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## Spring Board

### How's that?

#### Where to write

Q. What is the address of the Texas Railroad Commission?

A. Write the Texas Railroad Commission at Capital Station, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas, 78711.

### Calendar

#### Open House

##### TODAY

• The Howard County Library will have a Christmas Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

• The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees Inc. will meet for a Christmas party at the Kentwood Center at 6:30 p.m. Each will bring their favorite foods.

##### FRIDAY

• The Howard County Agricultural Extension Office will host an open house and information day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the county courthouse basement.

• The Howard County Library will have a Christmas Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

• The Senior Citizen's Center will host a Christmas and birthday dance at 7:30 p.m. in Industrial Park building 487. Guests are welcome.

• There will be a matinee showing of "Starman" Friday at 2 p.m. at the Cinema. The matinee is sponsored by the Runnels Jr. High Student Council.

### Outside

#### Rain

A 20 percent chance of rain is in tonight's forecast. Look for lows tonight in the low 30s and westerly to southwesterly winds, 10 to 20 miles per hour. Tomorrow, the forecast is calling for highs in the mid 50s.

### Holiday deadlines

The Big Spring Herald will not publish on Tuesday, Christmas Day, so that employees may enjoy the holiday. Herald offices will be closed. Early deadlines for advertising have been set due to the holiday.

• For Wednesday's paper: Display advertising deadline is noon Saturday. Classified word advertising deadline is noon Monday. "Too late to classify" deadline is 9 a.m. Wednesday.

• For Thursday's paper: Display deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.



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Jennifer O'Daniel, a 6th grader at Coahoma Elementary, signs the school's giant Christmas card Wednesday.

Herald photo by Tim Appel



**"An Oklahoma card shark will give you a fairer deal than that."**

Jim Hightower Ag commissioner

## State: No N-dump

### Officials vow to fight Panhandle site

AUSTIN (AP) — The selection of Deaf Smith County as a possible location for the nation's nuclear waste dump is a lower deal than you can get from "an Oklahoma card shark," state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said.

The Wednesday announcement by U.S. Energy Secretary Donald Hodel attracted a chorus of criticism from state officials. The Panhandle county and sites in Nevada and Washington state were named as the finalists.

Texas will fight the decision. The

state has filed a lawsuit in federal appeals court in New Orleans protesting the manner in which the sites were chosen.

"Before the people of Deaf Smith County will glow in the dark, sparks will fly," said Gov. Mark White. "I believe the bureaucrats in Washington will soon hear from the people of Texas about this arbitrary, capricious, uncaring and unreasonable approach to following the very sound congressional mandate that was issued."

White plans to go to Hereford, the Deaf Smith county seat, for a

Saturday rally against the decision.

Nine sites in six states were considered for the dump, which is scheduled to open in 1998. The three sites picked Wednesday will undergo extensive review, leading to a presidential decision in 1990 on where to put the dump.

State officials can veto that choice, but Congress can overrule the state. The dump is scheduled to be ready in 1998.

Hightower complained that in picking one of Texas' top

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## 1 killed, 2 injured in wrecks

By KEELY COGHLAN Staff Writer

A Big Spring man died about 10:35 a.m. today in an automobile accident, the second fatality in two days in Howard County.

In addition, two dental assistants were injured in a two-vehicle accident about one hour later.

The fatality victim died when his car collided with a Coca-Cola truck crossing S. Highway 87 from Driver Road.

The name of the man, who was in his 60s, was being withheld by police pending notification of his next-of-kin.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Lewis Hefflin.

The driver of the Coke truck, Michael David Long, 23, of 1003 E. 15th, was slightly injured but refused medical treatment, according to Shaffer Ambulance personnel.

Big Spring firemen were spraying the belly of the Coke truck with water to dilute diesel fuel leaking from its fuel tank and prevent a possible fire.

Firemen were called to the scene to use the Jaws of Life but arrived after officials determined the victim was dead.

According to Police Lt. Jerry Edwards, the Coke truck was eastbound on Driver Road and was crossing S. Highway 87 at the time of the collision.

The truck collided with the victim's car, an AMC Matador Brougham headed north on Highway 87, Edwards said.

Police are still investigating the cause of the accident, Edwards said.

The Matador came to rest in the middle of the triangular median at the Driver Road intersection, facing east, its front end crumpled from the impact.

The truck also skidded and came to rest laying on its left side on Driver Road, its rear also in the median, the red rear warning lights still flashing after the impact.

The triangular median area was

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Missouri-Pacific freight depot in Big Spring is scheduled for destruction.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

By KEELY COGHLAN Staff Writer

There's little or no mention of the old Texas and Pacific Railroad passenger depot in Big Spring in the county histories and the Heritage Museum, though county officials briefly thought of housing the museum in the building.

Even less was written about the freight station, the only survivor in Big Spring of the days when railroads were king. The passenger historian Joe Pickle, Big Spring's fate was tied to the decision to make the city a division headquarters for the T&P Railroad.

"I don't think I mentioned the freight depot, though," Pickle said, referring to his county history, "Gettin' Started."

The passenger depot, built in 1903 or 1904, has been gone for several years — razed during the 1960s when passenger trains stopped rolling through Big Spring.

## The depot Death of a memory

Its 60-year-old companion, the freight depot, will soon feel the wrecking ball as well. According to Missouri-Pacific Railroad officials, the freight business will be handled by computer from its Dallas office.

Not much is known about the freight depot. Most of the old-timers are gone, and with them, much of the building's past.

Even its construction date seems uncertain. According to the county tax rolls, the depot was built in 1924. That date tallies with the memory of retired railroad employee Kenneth Hart, who says he remembers it being built in the early '20s.

But others, retired railroad employees and children of

railroad employees, say the building was built as early as the turn of the century.

City employee Dewey Byers, whose father, grandfather and uncle together worked more than 160 years for the railroad, says his relatives told him the freight depot also was built in 1904. "My dad told me they were built together," he said.

"It was built before I could remember — around 1912 or somewhere thereabout," former Howard County Judge Lee Porter said. Most of his memories center around the passenger depot, already dust.

According to Porter, the old passenger depot "was a gathering place for people in the early days. It was the only thing that

came to town. There were not so many cars as now."

The rise of the automobile and the plane killed the trains, Hart said. "Airplanes were quicker and cars were more convenient," he said.

When the railroad prepared to tear down the old building, Porter and other county officials looked at purchasing the building for the museum, but discarded the idea.

"It was too isolated, on a dead end street. It needed a lot of repairs and it was in the middle of all the transient traffic on the railroad. You couldn't protect it," said Pickle, recalling his efforts as a historical commission member to save the depot.

