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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area:
Mostly clear through Sunday;
highs mainly in the 50s, lows
tonight low 20s north to the low 30s
south. Highs on New Year's Day
mid 50s to near 60.



The major news of '88 . . .

World: Election and Russian earthquake

By JULES LOH
AP Special Correspondent

The U.S. presidential election and the earthquake that devastated Soviet Armenia, killing tens of thousands of people, were the top two news stories of 1988 in a year-end poll of Associated Press member newspaper editors and broadcasters.

The election story accumulated 1,412 points in the annual survey; the earthquake, 1,404.

It was a year in which U.S.-Soviet relations showed a warming trend, capped by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's announcement of a substantial, unilateral cut in Soviet troop strength. The start of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Moscow and the Soviet leader's continuing overhaul of the Soviet system, amid nationalist unrest in some Soviet republics, also made big news.

Ballots were returned by 106 Associated Press newspaper editors and 126 broadcasters who ranked the year's headline events, from No. 1 through No. 10. A first-place vote counted 10 points, a 10th-place vote one point.

The total of 232 was about 200 votes fewer than usual. Late-breaking events had required a revised ballot and second vote, making earlier ballots outdated.

Even so, the Dec. 21 crash of a Pan-American Airways jumbo jet on a flight from London to New York, which killed all 259 aboard and an estimated dozen on the ground, occurred too late to be included in the top-10 ranking.



President-elect Bush and President Reagan walk near the White House after the Nov. 8 election.

As it has so often in recent decades, the Mideast again grabbed major attention, especially with the United States' policy reversal in opening talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Domestically, stories on the environment ranked high. News included the Midwestern drought (which placed third), as well as forest fires, dirty beaches and even a pair of forlorn whales.

The annual rankings are not conducted as a scientific poll but an informal survey, the collective view of people who deal with the

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Texas: Delta crash is most memorable

By BRAD KROHN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — A terrifying but miraculous scramble to safety by dozens of passengers, while 14 others perished, led to selection of the August crash of a Delta Air Lines jet as the top Texas news story of 1988.

The Boeing 727's puzzling short flight edged out Texas' selection for the super collider and problems in the state's banking industry in balloting among newspaper and broadcast members of The Associated Press.

Texas' role in the presidential election and the threat of Hurricane Gilbert rounded out the top five.

Delta Flight 1141 crashed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Aug. 31, while taking off for Salt Lake City. Survivors told of scrambling through a gaping hole in the fuselage and over pools of fuel to escape the burning wreckage at the end of an airport runway.

Investigators called it one of the most puzzling accidents in recent years because of inconsistencies between physical evidence and crewmembers' recollections. A National Transportation Safety Board ruling on the cause is not expected until at least next spring, although a November public hearing focused on whether the crucial wing flaps were properly set for takeoff.

Of the 46 ballots, seven editors listed the crash first, but the most top votes — 11 — were cast for the state's victory in the super collider



Officials inspect the remains of the August Delta crash in Dallas.

sweepstakes.

The U.S. Dept. of Energy on Nov. 10 picked Texas from among a handful of states still in contention for what officially will be known as the Ronald Reagan Center for High Energy Physics.

The winner of a Dallas newspaper contest gave the \$4 billion project a more palatable nickname "Super Clyde."

Construction and operation of the atom-smasher on a site near Waxahachie, south of Dallas, is expected to generate 7,500 jobs and untold other benefits for the state's economy. But Congress must still authorize spending for the project and environmental im-

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Cool shooting

Taking aim at the basket, 13-year-old Jason Gonzales finds Thursday's late afternoon weather comfortable for shooting hoops.

Big Spring: Homicides frequent

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

From the night of Jan. 7 through the morning of April 13, homicides in Big Spring seemed to come at a one-a-week rate.

Arthur Clay McIntire Jr. was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in an October trial and sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary, as the first of the year's homicide cases drew to a close. It was to be the only case completed, from death to disposition in court, during the year.

McIntire was convicted of fatally wounding Randal Crawford with one shot from a rifle, climaxing an argument over Crawford's ability to drive after a drinking and marijuana-smoking party at McIntire's residence.

The next suspicious victim was Fred Morales, Jr., found in the 300 block of Trades Street suffering from a shotgun blast to the chest. He died, and Justice of the Peace William Shankles delayed ruling in Morales' death pending a grand jury investigation. Two men were

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indicted for tampering with evidence in the case; Dec. 29, Judge Shankles said he still had not made a ruling in the death because the investigation is still pending.

Within a week of Morales' death March 29, two homicides occurred within 48 hours — but one was not discovered for a week.

C. Vance Kimble, 61, a longtime radio personality, was found shortly after 1 p.m. April 1, dead of a gunshot wound to the chest in his residence on U.S. Highway 87 South.

Four persons from Howard County — Patrick Newton, 18, and his sister Pamela Newton, 21, and Michael Lee Hodnett, 23, all of Big Spring, and Dennis Wayne Noggler, 17, Coahoma, were arrested

on charges of capital murder in connection with Kimble's death after Pamela Newton attempted to use one of Kimble's credit cards in New Orleans; Noggler was arrested in Stuart, Fla. and returned separately to Big Spring.

No trial date has yet been rescheduled for Pamela Newton, the only one of the four still jailed; the others are free on \$50,000 bond each. Newton's trial was preempted in November by the murder trial of Frankie Salazar Hernandez.

