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## Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area:  
Mostly sunny and warm through  
Wednesday. Clear tonight. Highs  
Wednesday mid 60s. The high for  
Monday was 57 and the low was 30.



## No comment from council on INS prison

By MICHAEL DUFFY  
Staff Writer

City officials were tight-lipped after a two-hour executive session, apparently called to discuss the Immigration and Naturalization Service prison under construction at Interstate 20 and Andrews Highway.

Johnny Rutherford, supervisor of subcontractors at the construction site, and developer Ed Davenport, addressed the council and city officials for about 45 minutes, then exited the closed session, but patiently waited as discussion continued for another 75 minutes.

Mayor A.C. "Cotton" Mize said city officials and council members asked questions of Rutherford and Davenport, who will apparently provide more details at a work session tentatively scheduled for Jan. 9.

At the conclusion of the Monday's work session, Mize and City Manager Hal Boyd stated there was nothing they could comment on publicly.

Prior to the executive session, Rutherford said it will be "at least 60 days" before the renovation of the former Homestead Inn Motel into an INS minimum security prison will be complete.

Rutherford predicted in September that if construction progressed smoothly the facility could open Dec. 1.

Unexpected equipment and machinery problems are primarily responsible for the delay, although construction is steady, he affirmed.

Negotiations with the Federal Bureau of Prisons are still continuing. However, a contract has not yet been signed, Rutherford said.

On June 14, the city council approved the signing by Mize of a letter of intent with Mid-Tex Detention Centers, Inc., Davenport's company.

Included among the stipulations in the letter of intent are that the city shall receive \$1 per-day/per inmate (subject to modification) from the Federal Bureau of Prisons for each inmate housed by Mid-Tex.

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The city has also agreed to pay the ad valorem taxes on the facility, effective Jan. 1, 1989, provided there is an executed contract between the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the city of Big Spring.

The letter also states that under no circumstance shall the city be liable for ad valorem taxes in excess of an amount equal to the annual per diem share retained by the city.

The city will not be responsible in any way for liability in the operation of the facility and is subject to the provisions of a Detention Services agreement to be approved by the City Council and the management of Mid-Tex, the letter states.

When completed, the facility will be capable of housing up to 300 violators of immigration laws sentenced to short-term imprisonment before deportation, Rutherford has said.

A 12-foot high perimeter chain link fence that will eventually be topped with three strands of razor wire is under construction.

Rutherford has previously stated that the renovation project will cost approximately \$1.5 million and when operational the prison will have an estimated \$3 million annual budget.

About 55 jobs for positions within the prison are "on hold" until the renovation project is completed, he said.

Job applications for the INS prison are being accepted at the Texas Employment Commission office, although TEC Office Manager Joe Wallis said today no one — that he is aware of — has been hired.

"I know there were a lot of people who were supposed to have been hired before the slowdown," Wallis said.

## Students over ACT average

By STEVE GEISSEN  
Staff Writer

ACT results recently released by Big Spring High School show that local 11th- and 12th-graders scored above the state average in three of four testing areas.

The test results also show that local students taking the test during the 1987-88 school year scored above the national average in English and science, but below the national average in math and social studies.

The local ACT composite score is above the state average and slightly below the national average.

The ACT and SAT are college placement tests taken by juniors and seniors considering pursuing higher education.

The vast majority of local students take the ACT rather than the SAT, according to local school officials.

During the 1987-88 school year, 113 Big Spring High School students — 78 seniors and 35 juniors — took the ACT. The 78 seniors taking the test represent 34 percent of the high school's graduates.

The test is divided into four subject areas — English, mathematics, social studies and natural science. Possible scores range from 1 to 36.

Average ACT scores are:  
• English — local: 19.1; state: 17.8; national: 18.5.  
• Math — local: 15.8; state: 16.1; national: 17.2.

• Social Studies — local: 16.7; state: 16.1; national: 17.4.

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## Spears: Directing a prison camp

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles on the Big Spring Federal Prison camp.

By MICHAEL DUFFY  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Federal Prison Camp Superintendent Phil Spears considers it important to be visible. That's the reason he tries to be at work no later than 6 a.m. so he can have breakfast — the "social gathering" of the day at the prison.

"It gives me a chance to chat with the inmates and staff members. . . To show them that I am involved," he explained.

Spears believes it is imperative to instill a set of values and ethics in his staff.

"The way inmates are treated is directly related to the way we treat our staff," he said.

Big Spring's prison is categorized as a Level 1 facility and houses non-violent offenders who have no history of escape; the average length of incarceration for an inmate here is between 10 and 12 months, Spears said.

However, tentative plans call for raising the local prison camp to a higher level of convict.

Most inmates, though not necessarily all of them, are convicted of crimes in the Southwest and come from varied socio-economic backgrounds.

Inmate educational backgrounds range from very little to those who hold law degrees. There are six categories — or levels — in the federal prison system, from minimum-to-maximum security.

There is only one Level 6 prison — located in Marion, Ill. — that is designed for inmates determined

to be incorrigible. There are 48 federal prisons in the United States — 20 of which are minimum security facilities, he said.

Although both men and women are incarcerated at some federal prisons, the Big Spring prison population is exclusively male, according to the superintendent.

Spears said his primary responsibility as administrator is to keep the citizens of Big Spring safe from the inmates.

"I have to keep it (prison) locked up to protect the community, but I also want to provide a safe, humane and clean environment for the inmates and staff," he advised.

The prison camp — which opened in 1979 — sits on 99.8 acres of land that was formerly part of Webb Air Force Base, Spears said.

It has a broom and cable factory; small medical facility; cafeteria; gymnasium; theater; gymnasium; and even a building that has been converted into a church.

"I have four inmates who are Muslims and finding a minister for them in West Texas isn't easy," he joked.

Instead of bars and cells, from between two and four inmates live in what were once military barracks.

"In many ways we are just like the community of Big Spring," Spears said.

He feels it is crucial to develop a positive relationship with the city of Big Spring and its residents.

"We need to show them we are good neighbors," he said.

Spears has demonstrated that

PRISON CAMP page 3-A



## 100 percent cotton

Aboard his forklift, Elvin Greathouse picks up 500-pound cotton bales, arranging them into rows at The Trinity Company cotton compress today. The compress is keeping busy as truckloads of

cotton arrive steadily from local gins. A report on national cotton yields appears on page 2-A.

## Congressional pay jump proposed

From staff, wire reports

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers who say it's hard to make ends meet on \$89,500 a year are hoping 1989 will bring them a substantial boost in pay.

A presidential commission reviewing the government's top pay levels was poised today to recommend hefty salary increases for members of Congress, federal judges and senior executive branch employees.

The recommendations will attach firm dollar amounts to broad principles outlined in a draft report issued by the commission last week, in which the panel said salaries should generally restore top government officials' purchasing power to 1969 levels.

For members of Congress, for example, that would put pay near \$135,000 — roughly a 50 percent increase. Cabinet members and Supreme Court justices, who now make \$115,000, would presumably be recommended for similar boosts.

In its report, the Commission on Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries also recommend-

**Democrat Charles Stenholm, 17th Texas District U.S. Representative, doubts the 50 percent salary increase will ever become reality, noting that more than 99 percent of his constituency oppose any kind of pay raise for congressman "under any circumstance."**

ed that Congress, if it accepts a pay raise, vote to ban the acceptance by lawmakers of honoraria, or speaking fees paid by special-interest groups.

Democrat Charles Stenholm, 17th Texas District U.S. Representative, said today he doubts the 50 percent salary increase will ever become reality.

"How much am I worth?" Stenholm asked rhetorically. "I feel I am worth as much as any other congressman, although there are a lot of people who feel we are all worth zero. I'm just glad that there is a commission who determines what our salaries are."

Stenholm said more than 99 percent of his constituency oppose any kind of pay raise for congressman

"under any circumstance."

As congressional salaries have been held down by political forces, honoraria have grown to make up the difference for lawmakers who often must maintain dual homes in their states and in Washington. Members of Congress may accept up to \$2,000 per speaking engagement, up to a limit of 40 percent of their salaries for senators and 30 percent for House members.

The process lends itself to abuse. Rather than waiting for speaking invitations, "some of my colleagues have begun to ask people for them," giving the appearance of shaking down special interest groups, said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

"Others have begun to broker

them. They'll say, 'I can get you an honorarium, breakfast for \$1,000,'" Frank said. "People understand that it looks bad, and that in some cases it IS bad. A pattern of abuse has begun to show up. It affects 10 percent of the people, but that's too many."

The commission's formal report is due to be delivered to President Reagan by Thursday. Reagan then can adopt the recommendation or, as he did two years ago, modify it before including it in the budget proposal he sends to Congress on Jan. 9.

Under the law, the increase will take effect a month later, on Feb. 8, unless both the House and Senate vote to scotch it. For 19 of those 30 days Congress will be out of session, leaving only a limited time for opponents to act.

During hearings in recent weeks the panel, which by law meets every four years to review the government's top salary structure, heard testimony that relatively low pay levels were making it difficult to recruit and keep talented people in the executive branch, on the

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## Church's closes 24 in Texas

## Big Spring is affected

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Church's Fried Chicken in Big Spring is apparently among the company's 24 restaurants in Texas that closed Saturday, according to a representative at Church's national headquarters in San Antonio.

"It appears the store in Big Spring has been closed," said a Church's marketing representative who did not want to be identified.

This morning the local Church's restaurant, located at 1100 Gregg Street, was not open during its scheduled operating hours.

Saying some of the less profitable stores could no longer wing it, Church's Fried Chicken announced it was closing immediately up to 120 restaurants amid a \$290 million hostile takeover battle.

The 120 restaurants are spread over 20 states and have lost \$7.4 million during the past 12 months.

Church's is scrambling to fend off a hostile takeover attempt by New Orleans-based Popeyes Famous Fried Chicken and Biscuits, whose latest \$8-per-share, \$290 million offer

CHURCH'S page 3-A



An unidentified inmate at the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp displays his expertise in the facilities broom factory.

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# AIDS top killer of young Houston men

HOUSTON (AP) — AIDS is the number one killer of Houston men ages 25-44, statistic released in the city of Houston Health and Human Services Department says.

"We have known that AIDS was a serious health problem in Houston for years," Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire said Monday. "But this clarifies why we are setting up the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance," an umbrella organization that local officials hope will include most AIDS community groups.

Mrs. Whitmire said that prevention efforts are now the key to the city's fighting future increases. She also said city health officials are working to bring more AIDS prevention money into Houston.

Bill Teague, president of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank who

chaired the Houston-Harris County Panel on AIDS until it disbanded two months ago, said the latest statistics shouldn't surprise anyone.

"AIDS is getting worse. It clearly means we better do everything we can to prevent it and to take care of the people who have it," Teague said.

"Traditionally, it's been accidents or homicide in men ages 25-34 and cancer or heart disease in men 35-44. But AIDS is above that now," he said.

Nationally, AIDS is the 15th cause of death among all U.S. citizens, according to statistics released by the U.S. Center for Health Statistics.

Heart disease remains the number one killer of Americans.



**War collection**  
DALLAS — D.J. Goodwin's growing collection of Vietnam War memorabilia is filling his allotted space at a Dallas flea market. Goodwin and a partner have been collecting for a few years and they claim to have the largest display in the Southwest.

# Battleship Texas heads to dry dock for repairs

LA PORTE (AP) — Mud around the Battleship Texas was keeping the historic ship from taking its first voyage since 1948, a tow up the Houston Ship Channel to dry dock in Galveston for major repairs, officials said today.

Although officials have not yet ruled out moving the ship towards Galveston today, there is concern the Texas may be unable to pull through its own impression left in the mud from its 48-year berth at the San Jacinto Battleground State Park, naval architect Edwin Phillips said.

"She is substantially aft her original position. We've moved about 25 or 30 feet but it hasn't been a great big bite," Phillips said, adding he was not confident the Texas would be moved today "but eventually she'll come."

Five tugboats with a combined 16,000 horsepower have been washing underneath the Texas in a rocking, back-and-forth movement to try to move the 27-ton ship.

The tugging began about 5:30 this morning when Wilson Dolman, director of parks, gave crews the go-ahead. The ship, however, still had not left its berth four hours later because of the mud.

Sue Moss, Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department project historian for the battleship, said there was no immediate concern that the ship would not be moved today. She said officials hope to have as much daylight as possible during the towing.

"We also want to be able to catch the tides coming up this evening at Galveston. We're still well within that as far as the expected speed and time. We will know in the next two hours if it's not going to go," she said.

The Texas, the only surviving U.S. combat ship to have served in both world wars, is scheduled to undergo a \$5.1 million restoration.

The 40-mile trip to the Todd Shipyard in Galveston is expected to take 10-12 hours, depending on wind and weather conditions, Ms. Moss said.

"In my judgment we would have very severe long-term problems with the ship if we didn't repair her now. We have had a history of leaks in the ship, some in the piping system, but some also in hull penetration caused by corrosion," Dolman said.

He said measures are being taken to safeguard against any leaks that may occur while towing.

# State firefighters join Soviet relief efforts

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Harris County volunteer firefighters experienced in rescue operations are part of an eight-person American team being sent to Soviet Armenia to aid in earthquake relief.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry today put the official death toll from the Dec. 7 quake at 55,000 and the number of injured at 13,000.

Capt. Jim Nusser, 28, and Senior Capt. Jeff Doran, 25, volunteer firefighters of the Ponderosa Fire Station in west Harris County, were scheduled to leave for Armenia by military transport from New York today.

"I consider it an honor to be chosen to go," Doran said before leaving. "We don't know what to expect. We have been told to approach it with an open mind. I've never been farther than Min-

nesota, so if someone tries to speak to me in Russian, I'm in trouble."

The Houston-area men got involved when a coordinator of the Lukas Rescue Team, a New York manufacturer of specialized rescue equipment, contacted Ponderosa Fire Chief Fred Windisch.

The Lukas team was looking for qualified individuals with rappelling expertise, hydraulic extrication skills, and command experience. Lukas had earlier in the year trained the Ponderosa team.

"Though this will be the largest catastrophe the two have experienced, their knowledge of hydraulic equipment like the jaws of life" cranes (commonly used to pry victims from wrecked autos) is what qualified Doran and Nusser for the assignment, Windisch said.

## Briefs

### Trust fund set up for Peggy Railey

DALLAS (AP) — Amid doubt that former Dallas minister Walker Railey will ever have the millions of dollars he has been ordered to pay his wife's family, the public is being asked to contribute to trust fund for comatose Peggy Railey.

Discipleship Counseling Service, a non-profit counseling agency in Dallas, has established the fund at Northpark National Bank, the Dallas Times Herald reported today.