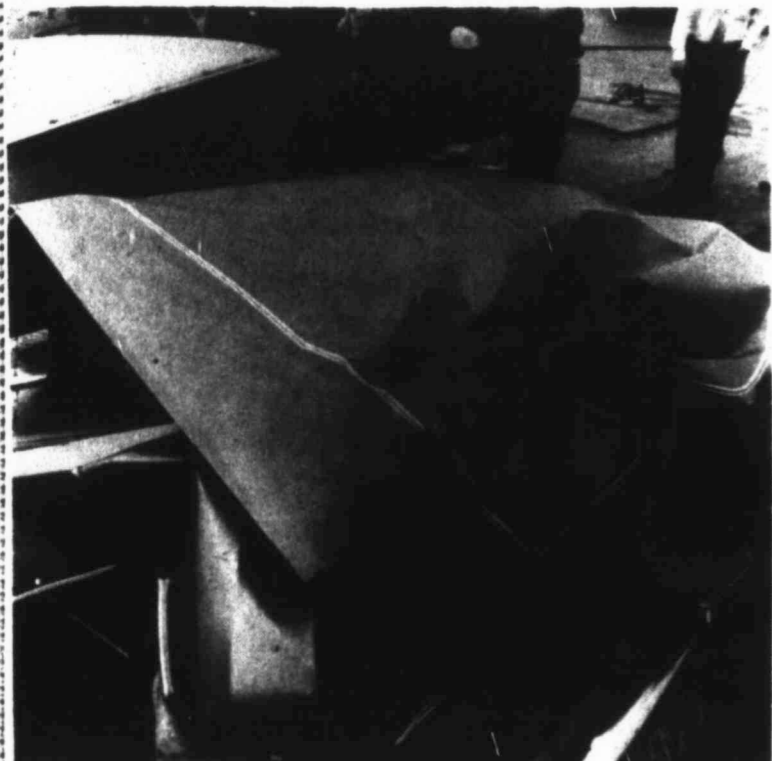
When the passenger depot went, headquarters for the railroad's trainmaster and yard superintendent were transferred to the freight depot.

At one time, the freight depot had a marker on the south corner of the building, telling much of its history. But the marker was covered up during the office remodeling, according to Margaret Burnett, who worked

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THE DRIVER of a Coca-Cola truck, Michael David Long, 23, of 1003 E. 15th, stands next to his overturned vehicle after the accident.



BIG SPRING police and firemen investigate the scene of a two-vehicle fatal accident at the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Driver Road.

### Sheriff's Log

#### Deputies recover stolen bike

Howard County sheriff's deputies found a bicycle on Tuesday that is believed to have been stolen at Hilltop Road and Gatesville Street in the Jonesboro Addition of Howard County.

According to sheriff's reports, the bicycle had been parked by some mailboxes for four days. Members of the sheriff's department request the rightful owner to contact the office and identify the bicycle.

Big Spring Police transferred Thomas Michael Tolson, 34, 2909 W. Old Highway 80 to county jail on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI) and possession of a controlled substance.

Tolson was released on bonds of \$1,000 and \$5,000 set by Judge Melvin Daratt.

Deputy George Quintero responded to a burglary of a business that took place sometime Wednesday between midnight and noon at the El Tenampa Bar on Highway 350, north of Interstate 20.

Bar owner Vicente Calderon showed Quintero the glass section of the front door that had been broken out and cuts on the wood portion of door where prying appeared to have taken place by unknown person(s).

According to sheriff's reports, after entering the business it was found that the unknown person(s) were after beer and that no money was left overnight.

Missing items from the bar include 13 1/2 cases of beer and a gallon of wine. Total estimated damage of property and missing items amounts to \$179.04. No suspects or further information is known at this time as the investigation continues.

Antonio Rojas Garcia, 28, of Thrifty Lodge was arrested by Howard County sheriff's deputies on charges of aggravated and simple assault. He was released on bonds amounting to \$11,000.

A man called the sheriff's office late Wednesday afternoon and reported his windshield had been broken by kids at an IH-20 overpass at Homestead Inn who were throwing objects off on vehicles passing underneath.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Dennis Hunter, 25, of General Delivery in Big Spring for unauthorized carrying of a weapon. He was released on \$500 bond.

Big Spring Police transferred Russell Dean Felts, 28, 1601 E. Fifth to county jail on a charge of criminal mischief over \$20 and under \$200. He was released on \$500 bond.

A U.S. Border Patrol bus picked up 10 aliens from county jail Wednesday night.

### Police Beat

#### Local school reports mischief

A 250-foot chain-link fence and poles and a gym set at Bauer Magnet School were damaged Wednesday evening, according to Big Spring police reports.

The damage to the fence was estimated at \$1,000, while damage to the gym set was set at \$200. The incident occurred at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Vernie Gossett of 404 N.E. 11th told police that her juvenile son was attacked by other juveniles, who struck him in the 1000 block of N. Goliad at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The car stereo speakers in an orange and cream 1983 Ford pickup truck were stolen between Dec. 5 and Sunday, owner Caryl Adams of Route 1 told police Wednesday morning.

The speakers were valued at \$60.

Police arrested Russell Dean Felts, 27, of 1506 E. 15th at 8:21 p.m. Wednesday at the 7-Eleven store at Fourth and Birdwell on suspicion of criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

### Wrecks

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scattered with soft drink bottles and debris from both vehicles.

Two dental assistants also were injured in a second accident at 11:31 a.m. today at the intersection of Scurry and Eighth when they collided with a Big Spring police car.

Both women, who were riding in a late model Chrysler, received head wounds in the accident, according to police.

Barbara Mindling, address unknown, was taken to Cowper's Clinic and Hospital by Shaffer Ambulance, according to police. Ms. Mindling was a passenger in the Chrysler.

The driver of the car, Belinda Jane Puga, 22, of 401 N.W. 11th was taken to Malone-Hogan Hospital by Shaffer Ambulance. She received a small cut above her ear.

The police officer, Patrolman Richard Lopez, 23, was uninjured in the accident.

The accident occurred as the women were a block from work at Dr. John Key's dental office.

According to Lopez, he was on his way to work the scene of a minor accident at 18th and Gregg when the accident occurred. According to police at the scene, Lopez did not have his sirens or lights on.

According to police reports, Lopez was headed south on Scurry when his patrol car collided with Ms. Puga's Chrysler, which was headed west.

The police car struck a stop sign on the southwest corner of Eighth. The sign ended up underneath the patrol car.

The Department of Public Safety has identified the fatality victim in Wednesday's wreck as identified Don Oliver Parks, 55, of Coahoma.

Parks died in a two-vehicle accident that occurred about 10 a.m. at the intersection of Highway 350 and Centerpoint school road.

### Dump

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agriculture counties the energy department did not play fair. Sites in Deaf Smith and Swisher counties were reviewed. But the specific locations were revised in recent weeks.

"Last month, DOE pulled a classic sleight-of-hand on us by suddenly announcing that they were switching to two other sites just down the road," he said.

"DOE's last-minute switch meant the bureaucrats were giving the state of Texas no chance to comment on the new site proposals."

"An Oklahoma card shark will give you a fairer deal than that," said Hightower.

Deaf Smith County Judge W. Glen Nelson fears his county will be picked.

"I have a feeling we are going to be selected as the No. 1 site," he said.

"Our main concern is our lifeline — the Ogallala Aquifer. If contamination should get in there, we'd be desert," Nelson said.

"Nearly everyone fears the unknown," said Deaf Smith County Commissioner Bill Bradley. "This is definitely unknown. The aquifer is right under us and should there be a leak it could eliminate the water supply for a great area."

Ben Rusche, director of the Office of Civilian Waste Management at the Department of Energy, said there already are oil and gas shafts drilled through the aquifer, proving there is technology to protect it from leakage to the shafts.

"The material will be located beneath the aquifer ... and the movement of such material, if it were to become mobile, would be not into the aquifer," Rusche said.

"Now I recognize that's not an absolute answer, but we don't have absolute answers when we deal with natural phenomena. But in comparison with almost any other safety consideration we have, I think one can be very confident that that aquifer would not be sacrificed."