Three men were also arrested in connection with an April 2 bludgeoning death: Ricardo Romero Flores, 32, and Robert Romero Flores, 30, both of 1205 W. Second St., and Leroy Flores Alaniz, 30, Odessa, were charged with murder in the beating death of Manuel Vega Garcia, 53, Odessa.

Garcia was found April 7 in a sand pit on the west side of town, his body partially hidden beneath a mattress, washing machine shell and discarded lumber. Justice of

the Peace China Long ruled the death a homicide; an autopsy determined the cause of death was internal head injuries resulting from a blow to the head.

Alaniz's parole was revoked after a May 20 hearing during which Robert Flores described the slaying in grisly detail; the Flores brothers are free on \$50,000 bond each.

No trial date has yet been scheduled for any of the three.

A domestic disturbance April 12 in the Ent Drive home of a Big Spring police officer and his wife apparently resulted in her death, for which the Howard County grand jury indicted him on charges of voluntary manslaughter in November.

Dennis C. Dunn, 39, was arrested on initial charges of involuntary manslaughter early April 13 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he had driven his 26-year-old wife Caryle.

Mrs. Dunn had suffered a single

SLAYINGS page 7-A

North seeks Bush, Reagan to testify

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Oliver North is trying to get President Reagan and President-elect Bush to testify at his trial, an unprecedented legal maneuver Reagan reportedly considers another attempt to get him to pardon the former Marine charged in the Iran-Contra scandal.

White House and Justice Department officials said the subpoenas were received Friday and that until a thorough review by administration attorneys it would be "premature to speculate" how Reagan and Bush will respond.

North, the fired White House aide charged with conspiracy for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, called for testimony from the nation's two highest-ranking elected officials in subpoenas delivered to the Justice Department.

North's trial is scheduled to start Jan. 31, or 11 days after Bush takes over for Reagan.

While declining to state directly whether they would contest the subpoenas, spokesmen for the White House and Bush signaled they would not automatically accept them. The *Washington Post* today quoted unidentified Justice Department and White House officials as saying they would fight them.

The *Post* also quoted a White House official as saying that Reagan viewed the subpoena as an attempt to prod him into pardoning North. But Reagan, urged by some conservatives to pardon North, has not changed his view that the case should be decided at trial, the newspaper quoted the official as saying.

The newspaper, quoting sources, it did not identify further, said State Department and National Security Agency officials have also received subpoenas from North's attorney.

Statements from the White House
NORTH TRIAL page 3-A

Entrepreneur Andy Burkhart trades oil fields for hot sauce



Andy Burkhart, with a jar of his Andy's Good 'n' Hot Stuff. Burkhart, a Big Spring native, developed the hot sauce after a transfer to Mississippi where, he said, the saissas were all "bland."

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

Andy Burkhart thought working as a roughneck in the sun-baked West Texas oil fields was tough work, but that was before he sold his first batch of hot sauce in July 1987.

Since then Burkhart has worked many 18-hour days cooking, bottling and selling the hot sauce he spent four years trying to perfect.

"I never thought I would work harder than I did in the oil field, but I do," said Burkhart. "Eighteen, 20 hours, whatever it takes to get it done, I do it."

Working in his kitchen in D'Lo, Mississippi, Burkhart and his wife Billie began cooking the sauce in 2½ gallon kettles. The couple traveled to flea markets and arts and crafts shows to sell their product.

Today, the couple has graduated to using a 40-gallon steam cooker, and Andy's Good 'n' Hot Stuff is sold in more than 100 retail outlets.

The business has been relocated to the kitchen of a former hotel in

Sanatorium, Miss., but it may soon move to a larger facility if Burkhart comes to an agreement with one of the food wholesalers that has expressed interest in selling the product nationwide.

In addition, Andy's Good 'n' Hot Stuff, may soon make an appearance on the big screen.

This summer, makers of "Mississippi Burning," starring Gene Hackman and William Defoe, used several jars of the sauce as props while filming the movie.

"The original deal was that they would rent 48 jars," said Billie. "But while they were filming, the cast started trying it, and the costume director called me and said, 'We'll buy them all because it's so good we want to keep it.'"

A Big Spring native, Burkhart's entrepreneurial career began modestly.

Unable to find anything but bland saissas in Jackson, Miss. — where he relocated while working for a major oil company — Burkhart began experimenting

with an old family recipe to create a distinctive Southwestern-style hot sauce.

"I tried to find some in the stores that I would like, but there just wasn't nothing in Mississippi worth eating," he said.

"So I thought, 'Well, I guess I'll just have to make my own.'"

After four years of experimenting with combinations of vegetables and spices, Burkhart created a sauce that satisfied his longing for a zesty sauce, which he felt even discriminating Texans would appreciate.

Relying primarily on a word-of-mouth marketing plan, sales of Andy's Good 'n' Hot Stuff grew to the extent that Burkhart and his wife quit their jobs to devote themselves full-time to the business of making and selling the sauce.

The Burkharts' business is still relatively small — they have hired only one employee — but the sauce is now sold in gourmet and specialty food stores in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama

and Florida. The Burkharts were in Big Spring on Friday attempting to contract with local stores to expand the sales of the sauce to Texas.

Regardless of the success of the sauce, the Burkharts are determined not to let mass production infringe upon the personal attention they devote to their product.

"We don't want to let it grow to the point where we can't keep the same quality," said Billie.

