficit by as much as \$150 billion through a combination of tax increases and benefit reductions. Why did he fail? While any tax increase is difficult in an election year, I'm told the real reason was that Dole's plan would have given the president authority to cut Social Security cost-of-living benefits. Once Congress put the onus on the White House for cutting benefits, the plan was doomed. President Reagan's political advisers are already worried enough about his image as a millionaire who is insensitive to the plight of the poor.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 1983. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 6, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt made a personal appeal for peace to Japan's Emperor Hirohito.

On this date:
In 1876, America's first crematorium — in Washington, Pa. — carried out its first cremation, on the body of Baron Joseph Henry Louis de Palm.

In 1889, Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederate States of America, died.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast for the first time as Calvin Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

And in 1972, America's last moon mission was launched as Apollo XVII blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

Ten years ago: Gerald Ford, the former House Republican leader, was sworn in as America's 40th vice president, replacing Spiro Agnew.

Five years ago: Hundreds of FBI agents seized \$100 million worth of sound-recording equipment in raids that reportedly wiped out half the illicit recording industry in the United States.

One year ago: Federal regulators authorized commercial banks and savings institutions to offer a checking account that paid unlimited interest rates to anyone who could keep a minimum balance of \$2,500.

Today's birthdays: Sen. Donald Nickles, R-Okla., is 35.

Thought for today: "Well done is better than well said." — Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

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The homeless: A growing American problem

NEW YORK (AP) — In a city where a one-room apartment can rent for \$800 a month, a welfare family's \$218 housing allowance doesn't go far. In the case of some families, it goes just as far as the Urban Family Center — and no farther.

Most of the 71 families at the emergency shelter are single women caring for several young children. And the families are staying longer and longer as the shortage of housing in New York City becomes more critical.

"This is by far the best housing they've ever had," said Danny Kronenfeld, who runs the center. More people are staying longer and are "harder to get out," he said.

But Jacqueline Sawyer isn't in emergency public housing by choice. Her husband left her and their three children before the youngest was born two years ago, and she went on welfare.

With her \$194 a month housing allowance, she rented a small walkup apartment that turned out to have no heat or hot water. She also got \$335 in welfare payments and food stamps to feed her children, now ages 2, 8 and 10.

But last winter Mrs. Sawyer, 32, had to keep electric space heaters running throughout the

apartment — two in the baby's room — to keep her children warm. She used the food money to pay the average \$110 monthly electric bill.

Worse, the roof of the building leaked. Mrs. Sawyer tried to keep the mold and mildew wiped up as best she could. After one of her children was hospitalized with asthma, a doctor told her she had to move.

She arranged to move into one room of a friend's apartment, but a social worker told her she would lose her welfare benefits if she did; the rules bar a four-person family from living in one room.

"I was desperate," she said. She called the city's Crisis Intervention office and ended up in emergency housing at the Urban Family Center on the Lower East Side. It is a former public housing project that has been taken over by Henry Street Settlement, a 90-year-old private, nonprofit community service agency.

Kronenfeld, who has been running the Urban Family Center since it opened a decade ago, said it was the city's "facility of first choice" because it is cleaner, better supervised and cheaper than the transient hotels where the city is paying to keep some families with nowhere to go.

"Most of the people here are single women

in their 20s with three or four children," Kronenfeld said. "There is less and less housing for poor people, especially welfare recipients."

He said city policies of tax breaks for apartment building renovations had increased housing in the city for those who can afford to pay the Manhattan going rate of \$800 a month for a one-bedroom apartment.

"The basic monthly welfare shelter grant in New York City is \$218 a month," Kronenfeld said. "You just can't rent housing for that in New York City."

He said that fewer and fewer of the people who come through the Urban Family Center were "long-term, lifetime welfare recipients." He compares the attention the homeless problem is getting today to the nation's drug problems of a few years ago; as more white people were affected, more was done about it.

Mrs. Sawyer agreed, but she said she was pleased that she would soon be moving into an apartment in a city housing project in the Bronx. The low rent, only \$137 a month, and the prospect of no more \$110 electric bills will allow her to pay for day care for her children and get a job, she said.

"The housing situation is bad," she said, "but the welfare situation is worse."



HOMELESS — Homeless women gather outside The Dwelling Place, a charitable organization run by Franciscan Sisters in New York, where they wait for breakfast. A recent study concluded that the country's economic recovery has not had any effect on the plight of homeless Americans.



CARTIER TREE — Cartier's Jewelers of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, decorated its blue spruce Christmas tree with whatever they had lying around: diamond earrings, necklaces and pearls, all worth about \$4 million dollars.

Tree decked with diamonds

BEVERLY HILLS (AP) — No ordinary boughs of holly deck the halls of one fashionable shop on Rodeo Drive. Cartier's has adorned an unassuming spruce with a fortune in gems.

It's a "wonderful idea," said Tracy Preminger Kolker, manager of the jewelry shop which may or may not have the best Christmas tree on the ritzy block, but certainly has the most expensive one

— worth more than \$4 million. Tinsel, garland and glass globes weren't enough for Cartier.

Its Minnesota Blue Spruce is festooned with diamond earrings, bracelets, necklaces, sapphire rings, rubies and pearls.

In all, the tree glitters with 80 pieces of jewelry, including one 42-karat sapphire ring worth \$168,000.

Singer leaves stage to elude police

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A member of the Temptations rock group, Richard Street, was arrested after bounding from the stage during a concert in an apparent attempt to elude police.

Street, 41, and another man left the Grand Center stage Sunday night, halfway through an encore performance of "Higher and Higher" at the close of their second and final show.

Officers had intended to serve a civil bench warrant from Kalamazoo at the

conclusion of the second show accusing Street of failure to make support payments, Police Lt. Victor Gillis said.

However, he said Street apparently learned of the plan, jumped from the stage and ran for the exit. With him, running interference, was a man believed to be his bodyguard.

The bodyguard stopped at the base of some stairs in an apparent attempt to detain police, collided with an officer and both tumbled to the floor, Gillis said.