Attorney General Jim Mattox said, "We don't think Texas should be made a dumping ground for the rest of the nation."

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as a railroad agent in Coahoma and Stanton.

But some residents say they won't let the building go without a fight.

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce is going to file a formal protest with the Railroad Commission, Chamber President Granville Hahn said Wednesday.

Also, the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees or individual members may protest the demolition of the building.

"I think some of those old railroad men will protest it. They've been retired for 20 years, but still all they talk about is the railroad," Byers said.

"I think they'll file a protest," said Mrs. Burnett, secretary to the local ARVRE chapter. "I hope they do raise some sort of protest."

Railroad employee Linus Tucker agreed, saying some individual retired railroad employees might file a protest against the demolition.

"They might. But I think it would be useless. They tried to do it before when they tried to keep the passenger one on," Tucker said. "We sure hate that we're going to lose it."

"The railroad's got their minds made up," Mrs. Burnett said. "I went through that with (the depot at) Coahoma. That was the first one (they were going to tear down.)"

"One of the railroad officials told me that because Coahoma showed such a good revenue if they got by with that, they could do it again," she said.

Both stations at which Mrs. Burnett worked had been scheduled for demolition, but the cities of Stanton and Coahoma purchased the buildings, she said.

"The Coahoma depot was moved in 1967 and is now the city hall building. The Stanton depot was used as a historical building for a while, but 'I don't know what they're using it for now,'" Mrs. Burnett said.

The railroad and the depot had a strong fascination for its employees, Byers said.

"My dad had a degree as an accountant. He worked for one day doing accounting, and then he went out and got a job with the railroad. He worked there for 53 years, until he was killed in a train accident in Odessa," Byers said.

"He would have worked there 60 years if he lived," Byers said. "Railroading was in his family."

### Weather

#### Local

Tonights forecast calls for lows in the low 30s with winds west to southwesterly 10 to 20 miles per hour. There is a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Tomorrow will be sunny but colder with highs in the mid 50s. Winds will be west to northwesterly 10 to 20 miles an hour.

#### State

By The Associated Press

A thick fog plagued motorists again today in parts of North Central and Southwest Texas. Visibility was one-sixteenth mile in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and near zero in some low areas.

#### Forecast

WEST TEXAS — Scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight, except possible snow Panhandle tonight becoming sunny Friday. Turning colder tonight and cooler Friday. Lows tonight 29 Panhandle to 42 Big Bend. Highs Friday 48 Panhandle to 65 Big Bend.

#### Yesterday

High temperature.....	59
Low temperature.....	46
Record high.....	77
Record low.....	3
Rainfall.....	0.82
Year-to-date.....	12.78
Normal-to-date.....	18.37

#### Other cities

Forecast from 10 a.m.

CITY	HI	LOW
Arlene	57	43
Amarillo	56	38
Austin	73	52
Dallas	56	44
San Angelo	56	42
Wichita Falls	50	35

### Deaths

#### Margie Bradberry

Margie Bradberry, 70, died Wednesday at Stanton View Manor in Stanton after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Eldon Cook, minister at Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 20, 1914, in Loraine. She married R.E. (Burt) Bradberry Oct. 14, 1937, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death Sept. 22, 1980.

She was a member of the Baptist Temple Church and had been a member of the Northside Baptist Church for a number of years. She was a charter member of Crestview Baptist Church.

She had worked at Hall and Phillips and Grant Grocery Store for a number of years.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Burchett of Big Spring and Joyce Cisco of Midland; a stepdaughter, Betty Bahr of Aurora, Colo.; a brother, W.L. McArthur of Lubbock; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

#### O.O. Brown

O.O. Brown, 78, died Thursday morning in a local hospital. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

#### Charles Lewis

Charles H. Lewis, 60, died Wednesday morning in a local hospital following a long illness. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

#### Ernest Byrd

Ernest Byrd, 71, died Wednesday in a local hospital following a sudden illness. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

#### Don Parks

Don Oliver Parks, 55, died Wednesday morning from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Rick Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, and Dr. Lee Butler officiating.

Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born July 9, 1929, in Eastland. He retired from Cosden in July after working there for 28 years. At the time of his death he was an independent pumpjack.

Survivors include his wife, Audine; four daughters, Laura Jane Wright of Bastrop, Jean Ann Wolf of Vincent, Donna Joan McPherson of Ozark, Ala., and Jan Marie Bandy of Garland; two stepdaughters, Kellye Powell and Karla Powell, both of Midland; a stepson, Kendall Powell of Big Spring; a brother, Jim Hal Parks of Gainesville; a sister, Dorothy Endsley Parks of Gainesville; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Carl, and two daughters, Julia Mary and Jerry Sue.

Palbearers will be Esmer Cole, Carl Frazier, Red Ross, Don Myers, David Wood, Rec Swann, Don Karns, and Wesley McIntosh.

The family suggests memorials to the van or sound system funds at Midway Baptist Church.

#### Glen Jones

Glen Jones, 56, died Wednesday in Andrews after a sudden illness.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the East Fourth Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Guy White, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 27, 1928, in Hilton, Okla. He married Loyce Burcham June 30, 1948, in Big Spring.

He was a member of the Baptist church and served in the military after World War II. He had lived in Andrews the past five years and had lived previously in Big Spring since 1948.

He worked as a pumper for Alpha 21 Production Co.

Survivors include his wife, Loyce; two sons, Jerry Glen Jones and Jesse Lee Jones, both of Big Spring; two daughters, Glenda Thompson of Yukon, Okla., and Julie Vandyken of Big Spring; four brothers, Howard Jones of Sweet-

#### Gary Hays

COAHOMA — Gary D. Hays, 32, of Gillette, Okla., died Sunday in Gillette following a truck accident. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Kiker-Seale Chapel in Colorado City with Rev. Henry Salley, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City, officiating.

Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Hays was born Feb. 24, 1952, in Big Spring. He had been a resident of Gillette since 1978. He was a welder and a member of the Methodist Church. He was married to Sylvia Gonzales in Westbrook.

He is survived by: his wife, Sylvia Hays of the home; one daughter, Sarah Jane Hays of the home; one son, Gary Don Hays of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dois Hays of Gillette, Okla.; one sister, Juanita Kelly of Snyder; one brother, W.D. (Bill) Hays of Odessa; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Hays of Coahoma; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Frankie Prater of San Angelo.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

*Nalley-Pickle & Welch*  
Funeral Home  
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# Nation

By The Associated Press

## Governor seeks agency

BOSTON — Gov. Michael S. Dukakis called a law creating a new authority to oversee sewage disposal, which has fouled Boston Harbor for centuries, "the beginning of a monumental task."

Under threat of a court order, the Legislature gave overwhelming endorsement Wednesday to a plan placing water and sewer services in Greater Boston under control of the new Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

## Bail set for \$2 million

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — Bail was set at \$2 million for a man charged with arranging the murder of his wife at a highway rest area as the couple returned from a gambling trip to Atlantic City.

Robert O. Marshall, 44, of Toms River was arrested Wednesday in connection with the Sept. 7 slaying of his 42-year-old wife, Maria, said Ocean County Prosecutor Edward Turnbach.

## Lawyer doubts testimony

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A prosecutor said he believed a 16-year-old girl had been influenced to change her testimony, resulting in dismissal of more than 100 charges against five men accused of belonging to a drug and prostitution ring.