To Burkhart, the measure of a quality hot sauce is not the fire power, but a harmonious mixture of spices and vegetables.

"Our sauce has a balance of flavor and spice so you get a good taste," he said.

For lovers of hot sauce with a kick, Burkhart produces an extra-hot version. But even it is not overpowering, or hot for hotness sake, he said.

"We're trying to educate people that hot sauce can be good and not super hot," Burkhart said. "I

HOT SALSA page 3-A

89 counties to get aid for drought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers in 89 Texas counties scorched by the 1988 drought may be eligible immediately for emergency federal assistance under a U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster declaration announced Friday by Sen. Phil Gramm.

Howard County is not among them. Acting Agriculture Secretary Peter C. Myers said the USDA has completed reviewing 20 of 38 counties that Gov. Bill Clements asked to be declared disaster areas, and determined all 20 "suffered sufficient production losses to warrant a secretarial disaster designation."

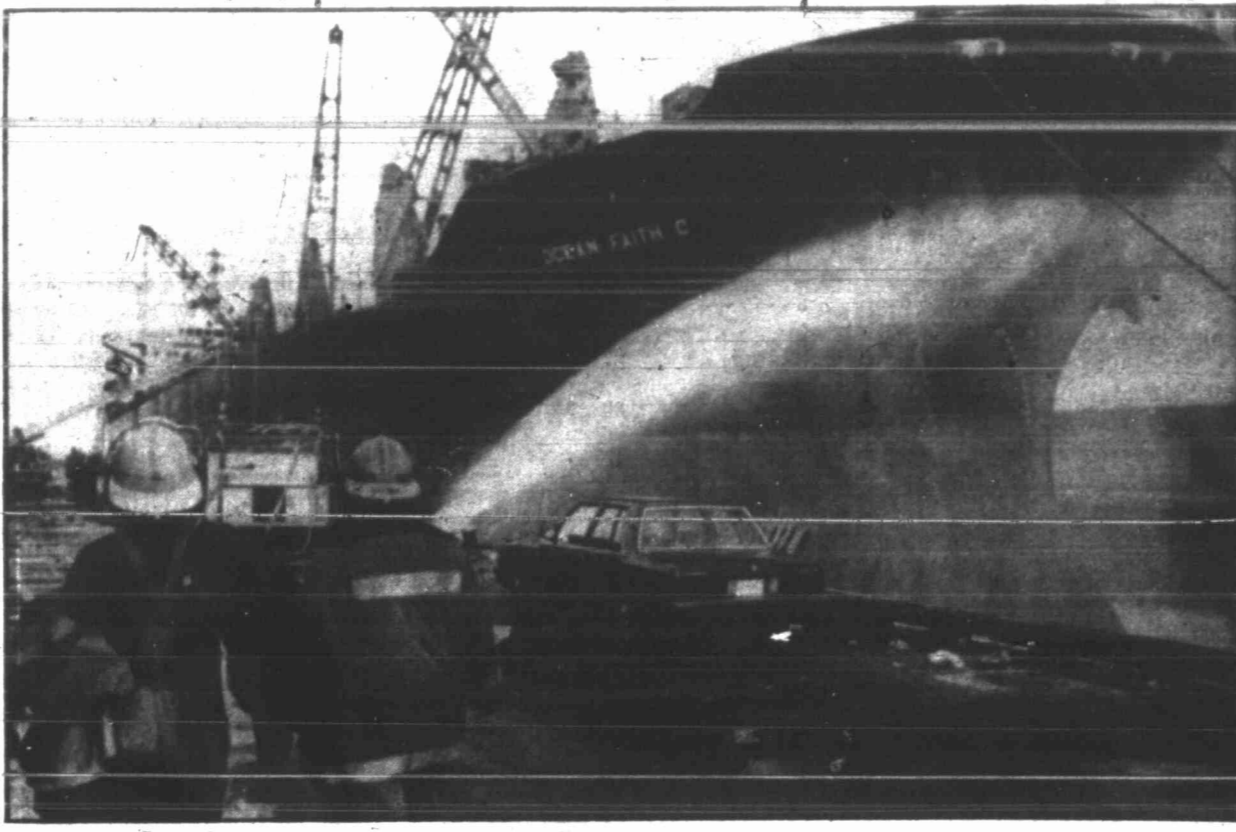
Myers, in a letter to Clements, said family farmers in another 69 contiguous counties were named as eligible for emergency loan assistance from the Farmers Home Administration.

"This is certainly great news for the farmers and ranchers and others in Texas hard hit by drought conditions in Texas in 1988. Approval of the governor's request for disaster assistance certainly will help Texas agriculture get off to a better start in 1989," said Clements' spokesman Jay Rosser.

Under the billion dollar drought assistance package passed by Congress this summer, the FmHA is authorized to make emergency loans to eligible farmers without requiring them to have multi-peril or federal crop insurance on their 1988 crops.

The 20 counties declared primary-county disaster areas are Bexar, Bowie, Camp, Cherokee, Dimmit, Duval, Fisher, Franklin, Gonzalez, Jim Wells, Kinney, La Salle, Marion, Pecos, Presidio, Rains, Upton, Uvalde, Webb and Wilbarger.