He said Street then called off the guard.

Street, of Beverly Hills, Calif., spent the night in Kent County Jail awaiting transfer to Kalamazoo County, the lieutenant said. The guard, whose name was withheld pending arraignment.

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Lifestyle

Local attorneys stress importance of having a will

By RHONDA WITT
Lifestyle Writer

"I would estimate 90 percent of the public does not have a will," says Wayne Burns, an attorney. Their reason — "I don't have anything worthwhile that would give me a need for a will."

But in many instances there are other things to consider. "Everyone has a will. The state of Texas has laws that provide wills for those people who don't have a will." But the state-provided will may not meet with a person's desires on how he wants his property distributed.

"In Texas, we have separate property and community property," Burns said. In each of the husband and the wife's will half of the community property and all separate property is dealt with.

Take a typical situation of a husband, wife, and children, Burns said. "If the husband dies without a will, his half of the community property will go to the minor children by state law."

The wife is then required to seek court approval for all expenses for minor children. The situation could be avoided if a will has been made.

For the assurance that a person's property will pass according to his desires with minimum difficulty makes a will necessary, says Burns. "A will should be personalized and tailored to meet that person's personal needs."

People don't ever think they are going to die, but they do, attorney Elliot Mitchell said. Once a will is made, it never expires. However it can become obsolete.

"The will will remain effective as long as it continues to reflect accurately the person's desire," Burns said.

A will should be in writing, witnessed by two qualified persons, and have a self-proving affidavit attached to it. The self-proving affidavit makes it unnecessary to produce the witnesses when the will is probated in court.

The will should clearly express the person's desires of how he wants to dispose of his property, and must not be capable of two or more interpretations, Burns said. Making a will is not as easy as it would first appear to be. A will is flexible and normally speaks of property in general, which will provide for future acquired property.

Two things important in preparing a will is the intent must be clear, and the will must conform to the requirements of law, Mitchell said. "If either one is not met the person's desires will be frustrated." If the will is improperly written or if clear intent is not known, it can cause relatives to argue or tie up the estate for years.

Some people try to save money by making their own wills themselves, Burns said. However, wills can end up in court at a much greater cost. A do-it-yourself will also may not be recognized by the court as the last will of the person.

If the will is not prepared properly, it will not be recognized and considered invalid. If the will is not clearly expressed, a person's true intent may be difficult to understand and comprehend. Therefore, the person's property may not be distributed as desired.

"Some people do make their own will and it works out. But the risks are too great if a person makes out a will wrong," Burns said. A do-it-yourself will "is a great risk if the estate is worth anything at all," Mitchell said. "The average person can avoid so many problems for such a small fee."

"The cost charged by most lawyers is relatively small when you consider the risk," Burns said. "It is certainly inadvisable for a person to attempt to make his own will. If you do attempt to do it on your own, you won't know if you have done it properly until after you die. Then it is too late."

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Forced heirship is hardship in Louisiana

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Heartbroken Mother," who had a decision to make concerning how her estate should be divided among her children, you responded with the question: "Where is it written that children should automatically get what their parents have worked and saved for?"

The answer is: "In the Constitution of the state of Louisiana." Abby, Louisiana is the only state in the United States that has what is known as "forced heirship." It's 25 percent to 50 percent — depending on the number of children — of the deceased parent's estate, irrespective of whether the children are deserving, or whether it was the wish of the parent to exclude a child from their inheritance.

The majority of Louisiana residents are not aware of this law. You would be doing the people

of Louisiana a great service if you would print this letter and make them aware of this archaic and unjust law in order for them to take action through their legislators and correct this injustice.

STUCK IN LOUISIANA
DEAR STUCK: If anyone living in the state of Louisiana wishes to challenge this so-called "archaic and unjust law," I recommended that he/she retain a Louisiana attorney and go to work on it. I have

an agreement with the Louisiana Bar Association — its members don't write advice columns and I don't practice law.

DEAR ABBY: Being a single girl, I am at a loss as to how to graciously turn down a date. There are some men whom I choose not to date for one reason or another, but I can't think of a polite way of saying, "Thanks, but no thanks" without hurting their feelings.

If I say, "I'm busy next Saturday night," they ask for Sunday or Monday or Tuesday, and I have a lie again. And when I say I'm busy on all those dates, I am asked when my first free evening is, and then I am stuck!

Abby, can you, or any of your readers, suggest a polite way to decline without hurting a man's feelings?

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS
DEAR THANKS:

Although it would save him a lot of time and repeated turn-downs, it's not easy to tell a man that you don't want to go out with him next Saturday, Sunday, Monday or ever, without hurting his feelings.

Here's a tough one for you, and I welcome your suggestions.



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Dr. Donohue

Bedroom adjustments help asthma patient

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son, 9, suffers from asthma. He is helped somewhat by his medicine. We have not yet had allergy tests done on him because, frankly, we just want to avoid all that right now. We're hoping he will outgrow it. However, we want to do what we can for him. We have heard that house dust is a common allergy source, but we just cannot begin to make our house dust free. — Mrs. A.M.

A good way to make a start on controlling dust in your son's environment can be made right in his bedroom. That's where most children spend a lot of their indoor time, as many as 18 hours a day in some cases. You can begin by removing carpeting and putting vinyl covers on his mattress and pillows. Keep the floor damp-mopped and close off any bedroom

furnace ducts. You can heat his room with an electric heater during this experimentation period. Results from even this modest dust-control program should become evident if dust allergens are part of his problem.

I cannot say whether your reluctance to have testing done is the best idea at this point. Much would depend on the difficulty he is having with his airways. If he is suffering greatly and if environment controls as I've suggested don't produce improvement, then the testing should be seriously considered.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I want to keep regular, but I want to do it naturally. An old family friend says the best way to do this is with mineral oil, taken orally. It makes sense that this would sort of lubricate the digestive tract and help. Is

it OK to use it? — Mrs. E.C.

