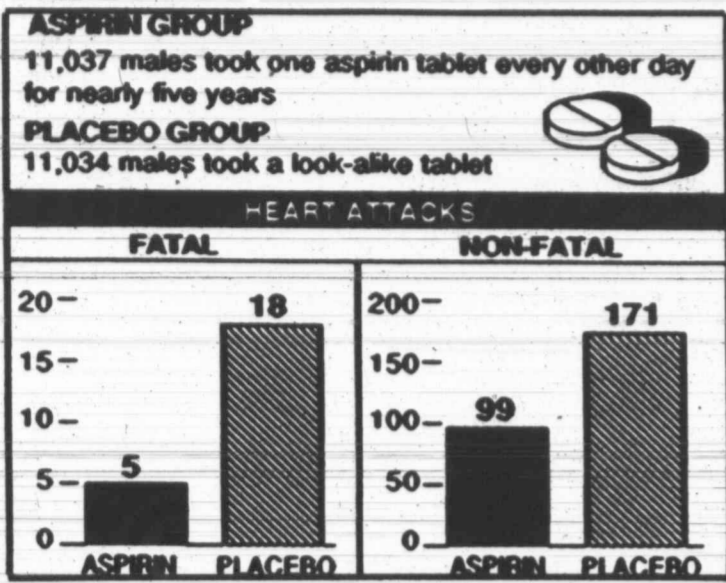


British study clouds evidence of aspirin's effect on heart



LONDON (AP) — A six-year study of more than 5,000 British doctors failed to find evidence that aspirin can cut heart attack risk, but researchers said Friday the study did not contradict a U.S. study showing aspirin could cut the risk in half.

Sir Richard Doll, emeritus professor of medicine at Oxford University and one of the directors of the British study, said, "I think we had bad luck. If you take all the evidence, I have no question, no doubt in my mind, that taking aspirin daily can reduce the risk of heart attack. It's absolutely clear to me."

The British study was published Friday in the British Medical Journal. In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Michael Orme, professor of clinical pharmacology at the University of Liverpool, wrote, "I advise caution in the routine use of aspirin until more details of the American study are known."

The American study, published Thursday in

the New England Journal of Medicine, included 22,000 U.S. doctors. It found that an aspirin taken every other day can cut the risk of heart attack by 47 percent.

The British study involved 5,139 doctors over a six-year period from 1978. Among the 3,429 who took aspirin daily, 148 died from heart attack or stroke. Among the 1,710 who did not take aspirin, 79 died of heart attack or stroke.

Asked about his team's finding that aspirin did not appear to cut the risk of heart attack, Doll said: "That was the result of our study, but I don't believe that."

But Doll said both the U.S. and British studies indicated that aspirin increased the risk of stroke, which he said outweighed any possible benefit for healthy people in cutting their risk of heart disease.

"And I personally am not taking it," he said, referring to the idea of healthy people taking an aspirin a day to avoid heart attacks.

The director of the American study said the British study, which had about a quarter the number of participants, was too small to arrive at any conclusion.

"You don't have enough heart attacks in the group to distinguish with great assurance whether nothing is going on or whether there's a small to moderate effect," said Dr. Charles H. Hennekens of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Hennekens, who collaborated with the British on their study and sought their help on his, explained why the two studies were consistent.

The British study, he said, does not show that aspirin offers no protection. It concluded that aspirin could produce, at most, a one-third drop in heart attack risk.

The U.S. study estimated a 47 percent drop in heart attack risk, but allowed that the reduction in risk might be as low as 30 percent.

Academia

Gregory Elliot Parnell, who recently received his Ph.D. in physics from Texas A&M University, has been employed by the Rand Corporation in California as a member of a prestigious research team for the company.

Parnell is the son of Carleta Parnell, 3202 Cornell Ave.

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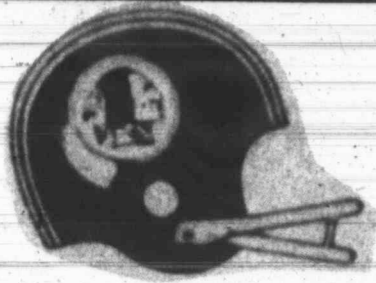
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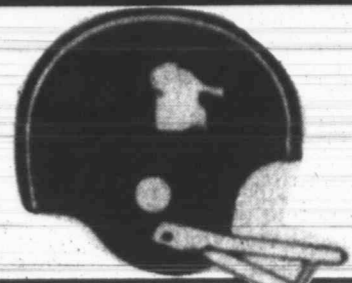
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Is third time charm for Broncos?

SAN DIEGO (AP) — For NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, any potholes created by the strike were filled by the Denver Broncos and Washington Redskins on the road to the Super Bowl.

For the Broncos and Redskins, that journey will have been a wasted trip if they aren't there to receive the Vince Lombardi Trophy from Rozelle as NFL champions after Sunday's game (6:18 p.m. EST kickoff).

"I expected to be brooding for a year," Rozelle said Friday at his

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annual State of the NFL address which traditionally closes the pre-Super Bowl hype. "Thanks to the players and coaches, it didn't last long. We had competitive games, and I don't have a negative feeling about the strike that I thought I would. These games have been tremendous entertainment and have contributed to ending the strike bitterness."

While Rozelle gave the teams high praise for salvaging what could have been a lost season, the commissioner's nemesis, Al Davis, provided the motto for the week.

"Just win, baby" — Davis' slogan — is the stock answer from both sides as they look ahead to the NFL championship game.

"Al Davis knew what he was talking about," Broncos linebacker Jim Ryan said of the Raiders' owner whose advice to his team rarely goes beyond those three words. "Making it here just doesn't make it. If you don't win, it's like a lost season."

That's how the Broncos felt last January after a 39-20 Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants. It's how the Redskins felt in 1984, when they were routed 38-9 by Davis' bunch.

"What sticks in your mind is the plane ride home after," Clint Didier said of that demoralizing



SAN DIEGO — Washington Redskins head football coach Joe Gibbs holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy during a press conference Friday. Gibbs will be trying to lead Washington to its second world championship.

defeat to the Raiders. "We have enough guys who remember how bad that felt."

"In reality, what is this but another game? But it's for all the marbles. It's our third Super Bowl and we've experienced each side of it. The winning is as high as you can get, the losing as low."

Both teams have used recent Super Bowl defeat as a motivating factor. The Broncos were hurting from February until they beat Cleveland in the AFC Championship game to earn a return visit. The Redskins have been ticked off for four years.

"We've had only one thing on our



SAN DIEGO — Denver Broncos head coach Dan Reeves looks fondly at the Vince Lombardi trophy at a press conference Friday. Reeves will be trying to lead Denver to its first world title.

minds since that game." Denver running back Sammy Winder said of the 1987 Super Bowl.

"This team has been looking to prove ourselves, that we are champions. This year, it's like we've learned not to waste energy on the whole week. Instead, it's been that we're excited but we know how to handle

it and make sure we direct it to playing in the game."

"We need a good focus, tunnel vision," defensive end Rulon Jones said. "For the whole year, we did what we had to get back here. Now, we have to make the right ending."

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Super Bowl records

SCORING

Most Points — 18, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985.

Most Touchdowns — 3, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985.

Most Field Goals — 4, Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, 1968; Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1982.

Longest Field Goal — 48, Jan Stenerud, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, 1970; Rich Karlis, Denver vs. N.Y. Giants, 1987.

RUSHING

Most Attempts — 38, John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, 1983.

Most Yards Gained — 191, Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, 1984.

PASSING

Most Attempts — 50, Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, 1985.

Most Completions — 29, Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, 1985.

Most Yards Gained — 331, Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985.

Most Touchdowns — 4, Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 1979.

RECEIVING

Most Receptions — 11, Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, 1982.

Most Yards — 161, Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 1976.

Most Touchdowns — 2, Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, 1967; Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, 1968; John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 1979; Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, 1981; Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, 1982; Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985.

INTERCEPTIONS

Most — 3, Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, 1981.

How they compare

	Regular Season	
	Den.	Was.
GAMES (W-L)	10-4-1	11-4
FIRST DOWNS	331	301
Rushing	132	119
Passing	173	153
Penalty	26	29
YDS GAINED	5624	5597
Avg per Game	374.9	373.1
RUSHING	1970	2102
Avg per Game	131.3	140.1
Rushes	510	500
Yards per rush	3.9	4.2
PASSING	3654	3495
Avg per Game	243.6	233.0
Passes Att.	530	478
Completed	285	247
Pct Completed	53.8	51.7
Yards Gained	3874	3718
Sacked	30	27
Yards Lost	220	223
Had Intercept	19	18
Yards Opp Ret	362	193
Opp TDs on Int	2	1
PUNTS	65	78
Avg Yards	39.9	39.1
PUNT RETURNS	48	56
Avg Return	10.1	11.0
Ret for TD	0	0
KICKOFF RET	46	59
Avg Return	20.7	19.3
Ret for TD	0	0
PENALTIES	95	82
Yds penalized	812	691
FUMBLES BY	29	26
Fumbles Lost	17	19
Opp Fumbles	35	22
Opp Fum Lost	19	11
POSS. TIME	31:51	30:30
TOUCHDOWNS	45	47
Rushing	18	18
Passing	24	27
Returns	3	2
EXTRA POINTS	44	43
FGFGA	21-29	18-29
POINTS SCORED	379	379
DEFENSE	288	286
PTS ALLOWED	277	296
OPP FIRST DNS	103	104
Rushing	148	177
Passing	26	15
Penalty	26	15
OPP YDS GAINED	4813	5022
Avg per Game	320.9	334.8
OPP RUSH	2017	1679
Avg per Game	134.5	111.9
Rushes	454	441
Yards per Rush	4.4	3.8
OPP PASS	2796	3343
Avg per Game	186.4	222.9
Passes Att.	456	527
Completed	281	276
Pct completed	57.2	52.4
Sacks By	31	53
Yards Lost	244	424
INTERCEPTED BY	28	33
Yards Returned	403	329
Ret for TD	2	1
OPP PUNT RET	34	37
Avg return	12.5	6.3
OPP KO RET.	61	63
Avg return	19.1	21.5
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	35	33
Rushing	16	10
Passing	15	19
Returns	4	4

Manley won't be nice today

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dexter Manley has passed his first test of Super Bowl week.

Despite a strong effort by the media, the Washington Redskins defensive end on refused to be anything but congenial when talking about the Denver Broncos.

Reporter: "Dexter, tell us about Dave Studdard, who will be lining up opposite you this Sunday."

Manley: "He's a good player. He's a great player."

Reporter: "Can he handle you one on one?"

Manley: "Yes, he did before (in December 1986)."

Reporter: "Can he do it again?"

Manley: "I think so."

And so it went. While dozens of members of the media tried to get the usually outspoken veteran to blurt out something controversial, Manley stood his ground. He went through a 30-minute session without saying anything that the Broncos could pin on their bulletin board.

The same Dexter Manley who once shaved his head and called himself Dr. D, who said he would ring the clock of an injured Joe Montana, who said Mike Ditka was a bum, said all the right things during this press conference.

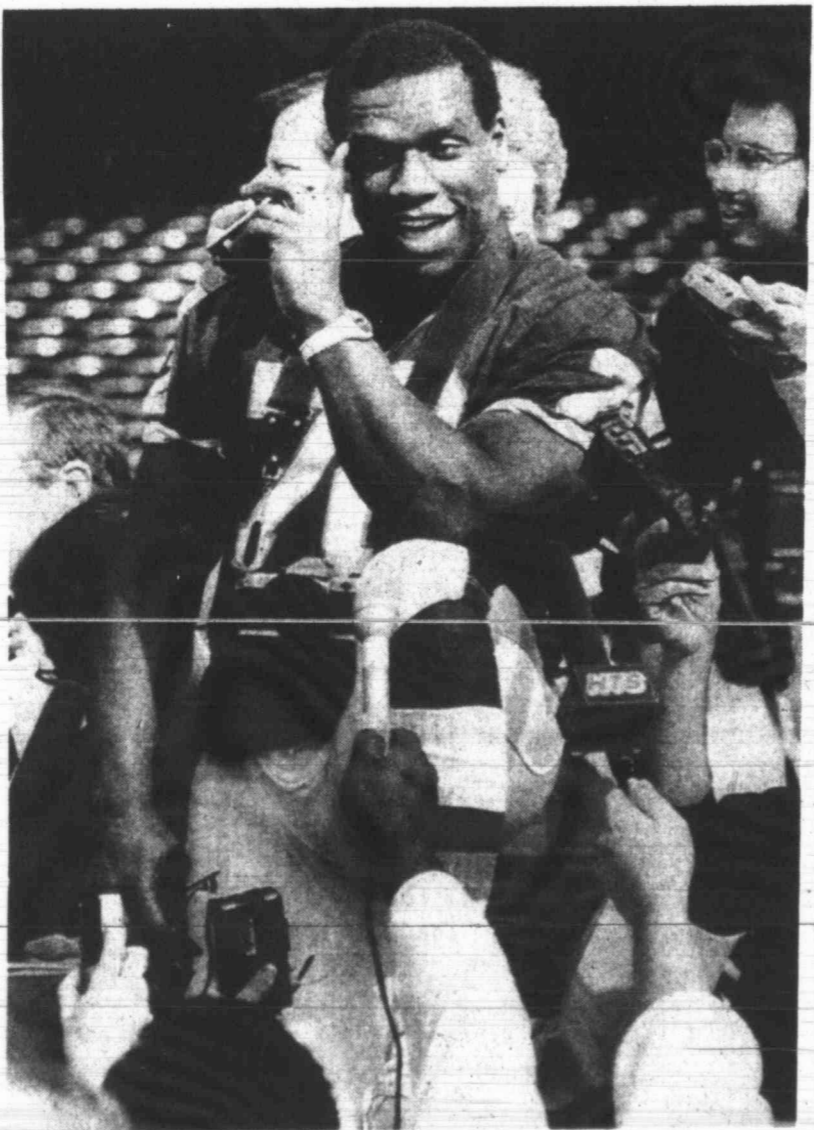
"I don't do that for attention. Whatever I say I say because that's the way I feel," Manley said Monday. "I don't care whether people like it or not. I can't help that."

Manley declared that he had one objective this week, and getting the Broncos riled up did not fit in those plans.

"We're here for business, not for pleasure," he said. "We've paid a lot of dues to get here, a lot of tears and sweat."

Last year, Manley had the best season of his seven-year career and earned a spot in the Pro Bowl. He suffered a sprained knee in training camp last summer, and although his statistics were down, he still feels satisfied.

"I'm definitely pleased with the year I've had," he said. "I started out with the knee injury,



SAN DIEGO — Washington Redskins' defensive end Dexter Manley talks to the media during a press conference Friday. Manley is expected to be one of the main Redskins putting the heat on Denver quarterback John Elway.

then there was the (players') strike. It's been kind of like a rollercoaster. But as long as the rollercoaster keeps going up, that's what counts."

For years, Manley was better known for his outlandish quotes than for his prowess on the field. But last year he excelled, getting more sacks than any lineman.

This season, he finished second on the team with 8 1-3 sacks and had 17 hurries. And, yes, the rollercoaster is moving

upward, because he had five tackles against the Bears in the NFC semifinal and 1 1/2 sacks against the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game.

He expects a tougher time against quarterback John Elway and the Broncos.

"Elway is the best quarterback in the NFL," Manley said. "He does just about everything right, running, throwing and leading them."

Team depth chart

The projected starting lineups and depth charts for the 22nd Super Bowl:

Denver Broncos		Washington Redskins	
Defense		Defense	
RE-75 Rulon Jones, 65 Walt Bowyer	NT-71 Greg Kragen, 95 Steve Bryan	LE-71 Charles Mann, 64 Steve Hamilton	LT-65 Dave Butz, 78 Dean Hamel
LE-61 Andre Townsend, 90 Freddie Gilbert	ROLB-50 Jim Ryan, 56 Michael Brooks, 59 Tim Lucas	RE-72 Dexter Manley, 74 Markus Koch	LLB-55 Mel Kaufman, 57 Rich Milot
RILB-77 Karl Mecklenburg, 55 Rick Dennison	RILB-98 Ricky Hunley, 51 Marc Munford	MLB-52 Neal Olkewicz, 54 Kurt Gouveia	RLB-51 Monte Coleman, 50 Ravin Caldwell
LOLB-57 Tom Jackson, 97 Bruce Klostermann	LCB-36 Mark Haynes, 38 Bruce Plummer	LCB-28 Darrell Green, 46 Dennis Woodberry, 34 Brian Davis	RCB-45 Barry Wilburn, 41 Tim Morrison
RCB-45 Steve Wilson, 27 K.C. Clark	SS-48 Randy Robbins, 34 Tyrone Braxton	SS-40 Alvin Watson, 32 Vernon Dean	FS-23 Todd Bowles, 48 Steve Gage
FS-22 Tony Lilly, 28 Jeremiah Castille	Offense		Offense
WR-84 Ricky Nattiel, 83 Sam Graddy	LT-70 Dave Studdard, 72 Keith Kartz	WR-81 Art Monk, 83 Ricky Sanders, 89 Clarence Verdin	LT-66 Joe Jacoby, 61 Rick Kehr
LG-54 Keith Bishop, 68 Larry Lee	C-62 Mike Freeman, 68 Larry Lee	LG-63 Raleigh McKenzie	C-53 Jeff Bostic, 58 David Jones
RG-79 Stefan Humphries, 68 Larry Lee	RT-76 Ken Lanier, 74 Dan Remsberg	RG-69 R.C. Theilmann, 59 Ray Hitchcock	RT-73 Mark May, 61 Rick Kehr
TE-88 Clarence Kay, 89 Orson Mobley	WR-80 Mark Jackson, 81 Steve Watson	T-86 Clint Didier, 87 Terry Ori, 85 Don Warren, 82 Anthony Jones, 88 Joe Caravello	QB-17 Doug Williams, 10 Jay Schroeder, 11 Mark Rypien
QB-7 John Elway, 8 Gary Kubiak, 12 Ken Karcher	RB-23 Sammy Winder, 35 Ken Bell, 24 Tony Boddie	WR-84 Gary Clark, 80 Eric Yarber, 90 Anthony Allen	RB-38 George Rogers, 35 Keith Griffin, 29 Reggie Branch
RB-33 Gene Lang, 46 Bobby Micho, 29 Warren Marshall	Specialists	QB-36 Tim Smith, 24 Kelvin Bryant	Specialists
P-2 Mike Horan, 7 John Elway	K-12 Ali Haji-Shiekh, 12 Steve Cox	H-8 Gary Kubiak	H-10 Jay Schroeder, 80 Eric Yarber
K-3 Rich Karlis, 50 Jim Ryan	PR-80 Eric Yarber, 89 Clarence Verdin, 28 Darrell Green	H-8 Gary Kubiak	KR-89 Clarence Verdin, 35 Keith Griffin

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Lady Steers clinch playoff berth by romping Maidens

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers clinched a state playoff berth Friday night in Steer Gym by stampeding past the San Angelo Lake View Maidens 67-47.

The victory clinches at least a tie for the District 2-4A crown for coach C.E. Carmichael's squad.

Carmichael's team played with a fire and spirit Friday night that

Playing in front of a thoroughly aroused home crowd, the Lady Steers drew first blood 36 seconds into the game when Tami Wise sank a short jumper off Pam Gill's assist.

Though Cinnamon Hamilton would strike thrice from three-point territory, even 16 points' help from Kelly Allard and 11 more from Sheryl Mathews could not rescue the Maidens.

Down by six with 4:49 to go in the first quarter, San Angelo watched helplessly as the Lady Steers displayed their slowdown game for the first time — but not the last. Mathews broke up the Big Spring stall with a foul.

Wise threw the ball in to Katrina Thompson and the Lady Steer show began in earnest. A series of nine passes ran the clock down to 3:50 before a missed field goal gave San Angelo the ball.

Smith committed a foul and Mathews converted a bucket, giving San Angelo four points with 3:35 left in the opening stanza.

The Lady Steers returned to their high-spirited form immediately, taking the ball downcourt for Michelle LeGrand to score. San Angelo would never draw closer than 10-4.

The second quarter saw the Lady Steers' first three-pointer of the match as Thompson, who scorched the Maidens all night from outside, embarked on her 21-point game.

With 7:38 to play in the half, the Maidens had fallen 16 points behind. LeGrand was called for a foul in blocking a shot — the foul call that would haunt LeGrand all night — but San Angelo couldn't score from the line.

Thompson rebounded. She and LeGrand would display a fierceness on the boards reminiscent of the injured Gisela Spears (the other casualty from the Pecos game Tuesday night) as the game went on.

A foul against Wise sent Mathews to the line, but she would hit only the front of the one-and-one. Wise would counter by rebounding; four sure passes later, Thompson sank another bucket to give the Lady Steers a 22-5 margin with 6:32 left in the half.

Mathews would score following

her own steal with 5:06 left; Wise's answering basket 72 seconds later capped another exhibition of ballhandling wizardry by the Lady Steers. Leading 24-7, they refused to relax their defense; Allard would suffer her second throwaway turnover with 3:41 to go.

LeGrand was tagged for her third foul of the game 20 seconds later, sending San Angelo's Bryant to the line. She sank the one-and-one to cut Big Spring's lead to 24-9.

Four points and 20 seconds later, Wise stole the ball, opening the third exhibition of the Steer Stall. This one lasted from the 2:00 mark to the steal-and-a-layup Mathews contrived with 56 seconds left in the half.

A backcourt foul gave San Angelo another chance, but after a jump ball was called in the Maidens' favor, Stephanie Smith ripped off Allard's pass and fed Pam Gill for a quick two points.

Charlotte Hayward fouled. Two free throws later San Angelo had closed the margin to 14 points with 24 seconds left, but Wise would sink a free throw to give Big Spring a 29-15 lead.

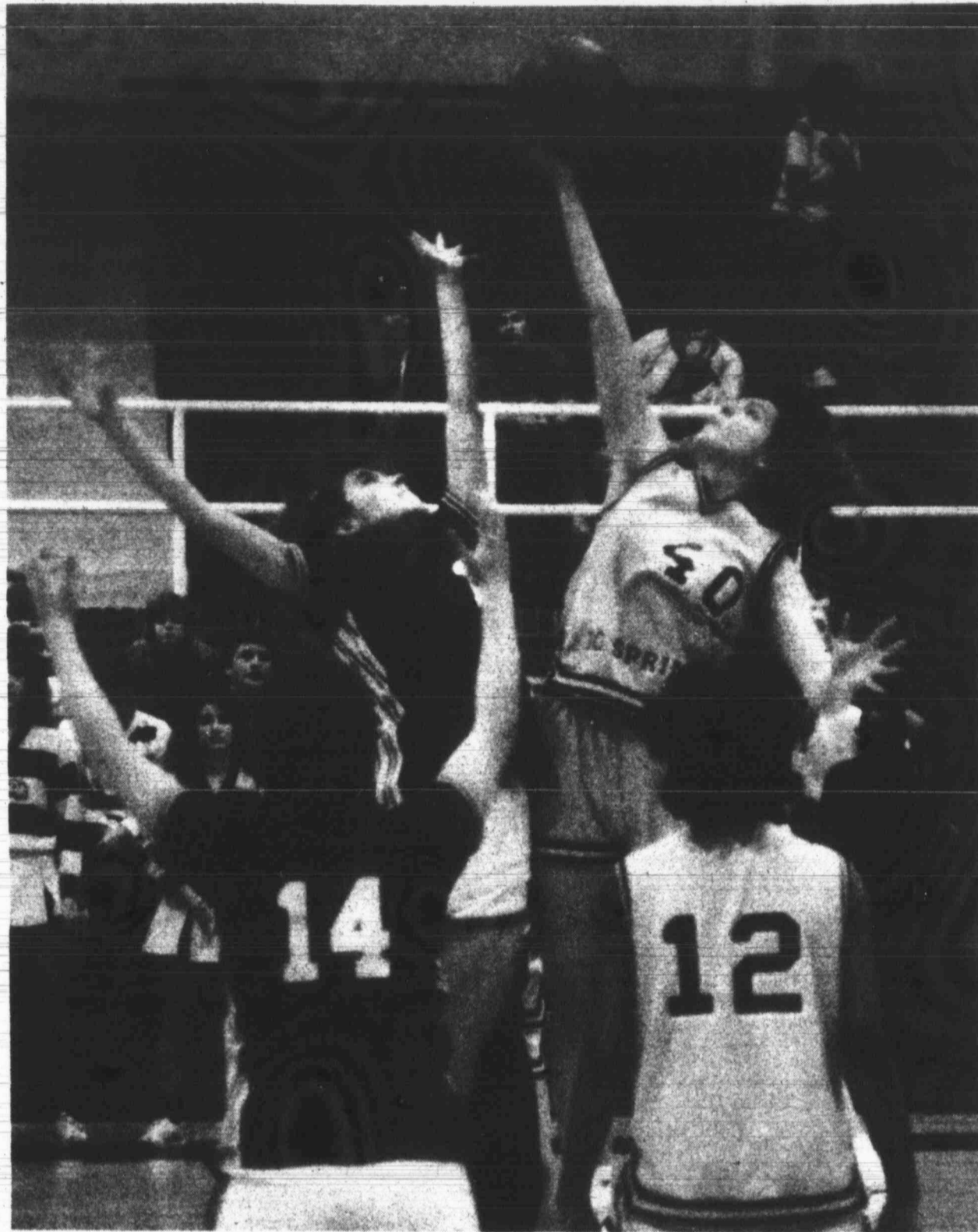
Smith would steal the ball from Hamilton's inbounds pass and time would run out on the Maidens as the halftime buzzer sounded.

From a San Angelo point of view, things got worse in the second half as the Lady Steers showed off more players and more skills. Top gun Wise would score 12 points in the third quarter alone, besting the entire Maidens team effort by two points.

Angie Dees would appear for the Lady Steers, replacing the foul-shadowed Michelle LeGrand.

Big Spring's players were playing hard, but there was something more to their game against San Angelo than that: the Lady Steers had regained their aura of enjoying the match. Talking to each other, often smiling, hustling hard all night, they simply outclassed Lake View's gritty Maidens.

San Angelo played gamely against the Lady Steers, but the challenge of injuries to two starters in a game that could decide their playoffs fate, sparked Big Spring to a high level of readiness for the



Big Spring Lady Steers' forward Tami Wise (40) outjumps a San Angelo Lake View Maiden player during action Friday night at Steer Gym. Ready for action is Lake View's Kelly Allard (14) and Big Spring's Stephanie Smith (12).

Herald photo by Sarah Luman

BIG SPRING (67) — Katrina Thompson 6 3 21; Michelle LeGrand 3 2 8; Tami Wise 10 6 26; Stephanie Smith 0 0 0; Pam Gill 4 0 8; Angie Dees 1 0 2; Charlotte Hayward 1 0 2. Totals: 25 11 67. Fouled out: none. Three point goals: Thompson 2. Total fouls: 19.
SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW (47) — Kelly Allard 5 8 16; Kellie Bryant 3 1 7; Vanessa Fowler 0 4 4; Sheryl Mathews 3 5 11; Yolanda Ramirez 1 0 2; Tiffany Thomas 0 0 0; Cinnamon Hamilton 3 0 9. Totals: 11 16 47. Fouled out: Bryant. Three point goals: Hamilton 3. Total fouls: 16.
Score by quarters
Big Spring 11 11 11 11 44
Lake View 5 11 10 22 47
Records: Big Spring 26-1, 12-0. Lake View 10-15, 4-9.

GIRLS DISTRICT STANDINGS
Big Spring 12-0, 26-1
Pecos 9-4, 18-7
Snyder 8-5, 17-8
Sweetwater 7-5, 12-11
Andrews 7-6, 13-10
Fort Stockton 6-6, 14-11
Lake View 4-9, 10-15
Lamesa 2-10, 5-18
Monahans 0-12, 3-19

FRIDAY
Big Spring 67, Lake View 47; Pecos 51, Snyder 33; Sweetwater 43, Fort Stockton 41; Andrews 58, Monahans 43.

had been missing from recent outings.

"We played hard tonight," Carmichael said afterward. "It was the first time we've played that hard in a while, and you can see what happens when we play like that."

"All our girls played well. I thought everybody who played did a good job, but I especially want to mention Stephanie Smith. One thing that stood out, I thought, was the excellent job she did filling in at the point for her injured sister (Peggy Smith, who hyperextended her knee Tuesday night against Pecos).

"The rest of the team had made up their minds to play hard to cover for the injuries for us, and when we play like that we're just a different ballclub."

Steers scalp Chiefs, 89-81

SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring Steers overcame the upset-minded San Angelo Lake View Chiefs to

take an 89-81 District 2-4A basketball victory at Lake View gym Friday night.

Fueled by Abner Shellman's six points, the Steers outscored Lake View 12-2 over a three minute span of the fourth quarter to break a 72-72 tie.

The win keeps Big Spring in the playoff hunt with a 8-2 league record and 18-8 overall mark. Its sets up a big contest with Snyder Tuesday night in Steer Gym. Snyder is currently in second place with a 10-1 mark. Lamesa is undefeated in district play.

The Steers got the win via a balanced scoring attack, led by Brian Mayfield's 30 points. Big Spring also had three others in double figures. Tyrone Foster scored 16 points, Shellman 15 and Ian Walker 14.

Lake View led by as many as eight points at 67-59 when Todd Nimnich hit a basket from inside the free throw line with 7:44 left in the contest.

The Steers responded with four points from each Mayfield and

Thane Russey, to close within two at 69-67 with 5:56 left.

Lake View's Tony Allen and Big Spring's Walker traded baskets before Allen sank a foul shot to make it 72-69 with 5:27 left.

Shellman then connected on a three-pointer to tie the game at 72-72 with 4:48 remaining. From then on the Steers outscored Lake View 17-9 to gain the victory.