"I believe that when she told us she was engaging in sexual activities with the defendants she was telling us the truth," Deputy District Attorney James Reilly said Wednesday.

## Judge, brothel don't mix

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — A judge accused of violating professional standards by visiting a brothel said during a hearing that he would do so again.

East Lansing Judge Daniel Tschirhart said Tuesday that he visited a legal brothel in Nevada on recommendations from other judges and did so "without any reason to believe the public would ever know I was there."

## 3 workers electrocuted

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Three construction workers electrocuted at a waste water plant here had pushed their scaffolding into power lines while plastering walls, authorities said.

The workers were killed Wednesday afternoon.

## Giraffes vacation in U.S.

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — Twenty-one giraffes in danger of extinction in their native Africa were on their way to new homes in the United States after gaining clearance from a federal quarantine center here.

# Attack on Star Wars

## Reagan's space weapon program gets poor rating

LONDON (AP) — Soviet official Mikhail S. Gorbachev again expressed concern that President Reagan's "Star Wars" project jeopardizes future arms talks, and Britain's top opposition leader says the concern is "widely shared."

Gorbachev made his remarks in a three-hour meeting with the leader of the opposition Labor Party, Neil Kinnock, and the party's foreign affairs spokesman Denis Healey, on Wednesday.

Today, the sixth day of his weeklong tour of Britain, Gorbachev was scheduled to tour an automobile plant at Cowley near Oxford and later hold talks at the London Chamber of Commerce and the Trade Department.

Kinnock, at a news conference, said Gorbachev told him there would be no Soviet preconditions on preliminary talks between U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko in Geneva Jan. 7-8.

"Specific reference was made to the possible development of what is called 'Star Wars' — the militarization of outer space," said Kinnock. "They are extremely concerned about that, and I think their concern is widely shared."

Healey added: "What the Russians are really saying is that if the Americans decide to go ahead with the so-called Star Wars system, the Russians, instead of trying to copy them, may decide to adopt methods of penetrating whatever system the Americans produce. That will obviously set limits on the possibility of negotiating cuts in offensive missiles."

Gorbachev, seen as a possible successor to Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko, has stressed Moscow's line that progress in nuclear arms talks would be impossible if the arms race is extended to space with the development of anti-missile weapons based in space.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a news conference in Washington on Wednesday that the Star Wars project, officially known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, offers the world the hope of lasting peace instead of resorting to "mutual terror" to avert nuclear war.

Weinberger also said the Soviets are clearly pursuing a Star Wars research project of their own.

British government sources reported Sunday after



GORBACHEV VISIT — Mikhail S. Gorbachev (with hat), the No. 2 man in the Kremlin, and his wife Raisa (right) leave London's Westminster Abbey on Tuesday. The Soviet leader spoke against Reagan's Space Wars project Wednesday.

talks between Gorbachev and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher that the two leaders were equally anxious to halt an arms race in space.

Gorbachev on Wednesday night attended the English National Opera production of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, a cynical comedy about fickle women.

# Inflation rate takes downturn

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose a scant 0.2 percent in November as the previous month's sharp gains in food and gasoline prices were dramatically moderated.

The overall increase was the smallest in five months. Food prices rose just 0.2 percent, half the October rate, while gasoline prices were up 0.4 percent, a small fraction of the prior month's 1.8 percent gain.

With only one month left, prices for 1984 were rising at an annual rate of 4.1 percent, virtually matching last year's decade-best 3.8 percent.

Labor Department analysts said in releasing the latest Consumer Price Report that much of October-to-November change was the result of seasonal adjustments designed to remove predictable, periodic influences from price fluctuations.

For example, gasoline prices actually fell at the pump 0.3 percent last month. But those prices normally decline 0.7 percent in November, meaning that, on a seasonally

adjusted basis, the department calculated they rose 0.4 percent.

And food prices, which actually fell 0.1 percent, recorded a 0.2 percent gain after the seasonal adjustment.

The overall 0.2 percent November increase was half the 0.4 percent gain in both September and October and matched June's 0.2 percent hike.

Department analyst Patrick Jackman said that the inflation picture for 1984 was "shaping up very much like the last two years." As for next year, private economists predict inflation remaining in the range of 4 percent as Americans benefit from lingering dissension among major oil-producing nations.

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are meeting this week in Geneva in an effort to avert a price war and reassert the cartel's influence in the global oil market.

# World

By The Associated Press

## Factory blast kills four

MEXICO CITY — An explosion at an illegal fireworks factory in a house northeast of here killed four people and wounded four, a Red Cross official said.

The explosion occurred Wednesday when a large store of gunpowder used for making holiday-season fireworks ignited at the house in San Bartolo Acolman, 30 miles northeast of Mexico City, said Martin Zapata, duty officer at the Red Cross office in Ecatepec, 17 miles south of the town.

## Dutch disarm WWII bomb

LEIDEN, Netherlands — After police evacuated hundreds of residents, Dutch army specialists disarmed a World War II bomb that has been buried under a crowded neighborhood of this university town for 40 years.

The 1,000-pound British bomb was defused without incident in 90 minutes Wednesday by three army technicians.

## Strawberry Field closed

LIVERPOOL, England — The City Council has decided to close Strawberry Field, the Salvation Army children's home immortalized by the Beatles.

The council, controlled by the Labor Party, approved a plan to phase out Strawberry Field over the next five years by not placing any new children there.

## 2 face abortion charges

TORONTO — Dr. Henry Morgentaler and an associate face new abortion charges in connection with the operation of Morgentaler's controversial abortion clinic.

Metropolitan Toronto Police issued a warrant Wednesday for the Montreal doctor's arrest on a charge of conspiring to procure a miscarriage, the Criminal Code term for abortion.

## India files complaint

OTTAWA — India has filed a complaint with the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal alleging that Pakistani authorities handed over a pistol and ammunition to hijackers at Lahore airport.

## Eight killed in bus crash

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Eight people were killed and nine injured when a passenger bus they were riding hit a land mine, government officials said.

The accident occurred Wednesday at Kot Sanghar in the Kurram district, about 180 miles west of Islamabad, close to the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, according to the officials.

The land mine had been planted near an Afghan refugee camp, they said.

# New phone charge may hurt the poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer watchdogs are trying to ensure that telephone service isn't priced out of reach for the poor following a Federal Communications Commission decision to increase residential phone charges by \$1 a month.

On a 5-0 vote Wednesday, the FCC ordered the dollar-a-month increase beginning in June, with another dollar to be tacked on in June 1986.

"If you have a monthly income of

three or four hundred dollars, which many consumers in America have, if you get an additional charge on your telephone of \$2 a month, that just makes it that much harder to survive," said Joan Claybrook, president of the consumer lobbying group Public Citizen.

Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, is preparing legislation to insure that the handicapped, the poor and the elderly can have a home phone no matter how high local rates go.

