

Markets responding to trade deficit drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's foreign trade deficit narrowed a sharp 25 percent in November, to \$13.2 billion, its best improvement in seven months, the government said today. Financial markets rallied on the report.

The \$4.4 billion decline, produced by a \$2.4 billion drop in imports and a \$2 billion rise in exports to a record level, was far better than had been expected by most

analysts and clearly cheered jittery financial markets.

The Dow Jones industrial average leaped 53 points in the first minutes of trading, with some of the heaviest buying reported since the October crash. The dollar surged in European markets.

The shortfall between imports and exports tumbled from the record \$17.6 billion merchandise trade deficit reported by the Commerce Department for October.

The Reagan administration voiced immediate glee over the surprising good news.

"It is no longer accurate to say that we are on the verge of an export boom. We are already in the middle of one," said U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter.

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the figures offer "further evidence that our export sector is leading the growth in the economy."

"This is welcome news. It confirms that the October (trade) figures were an aberration," he said.

He also said he hoped the figures would move people away from "protectionist legislation" circulating in Congress. "With the trade deficit down... this is definitely not the time to go to trade protectionism," he said.

Analysts predicted that the stock market and bond markets would also rally on the news.

"Last month we had a hurricane and this month is a breath of fresh air," said Jay Goldinger, an economist with Cantor, Fitzgerald, a Los Angeles bond house. "This is the best news we have had in the market in at least a year."

Exports, benefiting from

declines in the dollar that have made U.S. goods more competitive overseas, surged to \$23.8 billion in November, their highest level ever. October exports had totaled \$21.8 billion.

Imports, meanwhile, fell to \$37.0 billion, down from \$39.4 billion in October.

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Spring board

How's That? Sales tax

Q. I own a small bakery with tables and chairs for customers to use when eating on the premises. Should I collect tax on orders that are eaten in the bakery and on orders that are "to go"?

A. You should collect tax on bakery goods that are sold for consumption on the premises. You should not collect tax on bakery goods that are sold "to go", according to Bob Bullock, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Calendar Show

- TODAY**
- Three Glasscock County livestock show events are planned at the Garden City school: Steer show beginning at 8 a.m.; followed by the horse show; the swine show begins at noon.
- SATURDAY**
- The Glasscock County livestock show concludes today with a 7:30 a.m. swine show, noon lunch and awards show and the 1 p.m. premium sale at Garden City school.
- SUNDAY**
- The Howard County Youth Horsemen's Club will have a special meeting at 2 p.m. at the Youth Horsemen's Club Arena on the Garden City Highway. All members and guests are invited to attend.
- MONDAY**
- The O'Neal-Kunkle Chapter #47 Disabled American Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 402 Young Street.
 - A blood pressure check will be given at the Kentwood Senior Citizen Center, 2805 Lynn, from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is invited.
 - The Adult Children of Alcoholics support group meets at 6:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- The United Way Annual Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall in the First Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend.
- Items for the Spring Board calendar must be community-wide events and will be listed no more than one week in advance. Send such notices to: Spring Board, Spring Herald Box 1431, Big Spring. Club notices will be printed in the "City Bits" section on page 3-A of the

911 levy set

Herald staff report

The amount and effective date of a levy on all Howard County telephone bills for 911 emergency service was officially set by Howard County 911 emergency telephone service board members during a meeting Thursday.

Beginning May 1, county residential telephone customers will be assessed a monthly charge of 50 cents for the new service. A \$1.19 monthly 911 charge will be added to all business line bills.

The monthly charges represent six percent of basic monthly residential, and business rates charged by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, which is the primary telephone service provider in the county.

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Director: People a priority at center

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

David Wiley debuted as Scenic Mountain Medical Center's administrator today, a few days later than originally planned. The recent ice storms experienced in Texas left him stranded at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport for two days.

Delayed start notwithstanding, Wiley said he has been busy recently in establishing what he described as the chief priority of his tenure — increasing both the quality and volume of health care provided by the hospital.

"My number one goal is to build the hospital and its reputation to what it used to be," Wiley said. "When I was at Baylor University (as an undergraduate student), I had heard of Malone and Hogan Hospital.

"We are going to re-emphasize serving patients here," he added. "We're in a people business."



Wiley comes to Big Spring from Houston, Miss., where he was administrator of the hospital for 18 months. Before that he worked at hospitals in Birmingham, Ala. and Calhoun City, Miss. He also has been a financial controller for Republic Health Care of Dallas, he said.

He received his bachelor's degree in hospital administration from the University of Alabama. He later received master's degrees in both finance and hospital administration from the university, he added.

"The bottom line for me is finance and patient care," he said. "I love hospitals. It's my life. And this is a beautiful hospital and a great opportunity."

Rumors concerning the hospital's — and parent company National Health Care — financial status were among issues he addressed during the news conference.

Wiley said there are no plans to lay off employees, and added that the hospital is "solvent. A condition of my coming here here was that the hospital would not be sold during my tenure," he said.

Concerning National Health Care's financial difficulties, Wiley said the company had recently gone to a de-centralized management program and had cut corporate overhead — steps that should improve its financial picture, he predicted.

Immediate goals for the new administrator include increasing Scenic Mountain's physician base. He revealed he is interviewing an OB/GYN specialist today and will be recruiting additional doctors in the near future.

"An immediate goal is solving problems concerning patients," he said. "Anyone who has had a problem in the past with this hospital, I want to talk to that person."

"We want to be a good people-oriented service company," he added.

Another step Wiley will take will be to re-institute the hospital's citizen advisory board, to get input from the community on hospital

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Family's loss lessened by pup's return

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

In the final chapter of a family tragedy written on the icy roadways west of Big Spring, a lost puppy was returned to three Monahans youngsters Tuesday night.

The youngsters — Brandon Dale, Melissa Ann and Melinda Gale Wade — survived an auto accident Jan. 6 that claimed the life of their mother, Sandra Wade. In the confusion after the accident, no one noticed the family's Pomeranian puppy, Honey, which had been in the car.

Mrs. Wade was pronounced dead Jan. 6 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Justice of the Peace China Long after the car she had been driving apparently went out of control because of icy road conditions.

Big Spring residents found the puppy and arranged the reunion. Marvin and Margaret Wise, Mardelle Wise and Jake Glickman drove to Monahans Tuesday to return the puppy.

"We never thought we'd see Honey again," the children's grandmother, Katherine Engebrecht, said. "We thought she was gone for good this time," adding that Honey had been stolen when she was only six weeks old. "We had to take legal action to get her back."

It was only through a series of coincidences that Honey got a second chance to return home.

"The children asked me about their dog at the hospital that night," explained Dan Wise, a consultant who was called to Scenic Mountain Hospital the night of the accident because no relatives of the children could be located immediately.

Department of Public Safety troopers returned to the scene of the wreck in the early hours of the morning to look for the dog, without success. The grandmother drove along the highway for an hour, periodically getting out of the car and calling.

The following Friday, Big Spring resident Marvin Wise, Dan's brother, was driving to Monahans on business when he spotted a small dog standing along the roadside.

"It was very cold," Marvin remembered. "That was the week we had all the snow and ice."

Marvin circled back to try to pick up the dog. "I'd get about 10 feet from her and then she'd run. She wasn't afraid, just nervous. Finally, after about 30 minutes I was able to pick her up."

Now late for his business trip, Marvin had to take the puppy with him to Monahans for the day — they even shared a bacon and egg sandwich.

"The dog was apprehensive until I shared the sandwich — she even lapped some of my coffee. That's when she moved over and laid next to me on the seat," Marvin recalls.

That night as the Dan Wise family and the Marvin Wise family drove to Snyder for a basketball game, Marvin mentioned the dog he'd found.

Dan immediately recalled the Wade children's lost dog. Several phone calls later, Dan located a family member and determined that Marvin's rescued dog was indeed the lost Honey.