The 69 contiguous counties are Anderson, Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Brewster, Brooks, Caldwell, Cass, Comal, Crane, Crockett, Delta, De Witt, Ector, Edwards, Fayette, Foard, Frio, Glascock, Guadalupe, Hardeman, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jones, Karnes, Kendall, Kent, Kleburg, Lamar, Lavaca, Live Oak, McMullen, Maverick, Medina, Midland, Mitchell, Morris, Nacogoches, Nolan, Nueces, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Rusk, San Patricio, Scurry, Smith, Stonewall, Taylor, Forrell, Titus, Upshur, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Ward, Wichita, Wilson, Wood, Zapata and Zavala.



Associated Press photo

Smoldering cotton

GALVESTON — Two Galveston firefighters walk toward the Panamanian freighter Ocean Faith to begin their shift fighting a fire in the ship's hold.

The cargo of bales of cotton caught fire Wednesday afternoon and smoldered until Friday afternoon. No serious injuries were reported.

Mess grows; refugees camping out for asylum

HARLINGEN (AP) — City officials called an emergency meeting to deal with growing sanitation and health problems caused by Central American refugees who camp for days outside immigration centers while seeking political asylum.

City Sanitarian William Ashton said Friday that four portable toilets placed outside this border city's Immigration and Naturalization Service processing center are overflowing and people have begun using surrounding areas instead.

Refugees from war-torn Central American countries have been camping outside the center in increasing numbers since Dec. 16, when the INS enacted an emergency adjudication program for processing asylum applications.

The new rules require refugees to pursue their applications where they enter the United States, rather than in cities of final destinations, as was permitted previously. The change is forcing the refugees, who would have gone to Los Angeles or Miami, to wait in Harlingen while their applications are processed. The wait often lasts at least two months.

Large numbers of Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Honduran and Guatemalan refugees have been entering the United States near Brownsville for months.

The growing crowds have drawn complaints from surrounding business and property owners.

Noni Snyder, who said she represents Dual Construction Co. and Snyder Commercial Repair,

which have offices near the center, said the problem is compounded by well-meaning people who are leaving clothing to be picked over by the refugees.

"By helping, we're creating a little tent city," she said.

City commissioners are calling on churches, individuals and groups to provide temporary shelter, food and clothing for the refugees, but those groups say they also are hampered by the conditions.

The Rev. Paul Husfeld of St. Paul's Lutheran Church said providing the refugees with food and clothing is no problem, "but we can't do it out there in the street."

"We have to find a site that is manageable and can be rented and insured," he said.

At the emergency meeting, officials approved plans to clean the overflowing toilets with lye and chlorine and to have them inspected daily. Officials also plan to place trash dumpsters in the area and issue refugees some plastic bags to alleviate the litter problem.

Commissioners said they would decide at next week's meeting whether to bill the INS for services the city is providing.

Harlingen Mayor Bill Card said he and mayors Gilbert Galvan of San Benito and Ignacio Garza of Brownsville met with U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm earlier this week to see what can be done about changing INS regulations to ease the refugee overcrowding problem.

Gramm is to take the concerns to INS officials in Washington, Card said.

Four walk away from plane crash

GATESWOOD, Ala. (AP) — A single-engine airplane carrying a family of four from a vacation trip in Orlando, Fla., to their home in Dallas crashed in a field but caused only a minor injury.

The aircraft, piloted by Tom Mitchell and carrying his wife and two small children from Disneyworld, passed Friday afternoon between two closely spaced pecan trees. The plane missed a house by about 50 feet, struck a fence and came to rest in a field in this southeast Alabama community of 200.

"They were lucky, real lucky," said Alabama Marine Policeman Rand Rayland, who came to assist when he heard the call on the radio.

Rayland pointed to a 3-foot piece of the aircraft's right wing embedded where it struck in a pecan tree.

Anita Mitchell said she, her husband and their children, Julie, 7, and Jeffrey, 5, were about to refuel in Mobile when the airplane's engine began spraying oil over the windshield.

"I really can't say what happened," she said. "Maybe an oil line broke. It began pouring oil all over the windshield. We had to land. We were unable to see. We just looked for a clearing and landed."

The incident occurred about a mile off Alabama Highway 112, 12 miles northwest of the Florida state line and about 20 miles southeast of Bay Minette.

Jeffrey sustained a very minor scratch.

Briefs

Suspect is sought in West Texas

ABILENE (AP) — A Georgia man, wanted for questioning in the disappearance of one woman and the Christmas Day fatal shooting of another is believed to be in West Texas, authorities said.

William Earl Lynd, 33, of Nashville, Ga., reportedly called his father in Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday night and told him he was with a brother in Abilene, Sgt. Wayne Luke of the Berrien County, Ga., sheriff's department said Friday.

Lynd's father called Berrien County officials Friday morning to tell them of his son's whereabouts,

Luke said.

Lynd's brother is an Air Force sergeant stationed at Dyess Air Force Base outside Abilene, according to Al Dostal, a spokesman for the base. Air Force police were cooperating with Abilene authorities in searching for Lynd, Dostal said.

Leslie Starkey of Detroit was shot on a highway near Chesapeake, Ohio, about 1:45 a.m. on Dec. 25. Before she died the following day, she gave police a description of her assailant matching that of Lynd, who is an Ohio native.

Trucker rampage leads to arrest

HONDO (AP) — A truck driver accused of running dozens of cars off the road in an 80-mile rampage and injuring at least two people, is now in police custody on charges of possession of cocaine, authorities said.