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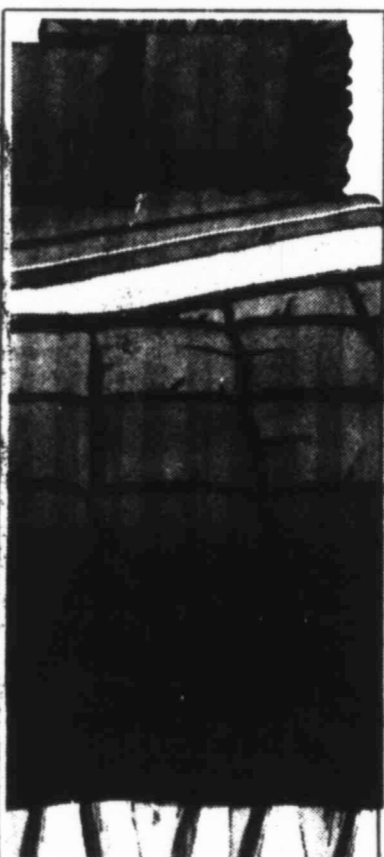
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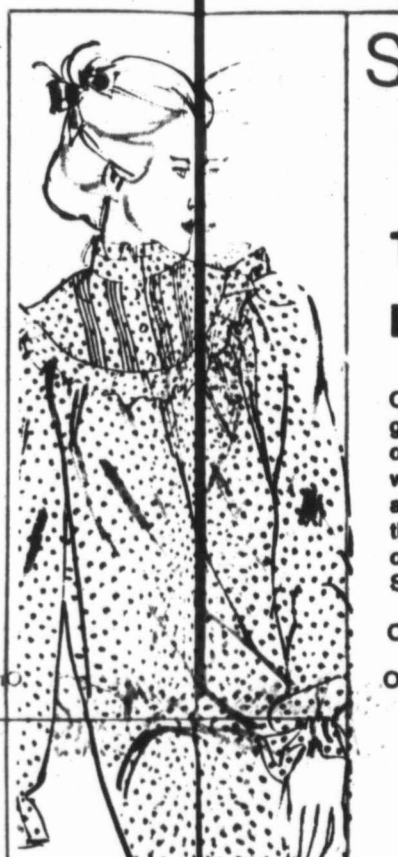
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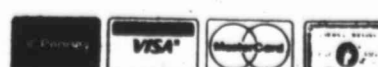
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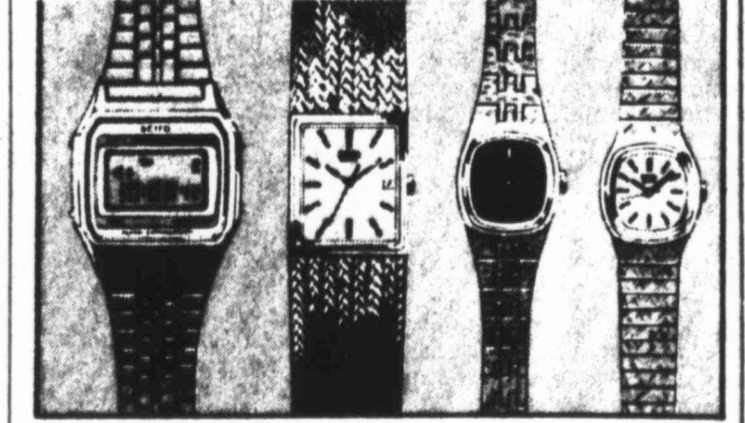
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## Howard College to host pageant

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Abby, please tell me how I can

my mother listen to reason and be realistic. Thank you.

A BOY IN DULUTH

DEAR BOY: Your mother is right, and since she is your guardian, and your welfare is in her hands, she should forbid you to smoke anywhere.

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DEAR ABBY: I've been told that the only way a person can get crabs is by sexual contact. Is this true?

FIANCEE OF A SOLDIER  
DEAR FIANCEE: No. Contact with soiled linen or a contaminated toilet seat can do it.

Howard College will sponsor the Miss Howard County/Miss SWCID Pageant in January, Vice President for Student Life Sherri Sparks announced this week.

The pageant will be Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at Howard College Auditorium. Applications may be obtained from the student life office at Howard College, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Winner of the Miss Howard County Pageant will enter the Miss Texas Pageant. The winner of the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. in September. The winner of the Miss SWCID Pageant will compete for Miss Deaf Texas, who will travel to the Miss Deaf America Pageant next summer.

The event this year will be the first Miss Howard County/Miss SWCID Pageant sponsored by Howard College. "We are serving as sponsors of the pageant because we believe it provides a valuable contribution to the community and to the young ladies who will enter

the competition," Mrs. Sparks said.

"We believe it serves the community well because it focuses attention on the high calibre of young ladies who are residents of our county. And we believe it serves youth well because it provides the opportunity for young ladies who compete to gain added poise through public appearance and to gain added maturity through participation in a community program such as the Miss Howard County/Miss SWCID Pageant," she said.

Winners will receive scholarships to attend Howard College and SWCID and the opportunity to seek scholarships at the Miss Texas and Miss Deaf Texas Pageants.

To qualify, women must be between the ages of 17 and 26 on the Labor Day Holiday, must be a high

school graduate by Labor Day, and never have been married.

Miss Howard County entrants must be a resident of the county, an employee in the county six months prior to the pageant, or a student at a college in the county. Miss SWCID entrants must be enrolled at SWCID.

Judging is based upon the same values considered at the Miss Texas Pageant. Personality, poise, beauty and talent are the major requirements. Each contestant will be judged in private interview, evening gown, swimsuit and talent presentation.

Each entrant should possess some quality of talent, either trained or potential. The talent range is varied and no young woman must necessarily be trained in any specific field, Mrs. Sparks said.

### Dr. Donohue



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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have read that some viruses lie dormant in the body only to surface at a later date. You mentioned chicken pox as an example. I had scarlet fever years ago. Three years later I developed arthritis. Scarlet fever is one of the streptococcal viruses, and I'm wondering if that is what happened, the virus coming back to life later. — D.O.

I can't see any relationship between your scarlet fever and the appearance of arthritis three years later. You are confusing bacteria with viruses. Streptococcal bacteria cause rheumatic and scarlet fever. It's not a virus. It doesn't lay dormant in the body. Only a few infections act that way. The chicken pox and herpes viruses are examples. The tuberculosis germ is another.

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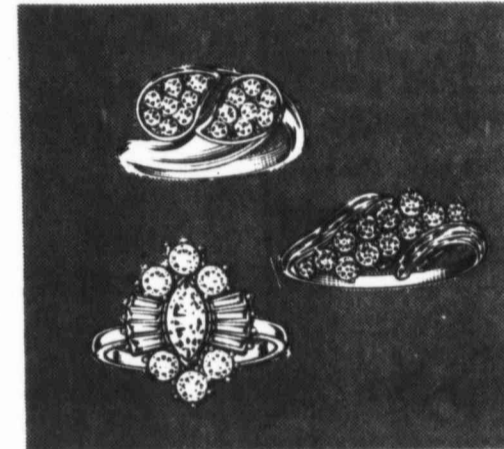
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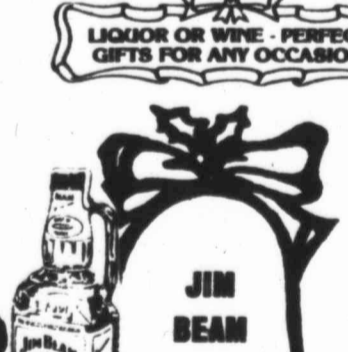
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# Commission approves new name for Howard County water district

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AUSTIN — Texas Water Commission approved a new name for the Howard County Municipal Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 on Tuesday, giving the district the power to issue revenue bonds.