The Steers held a 53-33 rebounding edge, led by Mayfield's 17. "I'm proud of my team — the way they responded to the pressure and they way they came back when the chips were down," said Big Spring coach Boyce Paxton.

Lake View falls to 8-17 overall and 2-9 in league play.

The Big Spring junior varsity raised its district record to 7-3 by defeating Lake View 69-54. The junior Steers are now 10-13 overall.

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BIG SPRING (89) — Abner Shellman 7 0 15; Tony Lewis 0 0 0; Tyrone Foster 7 2 16; Ian Walker 6 1 14; Brian Mayfield 10 10 30; Fred Reid 2 2 6; Thane Russey 2 1 5; Totals 34 16 89.
THREE POINT GOALS — Shellman 1, Walker 1.
LAKE VIEW (81) — Albert Perez 5 0 13; Tony Allen 11 4 29; Eric Dumas 6 1 14; Lance Coe 0 0 0; Roger Hernandez 7 1 15; William Lisenby 2 1 5; Todd Nimnich 2 0 4; Jeff Parker 0 1 1; Totals 33 8 81.
THREE POINT GOALS — Perez 3, Allen 3, Dumas 1.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Big Spring 18 17 24 30 — 89
Lake View 17 23 25 16 — 81
BOYS DISTRICT STANDINGS
Lamesa 10-0, 21-5
Snyder 10-1, 19-6
Big Spring 9-2, 18-8
Andrews 8-3, 19-7
Fort Stockton 5-6, 14-10
Monahans 4-6, 13-12
Lake View 2-10, 8-17
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SAN DIEGO — Denver Broncos' quarterback John Elway plays in practice at the Broncos' camp where they were getting ready to play in Super Bowl XXII against the Washington Redskins today. Associated Press photo

Elway always dreamed of this day

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As you watch John Elway scramble in the Super Bowl, imagine him as a kid racing around the house with his two sisters while their father, a football coach, timed them. "Ready, set, go," and the mad dash began for dad's slippers. He had the same blond, floppy hair, big blue eyes and toothy smile you see today when he takes off his Denver Broncos helmet. And he had the same competitive drive that now has him dreaming of a record five Super Bowl victories even before he has his first. As a youngster, he would pick up a ball or stone and throw it farther and faster each day. At 16, he was hurling baseballs at major league speed. Today, with what experts says is perfect form, he throws footballs 70 yards on a line and sometimes leave the "Elway cross" on his receivers — a red mark on the arms or chest made by the point of the ball. If you see a close-up of Elway's right arm, notice there's nothing unusual about it. It's not made of

gold. It's the way he uses it that makes it worth millions. First he sets his feet, cocks his hips and opens up his shoulders by swinging his left arm. Then he snaps his right shoulder back, stretching powerful stomach and chest muscles across the bow of his body and catapults the ball forward with enormous force. Observe, too, Elway's cocky, wobbly walk, a little like a Western gunfighter stiff from a hard day's ride. Teammates say it reminds them of John Wayne and call Elway, "Duke." But see how that awkward gait can turn swiftly into a smooth, fast sprint that has redefined the meaning of the scrambling quarterback. His father, Stanford Coach Jack Elway, taught John how to throw a football, but the first serious passing lessons came from his high school coach. Jack didn't want to pressure the boy. He was the same 6-foot-3 he is now but 30 pounds lighter at 180 when he ended his three-year high school football career. One of the quarterbacks he

outplayed while at Granada Hills was Washington Redskins backup Jay Schroeder, whose Palisades team lost to Elway in the 1977 city playoffs. Elway made most All-America teams and was recruited by 65 colleges before deciding on Stanford over runner-up Southern California. Baseball coaches craved him too, recognizing the same talents the New York Yankees saw when they later gave him \$140,000 to play Class A ball. At the end of 1978, John's senior year in high school, his father accepted the head coaching job at San Jose State. He needed a quarterback but didn't press John to join his team. Elway jokes that he offered his son money and a car, and even slept with his mother, but couldn't get him to come to San Jose. He says he kicked himself sometimes afterward, thinking, "You had the best quarterback in America sitting across the breakfast table from you and you let him get away."

At Stanford, Elway set NCAA records of 784 completions in 1,243 passes, only 3.13 percent of which were intercepted, another national mark. He finished second in NCAA career total offense with 9,070 yards and third with 77 touchdown passes. In his 42 games, he passed for more than 200 yards a record 30 times, more than 300 yards 10 times and more than 400 yards twice. Still, he left Stanford bitterly disappointed because he never made it to the Rose Bowl. "I'm still not over that," he says. "I'll take one or two Super Bowl wins to erase that." Elway also sparkled at baseball. He hit .349 with nine homers and drove in 50 runs in 49 games in his final season as a sophomore. He hit .444 in the NCAA Central Regionals that year and was named to the all-tournament team. He then signed a contract with the New York Yankees, who made him a second round selection in the June 1981 draft. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner gambled he

Taking a look at Super Bowls past

Super Bowl XIX
January 20, 1985
At Palo Alto, Calif.—84,059
Miami 10 6 0 0—16
San Francisco 7 21 10 0—38
Joe Montana completed 24 of 35 passes and threw for a Super Bowl record 331 yards and three touchdowns and rushed five times for 59 yards and a touchdown. Running back Roger Craig caught two of Montana's touchdown passes and ran for another to set a Super Bowl record. The San Francisco defense sacked Miami quarterback Dan Marino four times in the game and held the Dolphins to 25 yards rushing. The 49ers held on to the ball for a 37:11 to 22:49 time of possession advantage and had 537 total net yards eclipsing the previous record of 429 held by Oakland in 1977. Montana joined Green Bay's Bart Starr and Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw as the only two-time Super Bowl most valuable players. Montana was the most valuable player in the 1982 Super Bowl against Cincinnati. The 38 points scored by San Francisco equaled the Super Bowl record set by the Los Angeles Raiders in 1984.

Super Bowl XX
January 26, 1986
At New Orleans—73,818
Chicago 13 10 21 2—46
New England 3 0 0 7—10
The Chicago Bears won their first NFL Championship since 1963 by setting a Super Bowl-record for points scored in defeating the Patriots 46-10. The NFC Champions, who won by the largest margin in Super Bowl history, broke the old record for points in a game set by San Francisco and the Los Angeles Raiders in the previous two Super Bowls. The Patriots, capitalized on a Chicago fumble to score the quickest points in Super Bowl history on Tony Franklin's field goal. Chicago then scored 44 unanswered points to put the game out of reach. The Bears defense, who allowed only 10 points in post-season play, held New England to seven yards rushing and 116 yards passing. Jim McMahon, who passed for 256 yards, became the first quarterback to rush for two touchdowns. Richard Dent, who contributed 1½ sacks, was named the Most Valuable Player.

Super Bowl XXI
January 1, 1987
At Palo Alto, Calif.—101,063
Denver 10 0 0 10—20
N.Y. Giants 7 2 17 13—39
Phil Simms led the New York Giants to a 30-point second half to beat the Denver Broncos, winning their first Super Bowl and first NFL championship in 30 years. Simms completed 22 of 25 for 268 yards, including three touchdown passes, and was unanimously voted the Most Valuable Player. He also set a Super Bowl record with 10 straight completions during New York's second-half tear. His 88 percent completion rate was an NFL playoff record. New York started the second-half with three plays for 9 yards, and the Giants' punting team ran onto the field to punt on its own 46. Suddenly, the Giants shifted out of punt formation, and Jeff Rutledge, the second-string quarterback, came up behind the center took the snap and snuck for 1 yard and a first down. Six plays later, Simms hit tight end Mark Bavaro for 13 yards, the Giants led 16-10 and the rout was on.

How they picked it

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Here are the picks of some members of the media covering Sunday's Super Bowl between the Washington Redskins and Denver Broncos:

Gary Myers, Dallas Morning News: Broncos, 38-24.
Charles Bricker, San Jose Mercury-News: Redskins, 30-20.
Peter King, Newsday: Redskins 31-17.
Ahmad Rashad, NBC: Broncos, 30-24.
Phyllis Rashad, NBC: Broncos 14-10.
Will McDonough, Boston Globe-CBS: Redskins, 28-21.
Bernie Miklasz, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Redskins, 27-23.
Tony Grossi, Cleveland Plain Dealer: Broncos, 30-14.
Ed Bouchette, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Broncos, 30-21.
Gordon Forbes, USA Today: Broncos 30-17.
Bob Verdi, Chicago Tribune: Broncos, 31-24.
Vito Stellino, Baltimore Sun: Broncos, 31-30.
Kevin Mannix, Boston Herald: Redskins, 17-13.
Dave Anderson, New York Times: Broncos, 32-21.

Fra Miller, San Francisco Chronicle: Broncos, 28-20.
John Luttermoser, St. Petersburg Times: Broncos, 31-20.
Jim Jenkins, Sacramento Bee: Broncos, 31-17.
Robert Sansonere, Minneapolis Star-Tribune: Broncos, 34-27.
Brian Burwell, New York Daily News: Redskins, 28-21.
Bill Verrigan, New York Daily News: Redskins, 27-14.
Gerald Eskenazi, New York Times: Broncos, 27-14.
Glen Shueley, Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Broncos, 31-27.
Bart Wright, Tacoma News-Tribune: Broncos, 27-21.
Jill Lieber, Sports Illustrated: Broncos, 38-31.
Rich Hoffman, Philadelphia Daily News: Redskins 24-20.
Gary Mihoces, USA Today: Redskins, 24-17.
Michael Wilton, Washington Post, Redskins, 31-28.
John Czarnecki, Los Angeles Herald-Examiner: Redskins, 27-21.

Charm

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Just how can the Broncos do that? Most likely, with John Elway's passing to the Three Amigos — Vance Johnson, Mark Jackson and Ricky Nattiel — and an aggressive, albeit undersized, defense that specializes in takeaways. "They're very opportunistic," Washington wide receiver Gary Clark said. "They might give you some yards, but they don't give you the big play. Then they force the big turnover." Clark is one of the few small Redskins. Washington has a decided edge in poundage, particularly in the trenches — the Hogs on the offensive line average 20 pounds per man more than Denver's defensive front. "We'll need to control the ball," said Doug Williams, who seemed unperturbed by the hundreds of questions about his being the first black quarterback to start in a Super Bowl. "If we can keep it away from John Elway with our running game and mix in the pass, we'll be in good shape."

Both teams are in relatively good shape physically. Johnson missed the AFC title game with a ruptured artery in his groin and won't start Sunday. But he'll play. "This is one Amigo who will be there," Johnson promised. Denver also has been without running back Gerald Willhite most

of the season and won't have defensive back Mike Harden, who broke his arm in a playoff victory against Houston. But running back Steve Sewell returned for the playoffs and safeties Dennis Smith and Randy Robbins got healthy just as Harden was sidelined.

Guard Stefan Humphries hurt his thigh in a workout Thursday and is probable. The Redskins get back Art Monk, their main possession receiver, who was out with a knee injury. Cornerback Darrell Green, who will test his man-to-man coverage skills against each of the Amigos.

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Opinion

Forget all the firsts; QB just wants to win

By SKIP BAYLESS
Dallas Times Herald Sports Columnist

The Doug Williams I knew at Grambling would have handled Super Bowl Week much differently. I spent two days around Williams 11 years ago, and his dream (if not mission) was to be "The Super Bowl MVP."

He was going to do it "for young black quarterbacks everywhere." He was the pro-style passer from Grambling, the Notre Dame of black college football. None of that wishbone option stuff. He had just thrown 38 TD passes in 11 games and figured he deserved to go "1-2-3" in the NFL draft. He reminded me of, well, a John Elway. Same tools. Tall (6-4), strong (220 pounds), good speed (4.7 40), great arm. Cocky confidence.

Wednesday, a different Williams said, "My job isn't to beat Denver, it's not to beat the Redskins." And: "I can't worry about Black America."

Say what?

In '77, Williams viewed himself as the Great Black Hope for black fans and leaders everywhere, and frankly, he wasn't cut out for the job. He was no politician. No persuasive public speaker. No deep thinker. How many 22-year-old jocks are? Little did Williams realize he was going to have a tough enough time just learning to play QB in the NFL. It took Stanford's Elway three long seasons.



Skip Bayless

But Williams often felt obligated to carry the banner for potential black QBs and coaches, and it nearly ruined him. Several NFL GMs told me their lone reservation wasn't that Williams was "too stupid" or "threw everything too hard" or any other racial stereotype. It was just that there was too much pressure on one country kid.

That's the main reason 16 other players were drafted before Tampa Bay, on the recommendation of an assistant coach named Joe Gibbs, took a gamble on Williams. And remarkably, Williams took a sorry team to within one and two games of the Super Bowl.

Back then, maybe, Williams would have brought along Grambling coach Eddie Robinson and the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Super interview sessions and let them address the relentless questions about the game's first black QB. Tuesday, Williams admitted to getting irritated by (my count) 37 "black" questions in 45 minutes.

Wednesday, though, I sat with several hundred reporters in a hotel ballroom and heard a different Williams. A more humble, realistic, at-peace Williams than I spoke with at Grambling and Tampa Bay. This Williams has a new game plan, in and out of uniform. He has realized that the most powerful thing he can do for other black QBs is start and finish a Super Bowl for the winning team.

Not throw six TD passes and run for three more. Not wear a black armband or glove. Not sing the national anthem. Not make any "we shall overcome" speeches.

Just be the winning QB. That's all that really counts, all anyone will remember.

Very true. This has become San DiElway. What if Williams' counterpart were a past Super QB like Ron Jaworski or David Woodley? Tuesday's 37 "black" questions might have doubled, because a majority of the 3,000 media people wouldn't have been seeking "an Elway story." Elway's awesome presence has taken some of the awesome burden off Williams, who has swallowed his 6-4, 220-pound pride and become an unElway.

This is the not the same swing-from-the-heels QB we last saw in Dallas, getting sacked 10 times in losing a 1982 playoff game, 38-0. This Williams drops and throws quickly and craftily, throws the ball away instead of taking sacks and worries about just one stat — turnovers.

That's why Gibbs made an uncharacteristic midstream move from Jay Schroeder to Williams — and why Tom Landry should have gone earlier from Danny White to Steve Pelluer. Schroeder makes more big plays — for both teams. White might complete 12 straight — then complete one for a TD to the other team.

So Williams has nothing to say publicly about Jimmy the Greek's recent racist remarks. He said, "Hey, I'm just the quarterback for the Redskins who are in the Super Bowl, and I happen to be black ... I'm not going out on tour saying, I'm Doug Williams, the Super Bowl's first black quarterback." Yeah, we're dealing with America, and there are a lot of blacks, and if they want to use me as an example, fine. But don't call and ask me to come preach about being the first black."

That's because it's hard enough just being the first. Asked if he has heard from Jesse Jackson, Williams said, "I'm not going to be used. I don't care who it is, even if Reagan wants to use me for a campaign. I've known Jesse the last three or four years, but I am not a politician."

No, he is a 32-year-old QB who lost his first wife tragically to disease and who was wondering if he'd ever play again in the NFL when Gibbs called last year. Now, when he least expected it, he's a Super Bowl starter. In my book, he's already the winner.

Sports Mailbag

Reader says blacks stereotyped

To the sport editor:

When I heard Jimmy "the Greek" Snyder's remarks, I thought "they have to be racist, but against whom?" To insinuate that black athletic prowess was not due to black accomplishments but rather to the breeding methods of antebellum slavery mongers, was utterly and ridiculously insane. But then I had to ask seriously "why do blacks dominate football?"

On January 20, 1988, I read Steve Belvin's column in the *Big Spring Herald*. The black, literate sports writer explained "when he said that blacks have been bred to be better athletes since the Civil War," (superior athletes), "Snyder's remarks seem a perfectly logical theory." He asked "why can't blacks' great athletic ability be considered a gift from God?" For "where he originated, and all the trials and tribulations he had to go through." In other words, the "superior black athletic ability was a reward from none other than the 'Big One', God Himself. "Another perfectly logical statement — "The athletic ability came first, and the knowledge is coming along now." Now?

I was stunned when Steve accepted Snyder's slander so willingly. However, when he reversed the slur and aimed it at all the other races I became disturbed. Confu-

sion set in when God made amends with His black people. No, I cannot accept Mr. Belvin's explanation, so I must answer the question myself.

"Why do blacks dominate football?" I try to imagine a black child — in his formative years and searching for a role model — deciding on a career to pursue. Frankly, the only careers I can think of that are both lucrative and readily open to blacks are athletics and music.

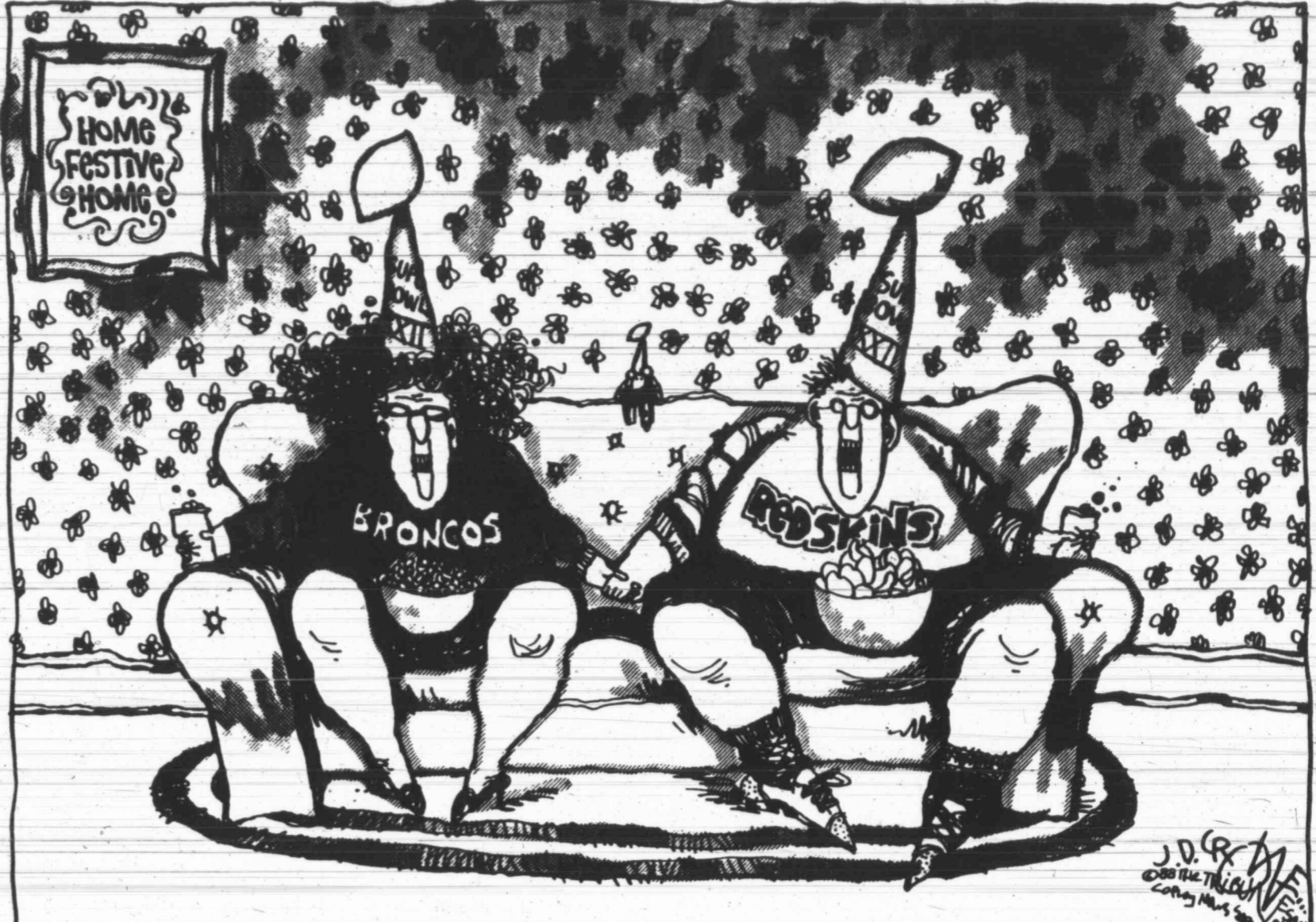
My answer? Blacks are "stereotyped." They are expected "to excel in sports," quoting Steve Belvin, particularly athletic pursuits like football.

Please understand, this letter is not an excuse for the seeming decline of white athletes. (It's not written to cry "racist.") Nor is it an apology to black athletes. This letter is a defense of "individual" athletes. As Belvin remarked, "And until the world can get away from this black-white continuous confrontations, we'll be treading the same water."

Or, to coin a phrase, "Black-white, win or lose, the race it doesn't matter — it's how the individual swimmers tread the water."

And, rather badly — I must admit.

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"HOLD ON TIGHT, GDNA! IT'S SUPER BOWL PARTY WEEK AND WE'RE GONNA MEET THE HOOPLA HEAD-ON!"

The task, for now, is unfinished

By BUDDY MARTIN
Denver Post Sports Columnist

On a bitter cold January night, still 10 days away from The Game, videotape machines were still grinding at Broncos headquarters while most of us were pulling up our dining room chairs to supper.

Coaches were working overtime, watching film of the Redskins. Linebacker coach Myrel Moore had walked out about 6 p.m. with a stack of reading material for homework. Receiver coach Chan Gailey, wearing fatigue on his brow, was staring at a huge screen full of Washington defensive backs. Down the hall, running back coach Nick Nicolau was marveling at the size of the Redskins defensive line.

"Why is it," Nicolau asked philosophically, obviously impressed by his film subjects, "that no bad teams ever make it to the Super Bowl?"

Nothing unorthodox about coaches involved in film study, except this was Week 25 for the Broncos, including their opening game in London Aug. 9, and unlike the players who had off-time during the strike, it is the 23rd game for the coaching staff. Understandably, they're getting weary.

"But," said Gailey, "I'd rather be doing this, because there are 26 other teams who have this week off. Think how bad this week would be if we'd had a losing season."

If you thought the Broncos were relaxing, or even just pausing to reflect on their recent suc-

cess against Cleveland, you are wrong. As the signs says, the Broncos aren't there yet, and they know it. And they won't be "there" until they win a Super Bowl.

Just trying to win the Super Bowl and concentrating on it as a goal doesn't mean it's going to happen, of course, but give the Broncos organization this: Since losing to the Giants in Super Bowl XXI, owner Pat Bowlen, Dan Reeves and his coaches, the Broncos and support group have thought of nothing else but redemption.

If it's true that you learn from your mistakes, but never from your successes, the Broncos are a prime example of a team that has been schooled in how to get back to a Super Bowl.

"I've always said about this team, ever since we lost the playoff game to Pittsburgh, that we don't make the same mistake twice," said Bowlen. "And when we make a mistake, we can't wait to get back to redeem ourselves. That's the attitude around here."

Now they have to prove they've learned how not to lose the Super Bowl again.

Whereas other teams stumbled and staggered, or fell prey to injuries, the Broncos always seemed to have somebody to take the place of a fallen soldier. Luckily, they never lost key players like John Elway or Karl Mecklenburg. But among the players they did lose at various times were their best defensive

back in Mike Harden, their No. 1 receiver in Vance Johnson, veteran center Billy Bryan, veteran receiver Steve Watson, versatile running backs Gerald Willhite and Steve Sewell, key defensive lineman Freddie Gilbert and Pro Bowl strong safety Dennis Smith for large or key parts of the season.

Players like receiver Ricky Nattiel, linebacker Ricky Hunley and tight ends Clarence Kay and Orson Mobley had to play through their injuries.

The Broncos hallmark was consistency, a virtue that was born out of that loss to the Giants, and as evidenced by the fact that they are only the third AFC franchise to make back-to-back their Super Bowl appearances, they learned their lessons well.

Bowlen looks back at last year's season as "Alice in Wonderland" and says the Broncos are not awed by going to the Super Bowl. They didn't celebrate in the locker room after beating Cleveland 38-33 at Mile High Stadium Jan. 17.

The task was unfinished. "We won't consider it a success," Bowlen said, "unless we come home from San Diego with the Vince Lombardi trophy."

That's why the videotape machines were grinding into the frigid January night and the lights were still burning at supper time at Broncos headquarters.

All Holmes wanted was credit he deserved

By ED SCHUYLER JR.
AP Sports Writer

Larry Holmes got a beating. He also got satisfaction.

Doubts no longer linger in his mind as they did when he retired following his split-decision loss to Michael Spinks in 1986.

"One more fight, then I'll retire," the 38-year-old former heavyweight champion said at a party in his suite several hours after he was knocked out by Mike Tyson.

Holmes laughed as a couple of acquaintances feigned amazement at his little joke — a joke given a twist by Holmes' blue sweatshirt, which was inscribed, "You can't keep a good man down."

"You got a lot of spending money," someone shouted at Holmes, who made \$2.8 million for his final fight.

"The question, is do I have credit?" Holmes shouted back. "Credit as boxer, not a financier."

is what Holmes has long complained about, although people in the sport gave him his due. He seemed to confuse respect with celebrity. Muhammad Ali transcended the bounds of boxing, Holmes didn't. Most fighters don't.

Holmes was the best man in the heavyweight division for a little more than seven years before an embittered retirement on Nov. 6, 1986.

After winning his first 48 fights, Holmes lost two 15-round decisions to Spinks.

"The year and a half I've been laid off from fighting was the most enjoyable time I've had since I started boxing," said Holmes, who turned pro in 1973 and became a champion in 1978. But the split-decision defeat in the second Spinks fight was a bone in his throat.

"I wanted to come back and prove something," he said immediately after the Tyson fight. "I didn't like the way I went out."

This attitude invites a comparison to Muhammad Ali, to whom Holmes has been compared ad nauseum.

Ali has never admitted it, but there is reason to believe that, at age 39, he fought Trevor Berbick in 1981 only because of his loss to Holmes the previous year.

The fight against Holmes was stopped with Ali on his stool between the 10th and 11th rounds, which is no way for a legend to end his career. So he fought Berbick. Ali lost, but he left boxing on his feet.

Holmes didn't leave on his feet, but he left knowing he was a victim of power and not the subjectivity of scoring. He went out on his shield.

Honor. Good fighters understand it within the bounds of their sport. Fans and critics need not understand it.

Larry Holmes lived by that code against Tyson. Outgunned from the start, he fought as well as he could. When he went down for the last

time and the fight was stopped, the first thing he told a ringside physician who had come to his aid was, "I want to get up."

Of course, money is a reason — often a need — to continue fighting, and two other aging links to the Ali Era are back in the ring for bucks — George Foreman and Earnie Shavers.

Foreman, who lost the title to Ali, is back at age 40, because he says he needs money for projects tied to his evangelism. He will fight again Feb. 5, seeking a sixth straight victory since returning from a 10-year-layoff.

All of Foreman's victories have been against boxing nobodies, but there is talk of matching him against the 21-year-old Tyson.

The 42-year-old Shavers, who fought both Ali and Holmes and who has had retinal surgery, recently ended his latest comeback with a fight in a high school gymnasium for a reported purse of \$1,000.

Replacement players still raking in the dough

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Like ghosts from a haunted season, the names pop up on the Super Bowl rosters of the Washington Redskins and Denver Broncos. People like Mike Freeman, starting center for Denver, and Anthony Allen, wide receiver for Washington.

The NFL euphemistically called them replacement players. The regulars, whose strike picket lines they broke, called them a few other things.

That's over now and even the league's decision to abide by the long-expired collective bargaining agreement and pay the three-game replacements playoff bonus money like any other three-game players isn't an irritant.

"It doesn't come out of our pockets," linebacker Neal

Olkewicz, player rep of the Redskins, said. "It's management's money. They can pay as many people as they want."

Washington and Denver replacements have earned \$9,000 a man for their teams' playoff successes so far and will get from \$9,000 to \$18,000 more — half shares — depending on Sunday's outcome.

"We don't lose anything so it doesn't bother us that management has to pay those guys," Ricky Hunley, Denver's player rep, said. "I'm not concerned with who's cashing what. Money comes and goes."

Hunley and Freeman, the Broncos' last training camp cut, were collegiate teammates at Arizona. When the strike came, they went

their separate ways, one picketing, the other playing.

"I blocked him every practice at Arizona," Freeman said. "I had a lot of respect for him. He was a leader. I'm sure I did things (during the strike) that made him mad. I'm sure he did things that made me mad."

Freeman said that after he was cut by Denver, 11 teams called. "They asked if I wanted a tryout and I said, 'Yes.' Then they asked if I'd play in case of a strike and I said, 'No.'"

Eventually, he said yes to the Broncos as a replacement, surviving the end of the walkout with a half-dozen other replacements and inherited the starting center job when regular Bill Bryan was hurt in the last strike game.

"I wasn't thinking of this," Freeman said as he surveyed the Super Bowl scene. "I wasn't thinking of finishing the season. I just wanted to get three games in and get vested in the pension plan."

Now he is playing for much more than that and for other replacement players as well. One of those is Jack Peavey, another offensive lineman, who was dismissed when the regulars returned.

"He called to congratulate me after we won the Cleveland (AFC championship) game," Freeman said. "I imagine he wants us to win so he can get more money."

Allen remembered the camaraderie that grew among the replacement population. "Once we got there, we knew it was a bad situation," he said.

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By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

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Forsan keeps winning

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffalo-Queens continued their fine play in the second half of District 6-AA basketball play by defeating the Ozona Lady Lions 51-40 Friday night in H.D. Smith Gym.

The win keeps Forsan in the running for a state playoff berth, by virtue of their second half district record of 3-1. Forsan finished out of the running in the first half, fielding a 2-5 record.

But on this night the Queens looked like a team hungry for a playoff spot, utilizing a tenacious press and the fine shooting of senior forward Debbie Nelson.