Local residents rescue missing pet



Melissa Wade, center, holds their recently returned dog, Honey, while sister Melinda and brother Brandon give a welcome-back pat to the pooch.

She responded immediately when we called her by name," said Marvin.

The nine-month-old puppy had survived two days and nights in sleet and freezing weather, with nothing to eat. "There's not even a bush to get under out there," said Marvin.

Tuesday night Mrs. Engebrecht, who raises Pomeranians, offered the Marvin Wises another one as a way of thanking them for returning Honey.

Marvin said no gift was necessary. "I just wanted those kids to have their pet back. Maybe it will help them — you know, after the loss of their mother."

"Oh, but the dog was so beautiful," said Margaret. "I told Marvin 'I want that dog!'"

Local resident charged in death of woman

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

A Big Spring resident has been charged with murder in connection with the October hanging death of a Howard County woman, Sheriff A.N. Standard said today.

Gary Vern Isaacks, 39, 1012 W. Third St., has been in custody in the Howard County jail since Dec. 21, 1987 in lieu of a \$25,000 bond, according to information released today.

Isaacks and another man, James

Michael Harris, are suspected of intentionally causing Nickie Louise Billingsley's death, according to a complaint filed in Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1 Place 2.

An arrest warrant has been issued on Harris, according to Assistant District Attorney William Dupree.

Billingsley died Oct. 9, 1987 at her residence, HC 61 Box 69, located about 3.5 miles northeast of Big Spring. She was 40 years old.

Immediate cause of death was asphyxiation due to hanging, according to the official death certificate, dated Nov. 6, 1987.

She died at 4:50 a.m. Oct. 9, five minutes after being injured, according to the certificate, which said Billingsley was hanged by a cloth belt from a clothesline pole.

She was pronounced dead at 5:38 a.m. by Justice of the Peace William Shankles.

An autopsy was performed, but

results have not been released to the news media.

Isaacks admitted to another person that he had killed the victim, and Harris was present and thus party to the crime, according to the complaint.

Isaacks was described as an acquaintance of Billingsley's by sheriff's authorities who said he was with the woman at the time of her death, but declined to comment on whether he had been living at the same address.

Figures show increase in disciplinary actions

Editor's note: This is the sixth in a series of articles in the Big Spring Herald concerning discipline in schools.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Increased use of in-school suspension has led to a 55 percent increase in disciplinary actions at the Big Spring school district during the past three years.

A study of district discipline reports show that such actions rose from 89 in 1984-85 to 138 in 1986-87. Figures on number of students in ISS, however, were not kept for the 1984-85 school year, according to information released by the district.

These statistics do not reflect

corporal punishment actions, which are not maintained at the district level, Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said.

The reason, he said, is that the district only keeps record of disciplinary actions required from the state — and corporal punishment incidents are not included in that category, he said.

Tom Adams, assistant principal at Big Spring High School, said that total corporal punishment statistics were not kept by the school. He added, however, that he believed the number of such incidents have remained stable for the past few years.

If ISS actions are subtracted, disciplinary actions have remained

fairly constant for the three school years — from 89 in 1984-85 to 78 in 1986-87.

High school students received the lion's share of such actions during all three reporting periods. A total of 56 actions were taken against high school students last year, compared to 58 actions at the two junior high schools and 13 in the seven elementary schools.

Discipline actions are classified in four categories in the reports: suspension for less than three days; suspension for more than three days; expulsion; and ISS.

During the past school year, district-wide breakdown of disciplinary actions were as follows: Suspension for less than

three days — 13; suspension for more than three days — 60; expulsions — five; and ISS — 60.

For the 1985-86 school year, the breakdown was: Suspension for less than three days — three; suspension for more than three days — 69; expulsions — none; and ISS — 49.

Disciplinary actions for the 1984-85 school year were: Suspension for less than three days — 71; suspension for more than three days — 14; expulsions — 5; and ISS — not available.

Of the eight expulsions, seven were from the high school and one was from Runnels Junior High, the reports stated.

Murphy added that disciplinary

records for individual students aren't carried over from one year to the next — except in case of major infractions.

"Every year is a new year for the kids," Murphy said. "Except for major confrontations, like selling drugs, that occurs near the end of a reporting period. In that case, the record can be carried over to the next period."

No action is taken by the school against students who get into legal trouble away from the classroom — with the possible exception of the student losing his extra-curricular activities, according to high school principal Kent Bowerman.

"If the student isn't involved in

Discipline in school

PART SIX

DISCIPLINE page 2-A

State

Texas woman says teens hired to forge signatures

HOUSTON (AP) — Teen-agers were recruited by a partner in a political consulting firm to forge signatures on state presidential candidate filing forms, two newspapers reported in today's editions.

Travel agent Penny Harmening told the Houston Chronicle her two children Jay, 18, and Stacy, 19, were hired in late December through a temporary employment agency by a man representing Southern Political Consulting.

The firm collected signatures for Sen. Bob Dole, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont.

Meanwhile, the Dallas Morning News also reported in Friday's editions that Jay Harmening and another unnamed youth said they forged signatures at the request of a partner in Southern Political Consulting.

The teens, both 18, said Rocky Mountain, a partner in Southern Political Consulting, instructed them to sign other people's names for petitions for du Pont.

Mountain did not return telephone calls Thursday to The News. Allen Blakemore, another partner in Southern Political Consulting, declined to comment.

Kevin Burnette, president of Southern Political Consulting, told the Chronicle he had no knowledge of such activity, saying: "I don't believe it happened."

Calls by The Associated Press Thursday night to a listed Houston telephone number for Mountain were answered by a telephone company tape saying the number was no longer in service.

Petitions of the three candidates have been impounded by the FBI due to reports of forgeries of voter's names.

Ms. Harmening said Mountain allegedly bought beer for her children and told them to sign voters' names on the du Pont petitions, the Chronicle reported.

"He said — to quote my son — 'they were going to resort to Plan B because they weren't getting any signatures,'" she told the newspaper.

"He set two cases of beer on the table, handed each one a voter registration print-out and told the kids to drink up and start signing," Ms. Harmening told the newspaper.

Ms. Harmening said she had been contacted by the Harris County District Attorney's office, which planned to interview her children.



Sunny run
A jogger runs along Town Lake in Austin; many Austinites took advantage of recent sunny weather during the week.

Briefs

New York withdraws from SSC race

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Two physicists seeking to boost nationwide support for a proposed atom-smasher say they hope New York's withdrawal from consideration for the federal project won't harm the national effort.

"All I can say is I'm very disappointed, and I hope this doesn't hurt the national effort to get the SSC built," said Marvin Goldberg of Syracuse University, who had attended a meeting earlier Thursday to lay the foundation for broad national backing for the basic research program.

The superconducting super collider is designed to accelerate and smash subatomic particles at great speeds to help learn about the origins of matter.

Late Thursday afternoon, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo asked federal Department of Energy officials to withdraw a site near Rochester that was among eight named as recommended finalists by a national scientific advisory panel. Cuomo acted in the wake of considerable opposition from area residents.

Officer killed in burglary shoot-out

DALLAS (AP) — An off-duty officer was shot to death in a gun battle with two men suspected of burglarizing an apartment in the complex where the officer lived, Dallas police say.

Police Cpl. James Joe, 35, of the department's identification, was shot once in the chest and pronounced dead at Presbyterian Hospital Thursday night, police said.

Officers said one of the burglary suspects sped away in a car, but a second man was found minutes later in the area of the apartment complex after being spotted from a police helicopter. He had been shot in the right arm and left leg.

Bernard E. Amos, 26, was in fair condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital, a hospital spokesman said early today. Police still were searching for the second man.

Officers said Joe, who worked off-duty as a security officer at the apartment complex, was called after a resident heard someone breaking into an apartment.