Unanimous commission approval of the district's request to become the Howard County Municipal Water District with enhanced bonding powers comes only months before the water supply group faces renewed contract negotiations with Big Spring.

Austin attorney John Orr told the

commission the district currently has no plans to issue revenue bonds but may need to in the future to renovate water supply lines throughout the 30-year-old district.

Orr also hinted that the power to issue revenue bonds could come in handy if contract negotiations between the district and Big Spring fall apart next year. That contract expires next spring, he said.

"They'd like to know that if that doesn't work out, they can do something else," Orr said.

The water district currently buys treated water from Big Spring and sells it wholesale to Coahoma and retail to nine other customers.

District president Oscar Cagle, who did not address the commission, said he did not expect any problems in renewing the contract. However, he said, should pro-

blems occur, the municipal water district could issue revenue bonds for the construction of a water treatment plant and purchase water from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The Howard County water district currently relies only on district levied taxes for financing its projects. Cagle said the power to issue revenue bonds will modernize the district significantly.



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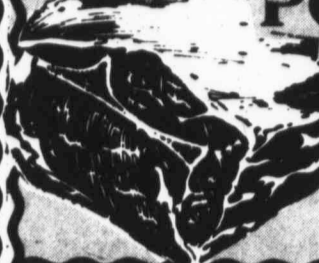
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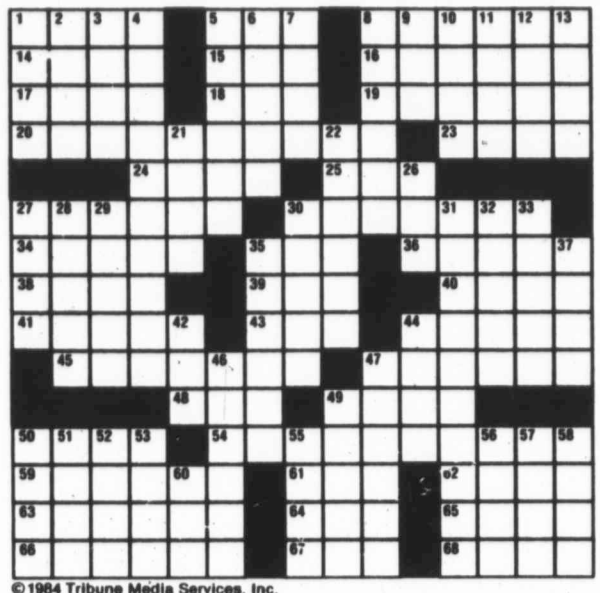




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## THE Daily Crossword By Nancy McCarthy

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A beautiful day to pitch in and finish any Christmas shopping or other holiday arrangements that you wish to make and extend your activities beyond their present boundaries.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** A good day to go after something new that is appealing to you and this could bring in greater benefits in the days ahead.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** A good day for selling or buying and for making the future more as you want it to be, and to improve present interests.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Discuss with partners just how they expect the future to trend. Make more intelligent plans for the days ahead.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** Delve into the work ahead of you early and get much accomplished efficiently. Show you have vision for the future.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** A good day for enjoying recreation in the company of good friends. Bring some talent to the fore that you have not used for a while.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Make those changes at home that will bring you greater satisfaction instead of just talking about them. Be cheerful.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** You have a plan in mind to improve relationships with allies, so discuss it with them and get good results.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** A fine day for handling monetary matters well, so use good judgment and you are on your way to greater prosperity.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** A good day to go after intimate aims that mean much to you and you have assistance from friends also.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Make preparations wisely for the coming holidays and be sure to plan intelligently.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Concentrate on what friends can do for you and vice versa and get your ideas in motion. Be cheerful.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Outside activities are easy to handle today and you can buy the gifts for closest ties on your list.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ...** he or she will be most extroverted and should be taught early to be cautious in speaking and in action and avoid getting into any trouble. Much travel is possible during this lifetime. One who can become very successful because of the great energy here.

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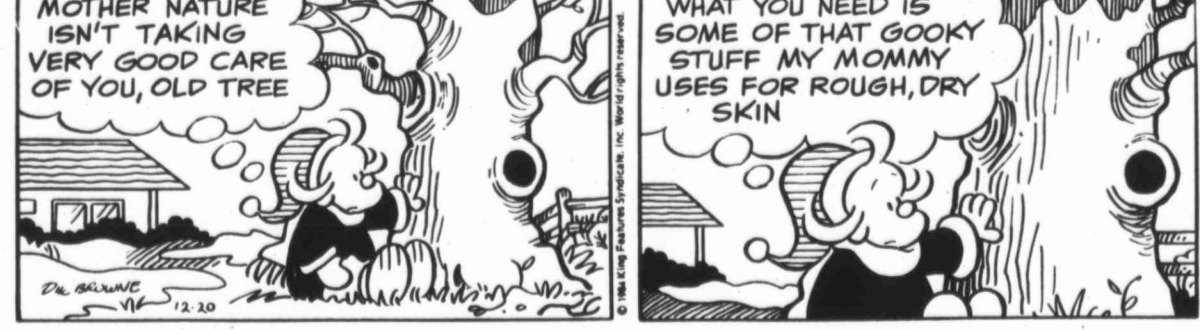
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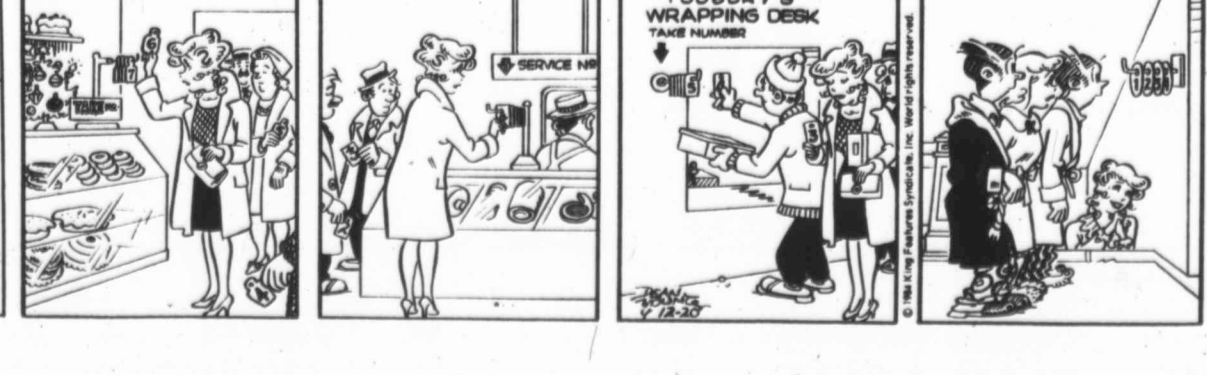
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# Chamber protests RR station demolition

By CAROL BALDWIN  
Staff Writer

Directors for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday agreed to "officially protest" the proposed demolition of the city's historic railroad freight station.

The Railroad Commission of Texas announced earlier that Missouri-Pacific Railroad Co. has been given permission to phase out the local agency station and to raze the 80-year-old freight station building. Plans are to construct a newer facility at the site.

Chamber directors want to save the historic freight station "for future generations," Dene Sheppard, a director, said.

"I'd hate to see this be destroyed," Mrs. Sheppard said.

Paul Shaffer, outgoing Chamber president, said he would like to see Missouri-Pacific "donate the building to the city of Big Spring."