Coach Johnny Schaefer said his team needed this impressive win in order to get ready for the big three — Big Lake, Stanton and Eldorado. Stanton, fielding a 22-3 record, won the first half, while Big Lake was second and Eldorado placed third.

"Out last three games are our toughest. This win will definitely help," said Schaefer. As you can see, we're got a pretty tough district here.

The Queens looked tough themselves. Behind the ball-hawking of Nelson, Robin Soles and Kim Evans, and the hot shooting of Nelson, the Queens controlled the game from start to finish.

The trio, which combined for eight steals, keyed the Forsan press which caused 22 Ozona turnovers. Meanwhile Nelson had her turn-around jumper going.

Although battling foul trouble, the 5-8 Nelson hit 10 of 14 shots against the Ozona zone, finishing with a game-high 22 points.

She also got ample scoring help from Soles and Evans, who scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

"Debbie Nelson has been shooting the ball well lately," said Schaefer. "She's come a long way. Her overall game this year has improved tremendously."

"I thought the girls played good defense and shot the ball fairly well. That was the key."

Leading 5-4, Forsan made a 12-8 run in the last four minutes to take a 17-12 lead after the first quarter of play. Evans hit two three-pointers and Nelson scored eight points in the quarter.

The Queens took a 24-17 halftime lead.

Forsan built the lead up to 11 points three times in the third



FORSAN — Forsan Buffalo-Queens' Sonnett Summers (54) brings the ball downcourt against the defense of Ozona's Sharon McCrohan during second half action Friday night in H.D. Smith Gym. Setting up on offense is Forsan's Angie DeLaGarza. Forsan won the game 51-40.

quarter, and Ozona cut it to seven. The Queens took a 38-29 lead into the fourth quarter, thanks to a basket off an offensive rebound by Evans.

The Queens put the game out of reach in the first four minutes of the final quarter. Angie DeLaGarza sunk a foul shot, Nelson hit two jumpers and Soles made two free throws. The Forsan lead was insurmountable at 47-31 with 3:50 remaining.

The wins gives Forsan a 14-8 overall record. Ozona falls to 1-3 in second half play and 4-13 overall.

OZONA WINS BOYS GAME

The Ozona Lions jumped out to a 37-12 halftime lead and cruised in for a 63-37 win over the Buffaloes.

Chris Denman paced a balanced Ozona scoring attack with 14 points. David Seahorn followed with 12.

Forsan was paced by senior post player Brandy Bryan, who scored 18 points. Freshman guard Steven East scored 11 points.

FORSAN (51) — Debbie Nelson 10 2 22; Angie DeLaGarza 12 4; Kim Evans 4 0 10; Robin Soles 4 3 11; Amy Stockwell 0 0 0; Lettie Martin 0 0 0; Kendra Harrison 0 0 0; Sonnett Summers 0 0 0; Laura Robertson 2 2; 1 0 2; totals 20-50, 9-14, 51.

OZONA (40) — Sharon McCrohan 6 0 13; Lydia Pena 3 5 11; Polly Villareal 3 2 8; Anita Martinez 1 0 2; Stacy Lay 3 0 6; totals 16-37, 7-14, 40.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Forsan	17	7	14	13	51
Ozona	12	7	12	11	40

Three Pointers — Forsan (Evans 2), Ozona (McCrohan); Turnovers — Forsan 22, Ozona 22; Rebounds — Forsan 29 (Evans 6, Stockwell 5), Ozona (McCrohan 4, Pena 4, Lay 4); Steals — Forsan (Nelson 3, Evans 3, Soles 2), Ozona (Villareal 4, Martinez 3).

JV Girls — Forsan 42, Ozona 41.
JV Boys — Ozona 51, Forsan 40.

Sports Briefs

Sidewinder girls do well in meet

SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders girls gymnastics team made a good showing in a four way compulsory meet here, competing against teams from Midland, San Angelo and Abilene.

Jennifer Perez placed first in Class IV age eight and under division. In the 9-11 age group, Cathy Smith placed first, Sterling Cave, second and Tara Crabtree, fourth.

In the Class III 9-11 age group, Amy Miller led the way by finishing second. Elisa Hinojos was fourth, Amanda Reep, fifth; Teresa Lee, sixth and Claire Miller, eighth.

In the 12-14 age group, Becky Tedeso was fourth and Bobbie Jo Elliott finished fifth.

Softball meeting set for Monday

The Big Spring Softball Association will meet Monday night at 8 at Highland Lanes meeting room.

All men and women interested in forming teams for the 1988 softball season should be there. The tri-city softball tournament will be discussed and new officers will be elected.

For more information call Bill Bailey at 267-3431 or 267-3709.

Runnels makes sweep of Snyder

The Runnels boys swept games from Snyder in basketball action Thursday.

The Runnels A team defeated Snyder 61-46. Pat Chavarria led the way with 24 points. He was followed by Gerald Cobos with 20 points. Abel Hilario scored 12.

The A team is now 8-2 for the season.

The Runnels B team raised its record to 6-4 by defeating Snyder 28-24.

Nick Roberson led the scoring with 12 points. Charlie Dominguez scored six points and Kevin Rodgers grabbed 14 rebounds.

Coahoma Youth hoop results

COAHOMA — Here are the results from the Coahoma Youth Basketball League.

In girls play, the Hawks defeated the Falcons 10-9, and lost to the Blue Jays 12-8. The Queens defeated the Owls 18-9.

In boys play, the Rockets defeated the Mavericks 29-23, and the Celtics 32-17. The Spurs downed the Warriors 21-8, and lost to the Mavericks 26-25.

Tech suffers first home loss

LUBBOCK — (AP) — Sophomore guard Michael Hobbs led Baylor with 22 points as the Bears defeated Texas Tech 81-63 Saturday night in a Southwest Conference game.

After trailing by as many as 25 points, Tech rallied late in the second half to pull within 13 on a 12-foot jump shot by Wes Lowe with 3:22 remaining to make it 65-52. But the Red Raiders could get no closer for the remainder of the game.

The Bears improved to 4-3 in the SWC and 13-7 overall. Tech suffered its first home loss in nine games, falling to 3-4 and 8-10.

Jerry Mason came off the bench to lead Tech with 20 points, while Sean Gay scored 18.

Michael Williams added 21 for the Bears, while Darryl Middleton had 12.

In the first half, Baylor shooting the Red Raiders with tight man-to-man defense and 17-24 stymied.

Elway

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could lure the left-handed hitting young slugger to the friendly right field at Yankee Stadium.

The deal called for Elway to play six weeks for the Oneonta Yankees of the New York-Penn League, in the summer of 1982 and decide afterward whether he wanted to stay in baseball following graduation and the NFL draft.

Steinbrenner lost his gamble, but Elway played well enough — batting .286 — to gain bargaining power against the NFL.

Elway returned to Stanford for his final football season knowing he could still have a future in baseball if he wanted one.

NFL coaches and scouts fairly drooled when he spoke of his arm, his poise, his mobility, speed, strength and intelligence.

"I'd say that John Elway throws the ball in the Terry Bradshaw category," San Francisco Coach Bill Walsh said at the time, referring to the four-time Super Bowl winner at Pittsburgh, the player who's record Elway now wants to break.

The Baltimore Colts made Elway the No. 1 selection in the 1983 NFL draft, despite warnings from Elway that he would not sign with them.

The Elways held an unusual

news conference, hiring a hall in a San Jose hotel, to announce that John would not play for the Colts and was seriously considering a career in Yankee pinstripes. They said he had agreed in principle to a five-year contract with Steinbrenner.

It was a ploy, of course, and it worked.

Rather than get nothing for Elway, Baltimore traded rights to him to Denver for offensive lineman Chris Hinton of Northwestern — the fourth pick overall in the draft — the Bronco's 1984 first-round draft pick and quarterback Mark Herrmann.

The same day, the Broncos and Elway reached agreement on a contract that would pay Elway a signing bonus of \$1 million and base salaries over the next five years of \$600,000, \$700,000, \$800,000, \$900,000 and \$1 million.

Elway had expected some attention when he signed with Denver, but he never figured on the onslaught that hit him.

"I had a real tough time the first couple of years in Colorado because I couldn't go anywhere," Elway says. "Now I think the big difference is I realize that's the way it's going to be. And I adjusted to it and accepted it, and don't expect to go somewhere without get-

ting asked to sign this or be stared at."

His problems, though, weren't only off the field. His rookie season was an unmitigated disaster on the field.

Coach Dan Reeves made him a starter from the first game instead of seven-year veteran Steve DeBerg, and Elway felt like a lost man on the field. He wasn't ready to handle Reeves' complex offense and he was posed with defenses he had never before seen.

Reeves tried to help by sending in plays but that used up time and caused more problems. Elway suffered sacks, interceptions and other indignities.

The Broncos won their first two games with DeBerg relieving Elway in the second half, but lost

their next three despite installing a more simplified system.

After the 2-3 start, Reeves replaced Elway with DeBerg and the Broncos finished with a modest 9-7 record and elimination in the first game of the playoffs.

Reeves later acknowledged he had made a mistake putting Elway in as starter so soon. The night the season ended, Elway fled town.

All kinds of doubts had been running through Elway's mind for the first time. His brow remained unfurrowed, but he was not at ease.

"It was frustrating," he says.

"You just think, 'Am I going to be able to make it? Am I going to be able to handle everything that goes along with being a quarterback in the NFL? The only thing that answers that is time.'"

The answers are in now. Nothing, or almost nothing, in football is too difficult for him now.

His hair is still blond and floppy, his face is still boyish and he hasn't lost the sheer joy he gets from playing sports. But his experiences have reshaped Elway slightly, given him a little harder edge and made him a tougher competitor.

The traits were there from an early age, but they are on display now in the sports world's biggest spectacle.

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Borden County 46 Klondike 43

BORDEN (46) — Kate Phinizy 4 1 9; Ralynn Key 1 0 2; Kristi Adcock 1 0 2; Lisaha Sternadel 6 3 15; Elana Himes 8 0 16; Shelly Lewis 0 2 2; totals 21 6 46.
KLONDIKE (43) — Jane Webb 1 2 4; Mindy Trotter 4 5 13; Robin Roberts 1 0 3; Scherish Williams 4 3 11; Shelly Kirkland 0 8; Lynn Turner 1 2 4; totals 15 12 43.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Borden County 9 6 19 — 46
 Klondike 11 11 8 13 — 43
RECORDS — Borden County (17-4, 1-0 second half), Klondike (11-10, 0-2).
BOYS

Water Valley 48 Garden City 44

Water Valley — Ball 17, McCorkle 15, Culpepper 6.
Garden City — Jones 16, Hoelscher 10; M. Schaefer 6.
Halftime — Water Valley 34, Garden City 17.
Records — Water Valley (8-9, 1-2), Garden City (0-3).
BOYS

Klondike 69 Borden County 56

BORDEN COUNTY (56) — Shannon Bond 8 7 25; Will Phinizy 3 1 7; Kerry Fryar 4 1 9; Brian Bond 5 2 12; Jimmy Rios 0 1 1; Chris Kilmer 1 0 2; totals 21 12 56.
KLONDIKE (69) — Kirt Tidwell 5 0 13; Wes O'Brien 2 3 7; Clint Kirkland 8 2 18; Steve Cope 3 5 11; Jody Simpson 4 2 11; Corbett Foster 3 3 9; totals 25 15 69.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Borden County 12 13 15 16 — 56
 Klondike 19 17 17 16 — 69
Records — Borden County (10-11, 0-1), Klondike (16-7, 1-1).
GIRLS

Water Valley 58 Garden City 40

Water Valley — Glass 17, Elliott 17, Nefendorf 12.
Garden City — C. Scott 11, Hillger 9, Rosas 8.
Halftime — Water Valley 24, Garden City 14.
Records — Water Valley (11-9, 2-1); Garden City (7-14, 0-3).
BOYS

Stanton 33 Iraan 32

Stanton — Fryar 6, Newman 13, Elmore 10, Tom 2, Colburn 2, totals 12 9 33.
Iraan — Floyd 2, Davenport 9, Collins 6, Guyer 15, totals 14 4 32.
Halftime — Iraan 14, Stanton 12.
Records — Stanton (4-0, 22-3), Iraan (2-2, 17-7).
BOYS

Sands 64 O'Donnell 44

Sands — Martin 21, Zarate 17, Johnston 15, Rodriguez 14, Fryar 11.
O'Donnell — Ramirez 20, Furlow 13.
Halftime — Sands 31, O'Donnell 21.
Records — Sands (17-2, 2-0); O'Donnell (6-13, 0-2).
BOYS

Stanton 59 Iraan 42

Stanton — Avery 10, Hopkins 12, Franklin 6, Flores 4, Holland 6, Barnes 10, Jones 11.
Iraan — Flores 17, King 18, Graham 5, Kent 2.
Records — Stanton (4-0, 22-3), Iraan (2-2, 17-7).
BOYS

Merkel 66 Coahoma 47

Merkel — Griffin 13, Jowers 13; Hays 12, Pursley 12.
Coahoma — Hudson 14, Rowell 13.
Halftime — Merkel 34, Coahoma 17.
Records — Merkel (19-5, 1-0), Coahoma (17-10, 0-1).
BOYS

Armstrong K-O's Horned Frogs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Southern Methodist's Kato Armstrong hit the game-winning basket with five seconds remaining and added a free throw to lead the Mustangs to a 51-48 Southwest Conference victory Saturday over Texas Christian.

Texas Christian's John Lewis scored 20 points to lead the Horned Frogs to a 48-48 tie with 1:23 remaining.

Armstrong started a drive on the left side and his shot pulled the Mustangs ahead by 2 points. He then scored a free throw to end the game 51-48.

Eric Longino paced the Mustangs, who led by as many as 13 points during the first half, with 13 points.

The Horned Frogs, 7-11 overall and 1-6 in conference play, averaged 37.3 percent from the field, and 34.6 percent for the second half.

SMU, 17-4 overall and 6-2 in the conference, shot 32.8 percent from the field for the game, including 28 percent in the second half.

Armstrong's three-point was the key to the game and Lewis let him score.

"I just made a mistake and let him slide into the crease," Lewis said. "I thought immediately, after it was too late, that I probably should have just grabbed him and not let him have the basket."

TCU Coach Moe Iba agreed Armstrong's play was the key.

"We made a defensive mistake on the other end to give Kato the three-point play. We didn't help (on defense) and that was the key."

"Our defense was much better today," Iba said. "I am very proud of how our players played. They (SMU) are a pretty good ball club, but Danny (Hughes) had been sick this week (with the flu) and couldn't get any shots to go down."

SMU Coach Dave Bliss said he was just glad to get the victory.

"You have to be impressed with how hard TCU played today," Bliss said. "We just never could seem to get over the hump and put them away. TCU did a lot more right in this game than we did. The way we were shooting, it took something of a miracle for us to win it."

Grady 70 Wellman 65

Grady — Cox 27, Glaze 19.
Wellman — Timmons 42, C. Timmons 14.
Halftime — Grady 36, Wellman 33.
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Halftime — Sands 25, O'Donnell 20.
Records — Sands (10-15, 2-0); O'Donnell (13-11, 1-1).
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Coahoma — Drewery 16.
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Colorado City — Compton 10, Russell 10, Woods 10.
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Halftime — Colorado City 26, Clyde 24.
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Colorado City — Hammond 17, Redwine 10.
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Answers about UIL realignment

AUSTIN (AP) — Athletic Director Bill Farney of the University Interscholastic League says that in drawing up new districts, the UIL staff tries to make everybody happy but realizes that's impossible.

The UIL on Wednesday released district alignments for 1988-89 and 1989-90.

"We've never had one we didn't have problems with, and this one was no exception," Farney said. "When districts are released — no matter what happens — there will be some people unhappy."

Farney, who was instrumental in revising the districts, was interviewed recently about the process. Here are the questions and answers:

Q. How often does the UIL realign districts?

A. Every two years.

Q. Why two years?

A. Tradition. Also, to do it every year would be a real administrative task. And the schools themselves are satisfied with every two years. To go any longer than two years would mean that some schools might decline in population and be at a real disadvantage, or in boom times might grow so big that they would really overpower the people in their district.

Q. Who at the UIL determines which teams are in which districts?

A. The athletic staff. And, of course, as director, Dr. (Bailey) Marshall can suggest changes and make changes.

Q. Who are the main decision-makers?

A. Dr. Marshall will make the final decision but the athletic staff

— myself, Gina Mazzolini and Susan Zinn — are authorized to do it.

Q. How long does the task of realignment take?

A. We sent enrollment requests in September, and we started planning before that. After the enrollment figures — average daily membership, or ADM — started coming in, we began putting them in the computer.

Q. What dates are used for figuring enrollment?

A. We rank every school in the state based on their size according to the ADM reported the first week in October. We use the four grades in high school — 9, 10, 11 and 12. For any school that is changing conferences, either going down or coming up or who may be close to the line, we doublecheck through the superintendent's October report to the Texas Education Agency, which is used to determine state aid. We probably doublechecked 120 schools this time.

Q. If a school is close to the cutoff line, the UIL checks more than that one week's school membership?

A. If there is a conference change or they're close to the line, four weeks' membership is used.

Q. What makes it so difficult to realign districts?

A. The vastness of the state, and the fact that schools are not evenly distributed across the state — either in size or distance from each other. What further makes it difficult is in football, in 3A, 5A and 2A, if you don't have an even number in a district, you almost sentence a school to an open date — a nine-game schedule. That's an economic thing, and it's also a

Coahoma, C-City shifted

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The University Interscholastic League has made some changes since it released the realignment moves on Wednesday. One of the moves affected Crossroads Country schools Coahoma and Colorado City.

Originally the UIL had appointed Colorado City and Coahoma to District 5-3A. The Wolves and Bulldogs were scheduled to be in the football league with Lamesa, Merkel, Greenwood and Post. The Wolves and Bulldogs were to be in the basketball league with Crane, Kermit and Greenwood.

But on Thursday the UIL moved Colorado City and Coahoma to District 7-3A. The Wolves and Bulldogs will be in the football district with Abilene Wylie, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Clyde, Comanche and Merkel.

Colorado City and Coahoma will still be in the basketball district with Crane, Kermit and Greenwood.

Abilene Wylie, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Clyde, Comanche and Merkel will be in District 6-3A in basketball.

Lamesa was moved to District 3-3A with Brownfield, Denver City, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Roosevelt, Post, Seminole and Slaton.

competitive thing. But I guess the worst thing is emotion. ... We get representatives and governmental officials involved, even the governor's office.

Q. Do you consider historic rivalries in realigning districts?

A. Yes and no. We don't consider historic rivalries, but we will try to keep an old district intact.

Q. Why is there so much secrecy around releasing the districts?

A. Everybody wants to know where they're going to be so they can schedule their non-district

games. If they get a jump on somebody, they've got the advantage of contacting somebody first. Right now, you don't know if you're going east, west, north or south. So you can't go east and talk to a school and say, 'Hey, I'd like to play you,' because you may be in their district. That's the No. 1 thing. We're very conscientious about it. Prior to the release, there may be changes up to the last day.

Q. Can schools appeal?

A. There is no appeal for the conference you're assigned in — 4A,

5A, whatever — unless there has been an obvious error. If the staff has made a mistake, we have the authority to rectify the error at once. If someone just does not like the schools they're with in a district and wants to go another way, there are options. If they can get unanimous consent of the schools they have been assigned to and unanimous consent of the ones they want to go to, we will allow them to make the change. We've had that happen. Also, schools can appeal to a board composed generally of the legislative council athletic committee members.

Q. Superintendents?

A. Superintendents or principals — five members with an alternate in the event there is an appeal from somebody in an area where one of those five members could have a vested interest. If that appeal is not satisfied, the schools can come back to the state executive committee.

Q. To summarize, if there is a mistake, that can be changed immediately by the UIL staff? If there is no mistake, they can go to the five-member board? And if the board doesn't satisfy the school, it can go to the UIL state executive committee?

A. Right.

Q. Beyond that?

A. Litigation.

Q. Has anybody ever gone to court over district realignments?

A. We've had some threaten to go to court. I think they've been advised by their attorneys that it would be counterproductive. Schools have chosen to sign up and abide by the (UIL) rules, so they've had

their day in court, so to speak, with two levels of appeals.

Q. Have UIL decisions on districts been overturned by the board or executive committee?

A. We've had some decisions overturned by the board.

Q. But you feel the process has stood test of time?

A. Yes. I don't think there is anyone that questions himself more about our processes than I do, because nothing is sacred. We're always looking for better ways. What concerns me most are the tremendous distances some people must travel to play. We've been able to alleviate some of that by putting people in different football and basketball districts.

Q. If a school falls below a conference cutoff line, can it stay in a higher conference?

A. Yes, there is precedent if there is extreme travel involved.

Q. Can a school with a larger enrollment play in a lower conference?

A. The U.S. mail does not have enough trucks to deliver the requests if we were to allow that to happen, because there would be a distinct advantage (for larger schools). Even within a conference, say 3A, what do you do about a school with 276 students playing someone with 710 students? What can you do to alleviate the disparity? It seems the only solution is a conference within a conference, but then the travel mileage could get pretty big.

Q. Some of the realignment problems have no solutions?

A. There are problems to which there are no solutions.

Tar Heels squeak by Georgia Tech, 73-71

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Jeff Lebo scored North Carolina's last 15 points with five 3-point field goals, leading the third-ranked Tar Heels past Georgia Tech 73-71 in an Atlantic Coast Conference game Saturday.

College Hoops

The Tar Heels, 15-3 overall and 4-2 in the league, held a six-point

halftime lead behind J.R. Reid's 15 points.

But the Yellow Jackets collapsed a 2-3 zone around Reid much of the second half, and he hit only two more baskets.

Georgia Tech, 14-5 and 2-3, used North Carolina's inability to get the ball to Reid and the Tar Heels' cold shooting to take a 64-58 lead — its biggest of the game — with 4:22 remaining.

Oklahoma 96, Iowa State 91
AMES, Iowa (AP) — Stacey King scored a career-high 36 points

and grabbed 21 rebounds to lead 10th-ranked Oklahoma to a come-from-behind 96-91 victory over No. 12 Iowa State in a Big Eight Conference game Saturday.

Oklahoma, which overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half, never trailed after Ricky Grace's 3-pointer gave the Sooners an 81-78 lead with 8:51 left.

New Mexico 70, Texas-El Paso 69
EL PASO (AP) — Darrell McGee hit a tie-breaking 15-foot jumper with 12 seconds remaining to lift New Mexico to a 70-69 victory

over 18th-ranked Texas-El Paso in a Western Athletic Conference game Saturday.

McGee's basket broke a 68-68 tie. UTEP's Antonio Davis had a chance to tie the game with two free throws when he was fouled in the act of shooting by Jimmy Rogers with two seconds left. Davis made the first foul shot, but missed the second.

The victory was the Lobos' first in El Paso in nine seasons. New Mexico improved to 16-6 overall and 4-3 in the WAC, while UTEP

dropped to 17-4 and 6-2.

Vanderbilt 92, Florida 65
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Will Perdue scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Vanderbilt hit all 23 of its free throws as the Commodores routed No. 14 Florida 92-65 Saturday in a Southeast Conference game.

The victory was the second straight over a Top 20 team and the third this season for the Commodores, who beat No. 9 Kentucky Wednesday night at home and defeated then-No. 1 North Carolina

at Memorial Gym in December. Pittsburgh 73, Boston College 67
BOSTON (AP) — Charles Smith scored 25 points and helped Pittsburgh build a 17-point second-half lead as the 11th-ranked Panthers beat Boston College 73-67 in a Big East game Saturday night.

Dana Barros' basket brought the Eagles to within 65-62 with 1:58 remaining but Smith's layup triggered an 8-2 run before Jamie Benton hit on a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Pitt improved to 15-2 overall and 5-1 in the Big East.

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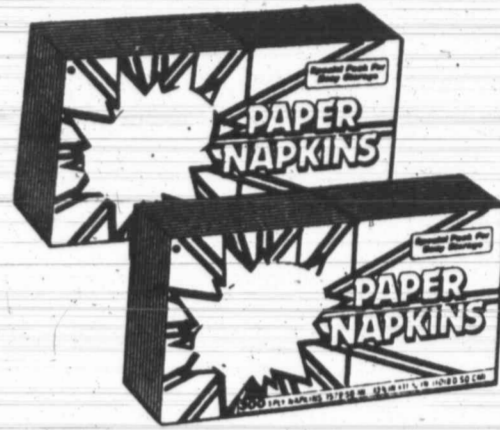
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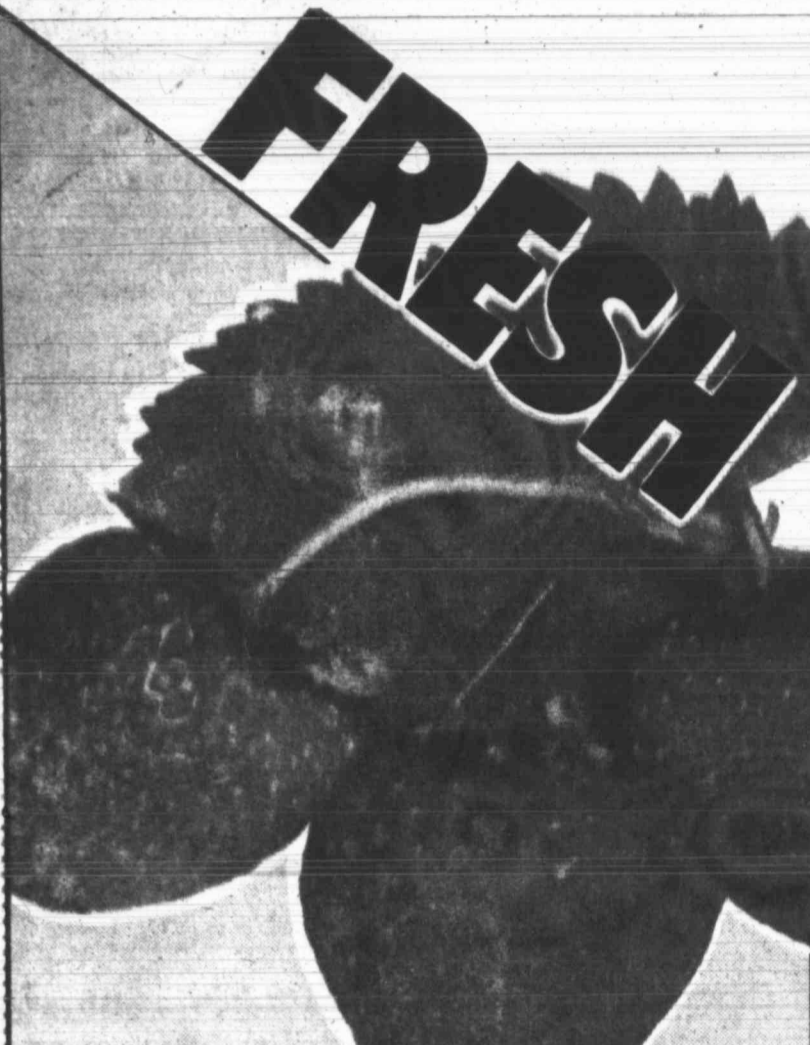
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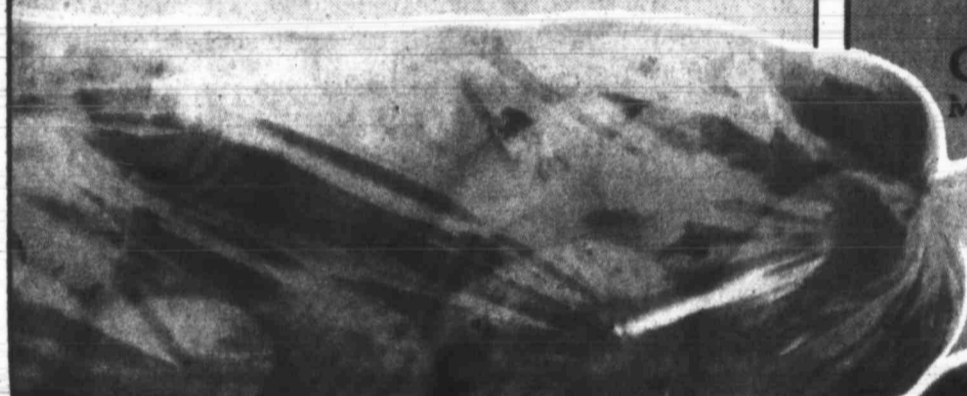
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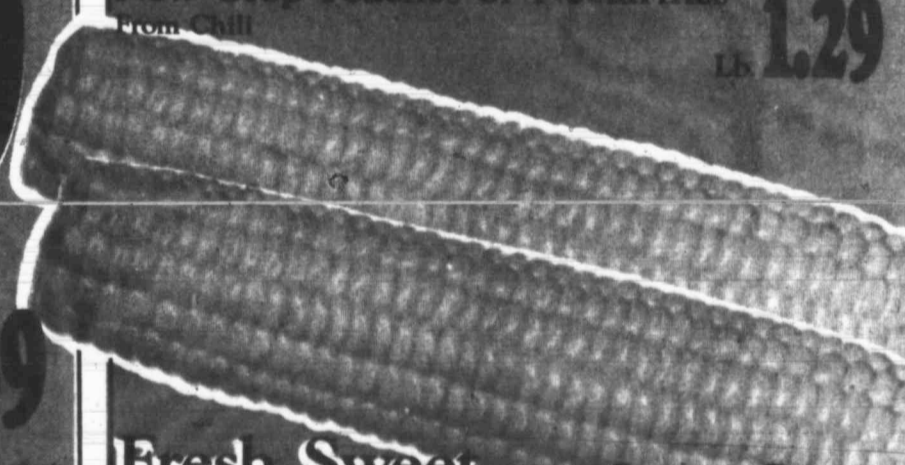
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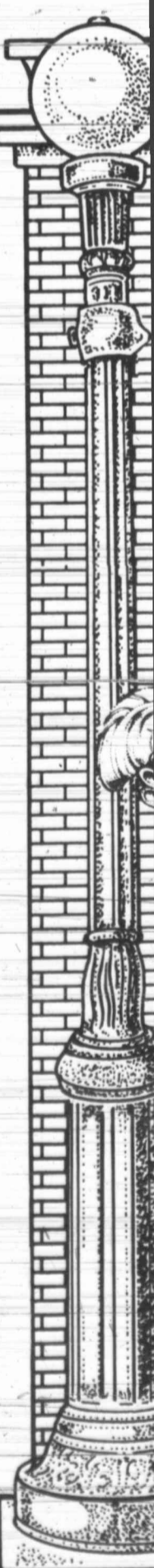
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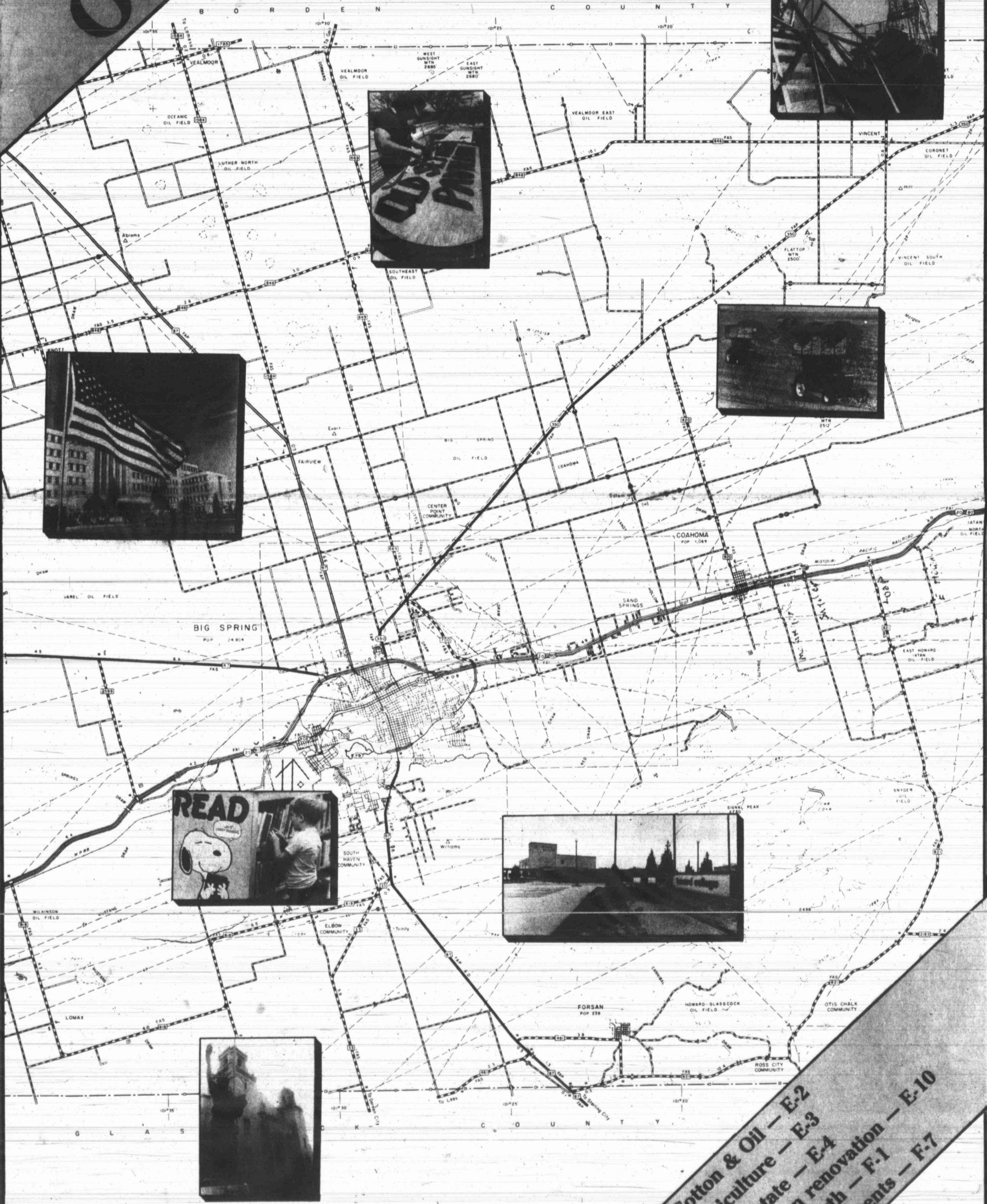
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Cotton farmers happy, but oil market still shaky