Officials making bird-proof bomber

ABILENE (AP) — Air Force officials are modifying the B-1B bomber to make the aircraft less vulnerable to bird strikes, which are believed to have caused a fatal crash.

Two B-1Bs assigned to Dyess Air Force Base are already being modified in the \$40 million program to protect some sensitive areas on the aircraft and officials hope to have the changes complete within a year.

On Sept. 28, a B-1B based at Dyess crashed in Colorado killing three crewmen, while three others parachuted to safety. Although the investigation of the crash is not complete, the Air Force believes it was caused by birds being sucked into the engines of the \$280 million aircraft.

Technicians from Rockwell International, the prime contractor, already are working on one of the B-1s at Dyess, while another has been flown to Rockwell's Palmdale, Calif., plant for modification, said Lt. Monica Taliaferro, public affairs officer for the 96th Bomb Wing at Dyess.

More Texans died in '87 tornadoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas topped the list in tornado deaths in 1987, accounting for more than half of the nation's total from a single storm that obliterated the small community of Saragosa.

Tornado deaths jumped to 59 in the United States last year, almost quadruple the toll of 1986, but still below the long-term average of 90 fatalities, the National Weather Service reported Thursday.

Texas suffered the most from tornadoes last year with 42 fatalities. Boosting that total were 30 deaths in the storm that struck Saragosa in West Texas on May 22. Many of those victims were attending a preschool graduation ceremony at the community center.

Officials: Perot donates \$20 million to medical center

DALLAS (AP) — A donation by billionaire H. Ross Perot's foundation to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School will be used to train medical scientists and aid biomedical research, officials said.

The Perot Foundation gift will provide \$20 million over the next 10

years, officials said Thursday.

"I am making this gift to enable Southwestern to achieve greatness in broader areas of medical research and enable it to train the next generation of medical scientists," Perot said.

The gift will be used with other public and private funds to support

the school in specific areas: Nobel laureates Michael Brown's and Joseph Goldstein's research on cholesterol metabolism and genetics; genetic approaches to other medical problems; training for outstanding post-doctoral researchers; and training for

doctoral researchers.

The UT Southwest Medical Scientist Training Program, which now has 26 students and accepts five additional students each year, should expand to 90 or more students with an entry rate of 15 a year, officials said.

City Bits

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April Home Repair applications in every Tuesday's Herald.

Overeaters Anonymous meets on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Room 214. No dues. No fees. No weigh-ins.

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TRAIL Run: 1100 W. Interstate 20, Sunday, 7-11 p.m., Sunset Express Band, \$2 per person. Drawing for prizes — 11 p.m. Ya'll come. Martha, Mgr.

DANCE Sunset Tavern, Saturday, 8 p.m., Monroe Casey and The Prowlers. Sunday, 6-10 p.m. — Jim & Kay & Company. Come join the fun! North Birdwell Lane. Mgr — Gloria, 267-9232.

D.C. Consignments - Open - No time for Garage Sale? I will sell it for you. Anything of value or left over from your Garage Sale. Bring it on down. D.C. Consignments, 711 W. 4th.

GRAND Opening - Friday 15th, Cattleman's Club, 1310 W. 4th. Mark and the Country 4. Door prizes to be given away. \$2.00 cover charge.

CONTINUING Education Sign Language Classes: Beginning Sign Language Classes, Saturdays beginning Jan. 23 for 10 weeks or Tuesdays beginning Jan. 26 for 10 weeks. Intermediate Sign Language classes, Mondays beginning Jan. 25 for 10 weeks. Cost for the class is \$35. For more information contact the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf at 267-2511 or stop at the front office at SWCID to register.

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We are pleased to announce the association of James D. Burleson, M.D., in our General and Family Practice Department. Dr. Burleson and his wife, Karen, are both from Big Spring. They have one child.

Dr. Burleson, a graduate of Big Spring High School, received his Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine at Houston, Texas. Previously, he received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. Dr. Burleson completed his Internship in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, with additional partial residency in Neurology at Baylor College of Medicine at Houston, Texas.

We are now accepting appointments for Dr. Burleson, who will begin practice on February 1, 1988. Call our Patient Coordinator, Jane Gilmore, at 267-6361, extension 330.

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Opinion

Protectionism isn't an answer

To hear Rep. Richard Gephardt tell it, his protectionist amendment to the omnibus trade bill is merely meant to shield American producers against unscrupulous foreign manufacturers while they become more competitive. But the Missouri Democrat and presidential candidate exposed his muddled thinking recently in an interview with television commentator David Forst.

When asked about the relative merits of Japanese and American automobiles, Gephardt conceded that, yes, domestic models are generally inferior to those made in Japan. In the next breath, however, he called for higher tariff walls that would prevent the Japanese from selling so many cars and other products in the United States.

Let's get this straight now. Because American automakers cannot compete with their Japanese counterparts, Congress is duty-bound to protect them, even though doing so will raise the price still further on domestic and foreign cars in this country. Such is the sacrifice American consumers must make to subsidize Detroit's inefficiency.

Little wonder that Gephardt has not risen to front-runner status in the Democratic presidential sweepstakes. It's hard to take seriously a man whose vision of trade consists of raising the drawbridge to foreign goods and thereby removing incentives for domestic producers to regain their competitive edge.

The misnamed "temporary" auto quota is a case in point. After five years of limiting the number of Japanese cars allowed in this country, domestic automakers are still not much better prepared to compete. Indeed, Fort President Donald Petersen not only urges another extension of the quota, he wants the Japanese to slash their auto exports to the United States by another 600,000 units next year.

The plain truth is that protectionism is a narcotic to which domestic manufacturers have become addicted. The solution to America's trade deficit does not lie in shutting our borders and propping up inefficient industries. Rather, it's to be found in the rough and tumble of the free market where producers are obliged to best their competitors, both foreign and domestic.

Gephardt's failure to grasp that fundamental point speaks volumes about his limitations as a presidential candidate.