Shaffer said the Heritage Museum has considered establishing a railroad museum and the donation of the historic freight station would be a boost to the museum's plans.

Granville Hahn, incoming president, made a motion "that we officially protest the demolition."

Hahn was asked to phone Missouri-Pacific officials to put in a verbal protest while the Chamber drafts a formal protest.

In other business, directors approved a list of committee chairmen for the coming year. They are:

Economic development council, Wally Whittington; business, Ray Andrews; agriculture, Larry Shaw and T. Paul Hopper; transportation, Arnold Marshall; industrial development, John Bingham; Heart of the City, David Mills.

Also athletic, Dick Helms; community luncheon, Pete Jones and Pat Porter; Convention and Visitors Bureau, John Glutch and Bob Smith; beautification, Jeff and Sue Brown; C.L.E.A.N., Johnny Rutherford; and Sesquicentennial, Wade Choate and Katie Grimes.

Others are Quality of Life, Paul Shaffer; Chemical People, Tom Watson; organizational affairs, Charles Wash; membership, Ray Alexander; Ambassadors, Jerry Reid and Ray Alexander; and women's division, Shirley Shroyer.

Others include public affairs, Curtis Mullins; education, Sam

Hill; governmental affairs, Frank Hardesty; cultural affairs, Kelly Draper; health and safety, Barbara Holdampf; Leadership Big Spring, Johnny Rutherford; and public relations, Helen Hurt.

Chamber directors approved two resolutions Wednesday, including one for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and another for the Stacy Dam project.

In the Stacy Dam resolution, directors went on record to call for Legislators to provide for the construction of the reservoir. The SWCID resolution supports implementing out-of-state tuition

comparable to that of other state-supported institutions.

Chamber board members and committee members will meet

again at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Country Club for a buffet supper and planning retreat.

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## SWCID founder to retire from commission for deaf

AUSTIN — Dr. Douglas Burke, one of the founders of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, has retired as assistant director for programs for the Texas Commission for the Deaf.

Dr. Burke has returned to Big Spring. His wife, Bea, is an instructor at SWCID.

Dr. Burke took a medical retirement from TCD after having worked in Austin for more than a year. In Big Spring, he is planning to work on a book.



Dr. DOUGLAS BURKE

He is a former superintendent for the Texas Education Agency in the Division of Services for the Deaf, West Texas-Panhandle Region. It was while serving in that position that he came to Big Spring to investigate the possibilities of establishing a high school program for the deaf at the old Webb Air Force Base hospital.

Instead of setting up a high school program, Burke worked with members of the Howard County Junior College District to establish a college for the deaf and hearing-impaired.

Burke has worked as a research consultant for the National

Technical Institute for the Deaf and for the University of Rochester at Rochester, N.Y. He is the founder of the National Cultural Program for the Deaf, and was instrumental in the formation of the National Theatre of the Deaf.

He is also a certified teacher of the hearing impaired and has worked for more than 10 years in academic and vocational education. He has worked for 20 years as an administrator and counselor in education, vocational rehabilitation and psychiatric social work fields.

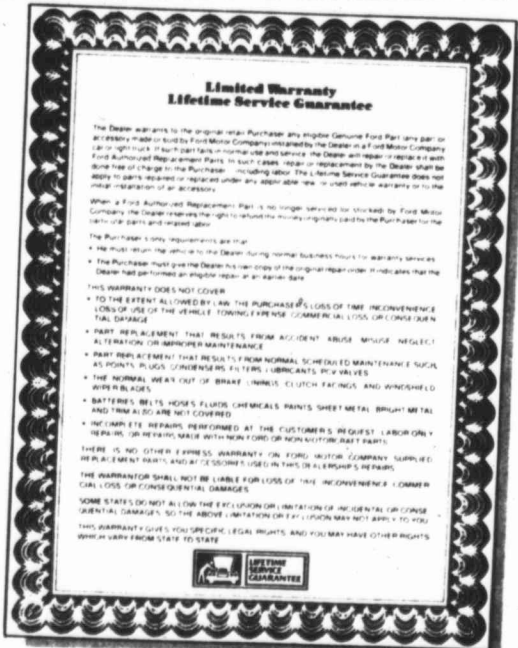
## Local gets nursing degree

Bobby Thompson, son of Mary McCullough of Route 3, Box 124, graduated Dec. 14 from the licensed vocational nursing program at

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# Energas files complaint against Cabot

Energas Co., the natural gas utility in Big Spring, has filed a complaint with the Texas Railroad Commission that company officials say could mean a refund for its consumers.

In the complaint filed Tuesday, Energas charged Cabot Corp. of Boston, Mass., and its subsidiary, Westar Transmission Co., with delivering higher-priced natural

gas purchased from the two companies affiliated producers and suppliers instead of lower-priced gas that Energas believes was available.

Westar is Energas' major supplier of natural gas, and was acquired by Cabot in October, according to Energas spokeswoman Judith Kerr of Amarillo. Energas has also charged Cabot

and Westar with transferring utility property and gas supply contracts from Westar to a non-utility affiliate. Both companies have failed to provide information to substantiate the accuracy of the October gas bill to Energas, according to the Energas complaint.

"If the concerns of Energas are verified by the Railroad Commission, we are confident that the

Commission will order a refund from Cabot for any excess charges resulting from their actions, and will establish a proper mechanism for future billings by Cabot," Energas Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Charles Vaughan said.

The Energas charge is serious because its customers are using larger volumes of natural gas.

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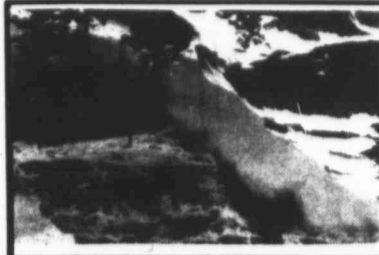
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## Spring Board

### How's that? Right of way

Q. Why was the car shown in the picture on the front page of Tuesday's Herald driving on the wrong side of the road? I thought the car might be on a one-way side of a divided highway, but I didn't know there were divided Farm-to-market roads.

A. The road Farm-to-market road pictured was divided by a median on a section which runs below the Highway 87 overpass.

### Calendar Open House

- TODAY**
- The Howard County Agricultural Extension Office will host an open house and information day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the county courthouse basement.
  - The Howard County Library will have a Christmas Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
  - The Senior Citizen's Center will host a Christmas and birthday dance at 7:30 p.m. in Industrial Park building 487. Guests are welcome.
  - The Coahoma ISD tax office will be open Dec. 28-31 for anyone wanting to pay their taxes before the end of the year, said a spokesman from the tax assessor-collector's office. The office will be closed today through Dec. 27 for the Christmas holidays.
- SATURDAY**
- The Louise Burgess Band concert has been cancelled at the Kentwood Center.
  - The Howard County Library will close for the holidays until Wednesday.
  - Girl Scout Cadet Troop 36 will sponsor a holiday bake sale beginning at 10 a.m. at the Big Spring Mall.
- MONDAY**
- City Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday and again Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the holidays. Sanitation routes will not be conducted on these days. The city landfill will be closed all day Christmas Day.

### Outside Cold

Tonight, it will be clear but colder. Look for lows in the low 30s with northerly winds 5 to 10 miles per hour. Tomorrow, the forecast is calling for highs in the mid 50s. It will be fair but colder with winds north easterly 5 to 15 miles per hour.