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Last year will be remembered with fondness by cotton growers, and with mixed emotions by oil producers.

Area cotton farmers shrugged off a seven-year slump with the most profitable harvest of the decade, while the petroleum business continued to struggle with sluggish oil and natural gas prices.

Howard County's two biggest industries — oil production and cotton farming — have had a string of bad years that would rival the Rice Owls' football team.

The good times have yet to return to the oil patch but, for this year at least, county cotton farmers are smiling.

The consensus among experts is that last year was the best for farmers since 1979. Rick Lyles, manager of the local Agricultural Soil Conservation Service, estimates that 80,000 bales will be produced before ginning is completed.

If accurate, as much as \$20 million could be generated by the area cotton crop, Lyles estimated.

His sentiments were echoed by Bill Fryrear, director of the Agricultural Research Station north of Big Spring, who said production could go as high as 100,000 bales.

Compounding impact of the substantial harvest are product prices consistently 20 cents-per-pound higher than 1986. These two factors combined to make for an outstanding crop, Fryrear said.

As encouraging as 1987 figures are, factors beyond the control of the farmer preclude experts from forecasting any future trends in cotton production.

Cotton farmers, explained Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson, are at the mercy of both the weather and the market. For cotton farmers to have a good year, the weather must be good and the cotton price must be high.

Richardson said too much rain and cool temperatures



Cotton farmers enjoyed an abundant year in 1987 in both good weather yielding large crops, and a price increase, but the county's oil industry is still walking a tightrope.

decimated 1986's crop. In 1981 the opposite happened.

"It was a good production year, but we gave all the cotton away," Richardson said.

The oil industry, devastated by plummeting oil and natural gas prices in 1985 and 1986, saw prices rebound gradually last year. Production, however, remained sluggish.

Harry Spannaus, the executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said that 1987 was "disastrous" for the petroleum industry.

"We had expectations for modest growth (last year)," Spannaus said. "Overall, the results did not stimulate growth or recovery as we had forecast."

"Although prices improved from 1986 as well as the rig count, investment is still almost nonexistent," he continued. "Further investment has not improved to where a general recovery has developed."

Oil prices and the rig count improved slightly during the year. In January of 1987, the price of crude oil was \$14.95 a barrel and

the rig count stood at 130. This compares to a \$16.50 price and a rig count in excess of 200 in December.

Spannaus said, however, that the count has decreased during the first two weeks of 1988 to 160, while prices have remained in the \$16.50 range.

Three factors contributed to the woes of oil producers, he said:

- Continuing instability of OPEC prices and production controls;
- Lack of support of the in-

dustry by the federal government; and

• "What appear to be fraudulent practices by the mercantile exchanges" that affect prices, but have no bearing on actual production and purchasing of new crude oil.

One key to spurring a recovery in the business would be the repeal of the windfall profit tax, which Spannaus described as "unconstitutional."

"It would be a gradual improvement," he said. "But it would be the best stimulant at

first to entice investors."

The irony of the tax, as far as 1987 was concerned, was that the producers were not making any profits to pay windfall taxes on, Spannaus said.

"It cost \$15 million last year to administer the tax, but they didn't collect any," he said.

Another stumbling block to oil field recovery, he added, is the lack of tax incentives for the high-risk field, missing since last year's tax reform eliminated tax write-offs for operating expenses.

"At this time, I couldn't encourage outside investors to invest (in oil and gas exploration) if the tax advantages aren't restored," Spannaus said.

In Howard County, drilling activity is sluggish.

Wade Choate, director of Choate Company, said most of the activity now in Howard County is in-field drilling on already established rigs.

"It pretty well dismantled any new drilling, and we've lost a lot of people from the community. We've lost people and we've lost dollars," Choate said.

An executive for a local drilling firm, who asked not to be identified, said activity at his company was slow, and would remain so until prices for oil and natural gas increase.

"Things are slow around here," he said. "We have only one rig — out of five — that's drilling now."

He estimated that it would take a jump in oil and gas prices in the \$18 to \$20 range to see an increase in drilling activity, and a move into the \$22 to \$24 range in prices to "really get things jumping again."

He agreed with Spannaus that the windfall profit tax should be repealed, and added that producers wouldn't mind paying the tax so much if profits were better.

"People would love to pay the tax, if the price was a lot better," he noted.

Former staff writer Eddie Curran contributed to this report.



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Oil demand rises, production falls

By ANDREW MANGAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Petroleum Institute earlier this month released year-end figures showing a marked increase in domestic demand for petroleum products in 1987 coupled with decreasing U.S. production and greater imports.

The figures reflect a continued trend in the petroleum market since the dramatic slide in oil prices in 1986, said Edward H. Murphy, API's director of finance, accounting and statistics.

While lower oil prices provide a short-term favorable impact on consumers, they have spurred greater consumption that is leading toward higher prices and dependence on foreign oil, Murphy said.

"Some analysts believed that the changes in 1986 were an aberration brought about by the chaos in the petroleum markets," Murphy said. "However, the data we're releasing today indicate that, despite a mild recovery in crude oil prices, the average price paid for crude oil increased around \$3 per barrel in 1987.

"This pattern of steadily rising demand, decreasing U.S. production and increasing imports continued in 1987," he said.

U.S. crude production in 1987 dipped to its lowest level in a decade at 8.3 million barrels per day, 4.5 percent less than the 8.7 million barrels per day produced in 1986 and the lowest level of production since 1977, API's Monthly Statistical Report said.

Total petroleum imports — crude oil plus petroleum products — increased by 5.3 percent, or an estimated

6.5 million barrels per day, compared to 6.2 million barrels per day in 1986, for the highest annual rise since 1980.

"As a result of the 400,000 barrels per day decline in U.S. production and the 300,000 barrels per day increase in U.S. consumption of petroleum, imports ... now constitute almost 40 percent of U.S. consumption," Murphy said.

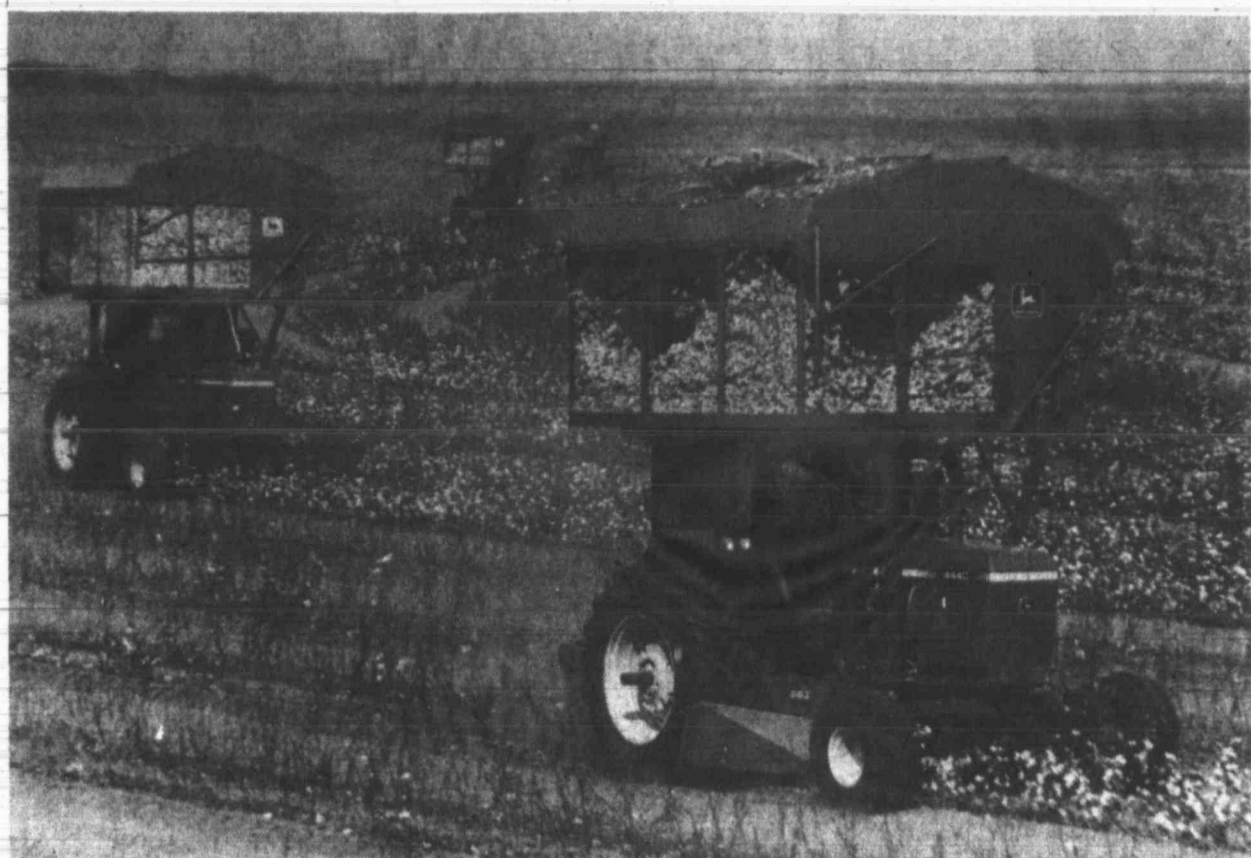
Meanwhile, domestic exploration continued to decline, falling an additional 10.1 percent from 1986 to 34,926 drilled oil and gas wells and dry holes. This represents a 50.7 percent decrease from 1985 drilling, a year in which 70,805 wells were sunk.

"Perhaps the greatest concern is the continued depression in the exploration and production sector," Murphy said. "After peaking at an annual rate of over 91,000 in 1981, the estimated number of wells drilled in search of oil and gas continued to decline last year to less than 35,000."

Low oil prices helped bring about a general decline in energy costs across the board, which in turn contributed to an estimated 2.5 percent increase in energy demand in the United States, he said.

Gasoline prices at year-end were running about 13 cents per gallon higher than a year earlier, in response to higher crude oil costs, API reported. But for all of 1987, they averaged only about 2 cents above those of 1986 — a gain entirely eliminated by inflation.

As consumption rises and excess world production decreases, the United States moves ever closer to a tightened petroleum market in the future, Murphy said.



Howard County cotton farmers bale cotton while the sun shines — and the weather stays dry. Extension service officials are predicting more sunshine and good prices in 1988.

Extension officer says farmers should turn a profit again in 1988

By BILL BRADEN
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Texas Extension Service

1987 was a banner year for the production of many agricultural commodities in Texas despite some extremes in the weather. As far as 1988 is concerned, farmers and ranchers, in general, should fare well once again, barring extreme weather conditions and other factors that could jeopardize both production and market prices.

D. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service noted that an expansion in meat supplies could keep the lid on consumer prices as well as returns to producers. But generally tight supplies of most other commodities as well as improving export markets bode well for farmers in 1988.

Lower prices for pork, poultry and cotton will likely be offset by slightly higher prices for beef, wheat, soybeans, corn and rice. Farm exports should increase some due to competitive prices, and the weak dollar abroad also should make U.S. farm commodities more attractive pricewise and lead to additional sales.

Production costs should remain fairly stable, with perhaps a slight increase, and government payments in commodity programs will likely be slightly less than in 1987 due to federal budget reductions.

The decline in farmland prices should slow in 1988. In fact, prices may even turn slightly higher in the top dryland farming and ranching regions.

1987 began on a good note as winter conditions were generally mild. However, a late spring freeze devastated fruit and berry crops and also damaged the state's pecan and wheat crops. Wheat losses averaged 30 to 40 percent in some locations.

Dry weather blanketed much of the state in April and early May and then the rains came — heavy rains that brought on flooding in some locations. But the late May and June rains also gave a boost to young crops and pastures and ranges that sustained plant growth through most of the summer.

Farmers and ranchers again had to contend with dry weather in the fall. That allowed for excellent harvest conditions, but soil moisture was too short for small grain planting. Many small grains weren't planted until late October

and early November, and thus got off to a slow start.

Mild weather prevailed through the fall until a cold front brought more than a foot of snow to some western areas about mid-December. Soil moisture remained short over parts of southern and western Texas as 1987 drew to a close.

Despite the vagaries of the weather, many farmers got excellent yields from crops to boost profits, Carpenter noted. Record cotton yields helped crop profits. Market prices for some commodities were fairly good due to tighter supplies brought on by increased exports of about 15 percent over 1986.

Commodity prices

Most livestock prices averaged higher in 1987 than the previous year, Carpenter said. Feeder prices remained strong throughout the year, and favorable slaughter prices and low grain prices boosted profits from livestock.

Beef cattle prices averaged \$61.98 per hundredweight com-

"Cash receipts from agricultural production should total about \$10 billion for 1987, up about one-and-a-half billion dollars from 1986." — D. Zerle L. Carpenter

pared to \$53.32 in 1986. Calves averaged \$76.40 per hundredweight compared to \$59.63 the year before. Hog prices averaged \$50.26 per 100 pounds compared to \$49.17, while sheep averaged \$33.09 per hundredweight in '87 compared to the '86 average of \$27.63.

Lambs averaged \$83.98 in '87 and \$71.56 in '86. Wool prices were up 16 cents at 98.6 cents per pound while mohair prices increased slightly to just over 3 cents per pound. Broiler prices, however, dropped more than 6 cents per pound in '87 due to large supplies.

On the crop front, cotton was the kingpin in 1987 with its record-setting average of more than 490 pounds per acre. A lot of dryland cotton in the plains and western areas averaged one to one-and-a-half bales per acre. Cotton sold for more than 60 cents a pound at times, while averaging 54 cents compared to about 49 cents in 1986.

However, most crop prices for 1987 averaged lower (1986 prices in

parentheses): corn, \$1.91 per bushel, (\$2.34); wheat, \$2.34 per bushel, (\$2.51); grain sorghum, \$2.82 per bushel, (\$3.43); peanuts, 26.5 cents per pound, (27.2 cents); rice, \$4.08 per 100 pounds, (\$5.36); and soybeans, \$4.74 per bushel (\$4.66).

Total receipts up

Cash receipts from agricultural production should total about \$10 billion for 1987, up about one-and-a-half billion dollars from 1986, Carpenter estimated. That total would put cash receipts back at the level they were two years ago.

So, essentially, farmers and ranchers were able to recoup some of the losses they experienced in 1986. Cash receipts from livestock should surpass \$6 billion for 1987 while crop receipts should exceed \$3.6 billion.

Adding significantly to the state's agricultural receipts was the citrus crop. Grapefruit and orange production continued to increase following the devastating freeze of 1983. The 1987 crop was estimated at more than 60 percent above 1986 production.

The Texas Christmas tree industry did a booming business in 1987 with sales of about half a million trees totaling an estimated \$8 million.

Another bumper hay crop was harvested in many areas in 1987 following an excellent harvest the year before. Many producers harvested three cuttings; however, dry conditions limited hay making in some southern counties. Hay supplies generally were abundant over most of the state. So, combined with considerable carryover from the previous year due to the mild winter, hay feeding started early this past fall as dry weather reduced grazing and delayed small grain plantings.

Farmers and ranchers will continue to spend less on inputs in the year ahead as they continue to be more frugal in their spending habits due to recent economic conditions. Most are continuing to "make do with what they have" in the way of equipment and machinery, Carpenter said.

Many are paying off debts as fast as they can to keep interest costs down — and borrowing is declining as cash flows improve.

An attitude of less spending is pervasive throughout the agricultural communities of the nation, and that is a major factor in the improved financial condition of many farmers and ranchers.

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Cogeneration

All systems 'go' for new plant

By SARAH LUMÁN
Staff Writer

Cogeneration is an old idea — but in the past year in Big Spring it has grown from an idea and an unprepared construction site to a working power plant.

According to Dub Slaid of Falcon Seaboard Oil Company, whose wholly-owned subsidiary Power Resources owns and operates the C.L. Wing Cogeneration Plant in Big Spring, the plant will be ready for full commercial operation in late February or early March.

"Hawker Siddely Construction has the turnkey contract for constructing the plant," Slaid said. "The work actually began with demolition and site preparation in January 1987. It has gone according to our schedule, and we've encountered no major setbacks that would delay or in any way endanger the project."

In fact, he said, the simple cycle (gas turbine only) operations began producing power at the site in July. All the major pieces of equipment for the plant are in place, including a mammoth steam turbine recently trucked through Big Spring, Slaid said.

"We're going to begin full commercial operation in late February or in early March," he said. "What remains to be done is the interconnection and interfacing of our plant facilities to

the refinery plant facilities at the Cosden refinery."

The cogeneration plant is located on the Cosden property, now operated by American PetroFina Oil and Chemical. Fina officials Bob Johnston, refinery manager, Technical Manager Bob Anderson and Project Engineering Manager E.H. Boullioun Jr. have been helpful in coordinating the cogeneration plant's operations with the Fina plant's needs, Slaid said.

The location and the immediate market for high-pressure steam provided by the refinery, he said, was an advantage Big Spring offered over other possible sites for the cogeneration plant.

Another was the community itself, he said. "We liked the community; we liked the host facility; and we felt we could make a contribution to Big Spring."

"We're looking forward to a long and beneficial association with Big Spring," he said. "We want to be good citizens in the area, and we feel the area has welcomed us."

A major concern in choosing a site for the cogeneration plant was the availability of good water — a scarce commodity in West Texas, Slaid noted.

"We have been very pleased with the

assistance and the consultation help we've had from the Colorado River Municipal Water District," he said, "especially Mr. Ivie and Mr. Lewis."

Owen Ivie is the water district general manager; Rodney Lewis is his assistant.

While cogeneration is not in the same high-tech echelon as nuclear power, he said, it is a high-tech energy producer, primarily because of its extraordinary efficiency.

In cogeneration, he explained, a single source of fuel is used to produce two kinds of energy. The C.L. Wing plant will produce electricity for wholesale marketing to Texas Electric Services Company and will produce high-pressure steam for sale to the Fina refinery.

"That's why we're a high-tech process," he said. "We're a very high-efficiency energy producer, and we use some very sophisticated technology in our treatment of water for the high-pressure steam we produce."

He said the cogeneration plant built its own water treatment facility to provide the water for high-pressure steam production because that water must be more extensively purified than the water commonly sold as distilled water.

All 28 permanent employees of the cogeneration plant have been hired and trained, he said.

Realtors pleased by market's stability

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

It's said that figures don't lie — and the figures from the Big Spring Board of Realtors show stability among the real estate listings and sales of the past three years.

According to the board's outgoing president, Doris Milstead, similarities in listings between 1986 and 1987 are unusually close.

"In our multiple-listing books — and these figures are not just the number of homes for sale, but the number of commercial listings, lots and land and everything," she said, "in 1985, for example, there were 405 active listings as of December."

"In December 1986 there were 425 active listings — but looking at the numbers between '86 and '87, it's amazing how close they are. In December 1987 there were 439 active listings."

Milstead said those figures indicate a relatively stable real estate market.

Incoming board president Kay Moore explained that while the average selling price has declined about seven per cent this year, the time a property remains on the market has reduced.

"People will say nothing is selling, but just this week we've had five properties close and seven more go under contract," said Milstead.

Figures indicating that the average sale price of a property in 1985 was \$49,049 and that the board sold 262 properties that year, compared with a 1986 average selling price of \$45,328 and total sales of 227 properties.

For 1987, the average selling price was \$42,444 and 230 properties were sold.

Moore, Milstead and board members Lila Estes and Katie Grimes agreed that the figures indicate a leveling of the real estate

picture in the area.

"I think our outlook is a good one," Grimes said. "I believe we've seen the worst (of the economic picture) and now we're going back up."

Estes said she felt the real estate market depended upon the overall Southwestern economic picture. "If the price of oil recovers, we'll see more sales too," she said. "If it doesn't, we won't. But it seems to me that we are in a better market situation than people might have realized."

Moore agreed with that observation: "People ask us how the market is, and we say, 'It's not that bad.'"

"They seem to think we're being too optimistic, glossing things over, but really the market is not that bad. It is a steady market, and it has been a stable market for some time now."

Milstead said she felt the realtors active in the board are optimistic in their outlook. "When the oil money comes back — and it will — then we'll see an increase in our business, too. I'm optimistic about the coming year, and about the longer term, too."

Grimes and Moore said the market's stability resulted, in part, from a lack of overbuilding during the boom years — the sort of overbuilding that created development nightmares and foreclosure and repossession problems for Austin, Dallas and Houston — and from a lack of speculative building.

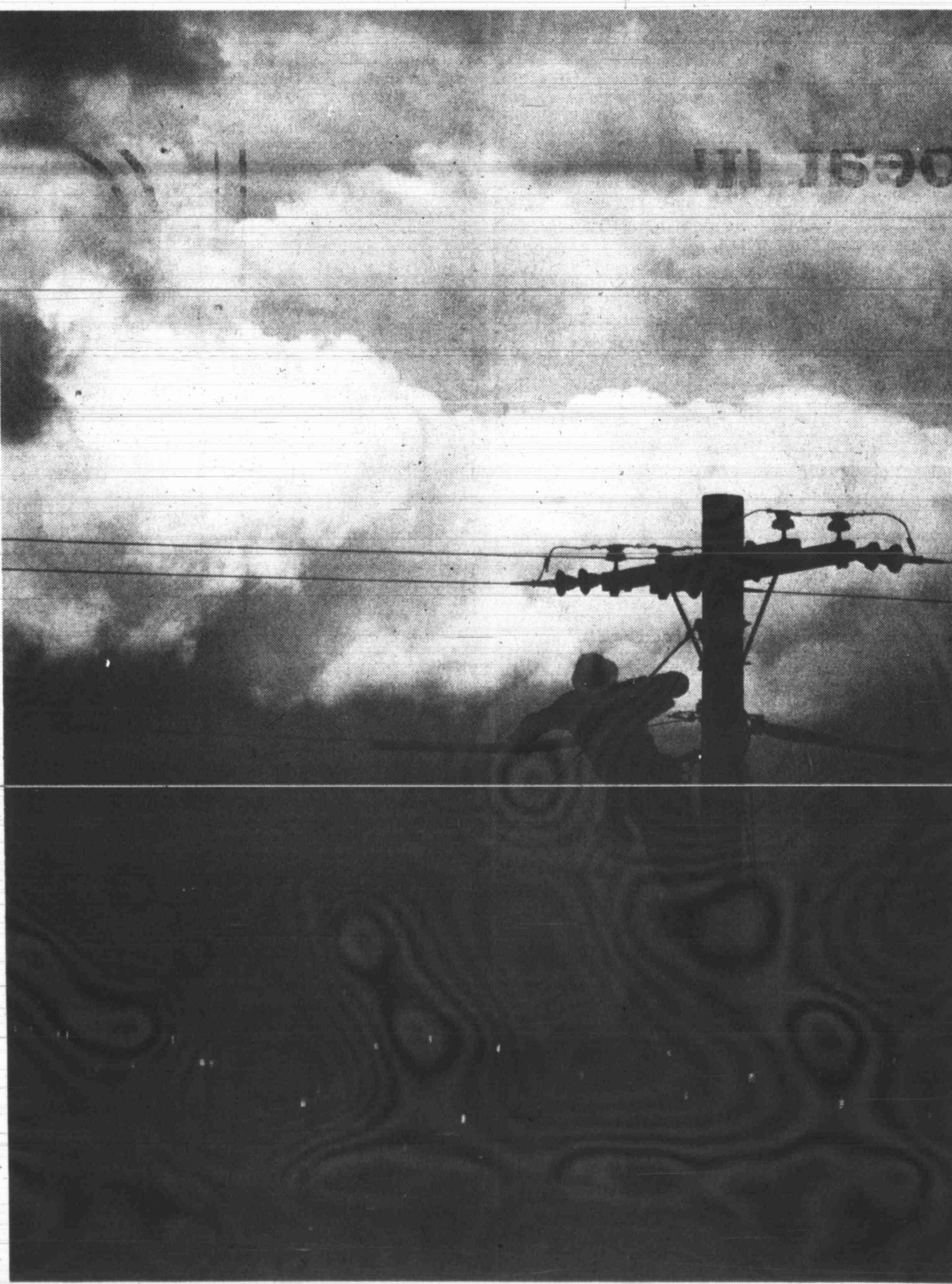
"Spec building," Moore explained, "means a contractor comes in and builds a house on speculation, planning on selling it after it's been built."

"Almost all the construction here is custom building — in other words, the contractor's building the house for a customer to whom he already has it sold."

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Oil optimism only long-range

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

According to two local oilmen — one strictly a production specialist and the other involved in drilling and production — the outlook for the area's oil economy, at least in the short term, is not brightening rapidly.

Mike Robinson, of Robinson Drilling at 607 Main St., sees a combination of world forces that will inevitably produce a brighter outlook in the long run. But for the short term, he agrees with Dave Duncan, of Duncan Drilling in Highland South Shopping Center.

Both say the short run outlook will remain basically steady throughout 1988, possibly suffer minor ups and downs — but not improve dramatically.

"For the Permian Basin," Duncan said, "It doesn't look all that good yet."

"Prices are still too low, and I don't see them rising, for the next year or two, anyway," he said. "It's pretty much going to stay the way it's been, barring any big war in the Middle East."