Stephen Odell Dillard, 41, of Coolidge, Ga., was charged with possession of cocaine and was in the Medina County Jail late Friday in lieu of \$50,000 bond while authorities in other counties prepared other charges against him, officials said.

The driver was involved in at

least three hit-and-run incidents on Interstate 10 before reaching San Antonio, and 18 more — some involving more than one vehicle — inside the traffic-congested city during morning rush hour, authorities said.

An exact number of accidents in Kendall, Bexar, Atascosa and Medina counties related to the episode was being determined early Friday afternoon. "I was doing about 85 after him and I was about five car lengths behind him," said Rene Davila, who followed the trucker and tried to stop him.

Pickens threat brings charges

CANYON (AP) — A former employee of West Texas State University was arrested on charges he threatened to kill corporate raider T. Boone Pickens Jr. and other school regents unless they fired university president Ed Roach.

Edwin Lee Kiser, 38, was charged with coercion of a public servant. If convicted, he could be sentenced from 2 to 10 years in prison and fined up to \$5,000. His address was unavailable, and authorities said they had no information on Kiser's duties at the college.

Kiser appeared before Randall County Judge Charles Purcell, who set bond at \$25,000, and was released Friday from Randall County Jail after posting bond.

John Davis, assistant district attorney for Randall County, said someone called a security guard last May 23 at the offices of Pickens' company, Mesa Limited Partnership, and made the threats against Pickens, a regent and former regents chairman.

Other threatening calls were made to Pickens' residence, Roach's home, the Amarillo police department, the office of Canyon City Manager John Ward, Amarillo television station KVII-TV, the Canyon News and the Randall County sheriff's office, Davis said.

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Committee on minority concerns hailed during 1988

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

The creation of the Big Spring Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns was hailed in 1988 by both minority leaders and school officials as a means to improve relations between the minority community and the BSISD.

The formation of the committee was proposed by Ford Farris, board of trustees president, and was approved by the board Oct. 13.

The seven-member committee was initiated, in part, to help recruit minority faculty and improve communication between the minority community and the district. The committee is empowered to submit proposals and advise the board, but cannot create school policy.

Billy Pineda, board member,

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was appointed chairman, and the six members nominated by Pineda were approved by the board.

The members of the committee are: Albert Alvarez, Barbara Davis, Pat Deanda, Hebrew Jones, Raul Marquez and Margaret Trevino.

Farris and Bill McQueary, superintendent, will serve on the committee as ex officio members who will not vote or make proposals. They will serve in an advisory role when requested.

During the committee's first

meeting Nov. 23, it established an agenda which included the following goals:

- Improve relations with the district.
- Organize workshops designed to generate ideas on how to best attract minority educators and administrators.
- Train teachers in cultural awareness.
- Help decrease the dropout rate.
- Emphasize reading, the foundation of learning.
- Encourage Big Spring minority educators to attain qualifications necessary to become administrators, and provide funds to achieve such qualifications.
- Devise a program to impress upon parents the importance of aiding their child's educational progress.

At the October board meeting during which the committee was approved, Farris said, "I look forward to having great things come from this committee."

Pineda said, "I think you're going to see a difference in communication between the minority segment of the community and the school board."

Before the committee was approved by the board, local minority leaders advocated its formation, saying there was a widespread feeling among the minority community that its citizens were not given a fair hearing by board members.

Pineda said of the committee, "I think it will alleviate a lot of the problems we've had in the past."

The only serious opposition to the committee among the board members came from Bill Brooks,

who said he "resented the allegations (by minority leaders) that the board does not listen to the community."

Brooks — who cast the lone dissenting vote against formation of the committee — argued the committee was unnecessary because anyone can approach the board and receive a fair hearing.

After the committee was approved, its members expressed optimism about the group's plans.

Barbara Davis, committee member, said the committee could attempt to encourage local minority students to pursue a teaching degree and return to Big Spring after graduating.

The committee will also be able to define and present minority concerns to the board, she said.

"The board tries real hard to be fair to everybody," she said. But

added, "Sometimes they don't see a problem when there is a problem, and if you don't see the problem you can't address it."

Raul Marquez — committee member and president of the Big Spring chapter of League of United Latin American Citizens — praised Pineda for selecting members who represent a cross-section of the community.

And Pat Deanda, committee member and Big Spring city councilwoman, said the committee would attempt to alleviate problems "that have been festering in the minority community for years."

Deanda praised the school board for forming the committee.

"An honest effort has been made by the board to communicate," she said. "They've done what nobody else has ever done before."

Spring board

How's that?

Texas Tech

Q. When is spring semester registration at Texas Tech?

A. Registration for new students for the spring semester at Texas Tech will be from Jan. 6 to Jan. 12 and classes begin Jan. 13.

Calendar

Library

TODAY
• The Howard County Library will be closed today and Monday.

• There will be a senior citizens' dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Airpark in building 487. This is the New Year's Eve dance; there will be black-eyed peas and cornbread. Participants are to bring cornbread and desserts. The cost is \$3 per person.

SUNDAY
• Today's Herald was published and distributed early in order to allow staff members to enjoy the New Year's holiday with family and friends.

MONDAY
• The Howard County Youth Horseman's Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the club arena on the Garden City Highway. New officers will be nominated. The public is invited.

• There will be gospel singing at Kentwood Older Adult Center at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

TUESDAY
• The Howard County Library will reopen.