State District Judge John Whittington of the 193rd District Court ruled last week that Railey should pay his wife's family \$17.9 million in connection with an attack on her last year. She was choked and

left for dead and remains in a persistent vegetative state at a Tyler nursing home.

When he issued the ruling, Whittington also set Peggy Railey's future medical costs at about \$4 million.

Attorney Bill Arnold, who represents Billie Jo Nicolai, Peggy Railey's mother, said contributions to the trust fund will be used to help pay medical costs.

He said if Peggy Railey recovers or dies, the money would go toward the two Railey children.

Whittington ruled in April that Railey was financially liable for the attack. No criminal charges have been filed against him.

### Judge halts school drug testing

GALVESTON (AP) — A federal judge broadened a temporary ruling on school drug tests by halting mandatory sampling of high school and junior high school students in an East Chambers County school district.

U.S. District Judge Hugh Gibson signed the restraining order Monday after officials with the East Chambers Consolidated Independent School District agreed to stop mandatory testing until a hearing April 3 to examine the

issue.

Brent Brooks, a high school senior, sought a restraining order against the district, contending that testing begun in October violated his constitutional right to privacy and constituted unreasonable search and seizure.

The test was to be given to any students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities.

In an earlier agreement, the school district had exempted Brooks from the testing.

### Execution slowed by malfunction

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Raymond Landry, a former electrician with a long record of assaults and thefts, was put to death early today, but not until the intravenous tubing carrying lethal liquid into his arms sprung a leak and the inmate laid on the death chamber gurney for 40 minutes.

Landry, 39, a native of Lafayette Parish, La., was executed for fatally shooting a Houston restaurant owner during a 1982 robbery. Landry was strapped to the gurney at 12:05 a.m. CST and had no final statement as the execution began at 12:21 a.m.

Two minutes later, as he appeared to be saying a silent prayer to himself, a tube attached to the needle inserted in the inside of his right arm suddenly sprung a leak, spraying the lethal drugs toward reporters witnessing the execution

a few feet away.

Warden Jack Pursley ordered a plastic curtain pulled to block the scene from witnesses.

"There was somewhat of a delay in the execution because of what officials called a 'blowout,'" Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said.

"The syringe came out of the vein. The warden ordered the (execution) team to re-insert the catheter into the vein. It was what they call a blowout."

Fourteen minutes later, after witnesses heard the sound of doors opening and closing and at least one groan, the curtain was opened and Landry appeared motionless and unconscious.

At 12:40 a.m., two physicians entered the room to examine Landry and declared him dead at 12:45.

# Abortion protests to resume in February

AUSTIN (AP) — During February, beginning on Ash Wednesday, an anti-abortion group will establish a massive and daily presence "at Austin clinics where abortions are performed, a spokesman for the group said Tuesday.

Rex Moses of Austin Rescue said on Friday and Saturday 150

"rescue workers" were arrested, jailed and charged with criminal trespassing after diverting women from two clinics.

"The last thing that we want is an unpleasant confrontation with the police," Moses told a news conference. But he said, "We see no alternative but to continue to passively and peacefully resist the

police at the instant that they become 'deathscorts.'"

Moses said Austin Rescue has supporters in more than 110 churches, and will organize the supporters in the next two months.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 8, Moses said Austin Rescue would show up at "each of the killing centers" unannounced.

# Interest rates expected to rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates, which have been rising since the election, will be headed still higher in the months ahead as the Federal Reserve steps up its inflation-fighting efforts, many economists believe.

These analysts are predicting rising mortgage rates and another boost in banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark rate for many consumer and business loans.

This forecast, if it proves accurate, would likely put the central bank on a collision course with the Bush administration, which is counting on strong economic growth and falling interest rates to help it trim the federal deficit without resorting to new taxes.

Many economists believe the Fed has already started tightening credit conditions and they expect further efforts along that line when Fed policymakers meet behind closed doors today and Wednesday to review the performance of the economy and make revisions to monetary strategy.

Business

The Federal Open Market Committee, headed by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, meets eight times a year to set guidelines for monetary policy consistent with the bank's job of promoting non-inflationary growth.

While the economy is now in its seventh year of expansion without a downturn, Fed officials have expressed concerns that tight labor markets and high factory operating rates could spur a new inflationary spiral.

Recent signs of economic strength, including a strong unemployment report for November, have many analysts convinced that Fed policymakers believe the economy may be overheating.

"From an economic standpoint the Fed clearly should tighten," said Michael Evans, head of a

Washington consulting firm bearing his name. "The economy is strong and all sorts of inflationary signs are cropping up."

Many analysts say they have detected signs that the Fed is tightening credit behind the scenes. They note that the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other for overnight loans, has been rising. It averaged 8.59 percent last week, the highest weekly average in two years and up from 8.44 percent the week before.

"I think the Fed believes we are at full employment and we can't tolerate strong growth any longer and it is time to hit the brakes," said David Wyss, chief financial economist of Data Resources Inc. of Lexington, Mass.

But the Fed's efforts will make Bush's goal of reducing the budget deficit that much harder because it means economic growth will be slower and the government's tax take lower and interest rates on the \$2.6 trillion national debt will be higher.

# Cotton crop good despite drought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1988 cotton crop mostly escaped the ravages of drought and is expected to total a seven-year high of 15.2 million bales, up 3 percent from last year's harvest and 2 percent more than forecast a month ago, the Agriculture Department says.

Based on field conditions as of Dec. 1, the department's Agricultural Statistics Board said Monday, cotton production would be the largest since 15.6 million

bales were harvested in 1981.

Counting almost 5.8 million bales left over from earlier harvests, the total U.S. cotton supply in the 1988-89 marketing year is expected to be about 21 million bales, the most in 20 years, analysts said in a related supply-and-demand report.

Exports may require only 6.9 million bales in 1988-89, down from more than 7.6 million last marketing year, reflecting "fierce competition" in the world

cotton trade, the report said.

The increased 1988 cotton harvest resulted from a larger acreage, up 16 percent from 1987, while average yields per acre declined from last year.

As a result of the cotton outlook, USDA on Oct. 31 announced that farmers will have to reduce their acreage 25 percent next year to qualify for the price support program.

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**THE Laura B. Hart Chapter #1019, Order of The Eastern Star,** will have a called meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 1988, for the purpose of a Business Meeting and Christmas party, which had to be postponed from an earlier date. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Business meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, 2101 Lancaster. Members are urged to attend.

**FOR men only... well, ladies are invited too!** Dunlap's Special Holiday Fur Show and Men's Night, Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy wine and cheese, while we model lingerie, dresses, and of course, furs. Call 267-8283 for details.

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# Spring board

## How's that?

### Dr. Red Duke

Q. Can you please tell me how I can write or contact Dr. Red Duke who explains medical problems on T.V.?

A. Write to The University of Texas Medical School, 6431 Fannin, Room 4168, Houston, Texas 77030.

## Calendar

### School program

**TODAY**  
• Marcy first grades will offer a program in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. Nursery services provided.

**THURSDAY**  
• National Association of Retired Veteran Railway Employees will meet at 5 p.m. at Kentwood Older Adults Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Dr.

• The Forsan Band Concert will be at 7 p.m. in the Forsan High School auditorium. Sixth grade, seventh grade and high school bands will perform. Coach White will be the special guest with a trombone solo.

• JTPA and Personalized Achievement Center will host Open House in their Fourth Floor Permian Building offices from 2 to 4 p.m. For more details contact Jackie Henry at 267-2102.

**FRIDAY**  
• The Girl Scout Daddy-daughter dance will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

**SATURDAY**  
• The Big Spring Band Boosters will sponsor a bake sale at 10 a.m. in the Big Spring Mall.

## Police beat

A 30-year-old Big Spring woman suffered minor injuries shortly after 5 p.m. Monday in two-vehicle collision, according to police reports.

Kelli Dawn Preston, 19, 2609 Wasson Road, told police she stopped the car she was driving at the intersection of 17th and Main Street, but the sun obstructed her vision and she proceeded forward and was struck by a vehicle driven by Lisa Susanne Brooks, 30, 3602 Calvin St., reports stated.

Big Spring police also reported investigating the following incident:

• A man who listed his address as HC76, Box 112 reported an unknown person took a handgun from his car.

## Prison camp

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attitude by deploying inmates to work in the community. They have been involved with the construction of the Big Spring Humane Society shelter and also construction projects at Comanche Trail Park.

"I don't blame people for being a bit uneasy when we moved here. My job is to assure them we can work together," he noted.

On some occasions, Spears designates volunteer inmates who go into the community to work on specific assignments.

"I think that makes the inmates better and the community better. With this being the holiday season I think it is important that we keep the inmates involved and keep their minds active and away from their personal troubles," he stated.

The superintendent said his philosophy with the inmates is to "stay in touch" and intimated he is frequently asked to check into the status of a specific inmate's case as he observes the day-to-day workings of the facility.

"I encourage the inmates to help each other. I tell them that nobody wants to be here and we all have our own crosses to bear, but it is important to develop a positive attitude while they are here that will help them when they are released," Spears noted.

# Government ordered to speed up shelter process

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday ordered the Reagan administration to speed up the process of determining whether surplus or excess government property can be used to shelter the nation's homeless.

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch gave the government until Dec. 28 to determine if at least half the 350 listed properties were suitable for sheltering homeless people.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development was given until Jan. 12 to survey the rest of the property, which covers more than 1,000 buildings. HUD was also re-

quired to publish weekly in the Federal Register a list of all properties deemed suitable to house homeless people.

The decision was made in a lawsuit brought by the National Coalition for the Homeless, which had accused the Reagan administration of not implementing the McKinney Emergency Homeless Assistance Act.

The law, named for the late Rep. Stewart McKinney, D-Conn., requires the government to survey surplus federal property to determine if the facilities may be used for shelters.

Since the law was first passed last year, not one piece of federal property has been turned over for use as a homeless shelter, attorney Jeffrey Pash argued at Monday's hearing.

Gasch also ruled that once a property is classified suitable for a shelter, it cannot be made available for any other purpose for 30 days while the government reviews applications by homeless groups to take over the facility.

Gasch made the ruling after attorneys for the homeless coalition accused the General Services Administration of selling a property

in Suffolk, Mass., that had been deemed suitable for use as a shelter.

"What this means is that the government is now required to actually make available a very significant amount of property to people who are on the street and to do so very quickly under a strict schedule," said Maria Foscarinis, Washington counsel.

HUD was also ordered to canvass federal agencies quarterly to get an updated list of surplus, excess and under-utilized property. HUD was also directed to conduct suitability studies of each proper-

ty in those categories within two months.

During the hearing, Pash urged the judge to reject a government request for more time to devise new standards for determining if vacant federal buildings are suitable for homeless shelters.

Further delay "will not do anything to get relief to the homeless during the winter," Pash said. "For people on the street facing temperatures in the single digits, telling them that property may be available for them in the spring is simply not an adequate response."



Church's Fried Chicken corporate spokesmen confirmed that the 1100 Greeng Street business has been closed as a result of a hostile takeover fight.

## Church's

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expires Friday.

Ernest Renaud, president and chief executive officer of Church's, said the losses from the restaurants were affecting the cash flow as Church's struggled in tough economic situations and the takeover attempt.

"There was just too much chicken competition in those areas. We just overbuilt," Renaud said Monday. "We were taking big losses for a long time. These units were just a big drain."

"They should have been closed a year ago, but this is just part of my plan to make the company profitable again," he said.

Most of the closures occurred in Texas with 24 being shut down, followed by 12 in Illinois, 10 in Alabama, nine in Virginia, seven in Ohio, six in Kansas and Missouri and three to four each in several other states.

Renaud said the closures would result in write-offs of between \$22 million and \$27 million in fiscal year 1988.

Church's, the chicken industry's No. 2 chain, has undergone several management changes and suffered through poor sales over the past two years.

Before the closures it had 1,500 restaurants, second behind Kentucky Fried Chicken nearly 7,000 restaurants. Church's, started in 1952 as a "To Go" restaurant, expects to see sales this year of \$520 million, down from \$570 million in 1986 and \$633 million in 1984.

Popeyes, third in the industry with about 725 restaurants, expects to have sales of \$485 million this year.

The Church's restaurant closings come at a time when the company's board of directors is embroiled in a battle with Popeyes and its owner Al Copeland and some Church's stockholders who have filed class-action suits against Church's, pushing for the takeover.

"There may be a couple of

stockholders that are disillusioned because they think they may be losing lots of money, but on the mainstream, they all are very bullish," Renaud said.

Church's has said the Popeyes offer is inadequate and has argued that former Church's employees now working for Popeyes used confidential information for the takeover bid.

A federal judge in New Orleans who earlier this month issued an order preventing Copeland from buying Church's stock until 10 working days after Popeyes revealed information on its buyout offer.

Popeyes' first takeover deadline was Nov. 30, but has been extended to Friday. Copeland says he already owns 3.2 percent of Church's stock and says he has been offered 14.6 million — about 40.6 percent — of the 35.9 million Church's outstanding shares.

Meanwhile, Church's has been courting offers from other investors.

# Commissioners accept bids, designate holidays

By SARAH LUMAN  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Paul Allen, David Barr and O.L. (Louis) Brown decided Monday to commission a feasibility study on a passageway for the county sheriff's office.

The commissioners also accepted insurance and road equipment bids, and discussed financial and personnel matters including a 1989 holiday schedule.

County Judge Milton Kirby has been hospitalized due to an illness; Commissioner William B. (Bill) Crooker Jr. was absent because of conflicting meetings.

The commissioners spent more than one hour listening to representatives from competing construction equipment manufacturers. Only two bids were received for the specified equipment — a motorgrader and loader — and only one bid was a "total cost bid," or a bid written in accordance with the specifications.

There were also bids on dental and medical insurance; the bid on the dental insurance will cause no change, according to County Clerk Margaret Ray. Blue Cross/Blue Shield was awarded the bid on the medical insurance, with the same benefits as the current plan.

Bidding for a janitorial services contract was won by Long and Son, the current contractor, with a \$23,000 bid — far lower than the other four received.

The commissioners voted to move their next regular meeting from Monday Dec. 26 — a holiday — to Tuesday, Dec. 27th. They also approved a schedule of holidays for 1989 which allows 10 paid holidays.

Discussions with County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin led commissioners to reaffirm that employees cannot receive holiday pay if they are on sick leave; a policy on accruing sick leave, annual (vacation) leave and unpaid

leaves was tabled with no action. Commissioners also heard about but did not vote upon a resolution to adopt a county ordinance requiring that all rural septic systems be installed by a licensed installer. That item will reappear on a later agenda.

A monthly report on tax collections by County Tax Assessor/Collector Kathy Sayles was accepted. Sayles also announced that the Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees will be presented — probably in March — with a proposal to join the six entities for which Sayles' office already collects taxes.