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## Work force stable

### 1984 jobless rate declines

By CAROL BALDWIN  
Staff Writer

Howard County's employment rate "is holding steady," according to Joe Wallis of the Texas Employment Commission.

The November unemployment rate was 3.9 percent, compared to the slightly higher 4.1 percent logged in October.

Unemployment is down several percentage points from a year ago, when county employment was listed at 7 percent, Wallis said.

During the latter half of 1984, the county has been holding a steady employment rate, Wallis said.

Figures show that the total civilian labor force for November was 17,040, compared to an October figure of 17,078. A year ago, November's labor force was 16,841.

The total employed during November was 16,368, compared to 16,377 in October 1984 and 15,661 in November 1983.

Total unemployed for November of 1984 was 672, compared to 701 in October of 1984. A year ago, Howard County had a total of 1,170 people unemployed.

A percentage breakdown of the county's unemployment rate shows 5.1 percent of the population was unemployed in May of 1984. In June, the figure remained the same, then went up to 5.4 percent in July.

By August and September, the figure dropped to 4.5 percent, then dropped down to 4.1 percent for October, and down to a low of 3.1 percent unemployed for November.

Unemployment traditionally drops around the holidays, when more people find work in stores hoping to ease the Christmas crunch of customers. But this year, "We've had a lot less retail placements," Wallis said.

"They have been late in coming," he said. He added that most of the holiday placements will show up on December figures listed next month.

"Every other occupation is steady," Wallis said. "I can't put my finger" on why, he added.



MADELEINE MAEHL greets FANNIE FRANKLIN during one of her delivery stops.



FANNIE FRANKLIN looks down at the items delivered to her by MADELEINE MAEHL.

Herald photos by Tim Appel



JOHN KELLER keeps busy delivering food to residents.

## The spirit of Christmas

By SCOTT FITZGERALD  
Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital employee John Keller explained his charitable act to needy citizens of Big Spring.

"We should have made a stronger drive and collected a lot more stuff," he said. "There are a lot more people out there in need."

Keller was talking about a food giveaway program Thursday by the Texas People's Employment Association (TPEA) in Howard County, Chapter 52. Big Spring's West Side Community Center also participated.

The TPEA represents state employees and "acts as a liaison for employee rights with the state," TPEA member Madeleine Maehl said.

Another TPEA member Sue Gamble joined Ms. Maehl and Keller as the trio delivered boxes of food to two elderly persons of Big Spring. They were assisted by West Side Community Center helper Viola Salgado and delivered their first two boxes of food to Fannie Franklin of 1310 W. Second.

Ms. Franklin, surprised at the generous offer, told the group that she could help other people out by sharing the food and said "it was very kind" of them to assist her.

Ms. Salgado told Ms. Franklin, "we young people care about old people."

The recipient of the second delivery, Juana Ruiz, 62, of 105 N.W. Ninth was overcome with emotion from the charitable gesture and gave each member of the group a holiday hug.

Ms. Maehl said this year's food project was a decision the Big Spring TPEA chapter "wanted to do to help some people over the holiday with food."

Money for the food came from donations from members of the TPEA, Ms. Maehl said.

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## Judicial board OKs foster care plan

By SCOTT FITZGERALD  
Staff Writer

Members of the 118th District Juvenile Board Thursday voted unanimously in favor of a foster care program submitted to the board by Howard County Juvenile Officer Margy Thompson.

"The board approved a policy for foster care that would establish foster care homes in 118th judicial district," Ms. Thompson said.

Members of the board also discussed a 1985 federal mandate that requires judicial boards nationwide to establish separate

detention facilities for juveniles.

118th District Court Judge Jim Gregg, who also serves as board chairman, said members were investigating alternative sites in Howard County that could serve as juvenile centers for the judicial district.

Gregg said he interpreted the mandate as a requirement to have juveniles housed in facilities outside of the adult jails by December 1985, with the possible exception of smaller metropolitan areas that could use adult jail facilities until 1989.

After the meeting, board members inspected and approved Howard County's

temporary juvenile detention center located on the fourth floor of the county courthouse. It is separate from the county jail facilities.

Howard County Judge Milton Kirby, who also serves on the board, said the facility could house about 16 juvenile inmates.

Federal law stipulates that juvenile detention facilities have to be out-of-sound and out-of-sight of adult facilities. A juvenile detention facility must also have a private entrance.

The area currently being renovated on the fourth floor of the courthouse is the

former district jury temporary lodging accommodations. Judge Kirby said the facility should be ready for use sometime in January.

The board also discussed the \$4,394 grant it received from the Texas Juvenile Commission.

"We want to begin hiring people who would be available on a call-in basis when a juvenile needs to be detained," Ms. Thompson said.

The 118th District Juvenile Board also includes Martin and Glasscock counties.

## Vets launch attack on medical care cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars is vowing to do battle against a Reagan administration proposal to check the financial eligibility of veterans under age 65 seeking free medical care.

"I do not believe they're going to be able to carry it out by issuing regulations," Cooper T. Holt, executive director of the Washington office of the VFW, said Thursday. "They've got a long fight ahead of them. If they're going to cut

veterans' programs, Reagan better be prepared to cut everybody."

The 2 million-member VFW endorsed President Reagan's re-election campaign.

John Scholzen, a Veterans Administration spokesman, said the agency is drafting new regulations that would establish a financial needs test for VA-financed health care for veterans under 65. "The levels of income that would be set are still under consideration," he

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Gen. DMITRI USTINOV

## Soviet military boss Ustinov dead at 76

MOSCOW (AP) — Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri F. Ustinov, in charge of the Soviet military for the past eight years, has died, Politburo member Mikhail S. Gorbachev confirmed today in Scotland. He was 76.

"We have had a great loss and a tragic loss of our old friend and comrade Marshal Ustinov, who has passed away," Gorbachev said when asked by a reporter why he was breaking off his visit to Britain a day early.

Gorbachev is considered the No. 2 man in the Kremlin after President Konstantin U. Chernenko, and he said he was needed in Moscow. His statement, made through an interpreter in Edinburgh, Scotland, was the first official confirmation of Ustinov's death.

There was no immediate report of the death by the official Soviet media. Deaths of top Soviet officials generally are announced in the official media, and Gorbachev is expected to announce the death.

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# Energas files complaint against Cabot

Energas Co., the natural gas utility in Big Spring, has filed a complaint with the Texas Railroad Commission that company officials say could mean a refund for its consumers.

In the complaint filed Tuesday, Energas charged Cabot Corp. of Boston, Mass., and its subsidiary, Westar Transmission Co., with delivering higher-priced natural gas purchased from the two companies affiliated producers and suppliers instead of lower-priced gas that Energas believes was available.

Westar is Energas' major supplier of natural gas, and was acquired by Cabot in October, according to Energas spokeswoman Judith Kerr of Amarillo. Energas has also charged Cabot

and Westar with transferring utility property and gas supply contracts from Westar to a non-utility affiliate. Both companies have failed to provide information to substantiate the accuracy of the October gas bill to Energas, according to the Energas complaint.

"If the concerns of Energas are verified by the Railroad Commission, we are confident that the

Commission will order a refund from Cabot for any excess charges resulting from their actions, and will establish a proper mechanism for future billings by Cabot," Energas Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Charles Vaughan said.

The Energas charge is serious because its customers are using larger volumes of natural gas.

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