Oil does, indeed, lubricate, but it can also seriously impair normal absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins, A, D, E and K. You could develop a deficiency if you use the oils regularly. But, as a matter of fact, you are on the right track in seeking a "natural" route to proper elimination. The way to do it, however, is with adequate fiber food intake.

Most of us get only 20 grams of fiber daily, and we could benefit from doubling that amount, even tripling it. To give you an idea of fiber content of food, a half cup of raisins gives 5.2 grams and dry-roasted peanuts have 10 grams of fiber to the half cup. Prunes and apricots are other foods to help in natural colon regulation. For further information, see the booklet "The Way to Stop Constipation."

which other readers can order by writing me care of the Big Spring Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope and 50 cents.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please answer as soon as possible because I am worried. I just returned from my doctor. He found an erosion on my cervix. He said it's been there since the birth of my baby 16 months ago. Please explain what an erosion is. — L.B.

An erosion is, as you

might guess, a loss of some of the covering cells from the lining of the cervix. A low-grade infection or a minor irritation, as from childbirth, can cause an erosion. When the irritated tissue is cauterized, healing takes place. The cauterization does away with the irritation, which can prevent healing. I suspect this is what your physician is suggesting for you. I would stop worrying and go along with the doctor.

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Suburban growth slows mail's pace

PLANO (AP) — Mark Gebhardt tells his customers, "The check is in the mail," and he's not fibbing.

With new businesses, subdivisions and apartment complexes sprouting nearly every day in northside Dallas suburb, the U.S. Postal Service is leasing temporary office space, speeding construction plans and not delivering to some streets until 50 percent of the homes are occupied.

"It has been traumatic," said John Bilimek, Postal Service director of customer service for the Dallas area.

"Sometimes we can cope better than other times," he said.

In the Addison suburb north of Dallas, 50 percent more mail is being delivered than the same time last year. Carrollton has had a 42 percent increase in deliveries and has been swamped with mail in its temporary offices.

"I get claustrophobic in here," said Lajuana Dollar, a supervisor in the Carrollton branch. "I turn around, and it's all around me."

Gebhardt, a vocal critic of mail service in Plano, often wonders where his mail goes.

"We've sent letters that never get there or get there too late," said Gebhardt, senior vice president of an insurance firm.

"For important papers, we have to send Federal Express. It costs us money, (but) it hurts us in the eyes of our clients when we send something and it doesn't get there."

Postal service officials admit Gebhardt is not alone in his complaints.

On the average, suburban post offices are delivering 30 percent more mail than in 1982, Billimek told The Dallas Morning News.

Five-year postal service growth plans failed to predict the size of the boom in many suburban areas, leading to a lag in new construction plans.

"Particularly with such a large organization, to get funding is a laborious process," Billimek said. "You have to plan well in advance. We have problems reacting to something that has not been anticipated," he said.

Symbolic of the growth — and a sight that strikes fear in the hearts of letter carriers — is a new apartment complex with a "We're Leasing" sign out front.

Skillern's appeal rejected

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Texas man convicted in the murder of an undercover narcotics agent, and sentenced to death, lost his plea in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals today.

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Houston toad battles extinction

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Toad is no longer found in Houston, but that didn't prevent the city zoo from a storm of activity to help save the endangered species.

The project, helped with funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, sent scientists trekking along back roads with flashlights looking for the estimated 10,000 to 15,000 toads which still exist. They are 3 inches long and weigh 3 ounces.

Researchers also have been experimenting with vitamins and different kinds of artificial light in hopes of keeping the species alive in captivity and triggering mating.

"We tried to inspire them in many ways," says Hugh

Quinn, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Houston Zoo. "We cooled them down to simulate hibernation."

They also simulated thunderstorms, by banging on tin plates and flashing strobe lights, on the

hypothesis that spring thunderstorms set off the breeding instinct.

"We got some response," Quinn says. "But we didn't get any eggs."

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jected hormones used to control reproduction in salmon and were able to stimulate egg production.

A major goal of the project is to find a place for the toads outside the zoo environment.

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Steve Belvin

Mavs gaining respect

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No longer can basketball fans use trivia jokes such as "When is the last time the Mavericks have won a game?" or make snide remarks like "the Mavericks would be a good team—if they were playing in the Southwest Conference."

Now the Mavericks are contenders in the NBA, just ask the Los Angeles Lakers, San Antonio Spurs or New Jersey Nets. And I bet they don't think it's a laughing matter.

The Mavs, under the guidance of head coach Dick Motta, are currently sitting on top of the NBA Midwest Division with a 13-4 record, three games ahead of the second place Denver Nuggets. Only the defending world champion Philadelphia 76ers have a better winning percentage.

Now I know a multitude of things can happen before the 82-game season is over but one can't help but get excited over Dallas' fast start.

After all this is the team that has never had a winning season in its three-year stay in the NBA, but each season has shown gradual improvement in the win column.

When Dallas announced its plans to have a professional basketball team in 1980, people snickered and a few said the idea was down right crazy.

Dallas is football country — blue and silver uniforms, shoulder pads and helmets with big stars on them dominate sports interest in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex. Ten guys running up and down the court trying to put a ball in a cylinder? Not in "Big D."

The Mavericks not only had to fight for survival in the NBA, they had to fight for acceptance of those football-loving Texans. But just like their record, their home attendance is growing enormously.

Year one of the franchise was rough and stormy for Motta and general manager Norm Songu. Like all new franchises, the other NBA teams gave the club players that were either over-the-hill or really didn't have the talent to last in the NBA.

In their first year Dallas finished with a miserable 15-67 record. That's when the jokes started and only about 3,000 people would show up for the game. The front office tried giving away tickets just so the players wouldn't feel like they were playing in an empty barnyard.

In 1981, the Mavs drafted guards Rolando Blackman and Elston Turner and forward Jay Vincent. Blackman and Vincent both start now while Turner has done a good job off the bench. That year, the Mavs improved to a 28-54 slate.