Sheriff A.N. Standard presented a request to have the commissioners authorize a feasibility study for construction of a sally port — a secured area for transporting prisoners directly from vehicles to the jail — adjoining the sheriff's office on the south side of the Howard County Courthouse.

The structure Standard requested would also serve as a recreation area for jail inmates in accordance with state jail standards and would be used as an evacuation area in the event of a fire in the jail. Standard said there currently is no place to evacuate prisoners in such an event.

"Any one of these would be sufficient to justify the construction," the sheriff explained, "and it will substantially increase our services, and those of the highway patrol and the city, by giving us a secure area in which to load and unload prisoners."

He estimated the size of the proposed structure at 40 by 40 feet and said he did not anticipate the need for additional monies to fund its construction; commissioners agreed to have Standard consult an architect, county engineer Bill Mims and at least one of the commissioners to study the proposal's feasibility.

## Congress

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federal bench and in Congress. The recommendations concern the pay of all 535 members of the House and Senate, about 1,100 judges from the Supreme Court through U.S. district courts, and about 3,000 top executive branch workers, including Cabinet secretaries.

The commission also called on Congress to pass legislation raising the president's salary, which has been fixed at \$200,000 for two decades.

On Capitol Hill, supporters of the congressional pay raise were working behind the scenes to dampen potential opposition and allow it to take effect automatically in February. But a fight over the perennially prickly issue appeared almost certain.

"I think we're all going to have a chance to face up to it," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. "Some of the members are probably home working on their speeches now." Members of Congress always

are reluctant to do anything that can be seen as raising their own salaries, knowing how poorly that sits with voters for whom the current pay seems like a lot of money. That's why the law was crafted to let raises take effect without a vote.

"Our goal would be to reaffirm our belief that a vote is a conflict of interest," said Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., one of the few lawmakers willing to lead the charge for a pay increase.

"Who else votes on their own salaries? Do teachers, or firemen? We believe there is a broadly bipartisan group of people prepared to accept the recommendation," Fazio said.

When the issue last arose two years ago, the commission recommended an increase to \$135,000, which Reagan cut to \$89,500 in his budget. The Senate passed a resolution rejecting even the Reagan-modified increase, but the House delayed its vote until it was too late to stop it.

## Deaths

### Claire von Hassell

Claire von Hassell, 82, Greenport, N.Y., mother of a Big Spring resident, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 1988.

Memorial services will be at noon Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church chapel. She was born Aug. 23, 1926. She is survived by a daughter, Gloria Gannon, West Palm Beach, Fla.

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and a son, George, Big Spring; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2941.

### Evelyn Krump

Evelyn Krump, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1988 in a local hospital.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## ACT scores

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• Natural Science — local: 21.5; state: 20.0; national: 21.4.  
• Composite — local: 18.4; state: 17.6; national: 18.8.

Average scores of students enrolled in the high school's advanced degree and advanced honor degree programs are:

- English — 21.2.
- Math — 19.6.
- Social Studies — 18.8.
- Natural Science — 23.9.
- Composite — 21.0.

Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction, said the scores "tell me that our high school's honors

program and college-bound preparation is serving the needs of our students in their preparation for college."

The ACT results provide district officials with a means to "find out what our strengths and weaknesses are," he said.

The school's scores on the ACT science and English sections were cited as definite strengths by both Murphy and Kent Bowerman, high school principal.

"I'm just tickled to death (with the science and English scores)," said Bowerman. "You're doing a heck of a job any time you can get close to the national average."

Murphy cited the local ACT math scores as a weakness, saying, "If I were to put up a red flag on an area in which we need to improve, performance it would be math."

In past years, the high school's ACT English scores were an area of concern, but the district "beefed up" the English curriculum and scores rose soon after, Murphy said.

Bowerman said the high school, named a new math department chairman this year and began some restructuring of its math curriculum in an effort to improve its students' math performance.

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# Opinion

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### No pardon for Ollie North

President Reagan has wisely rejected pressure from a handful of conservative senators to pardon Oliver L. North, the prime defendant targeted by the special prosecutor's criminal investigation into the Iran-Contra affair.

For Mr. Reagan to have done otherwise would have buried for history a raft of unanswered questions about the sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the illegal diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan resistance. Indeed, there is still no clear record of precisely who was responsible for many of the disastrous dealings that engulfed the Reagan administration in the worst calamity since Watergate.

The President has stressed that he was unaware of the diversion of funds to the Contras and other illegal acts. But did Mr. North and his co-defendants John Poindexter, Richard Secord, and Albert Hakim, act entirely on their own initiative, or with tacit approval from senior administration officials, such as the late CIA Director William Casey? The pending trials in federal court in Washington will shed new evidence on these and other still-unresolved questions.

A presidential pardon for Mr. North at this early juncture, before any evidence has been presented or a jury has reached a verdict, also would have made a mockery of the 18-month probe by special prosecutor Lawrence E. Walsh. It was, after all, Mr. Reagan who requested the independent investigation in the first place in order to restore public confidence in the administration of justice.

Still to be settled, however, is the potentially decisive matter of how much classified material will be made available in an open trial.

Mr. North's lawyers have demanded the release of 3,500 secret documents totaling 40,000 pages. Although the special prosecutor asserts that defense attorneys are deliberately seeking highly sensitive material that is irrelevant to the case, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell has hinted that some of the classified documents may be essential to a fair trial for Mr. North.

The White House, however, has rigidly held on to nearly all of the classified information. One of the reported reasons for the administration's reluctance to cooperate in the North case is the concern that release of many of the documents would identify how friendly countries such as Saudi Arabia and Israel participated in the arms scheme. Such concerns are legitimate, of course, but the White House ought to make a distinction between papers that merely embarrass other nations or the United States and those which truly could compromise national security if made public.

Unless the issue of classified material is resolved between the defense attorneys and the administration, some or all of the charges against Mr. North and the other defendants may be dismissed before trial. Such an outcome in this monumentally important case would short-circuit justice and the historical record just as surely as though Mr. Reagan had pardoned the accuse.



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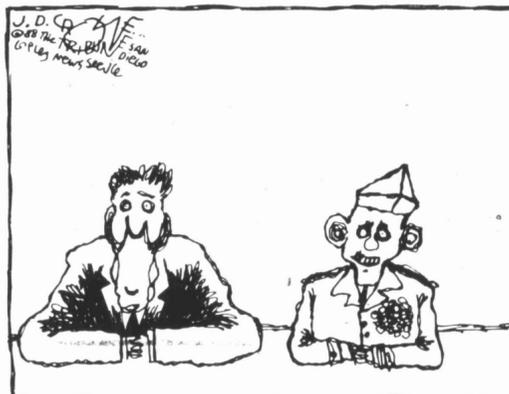
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### Somebody has to pay for S&Ls

By ART BUCHWALD

While no one was looking, the savings and loan institutions have found themselves in debt to the tune of \$50 billion. To keep the entire industry from going under, there will probably have to be a taxpayer bailout in the very near future.

I saw the writing on the wall when Goodbar came to the door and said, "Each member of your family owns my savings and loan \$25,000."

"How can that be when we have never had a loan?"

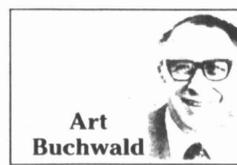
"That's not the point. The savings and loans are in trouble and you have to bail us out. We expect every man, woman and child in this nation to ante up," he said.

"I don't get it. You people bankrupted your savings and loans and now you want the whole country to save you. I know that life is unfair, but it's not that unfair. How did you get into such a mess?"

"It wasn't difficult. We lent money to people we thought were safe risks. Many were unable to pay back the money they borrowed, so we had to list them as bad risks. If you keep doing this for a while, it can cause you to lose a lot of money."

"Have you fired those who made the bad loans?"

"It's too late to punish anyone. When a savings and loan goes bankrupt we don't believe in tak-



Art Buchwald

ing it out on management. Now, are you going to make a voluntary contribution to get us out of the woods, or are we going to have to foreclose on your house?"

"If I help you on this, how do I know that the savings and loan down the street won't ask me to do the same for them?"

"When they ask, just tell them that you have already rescued us, and as far as you're concerned, that's good enough."

"Let's switch this around. If I owed you money and couldn't pay, would you bail me out?"

"As Dan Quayle might say, that's a hypothetical question and not worth answering. All we are trying to do is to save you if the savings and loans go belly-up. The American people owe us for the mess we now find ourselves in. How would you like it if our savings and loan went kablooey right in front of your eyes?"

"I wouldn't like it, but I don't think I'd put it in the same class as the Andrea Doria going down. Why hasn't George Bush taken a

### Congress has been corrupted by PACs

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Mr. Reagan spoke wistfully at the dinner he shared with Republican senators about the day to come when Republicans would once again capture the Senate and, who knows, the House of Representatives. He cannot really understand how it is that he should have won 49 states in 1984, George Bush 40 states in 1988, and yet the vote in the Senate and House is progressively Democratic.

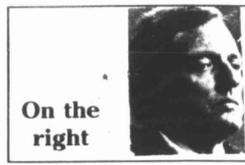
What to do about these anomalies is always the main afterbirth discussion topic in the weeks following a national election, and I address today commentary on a recent piece appearing in this space by a former senator who led the fight against the so-called election reform legislation of 1974. My critic is now a judge in the D.C. Appeals Court, and that James L. Buckley is my brother is of little bearing.

How does a constituent influence a legislator? "In your column," Judge Buckley writes, "you distinguish graft from corruption by asserting that the former buys access while the latter buys results. I suggest that most PACs these days deploy their funds in order to buy legislative results."

Preliminary figures on 1988 political spending tend to bear out Judge Buckley's generality. He continues: "Back in the days when I was involved in the fight against election reform legislation" — legislation that limited strictly the size of permissible campaign contributions — "it was my thesis that individuals usually contributed to candidates whose general views they favored. Their objective was not to change a candidate's vote (on any one issue) but to help assure his election (or re-election) so that a particular point of view would be represented. I stated that in my own experience the most any contributor had asked for (or received) was access, and then only rarely. My largest contributor exercised that privilege only once — to ask if I would take his grandson to lunch in the Senate dining room."

Let us suppose that a voter believes (I, for instance, am one of them) that there should be federal policy hospitable to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants. But the same voter will perhaps also favor free trade, low taxes, conservation and foreign aid to the Third World. In days gone by, he would distribute his contributions among politicians whose general views coincided with his own on issues ranging from nuclear power plants to aid for Latin America.

It is, of course, different now. The PAC springs up, and it is concerned with how an individual congressman votes on his particular enthusiasm. The CBS show "60 Minutes" featured, a few weeks



On the right

before the election in Rhode Island, an effort to unseat incumbent Republican Sen. John Chafee. Why? Because some years back he voted in favor of the sale of AWACS airplanes to Saudi Arabia and in doing so aroused the ire of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. The AIPAC is a hot spender and prowls about in search of any disparity between how a congressman voted and how the prime minister of Israel would have voted if he had been that congressman.

"In those innocent days," my brother concludes, "I also said that the currency of corruption in politics was not money, but votes. The leverage exercised by such groups as AIPAC and the Greek, labor and gun lobbies was the promise of mobilizing with large blocs of votes. Thanks to the reformers, however, the modern PACs have sprung into existence in response to the limitations on individual giving. The PACs, by and large, are in the business of buying narrowly defined results."

Why should this play into the hands of Democrats? Because social and political history in the United States tends year after year to make the government the principal actor. The federal government spends about 24 percent of the gross national product, and the states combined with the federal government make the gross expenditure on the order of 35 percent. That share of the national spending, dictated by government, tells you starkly where the action is.

In other days, better days, the federal government was not involved in street-corner issues, and disputes were transacted in the equivalent of town meetings. But the centralization of political power plays naturally into the hands of the Democrats, since they are the statist party. Estimates for spending by political action committees in 1988 show \$52 million going to Democrats, \$28 million going to Republicans. But get this: The increase is 44 percent for Democrats over 1986. And for the Republicans? A decrease of 6.7 percent. The greater the spending in general, the greater the role of the Democrats.

Citizen Ronald Reagan is going to have to wait for congressional reform before he sees a Republican Congress.

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### Quotes

"Other than a door freezing shut, it hasn't stopped us." — Wilma Kuebler, a receptionist at the Emmet County airport just north of Pellston in northern Michigan, referring to the 16-below-zero temperatures in her area.

"It would feel kind of like a storm on an ocean that's really rough, and in the morning, it's all peaceful and calm and quiet." — 10-year-old Megan Fornelli, describing world peace at a meeting of 15 U.S. youngsters and East German Ambassador Gerhard Herder.

"What we haven't seen in these days! If I had time to sleep, I wouldn't be able to." — Yasmina Akupyan, a German-speaking Yerevan, U.S.S.R., resident who has been shuttling between the earthquake scene where the death toll is up to 60,000 and the Armenian capital to translate for foreign volunteers.

"This was a one-man vote. The governor made the decision. I did not make any specific recommendation." — Dan Quayle about the appointment of Rep. Dan Coats of Indiana to succeed him in the Senate.

"What this means is that the government is now required to actually make available a very significant amount of property to people who are on the street and to do so very quickly under a strict schedule." — said Maria Foscarinis, Washington counsel, speaking of a federal order to turn over surplus government property to be used as shelter for the homeless.

### Nation

#### Ruling by

WASHINGTON (AP) — Obstacles to an Iraq trial of Oliver L. North when the judge in the case restricts the classified documents White House aide defense.

By deciding to buy more than 90 classified documents wanted to disclose Judge Gerhard A. increased the trial case will go to trial.

### Navy mis

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# Nation

## Ruling boosts possibility of trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major obstacles to an Iran-Contra trial of Oliver L. North were removed when the judge in the case sharply restricted the number of classified documents the former White House aide may use for his defense.

By deciding to bar as evidence more than 90 percent of the classified documents North wanted to disclose, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell greatly increased the chances that the case will go to trial, possibly late next month.

## Navy missile kills ship's crewman

HONOLULU (AP) — A crewman aboard an Indian merchant ship was killed Monday when the ship was struck by a half-ton practice missile launched from a Navy jet during a military exercise, the Navy announced.

The accident took place 80 miles north-northwest of the island of Kauai within an area of several thousand square miles of ocean which had been closed to merchant vessels by a notice to mariners issued by the Navy on Thursday, the statement said.

## Quayle's successor chosen



DAN COATS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dan Coats of Indiana will succeed Vice President-elect Dan Quayle in the Senate, once again following his mentor into a congressional job.

# Lifestyle

## Couple doesn't want another check

DEAR ABBY: With Christmas just around the corner, I'll bet many of your other readers are struggling with this issue.