Plans made to reduce fatalities

(AP) — An estimated 34 people were expected to die in traffic accidents during the New Year's holiday, but many bars, taxi drivers and other groups were offering free rides, coffee and other services to help keep fatalities low.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials began keeping an official count of traffic fatalities at 6 p.m. Friday. The period ends at midnight on Monday.

During the long Christmas weekend, 36 people were victims of traffic accidents — four more than DPS officials had predicted would die.

Law enforcement officials planned to boost patrols on Saturday night, when New Year's Eve revelers were expected to be out in force.

But there should be a range of after-party favors available to those who overindulge.

Taxicab operators, bus drivers and volunteers will be providing free transportation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for those who are too tipsy to drive home.

Bar owners, area hospitals and wholesale liquor outlets are paying for some rides.

One Dallas area nightclub plans to help pay taxi tips.

Under Texas law, bars and other establishments are prohibited in the event of an alcohol-related accident, so many of the waiters and waitresses serving beverages New Year's Eve likely had training on how to spot potential drunks.

Some convicted drunken drivers will have cars equipped with a breath-analyzing device that prevents a driver who has been drinking from turning the ignition key.



Where there's smoke . . .

A Friday afternoon fire produced plenty of smoke, but no injuries, at the Pool Company yard on Highway 87. The fire apparently started at about 3:30 p.m. in the drainage pit area and the ensuing flames engulfed two storage tanks and a trailer. A spokesman for the company said the cause of the fire appeared to be electrical in nature, but would not elaborate. Firefighting units from Big Spring, Joneboro and Silver Heels, along with Pool workers, had the fire under control at about 4:15 p.m.

National computer system will track doctors' records

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record of malpractice suits and disciplinary actions taken against doctors and dentists will follow them from state to state as part of a new national computer data bank being set up by the federal government.

"No longer will incompetent health professionals be enabled to move from hospital to hospital or from state to state while withholding adverse information," Dr. Otis R. Bowen, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, said Friday.

His remarks came at a news conference announcing the award of a five-year, \$15.9 million contract to the Unisys Corp. to operate the computer bank ordered by Congress in 1986.

The system is expected to be operational by mid-summer, said Bowen, but it will not contain files of actions taken against health care providers prior to its start.

The information will not be available to the general public, but rather to state licensing boards and employers of medical personnel, such as hospitals.

In fact, hospitals will be required to check the data base before hiring a doctor not known to them and to routinely run their medical staff's names through the computer every two years.

The idea is not to create a consumer handbook, but rather an in-house tool to help the medical profession weed out incompetents.

That is not enough for one activist, Dr. Sidney Wolfe, who founded Public Citizen Health Research Group with Ralph Nader.

"Congress must amend this legislation to require public disclosure of this vital, publicly-funded information about incompetent doctors which could save many patients from being taken 'care' of by the small fraction of demonstrably dangerous doctors still practicing in this country," said Wolfe.

The lead authors of the legislation, on the other hand, praised their own handiwork and the health department's implementation of it.

"With this contract, we will finally have a national system to keep track of the disciplinary records of licensed health professionals," said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. "In the past, incompetents have been able to slip through the cracks and inflict poor medical care on the American consumer."

Rep. Thomas J. Tauke, R-Iowa, called the contract award "both an end and a beginning."

"We are taking the final step on what has been a long and difficult road to fully implementing" the legislation, said Tauke. "We are taking a major step forward in protecting and strengthening the quality of health care in our nation."

The legislation requires state medical licensing authorities to report all their disciplinary actions to the federal computer file and also requires the reporting of malpractice suits lodged against doctors and dentists.

Eventually, the data bank is to be expanded to include nurses and any other health care providers that must be licensed in order to practice their trade.

Police beat

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents as of 8:15 a.m. Saturday:

• Daniel Ramirez, 31, no address given, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and theft under \$20.

• A resident in the 1300 block of Dixie reported that three shotguns, three rifles, two pistols, a Bowie knife and an ivory handled sword were stolen from his residence.

The Big Spring Police Department released the following Crime Stoppers information Friday:

• A major accident occurred in the 200 block of East Third St. 1:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The driver of vehicle number one sustained minor injuries as a result of the collision. The second vehicle is described as a small, faded blue compact car, unknown model.

The driver of the second vehicle is described as a white female, 20 to 30 years old, about 5-foot 4-inches tall, weighing about 140 to 150 pounds, with shoulder length blonde hair. The passenger of the second vehicle is described only as

a white male. There was substantial damage done to vehicle number one because of the accident.

Anyone with information regarding the hit and run or any other crimes is urged to contact crimestoppers at 915-263-1151, 24 hours per day.

Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction or indictment or any person involved in criminal activity. Information is confidential and callers remain anonymous.

North trial

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House and Bush's office called it "unprecedented" for a sitting president to testify in court, said they were reviewing the legal issues, and noted that historical precedent would call for the witnesses to testify in writing rather than take the stand.

In Palm Springs, Calif., where Reagan is on vacation, a White House statement acknowledged North's subpoena, "seeking the president's testimony at the criminal trial of Oliver North. The subpoena also seeks the discovery of certain personal records of the president."

The subpoenas were anticipated, it said. Aides to both Reagan and Bush told them Friday morning that the documents would come that afternoon, their spokesmen said.

White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said Reagan had known of the likelihood since Wednesday.