The next season, Dallas acquired the services of Mark Aguirre, the all-Everything forward from Ray Meyer's basketball farm in DePaul. Aguirre, along with Blackman, Vincent and veterans Pat Cummings at center and Brad Davis at point guard led the Mavs to a 38-44 record and closer to the playoffs. Suddenly, watching the ball fly in the cylinder at Reunion Arena wasn't such a bad pastime after all.

This season the stage is set for the Mavs to get into the playoffs thanks to the NBA's Board of Governors which voted to expand the playoffs from 12 to 16 teams.

There was no reason to wait for the arrival of Dale Ellis and Dereck Harper, the Mavericks' 1983 first round draft choices. At the start of the season, Motta gave his team a blunt message; he expected his team to be in the playoff picture to the very end. No ifs, ands or buts about it.

Evidently the Mavericks didn't take their coach's message lightly.

The Mavs have been just remarkable lately. They have been invincible at home, owning a 10-0 record. No longer does the front office try to give tickets away; fans are gobbling them up at 12,000 per game. Maverick Mania is in the air.

Through all the excitement Motta still keeps his wits about him. "I still don't think this is a great basketball team," said Motta. "Now, if we can post as good a record in December — when we play 10 of 15 on the road — as we have in November, I might have to change my mind."

So in the Mav's fourth year playoff hope are no longer a dream. Motta has made it quite clear he will be demanding, more now than ever, and the world has finally come to the realization that basketball is REALLY played in Dallas.

Queens crown LCC

Six reach double figures in Howard's 102-59 rout

By GREG JAKLEWICZ
Sports Editor

It's a challenge for a coach to prepare his team for an easy game prior to a difficult contest. Because he has great patience, Howard College's Don Stevens was able to survive Monday's blow-out of Lubbock Christian College without adding too many more gray hairs.

Debbie Hall hit her first seven shots and Shelly Kay came off the bench to score 20 points to lead the Hawk Queens to a lackluster 102-59 thrashing of the Lady Chaps.

The win boosts Howard to a 12-5 overall record; the Chaps remain 2-2 since junior college games do not count on a four-year school's season record.

With a tough date Thursday in Snyder against Western Texas, Stevens wanted his team to polish its defense against LCC. Instead, the Queens guarded sluggishly and Stevens paced his bench in exasperation.

"We looked terrible," Stevens said frankly. "I was trying to get them to work hard on defense and that's where we looked the worst."

Giving up 59 points isn't too bad, mind you. But watching Laura Geurin shoot under, over, around and through the Queens defense was more than enough to get Stevens hot under the collar. Geurin pumped in 35 points and might have reached 40 with more accuracy from the free throw line.

"She's been doing that for two years," the Howard coach said. "She's a good player. But we didn't play any defense, either."

A change in game plan might have hurt the Queens' concentration. Howard switched fivesomes every five minutes and Debi Young replaced Molly Early on the starting unit. "We were trying to practice some things in a game situation we haven't had the opportunity to in recent games," Stevens explained. "We tried some things we haven't been able to gamble with. I didn't like what I saw."

Before the Queens can be written off as a basket case, they did perform well enough to win by 43 points.

Geurin's lay-in got LCC off to a 2-0 start but the Queens took over from that point, building a 16-4 lead by the time the first team departed at 15:15. The Lady Chaps cut the score to 21-11 when the starting unit reappeared at 10:11.

The first group — basically Hall, Young, Janene Berry and Alex Provencio throughout the game —

added four points to HC's lead before giving way to the second team at 4:17. The Queens scored the last six points of the half, three each by Kay and Pat Carter, to take a 50-26 intermission lead.

Geurin kept her team in the game with 16 first-half points; LCC was hurried into 17 turnovers by the Queens' press but Stevens soon had to call off his pressure defense.

"If we don't press," he shrugged, "we lose our intensity on offense. But I felt I had to get out of it to be gracious."

Ahead by 24 at halftime, the Queens went through the motions in the second 20 minutes. Velva Dalphrey hit a pair of free throws after the second unit returned to the court at 14:03 to increase Howard's lead to 31 points, 65-34.

The Queens' lead stayed between 30 and 40 points until Dalphrey sank a lay-up to make it 98-57 with under three minutes to play. Early's long-distance jumper with 34 seconds left put Howard over 100 for the first time this season.

Six Queens landed in double figures, topped by Kay's 20-point outburst. "Shelly did play well...the best job of anyone on the team tonight," Stevens said. "She really played hard."