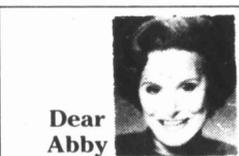
For years, my in-laws sent us checks for Christmas instead of "tangible" gifts, and now my parents are starting to do the same. I thought of sending each of them a check, too, but my husband refuses to go along with it, saying it is too cold and impersonal. I heartily agree. But why should I run around shopping for personal gifts for each of them, then go through the trouble of gift wrapping and mailing them on time (we all live in different states), only to receive a check or two in return? None of them are incapacitated or very old, and they have as much time as we have.

Neither my husband nor I are difficult to buy for; we have always enthusiastically thanked them for gifts in the past. So, I thought I'd send them a list of practical gift ideas (titles of books, sizes and colors of desirable items of clothing) that they could shop from.

If, upon receiving the lists, they still choose to send money, can I tell them in the future they should contribute the money to a charity in our name? I'd rather do that than get more checks. It really bugs me to get money from close relatives because they don't know what we need or want and don't bother asking. — THE OREGON INITIATIVE

DEAR OREGON: Accept the checks graciously, and be grateful that you were remembered at all. (Lots of people aren't.) Don't complain, and don't send any lists.

DEAR ABBY: I have the perfect solution for "Brentwood Mom," who is experiencing the "empty nest syndrome."



Dear Abby

their school work, and they really liked having me around.

An unexpected bonus came along. A position for an instructional aide opened up. I took the test, passed with flying colors, and now I am employed by the school!

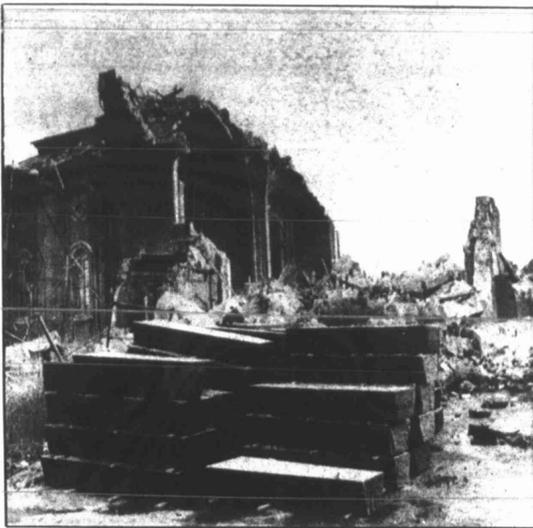
Abby, there is no better way to be close to your children. And there is nothing like spending time in a classroom to make you appreciate and respect a schoolteacher.

Whenever I hear people gripe about how teachers are underworked and overpaid, I make this suggestion: After you've spent two weeks as a teacher's aide and seen for yourself what her daily routine includes, come back to me and I'll listen to your gripes.

Moms, volunteer in a classroom! It's the best thing you can do for your children. — HAPPY MOUNTAIN MOM, AUBERRY, CALIF.

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LENNAKAN, U.S.S.R. — Coffins pile up in front of a demolished church in the aftermath of last Wednesday's earthquake.

## Armenian relief slowed by lack of organization

YEREVAN, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Survivors of the Armenian earthquake are freezing to death at night because only a fraction of the thousands of tents sent to the disaster area reach the homeless, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov today gave the latest official death toll in the quake as 55,000. He said 13,000 had been injured.

"The collapsed villages are suffering especially from the disaster," the newspaper Kom-somolskaya Pravda said, citing helicopter Capt. Sergei Bobylev. It quoted Bobylev as saying that in one unidentified village, 20 children died.

"Now survivors are dying from cold," the Communist youth newspaper said. Officials say a half million people were left homeless by the quake.

As hopes dimmed for the living who remained trapped under rubble, Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov blamed shoddy construction for the high death toll and acknowledged that rescue efforts had been plagued by disorganization.

Pravda, the Communist Party daily, demanded prosecution of the "scrap-builders" who put up apartments that crumbled into "concrete and metal graves."

Hope dwindled for those still trapped in the ruins, and the smell of decaying corpses filled the air by day. Temperatures plummeted below freezing at night.

Shelter and salvage equipment were in short supply and the rescue effort was being carried out mostly by friends and relatives using little more than their bare hands and small tools.

Only two roads and one rail line were open to the quake-stricken region, hindering the delivery of heavy rescue equipment like cranes and bulldozers. Many supplies were arriving by helicopter and parachute.

In hard-hit Leninakan, a city of 250,000, remaining residents are beginning to suffer from a lack of drinking water, sewage and garbage-hauling facilities, and transport, said the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya.

# World

## Rival factions battle in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Shiite Moslem factions battled today with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades in south Beirut, where most of the foreign hostages are believed held. Police said at least one militiaman was killed.

The violence came one day after kidnapers holding U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins announced that they had decided to put him to death for allegedly spying for Israel.

Police said one combatant was killed and three pedestrians were wounded in the fighting between the Syrian-backed Amal militia and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, or

Party of God. The battles went on for two hours in the streets of the Chiyah and Hay Madi districts before Syrian troops in charge of security in Beirut's Moslem sector moved in to stop them.

Many of the 15 hostages in Lebanon are believed held in Hay Madi, Hezbollah's main stronghold in south Beirut. Hezbollah is believed to be an umbrella for pro-Iranian extremists holding the foreigners.

Amal and Hezbollah have long been vying for dominance of the 1 million Shiites in Lebanon. They clashed in a six-day battle in west and south Beirut two weeks ago.

## A van Gogh is among stolen art

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Police searched today with a helicopter and tracker dogs for the burglars who took Vincent van Gogh's early masterpiece "The Potato Eaters" and two other of his paintings from a country museum.

Monday night's theft from the Kroeller-Mueller National Museum appears to be Holland's biggest art theft. Also taken were the 19th-century Dutch master's "Dried Sunflowers" and

Weaver's Interior." The thieves gained entry by smashing a window in the sprawling, single-floor building in the midst of a 25-acre national park near the West German border, police said.

No official valuation has been disclosed for the three works, but "The Potato Eaters", a somber reflection on hunger, is considered an immensely valuable example of van Gogh's Dutch realism.

## U.N. opens meeting in Geneva

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly today opened debate on the Palestinian issue in an unprecedented meeting in Geneva expected to be dominated by PLO chief Yasser Arafat's speech seeking support for Palestinian independence.

Arafat was surrounded by his security men and Swiss police as he entered the Hotel Intercontinental, where the Palestinian delegation to the General Assembly has its headquarters.

In Israel, radio reports said that after Arafat's speech, the United States would announce it accepted the Palestine Liberation Organization as a partner in Middle East peace talks.

The reports on Israeli radio and army radio said the PLO chief's speech was submitted to American officials and Arafat agreed to change the language to meet U.S. conditions of recognizing Israel.



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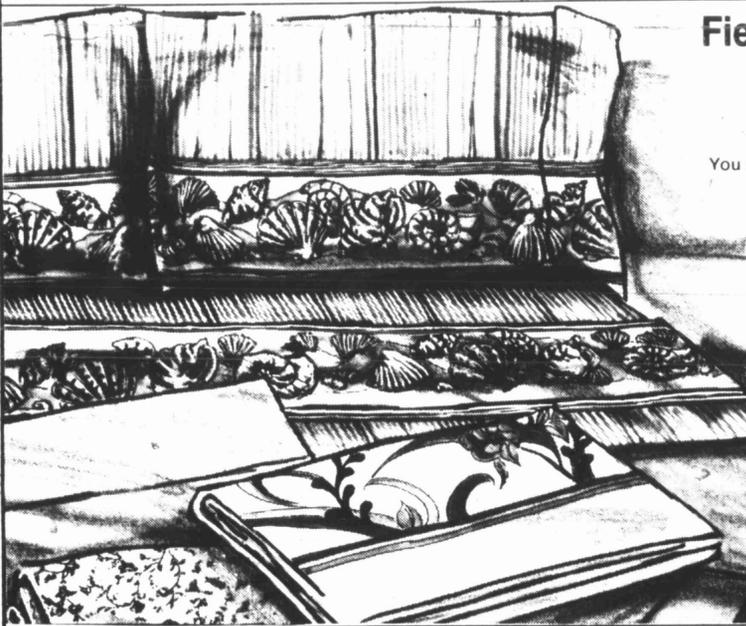
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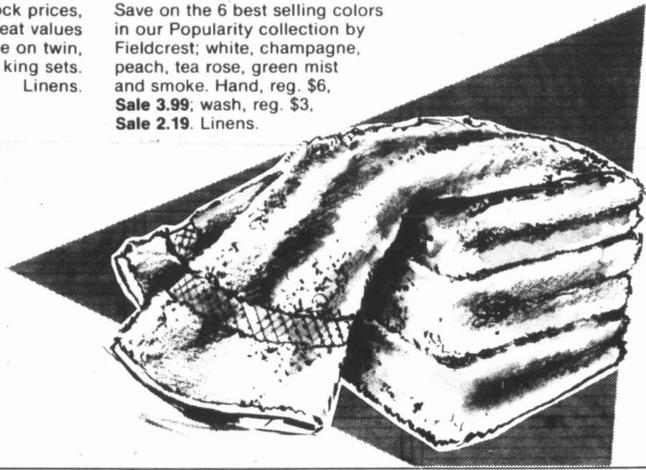
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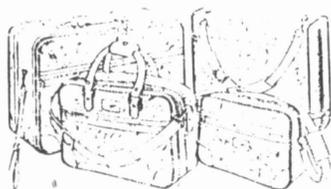


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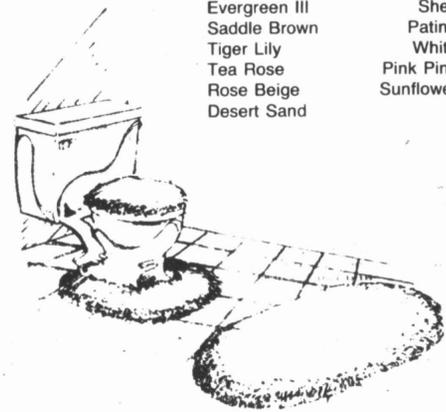
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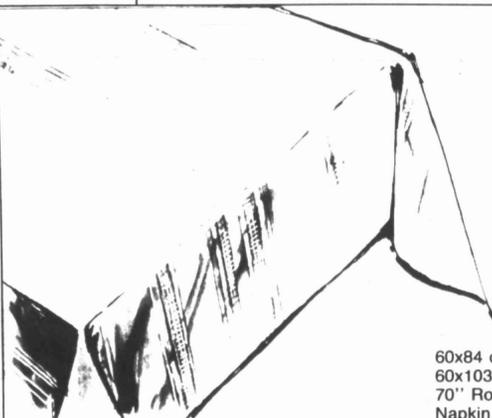
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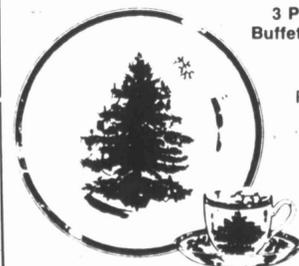


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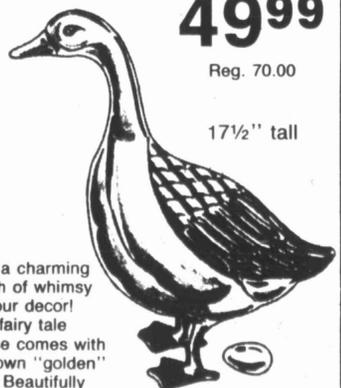
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## Goodbye Jackie

### Texas A&M coach resigns under pressure from school officials

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M started a new athletic era today under new head coach R.C. Slocum and new athletic director John David Crow, a former Heisman Trophy winner for the Aggies.

The Jackie Sherrill era ended Monday when Sherrill resigned as head coach and athletic director amid accusations he paid "hush" money to a former player during an NCAA investigation.

Sherrill led the Aggies to three straight Cotton Bowl appearances and compiled a 53-27-1 record in seven seasons.

But the Aggies were placed on probation in September for violating NCAA recruiting guidelines.

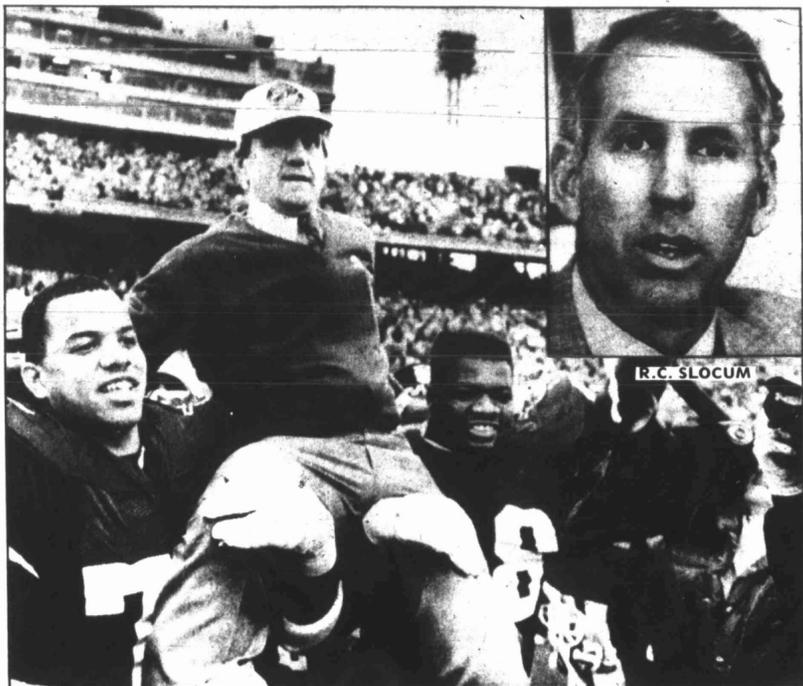
Controversy emerged again last month when former A&M running back George Smith claimed he received more than \$4,000 from Sherrill to keep him quiet about NCAA infractions.

The Aggies still are investigating the latest charges to the NCAA although Smith has recanted his statements.

"Because of my great love for this school and its people, I am removing myself from my position at Texas A&M," Sherrill said in a prepared statement.

"I have remained in my position because I felt it has been a period that has needed my complete interest and full cooperation due to the continuing national attention that has been paid to this matter."

"Now, it is with all this in mind, and with the best interest of Texas A&M uppermost in my thoughts, it is time for us to come to a mutual parting of the ways in order for everyone concerned to get a fresh start," Sherrill said.



Jackie Sherrill (center), shown in this file photo, stepped down by mutual agreement as athletic director and head football coach as Texas A&M in College Station Monday.