"There's too much oil there and not enough here," he said. His company divested itself of oil rigs and drilling equipment in the mid 1970s to concentrate its efforts solely in the production areas, he said.

"We drilled some holes this year, but they were all contracted out," he said, noting that the contracts for 1987 were for more wells than his company had drilled in 1986. He said he felt the 1988 contracts would also be for more exploratory wells than 1986.

But Robinson, whose company still drills oil wells, said the short-range picture, at

least for the next two to three years, will remain about the same as the past two years.

"In the long run, though, I think there are several factors that will work to benefit our economy, locally," he said. "Not the U.S. as a whole, but the West Texas area."

He cited four factors as factors in the long-range outlook:

- The gradual but steady decline of oil production from existing wells;

"We are making a profit right now though in many, many cases now that profit is very marginal. But as long as they (the Arab-OPEC bloc) are willing to sell their oil for \$18 a barrel, we can survive. We can make enough to keep us going." — Mike Robinson

- The slow increase in oil consumption rates;
- The worldwide decline of the dollar; and,
- The eventual cessation of the war between Iraq and Iran.

He said the decline in production from U.S. wells, while plotted on a logarithmic chart that would never bottom out entirely, would continue steadily.

"In five years, say, you might have half the production from a given field that you have from it now," he said.

Because of that, oil imports are projected

to increase, he said, to meet the gradual but steady increase in demand. Those imports are now priced at about \$18 per barrel, he said.

But with the falling dollar, which he said he thought would continue at low levels, the \$18 received for each barrel of oil will buy less merchandise for its exporters.

He said he felt that the fourth factor in the world outlook for oil is the continuing Middle East war. If that war ends, he said, the demand for weapons and war materials will stop with it.

Robinson said he felt that demand for weapons and war supplies had fueled the oil oversupply from Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait which led to the disastrous — from a West Texas viewpoint — crash in oil prices in early 1986.

The falling dollar, he said, will also make it more difficult for the U.S. to continue importing goods.

He said imports will become more expensive regardless of the material. In the long run, he said, that will work to the advantage of West Texas oil producers.

"We are making a profit right now," he said, "though in many, many cases now that profit is very marginal. But as long as they (the Arab-OPEC bloc) are willing to sell their oil for \$18 a barrel, we can survive. We can make enough to keep us going."

A day will come when the world price increases, he said.

Until then, while West Texas' outlook remains steady, if not slightly downbeat, the important thing is to stay in business — to be there when the forecast improves.



An oil well worker stands in the door of a trailer while observing a drill at work. Two local oilmen say the future may hold better days for the West Texas oil industry.

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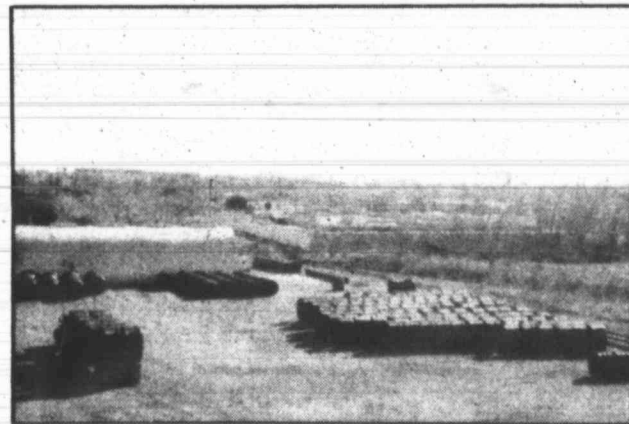
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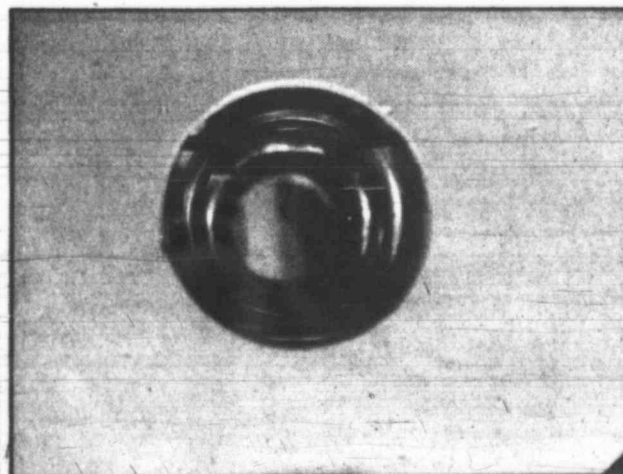
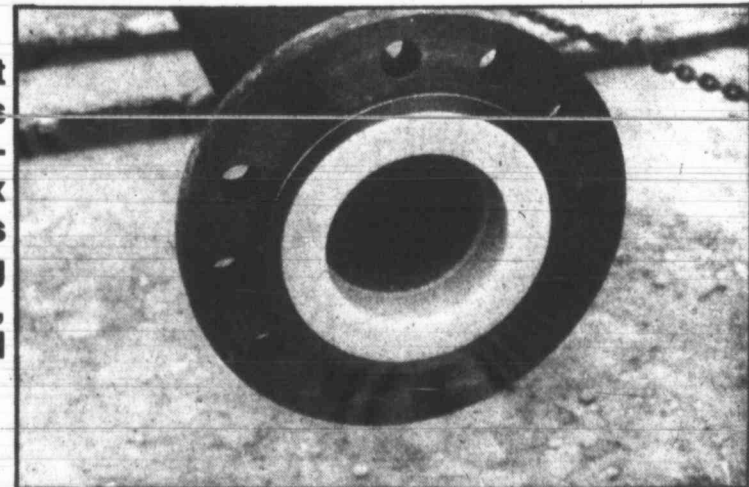


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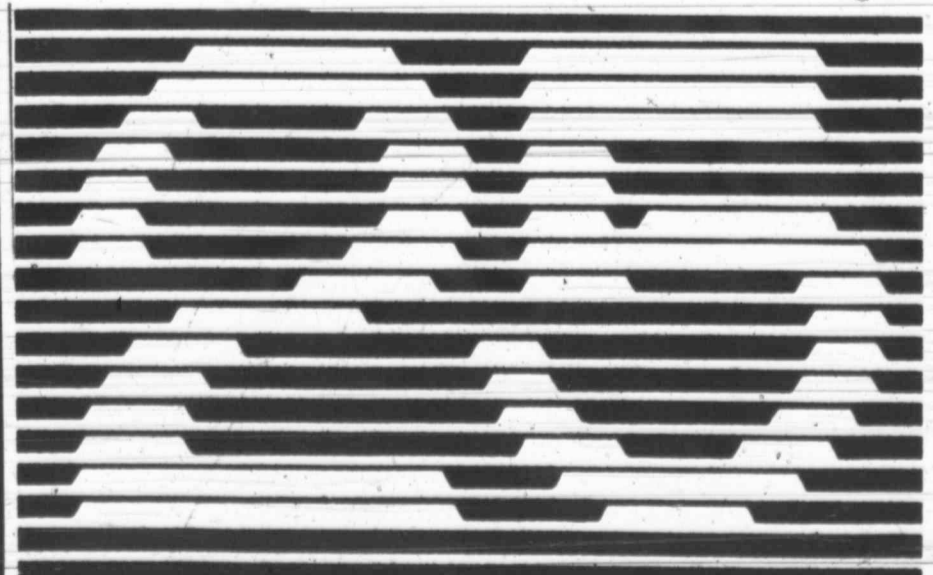
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Cost reduction priority at Fina plant

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Fina Oil and Chemical Company's refinery turnaround is proceeding smoothly and on schedule, according to refinery Manager Bob Johnston. That project is part of the company's thrust for 1988 — cost reduction.

"We reduced our operating costs about \$4.9 million from 1986 in 1987," Johnston said. "We are pleased with that, but we're not down to where we want to go."

"In 1987 we reduced our energy consumption and we reduced our maintenance costs. We also reduced our chemical costs and our catalyst costs."

"Overall we reduced the total operating costs of the refinery," he said. "We are working to continue to reduce those costs. To that end, we are installing some equipment, or energy conserving devices, to help further reduce our costs."

Among the alterations are a revamping of the propane desasphalter energy recovery equipment, new FCCU regenerator cyclones, new insulation on the facility's asphalt storage tanks and new cutpoint controls for the crude unit.

The refinery's 1988 construction and development projects also include reworking the alky feed system, adding combustion controls to the crude and reformer heaters, and installing internal floating roofs in four tanks on the site.

Reworking of the latex asphalt loading system and installation of an FCCU centrifugal wet gas compressor are also scheduled for 1988.

"We have set our major goals to continue reducing our operating costs," Johnston said. He estimated the reduction in 1987, when compared with 1986 costs, at eight and one-half percent.

The turnaround, Johnston said,



The Fina Oil and Chemical refinery has been undergoing a thorough maintenance and overhaul to help cut costs by millions in 1988.

has not resulted in the discovery of major unexpected repairs or replacements of equipment. The anticipated date for completion of the overhaul — the turnaround involves shutting the refinery equipment down for complete inspection, maintenance and repairs — is Thursday.

Inclement weather had no adverse effect on the early stages of the turnaround, Johnston said.

"It's going as we planned, and I think the weather has been very helpful," Johnston said. "During the first week, when we had the ice and snow, we were busy just shutting down equipment, so that did not affect us."

Inspections were the first order

of business during the turnaround; work orders were drawn for each repair and approved repairs were carried out during the maintenance and overhaul procedures, he said.

"We look at everything," said Johnston. "Our inspection division reviews every piece of equipment in the refinery. We make needed repairs, and study every recommendation to repair an item."

"If we need the repair we make it, but some recommendations are for repairs which we do not need, and those are not approved," he said. "We won't do this (turnaround) again for another three years."

He said an evaluation of the total

turnaround, the first complete shutdown for inspection and maintenance/repair in the history of this plant, will follow completion of the operation.

"We're certainly going to evaluate the effectiveness of this downtime," he said. "I think it does improve the efficiency of the repair operation, to be able to have all our personnel working on the turnaround."

"We will look at that in the post-audit, we call it, and we will look at any problems we had at that time."

He said Fina Oil and Chemical is expecting another good year of operation at the Big Spring refinery and has set its goal to reduce operating costs.



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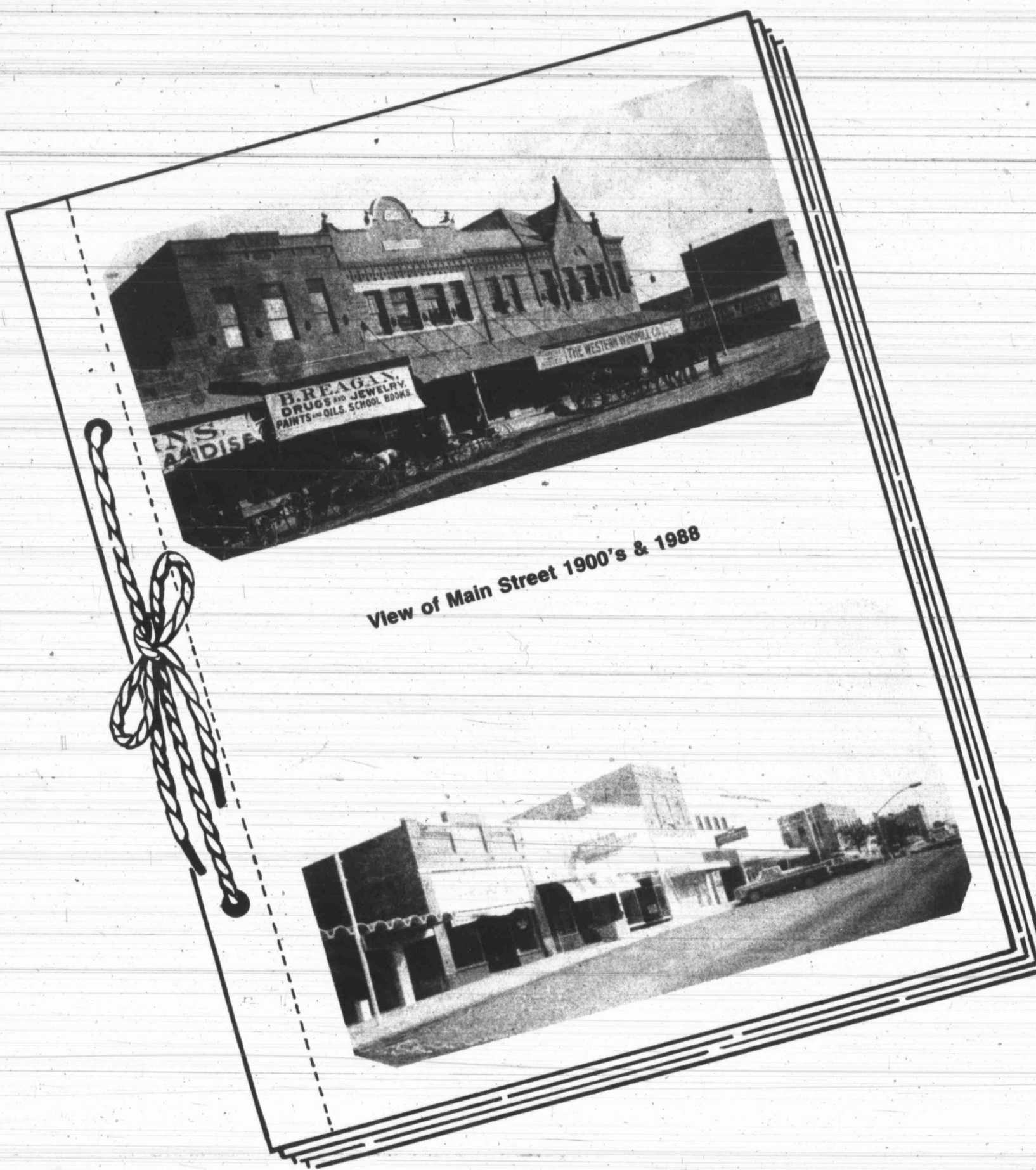
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Renovation plans will update downtown look

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The downtown area will have a significant facelift in 1988 if plans go well, according to Downtown Coordinator Teri Quinones.

Tentative plans call for the construction of a railroad plaza on Main Street and renovation of several downtown buildings, she revealed recently.

The proposed railroad plaza is the major project for this year, she said.

A designer — one of two on the original downtown master plan — has been hired to do preliminary drawings of the project, which call for the placing of a railroad car in the middle of Main Street between First and Second Streets.

The reasoning behind the placement, she said, "... is to create visual impact, so people will look and say, 'What's going on down there?' We hope it will bring people down to Main Street."

City Council has given unofficial and conditional approval to the proposal, Quinones noted. The conditions for placing the car at the site are: Assurances that two-way traffic will be maintained; and an agreement with the Texas and Pacific Credit Union for the loss of their front-door parking.

After council approval is granted, Quinones will busy herself with locating and acquiring the necessary railroad cars. Planners are on a waiting list for the caboose, and she soon will contact Amtrak about the possibility of getting the coach cars.

"We're hoping that the railroad companies will donate the cars to us," she said. "The cars themselves will be relatively inexpensive. The major expense will be incurred transporting them to Big Spring."

When the cars are finally placed and renovated, plans call for the leasing of space to small retail and restaurant businesses. An open landscape space behind



A wall adjacent to the downtown "pocket park" on Main Street tumbles into rubble at the beginning of renovation efforts in October.

the cars will be used as a picnic space or for outdoor entertainment, she noted.

She said this project may go on during the entire year, and will be the major focus of downtown

planners. "The pocket park is important, but it won't bring people downtown," Quinones said. "The railroad cars, in addition to the proposed railroad museum, can



Pocket Park architect Phil Furqueron and downtown coordinator Teri Quinones examine the park earlier this month. Local contributions are being sought to landscape the area on Main Street.

be a real people attraction."

Quinones is currently searching for a suitable building to house the museum. The building directly behind the proposed railroad plaza is too small to house already-donated items, she said.

Gil Cuadra, owner of several buildings in the downtown area, has offered the building located at First and Scurry Streets for use as a museum. Quinones said planners are considering his offer.

Other projects are in the works for this year, she added.

Landscaping of the Tubbs Pocket Park should be completed sometime this year, she said, adding that several building renovations are in progress.

A commercial retailer will soon finalize paperwork and

move into the building at 212 Main St., Quinones said. She is hopeful the renovation he plans will be a catalyst for further renovation on that block, she added.

The present owners of the building on 218 Main St. are considering converting it to an incubator similar to the Sparenberg project, but with small retail outlets, Quinones said.

The busiest renovator during this year, however, will be Cuadra, she noted.

He recently completed the clearing of two vacant buildings behind the Hotel Settles for conversion into a parking lot. His 1988 goal is to renovate and occupy the first two floors of the old hotel with restaurant and retail outlets, she said.

The state has given Cuadra an

historical marker to be placed outside the hotel, an event that will occur when renovation is complete.

Other Cuadra buildings are planned to get a facelift this year, Quinones said.

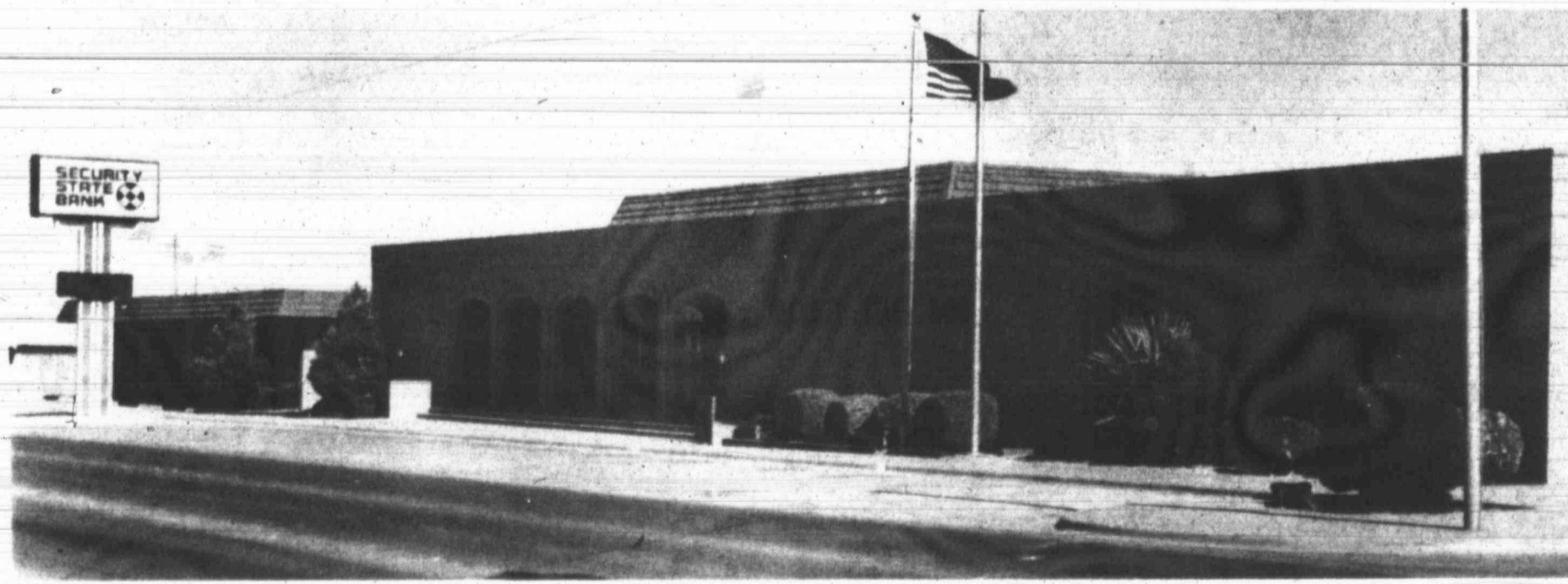
In addition to the building on First and Scurry streets that has been offered as a possible museum site, the building at 107 Scurry St. will be fully renovated this year, with leasing to begin soon after.

Finally, the store next to Alberto's Restaurant on Second Street is currently being renovated. Cuadra's goal is to lease it as a budget furniture shop, Quinones said.

Eyeing her schedule for this year, she is hopeful her plans come to fruition.

"If all of this is completed, I'll be on cloud nine," she said.

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Highway 87 prepares for construction

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

1988 is Highway 87's year. The U.S. highway is expected to get a facelift later this year when state crews widen a 2½-mile stretch from Hearn Street to Ranch-to-Market 33.

Mike Chetty, resident engineer, said the state tentatively plans to let the project for bids in July. Construction would begin one to two months later, and take about one year, he predicted.

"The county is acquiring the right-of-way ... and we're working on the plans now," Chetty said.

The section of highway will be made into a four-lane divided highway with a paved median and left-hand turn lanes at intersections.

Chetty estimated construction would cost about \$2.2 million.

Howard County has agreed to provide the right-of-way — land that must be purchased to make room for the expansion.

County commissioners last fall appointed Jerry Worthy of Big Spring to appraise land the county is to purchase.

His appraisals involved seven parcels that ranged from 25 feet wide to 40 feet wide. Total acreage amounts to 8.5 acres.

In December commissioners appointed Jack Shaffer of Big Spring as review appraiser and on Jan. 25 Shaffer presented his figures — which corresponded with Worthy's — to county commissioners.

The next step involves negotiations by the county to purchase the land.

It's a step the county hopes to finish before summer is over, according to County Judge Milton Kirby.

Officials will use the appraised value as a guideline when entering into negotiations.

The costliest item is expected to be the relocation of a Fina gas station/convenience store that must be moved back from the roadway approximately 40 feet.

Officials have hopes the entire stretch from Big Spring to Sterling City eventually will be a four-lane divided highway. The section is under the jurisdiction of three counties: Howard, Glasscock and Sterling.

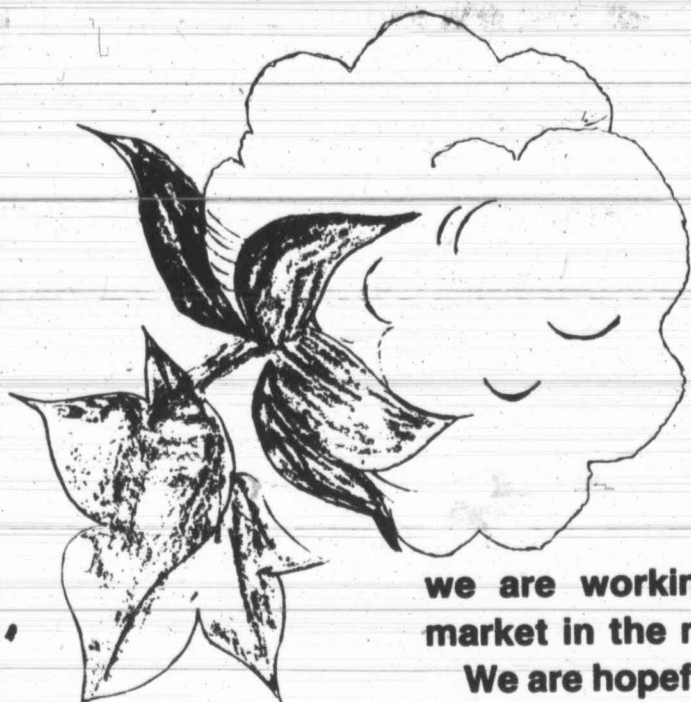
Major employers and classifications

	1987:	1988:
Big Spring State Hospital:	795	858
Big Spring Independent School District:	562	565
Veterans Administration Hospital:	390	402
Fina Oil & Chemical:	380	372
City of Big Spring:	265	246
Scenic Mountain Medical Center:	235	242
Howard College:	200	232
Cameo Energy Homes:	180	175
Western Container:	150	150
Coahoma Independent School District:	150	131
Wal-Mart:	125	127
U.S. Justice Department:	117	117
Hall-Bennett Hospital:	115	99
Golden Plains Care Center:	110	135
Malone & Hogan Clinic:	100	92
TU Electric Service Co.:	97	74
Fiberflex Products Inc.:	86	75-80
Forsan Independent School District:	85	85
Rip Griffin Truck Service Center:	80-85	80-85
Walls Industries:	110	110
Richardson Carbon & Gasoline Co.:	68	68
Price Construction:	66	130
Winn-Dixie:	66	69
Colorado River Municipal Water District:	66	75
Big Spring Herald:	65	97
Texaco Oil Co.:	63	60
Pool Well Services:	59	60
U.S. Post Office:	59	61
Mountain View Lodge:	59	65
Newsom's:	50-55	65
First National Bank:	50	50
Fraser Industries Inc.:	25	25

Jobs by classification

	1987:	1988:
GOVERNMENT:	3,087	3,112
RETAIL:	2,431	2,127
SERVICES:	1,662	1,615
MANUFACTURING:	1,544	1,288
MINING:	1,337	910
CONSTRUCTION:	594	455
WHOLESALE:	487	411
FINANCIAL/REALTY:	472	463
TRANSPORTATION:	464	462

*As provided by the Texas Employment Commission



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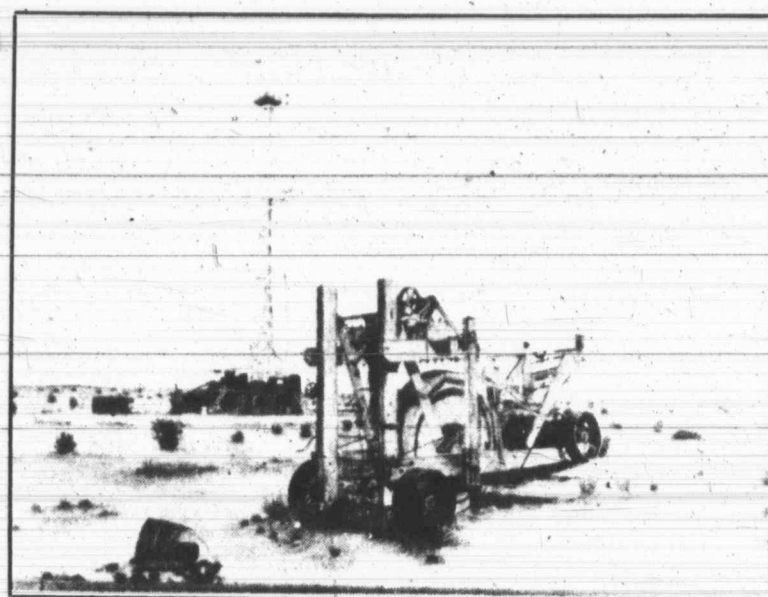
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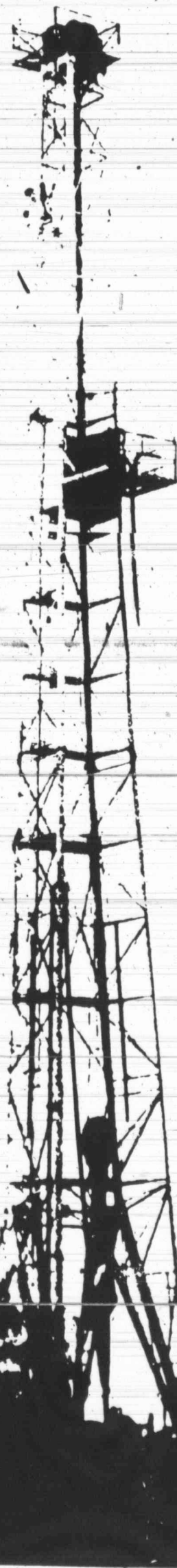
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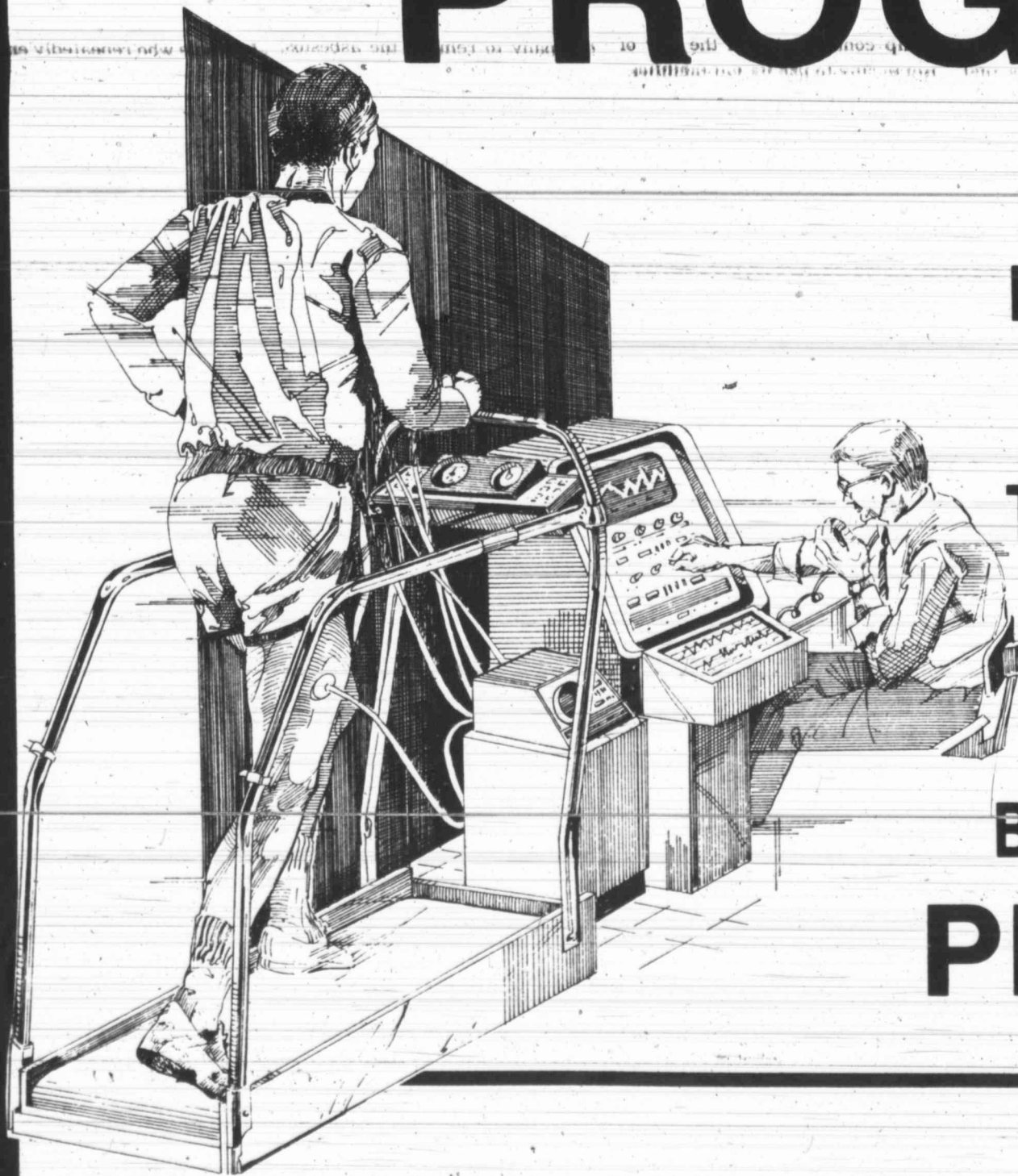
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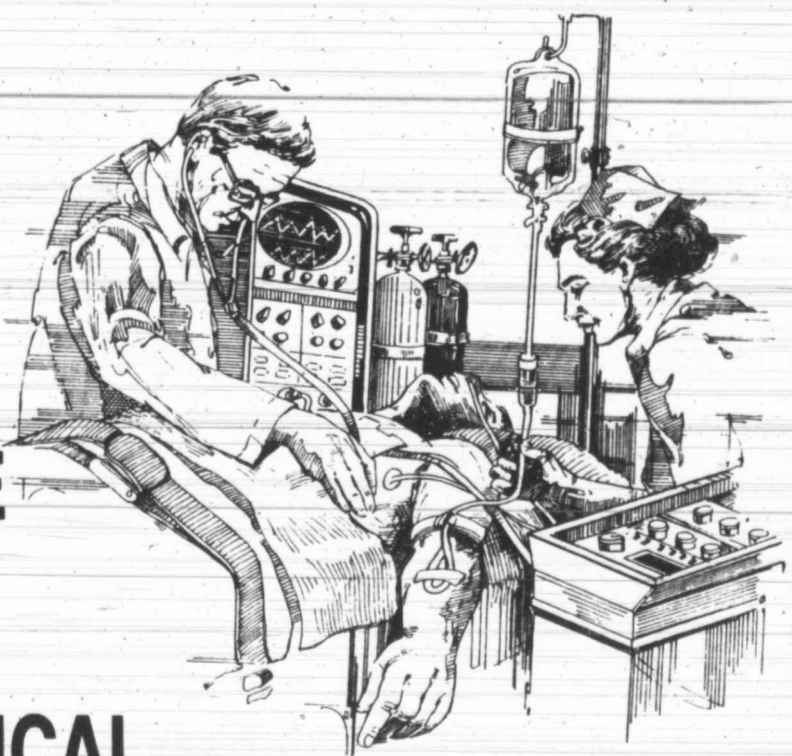


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Inmate increase brings changes at prison

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

Big Spring Federal Prison Camp officials predict the number of inmates at the camp will nearly double this year, and the expected increase is bringing about various changes at the camp.