"It raises significant legal and constitutional questions, which are currently being reviewed by the Department of Justice and counsel to the president," the White House said in language similar to a statement released by Bush spokeswoman Sheila Tate.

"It would be unprecedented for a president to appear as a witness at a criminal trial and it's premature to speculate on the final decision that will ultimately be taken, but historical precedent suggests any relevant information could be provided through written questions and answers."

North, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel who worked for Reagan as an aide to the National Security Council, faces trial Jan. 31 for charges stemming from the U.S. arms sales to Iran and diversion of proceeds to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

He is charged with conspiring with former national security adviser John Poindexter and arms dealers Albert Hakim and retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord to illegally divert more than \$12 million in U.S.-Iran arms-sales profits to the Contras.

Justice Department spokesman Loye Miller said the subpoenas were received at mid-afternoon, "one for the president and one for the vice president," by Robert Ross, executive assistant to At-

torney General Dick Thornburgh.

Tate said Bush legal counsel Boyden Gray was reviewing the matter, but that the vice president was going ahead with a long weekend of relaxation at Camp David, Md., and planned no meetings to discuss the trial matter. Bush and his wife Barbara arrived at Camp David on Friday and planned to stay until late Monday.

Bush takes office as president on Jan. 20, and could claim executive privilege to avoid testifying on matters of national security, which much of the North case involves.

North's attorney, Brendan Sullivan, appearing on ABC News on Friday, was asked why he issued the subpoenas. He said, "a defense lawyer has an obligation to issue a subpoena for every person who has relevant information about a matter in court . . . The president himself has indicated he has relevant information."

In 1973, President Nixon received a subpoena to turn over White House tape recordings in the Watergate scandal. He was not required to testify, but the Supreme Court ordered him to release the tapes.

The subpoena could force Bush to disclose information he previously has kept secret. Bush repeatedly has refused to discuss his private discussions and advice to Reagan on the Iran-Contra affair, other than to say he expressed reservations about U.S. arms sales to Iran.

The congressional Iran-Contra investigating committees concluded last year that there was no evidence Bush knew of the diversion plan.

Bush also said he was unaware of North's secret operation to supply the Contras during the congressional ban on aid, although his national security adviser Donald Gregg was well informed on the matter, and Bush met three times with Felix Rodriguez, a North operative in the operation.

Other questions continue on how much Bush knew about the arms-for-hostages aspect of the Iran matter. He has said he did not know about it until late 1986, but his chief of staff indicated that Israeli operative Amiram Nir briefed Bush on the matter in May 1986.

Bush said he was told about what the Israelis were doing, not the U.S. participation.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident

Hot salsa

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don't know who came up with the theory a sauce has to be super hot to be good, but it's wrong."

Nonetheless, even the original version of Burkart's sauce can't be described as mild.

It consists primarily of

tomatoes, onions, garlic, sweet peppers, and a very prominent dose of jalapenos.

"Growing up in Texas, I fell in love with two things," said Burkart, "the cactus that's on our label, and the jalapenos that I put in the sauce."

Deaths

Philip Parker

Dr. Philip J. Parker, 72, died Dec. 28, 1988 in a Fort Worth hospital after a brief illness. Services were 11 a.m. Saturday in Martin's Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury. Burial followed in Holly Hills Memorial Park, Granbury.

He was born Nov. 3, 1916 in Newark, N.J., and married Ivah Lou Malphurs in 1974 in Big Spring. He was a retired medical doctor, and a graduate from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. He was a physician on the USS Callaghan during World War II. He

served on the vessel from the time it was commissioned until it was sunk in the Pacific during the war.

He practiced medicine in Big Spring for several years at Hall-Bennett Hospital, where he was a surgeon and a general practitioner. Later, he served on the staff of Harris Methodist Hospital, Glen Rose, from 1977 until he retired in 1982.

He was a member of the St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Granbury.

Survivors include his wife, Ivah, of Granbury; one sister, Clothilda Parker, Granbury; and two nieces.

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Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Herald opinion

Wecannotafford costsofilliteracy

We deliberately ran the headline words together to give you a fleeting glimpse of how frustrating it is not to understand the written word. For millions of Americans, the inability to read simple words and sentences is a constant source of personal anxiety and embarrassment.

An estimated 23 million people in this country cannot read books or newspapers. They cannot read street signs, restaurant menus, job applications or welfare forms. Nor can they understand a bus or subway schedule. An additional 35 million are functional illiterates, which means they can read just well enough to scrape by.

Although the world of illiteracy and semiliteracy cuts across the social spectrum, most of those caught in this trap are condemned to a life in the shadows. Yet, the problem is more than just a personal one.

Businesses are finding it increasingly difficult to fill entry-level positions that require basic reading and writing skills. When this nation's economy was based on farming and menial labor, most workers could get by with a bare minimum of education. But most of today's jobs demand higher reading and writing skills. And if the United States is to compete in a global economy, the jobs of the future will require even higher levels of competence. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 79 percent of all jobs will be in the service sector by the year 2000. As jobs become increasingly technical, people without basic learning skills will be left even further behind.

The social costs are no less ominous. Many illiterates who cannot find work frequently commit crimes. It is estimated that 60 percent of the state and federal prison population of 440,000 cannot read above the sixth-grade level. And because most illiterate parents cannot help their children learn how to read, the youngsters are frequently condemned to a life of poverty and despair.