Sherrill resigned with a five-year rollover contract worth \$250,000 per year. A source close to the A&M athletic department said Sherrill received a \$1.5 million settlement to end his relationship with

the school. A&M president William Mobley launched an in-house investigation of Smith's allegations which, if proved, could have put A&M in jeopardy of the NCAA's death penalty for

a violation while under probation. "I have agreed with Mr. Sherrill that his best interest, and that of the University, will be best served by this action," Mobley said. Aside from the prepared state-

ment, Sherrill said he would not discuss the Smith case.

"I will refrain from discussing this matter until it is completely resolved and all parties are vindicated, as I strongly believe they will be," Sherrill's statement said.

Sherrill's decision "should not be interpreted as pre-judging the outcome of the ongoing investigation of recent allegations," Mobley said. "I will continue to be guided in this matter, and all other university matters, by the principles of due process, fairness and integrity."

Players heard of the resignation in a meeting with Sherrill on Monday.

"As a whole, Coach Sherrill was the university to me," nose guard O'Neill Gilbert said. "A lot of people had a lot of respect for him. He definitely got a raw deal."

Defensive back Tony Jones hoped the Aggies could unite under Slocum.

"We're all like one big family and Coach Slocum helped us build that family," Jones said.

Crow, a 1958 Texas A&M graduate and the University's only Heisman Trophy winner, has served as associate athletic director for the past five years.

Slocum has served as assistant head coach for the past three years. He has been associated with the Texas A&M football program for 16 years during two terms of employment, returning to the Aggie program in 1982 after two years as defensive coordinator at the University of Southern California.

"In my best interest of making money, I included things in the book that were not and are not true, and I thought the book had to include those things which I know go on at college football programs."

## Duke stays on top

By The Associated Press

Notre Dame and UCLA are two very familiar names in college basketball, especially during the 1970's and 1980's.

It seemed appropriate, then, that the Fighting Irish and Bruins should break into The Associated Press Top Twenty in the same week this season.

While Notre Dame and UCLA were taking the two low spots in the rankings Monday, replacing Villanova and Connecticut, the top three remained the same: Duke, Michigan and Syracuse.

Duke, 6-0, received 49 of 66 first-place votes and 1,288 points in balloting by the nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters, compared with nine first-place votes and 1,237 points for Michigan, 8-0.

Syracuse, 8-0, received one first-place vote, as did Iowa, 6-0, which switched places in the voting with Georgetown, recipient of the other six first-place votes.

Sixth-ranked Illinois, 6-0, and No. 7 Oklahoma, 5-1, also switched places from last week's voting, while North Carolina, 8-1, Arizona, 3-1, and Missouri, 7-2, rounded out the Top Ten. Georgia Tech led the Second Ten, followed by Florida State, Nevada-Las Vegas, Ohio State, Louisville, Tennessee, Seton Hall, North Carolina State, Notre Dame and UCLA.

## Sports Briefs

### Basketball doubleheader tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers begin District 4-4A play tonight at 6 in Steer Gym against the San Angelo Lake View Maidens. Big Spring is 9-1 and Lake View is 2-8.

Following the contest 7:30, the Steers will host the Lamesa Tornados in a non-district clash. Big Spring is 5-7 for the season. This is also Parent's Night for the Lady Steers and Steers. All players and their parents will be introduced before the game.

### Runnels girls split with S-water

The Runnels girls basketball teams split games with Sweetwater here Monday night.

The Red team downed Sweetwater 29-22 behind Bernadette Valles' 12 points. Amber Fannin scored six points, grabbed 10 rebounds and got seven steals. The Red team is 4-0 for the year.

The White team lost to Sweetwater 20-7. Karma Coleman scored four points. The White team falls to 2-2.

### Runnels boys sweep Sweetwater

sweetwater — The Runnels boys teams made a sweep of Sweetwater Monday night in basketball action.

The Red team pushed its mark to 2-2 with a 31-26 win. Salvador Trevino led the way with 12 points, 11 rebounds and five steals. Jesse Leos scored seven points and Richard Hain grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Runnels White team downed Sweetwater 42-28 behind the 12-point, 15-rebound performance of Steven Robles. Freddie Williams added 10 points and 12 rebounds and Waylon McGee scored 11 points. Runnels White is 3-2 for the season.

### QB's head award nominations

NEW YORK (AP) — Four of the six nominees for the 1988-89 NFL "People's Choice" MVP Award are quarterbacks, the sponsoring Blade and Razor Division of Gillette announced Tuesday.

The quarterback nominees were Randall Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles, John Elway of the Denver Broncos, Boomer Esiason of the Cincinnati Bengals and Jim Kelly of the Buffalo Bills. The other two were running back Roger Craig of San Francisco and linebacker Mike Singletary of Chicago.

Fan voting will begin Dec. 15 and run through Jan. 13. Fans may vote by calling 1-800-321-4MVP, and a tape-recorded message will tell voters how to make their choice. Callers will be instructed to vote for Kelly, for instance, by pressing the No. 1 on their telephone.

### Welterweight bout scheduled

ROME (AP) — A European welterweight title fight between Italy's Nino La Rocca and Jamaican-born British fighter Kirkland Laing will be held in the resort of Montecatini, in Tuscany, on Jan. 18, organizers announced Tuesday.

### Stars to play in charity game

NEW YORK (AP) — Wade Boggs of the Boston Red Sox and Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres, the American and National League batting champions, are among two dozen major league stars who will play in a charity softball game Feb. 5 in Haines City, Fla., the sponsors said Tuesday.

Frank Viola of the Minnesota Twins, the AL Cy Young Award winner, also is listed to take part in the slow-pitch game, being played for the eighth year.

The game, sponsored by Pizza Hut, benefits the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease.

### Ex-kicker goes Hollywood

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rolf Benirschke, former star place-kicker for football's San Diego Chargers, will replace Pat Sajak as daytime host of the game show "Wheel of Fortune," NBC has announced.

Benirschke will begin taping Wednesday pending completion of contract details, the network said Monday. Benirschke's shows will premiere Jan. 9.

Sajak is giving up the daytime program to be host of a late-night CBS talk show that debuts Jan. 9. He will continue to be host of the syndicated nighttime version of "Wheel."

## Dolphins put Browns on hot seat

MIAMI (AP) — Don Shula teams aren't accustomed to playing the role of spoiler. Then again, this hasn't been an ordinary year for the Miami Dolphins.

Destined for their worst finish since 1969, the Dolphins surprised Cleveland 38-31 Monday night to end a five-game losing streak and shove the Browns into a must-win situation to make the NFL playoffs.

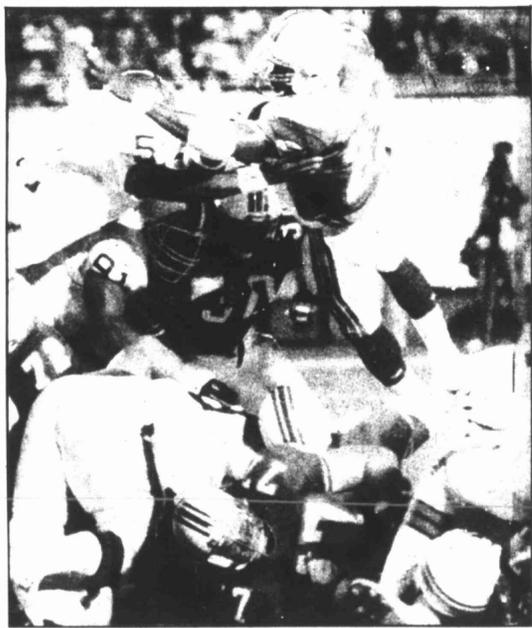
Dan Marino passed for 404 yards and four touchdowns against the NFL's second-ranked pass defense, and Lorenzo Hampton divined a 1-yard for the game-winning TD with 34 seconds left to help Miami, 6-9, end its longest losing streak in 21 years.

Cleveland, 9-6, can still clinch a wild-card playoff berth with a victory over Houston next Sunday, but will miss post-season play for the first time in four years if the Oilers win.

Marino, who completed 30 of 50 passes, moved the Dolphins 65 yards in four plays for the game-winning points — covering most of the distance with a 46-yard completion to Fred Banks, who stepped out of bounds at the Houston 1.

The last-minute heroics upstaged an outstanding relief performance by Cleveland's Don Strock, the former Dolphin backup quarterback who replaced Bernie Kosar when the Browns' starter sprained his left knee midway through the fourth quarter.

Strock, whose trademark in 15 seasons with Miami was his uncanny ability to spark a team off the bench, threw touchdown passes of 3



MIAMI, Fla. — Miami Dolphins RB Lorenzo Hampton (27) flies over the goal line scoring the winning touchdown against the Cleveland Browns Monday night.

and 2 yards to Reggie Langhorne as Cleveland rallied from a 31-17 deficit to tie the game with 59

seconds left. It took Marino 25 seconds to bring the Dolphins back. He began

the march with a 13-yard completion to Mark Clayton, who had eight receptions for 108 yards, and then found Banks, who caught six passes for 118 yards, streaking up the left sideline ahead of Browns cornerback Hanford Dixon.

Marino's four-touchdown performance gives him 12 TDs in his last three games and a NFL-high 28 for the season. His 4,239 yards passing also lead the league and put him over 4,000 for a record fourth time.

Clayton caught scoring passes of 11 and 9 yards from Marino and Jim Jensen and Hampton both scored on a 2-yard receptions for the Dolphins, who played for the second straight week without star receiver Mark Duper.

Duper was suspended for 30 days for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Fans and the media have speculated that drug usage has affected the club's performance on the field.

Kosar, whose status in uncertain for Sunday's game against Houston, completed 21 of 30 passes for 202 yards. The Browns trailed 31-17 but were driving deep in Miami territory when linebacker John Offerdahl hit him in the left leg as he released a pass to Derek Tennell.

Strock completed his first two passes to finish an 80-yard drive Kosar started after Marino's second touchdown pass to Clayton gave Miami a 31-17 lead.

His 2-yard scoring pass to Langhorne in the final minute was set up by one of Felix Wright's two interceptions of Marino.

## Eric the Great happy in Indianapolis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eric Dickerson believes he's proved something in Indianapolis and wouldn't ask to renegotiate his contract "even if Herschel Walker makes \$3 million."

Dickerson, on the verge of winning his fourth NFL rushing title in six professional seasons, escaped the cold of the midwest to spend a couple of days in Southern California.

Despite being traded by the Los Angeles Rams to the Indianapolis Colts 13½ months ago, he maintains a home in nearby Malibu.

Dickerson, 28, left the Rams following a dispute over his contract. It wasn't the first time the player and team were at odds over money.

"Of course \$700,000 is a lot of money," he said Monday, referring to what the Rams were paying him. "But let's say Dan Marino was making \$600,000 and our quarterback (rookie Chris Chandler) was making \$2 million. That's very unfair."

"Magic Johnson signed a 25-year contract several years ago and he

went in and got a new contract. Guys do it all the time. We have players right now with the Colts who have done it."

"If Herschel Walker goes in right now and makes \$3 million, I could care less. I'm getting paid what I think I'm worth now. I'm very satisfied."

Dickerson, who rushed for a rookie record 1,808 yards in 1983 and an NFL record 2,105 yards the next year, signed a lucrative, multi-year contract with the Colts following the celebrated trade.

"I'm the number one running back, I'm being paid like that," he said. "If the Rams would have done that, they would have never heard from me again. I'm paid very, very well."

Dickerson led the Colts to the AFC East championship last year. This season, they lost five of their first six games to all but ruin their playoff chances. Now, they're 8-7 with a game against Buffalo remaining.

"If we had started off 3-2, maybe 2-3, we'd be in the playoffs right now," Dickerson said. "We've

played good football, we really have. The slow start and little mistakes killed us."

"We had a rookie quarterback (Chandler) and that made things a little tough. He played well, he'll be better next year. We just have to play more consistent."

Dickerson has gained 1,493 yards, 42 ahead of both Walker and San Francisco's Roger Craig.

"I'm still playing well," Dickerson said. "My playing has not slackened off because I changed teams or conferences."

In changing teams, Dickerson went from playing behind one of the NFL's best offensive lines to playing behind one not nearly as good.

"The Rams have a great offensive line, I'll give them that," he said. "The Colts are young up front. Our offensive line is going to get better. I wanted to prove that I could do it somewhere else."

That he has. He'll finish the season with close to 10,000 rushing yards in his career — the current total is 9,749. That's more than any running back has gained in his first

six NFL seasons. It took Walter Payton, who retired after the 1987 season, 13 years to gain his NFL-record 16,726 yards.

Dickerson, who hopes to play five or six more years before retiring, said he has two main goals in football. Not surprisingly, one is to surpass Payton.

The other? "My main goal is to win a Super Bowl," he said. "That would be the ultimate for me."

As far as playing five or six more years, he said, "I'd like to, I don't know if I'll last that long. I feel fine. That's the most important thing, I've been really healthy. I haven't missed a game due to injury yet. I would say one of my best qualities is durability. That means a lot. I've been lucky."

Lucky and good. Enough of both, he believes, to surpass the 2,000-yard mark again.

"Of course, I think so," he said when asked about that. "Everything went right that year (1984). I think it could happen again."

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# Drag boat racing coming to Big Spring

By MICHAEL DUFFY  
Staff Writer

A veteran drag boat racer received City Council encouragement Monday night to promote a Southern Drag Boat Association-sanctioned event in Big Spring next year.

Robert Sanders — a Big Spring resident who has competed in drag boat racing nationwide for 10 years — asked the council to consider allowing him to promote the event

at Moss Creek Lake during either the Memorial Day weekend (May 27 and 28) or the weekend of Sept. 23 and 24.

Council members informally voiced their approval when asked by Sanders if they were receptive to drag boat racing in Big Spring at the conclusion of a work session.

There are four drag boat associations in the United States — each in different sections of the country. Sanders said he and his wife,

Debra, travel across the United States to participate in drag boat races and a sanctioned race in Big Spring could attract between 75 and 125 entrants.

"Each boat that enters will bring a minimum of four people. I guarantee at the very least we will fill up every motel in town," he stated.

Sanders told the council his boat set four world records in last year's competition and he is currently

under consideration to become a member of the board of directors of SDBA.

Sanders said he and the SDBA president surveyed Moss Creek Lake four years ago and the executive described it as "the perfect lake (for drag boat racing). It is protected and provides the perfect amphitheater. It's kind of hard to find the right water for a drag boat race," Sanders said.

He added that the city would

have to construct an "out ramp" for drag boats, although Public Works Director Tom Decell noted that many of the materials needed for that project are already at the site.

"Hopefully, it would be a cooperative effort between the city and county," Decell said.

Sanders presented a brief film on drag boat racing — an event he said is similar to drag car racing "except we do it on water."