Quotes

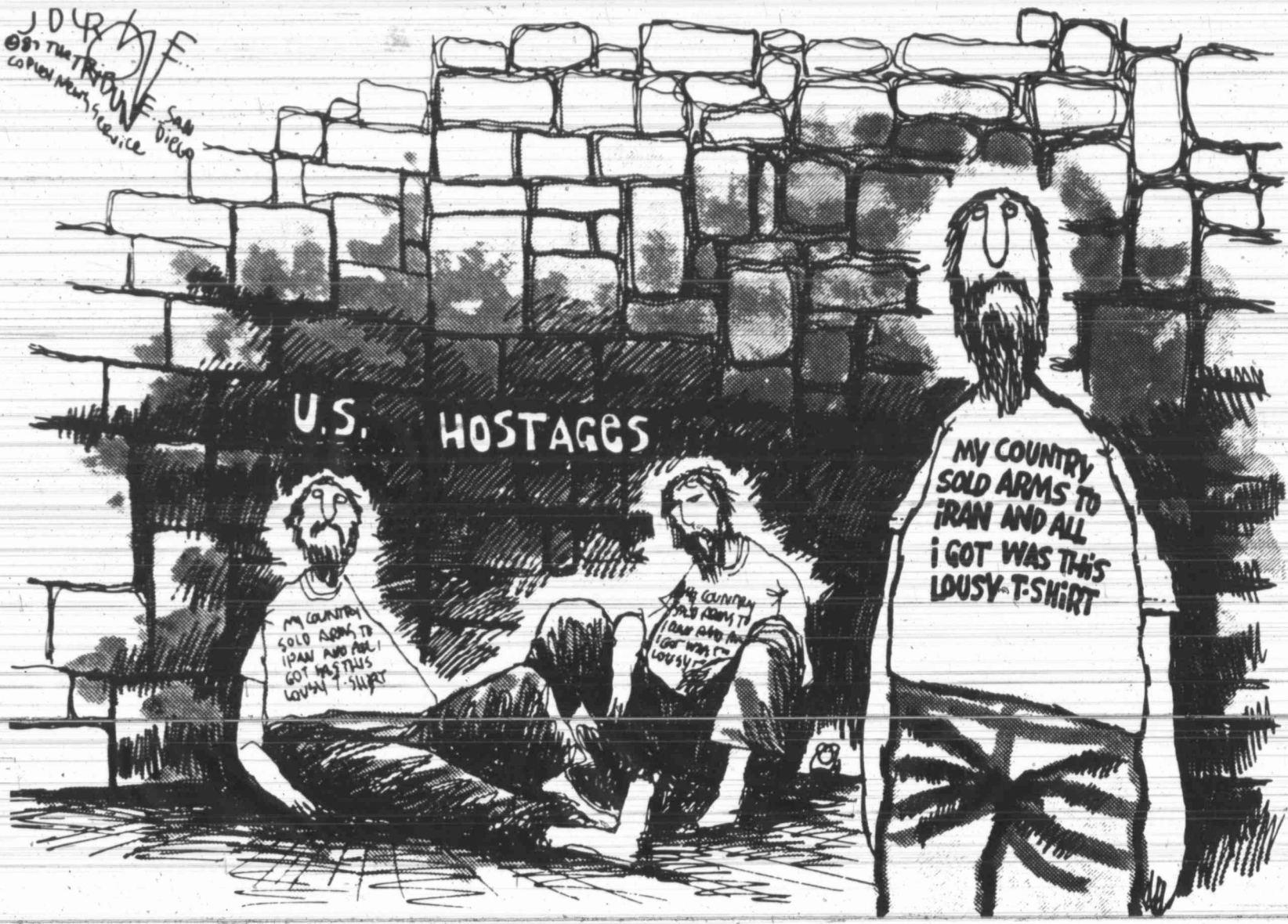
"The First Amendment applies to everyone — until today. Now if you are 14 to 18, you are not entitled to express yourself unless the principal agrees with you." — Leslie Edwards, an attorney who represented three plaintiffs who were ruled against by a Supreme Court decision that gave public school officials broad authority to censor student newspapers.

"It just reaffirms what we believe, that this was a part of the curriculum, a laboratory just like a science lab is part of science curriculum." Francis Huss, superintendent of Hazelwood East High School near St. Louis, on the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of the school's decision to censor a student newspaper.

"I don't get on my knees every night, but I pray every day. That's what got me through it, definitely." — Twelve-year-old burn victim Anthony Razzano, three months after doctors said he probably wouldn't survive the night.

"If there is anyone to blame, it is some of us, the Central American governments. There hasn't been the political will to comply. There has always been an excuse." — President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica, winner of the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize, on the failure so far of the regional peace plan he devised.

"The fewest wars have been started by arms races. The overwhelming majority of wars, if not all wars, have been caused by unresolved political issues, and it therefore seems to me imperative that this be addressed." — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, saying the United States should not let disarmament dominate Soviet-American relations.



Columnist to make TV debut

By LEWIS GRIZZARD
BURBANK, CALIF. — It doesn't matter how I got here, but here I am about to make my television dramatic debut on CBS's "Designing Women," which will air Monday night, Jan. 18, at 8:30 p.m.

The comedy is written by Arkansas native Linda Bloodworth-Thomson and is directed by David Trainer. It stars Delta Burke, Dixie Carter, Annie Potts and Jean Smart as four women who run an interior decorating business in Atlanta. Meschach Taylor is their gofer. The show is in its second season after a stormy beginning in which CBS bounced it and nearly dropped it.

Applauded by its fans and me, however, and it has become a critical success, featuring as one critic put it: "A sense of humor with a wallop of mint julep."

Despite the fact that most Southerners have never tasted a mint julep, what I like most about the show is its authentic Southernness.

The accents are correct (nobody says "Shut yo' mouth," or uses "yo all" in the singular) and the set has indoor plumbing.

I arrived at Burbank Studios at 9 Monday morning and met director Trainer.

"How much acting experience have you had?" he asked me.

"A great deal," I said. "I played a tree in the second grade, I was Joseph in a live nativity scene at church when I was 12 and I've been married three times."

He made a funny face, as if he had just been stricken with gas.

ficker — as well as other criminal elements — and the law enforcement agencies. It is by no means clear which side is better funded — or better equipped."

Increasingly, according to the report, drug traffickers are resorting to such countermeasures as tape recorder detectors, metal detectors, radar detectors and electronic alarm systems that "protect traffickers and their stash pads from court-ordered intercepts as well as from rival groups."

Radio monitoring devices are a particular problem. "Law enforcement tactical communications frequencies are being monitored through the use of scanners," the report says. "On a regular basis, scanners tuned to DEA, FBI, Customs, Coast Guard as well as state and local law enforcement agencies' frequencies are seized during interdiction operations."

The traffickers also are employing cellular telephones and new, high-tech techniques to thwart in-

terception of their conversations. They are using sophisticated paging and electronic mail systems; they are using personal computers for accounting, record keeping and the transmission of data.

And their level of expertise astounds the authorities. Discloses the secret report: "One electronic notebook, which sold for approximately \$70, had such a complex method of encryption that it could not be broken by a number of federal agencies."

Mailbag

Reader has concern for today's youth

To the editor:
I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our lord and savior — not with enticing words of wisdom, but with a heart full of love for our children and teen-agers. Not only these but for all who are controlled by the demonic forces of hell. These spirits are destroying our youth.

Mothers and Dads, please stop and take notice of your child. Find out what is going on in their lives. You might be utterly surprised what is taking place in their minds. Satan is literally destroying our children. He came for this reason — to kill, to steal and destroy. It is very evident that he is doing his job well.

It's time that we, as children of God, stand up and fight the sin that is dominating our city and the United States. If we believe God (and I do) all we have to do is believe what He says and trust Him and walk in His commandments.

Second Chronicles 7:14 says: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

If you saw Oprah Winfrey Jan. 6 and heard what this phone porno is doing to young children, and how men and women are using these children in pornography, then surely you can see that we as parents and grandparents must turn to God. He is our only hope.

If we as Christians don't fight for them, they don't have a chance. Look around you at all the teen-age suicides, at the youth who are murderers; this ought not to be. If you are a child of God, surely you can see and feel as I do.

I don't have small children in my home, but I do have grandchildren. I want us to be "workers together for Christ's sake." If there are any out there ready to see the mighty works of God and see the healing of the land, let's pull together.

God is looking for people who will trust Him and be obedient to Him. And, some of these things come about only by fasting and prayer.

BARBARA JARRELL
H.C. 61 Box 10

Letters

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest always are welcomed by the Big Spring Herald.

They should be 350 words or less, typewritten if possible, and double-spaced. If not, the handwriting must be legible to reduce chances for mistakes.

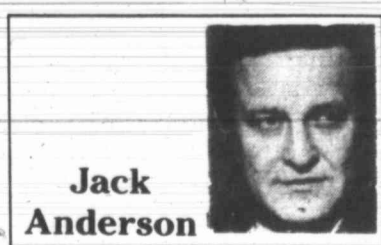
They are subject to editing, but the essence of the writer's message will not be altered.

They must be signed, free of libelous statements and in good taste. Political endorsements won't be accepted during a campaign.

Please write your name and address on the letter and include a daytime phone number for verification. Letters submitted without signatures won't be published.



Lewis Grizzard



Jack Anderson

Their secret report states: "Without question, there is a dynamic... 'technology race' underway between the drug traf-

communication department and the administration over our refusal to be an extension of the public relations department.

Stories of drug abuse or sales in the dorms, homosexuality, pregnancy rates, and other stories were opposed vehemently by our publisher, the president.