Camp officials have been waiting since the summer of 1987 for the planned increase, however.

About 700 inmates are incarcerated at the camp, and officials announced in July that the number could increase to as many as 1,200.

Camp Warden Joe Crabtree spoke recently about the prison's accomplishments during the past year and discussed the camp's 1988 goals.

"We have not seen the increase in inmates," Crabtree said, speculating that additional inmates would begin arriving in the next few months.

More jobs

The increase will mean an additional 33 staff positions, resulting in a \$600,000 increase in the salary base, he said. Several of the 33 have already begun work, he said.

Crabtree also noted that the prison camp now has its own full-time doctor. Dr. Harold Baldwin-Price has been on the staff since about mid-December, the warden reported. Before Baldwin-Price was hired, the prison contracted with a doctor on a part-time basis.

New dorm

A Mansfield company this month began constructing a 150-man dormitory to provide additional housing for the added inmates.

The building is expected to be transported to the Big Spring camp to be assembled in March — 45 days from the start of construction, Crabtree said.

The dormitory will include office space, television rooms and showers, he said.

Two existing dorms at the camp have been renovated to provide office space — originally located within the facilities — at the north and south ends of each dorm.

Each of the camp's two residence halls can accommodate 500 men, Crabtree said.

Two-man rooms will increase to three-man habitations and four-man rooms will increase to five- or six-man rooms with the expected prisoner increase, the warden said. Prison industries



A volunteer inmate from the federal prison camp puts the finishing touches on a sign during renovations at Comanche Trail Park. A new dorm and a broom factory are in the works for the camp.

In a twist of fate, the Big Spring Prison Camp will benefit as the result of rioting at a federal penitentiary in Atlanta last year.

The camp is to receive a broom factory that was previously located at the Atlanta prison. The Atlanta factory was closed after rioting caused major damage portions of the prison.

The Big Spring broom industry will contract with federal agencies to produce various types of maintenance brooms to the tune of \$150,000 a month in sales, Crabtree said.

The broom factory, to be housed in the former Webb Air Force Base bowling alley, will employ 80 to 100 inmates and create two to three additional prison industries' positions at the camp, the warden said.

Wayne Marlow, prison camp superintendent of industries, estimated total cost of renovating the existing building to be \$130,000.

Lee George Construction Inc., 1400 West Fourth St., was awarded a bid to provide renovations that will include adding overhead doors, enclosing two entry wings, and constructing a loading dock.

Construction was scheduled to begin about Jan. 27 and is to be completed within 120 days.

Crabtree said he didn't anticipate any changes in the textile or electric cable factories at the camp, but said more jobs have been made available for extra inmates.

Assistant warden leaving Crabtree acknowledged that Assistant Warden Lloyd McMillan will leave the Big Spring facility to work at the Federal Bureau of Prisons' headquarters in Washington, D.C.

McMillan will be a member of a site acquisition group that acquires property for the bureau, Crabtree said.

McMillan is scheduled to depart in March, and a replacement is expected to be named in February.

McMillan has worked at the Big Spring camp for slightly more than two years, Crabtree said.

Inmate work crews

Prison camp inmates are continuing renovations at the Big Spring Comanche Trail Park, Crabtree said, noting that work on the swimming pool is complete and prisoners have begun renovations to a bath house that is expected to be ready for use by the beginning of the swimming season.

When the dam is completed, inmates will proceed to landscape Comanche Trail, Crabtree said.

Inmate crews also work at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture office.

During 1987 they also participated in a short-term project that involved renovating Big Spring Humane Society facilities and building barriers to contain animals.

Detention center

Prison officials began operating a special housing unit at the prison camp Jan. 4, Crabtree said.

The unit serves as a disciplinary facility to house inmates who violated camp rules and to retain inmates who are inappropriate for a minimum security prison, until they can be transferred to another facility, he said.

Before the center opened the camp contracted with the city of Big Spring to use its jail facilities.

The jail-type facility is located in the former air police barracks. About six inmates are currently de-

tained at the unit, which has a 24-inmate capacity.

"This gives us more accessibility, it takes less staff time to check on inmates," Crabtree said, adding the center provides easy access to the camp's medical staff for regular checkups.

Renovations

Completion of renovations to the prison camp's kitchen area are nearly complete, the warden said. The ceiling was renovated and a new floor was installed, Crabtree said. In addition the camp is waiting for a beverage/salad bar.

The dining area has been enlarged slightly, but the camp will wait at least another year to expand, Crabtree said.

"When the inmate population goes up to 1,000 it will take longer to complete a meal, but it can be accomplished with few difficulties."

"As we receive the funding for this fiscal year budget we will expand the recreational facilities." Weightlifting facilities and tennis courts are geared toward a possible expansion, he said.

In 1987, the prison acquired 28.2 acres to the immediate south of its former boundaries and is now in the process of occupying buildings on that land, Crabtree said.

The former Webb Air Force Base credit union has been converted into an education department where inmates are taught adult basic education, high school equivalency courses, vocational courses and college courses.

A washateria, gas station and post office located on the land eventually will be converted to the mechanical service department for a garage work area, the warden said.

The conversion is scheduled for late this year.

The area will provide storage for maintenance vehicles and the camp's electricians, plumbers and carpenters will work out of two of the buildings, Crabtree said.

Asbestos removal

Three former Webb structures will be demolished during the next few weeks as the result of a recent asbestos removal effort. The prison contracted with an El Paso company to remove the asbestos, Crabtree said.

Inmates and staff labor will be used to dismantle the buildings, he said.

INS prison plans slow but still go

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

The initial announcement came June 19, 1987: Big Spring could have another prison in operation within a year.

City Councilman Johnny Rutherford, acting as local go-between with out-of-town developers, expressed optimism about the proposal to construct a privately-operated detention center for illegal aliens at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The news that such a facility could provide 150 to 175 jobs for local residents was welcomed — no opposition to the plan was presented at a City Council meeting conducted shortly after Rutherford's announcement, and council members unanimously approved the proposal.

Progress on the project has since slowed.

Initially, officials projected the prison would be operational by early 1988 and predicted construction would start about 45 days after the June announcement.

It was later predicted construction would start this month. No definite construction date has been set, however.

Local officials are awaiting word from Mid-Tex Detention Center Inc. of Brady on the company's plans for financing the project.

Developer Ed Davenport said Jan. 25 that the plan to build the prison is still firm.

"It's just a matter of time," Davenport said from his Brady office. "We're still working on it, it's just going a little slower than expected."

Davenport estimated last week that architectural plans would be completed within 30 to 40 days and a financial package might be finished in about 60 days.

Prison operators are expected to contract with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to house illegal aliens at a proposed 512-bed facility.

The prison is to house immigration law violators, such as people who repeatedly enter the country illegally, or people convicted of smuggling aliens into

INS PRISON page 11-F

Howard Soil And Water Conservation District 1987 Annual Report

DIRECTORS ELECTION was held October 10, 1987. Incumbent Bobby Cathey was elected to Zone III.

Directors for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District are: J. M. Sterling, Neil Fryar, Carroll Choate, Ray Russell, and Bobby Cathey.

The District covers all of Howard County and parts of Borden and Glasscock Counties.

The Directors furnish technical assistance to landusers through the Soil Conservation Service, USDA.

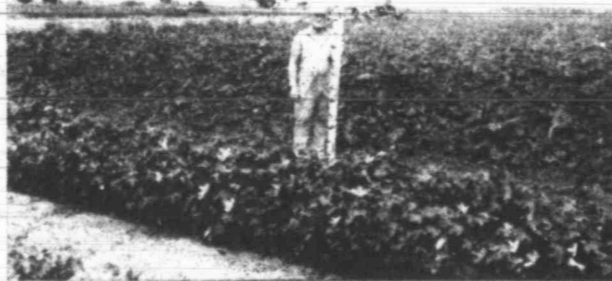
The Directors responsibilities have expanded through the passage of the 1985 Food Security Act. The Directors review Food Security Act conservation plans developed by the Soil Conservation Service and landusers on Highly Erodible land and Directors either approve or disapprove the plans.

The goals of the District are to protect the soil and water resources within the District, conservation education, conservation contests for local youth, and to furnish technical assistances to anyone who has a soil and water problem.

HOWARD SWCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1987

- Brush Control — 3100 acres
- Proper Grazing Use — 208,650 acres.
- Planned Grazing System — 91250 acres.
- Range Seeding — 2455 acres.
- Deferred Grazing — 44,000 acres.
- Conservation Cropping System — 38,100 acres.
- Crop Residue Use — 30,570 acres.
- Terraces — 162,850 feet.

FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1985 was passed by Congress on December 23, 1985. This bill included Conservation Compliance, Sodbuster and Swampbuster provisions. Soils designated as Highly Erodible Land (HEL) come under the Food Security Act. Approximately 80 percent of the cropland in Howard County will be in the HEL category.



Terraces can improve cropland production and reduce water erosion. Some of the HEL land will require terraces to be in compliance with the conservation program. If money is available, cost share assistance to construct terraces may be obtained from the Great Plains Conservation Program, ACP Program and the mini-LTA Program.

Land that has been converted to cropland from rangeland will come under the Sodbuster provisions, if the land has been converted since December 23, 1985.

Playa lakes that have been drained since 12/23/85 will come under the Swampbuster provision.

All cropland designated HEL (Highly Erodible Land) will have to have a conservation plan developed by January 1, 1990 and have until January 1, 1995 to have the conservation plan fully implemented. A conservation plan on HEL is required if the land user wants to be eligible for USDA program benefits.

Any land that is determined to be Sodbuster or Swampbuster will need to have a conservation plan developed and start carrying out the plan as soon as possible. A conservation plan is required if the landuser wants to be eligible for USDA program benefits.

USDA PROGRAM BENEFITS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE 1985 FOOD SECURITY ACT:
Price and income supports Federal Crop Insurance.

Farmers Home Administration loans.

Commodity Credit Corporation storage payments from storage facility loans.

Conservation Reserve Program annual payments

Other programs under which USDA makes commodity related payments.

All individuals who own or operate cropland, it would be to their advantage as soon as possible to contact the Soil Conservation Service. The Soil Conservation Service will present alternative treatments on HEL LAND. Alternative treatment selected can be developed into a conservation plan. The conservation plan needs to be developed, signed, and approved before January 1, 1990 in order for the owners and operators to be eligible for USDA benefits.

Please call Soil Conservation Service 267-1871, Room 201, Post Office Building, Big Spring, Texas, to set up a time to go over alternatives for developing a plan on your Highly Erodible Land.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM was first part of the Food Security Act of 1985 enacted in Howard County.



Contour stripcropping of cotton with either milo, forage sorghum, or wheat is a conservation practice that might be selected to meet the requirements of the Conservation Compliance Program.



Wind stripcropping of cotton with strips of either milo, forage sorghums or wheat is a conservation practice that might be selected on some land to meet the requirement of the Conservation Compliance Program.



Elzie Blessett is shown examining a mixture of native grass planted on the McDowell Ranch in 1987 under the CRP Program. Grass planted in dead litter cover, fertilized and chemical weed control applied.

Under this program, farmland operators could bid for annual rental payments. If their bid was accepted by USDA, a contract was written for the land to be converted to grass and taken out of production for 10 years. During the ten years the land is in a CRP contract the grass cannot be grazed, hay baled or seed harvested from the grass.

Cost share will be received for practices performed in order to get the grass established. Cost share will be paid on practices that are determined as technically necessary by SCS to obtain an established stand of grass. The maximum cost share that can be received if necessary to get a stand of grass is \$55.00 per acre.

Once grass is established, the practices planned from then on will not receive cost share since maintenance of the grass is a management practice.

Thus far 54 contracts have been written on 15,497 acres. The annual rental payment has been set at \$40.00 per acre.

This new program is a good way to take low producing and erosive cropland out of production and provide the producer with some annual income.

Placing the Highly Erodible Cropland in the CRP Program is one alternative land owners can adequately treat their land and be in compliance with the 1985 Food Security Act. by the 1990 deadline.

HOWARD SWCD MEETING DATE
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 201 of the Post Office Building at 2:00 P.M.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 1987

Revenues	State Fund	Local Fund	Trust Fund
Collected	9600	883	8275
Expenditures	9235	0	4712
Balance 1987	265	833	1583

County extension service plans seminars, shows

By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent

The Howard County extension service developed a long-range extension plan in 1986, as each county in Texas has done.

The plan was developed by volunteer leaders from all segments in the county based on issues critical to the development of the county through the local extension service and educational programs efforts.

These issues were divided into four major areas: agriculture and natural resources; 4-H and youth; community development and home economics.

The areas were studied by the various extension program area committees in the county, and educational programs were developed to be implemented in 1987.

Economic development has been the major effort of the community development committee. A customer relations seminar was held in 1987 that included the topics customer care, salesmanship, visual merchandising, and individual consultations with local businesses. Participant businesses reported increased sales and cost savings as a result of following recommendations from the program.

In response to requests from additional training, Customer Relations II will be Thursday, Feb. 25, noon to 2 p.m., in the Sparenberg Building at 306 Main St.

Participants are asked to bring their lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Speakers will include

J.C. Dean from J.C. Penny Co. on merchandising and salesmanship and Donnie Duffy from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. on business telephone customer relations. There is no charge to attend. Pre-register by phoning the Extension Office 267-8469.

The livestock and range program committee planned a number of result demonstrations on the issue of diversification and increased profitability and competitiveness.

The demonstrations included a stocker cattle demonstration of the David Barnes farm near Knott; chemical control of fence line brush on the Rob and R.E. Haney farms; external parasite control (horn flies) on feedlot beef or county 4-H members; predator control in sheep on Wendall Walker farms and Red Hiltbrunner farm; flock improvement through herd sire solution at Dr. Hank Thompson farm; and stocker lamb program at Johnnie Middleton farm.

The committee completed a Beef Cattle Conference this month, attended by 60 persons, emphasizing beef cattle nutrition, beef check-off program, the new grading system and how the show ring influences the industry.

Additional demonstrations in chemical control also are planned in 1988. Future educational programs include a wool marketing and shearing program.

The county field crops program area committee was instrumental in re-organizing the county pest management program, a joint farmer and extension funded program designed to aid producers in effective insect control programs.



A county 4-H participant concentrates as she answers the judges in a 1987 contest. The contest was one of many activities sponsored by the extension service the past year, and 1988 will see many more.

A local county scout carried out the program under the supervision of the Extension Agent, Entomologist Rick Mizenmayer, who serves Midland and Martin coun-

ties as well as Howard. Proper timing is the key elements in effective insect control and was the major emphasis.

Effective spray dates for control

of the pecan nut case bearer also was identified through this program. The crops committee sponsored a special early season information seminar on new practices

in variety performance, cultural techniques and insect identification and control.

Special "turn-row" meetings were held throughout the season to assist farmers in insect control. In exploring the fish-farming industry developing in West Texas, a special West Texas Fish Conference was held in Big Spring.

Result demonstrations in early season vs. late season cotton plantings, variety selections and tagging of blooms in cotton fields in September to determine the productivity of cotton bolls developed after September 1.

The county horticultural committee developed a tomato variety result demonstration at the prison in Big Spring that received national attention. They also sponsored a very successful county pecan show that submitted its top winners to the Western Regional Pecan Show in Odessa, where several qualified for the state pecan show later this year.

The committee also sponsored a highly successful tour to the vineyards and winery at Ft. Stockton, a home horticulture tour, and produced a newsletter four times. A farmers' market was expanded to include Big Spring in 1987 in addition to those established in 1986 in Midland and Odessa.

In improvement in rural/urban relationships an outstanding agricultural tour co-hosted by Extension and the Leadership Big Spring Program had approximately 50 producers and leadership class members observe efforts in fish farming, and production of cotton. **EXTENSION page 7-F**

State hospital takes account of past year

By ROBERT VON ROSENBERG
Big Spring State Hospital
Superintendent

Moving into 1988, Big Spring State Hospital officials have taken a brief look back at the many accomplishments at the hospital during 1987. We already are looking forward to a busier time in '88, but all the community can join in a certain pride in the things that we have done on campus and in the area this year.

More than 1,760 patients were admitted for treatment at the local facility during 1987, and at least 565 out-patients have been treated. BSSH currently employs 860 Big Spring and area residents, and operated in a budget of approximately \$16,000,000 in '87.

We have added nine counties to our service area during the year, which means we are now serving 56 counties. And of course, we lost A.K. Smith to retirement, and my appointment as new superintendent was confirmed in September.

One of the most important decisions made for all mental patients in Texas was the RAJ agreement reached this year. For the BSSH, it meant increased staffing in two areas: Multiple Disabilities, and Rehabilitation Therapies.

On one level, the decision is important because it means more

employees for the hospital, but more importantly it means better patient care and supervision.

A new activity center, The Corral, was opened on East Third Street to furnish a meeting place for former patients. Traffic at the center has been steady and donations have helped to equip the facility and supply books, tapes, and television entertainment for those present.

A computerized system of storing and studying client data has been installed in the hospital's Outreach Program, and the hotline for persons in 23 counties outside of the hospital is now manned at all times by professionals.

The hospital also has instituted an Employee Recognition Program that honors outstanding employees.

It also is noteworthy that the hospital passed a Medicare survey in 1987. Such agency surveys are strict and give us a good look at the service quality of our program from outside state and staff levels.

We are pleased to have received this acceptance, as we are generally pleased with the advances we have achieved throughout the year. We rate 1987 as a good year and look forward to more progress in 1988.

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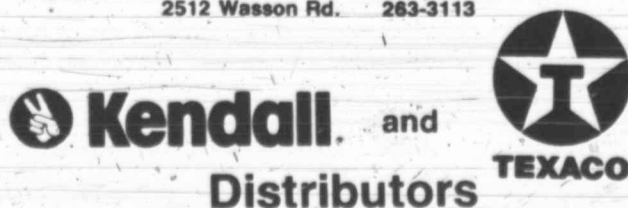


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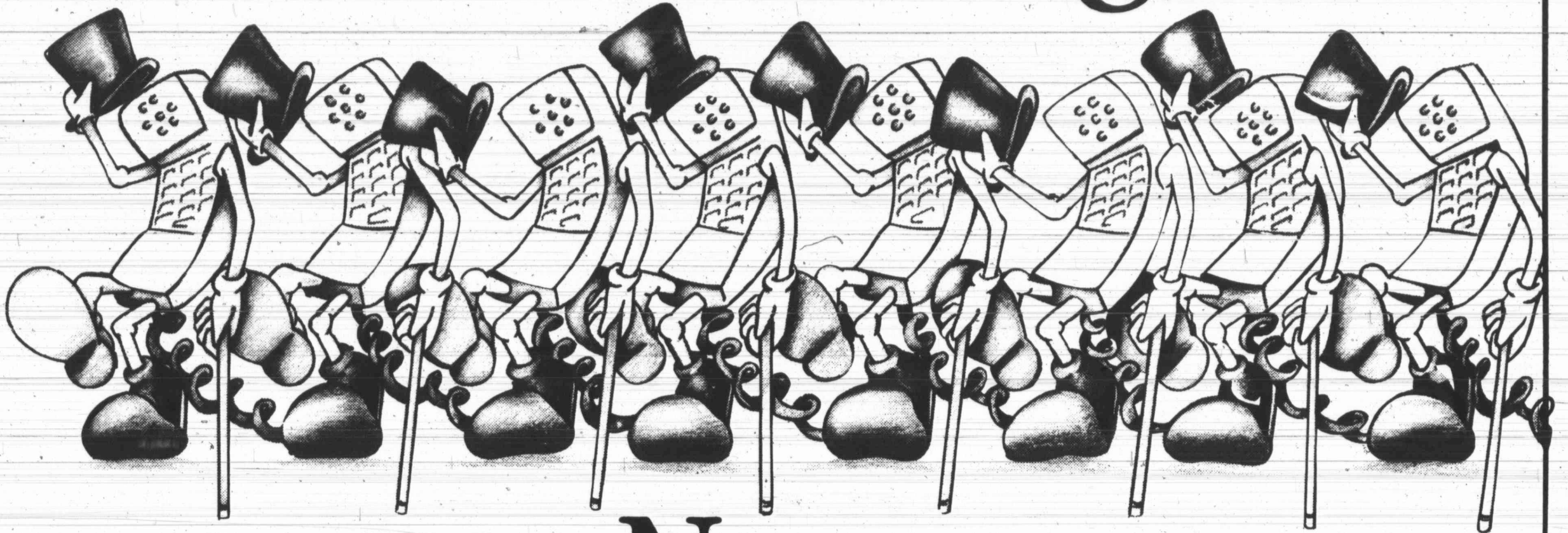
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Thousands visited the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial replica during its stop in September 1987 and prompted local officials to begin plans for a permanent memorial on the same site.

Schools face challenges

By BILL MCQUEARY
Big Spring Independent
School District Superintendent

The greatest challenge to the BSISD in planning and preparing for the 1987-88 school year was how to cope with a loss of \$80 million in valuation.

The loss came in minerals and oil-related businesses. To offset this loss a combination of continued budget cuts and a tax increase was implemented. The overall materials and supplies budgets of the district were cut, capital outlay budgets were trimmed and major building improvements were postponed.

The 1987-88 budget was approved at \$13.2 million, which reflected an overall reduction of the operational budget for the fourth straight year.

State-mandated programs in dyslexia, further implementation of the 1-22 ratio in grades K-2, and an overall 3-4 percent increase in employee salaries were implemented.

Future challenges for the 1988-89 school year will include a mandated 1-22 student/teacher ratio for grades K-4. This will necessitate

the need for additional teachers and classrooms for grades 3 and 4. Few elementary schools have the extra classroom space needed for this requirement. Heating, cooling, and roofing renovation is needed at certain campuses, which will also impact the 1988-89 budget.

The BSISD is dedicated to providing a quality education for its boys and girls. The greatest asset of the BSISD is its instructional and support staff. Continued improvement in reading and math skills will be a priority. BSISD students score above the state average on basic skills tests and continued improvement in these skill areas will be stressed.

Along with the task of providing a quality education for all children, BSISD also has as its priority giving taxpayers their money's worth.

This will be accomplished through careful budget scrutiny, personnel cuts, and the reduction of support programs. The annual performance report of the BSISD is on file in the Administration Office and is available to any interested resident of the BSISD.

Vietnam veteran's memorial may become reality this year

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Officials are optimistic construction of a Vietnam veteran's memorial on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deal campus can begin by April or May.

The project received tentative approval from the U.S. Department of Education — which owns the land — earlier this month, Howard College President Bob Riley said.

Final approval for the project from the department should be reached as soon as the necessary forms, including a lease agreement between the college and the memorial committee, are filed, committee chairman Charlie Lewis said.

The tentative agreement was greeted as good news from the veterans on the memorial committee, who have worked for more than three months to bring the project to reality.

The inspiration for the project was the visit in October by the Moving Wall, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Buoyed by the fact that more than 30,000 people visited the Moving Wall, local veterans began planning for construction of a permanent memorial to honor the more than 30 Howard County veterans either killed or missing in Southeast Asia.

Land selected for the project is the two-acre SWCID tract that was the site of the Moving Wall's visit. Preliminary designs for the memorial were submitted

by four area residents, before local architect Phil Ferquerson's design was chosen, Lewis said.

Committee members then met in November with the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees, who oversee the land locally. Trustees expressed support for the project, but said approval was necessary from the federal education department, which came in mid-January.

Precedents that allow the subleasing of federal land for educational and historical use have been set in the past, Riley noted, adding that the memorial fits the department's guidelines.

The committee now will have Richard Dormier survey the requested land. This and a copy of the group's state charter and non-profit application will be submitted to the department, Lewis added.

After final approval with the federal department, the next step in the process will be preparation of a lease agreement between the college and memorial committee, and for trustees to approve the agreement, Riley said.

Riley said he is optimistic that final approval will be received for the project.

"The biggest hurdle was getting the tentative agreement," he said. "We're still a few meetings away from finalizing it, but I think we'll work things out."

Estimated costs for the project are still unknown, Lewis said, adding that figures should be determined as soon as estimates are received from monument construction firms.

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Art group plans shows

The Big Spring Art Association will present an area-wide art show March 19-20, according to Quin Martin, president.

The Association expects to hold its annual membership show in the fall. Admission to both events — held in area malls — is free and open to the public.

The Crossroads Art Association has scheduled its first meeting for February, according to Jean Money, president, and at that time will plan its program for 1988.

Both arts groups provide activities for their members as well as education and entertainment for area residents.

"The only criteria for belonging or attending meetings or workshops is a desire to learn and associate with artists," said Money.

Martin said his organization has increased to 53 members this year. Its membership is primarily painters.

Crossroads Art Association encompasses artists in all disciplines, says Money, including painting, photography, drama, pottery making, music, silk screening and sculpture.

Both clubs meet monthly at Howard College art department, and new members are welcome. For more information about membership phone Martin at 263-0323 or Money at 267-1037.