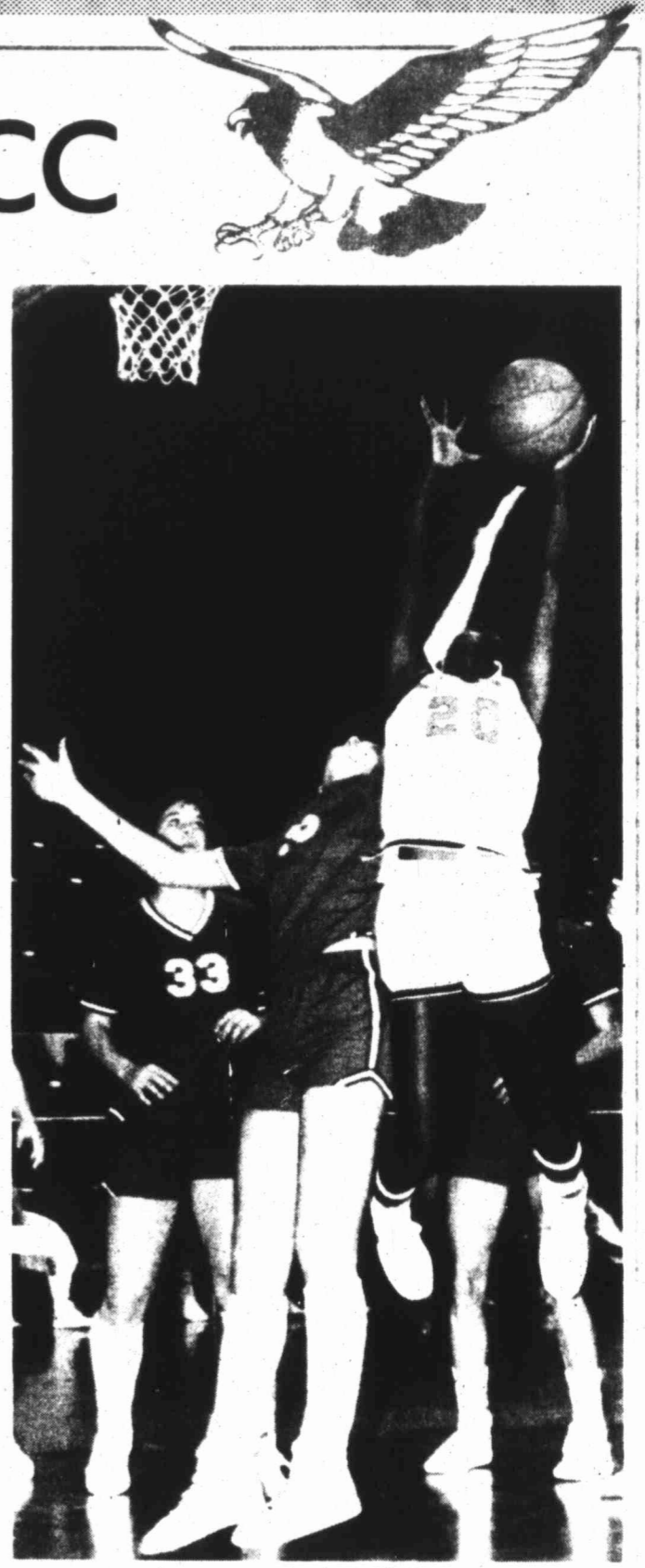
Hall finished with 18 points, missing 20 when a second half hoop was disallowed, while Carter scored 14 points and Provencio, Berry and Early 10 each.

Geurin finished with 59 per cent of her team's scoring; no other Lady Chap was in double figures although Lisa Anglin and Kenee Littlefield had eight each. Geurin hit 13 of 19 shots from the floor but made just nine of 15 foul tries.

Kari Robinson collected nine rebounds and Provencio, Hall and Carter six apiece for the Queens.

Howard takes on the Western Texas Dusters at 6 p.m. Thursday in Snyder, the team's second Western Junior College Athletic Conference game. HC lost 70-67 in overtime to Amarillo in its opener last week.

Howard (102) — Shelly Kay 7 6-8 20; Alex Provencio 5 0-0 10; Pat Carter 5 4-8 14; Velva Dalphrey 3 3-5 9; Debi Young 2 0-4 4; Kari Robinson 2 3-4 7; Molly Early 5 0-1 10; Janene Berry 5 0-0 10; Debbie Hall 8 2-2 18. Totals 42 19-28 102.
Lubbock Christian (59) — Maureen Pair 1 0-0 2; Laura Geurin 13 9-15 35; Tonya Ivie 1 0-2 2; Lisa Anglin 4 0-2 8; Susie Harris 1 0-0 2; Debbie Adrian 1 0-2 2. Totals 23 13-27 59.
Halftime — Howard 50, LCC 26.
Total Fouls — Howard 26, LCC 24.
Fouled Out — Lori Bigham (LCC).



HERALD PHOTO BY GEORGE VON HASSELL
TWENTY-TWENTY VISIONS — Pat Carter (20) of Howard College battles Susie Harris (20) of Lubbock Christian for a rebound during Monday's game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Queens won, 107-59.

UT lands four on AP 1st team



DOUG DAWSON
...Texas guard



GERALD MCNEIL
...Baylor receiver



JEFF LEIDING
...Horn linebacker

NEW YORK (AP) — Four players from the University of Texas and two each from Nebraska — including Heisman Trophy-winner Mike Rozier — and Brigham Young were named Monday to the 1983 Associated Press All-America college football team.

The 24-man team, which consists of 19 seniors, four juniors and sophomore running back Bo Jackson of Auburn, also features quarterback Steve Young of Brigham Young, who led the nation in total offense with 4,346 yards and an NCAA record 395.1 yards per game.

The Texas players are offensive guard Doug Dawson, along with three members of the nation's No. 1-ranked defense — linebacker Jeff Leiding, cornerback Mossy Cade and free safety Jerry Gray.

Only once before since the AP All-American began in 1925 has a school placed as many as four players on the All-America team. That was in 1945 when Army put five players on what was then an 11-man All-America team.

Since the All-America squad has consisted of both offensive and defensive teams — from 1950-52 and beginning again in 1964 — only Oklahoma, with three defenders in 1975, and Michigan, with three members on offense in 1981, have placed three players on one unit.

The AP All-America team, which was selected by a panel of the wire service's sportswriters, will be featured Monday, Dec. 19, on Bob Hope's Christmas show (NBC-TV, 8-9 p.m., EST). Nebraska's represen-

(See 'Rozier' on page 2-B)

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'Winter of Our Discontent' slighted by CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Winter of Our Discontent" tonight on CBS is an unaffectionate adaptation of John Steinbeck's novel, its downfall a pallid script that seems to demand very little emotion from an extraordinary cast.

You know from this television movie, for instance, that Ethan Hawley and his friend, Danny, are unusually close, constantly hugging one another and professing mutual affection. But why?

Ethan explains the relationship in half a paragraph in the book: "In me Danny is a raw sorrow and out of that a guilt. I should be able to help him. I've tried but he won't let me. Danny is as near to a brother as I ever had, same age and growing up, same weight and strength. Maybe my guilt comes because I am my brother's keeper and I have not saved him."

For TV, the "raw sorrow and ... guilt" is left to the viewer's imagination. Most times, that's OK. But here, it's a big part of the story, and the friendship comes across as strangely hollow.

In fairness to those responsible for the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" production, dramatizing a work of literature for TV is no easy task.

It means compressing some scenes and dropping others altogether. You can imagine Steinbeck, were he still alive, squirming over someone rewriting his

meticulously crafted prose for a two-hour screenplay, minus 20 minutes for commercials.