It wasn't that we believed we should write only about negative aspects of our school, but we definitely did not want to gloss over the realities of our lives on the campus.

A community newspaper has its own "campus" and problems to deal with. I am now expected to put into practice what I learned about objectivity, topics of concern and dealing with officials. We need information to be good citizens, taxpayers and voters.

Schools are the natural place for aspiring journalists to learn to properly analyze, understand and write such stories. It should be the place where they gain experience in facing realities and writing about them fairly and accurately.

And school is a good place to learn how to be objective and discuss journalistic ethics.

But as we all know, it's hard to understand and appreciate the dilemma of ethics when you are limited to discussing the ramifications of a new Latin class or the next basketball game.

Just when I thought good journalistic training was getting somewhere, with respectable



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Court decision may hurt profession

By ALISHA GOLDMAN
Copy Editor

Supreme Court justices Wednesday decided in favor of school officials to censor school newspapers.

As a journalist, this is naturally viewed as a blow, not just to the freedom of speech, but perhaps to the profession.

Before I was a journalist, I was a student for most of my life. And it hasn't been so long ago that I don't cringe a bit for my younger colleagues yet to enter the field.

When I was editor of my high school paper, my staff wasn't encouraged to do investigative stories on the problems and issues facing our generation.

We just muddled along getting pictures of sports events and announcing pep rallies.

I realized my high school didn't have a good journalism program. I discussed it often with the adviser, who didn't seem to care. In fact, when I graduated I vowed to return to teach journalism at my high school — and I may yet.

At the small private university I attended there was an ongoing battle between the mass

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By Associated Press Trains collide, four die

THOMPSONTOWN, Pa. — Investigators recovered data recorders and ordered drug tests for two conductors who survived a head-on freight train collision that killed four crew members and scattered charred wreckage along the rails.

"It's a frustrating, frustrating tragedy," Federal Railroad Administrator John H. Riley said after visiting the site of Thursday's crash in south-central Pennsylvania, about 40 miles northwest of Harrisburg.

According to officials, two eastbound Conrail locomotives pulling 105 coal cars apparently ran a stop signal and rammed into an oncoming train of three locomotives and 61 cars carrying truck trailers containing mixed freight.

Bork resigns to crusade

WASHINGTON — The bitter debate surrounding Robert H. Bork's rejected nomination for the Supreme Court is about to ignite again, as he takes off his judicial robe to free himself of any restraints against attacking his critics.

The White House announced Thursday that President Reagan had reluctantly accepted Bork's decision to step down from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after six years, effective Feb. 5.

Bork said that as a sitting judge, he could not respond to what had become "an essentially unanswered campaign of misinformation and political slogans" about his nomination.

"If, as a judge, I cannot speak out against this attempt to alter the traditional nature of the courts, I think it important to place myself where I can," he said in a letter to Reagan.

He said "constraints of propriety and seamliness limit the topics a federal judge may address and the public positions he may advocate." He said he wanted to "speak, write and teach about law and other issues of public policy more extensively and more freely than is possible in my present position."

Debt crackdown begins

WASHINGTON — Farmers, students, veterans and small business owners who are behind in their payments on government loans are among the targets of an aggressive collection effort announced by the Reagan administration.

Attorney General Edwin Meese III and Budget Director James C. Miller III announced plans Thursday for stronger efforts to collect an estimated \$82 billion in outstanding loans and taxes. The plans include tapping paychecks, getting payments through credit cards and even seizing cars, the two said.

Confession

Young woman admits destroying jet

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A young woman confessed today she was a communist North Korean agent who helped destroy a South Korean jetliner, killing all 115 people aboard, saying the action was meant to disrupt the 1988 Olympic Games.

Kim Hyon Hui told a nationally televised news conference that she and a male companion placed powerful bombs on a Korean Air plane that was destroyed Nov. 29 over the Andaman Sea near Burma.

"It is natural that I should be punished and killed a hundred times for my sin," the 25-year-old woman said in a barely audible voice.

Ms. Kim said she was ordered to destroy the plane by Kim Jong Il, son and heir of top North Korean leader Kim Il Sung, to scare other nations into staying away from the games, to be held in Seoul in September.

She said she tried to conceal her identity under interrogation to protect Kim Jong Il, who she called "dear leader," and that she took a personal oath of loyalty to him.

"I had denied being involved in the incident to keep secret the authority of the dear leader," she said, during the news conference arranged by the Agency for National Security Planning.

The South Korean government issued a statement demanding that North Korea apologize for the "barbarous" destruction of the plane and punish those involved in the plot.

Defense Minister Chung Ho-yong ordered all military units on alert, saying North Korea could stage a military provocation after Ms. Kim's confession. He said the government was studying possible retaliatory measures, but gave no details.

South Korean intelligence officials said Ms. Kim is the daughter of a North Korean diplomat. She was trained by the north's secret services for almost eight years and received medals in 1985 and 1987 for outstanding work, they said.

Traveling on forged Japanese passports, Ms. Kim and her companion flew on the plane on the first leg of its flight from Baghdad to



Kim Hyon-Hui confesses at a press conference today to being a North Korean agent and said she planted a bomb aboard a South Korean airliner that was destroyed in the blast, killing all 115 on board Nov. 29.

Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.

They got off the plane there and left the bomb wrapped in a bag in an overhead baggage locker.

The pair tried to commit suicide by biting into cyanide capsules hidden in cigarette filters when authorities in Bahrain questioned them after the plane disappeared. The man died but Ms. Kim

survived. Ms. Kim said today she realized after being extradited to Seoul with the body of her companion Dec. 15 that the south was not a slave state run by the United States as she had been taught.

She said she was shocked to see how open and wealthy the south was after she watched local television and was taken on car trips.

World

By Associated Press Spain asks withdrawal

MADRID, Spain — The United States and Spain announced today that the United States accepted Spain's demand that it withdraw 72 U.S. F-16 fighter-bombers by 1992.

Both countries announced an agreement in principle for a new defense accord in a joint statement released simultaneously in Madrid and Washington.

It said the term of the new defense agreement will be eight years with provision for extension for successive one-year periods. The agreement replaces a five-year accord due to expire May 14.

A statement said that in compliance with the sovereign decision of Spain, the United States will withdraw from Spain the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing of 72 U.S. F-16 fighter-bombers within three years of the effective date of the new agreement.

Rebel leader escapes

Buenos Aires, Argentina — A rebel leader who had vowed to resist being returned to military confinement escaped from his home early today, the government news agency Telam said.

Lt. Col. Aldo Rico, leader of a revolt last April at an army base in Buenos Aires, apparently fled at about 4 a.m. with a group of sympathizers, Telam reported.

Military Judge Hugo Beltramino had planned to go to the country club today with an order for Rico's return to jail.

Two army officials who arrived at Los Fresnos country club at about 8 a.m. found no sign of Rico and left 10 minutes later, Telam said. Rico had been under house arrest at the club since Dec. 30, pending trial on insubordination charges.

A communique reportedly signed overnight by Rico had warned he would not be taken into custody "until a minimum of justice is guaranteed." He said his case jeopardizes "the stability of the system, internal peace and national defense."

Envoy sent to Vietnam

BANGKOK, Thailand — The United States today sent a diplomat and three medical experts to Vietnam to discuss ways to help its one-time enemy with its disabled veterans.

Another group, 12 American newspaper executives and journalists, also left today for Vietnam and is one of the largest groups of U.S.-based media representatives to visit since the end of the war.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Ross Petzing said the four-member team, the third such delegation to Vietnam, will meet with "counterparts in Hanoi to continue discussions regarding Vietnamese humanitarian concerns."

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Religion

Former priest joins Dallas police force

DALLAS — Ron Bratt is a cop. He walks the walk. He talks the talk. He's got the knowing look that is the calling card of the police fraternity.