The narrator of the film explained that drag boats can reach speeds of 200 mph in six seconds and require a special fuel — nitromethane — that costs \$1,200 per barrel.

Drag boats can cost between \$20,000 and \$200,000, the narrator said.

Sanders said SDBA provides security at sanctioned events and it could be stipulated that alcohol is prohibited at next year's event



Associated Press photo

## New kid on the block

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech All-America football player Tyrone Thurman, (left) all 5-3 of him, has hung up his cleats and donned a pair of high tops. He is a walk-on on the Tech basketball team. Here he

listens as head coach Gerald Myers addresses the squad prior to a recent practice.

# Wolverines whip another unknown

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A steady diet of cupcakes is making Michigan look a little sickly.

The second-ranked Wolverines, playing their ninth game in 18 days, were sluggish Monday night but still had enough to beat Eastern Michigan 80-57.

It was Michigan's third successive victory over a Mid-American Conference team. The Wolverines beat Central Michigan by 46 points and Western Michigan by 47 last week.

## College Hoops

Other cupcakes among Michigan's victims include Grambling, South Dakota State and Tampa — a Division II school — with Northern Michigan and Youngstown State still ahead before the Wolverines go to the Utah Classic.

"Nine games in 18 days, plus a trip home from Hawaii, that's a lot of basketball," Michigan coach Bill Frieder said. "I told them at halftime we had to be patient and take our time. There are going to be close games, you have got to get used to that."

"When people slow down on you, it doesn't look so good. But the bottom line is it's a victory and a decisive one and we have to be pleased with it."

It was the first defeat in six starts for the patient, pressing Hurons who had wins over Detroit

and Indiana State despite starting two freshmen and two sophomores.

"I don't care if Michigan was sluggish or not," Eastern Michigan coach Ben Braun said. "There's just so many things a 6-foot-8 player can do that a 5-10 player can't."

"Michigan only gives you one shot. There are no follow-ups."

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 4 Iowa beat Jackson State 86-71.

Sean Higgins led Michigan with 18 points as the Wolverines shot 50 percent while holding the Hurons to 38 percent from the floor. Last season, before he fell victim to poor grades, Higgins scored 20 points against the Hurons.

"I always seem to have my best game against Eastern," said Higgins, whose father, Earle, was watching from the sidelines. "I guess the fact that my dad played for them has something to do with it. I think it means more to my dad than it does to me, though."

The Wolverines, who led 34-27 at halftime, scored the first nine points in the second half — five by Higgins. A 3-pointer by Higgins gave Michigan a 50-31 lead with 13:35 remaining.

"Sean is really a great player," Frieder said. "He's a little behind because he missed the second half of last season. But he's worked hard. He's got a great attitude."

Terry Mills then scored all 12 of his points in another run that gave Michigan its biggest lead at 76-51 with 2:09 remaining.

Lorenzo Neely scored 18 points for Eastern Michigan.

Glen Rice and Loy Vaught also scored 12 points for the Wolverines.

The Hurons played a slowed-down first half, passing often before shooting. A basket by Neely, who had 10 points in the first half, gave Eastern Michigan a 7-4 lead in the early going — one of three first-half leads for the Hurons.

"Michigan wants the ball in their hands a lot, so we wanted to be careful and play for the good shot," Braun said. "Of course, when you press, there's a danger in that, too."

A layup by Eastern's Issac Henderson with 7:03 remaining in the first half tied it 20-20. But the Wolverines finally got their transition game in gear late in the first half. With Higgins scoring six of his eight first-half points, Michigan went on a 14-7 run.

Last season, Michigan handed Eastern Michigan its worst defeat, 115-63, but the Hurons went on to win the MAC championship. That Eastern team featured Grant Long, who now plays for the Miami Heat.

No. 4 Iowa 86, Jackson State 71  
Iowa won its seventh straight but lost a key player. Matt Bullard, a transfer from Colorado, was averaging nearly 10 points and 7.3 rebounds a game before he left the court limping. The 6-foot-10 forward is expected to miss four to six weeks with a damaged ligament in his left knee.

Another forward, transfer Michael Ingram, already has been lost for the season because of a knee injury.

"We have a long way to go,"

Coach Tom Davis said. "We have lost two terrific front-line players and now we have to rely more and more on our younger players."

Ed Horton had 22 points for the Hawkeyes. Tyrone Kidd of Jackson State led all scorers with 29 points, including seven 3-point shots, a Carver-Hawkeye Arena record.

## UNRANKED

Temple, which ended the regular season ranked No. 1 last season, finally got its first victory as Mark Macon scored 23 points in a 63-57 win over Philadelphia rival St. Joseph's.

Mike Vreeswyk added 16 points and a career-high 10 rebounds for Temple, 1-3, which avoided the worst start in school history. The Owls jumped to an 18-2 lead as St. Joseph's, 2-4, missed its first 11 shots.

"My first comment is, I didn't think we were ever going to win a game this year," Temple coach John Chaney said. "The Big 5 has a lot of familiarity. It makes for spirited games, and you can never count the other team out."

Kansas moved to 7-1 as Mark Randall scored 25 points in a 109-59 victory over Northern Arizona. Alabama took Augusta 94-78 as Michael Ansley scored 30 points, including 20 in the first half as the Tide, 5-1, put the game out of reach. Ansley hit 11 of 14 shots from the field and all eight free throws and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Oral Roberts, which scored 122 points in its last game and lost by 30 to Oklahoma, got 91 Monday night — and lost again.

# Former Indiana guard may get ax from Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks guard Steve Alford has heard the speculation about being cut, and has been in the situation before since leaving college, where he dominated.

When last year's winner of the NBA's Sixth Man Award, Roy Tarpley, returns to the team after recovering from knee surgery, Alford may be the 13th man on a 12-man roster — in other words, gone.

Tarpley practiced Monday and could return to the active squad in time for Tuesday's game against Golden State.

For Alford, the All-America guard who led Indiana to an NCAA championship two years ago, life has turned into a waiting game.

"I feel I have improved since I've been here, but I need the opportunity to show it," Alford said. "But I don't know what's going to happen as far as the organization and my role here."

Alford has played in nine of the Mavs' 18 games this season, but the improvement does not show when compared to his college numbers. Alford averages less than a point per game so far. He averaged 22 points per game at Indiana.

"In high school and college, this (job security) never was an issue," he said. "I guess I'm fortunate that it never happened until this level."

"It has had an effect," he said. "You'd like to say it doesn't, but it does affect you when you're looking over your shoulder and you

have people telling you that you might be released."

If the Mavericks keep Alford, it's likely that center Uwe Blab or forward Terry Tyler will go.

"We have talked about it a lot, we're going to keep on talking about it and we're going to wait and see," said Mavericks coach John MacLeod, who will make the final decision.

Alford survived one roster cut on the eve of the season opener when former No. 1 draft choice Jim Farmer was released. But this time, the odds appear too great for him to overcome.

His competition for the last spot on the team, Blab averages 3.6 points per game and Tyler 4.3. Another possible release is guard Morlon Wiley, but he is 2 inches taller than the 6-2 Alford, quicker, and in eight games has averaged 1.5 points.

Alford said that because of his uncertain status, he has not been able to play relaxed.

"Really, the only time I've been relaxed since being a Mav was the first time I came here after graduating from Indiana," he said. "That was during the exhibition season and I wasn't really thinking about making the team. I just played and there was no intense pressure. Now, it's almost to the point where you have to try not to make mistakes."

"On every other level I've been at, I could play and make mistakes and know I wasn't going to get yanked."

# Heat still winless

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan had one thing to say to his team during a timeout early in its game with the Miami Heat.

"When they (the Heat) went up 9-2, I called a timeout and said 'If you guys don't want to go in the record book, you'd better get your butts in gear,'" said Sloan, whose Jazz recovered for a 110-94 victory over the Heat Monday night, Miami's 17th straight loss.

## NBA

Karl Malone scored 33 points — including 17 from the foul line — as the Jazz avoided becoming the first team to lose to the lowly Heat in the only NBA game of the night. Miami, meanwhile, is within three losses of the NBA record of 20 straight defeats in one season set by the Philadelphia 76ers in 1972-73.

The all-time record of 24 straight defeats is held by Cleveland, which ended the 1981 season with 19 straight losses and lost its first five games the following year.

The Heat neutralized Utah's fast-break game, especially in the first half, and Sloan said that caused

some tense moments.

Malone, who scored seven points during a 12-2 run in the first 2:21 of the third quarter, said he, too, didn't want to make the headlines. But, he said, it was Miami's play that was most inspiring to the Jazz, even when it led 54-46 at halftime.

The Heat had 18 turnovers to Utah's 16.

Malone, who hit 13 consecutive free throws over one stretch, helped Utah pull ahead 66-48 after the third-quarter run. Malone had 15 points in the third period as Utah, 10-2 at home, built its lead to 83-58 on Darrell Griffith's 3-point goal. The Jazz had an 89-64 advantage beginning the fourth period and went ahead 106-74 on Mike Brown's basket with 4:55 left in the game.

Utah, which has held opponents to fewer than 100 points in 11 games this season, trailed 9-2 when Miami's Kevin Edwards scored on a rebound early in the first quarter.

The Jazz then went on an 8-0 spurt and later took the lead for good when Thurl Bailey scored on an assist from John Stockton, putting the Jazz ahead 17-15 with 4:15 left. Stockton finished with 14 assists.

# Coach's Corner

By BOYCE PAXTON  
Steers Head Basketball Coach

The Steers are still searching for that consistency that is needed as the season progresses and down the stretch through District 2-AAAA play.

The most consistent player to date has been senior Abner Shellman. He leads the team in



BOYCE PAXTON

scoring, rebounding, and steals as well as carrying a big load ball handling. Other players getting there with good performances are Doug Young, Joe Downey, Louis Soldan, and Chris Cole. All have had their moments in several games.

Thane Russey, Brandon Burnett, and Tony Lewis are healing from injuries and are getting back into form. Jason Davis, Mike Williams, and Junior Lopez have stepped in and played well in several games.

Consistency comes with experience and playing time. We feel very positive about the games down the road and look toward District 2-AAAA play with great anticipation.

To date, the team is averaging

72.0 points per game while allowing 68.8 points per game with a 5-7 record. The team average 15.1 assists, 35.9 rebounds, and 15.9 turnovers per game. In shooting, the Steers are 48 percent from the field, 33 percent in the 3 point shot department, and 55 percent at the foul line. Free throws have been a stumbling block but are steadily improving each game.

The Steer freshmen under Coach Tim Tannehill are currently undefeated (7-0) and are playing very well. This looks to be a very good group for the future.

The Junior Varsity has gotten off to a slow start but are beginning to jell as a team and improve with each outing. Coach Mike Ritchey is doing a great job with this group. The tough schedule plus the use of two sophomores on the Varsity has slowed their progress some, but this team will do well in district play.

The tough schedule has been a challenge to the Varsity as well. All but two of the seven losses have been close games that could have gone either way (1 & 2 point losses to Central, 4 to Cooper, 6 to Lee, 9 to Dunbar).

The Runnels and Goliad teams are playing well. Runnels coaches Jim Wirbaum and Bill Williams are doing fine jobs with our young athletes. Goliad coaches Mike Wallace and Tommy Gibson are

leading the Mavericks to another successful season. Our future is in the 7th & 8th programs and we have some good coaches knowledgeable of the game who work diligently every day to get the most from our young athletes.

One other hard working person who deserves a pat on the back is Trainer Jim Campbell who has no off-season and works daily with all coaches of all sports all year long and treats all Big Spring athletes who are injured. He is very dedicated, knowledgeable, and concerned with young people. He rehabilitates serious injuries and treats all athletes to keep them in competition.

Come out and support your team. They represent Big Spring High School and the community very admirably. See you at Steer gym.

This week's games: Tuesday, 7:30 vs. Lamesa, here; Friday, 7:30 vs. Midland High at Chaparral Center.

## Player of the Week

Joe Downey was selected POW for his greatly improved play in the last 10 days. Joe has contributed heavily in the team's efforts. Joe is the third leading scorer and second leading rebounder on the team. Joe also plays football and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Downey.

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# Weather

**By the ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 Much of the East today remained in the icy grip of arctic air that brought record low temperatures, while chinook winds howled through the Rockies.  
 Temperatures dropped below zero in eastern New York state and northern New England but the cold was less intense and widespread than during Sunday night and Monday morning.  
 A developing area of low pressure off Florida's east coast produced sleet and snow along coastal areas of North Carolina.  
 Windy conditions developed in the northern Rockies ahead of a cold front moving across the

Pacific Northwest. Livingston, Mont., recorded a gust of 58 mph Monday evening. A high wind warning remained in effect this morning for the east slopes of the Rockies and the upper Yellowstone Valley in Montana.  
 The chinooks — or winds that blow down the eastern slopes of the Rockies — were expected to spread southward into the central Rockies today.  
 Predicted highs: teens in northern Maine, 20s and 30s from the rest of New England across the mid-Atlantic coast, the northern Appalachians, the Great Lakes, the Ohio Valley, the upper Mississippi Valley and eastern North Dakota.



The rest of the nation should generally reach the 60s.

# Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1988**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Love and understanding will win you more than ultimatums. Make plans to go on a major trip. You radiate more authority than usual. Take a romantic relationship one step at a time.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Your ability to deal with difficult people makes you a winner today. The more active you are the better you will feel. A plan is being developed that will pay you handsomely.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Details are more important than ever today. You have prophetic insights. Follow your instincts and you will achieve great success. Family ties are strengthened by a phone call or small remembrance.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your directness works well in a personal relationship, helping you obtain

financial support for a bright idea. You feel you have the key to the universe. A management offer fuels your energy.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Cash flow improves. Love takes wing! Go with the flow. You profit from information that is channeled to you. You can win the battle against the bulge. Avoid temptation. Give away fattening goodies.  
**VRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make a special effort to stay on top of things despite distractions. Give what it takes and you will succeed. When partner acts in an erratic way, do not ask too many questions.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your shrewd business sense and you can make a fresh start. A promotion or raise could result. Quick thinking helps save your hide. An exciting evening awaits you if you attend a party.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gentle persuasion serves you well. So does discretion. Greed could interfere with your usual good judgment. Maintain a low profile

around an aggressive person. Postpone romance.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend the morning tending to essential tasks and devote the afternoon to creative projects. A rare financial opportunity comes your way. Consult mate before investing. Protect joint resources.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A short business trip proves more productive than expected. You reach a decision that could radically change your life. Convincing others you have done the right thing may be a challenge.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your high hopes are well-founded. Your diligent homework begins to pay off. Success is around the corner! Others are impressed and want to climb on your bandwagon. Choose allies with care.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your success with the deserving. Domestic harmony and family affection should be yours. Seek help from experts. Avoid taking on responsibilities shirked by others.