(Don't worry about Shakespeare, who wrote the title. The lines from "Richard III," Act 1, Scene 1 —

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"Now is the winter of our discontent ... Made glorious summer by this sun of York" — come through intact.) Sometimes, a top-flight cast can carry a show in spite of a bloodless script. And the cast here is indeed

impressive: Donald Sutherland in his first American TV movie as Ethan; Terri Garr as his wife, Mary; Richard Masur as Danny, and E.G. Marshall as Baker, the town banker. Nonetheless ...

Ethan toils as a clerk at Hawley's, a grocery store once owned by his family, proud and prominent New England stock. He's determined to buy the store back from Marullo (Michael Gazzo) and regain for the Hawleys an eminent position in the community.

He's a likable fellow who talks to himself, to his father's portrait on the wall, to the canned goods in his store: "You think you can pull the wool over old Hawley's eyes. I know what goes on here at night. ... I'm speaking specifically to the beans ..."

He won't budge on the high standards maintained by his family for generations — until Baker offers him the chance to get the store back without investing a penny of his own money.

The banker wants to buy Marullo's store and Danny's inherited property next door, and he promises Ethan a prime location in the mall he plans to build there. All Ethan has to do is talk Danny into selling his home.

That's no problem. Ethan assures Baker, and he accepts a check for \$10,000 — a gift, the banker says. Then, Margie Young-Hunt (Tuesday Weld), whose

first husband died and second ran off, tells Ethan that Marullo is in the country illegally.

Does Ethan use his friendship with Danny for personal gain? Does he snitch on Marullo to get the store back?

It's not exactly the way Steinbeck wrote the story, but certainly sufficient for a good TV movie. It doesn't work, and it's too bad.

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And for even greater customer convenience, Rainbarrel will be open until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday from now until Christmas. Here are just a few gift ideas from the endless variety at Rainbarrel General Store in College Park.

Golden Gate RV Center Expands Sales, Service

Golden Gate RV Service Center can offer complete RV sales and service in its new 7,500 sq. ft. building. The Center, along with Golden Gate Siding Company and Golden Gate Storm Window, Glass & Mirror Company, is located 8 miles east of Big Spring on I-20.

There's a fabulous collection of gourmet chocolates, by the bulk or packaged. Candies with such names as fudge love, grand marnier, coconut hay stacks, white chocolate, almond bark — many handmade, hand-dipped. See the Christmas candies, red and green gum drops, sour balls, mints and more. Rainbarrel has festive bags and boxes that will make even the smallest candy gift something special.

The RV Service Center handles a complete line of new vehicles, and has parts and accessories in stock. They offer a complete service department — everything from welding to engine overhaul. Golden Gate Siding offers 8 different colors in USS all-steel siding for residential or commercial use. There's a lifetime guarantee against fading, rust and peeling; and a 50-year guarantee against hail. Golden Gate makes custom storm doors and windows, and will install them or deliver to customers who wish to install their own. Golden Gate gives free estimates and will work within customers' budget perimeters. Most installations require no money down. No job is too large or too small. Golden Gate is a Christian company, locally owned and operated by Mike and Carol Arnett.

Nostalgia buffs will love the authentic reproductions of enamel antique advertising signs for Crackerjack, Purity Beer, Gold Dust Twins Soap, and many more, most priced under \$20.

Give a pound of stationery, mixed or matched from a kaleidoscope of colors, for \$4.50. Or a lucite clipboard that's round or octagonal (instead of the ubiquitous rectangle) with refillable notepad to match, for \$12.95.

There's also a line of men's gifts inspired by antique Jack Daniels advertising — shot glasses, chest of poker chips and tin boxes. And men's jewelry boxes of hand-polished wood topped with a real horseshoe for \$19.95 or an operating slot machine for his bar for \$50.00.

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Post unveils new look

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's fourth largest city awakened today to a new newspaper with an old name, but alive with color and photographs and a challenge to its more affluent competitor.

"We're going to shock a lot of people," said Houston Post metro editor Jimmie Woods in a front-page story. "But when the shock wears off, they're going to like it."

The "new" Post displayed two color photographs and three color graphics on its front page today along with a bright red masthead.

The Post, which says it is the South's largest morning newspaper, was purchased in October by the Toronto Sun Publishing Co., a brash and innovative journalistic upstart, for \$100 million after U.S. media companies found the Post's availability unattractive.

"This is still a vibrant paper with an excellent staff, but in recent years its circulation and market share of advertising lineage have fallen slightly, putting it into a money-losing situation in a highly competitive market," wrote Publisher J.D. Creighton in a Monday morning editorial. "We intend to reverse this situation. We feel our arrival will be good for the Post, but only if the Post is good for Houston."

Three Canadians, veterans of the surprising Toronto Sun's success, have been installed at the Post, but the new editor is popular Post columnist Lynn Ashby.

Ashby, fighting his way through the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd at the first-floor employees' party for the Post's debut, said: "We're not going to turn out just a different newspaper, but a better newspaper. We really are."

Peter O'Sullivan, 34, who six weeks ago was managing editor of the Sun and is now editor-in-chief of the Post, said the appointment of Ashby was a natural.

"We couldn't come to Texas, the publisher and myself, and lecture Texans and Houstonians about on they should feel about things," O'Sullivan said. As he awaited the first edition, O'Sullivan said the new owners intend to "make money and sell a lot of newspapers, not necessarily in that order."



HOT OFF THE PRESS — Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, left, new Houston Post editor-in-chief Peter O'Sullivan and Don Hunt, right, Post general manager, look at the first "new look" Houston Post papers coming off the presses early Monday.

Contestants display the 'rat' stuff

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Eighteen contestants ran through mazes, climbed ropes and lifted weights in a sports contest where both the winners and losers truly displayed "the rat stuff."

The occasion was Nebraska Wesleyan University's annual "Rat Olympics" and although national anthems and gold medals were missing, the top coaches got trophies.

Kim Michaels of Omaha accepted the grand champion trophy Monday on behalf of Leelo, which finished first in the rodent pentathlon.