As he passes through the halls of the Southwest Division, there's precious little to distinguish him from the other Dallas police officers bustling in and out of the building.

But Bratt is different, and he's forever fated to be different. For unlike any other police officer in Dallas, Ron Bratt used to be a Roman Catholic priest.

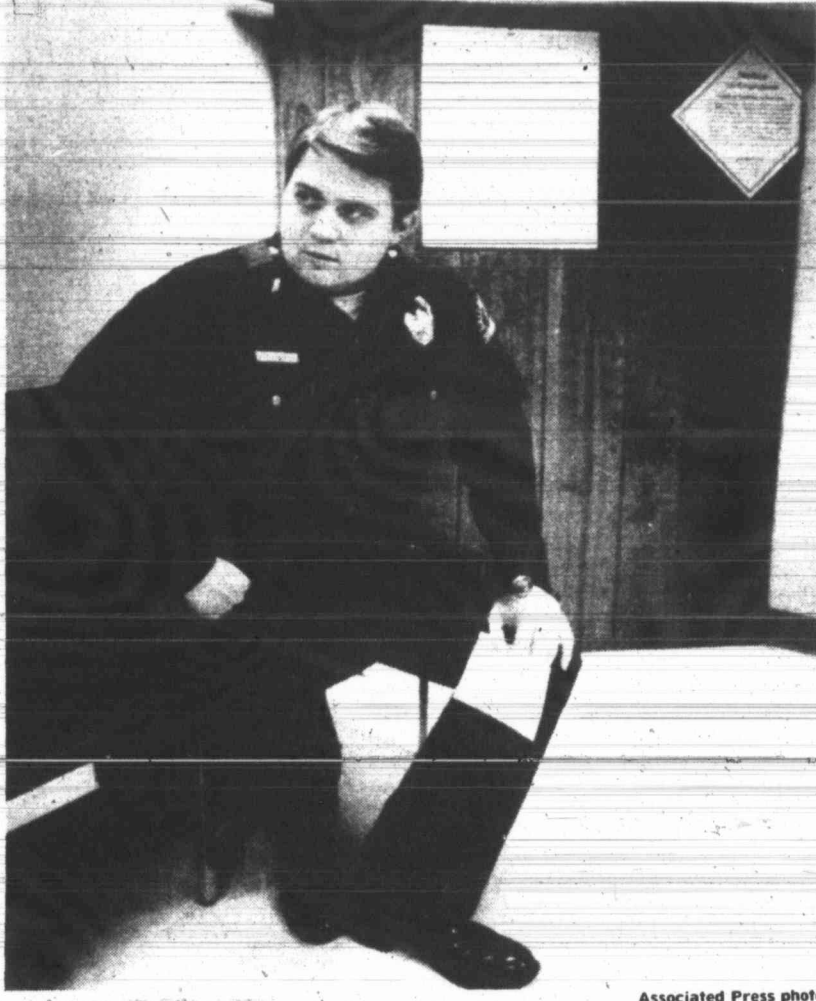
"I know that it doesn't make a lot of sense to most people," he says.

Bratt insists that he's the same man he was when he was a priest — that he's just wearing a different uniform these days. Others who know him say that's true.

"He still has that sense of service and commitment to people," says the Rev. Robert Crisp, who attended seminary with Bratt and now serves as priest of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Duncanville. "The focus of his life has changed, but his desire to be of some help to people is still evident."

But if helping people was the impulse that governed Bratt's life, why did he turn his back on a calling devoted precisely to that end? Why would he leave the peaceful majesty of the church for the sordid violence of the street? Why did he trade a chance for a .38-caliber Police Special?

Bratt, 36, settles into one of the cramped rooms where Southwest Division detectives conduct interrogations. It is shortly after sunrise. He has just finished an eight-hour shift in a patrol car, and he looks dead tired — tired of the endless calls and tired of the questions he's been asked dozens if not hundreds of times since he



Associated Press photo

DALLAS — Police officer Ron Bratt is photographed during a recent shift. Bratt, who used to be a Roman Catholic priest, insists that he's the same man he was when he was a priest — that he's just wearing a different uniform these days.

left the priesthood in 1985.

He wearily rubs his eyes and tries again. "I felt there were signs that God was leading me away from the priesthood," he says. "I don't want to say that I was 'called' to be a police officer, but without some help from God, I

don't think I would have made it. There are things out there every night that could trip you up. I feel he is helping rather than hindering me."

Ron Bratt is a cop. He used to be a priest. It's as simple as that. It's as complicated as that.

If there is such a thing as a fast track for entering the priesthood, Ron Bratt was on it from the start.

He was reared in a religious Roman Catholic family that was proud to have its eldest son become a priest. He attended parochial school in Dallas and was an altar boy who took a sharp interest in church ritual. Early on, he developed a strong and unshakable faith in God.

By the time he graduated from high school, Bratt had decided to become a priest. "I thought, 'This could be worthwhile work,'" he recalls. "It is important work. It changes people's lives. You can't come home and say, 'I'm responsible for so much production today.' But you can help make people happy."

Despite his spiritual convictions, he didn't fit the stereotypical image of the earnest young priest. "He wasn't the type who walked around with his hands clasped together in front of him," says his father, Roland Bratt.

Ron Bratt had been introduced to firearms as a youth. In high school, he was active in various sports. While attending seminary on the University of Dallas campus, he became a devotee of the martial arts. And image aside, Bratt himself had doubts — serious doubts — about his suitability for a job that requires applicants to take vows of obedience and celibacy.

"I thought, 'God, do I want to do this for the rest of my life?'" he says. "I don't think any sane man takes this question anything but very seriously. I mean, it's a sacrifice. You have to give up your family, your friends and your lifestyle to do a job that is very, very demanding."

Church briefs

Women elect Group 1 officers

Women of First Church of God met recently in the church sanctuary.

Anna Smith, unit president, presided during the business meeting. Group 1 officers were elected, including Anna Smith, president; Nelda Reagan, stewardship coordinator; Donna Lee, parliamentarian; and Ethel Hiskson, friendship and enlistment chairman.

Nelda Reagan directed the program titled, "Poor in America — Women and Children," written by Marie Meyer, Anderson, Ind. The objective of the program

was to present an overview of women in poverty in the United States today, and to examine reasons why women are poor.

Statistics show three out of four poor adults in this country are women. Families with female head of homes have a poverty rate six times that of male head of families.

Renaey Loy presented the worship program reciting 1 John 4:7-12 with interpretations of Jesus example to not judge, but to love, and He bid us to love others as we love ourselves.

The next meeting will be Feb. 1 in the church sanctuary.

Church to host Paul Fox Family

The "Paul Fox Family" from Knoxville, Tenn., will be in concert at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster St., Sunday at 9:45 in the church sanctuary.

The family of eight are on the road not less than 25 days a month and have traveled over 100,000

miles across the United States conducting one-day crusades, according to a news release.

Paul and his family do more than sing, they minister to families, teens, and children, the release stated.

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Turn to God for spiritual truth

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: Do you think there's more interest today in the occult than there used to be? Why do people get interested in this? For a while I thought interest in occult things was dying down, but in the last month I've discovered several of my friends have become fascinated with things like astrology, reincarnation and speaking with dead spirits. Do you think this is just a passing fad? — T.B.



Billy Graham

DEAR T.B.: No, I'm afraid it doesn't seem to be just a passing fad. Although the emphasis may have changed in recent years, there is still a growing interest in many aspects of the occult in our society (and in many other societies as well, particularly in Europe).

There are probably several reasons why interest in the occult is on the rise. For one thing, some famous people (like certain movie stars) have become fascinated with aspects of the occult, and have even written highly-publicized books about their alleged experiences. But a more basic reason is that many people today are searching for spiritual truth, because they have an empty place in their hearts — a place only God can fill. Instead of turning to God for the answers they need, however, they seek answers in substitutes — including the occult.