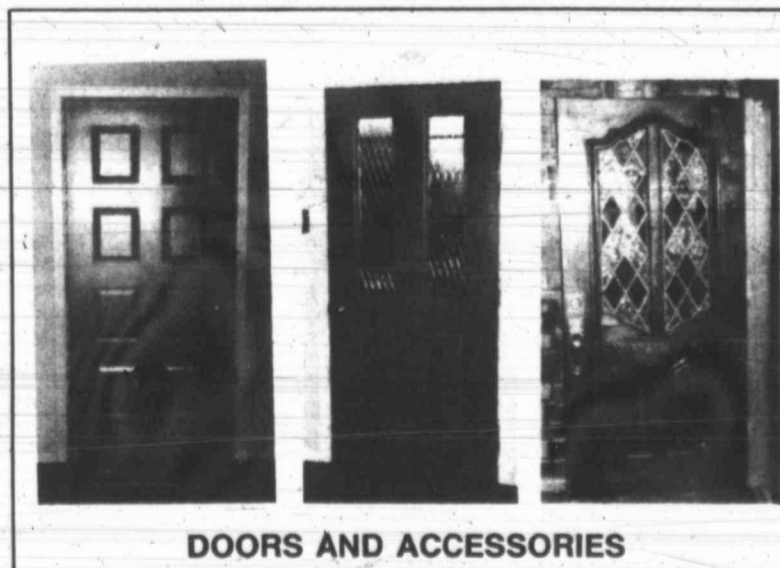
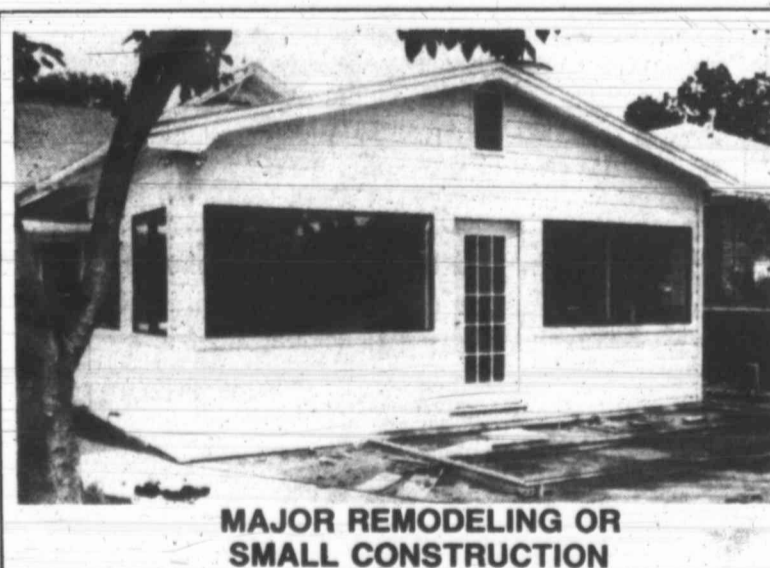
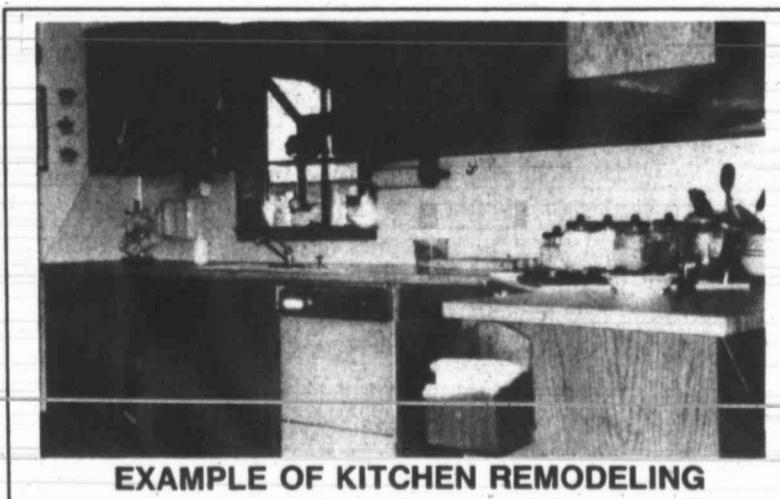
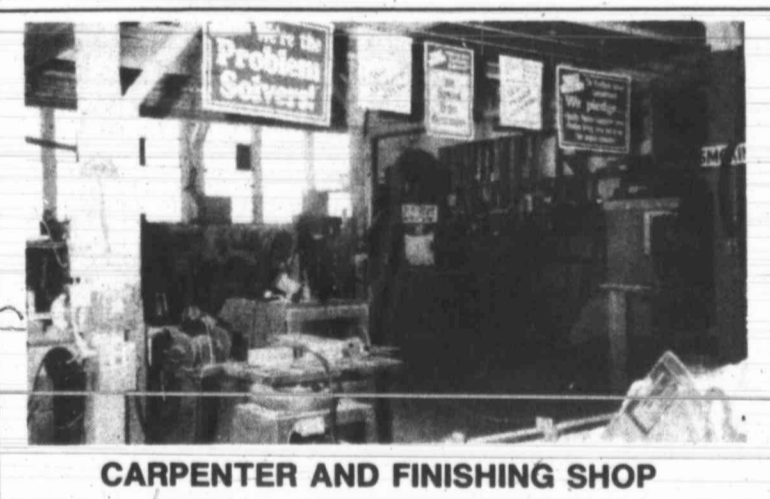
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Literacy program still growing

By ALISHA GOLDMAN
Copy Editor

The local literacy program is quietly, but assuredly, alive and well, reports Judith Gray.

"We may not be beating the drums, but we're still here, still growing, and still seeking students," the Howard County librarian said.

During the past year Crossroads Adult Need To Read (CAN'T Read) has received non-profit status and recently inducted two new members to its 17-member board.

The program also acquired a coordinator in October through the Adult Basic Education department at Howard College.

The classes now average 25 students; before the coordinator came, they had about 15, said Gray.

The coordinator, JoAnn Hernandez-Bermea, was provided through the federally-funded Volunteers In Service To America program, said Tommy Tune, Howard College adult basic education director.

The coordinator is helping the program by matching tutors and students, getting feedback from both parties, and keeping records on the progress of the students, Gray said.

The college provides an office, support services and a supervisory role for Bermea. The program is on a one-year term only, and she serves as an outreach person for other adult education functions, Tune said.

The Howard County library also has added materials to enhance their pre-literacy collection, Gray said.

"We have added a little bit more materials for people to check out, whether they're in the program or not," she said. The materials were created especially for adults who read at a lower level of English.

The group hopes to gain tax-exempt status in its second year, to be able to solicit funds. Extra funds could buy more materials, or fund a full-time coordinator. The status would also make the program eligible for grants, she said.

Bermea's position is only partially funded.

A second training session is coming up Feb. 19 and 20. "The difference between this one and last year will be that the lady that will be coming is a certified tutor trainer and everyone who takes it will be given a certificate."

Anyone who took the earlier session is welcome to take the second, but there is a limit of 40 students allowed.

Community support has been satisfactory, Gray said. She noted the participation of several Fina Oil employees on the board and as volunteer tutors.

Students meet on their own schedule weekly with a private tutor, or in a group situation, according to the preference of the student.

"I think we're moving slowly but surely," Gray said. "I think we have gotten wonderful support from the community. It's like a little plant that's quietly growing and one day it will blossom."



Auditorium renovations

Installing air conditioning is the final phase of renovations to the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium before the facility on east Third Street will be reopened to the public.

Donations from the Dora Roberts Foundation have enabled the city to repair the auditorium's leaky roof and replace carpeting, curtains, and drapery, and revamp the electrical wiring.

All renovations — in a process that dates back to 1985 — have kept with the auditorium's 1932 Spanish Gothic style.

More than \$313,000 has been spent to date for the repairs, with the city providing \$10,000 to \$20,000 in architectural and engineering fees, according to Tom Decell, Big Spring public works director.

Hall-Bennett official sees challenge

By LUAN TOUCHSTONE
Hall-Bennett Memorial
Hospital Administrator

1987 was a very real challenge in the health care industry, faced as we were with the need to provide, on a day-to-day basis, quality health care within the limits of government reimbursement — based more on diagnosis than on cost.

Another point of pressure resulted from state Medicaid and private insurance companies seeking fixed rate reimbursement. Compounding the problem was the number of people without insurance and the indigent.

On the positive side of this past

year we passed a focus survey by the Joint Commission of Accreditation, and a state survey on our swing bed program.

Major health issues facing health care facilities in 1988 are the same as last year:

- To provide and maintain quality care, and to achieve this uniformity of excellence under increasing demand on the system exerted by the growth of an aging population.

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- Take new risks, looking at

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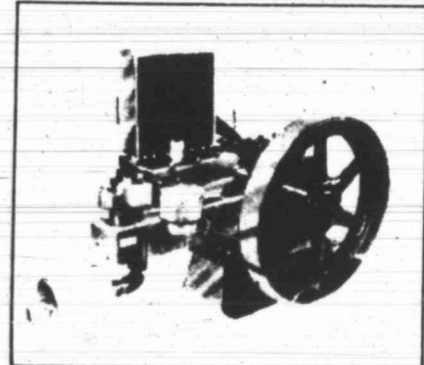
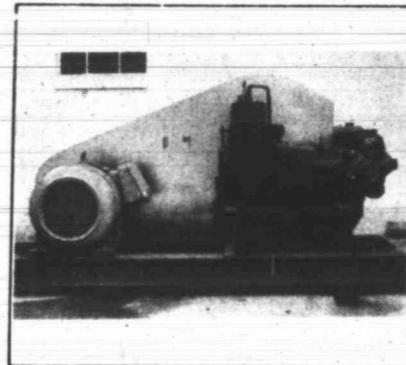
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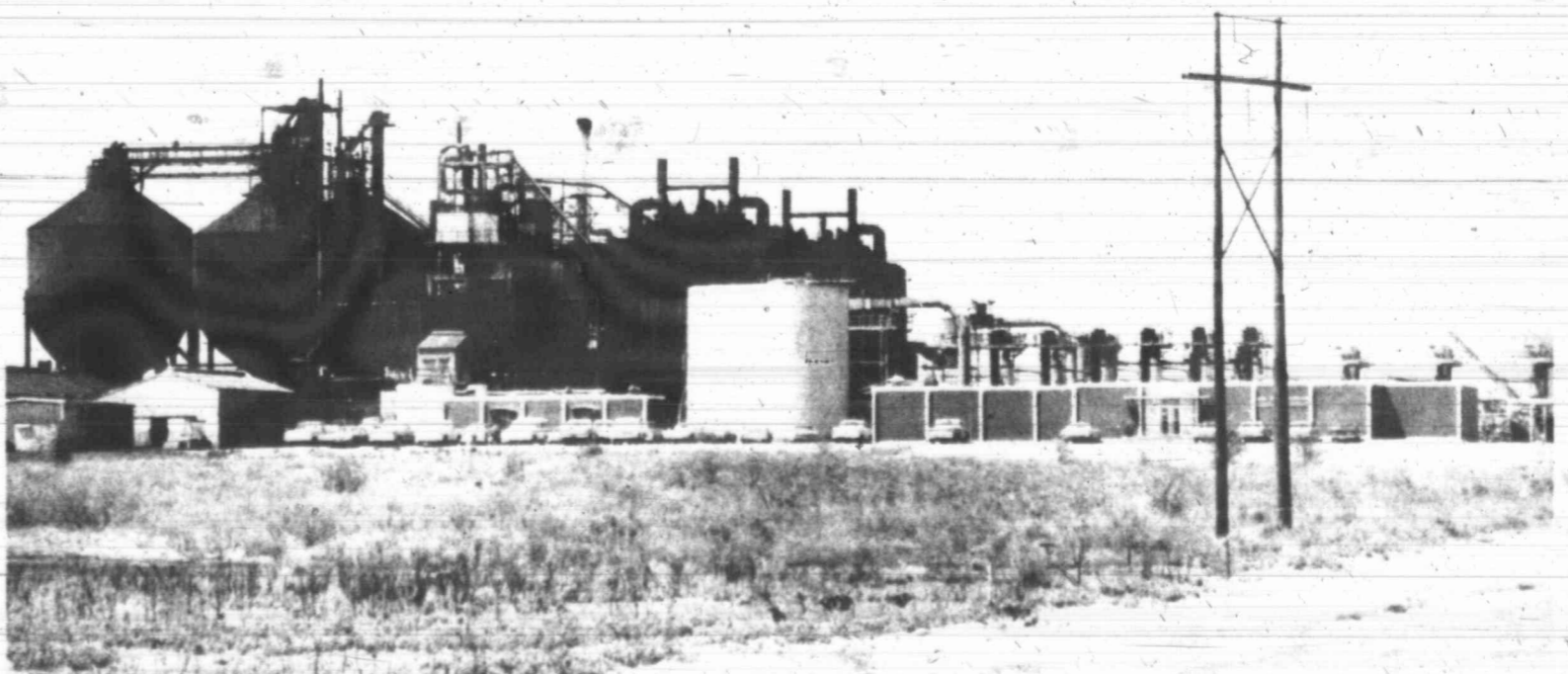
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VA hospital notes 1987 progress

By CONRAD ALEXANDER
VA Medical Center Director

The year 1987 was notable for the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Serving some 121,000 veterans in a vast area of 54 counties, the local facility reports these significant accomplishments:

In fiscal year 1987, the medical center's average daily census for acute care beds increased from 97 to 139 (43.2 percent), and the patient occupancy rate rose from 46.4 percent to 71.2 percent.

During this same period, the outpatient visits increased from 23,364 to 27,200 visits (an increase of 16.4 percent), the facility's 40-bed nursing home care unit maintained an average daily census of 38.7 throughout the year.

Another 1987 highlight was a decision by the administrator of Veteran Affairs to retain the local facility's inpatient surgery program.

This decision assures that the 121,000 veterans residing in the facility's far-flung service area, which is larger than 38 of the states, will have access to basic surgical services without traveling great distances to other VA Medical Centers.

Considerable progress was made in sharing resources with the Department of Defense. A VA/DoD sharing agreement with Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene resulted in a highly successful VA follow-up clinic at the Base Hospital the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

A similar VA/DoD sharing agreement is currently being negotiated with Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. Such agreements enable the local VA facility to "reach out" to veterans in heavily populated areas.

Construction projects included replacement of windows throughout the main building, water-blasting and tuckpointing of the exterior brickwork, replacement of outdated electrical circuitry and equipment, and a complete refinishing of the water tower.

Future construction plans include additional computer facilities, a newly-equipped radiology suite, a new surgical suite, and an enlarged outpatient area. Spotlights donated by veterans service organizations were installed to illuminate the U.S. flag, now flown 24 hours a day.

Through an agreement with the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp, a number of inmates assist the medical center in maintaining its grounds.

A 10-bed rehabilitation medicine service



Use of the VA Medical Center increased significantly during 1987. Serving more than 120,000 veterans in West Texas, the facility's average daily census for acute care beds increased from 97 to 139 and the patient occupancy rate rose from 46 percent to 71 percent. At the same time, outpatient visits increased by more than 3,500.

was established to treat patients with strokes, amputations, fractures, and other disabilities to restore their functions to the fullest possible extent.

A number of key staff changes occurred. Robert W. Jones, M.D., was named chief of staff, and Harold H. (Hank) Burnine became associate director. Other key additions to the staff included Frederick Grover, M.D., chief, medical service; Paeder Joel Hoovestol, M.D., chief, psychiatry service; Ronald Bertrand, chief, building management service.

Also, LeNier Emerson, chief, chaplain service; Don Fortner, chief, library service; Harry F. Bergstrom, chief, fiscal service; Tim Veren, chief, canteen service; and Frances Montague, R.N., supervisor, nursing home care unit.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences

Center Day, conducted at the medical center in September, enabled the medical center staff and staff of Texas Tech in Lubbock and on the Odessa campus to continue present goals and initiate future plans. Mayor Cotton Mize proclaimed the day "Tech Day".

Employees of the VA Medical Center in Big Spring surpassed by more than 30 percent last year's contributions to the combined federal campaign, part of the city's United Way effort. VA Medical Center Employees raised over \$7,000 in cash and pledges.

The Big Spring facility is currently looking for a chief of surgery and registered nurses to staff surgery. Other staffing needs include: physician of internal medicine; staff surgeon; Chief Rehabilitation Medicine Service; and staff psychologists.

Pay raises up, but not enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time since 1980, pay raises averaging 3.3 percent in private industry last year were bigger than the previous year, the government said Tuesday, but not big enough to keep up with inflation.

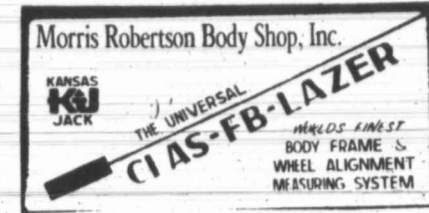
The raises left workers with 1.1 percent less buying power at the end of December than they had a year earlier after taking into account a 4.4 percent increase in consumer prices.

In 1986, wage increases in private industry averaged 3.1 percent, the smallest of the decade, but still outpaced consumer prices that rose only 1.1 percent. Last year was the first since 1981 that wage gains have failed to keep up with inflation.

Non-union workers in private industry, with increases averaging 3.6 percent last year, fared better than their unionized counterparts at 2.6 percent in terms of base wage raises, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Tuesday.

But the BLS figures indicate unions have succeeded in reversing a pattern of concessionary bargaining that for five years has kept the size of wage increases for their members below that of non-union workers.

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Price climb good news for farmers

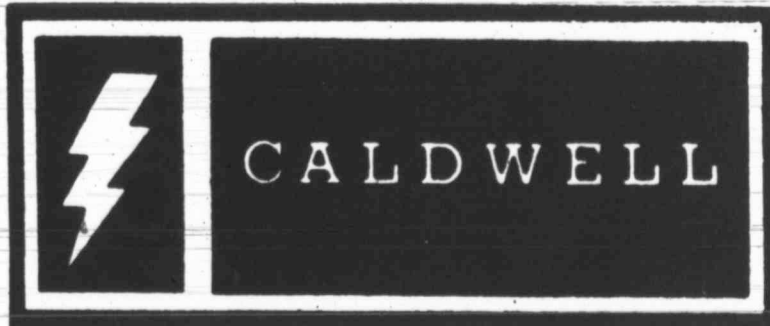
WASHINGTON (AP) — The new year got off to a hopeful start for farmers this month as prices for what they produce climbed 2.4 percent from December, averaging 7.4 percent above January 1987.

The Agriculture Department said Friday that higher prices for cattle, hogs, oranges, soybeans and broiler chickens contributed most to the January increase. Lower prices for strawberries, turkeys and peanuts helped dampen the gains for other commodities, however.

New quarterly figures showed prices paid by farmers to meet expenses were on the average unchanged from last October but were up 4.4 percent from a year earlier.

"Feeder cattle and feed prices were higher for the quarter," the report said. "Gasoline and feeder pig prices showed the greatest declines during the period."

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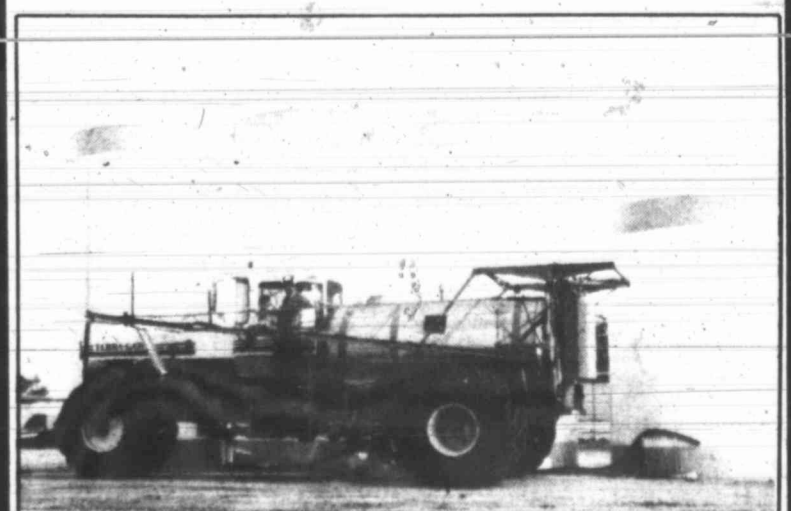
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Improvements mark city strides

By A.C. COTTON MIZE
Big Spring Mayor

We in the local government are pleased with the success of 1987 for the city of Big Spring. Several of our park projects were finalized, including the sprinkler system in Comanche Trail Golf Course, renovation of the amphitheater, renovation of the swimming pool and a successful concert season to aid in funding the improvements.

Extensive renovation of the Municipal Auditorium has been accomplished through the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation. It is anticipated that additional improvements will be accomplished during 1988.

All the streets were paved and curbed and guttered and all water distribution lines replaced in the Banks, Amended Moore's Heights and Rosemont Addition of the city (northwest Big Spring).

Major renovation and improvements were begun to the water and wastewater treatment plants with completion expected in 1988.

The main runway (7-25) was reconstructed at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport at a cost of about \$164,000 and a new crosswind runway (6-24) was constructed at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million.

Looking forward to 1988, we see completion of major improvements to our water distribution system, which were awarded to successful bidders Jan. 12. These projects included new distribution lines to improve flows and circulation in some problem areas and two elevated storage structures with the possibility of a third at the airport and two ground storage facilities.

These projects will complete — and in some cases surpass — the goals set in the 1980 bond issue for the water distribution systems.

The award of bid to the successful bidder for the rebuilding and renovation of Comanche Trail Dam was scheduled for Jan. 28, with completion of the project to be finalized during the



An unidentified city worker lays new lines to accompany the city golf course irrigation lines. The renovations were part of several efforts in the city, including swimming pool repairs and Comanche Park improvements.

1988 calendar year. It is anticipated that the Big Spring Police Department and Chief Joe Cook will continue to play an active role in the Permian Basin Narcotics Task Force, which includes 17 counties in West Texas. The city of Big Spring continues to work in the effort to bring new business and industry to our community in concert with various agencies and organizations in Big Spring. Your local government has accepted the challenge to work for an improved and more prosperous community.

Extension

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ton, vegetables, livestock and equine care. The Howard County Fair was expanded in agricultural work this year with the largest junior prospect steer show, a prospect lamb show, a new Santa Gertrudis breeding cattle show, an agricultural products show, the largest-ever horticulture show and a new mule show.

4-H youth activity was highlighted in 1987 by an increase in enrollment to have over 263 4-H members in organized clubs and over 300 in special interest groups and short-term project work. These youngsters also participated in an increased number in leadership activities, livestock shows, and record books.

Howard County's Lance Robinson was a state winner in the 4-H agricultural program. Leadership activities increased with a 4-H exchange program to North Carolina. The 4-H shooting sports program saw Howard County once again dominate the district and state 4-H trap and skeet meets. County 4-H gold star winners in

1987 were Shauna Richardson and Vance Christie. Vance and Lance Robinson both received a heifer through the beef scramble heifer program at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Fifty 4-H'ers completed foods and nutrition projects. Members shared what they had learned during the county 4-H Food Show conducted in conjunction with the Big Spring Health Fair.

Other popular projects during the year were clothing and textiles, pet care, communications and recreation.

Extension home economics programs focused on family economics programs to help families improve money management and financial planning skills.

Training in organizing all family financial records into a notebook was presented to members of the extension home economics committee. A unit was presented to nine audiences with 143 participants. The program included points on staying well, selecting a doctor, cutting costs for medicine, alternate care options and insurance.

In April, the Extension Home Economics Committee and TAEX co-sponsored (with the women's division of Chamber of Commerce and YMCA) a healthy women's seminar; 60 people attended. As a follow-up to the seminar, the agent prepared a letter series that was sent to all participants. The letter series covered the following topics:

- reliable sources of nutrition information;
 - the importance of a balanced diet and how to achieve it;
 - meat, fat, and cholesterol;
 - weight control; the food-exercise balance; and;
 - fad diets.
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 - control portion size;
 - reduce servings of fried foods and sweets;
 - eat breakfast;
 - choose nutritious low-calorie foods from each basic food group;
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Group to bring amphitheater to life

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

The Cultural Affairs Council of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will bring back the annual Starlight Specials at the amphitheater this summer, according to Cloetta Shotts, Council co-chairman.

The Starlight Specials, a series of summer entertainment events, were put on hold last year while the amphitheater was being renovated. Debra Reid and Teri Quinones are co-chairmen of the 1988 Specials, Shotts said.

Nominations are being accepted for the second annual Cultural Affairs Man or Woman of the Year Award, to be presented at an upcoming community luncheon. This award recognizes the person who has contributed the most toward enhancing the cultural environment in Big Spring in the past year. Last year's winner was Tony Belaski, for his work with the Federal Prison Camp in restoring the amphitheater and Comanche Trail Park, Shotts noted.

ArtsFest, which spotlights Big Spring's visual and performing

arts activities, will return for the third year, including the Costume Bash that drew more than 200 costumed guests. It is a fund-raiser for the Council's work with arts groups.

ArtsFest activities are expected to include art shows, demonstrations, theatre performances, photography shows and a concert by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

A second arts event will be added this year in the spring to showcase youth talents.

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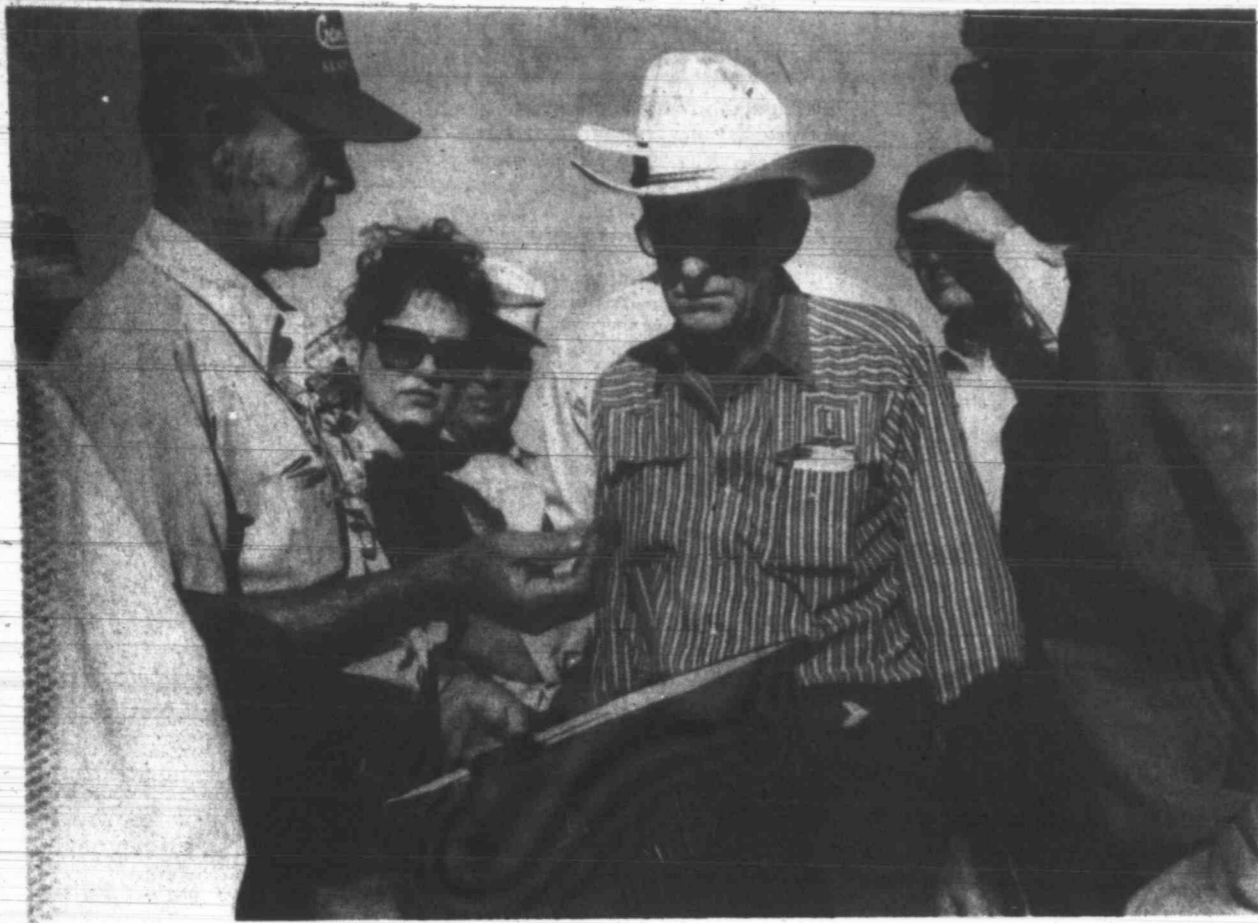
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Fish farming is strongly underway in West Texas, as Vernon and Lillian Holcomb have proven near Lenorah. After nearly two years, the operation is in virtual full operation by the West Texas aquaculture pioneers. Vernon, at left, shows a shrimp produced in one of a dozen ponds at the location. After the annual shrimp season, the ponds are used to raise trout. He was explaining the aquaculture techniques to members of the Big Spring Leadership class and, in the center, R.G. Click, president of the Howard County Fair Association at the time of the autumn visit.

Plans set for 911 phone system

By BILL FOSTER
Staff Writer

Groundwork for installation of a 911 emergency telephone system in Howard County was laid in late 1987, but the new system isn't expected to be put into operation until late 1989.

Establishment of the 911 system — which will allow Howard County citizen faster access to aid during an emergency — was made possible by overwhelming voter approval of the issue in a Nov. 3 election.

Local voters endorsed the system by a 3-to-1 margin. There were 3,082 ballots cast in favor of installing the system, while 1,250 were cast against.

Howard County 911 Emergency Telephone Board members have spent the past three months planning details for implementing the system.

It is still uncertain whether a "basic" or "enhanced" system will be installed. However, 911 board members favor the enhanced system.

An enhanced system, which is considerably more expensive to install, identifies the phone number and street address from where a call is made and routes the call to the appropriate authority. A basic system does not.

Installation and operation of the emergency telephone system will be funded by a six percent garnishment of phone customer's basic monthly bills. A monthly 50-cent fee added to all residential telephone customer bills, business customers will be assessed an additional \$1.19 each month.

The 911 fee will be added to Howard County monthly telephone bills beginning May 1.

The six percent fee is expected to yield an estimated \$100,170 per year from Big Spring and \$10,800 from the Coahoma area, according to spokesmen for Southwestern Bell and Wes-Tex telephone companies

which provide service to those cities.

Estimated revenues from the Forsan area, which is served by General Telephone Co., were not available.

A formal contract between the 911 board and each of the three telephone service company providers is expected to be signed before the 911 fee goes into effect in May.

Southwestern Bell has estimated it will cost \$63,675 to install its portion of an enhanced system. The company also has said it will cost an additional \$2,555 each month to operate such a system.

Wes-Tex estimates its share of system installation costs will be \$10,700, with \$700 on-going monthly charges.

General Telephone placed its share of installation costs at \$12,545 and monthly service charges at \$395.