Tom Peterson of Lincoln received the champion award for Deenie, which placed second.

Leelo and Deenie were among 18 albino rats in the competition Saturday sponsored by the university's psychology department. Events included jumping from one stool to another, maze-running, sprints, rope-climbing and weightlifting by climbing a lever.

Assistant Professor Milton Hammond described the competition as both instructive and cute.

Students become "incredibly attached" to their rats, Hammond said. "It's not just a pet," he said. "It's more of an extension of themselves."

They can keep their rats now that the games are over. Some are shipping the creatures home, Hammond said, adding, "I can imagine what the parents think."

Motorcycle Santas deliver toys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Santa Clauses wore black leather jackets and rode motorcycles, but still helped deliver more than 20,000 toys for needy children.

Hundreds of members of Southern California biker clubs made their 11th annual Toy Run to the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Sunday, burying its floor under a mountain of toys.

Bikers from such groups as the Hell's Angels, the Chosen Few, Vagos and Hessians arrived with fluffy teddy bears or stuffed rabbits on their handlebars. Also donated were more than two dozen Cabbage

Patch dolls, which have sparked near-riots in some stores because they are in short supply.

The sponsoring Modified Motorcycle Association says it gathers the gifts for the Salvation Army.

The bikers in their souped-up or chopped-down two-wheelers filled the lot outside the arena, in one of the rare occasions when rival groups attend the same event.

"This does do something for the bikers' image," Roloff said. "All of a sudden, the guy that's rollin' down the street on a bike is not a big bad guy — especially when he's got a teddy bear on it."

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 6 Plaster
 10 "Damn Yankees" character
 14 Become informed
 15 Sailors' patron saint
 16 Yemen port
 17 Warm ocean current
 19 Artist
 20 Sly - fox
 21 - off (rate)
 22 Suit
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 3 Old song refrain
 4 Dog talk
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 11 Concert halls
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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 3 NADNDPAMND EODIN
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 6 AINGERTIA TDMADE
 7 AIGD FSTHDS TDONS
 8 AYOVD HADSDS TDYD
 9 MEDIAL DIARIES TDYD
 10 EIGHT TDYD
 11 ADOOR REME TDYD
 12 ADOOR WILLYN TDYD
 13 DAIDE ELLIS TDYD
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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening to think in terms of what you can do to be more efficient in the performance of regular duties and worldly obligations. Consult those with experience for answers.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle civic and credit affairs carefully today; they should be foremost in your consciousness. Better organize your talents.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain information concerning new project that you desire to put into action. Be careful when handling money.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Pay bills early in the day so that your business operates well. Attend an important meeting. Spend a relaxing, quiet evening with mate.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Postpone seeking affection from one you admire. This person is wrapped up in business matters now. Try again tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Find the best way to become more efficient at work. Take time to improve your health. Avoid the opposite sex for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan recreations well. Then get busy at business affairs. Work diligently. Some romantic gesture would appeal to your mate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't lose your equilibrium; handle problems wisely. Be clever regarding a guest. Drive with care this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be available to persons who come to you for answers. This is a fine day for handling business matters well. Get your bills out on time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Financial affairs should be first on the agenda today. Consult an expert if you have any doubts about property affairs.

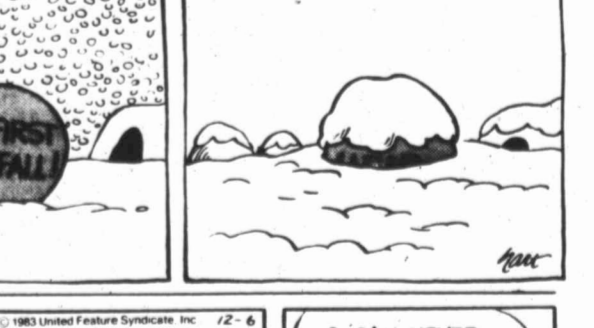
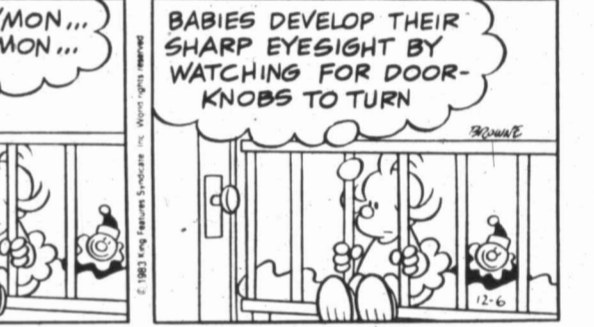
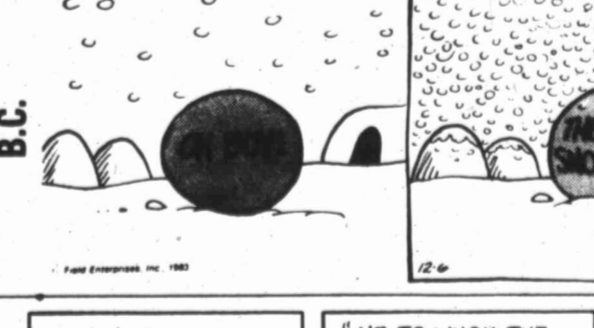
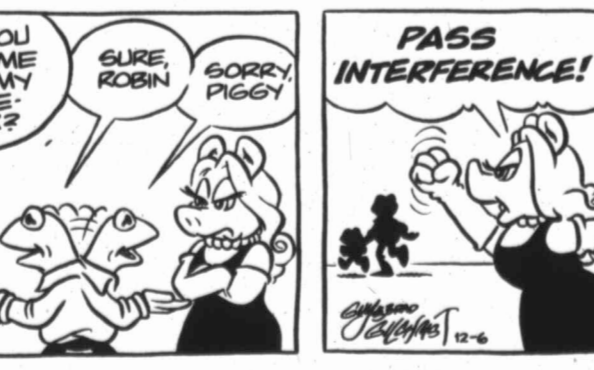
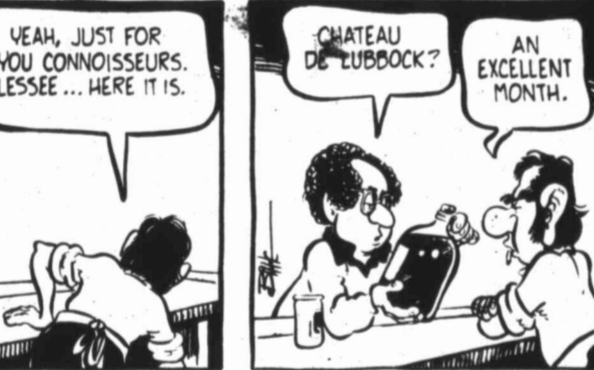
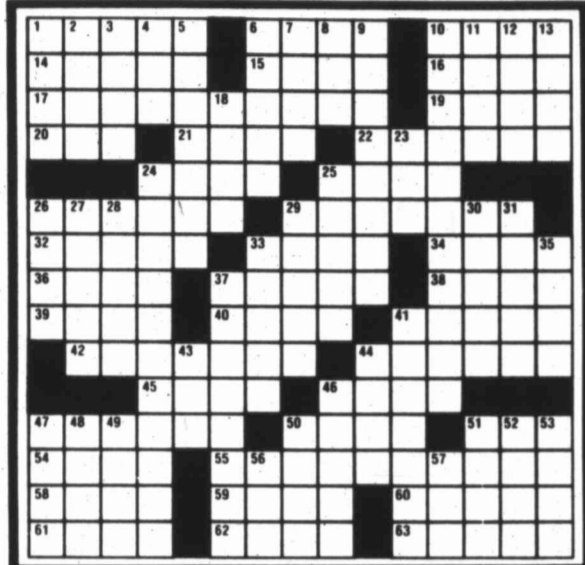
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Gain personal aims easily by becoming better organized. Visit a good friend who can give you worthwhile ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Concentrate on how best to carry through with that course action you have in mind. Be more practical; this should please your mate.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Pay attention to detail at work if you are to gain personal longings; carry through with alacrity. Participate in a group activity.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be someone whose feet are firmly on the ground but has a tendency to talk too much before thinking. Provide for an education that is both practical and aesthetic. Teach a foreign language at home.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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'Pablo Scale' determines who will get parole