Whatever the reasons, the most important thing to say is that only God can satisfy the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Only Christ can take away our sins, and only He can give us lasting joy and meaning in life. Jesus declared, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Have you turned your own life over to Christ? If not, make your commitment to Him today. Then pray for your friends, that they will not be led astray into occult ideas that are a dead-end road, but

will discover the joy and purpose that Christ alone can give to life.

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I'm in a drug rehabilitation program for the third time. The other two times I stayed off drugs less than a month, and secretly I fear it will be the same this time around. I don't think there is any answer to my problems. I guess it's too late. Please warn young people about drugs. I wish someone had been honest with me. — R.T.E.

DEAR R.T.E.: The same day I received your letter I received another letter from someone about your age. This person had also been involved with drugs — very deeply. She wrote how she had given up all hope of ever being free of them — in spite of the fact she knew they were ruining her life. But now she's completely free of them, and is working in a drug rehabilitation center to help others as well.

What made the difference? The difference came when she admitted her helplessness and turned to Christ. She didn't have a religious background, but when she discovered that God loved her and wanted her to be His child forever, it made all the difference. No, she admitted, it had not been an easy road. But with Christ in her heart she had hope, and Christ also gave her the courage to face up to the problems she was trying to bury with drugs. Christ also led her to other Christians (including some who had had a similar background) who loved her and encouraged her. God's Word, the Bible, became her constant companion also, assuring her of God's unchanging love.

I don't claim that all your problems will vanish the moment you accept Christ. But with Him you can face the future with hope, and He will help you. The Bible promises, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it!" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Wrinkle Cream Great Success

CROWDS ARE COMING INTO DEPARTMENT STORES across the country for the exciting wrinkle cream, EB5, developed by Pharmacist Robert Helfond. He is pictured above showing his cream in a JCPenney Cosmetic Department.

It's an exciting story of a pharmacist who developed a wrinkle cream which women are requesting throughout the country.

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Lifestyle

Woman's ex still haunts parents' house

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. I divorced "Marvin" with hard feelings and I do not wish ever to see him again. I recently married a wonderful man who my parents agree is a "real nice guy." However, Marvin still visits my parents, who welcome him with open arms. I can't understand this, as they know how lousy he treated me. When my husband and I are at my parents' home, Marvin drops in knowing perfectly well we are there because our car is out in front.

I finally told my parents it wasn't my place to tell them who they could have in their home, but if I had to worry about bumping into Marvin, I just wouldn't visit them anymore. They just said they couldn't help it if he dropped in. Well, I think they could help it if they wanted to. Marvin knows I am very uncomfortable, but he insists on coming in when I'm there.

Is there a solution?
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 DEAR TORN: Yes. You could ask your parents respectfully — but firmly — to instruct Marvin not to drop in when he sees your car out in front. If, as you say, your parents know how "lousy" he treated you, yet they welcome him with open arms, you have the right to ask them why. And I suggest you do.

DEAR ABBY: I have read in your column so many times about



Dear Abby

agencies that help adopted children "find" their biological parents, but since I am not adopted, I never gave the subject much thought, until now.

I would like to know my grandfather. My situation may be a little different because I already know who he is and where he is. I have his city, address and phone number. What I actually need is someone to make the initial contact. You see, he doesn't even know I exist, and just surprising him would be kind of tacky. I don't know if his family knows anything about me or not, so I'd hate to just ring his doorbell and say, "Hi, I'm your grandson." By the way, I am a grown man and I don't need anything.

KEEP MY ANONYMOUS
 DEAR ANONYMOUS: You are wise to have decided not to just "ring his doorbell." Break the ice by writing to him. Tell him who you are and express a desire to meet him. Then leave the rest to him.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to thank you and your

readers from the bottom of my heart. Today, USS Ranger mail call was saturated with cards, letters and baked goodies from virtually every state in the union, and I must admit that this salty old master chief petty officer with more than 30 years of service had a fairly large lump in his throat.

Receiving mail from home while at sea is especially warming, but to have folks from all over this great land wish these men a "Merry Christmas and Godspeed" is overwhelming.

Thank you, Dear Abby, and thanks to each and every one of your readers for their incredible response to Operation Dear Abby III and American Remembers. A.V.C.M. BILL BRICKEN, USS RANGER, FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Recently I found a wallet containing \$400 in cash, credit cards, driver's license and various other cards. I immediately contacted the owner and he came over right away, checked the wallet and was delighted to see that everything was intact. Then he asked me if he could offer me anything. Naturally, I said, "No." He said, "Thanks," and left in a hurry.

Somehow I feel the gentleman could have shown his gratitude more adequately by perhaps sending a note of appreciation. I, myself, would certainly have done

more than said "Thank you" if that had happened to me. What do you think?

MARGARET W., CINCINNATI
 DEAR MARGARET: I think you should have been given (not "offered") something more tangible. The gentleman knows where you live. Let's hope he reconsiders and returns with a little Thanksgiving gift. A turkey maybe — instead of a goose egg?

DEAR ABBY: It was with great amusement that I read the letter from the father suggesting each of his daughter's bridesmaids wear one of their own dresses at her wedding instead of each girl having to buy a new gown.

My father feels the same way about shoes. According to him, I have so many I should never buy another pair in my life (I'm only 33 years old), and, furthermore, I don't need all those different colors. As long as I have a brown pair and a black pair, I should be happy. All I can say is, "Thank goodness for mothers!"

R.E. IN TORONTO
 Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, clearly printed, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054

Council accepting nominations

The Cultural Affairs Council of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce announced that nominations are now being accepted for the Cultural Affairs Man or Woman of the Year Award, according to Cloetta Shotts, co-chairman of the council.

This is the second year for this award which honors a man or woman in Howard County who has contributed greatly in some area of promotion for the visual and performing arts environment in Big Spring and Howard County, said Shotts.

The nominee may have been involved in any area of the visual or performing arts in the community. Some qualifications which might be indicative of this award winner would be someone

who has contributed outstanding volunteer work in arts organization in the community.

Someone who has contributed outstanding financial support for a program, cause, building, etc., to further the cultural enrichment of our community; someone who has contributed outstanding personal talent which has been utilized to further interest in the arts locally and/or has attracted awards or publicity from outside the area.

The first Cultural Affairs award was presented in 1987 to Tony Belaski, former superintendent at the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp, for his work on the restoration of the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, said Shotts.

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 - To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the appraisal district in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The chief appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the district of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
 - To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controverting affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
 - A tax lien remains on the property and penalties and interest continue to accrue during the period collections of taxes is deferred as provided by this section. A plea of limitation, laches, or want of prosecution does not apply against the taxing unit because of deferral of collection as provided by this section.
 - Each year the chief appraiser for each appraisal district shall publicize in a manner reasonably designed to notify all residents of the district or county the provisions of this section and, specifically, the method by which eligible persons may obtain a deferral.
- Application Forms are available at:
 Howard County Consolidated
 Tax Appraisal District
 Howard County Court House, Annex, 315 Main St.
 P.O. Box 1441
 Big Spring, Tx. 79721-1441
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Club note

Members hear book review

Midland author Mary Frances Beverley reviewed her latest book, "Cowbells and Coffins — The Old General Store," at the January meeting of the Green Thumb Garden Club.

"General stores usually were the first building erected in a community and the last to go," said Beverley. "In hundreds of places in Texas the place that has held on the longest in hanging on now by a cobweb."

Beverley traveled the backroads of Texas to uncover the 37 general stores featured in her book. She calls them "the fingerprint of Texas," one that is fast

disappearing.

Some of the Texas general stores Beverley unearthed are in Berghheim, Dialville, Fruitvale, Maydelle, The Grove, Westphalia, Egypt, and Camp Verde.