After installation costs are paid, the six percent fee may be reduced to yield only the amount necessary for operations and maintenance of the system, according to 911 Board Chairman Tim Yeats.

Although board members are still working to prepare a budget, operation costs for the system are expected to include the salaries of three additional dispatchers at the Big Spring police department to answer the 911 calls.

The opportunity for establishing the 911 system in Howard County was created when Governor Bill Clements signed a bill on May 28, 1987 initiating a statewide 911 system.

Participation is optional for counties with less than 120,000 population. Howard County falls in that category.

Citizens in smaller counties are required to approve or reject the system in a county-wide election.

Under previous law, a county was required to have at least 75,000 population to install the system.

Forsan schools set goals for '88

By J.F. POYNER

Forsan Schools Superintendent

The Forsan School District made continued progress toward its educational goals during 1986-87.

Test scores indicate that a quality educational program is flourishing and most parents and students seem to be taking a more serious attitude toward learning. As the job market for the unskilled gets tighter, educational programs become increasingly important.

Students who are at risk will draw increased attention in 1987-88 and future years. Also, gifted youngsters will begin to receive

more attention.

The challenges facing all schools are: emphasis on academic excellence, getting the most education for every dollar invested, and raising the awareness of the general public to pay more than money and lip service to the importance of acquiring a good education.

These challenges have not been lost on the Forsan board and staff. At present there is a major study going on to seek ways to:

- Better identify and reach the at-risk students;
- Help teachers better meet the needs of the gifted; and

- Find ways to get more parental involvement in the education of their children.

Parental involvement is needed not for fund raising, extra curricular programs, but for support of their children in academic pursuits.

As the Forsan School District looks forward to the conclusion of the 1987-88 school year and its preparation for 1988-89, we have high aspirations for each student who attends classes. The depth of involvement by the district's patrons will largely determine the success of its product.

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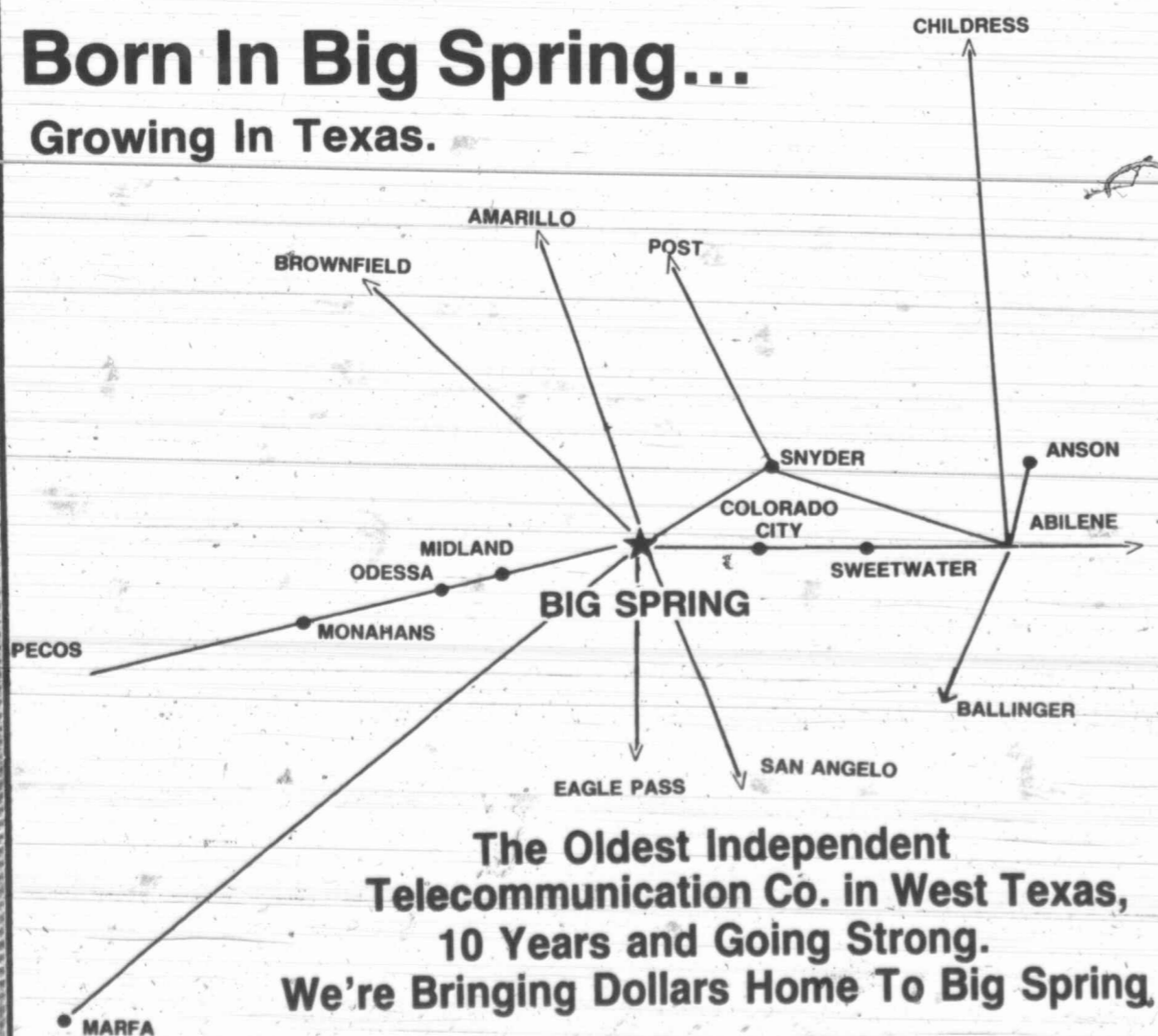
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CRMWD recalls historic year; plans for more

By OWEN IVIE
CRMWD General Manager

The Colorado River Municipal Water District experienced a historic year in 1987.

After some 12 years of diligent efforts to secure a permit to construct the Stacy Dam and Reservoir, an unencumbered permit was received and construction actually got underway the last of April.

The Stacy Project, when completed, will form one of the largest lakes west of Fort Worth. Water from the reservoir will meet the projected water requirements for an estimated 500,000 people to the year 2030.

Without this reservoir, the Permian Basin area of Central West Texas would soon become water short and the area's ability to attract industry and continue a healthy growth rate would cease to exist.

The main activities for the district during 1988 will be the monitoring of the construction activities, the continued purchase of reservoir basin land, awarding a contract for the pump station structure in the Stacy lake basin, as well as detailed studies pertaining to the water supply from the Stacy Reservoir to the District's member cities' area.

Coupled with the continued efforts relative to the Stacy project will be renewed efforts to improve the quality of water impounded in Lake Spence.

Studies will be made to determine whether an additional point of diversion in the Colorado River drainage area system above Lake Spence can be found and implemented to divert low-quality water from the river into holding ponds and ultimately disposed of through industrial sales. The district has two such facilities in operation presently.

1987 was a productive year in-



1987 represented a historic year for the Colorado River Municipal Water District, with construction work finally beginning on the Stacy Dam project, after a dozen years awaiting the permit. The scene at left is a view of the Colorado River, an area that will



eventually be underwater when the dam is completed. At right is a scene of the construction work now underway.

sofar as runoff into Lakes Thomas and Spence was concerned. 134,000 acre-feet of water was impounded in these two lakes; however, in order to improve the quality of the water in Lake Spence, 91,000-acre-feet of water that originated from Natural Dam Lake west of Big Spring and flowed into Lake Spence during the year was released from that reservoir by reason of the high mineral content of the water.

Had water not been released from Lake Spence the past year, it would have been to conservation

level and contained 488,000 acre-feet of water and covered some 14,900 surface acres. During the year, the district met all of the water requirements of its member cities and contract cities, as well as the requirements of numerous industrial organizations.

One of the on-going activities of the Colorado River Municipal Water District is cooperation with the chambers of commerce throughout the District's operational area in an attempt to attract industry, thus increasing labor

opportunities.

We believe we are in a unique position to assist in attracting industry to our area and stand ready at any time to assist in any way we can.

General Manager O.H. Ivie reported that the district's financial status has remained in excellent condition. For the third consecutive year water rates to the district member cities Big Spring, Odessa, and Snyder, will remain essentially the same.

The District has been able to

maintain water rates while, at the same time, building a bond retirement fund from revenue sources. This enabled the district to pay its share of the debt service requirements in the bonds sold to finance the Stacy reservoir project.

The annual debt service on the 1985 Stacy bonds amounts to approximately \$6 million. Other entities participating in the Stacy project are the cities of Midland, San Angelo, and Abilene (through the West Central Texas Municipal

Water District). The district's share of the cost of the Stacy reservoir is 50.38 percent.

The district begins 1988 with a work force of 78 conscientious people. Labor turnover on the district's payroll is essentially nonexistent. All of the district's employees are dedicated to represent the member cities of the district in a first-class manner.

With employees such as we have, I see no problem in meeting whatever demands are placed on the district in 1988.

Symphony Planning for three concerts

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony Association will present three concerts for the 1988-89 season if the funding is available, according to John Wilson, president. Proposed budget for the new season is \$35,000.

The ultimate plan calls for two performances by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra — one this fall and another next spring — plus a concert by the Ft. Worth Chamber Orchestra that includes an additional performance for the schools.

Wilson reminds residents that the Ft. Worth Chamber Orchestra will appear here April 11, to conclude the 1987-88 season. This concert was postponed in January when an ice storm prevented the orchestra's departure from Ft. Worth.

Funding for the new season comes from several sources, Wilson said.

The Association's annual maintenance drive will kick off Tuesday, March 1. Ricky Mitchell is this year's chairman, and will direct his volunteers in a campaign to raise \$11,000.

"We have applied to the Texas Arts Commission for a grant again this year," says Wilson. "Last year we

only got 40 percent of the money we asked for. State funding for the arts continues to dwindle."

The Symphony Guild, a support organization, annually pledges about \$7,000, according to Phyllis Graumann, treasurer of the Guild and the Association. The Guild sponsors a variety of fund-raising events, including the annual parade of homes, to raise funds. A new fund-raising event will be inaugurated this year — the debutante ball — a formal ball presenting the new symphony debs.

The Cultural Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce also makes a grant each year.

"Last year we only presented two concerts because we only had the funding for two," explained Graumann. "This year our goal is three, but if we are unable to raise enough money, we will cut back to two again."

Corporate sponsorships are very successful in other communities, said Graumann. "I feel that corporate and business participation has not been fully tapped in Big Spring."

Graumann points out that Big Spring is the smallest city in the state to field its own symphony orchestra.

"We feel that it's a terrific asset for the community," she said.



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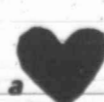
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A youth looks for good reading in the children's section of the Howard County Library. Several collections, including movies and tapes, were added to the library in 1987.

Library expands its collections

By JUDITH GRAY
Howard County Librarian

1987 was a year that saw several important achievements for the Howard County Library. A books-on-cassette tape collection was added, funded by a donation from the Downtown Lions and the library budget. It has a variety of mysteries, westerns, adventures, humor, biography, and business/self-help tapes.

The Friends of the Howard County Library supported a video tape collection that grew in number of titles and users. The group also provided a video cassette player available for rent overnight. Cassettes are loaned at no charge.

The Friends group also purchased a new copier that makes double-sided copies as well as single-sided in letter and legal size, as well as on 11-by-17-inch paper. It also prints in red ink.

The Literacy Program, begun in late 1986, continued its slow but sure progress. In late 1987, a VISTA program volunteer was hired to work with the program. At latest report, there were 25 students. Four to eight students meet regularly in the library.

Work on the computerized circulation system was completed in mid-May. It was tested thoroughly during an active summer reading program — over 6,700 books were borrowed the first week! The first anniversary of the computer's use was in November. The library pursued its normal work and services as

well. More than 127,700 items were borrowed from Oct. 1, 1986 to Dec. 31, 1987. 2,759 new books were added. As of Dec. 30, 1987, 6,925 library cards had been issued under the new system and 11,000 reference questions were asked.

Library personnel presented 183 programs in and out of the library for schools, clubs, and institutions to an estimated audience of 7,680. Fifteen groups used the library facilities for meetings.

Challenges and goals for 1988 include continued growth and use of all current services and collections. Planned is the establishment of a compact disc collection. We will continue to register and re-register borrowers, especially children to meet the American Library Association's goal of a card for every child. Work and expansion will continue in the literacy program to reach and involve more people as students and to train tutors.

Perhaps the greatest challenge is to acquire more space for the library. This means not only housing and shelving for the collection of materials; it means seating and tables for library users.

This can be achieved by means of a new facility for the library (either a large remodeled building or something new) or a redesigned and completely renovated building where the library is located now, and, possibly branches or stations at Forsan and Coahoma. In the coming year, all means and methods will be explored.

Oklahoma find prompts optimism

LONE GROVE, Okla. (AP) — Two Ardmore geologists say a major oil and gas discovery reported in southern Oklahoma may be the region's biggest in 20 years.

"It's too early to tell," geologist Bob Allen said of the potential benefits for the area because of the discovery. "It could bleed down in six months or last 10 years. It is a fabulous discovery. It's a great asset to the United States ... probably the biggest discovery in Southern Oklahoma in the last 20 years."

Bud Morrison, another Ardmore geologist, agreed with Allen that the find is amazing.

"Its effect on Southern Oklahoma will depend on what they find with the second well they're drilling," Morrison said.

Consolidated Natural Gas reported last week a large oil and gas discovery west of Lone Grove in an exploratory, or wildcat well, designated 1-32 Cottonwood Creek, at a depth of approximately 8,350 feet.

A company spokesman said the well is flowing at a rate of 3,700 barrels of oil and 2.9 million cubic feet of gas per day.

CNG is drilling a second well, called an offset, nearby. Tom Dodd, director of finance and budgets with the Tulsa company, said the well has reached a depth of between 6,000 and 7,000 feet.

Three other companies are making plans to drill in the immediate area.

Pletcher Oil of Ardmore has filed an intent-to-drill application for a site about a mile southeast of the producing well. Drilling plans are not firm, a company spokesperson said.

The Daube Company of Ardmore has filed an application with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for a drill site about one-quarter mile east of the CNG well. A hearing on the application is scheduled Monday.

According to a recent issue of Petroleum Informations Oklahoma

Report, Mack Energy of Duncan has asked the Corporation Commission to force pool mineral interests in an 80-acre parcel about three-quarters of a mile northwest of the CNG well, to the north of U.S. Highway 70.

The new exploration activity is near the Hewitt Field, a producing zone at shallower depths.

Drilling at the original CNG well began Oct. 16. The well was to have been drilled to a projected depth of 12,700 feet to reach potential oil and gas deposits in the Arbuckle Formation, which underlies the immediate area at depths of between 6,000 and 13,000 feet, some geologists believe.

Based on somewhat limited geological information, Dodd said, the company believes the deposit lies in the Arbuckle Formation, a bed composed predominantly of limestone approximately 500 million years old.

"We won't say what type of reservoir we're in," Dodd said.

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 the United States.
 According to the plan, Big Spring will receive \$1 per day per inmate, or about \$180,000 a year if the detention center is at capacity level.
 The city is to provide administrative and accounting services.

Rutherford has said the prison would have a \$30 million financial impact on the community annually, as the result of an estimated \$5 million to \$6 million operating budget.

In December city council authorized advertising for bids to expand the sewage system at the city airpark to accommodate the sewage disposal needs of the planned prison.

On Jan. 12 city council awarded \$916,233 in bids for improvements to the city's water system, but a contract for a 250,000-gallon elevated storage tank proposed for the airpark has not been awarded, according to City Manager Mack Wofford.

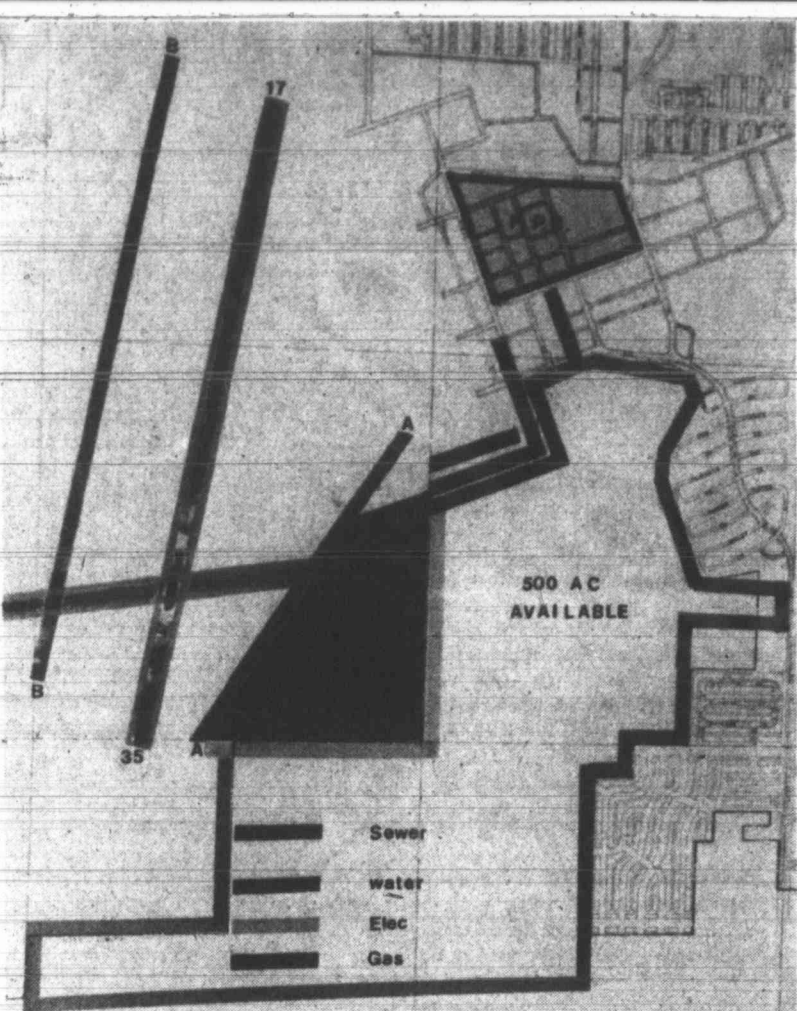
The contract is being held until officials are certain the prison will be constructed, Wofford said.

"We've done everything we can do: We have the agreement signed — everything is signed, sealed and ready to go."

The agreement is a complicated lease/sublease operating agreement that clears the way for eventual construction of the facility at the airpark.

The city will lease the airpark property — about 36 acres — to Mid-Tex for \$2 a year. Mid-Tex will then sublease the property back to the city for \$1 a year.

The agreement was necessary to comply with federal law which requires the city to have interest in the land where the



prisoners will be housed. "All of this is subject to the fact that construction is begun," Wofford said.

Prison developers Ed Davenport of Brady and Roy Burnes, president of the Eden Detention Center are seeking financial backing for the project, Wofford said.

Davenport estimated construction costs to be \$14 million. Wofford said Big Spring officials spoke with developers earlier this month, but learned little.

"They didn't give us anything

definitive, but said things are moving forward," he said, speculating that the stock market fluctuations last year may have had a negative effect on the company's financing plan.

"They haven't told us of any problems," he said, however.

The city has no specific deadlines relating to the start of construction or any other phases of the plan.

About the only thing local officials can do now is wait, Wofford said.

Drilling budgets may increase

Herald bureau report
 DALLAS — Despite the effects of a world oil surplus and the recent sharp swings in domestic crude prices, many Texas companies are planning at least modest increases in drilling budgets in 1988.

Sun Co., Enserch Corp., Maxus Energy, Arco Oil & Gas Co. and Triton Energy Corp. are among major area oil and gas companies planning hikes in their exploration and production spending this year.

One reason for the confidence is that even with the price of the U.S. benchmark crude fluctuating from \$15.16 to \$18.55 a barrel in futures trading over the last two months, many of the larger independents and majors still expect the average price will end up on the higher end of the range this year.

But in almost every case, companies are proceeding cautiously, funding drilling projects from existing cash flow and targeting only their most favorable drilling prospects.

Triton Energy, an aggressive international player based in Dallas, plans to increase its exploration spending by \$37 million to \$70 million this year.

"The slight increase in oil prices over last year is the major reason for the increase," said Triton spokesman Michael McInerney.

He said a good part of the increase will be for drilling projects on newly-acquired properties in Canada and the United States.

The company already has a strong presence in France, where it will spend about \$25 million in exploration and production this year, and in Canada,

where it has earmarked \$15 million for 1988 drilling programs.

"We are bullish on Western Canada," McInerney said.

Tom Sullivan, spokesman for Sun Co.'s Dallas-based exploration and production company, said capital spending should top \$1 billion companywide in 1988, with about \$600 million of that expected to go for drilling and production projects.

That is an increase over last year when overall company spending dropped below \$1 billion for the first time in five years.

Exploration and production spending, which normally makes up two-thirds of Sun's capital budget, also dropped significantly in 1987 to about \$500 million, only a third of what it was in 1984.

Sun will focus much of its 1988 domestic drilling efforts in the Gulf of Mexico while the international activity will come primarily in the North Sea, Sullivan said.

The company has received approval from the British government to develop the Glamis Field in the North Sea, which is estimated to contain 17.5 million barrels of recoverable oil.

North of the Glamis Field in the same lease block, Sun also is seeking approval for long-term production tests in an area where it previously has found an oil-bearing structure and made two discoveries. The new exploration activity is near Balmoral Field, in which Sun has a 57 percent interest and has been producing 35,000 barrels a day.

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College numbers growing

By BOB RILEY
 Howard College president
 Howard College enrollment reached an all-time high in the fall 1987 semester and as late registration continues for the spring semester, enrollment figures look very good.

During 1987, among the many campus improvements, was the installation of a new heating/cooling system. The new system replaces the original system that was put in place in the early 1950s when the campus was built.

Also in 1987, Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf began requiring uniform placement tests for students enrolling in math and English, just ahead of passage of the state law mandating the tests to begin in 1989.

Students scoring below a certain level on tests are then required to take developmental courses that will build their skills to collegiate level.

In 1988 Howard College and SWCID will continue to offer a variety of vocational, academic, and transfer programs to the community.

Along with the educational credit program, Howard College will continue to offer non-credit adult education and English as a Second Language free to students at the Adult Learning Center. Free tutors also will be available to people wanting to learn to read.

Other non-credit classes will be offered by the Continuing Education department as community interest demands are known.

Extension

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 provided training in skill identification, preparing applications and resumes, improving interview skills and keeping the job.

Extension homemaker clubs are a major part of the home economics program. Four clubs in Howard County meet regularly to learn about a variety of subjects. The extension home economist conducts some of the programs and trains club leaders who, in turn, present the program to their respective groups.

In 1987, 42 trained leaders presented programs to 192 club members. Topics included: stain removal, family communication, quality clothing, first things to do after a death, walking for fitness, grocery cost analysis and wills.

A basic clothing construction workshop was held in October and covered sewing techniques and how to follow a pattern guide sheet.

A demonstration and exhibit is conducted each month at the commodity distribution center to provide education in nutrition and stretching food dollars. Throughout the year participation has increased from about 75 to over 175.

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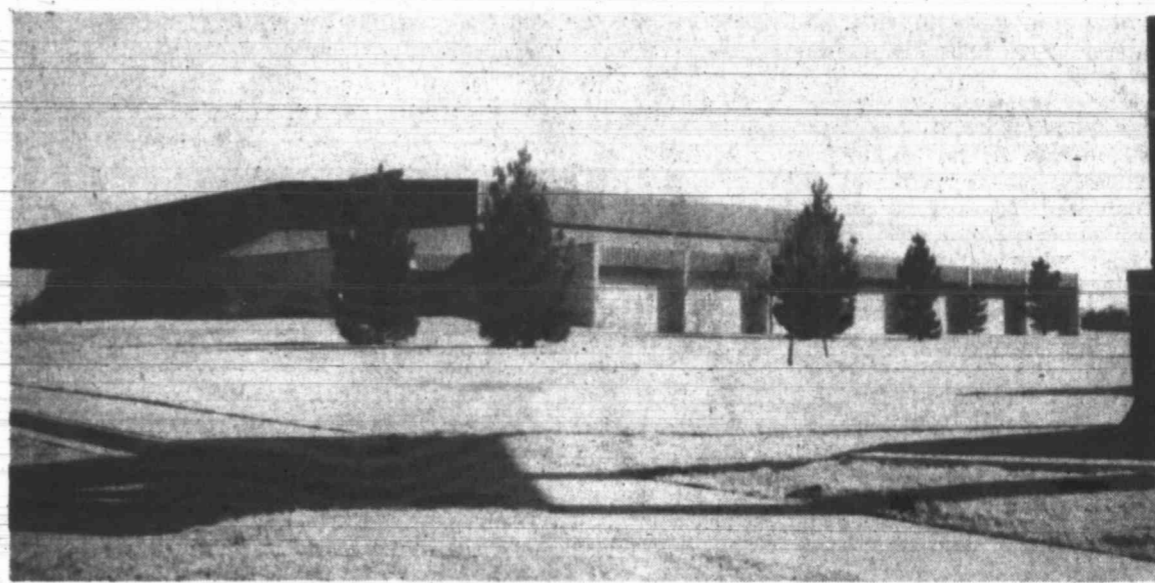
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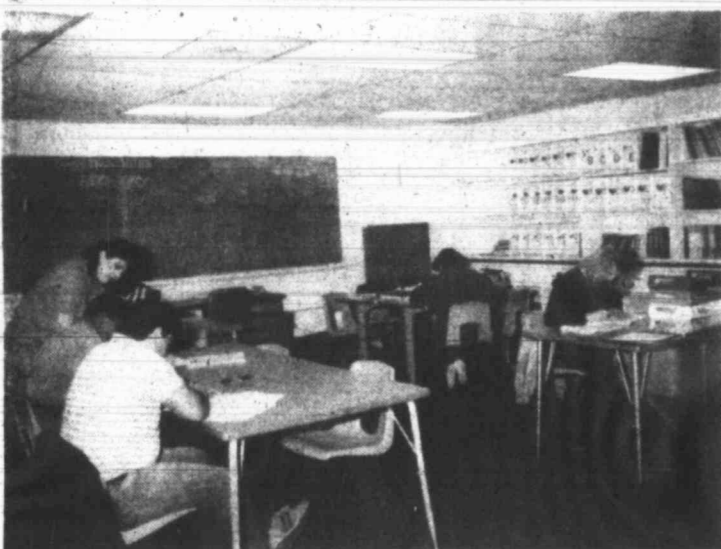
HOWARD COLLEGE—HELPING BIG SPRING GROW IN 1988!



The Howard County Junior College District was created by a county-wide vote on November 17, 1945. Seven citizens of Howard County were elected on that same ballot to serve as a Board of Trustees. Howard College was first housed two miles west of downtown Big Spring in the hospital area of the former Air Force Bombadier School. The first session began on September 30, 1946. On September 12, 1951, the college was moved to a one hundred acre campus located in southeast Big Spring. Howard College is a diversified and flexible public community college serving the local and surrounding communities while responding to community requests for service in some outlying areas. Also, a number of out-of-state and foreign students enroll each year. The college provides inviting centers of learning which challenge persons of all ages, races, religions, and life styles to a commitment of self-growth, personal fulfillment, and preparation for an individual role in society.

The Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is a versatile 90,000 square foot coliseum complex. Along with the best basketball arena in the area, the coliseum offers classrooms, conference rooms, racquetball courts and a weight room. The coliseum arena area, while best suited for basketball, has hosted dog shows, circuses, banquets, arts and craft shows and many other community events.

FOR INFORMATION CALL (915) 267-6311



Learning Center — The Howard College Learning Center offers Adult Education, G.E.D., English as a Second Language and Basic Life Skills at no cost to the student. Students can come at their convenience and study in the learning center under the supervision of a qualified instructor and teacher's assistant.



Cosmetology — Cosmetology students at Howard College may work on a clock-hour program or they can work on a semester hour degree program. The new cosmetology facility provides the best working areas and learning areas. Cosmetology students begin taking customers after a specific group of skills are learned. Community citizens can come to the Howard College Cosmetology Department and get a hair style, facial, manicure or many other services for a very low cost. For an appointment call 267-6311 extension 264 or 267-1104.



Drafting — Drafting Technology at Howard College is a two-year associate degree program. The latest in computer equipment helps make the drafting department state-of-the-art in its educational goals.



Automotive — The Howard College Automotive Department offers certificates and associate degrees in Automotive Body Repair and Automotive Technology. The latest equipment and service techniques are a part of this curriculum, and a new working facility makes the Howard College Automotive Department a great learning experience.



Dental Hygiene — The Howard College Dental Hygiene Department offers an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene. This two-year program admits only twelve students each fall. For practical experience Dental Hygiene students work with patients from the community. For a small fee a patient can have his teeth cleaned and examined. Appointments are made by calling the Dental Hygiene Department at 267-6311 extension 306.



Academic — Howard College offers many academic and transfer programs, making the first two years of a bachelor's degree possible right here at home. Academic and transfer programs are available in Agriculture, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Drama, Elementary Education, English, Engineering, Foreign Language, Geology, Industrial Arts, Math, Pre-Medical, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Social Science and Speech.



The Anthony Hunt Library is now called the Learning Resource Center. The LRC contains over 14,000 square feet of space with seating for 200 students. In addition to traditional library services, the LRC has audio-visual media, study carrels, typing areas, and microcomputer software and hardware. The LRC is available for use by college students and residents of the community.



The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf of Howard College (SWCID) was established in 1980. SWCID provides a comprehensive educational environment to assist hearing-impaired students. SWCID offers a variety of certificate and degree programs with an emphasis on preparing the student to enter the work force. SWCID is located at the site of the former Webb Air Force Base. The property contains a 66,000 square foot administration/classroom complex, dormitories and a dramatic arts building.