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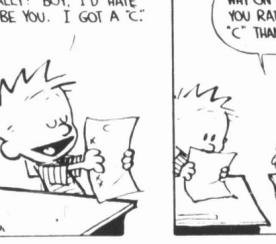
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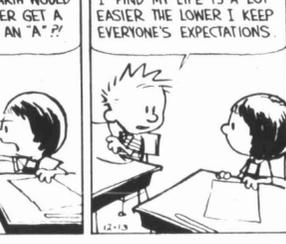
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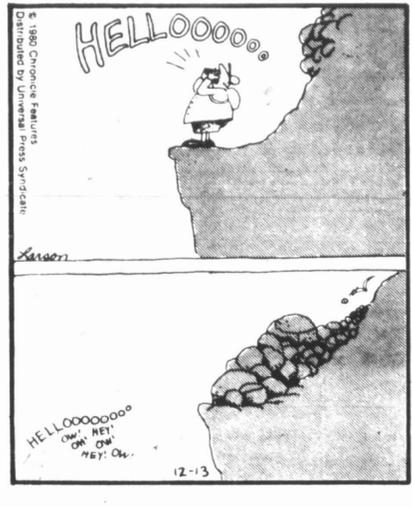
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**PIZZA INN** now hiring drivers and waitresses. Drivers \$5.00 to \$7.00 per hour; waitresses \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hour. Contact in person. No phone calls. 1702 Gregg.

**BIG SPRING EMPLOYMENT AGENCY**

**Coronado Plaza 267-2535**

**LEGAL SECRETARY** — Heavy legal background. Excellent.

**RECEPTIONIST** — all office skills. Open.

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HOME ASSEMBLY. Earn \$240 per week making plant hangers in your home. No experience necessary, start right away. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Homecrafts, P. O. Box 7, Benson, Maryland, 21018.

STATE HOSPITAL of Big Spring is accepting applications for LVN I \$1,276 monthly, LVN II \$1,449 monthly. Requires current registration with Texas Board of Vocational Nursing Examiners or with valid permit awaiting licensure. We offer excellent benefit package. Contact Personnel, P.O. Box 231 Big Spring, Texas 79721 (915)267-8216 ext. 260 A.V.E.O.E.

HELP WANTED. Heavy equipment operators, loaders, scrapers, dozer. Days call 263-7121 Unit 3184, evenings 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., 263-1988.

GLAMOUR FASHION Looking for several career oriented self motivated individuals to offer a six step program on how to dress and look fabulous. Fast career advancement, high income potential, car program. 1-800-292-5619, ext 3045.

**Jobs Wanted 299**

ALL TYPES of lawn care. Alleys, tree pruning, hauling, full clean up. Free estimates. 267-6504. Thanks.

WANT SMALL carpentry and repair jobs. Residential and commercial. Call 263-5616.

DON'S DISCOUNT Lawn Service Call 267-7249.

GILLIHAN PAINT and Body, 821 West 4th. Complete auto and body repair. Free estimates. 267-7032.

**Child Care 375**

SUNSHINE DAYCARE now enrolling newborn thru age 4. Call 263-1696.

**Child Care 375**

REGISTERED BABYSITTER has daytime openings. Nutritious lunch and snack provided. Call 267-7126.

**KIDDLIE LAND Day Care** Licensed home for infants to 5 years. Call 267-6725.

WILL DO babysitting in my home. Any age. Snacks. Hours optional. Call 263-3985.

CHILD CARE in my home, days and some evenings. Call 263-4984 ask to leave message.

**Grain Hay Feed 430**

HOWARD COUNTY Feed and Supply. This week's special: alfalfa hay \$5.50, 701 East 2nd.

**Auctions 505**

WE DO all types of auction!! Estate Farm Liquidation Consignment Charity. Consignment sale every Thursday, 2000 West 4th St Spring City Auction Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS 079-007759, 263-1831/263-0914.

WANTED IF you have something to sell one piece or household. Call us, we buy! Also consignment auction every other Tuesday. We do all types of auctions. Auction Auction Company, North Hwy 87, 267-1551, 267-8436. Eddie Mann TXS 098-008188. Judy Mann TXS 098-008189.

**Dogs, Pets, Etc 513**

JUST IN time for Christmas, AKC Labrador Retriever puppies for sale.

AKC REGISTERED Beagle puppies, \$100. Call Garden City, 354-2477 a.m.; 354-2463 p.m.

**Taxidermy 514**

SAND SPRINGS TAXIDERMY Professional mounting of deer, antelope, elk, bear, and bobcat. Exotics, quail, pheasant, fish and snakes. Also tanning our specialty. Deer mounts \$150. 560 Hooper Road (Sand Springs) five miles east of Big Spring, 393-5259, 263-1231.

**Pet Grooming 515**

IRIS' POODLE Parlor. Grooming, indoor kennels, heated and air, supplies, coats, etc. 2112 West 3rd, 263-2409, 263-7900.

ANN'S POODLE Grooming. We do different breed of dogs. Monday thru Friday Call 263-0670 or 263-2815.

**Lost-Pets 516**

REWARD! LARGE white tom cat, black spots. Has been neutered. Lost from 1401 Nolan. 267-3245.

LOST: ALASKAN MALAMUTE Arctic Wolf, one blue eye. Vicinity of Airport School. Call 267-3661.

**Computer 518**

FOR SALE: Commodore 64 computer, 1541 disk drive, 1702 color audio/monitor, card + 6 parallel printer interface, manuals, programs. Excellent condition. \$500 or best offer. 10" Quasar black and white TV, like new, \$50. Call 267-8281 days, 267-4030 after 5:00 p.m.

**Sporting Goods 521**

THOMPSON CONTENDER 357 Maximum with case and carbide reload magazines. Call after 6:00 263-7909.

**Portable Buildings 523**

SIERRA MERCANTILE all portable buildings year end clearance! 263-1460 Interstate 20 East.

**Musical Instruments 529**

SIMMONS ELECTRONIC 5 piece drum set. Like new, used 8 months professionally. Must Sell. 267-4620.

If... You're looking for a better job and career opportunities, you should be talking to us. We are 900 employees, 140 stores and growing. Currently we are operating 4 stores in Midland and 5 stores in Odessa.

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We offer an excellent variety of benefits including health insurance, paid sick leave, paid vacations, retirement plan, and a stock purchase plan. If you're an aggressive self-starter, apply in person at any of these stores.

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#23-3104 Parkway  
#103-1101 Lamesa Dr.

**Coahoma**  
101 East Broadway

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**AUCTION**

Tuesday, December 13th 7:00 p.m.

Partial Listing  
Toys — living room suite — stove — refrigerator — freezer — T.V. — washer — dressers — dining room suite — space heaters — gas and electric. Coats — blankets — regular and electric — jewelry — bed.

We hope to see you auction day. But if for some reason you can't attend then let us take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your love and support for this last year and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

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PIANO FOR sale, Cable Nelson, \$600. After 6:00 p.m. call 267-9868.

**Appliances 530**

FOR SALE: Frost free, almond color refrigerator. Call 267-1367.

**Garage Sale 535**

CLEARANCE SALE! All merchandise in store, \$25 each. 12th 17th. The Trading Post, 611 Lamesa Highway, next door to Giant Food Store.

HEATERS, TYPEWRITER, gun case, dinette, baby bed, cradle, stroller, new toys. 3417 West Highway 80.

JUST IN time for Christmas! Battery operated toys, dishes, bath sets, lots of coats and winter clothing (Ladies leather coat, size 12, 1 mans leather coat, size 36), baby items. Many gift ideas. J & J Penny Saver, 1705 South Gregg.

**Produce 536**

EXCELLENT CROP of pecans. Several different kinds, \$1.00 to \$1.25 lb. in shell; \$4.00 to \$4.25 shelled. Moss Lake Road Trailer Park, 393-5968.

PECANS WHOLE, cracked, shelled. Custom cracking. Pecans raw, roasted, salted and roasted. Honey. Bennie's 267-8090.

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STEPSHOP'S PECANS, new crop, best quality, \$1.25-\$1.50 pound. Shelled, \$4.00, 263-4819 2601 Ann.

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RATTLESNAKES NOW \$7.00 lb. Buying two more months, Saturdays. Big Spring Fina Cafe, 120 11-15 12-15 p.m. Reptile Unlimited (817)725-7350.

WINDSHIELD REPAIR. Repair stone damage before it cracks. Jimmy Wallace, 267-7293. Free estimates. Lowest prices.

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1981 CAMEO, THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Sell or lease. 267 2285, after 5:00 p.m.  
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WEEKLY RATES, one person, \$65 tax included. Phones, color TV, daily maid service. Mayo Ranch Motel, 267 2581.

EAST 13th. ONE bedroom, furnished, all bills paid. \$250 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263 5000.  
FURNISHED 1 1/2 bedroom, water paid. HUD Approved. Call 263 0906 or 267 6561.  
HOUSES APARTMENTS Duplexes, 1 2 3 and 4 bedroom. Furnished, unfurnished. Call Ventura Company, 267 2655.

**REDECORATED DUPLEX, one bedroom, carpeted, privacy fence. 1513 1/2 Scurry. \$185 month, references. Call 637 7161; 398 5506.**  
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FURNISHED, TWO bedroom mobile home. Midway area, washer /dryer, large yard, all bills paid. Deposit required. 267 5952.  
BILLS PAID Newly redecorated, 1 and 3 bedrooms. Fenced yards maintained. HUD Approved. 267 5546, 263 0746.  
BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED 2 bedroom. Mature adults. No children. No pets. References required. \$300 month, plus utilities deposit. 263 6944; 263 2341.

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LARGE THREE bedroom furnished house, new carpet. Must have reference. No pets. Call 263 6400.

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2507 CHANUTE, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Central heat, appliances, carpet. Deposit required. \$335. 267 6745 evenings.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath. Fully carpeted, fenced yard. 2410 Carleton. \$350 per month, plus deposit. 263 6997.

TWO BEDROOM unfurnished. Large kitchen, washer /dryer connections. 2910 Cherokee. 263 2591 or 267 8754.

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**TUESDAY COUPLES**  
K-C Steak House over Caden Pipe Line, 8:0. Germania Ins. over Bob's Custom Woodwork, 8:0. Germania Ins. over Harding Well Service, 8:0. The Girl Next Door over Arrow Refrigeration, 6:2. Parks Agency, Inc. over Double R Cattle Co., 6:2. First Federal Savings over Quality Rubber Stamps, 6:2. NALC over Tonn Cleaners, 6:2. LH Office Center over Hester's Supply, 6:2. GCH Enterprises tied Bowl-A-Rama, 4:4; Timbers at Fort bowled unopposed and Moss Creek, postponed. Saunders OED bowled unopposed and Cline, postponed.  
Hi. sc. ind. game man Ray Kennedy, 238; woman Joyce Davis, 259; hi. sc. ind. series man Ray Kennedy, 622; woman Joyce Davis, 645; hi. hdp. ind. game man Ray Kennedy, 250; woman Joyce Davis, 260; hi. hdp. ind. series man Tommy Scott, 673; woman Barbara Clark, 674; hi. sc. team game Head Hunters, 737; hdp. Double R Cattle Co., 856; 1st team series Head Hunters, 2991; hdp. Head Hunters, 2421.

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Knott Coop Fertilizers over Health Food Center, 8:0. OT of Towners over Arrow Refrigeration, 8:0. Gamble Painting over Sanders Farms, 6:2. Double R Cattle Co. over Country Flowers, 6:2. Kuykendall Inc. over LH Office Center, 6:2. A&B Farms over Andrews Trans, Inc., 6:2.  
Hi. sc. ind. game Inez Bearden, 187; hi. sc. ind. series Inez Bearden, 509; hi. hdp. ind. game Mickey Bailey, 237; hi. hdp. ind. series Nadine Williams, 633; hi. sc. team game LH Office Center, 628; hdp. Knott Coop Fertilizers, 822; hi. sc. team series A&B Farms, 1791; hdp. A&B Farms, 2334.

**STANDINGS - Gamble Painting, 6440; LH Office Center, 6440; Kuykendall Inc., 6044; Sanders Farms, 5945; The OT of Towners, 5648; Knott Coop Fertilizers, 5549; Double R Cattle Co., 5450; A&B Farms, 5252; Andrews Trans, Inc., 5252; Health Food Center, 4658; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 3470; Country Flowers, 3074.**

**INDUSTRIAL**  
Herman's Restaurant over Fina, 8:0. Coors over Price Const., 8:0. LG Nix Dirt Co. over A Bye, 6:0. LCC over O'Daniel Trucking, 6:2.  
Hi. sc. ind. game Jackie Lecroy, 253; hi. sc. ind. series Jackie Lecroy, 707; hi. hdp. ind. game Jackie Lecroy, 269; hi. hdp. ind. series Jackie Lecroy, 755; hi. sc. team game Herman's Restaurant, 994; hdp. Herman's Restaurant, 1144; hi. sc. team series Herman's Restaurant, 2791; hdp. Herman's Restaurant, 3241.

**STANDINGS - LG Nix Dirt Co., 7436; O'Daniel Trucking, 7236; Coors, 6842; LCC, 5862; Herman's Restaurant, 5654; Price Const., 5642; Fina, 4860.**

**GLVS & DOLLS**  
Barber Glass over Van's Well Service, Inc., 8:0. Andrews Transport over Kit Smith Enterprises, 6:2. Big Spring Athletics, Inc. over Keaton Kolor, 6:2. Big Spring over Pinks, 6:2. Manuel Flores Barber Shop over Parks Oil Co., 6:2.  
Hi. sc. ind. game man Ralph Palmer, 197; woman Velma Campbell, 230; hi. sc. ind. series man Roy Osborne, 513; woman Velma Campbell, 322; hi. hdp. ind. game man Ralph Palmer, 256; woman Velma Campbell, 263; hi. hdp. ind. series man Ralph Palmer, 669; woman Velma Campbell, 631; hi. sc. team game Pinks, 704; hdp. Pinks, 946; hi. sc. team series Pinks, 1930; hdp. Up & Down, 2408.

**STANDINGS - Andrews Transport, 7735; Kit Smith Enterprises, 6349; Barber Glass, 6151; Up & Down, 5953; Parks Oil Co., 5854; Big Spring Athletics, Inc., 5854; Van's Well Service, Inc., 5062; Manuel Flores Barber Shop, 4844; Pinks, 4844; Keaton Kolor, 3874.**

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Hi. ind. game Jack Jackson, 248; hi. ind. series JC Self, 700; hi. team game State National Bank, 1115; hi. team series State National Bank, 3247.