AUSTIN (AP) — The state parole board is using a formula dubbed "the Pablo Scale" in honor of the Colombian student who devised it to predict the behavior of inmates slated for potential release from prison.

John W. Byrd, executive director of the state Board of Pardons and Paroles, told The Dallas Morning News that the formula is "the state of the art" and "the shining light we had all been looking for."

The 20-factor formula was devised by 35-year-old Pablo Martinez as part of a dissertation he is writing for his doctorate at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Martinez cautions that the formula does not provide a guarantee.

"We're predicting group behavior," he said. "We can't predict individual behavior."

Martinez said the Pablo Scale does not give positive scores just to hot-check writers and car thieves instead

of murderers.

Al Hagedorn, the parole board's budget and planning director, said a murderer "is the least likely to return to prison, but his release is the least politically popular."

"An auto thief, on the other hand, may not be regarded as a big deal by the public, but he's one of the most likely to return," Hagedorn said.

Earlier federal research on successful and unsuccessful parolees also indicated several other factors now used in the Pablo Scale:

— The earlier in life a felon first committed an offense the more likely he was to be a repeat offender.

— A property crime committed early in life indicated the probability of future crimes of that nature.

— Drug and alcohol abusers were likely to return to prison.

The state parole board has added positive

characteristics or personal factors that would improve a parolee's probability of success.

Byrd said parole officials hope the Pablo Scale can be used as a tool to help manage the state's exploding prison population. A new law requires the Board of Pardons and Paroles to speed up inmate releases if the prison population reaches 95 percent of its capacity.

"Prison-population management had never been a consideration in the parole philosophy until overcrowding caught up with us," Byrd said. "Before it was always just a matter of choosing the optimum time for release. Now, with the new law, we're in the prison-population management business. And with intelligent and meaningful consistency (in the application of the Pablo Scale) on the number of people going out (of prison), it will begin to make sense. We can release more people with less risk to society."

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Play money helps students learn banking

HIGHLAND PARK, Texas (AP) — Pauline Stepp's third-grade class is learning that "scholar dollars" don't grow on trees.

Hoping to teach her students about the banking and court systems, Ms. Stepp has created a system under which her youngsters receive a \$50 allowance of play money — dubbed "scholar dollars."

When the pupils behave, such as keeping their desks and lockers clean for weekly inspection, they receive bonuses. When they misbehave, they can be hauled before a student court empowered to levy fines for wrongdoers.

The system has grown so elaborate since Ms. Stepp first introduced it in her suburban Dallas classroom that the youngsters have set up a small bank teller's window in class, keep personal ledgers and write checks.

The experiment also has proven to be an effective tool for discipline, Ms. Stepp says, since the pupils don't like to appear in the squabble court.

At times, the court resembles a real one.

"I'm amazed that the children have the perception they do and ask the kinds of questions they do," said Dan Guthrie, an attorney who agreed Friday to visit the class, in which his daughter is enrolled, and preside as judge.

The squabbles he heard were hardly first-degree felonies. On the docket were charges of name-calling, stamping on another person's feet while in line, kicking someone under a desk and tickling a classmate at lunch.

The jurors often take a tough, law-and-order stand. On Friday, they fined one scofflaw \$20 for calling a classmate a name and fined another \$40 for playfully hitting someone in the bathroom.

"The kids can be cruel," says Ms. Stepp, a 24-year veteran of teaching. "Many times they'll fine each other a lot more than I would fine them."

The first signs that Ms. Stepp's class may be imitating the litigiousness of American society already are showing.

"Some kids put others' names down just to get money or to burn other kids," said 9-year-old Jamie Toon.

Other pupils have learned that the art of settling out of court, and Ms. Stepp doesn't mind.

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