Big Spring's Bob "Tumbleweed Smith" Lewis wrote the foreword for Beverley's book.

Cowbells and Coffins was published by Eakin Press, Austin. It sells for \$9.95 and has been recorded for the visually impaired.

In other business, the club chose "John Gould's Birds" as a donation to the Howard County Library in memory of former member Mary Joy Cowper.

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Teaching pets rules of home

From BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

A Meredith Magazine
 Most pets want to please their owners. But it's up to owners to teach them the rules of the house. Try these ideas from Better Homes and Gardens magazine to make house pets behave.

Cats that scratch on the furniture need scratching posts. If a cat uses a scratching post made from a rug or other material, it may find a similar material on the couch or carpet. Consider getting a scratching post made of cork. Introduce the cat to its new post the moment it attacks the furniture. Praise the pet each time it returns to the post for a luxuriating scratch.

To keep a dog that barks when left by itself quiet, praise it before leaving home and again upon returning. The dog will associate comings and goings with extra attention and remain content and quiet while alone.

Water pistols can let a pet know who's boss. A quick, harmless squirt can get the message across when a reprimand is needed. Use a water gun only for selective situations. Don't squirt the dog for jumping on the bed, roughhousing with kids and other misdeeds, or the animal may think of the squirt as something annoying and not as a punishment for a specific bad habit. Spray the dog only when it jumps on the bed, it will learn quickly that if it jumps on the bed, it's going to get wet.

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NBA Standings

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Western Conference, Atlantic Division, Central Division, Midwest Division, Pacific Division. Rows for various teams like Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, etc.

NHL Standings

Table with columns: All Times EST, Wales Conference, Patrick Division, Adams Division, Campbell Conference, Norris Division. Rows for Philadelphia, NY Islanders, Washington, etc.

College Boxes

At Durham, N.C. ST. LOUIS (53) Gray 3-10-9, Douglas 17-6-7... At Denver ATLANTA (112) Wilkins 13-27-9-34...

Duke 15 (Ferry 6). Total fouls—St. Louis 19, Duke 19. A-8,564. At East Lansing, Mich. MICHIGAN (90) Rice 7-12-2-17, Vaughn 6-10-0-12...

At West Lafayette, Ind. NORTHWESTERN (84) Schwabe 3-6-0-16, Polite 2-3-1-3-5, Morris 6-11-3-5-15... At San Diego NEW MEXICO (59) Greene 7-14-0-14...

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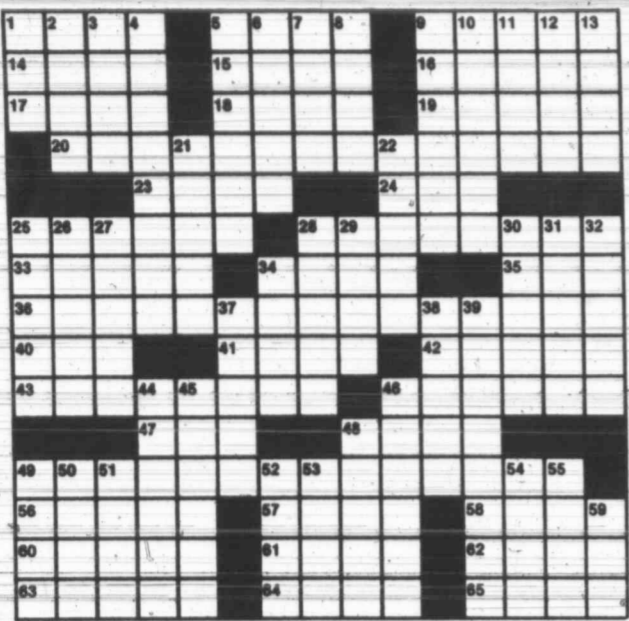
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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This morning can bring many curious and potentially upsetting problems, and it is necessary that you use care and caution when dealing with them. Be charming and understanding to others.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't get involved in an argument between two acquaintances — just smile and stay out of trouble. Keep your nose to the grindstone.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't become involved in any discussions of personal finance. Be sure you make time for some recreation later in the day.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An associate cannot come to the right decision at this time, and neither can you, so put that contract aside

until a better time comes up.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't let a secret worry prevent you from handling your work, and don't do anything which will disrupt your budget tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A misunderstanding between your mate and one of your friends will smooth itself out, so don't get involved. Drive with the utmost care.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't make any hasty decisions about labor-saving methods. Wait until you're sure which will be the most efficient and inexpensive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is not a good day to communicate with others, so don't schedule any important discussions. Make some plans for recreation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) See what can be done to get a co-worker to go along with your ideas, but don't force the issue. Listen carefully to advice from your mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your ideas may be at odds with those of your partners, but keep mum and maintain harmony. You can find solace at home tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't let a co-worker put a crimp in your plans, but be tactful with this person. Be sure you don't get involved in any arguments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Use your talents wisely, and don't waste time with a procrastinating friend. You get an order from a superior, so be sure to follow it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Sidestep an argument between a friend and a new contact, or you'll end up taking the blame. Make sure you drive with the utmost care.

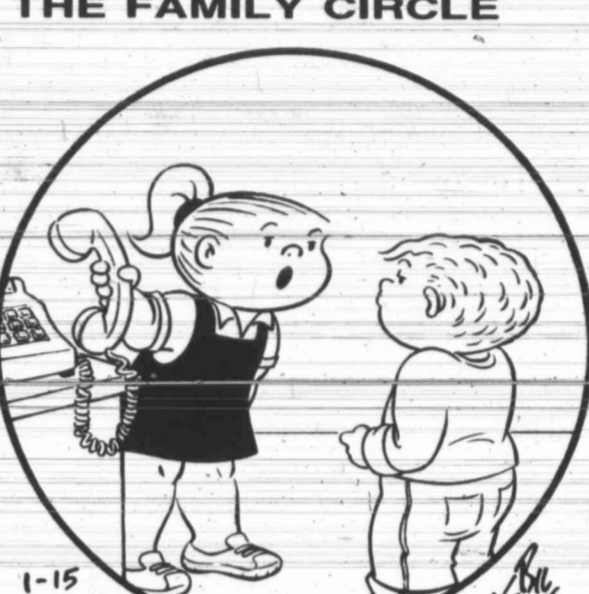
If Your Child Is Born Today
He or she may tend to alienate others by speaking frankly and bluntly without sufficient thought beforehand, so teach your progeny to be sure of all the facts before saying anything. Your child will be quite fascinated by persons from varied backgrounds.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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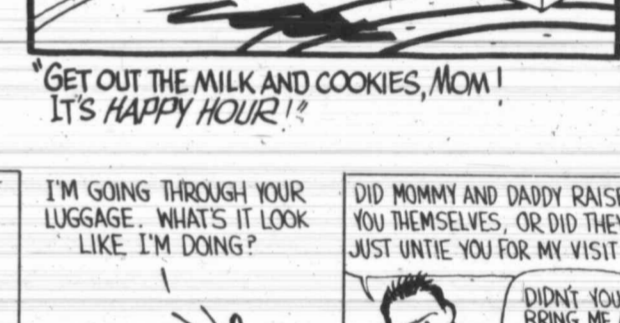
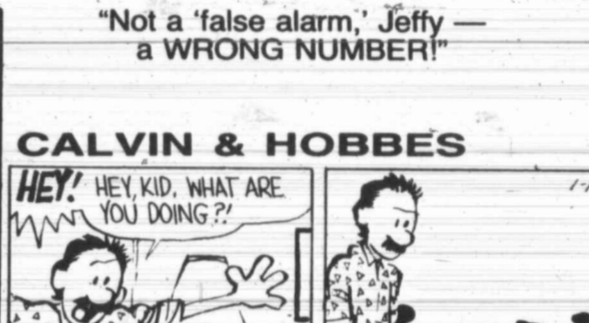
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