**STANDINGS - State National Bank, 6733; Big Spring Instrument, 7446; Coors, 6555; Caldwell, 6357; OU 812, 5842; Perry's Pumpings, 5763; Wilson Auto Elec., 5743; Tune Ins., 5664; Red Neck, 5664.**

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# Environment



**ALTA** — Nursery worker Al Stauder towers over a Lilliputian forest of pine seedlings destined for distribution by the Texas Forest Service. The Forest Service uses biological tricks to bring the best trees of the forests together to produce seeds that pass along the superior characteristics of the parent trees.

## Genetically superior trees for sale

ALTO (AP) — What will someday be almost 40,000 acres of tall pines, oaks and other trees will soon be harvested as tiny pot plant-sized seedlings from the Texas Forest Service nursery.

Some of the tiny trees look like nothing more than sprigs of grass, others like waist-high bushes. Starting in mid-December workers will be lifting the trees to sale throughout East Texas to landowners who want to plant timber crops, windbreaks or trees to lure wildlife onto their property.

Pine trees are the mainstay of the operation — just as pines are the mainstay of the Texas timber industry. Many of the trees that leave the nursery are the genetic offspring of the tallest, fastest growing and most disease- and drought-resistant trees in the sprawling East Texas piney woods.

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Loblolly pines have long been king of the East Texas forests and are most in demand at the nursery. It's the loblolly that the forest service has most tried to genetically improve.

The best way to do that is to gather all the superior trees in one place, where they can breed with each other. That's where the tricks come in.

Since it would be impossible to move the superior trees, experts gather branches from their tops. Sometimes the foresters climb up the tall trees using special Swiss scaling ladders. More often, when just a few cuttings are needed, they use rifles to shoot down a few branches.

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Then the branches are grafted to the roots of year-old, pot-grown pine trees. Loblollies are most often grafted to slash pine roots, McKinley said.

The tree that results "thinks" it is a mature loblolly, even though it has the roots of a young slash pine. The trees are planted in special orchards and in a few years are sexually mature.

The grafted trees look strangely stunted, with their crowns at the top of stunted stems. Genetically, however, they are identical to the trees the cuttings came from. When they mate with other similar trees it is as if the finest trees in the forest have been gathered to produce the best offspring.

The new trees produce eight to 10 percent more wood than regular trees, McKinley said. The superior loblolly also produces straighter trees with denser wood. The forest service has also developed a drought-resistant loblolly that can stand two or more weeks of drought than other types. It has also produced a slash pine that is resistant to fusiform rust.

A big walk-in freezer building holds more than 60 million seeds, enough for three years of planting. Nursery director Al Stauder said the nursery has never experienced a total crop failure but always keeps enough seed on hand to replant any areas wiped out by floods, storms, disease or insects.

When the trees become dormant, usually starting in mid-December, work gets hectic at the nursery. A

special machine slices through the loose soil under the 4-foot wide beds of trees and lifts the trees up. They are gathered in boxes and brought to a building where workers remove damaged, misshapen or stunted trees.

Pine seedlings are packed in big brown paper bags with their roots in a gel that helps keep them from drying out. Most are distributed through the service's field offices throughout East Texas.

The Forest Service offers tree forest planning by its experts to make sure that landowners plant the right kinds of trees for each location and planned use.

It takes about 700 pines to plant an acre of land, Stauder said. The nursery sells loblolly, slash and shortleaf pine seedlings at \$28 for 1,000. Longleaf seedlings cost \$45 for 1,000 and 1,000 Virginia pines — used to grow Christmas trees — cost \$60. Freight is extra.

Windbreak varieties include mulberry, oriental arborvitae, Russian olive and sawtooth, shumard and water oaks, as well as bald cypress, catalpa, green ash, honey locust, lacebark elm, sweet gum and sycamore. Those seedlings cost \$15 for 100, but landowners can buy 50 of one kind and 50 of another.

A special wildlife packet includes 50 each of mulberry, Oriental arborvitae, Russian olive and one of the oak species and costs \$30.

For more information, call the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District at 267-1871.

## Trapper battles wily coyotes

BAY CITY (AP) — Driving on a Texas-size cattle ranch outside Wadsworth checking coyote traps set the night before, J.C. Runk tosses a book across the seat of the truck.

"Look at these pictures of what coyotes do and you won't feel too bad or too sorry for 'em if you see one in a (steel) trap," says Runk, Matagorda County's trapper for the Animal Damage Control Service.

The coyote is a scavenger known for maiming ranchers' livestock and destroying farmers' crops, says Runk. The animal will eat anything from rodents and calves to watermelon and sweet corn.

"We from time to time find coyotes feeding on other coyotes," he says. "You think I'm kiddin'? I'm not."

Runk is one of about 125 state trappers in Texas, said Gary McEwen, district supervisor for 25 ADCS trappers.

"J.C. does a good job in all aspects," McEwen says. "He covers all areas. He's a good field person skilled in the use of all the different tools and he's got a lot of experience."

Runk says state trapping is done mostly only after county officials, or individual farmers and ranchers, file complaints.

"We don't just go out there and set traps everywhere," he says. "We mostly answer to complaints, like if someone's lost a calf."

"All our trapping is set up on strict regulations and guidelines — computerized trapping," McEwen says, laughing. "Every ranch has a number, every animal has a number and we keep record of how much livestock we're protecting."

"We don't want to get the reputa-

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tion that we're just out killing everything," he adds. "We only take things that are causing a problem."

Runk estimates he traps about 300 "troublesome" coyotes a year. He says coyotes are very adaptable, travel in pairs and will eat whatever is available.

"The coyote can survive even in town," he says.

Runk says the coyote native to Matagorda County is a hybrid animal — an offspring of genetically different parents. Local coyotes have a bloodline that is a cross between Red Wolves or Timber Wolves and the South Texas Coyote.

The coyote, which weighs up to 45 pounds, has a thick, tawny coat, a long, pointed nose, fox-like ears and a bushy tail.

"Coyotes look just like a German police dog," Runk says. "If you saw one out at a distance you'd probably think it's a German shepherd."

Both McEwen and Runk stress that the coyote faces no danger of extinction.

Runk said the coyotes he catches are exterminated and sent to Texas A&M for research, or used for trapping bait.

"We examine them for several things," says McEwen, rattling off

various diseases like tuberculosis and brucellosis.

Runk uses two main devices to catch coyotes — M-44's and steel leg hold traps. M-44's — registered for use on canines — are spring-loaded devices attached to stakes driven into the ground. A small 40-pound spring-loaded container houses 16 grains of Sodium Cyanide in a plastic shell holder.

A larger shell holder covers the poison and a strongly odored bait is then smeared over the shell.

The thick, pasty bait attracts coyotes. "You don't ever tell the other trappers what you use for bait," Runk warns, keeping his secret.

When the coyote pulls on the catch, it releases and the cyanide shoots into the mouth.

Runk says the M-44 does not always work because the canine may turn his mouth or move away and not get a full dose.

"It depends on the amount he gets," Runk says. "There's an 80 percent chance to kill him."

McEwen says some people try to domesticate the coyote, but he says they are forever wild animals.

"I've never seen one that was real gentle. You can tame him to an extent but you can never really trust him when you feed him. They're real nervous," Runk says.

McEwen says coyotes aren't the only pests the state-supported ADCS deals with. "We're involved with bird control, rats, gophers, armadillos, rural rodents..."

McEwen says. "The problem animals vary from area to area."

He says not all states have an operational ADCS program. "The biggest in the U.S. is the Texas program," McEwen says. "It's considered the Cadillac of the programs."

## Current sunspot cycle among biggest

**Some scientists believe the "solar maximum," or peak of the cycle, might be the biggest since 1610, when Italian astronomer-physicist Galileo Galilei first observed sunspots.**

Space Environment Services Center in Boulder, Colo., the government's forecasting agency for the storms.

The average person also "might not get his favorite radio station as well as he likes," or might notice the northern lights or aurora borealis farther south than usual, NASA physicist Kenneth Schatten said during the American Geophysical Union's annual meeting in San Francisco.

A so-far successful prediction that the current solar cycle would be exceptionally large was issued in early 1987 by Yale University's Sabatino Sofia and Schatten, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

A NASA news release said some scientists believe the "solar maximum," or peak of the cycle, might be the biggest since 1610, when Italian astronomer-physicist

Galileo Galilei first observed sunspots.

But Schatten and Sofia predicted this cycle won't be quite as large as the 1958-59 solar maximum, "and we have no reason to change that," Schatten said Thursday.

Schatten said the sunspot cycle lasts about 11 years, with the previous maximum in late 1979, the last minimum in September 1986 and the upcoming maximum expected as early as late 1989, much earlier than the 1991 date originally forecast.

Magnetic storms are not dangerous to people on Earth. But they pose a potentially lethal proton radiation hazard for spacewalking astronauts and spacecraft electronics, said Schatten and Ron Zwickl, head of research at the Boulder-based Space Environment Laboratory.

## Botanists warn many plants face extinction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 700 plant species in the United States face extinction by the year 2000, and those in rapidly developing parts of the nation are at particular risk, a conservation group says.

The private Center for Plant Conservation said 73 percent of the plants facing extinction are in southerly, subtropical regions with intense economic or population growth — Hawaii, California, Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

"The causes of extinction are by now quite familiar to us — destruction of habitat, population growth, urban, suburban and industrial sprawl, irresponsible resource extraction, overuse of public land," Donald Falk, the center's executive director, said Monday. "A consequence of that is this tremendously accelerated rate of extinction that we're seeing in these priority regions."

Falk said some of the endangered plants are relatives of important timber products, food groups, or plants used in horticulture and landscaping.

The center's 1½-year study found that 253 species may become extinct within five years and another 427 may vanish by the turn of the century. As many as 52 of the plant species may already be extinct in the wild.

The center is a consortium of 19 botanical gardens and arboreta headquartered in Boston.

"What we're dealing with here is just another sign of a planet in trouble and indeed, a national environ-

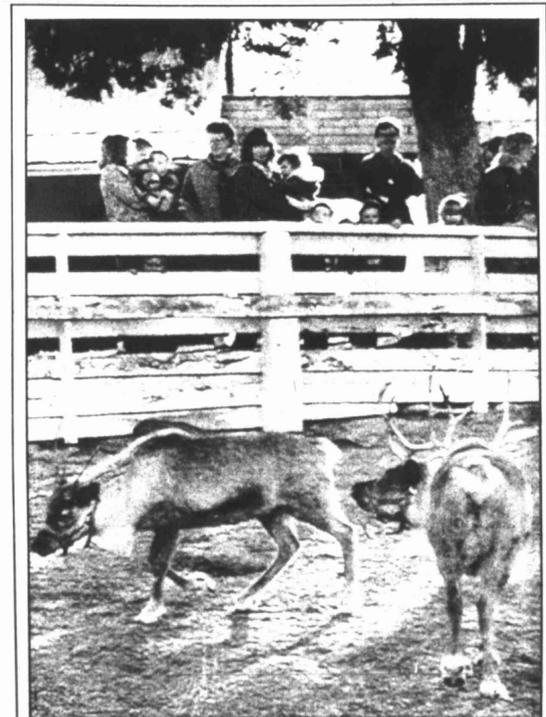
ment in trouble," said Thomas Lovejoy, an expert on tropical rain forests and assistant secretary for external affairs at the Smithsonian Institution.

At least 200 kinds of plants already have become extinct during the past two centuries, experts generally agree, and conservationists worry that the rate may accelerate as population and economic growth jeopardize habitats. A 1973 study by the Smithsonian found that 3,000 of the nation's 25,000 species are endangered.

"Working with endangered species means working against the clock," Falk said at a news conference at the Smithsonian. "It's kind of like being in the emergency room all the time."

Falk said it would cost \$10 million to \$15 million to protect and propagate all 680 of the threatened plants, \$6 million to \$7 million to target only those in the priority areas, or \$3 million to \$4 million to save only plants facing extinction within five years.

"Every species lost represents an irretrievable loss of biological diversity and potential ecological values and potential human values," Falk said. "Once a species goes extinct, you can't then change your mind. You can't then say... that species was beautiful, or that might have helped medicine or that species might have been scientifically interesting or might have been ecologically significant. You don't get a second chance with endangered species."



**Which is Rudolph?**  
REDMOND, Ore. — A group of pre-schoolers curiously look to see if Rudolph's nose is really red at Operation Santa Claus. The reindeer ranch raises and trains the animals for parades and mall visits across the country and is the largest operation of its kind in the United States.

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## Conservation program beneficial to pheasants

LUBBOCK (AP) — A U.S. Department of Agriculture program designed to fight erosion is proving beneficial for the state's ring-necked pheasant population, say wildlife officials and researchers.

Pheasant season in the Panhandle and High Plains runs Dec. 10-25, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has predicted average or above average pheasant populations this year.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says that the number of pheasants in the Panhandle may be increasing due to the Conservation Reserve Program, a 2-year-old USDA program that pays farmers to take highly erodible cropland out of production. Under the CRP, farmers replace their crops with erosion-resistant vegetation that provides a habitat for the birds.

"This program has created 3 million acres of additional habitat in Texas which is used by pheasant and other wildlife for nesting and winter cover," said Ron George, CRP coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Pheasant populations are expected to at least double in much of the Texas High Plains pheasant range during the next three to five years due to the Conservation Reserve Program."

Two Texas Tech University researchers are midway through a two-year study to determine which types of erosion-fighting vegetation provide the best habitat for pheasants.

Thus far, a blend of two native grasses, called Blue Gramma and Klein, has proved to provide the

best nesting cover for the birds, best Loren Smith, associate professor of range and wildlife management.

"All the covers really enhanced nesting cover for pheasants," said Smith, who along with graduate student Peter Berthelson are conducting the study. "But Blue Gramma-Klein grass turned out to be the best this year."

Pheasants need cover to survive the winter and to nest in late spring. Cultivated fields, while providing the birds with grain feed, don't give them the protection they need for nesting, said Smith.

"If they do try to nest in crop fields, their nests are likely to be destroyed," he said. "Most won't even attempt to nest in a corn field."

Smith and Berthelson discovered as many as two pheasant nests per acre in some CRP land.

"If you get two nests per acre that's better than anywhere else we've seen in a long time in the U.S.," Smith said.

Without the deep grass cover of CRP land, the birds usually nest in the shallow, playa lakes characteristic of the region or in deep grass by roadsides, Smith said.

With the growing acreage of land dedicated to the anti-erosion program, pheasants in Texas have discovered a new and inviting habitat that has allowed the birds to expand their range south from the traditional Panhandle habitat. "The population seems to be moving to the south a little bit," Smith said. "There's more and more pheasants around Lubbock."

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