Last April, Congress approved a \$50 million-a-year program to deal with the national disgrace of illiteracy. But given the federal government's fiscal constraints, the states, counties and cities will bear the major responsibility for dealing with this problem.

There are no shortcuts in combating illiteracy. It takes anywhere from 75 to 100 hours of personal instruction to raise a student's reading level by a single grade. The effort is clearly worth it, however, because once these individuals begin to make progress, there is usually no holding them back.

Stemming the rising incidence of illiteracy will require a substantial investment of time and money. But the costs of failing to do so are much higher.

Quotes

"What we have are multibillion-dollar savings and loans being sold for 1 percent cash down, coupled with tax breaks that are worth even more." — Rep. Toby Roth, D-Wis., criticizing the federally funded rescues of over 200 insolvent savings and loan associations this year, which regulators estimate will cost the government about \$38 billion.

"A (chemical weapons) plant could easily be modified to appear as a legitimate industrial chemical plant such as a pharmaceutical or fertilizer facility." — State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley explaining why the government turned down a Libyan offer to permit foreign inspection of a plant the United States claims is designed to produce chemical weapons.

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Aircraft builders no longer say it can't happen here

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — When one-third of the roof peeled off an Aloha Airlines jet flying at 24,000 feet eight months ago, it stunned the aviation community. It could not happen, aircraft engineers and safety investigators said.

But it did — and the Aloha incident and others like it are changing long-held views on how well jetliners age.

In October, a large crack was found on a Continental Airlines jet. And on Monday a 14-inch hole opened up at 31,000 feet on an aging Eastern Airlines Boeing 727.

A flight attendant was swept to her death in the Aloha incident, but everyone else survived as the pilots of the stricken Boeing 737 were able to land it safely. The crack on the Continental jet was found before it posed any danger, and the Eastern jet landed safely after an emergency descent without any significant injuries.

It is an axiom in the aviation industry that an old jetliner is not necessarily an unsafe jetliner. But the Eastern incident, perhaps



the Pan Am tragedy and the Aloha and Continental incidents earlier have prompted federal regulators and the industry — not to mention the flying public — to ponder the question: When is an airplane too old to fly safely?

Since 1979, the average age of the aircraft fleet belonging to the major airlines has increased from 10.28 years to 12.53 years, according to Avmark Inc., an aircraft consulting and appraisal firm. It is estimated that there are about 2,300 jetliners in service that were built before 1968.

The commercial jetliner fleet has grown older as airline executives — seeing fuel prices drop — have chosen to keep their fuel guzzling geriatric jets a little longer, willing to accept the need for added maintenance costs.

WRITING SKILLS TEST

PRINT NAME: _____

I HATE IT WHEN THEY START OFF WITH A HARD QUESTION RIGHT AWAY.

Just my type

New Year is chance to improve

Dear readers: First, the good news: This is not going to be one of those typical first-of-the-year, resolution-filled columns that we newspaper types are prone to write — especially when we are fortunate enough to have our schedule of publication fall on, say, the very first day of the new year.

As is typical in the New Year's first publication, elsewhere in today's Herald you likely have already found several articles recalling major news stories of 1988, on the local, state, world, sporting and other levels.

So what's to write about here? Perhaps this is an appropriate time and place to look at the year from the perspective of the Big Spring Herald — believe me, it's been anything but an ordinary year — and examine what might be for the coming 12 months.

Tumultuous is one word that comes to mind when I think of 1988. However, that may be a little strong; forgive me, I've never used that word before and it was a New Year's resolution to get it into a column.

1988 will be a year not soon forgotten around this office, however, for a variety of reasons.

The fact that we've had three publishers, and different owners during the past 12 months has to leave at least a fleeting impression. I think it has — and not always a good one for our readers.

I like to believe that's behind us now, for at least a reasonable period, and we can get on with the task at hand: Publishing the best newspaper possible for Big Spring, Howard County and the entire Crossroads Country area.

Yes, that is a huge bill to fill. Optimist that I am, though, not only do I think it's an attainable goal, it's the only goal that makes sense as long as we're in this business.

How is such a goal reached? Never to everyone's satisfaction, we know.

That is one of the delights of this business. Every single person who subscribes to this newspaper on a daily basis, and every single person who picks up a copy from a newsstand or rack, becomes a recognized critic of the product. Every person whose name appears for whatever reason often gains insight and a wealth of knowledge about this business almost instantly — and seldom are they bashful about sharing that wisdom.

Nor is such a goal achieved overnight. It just doesn't happen that way — and that brings us to another of the delights of this business.

Thanks to one of my mentors I recognize one of the true advantages of what we do on a daily basis: The opportunity to experiment and, if we don't like the result, we won't do it that way again.

The genuinely good newspapers of this age are built not on the basis of grand plans that are implemented in a major overhaul with sweeping changes.

Rather, they are constructed brick by brick — upon a solid foundation — to fashion a product that withstands meaningless bars but carries well the responsibility we face for the community we serve.

By publishing daily we have a unique opportunity to better our finished product continually. Taken on the basis of a single improvement each day, we can boast of bringing each of you the best product within our reach, on a timely basis, in an appropriate fashion and produced in a quality manner.

A huge bill to fill? No doubt. But without a doubt, it's a worthy goal to hold before us.

And the best of it is this: Nearly a year from now, when I write a Sunday column in the Dec. 31 issue of your Herald I can lay to rest another of my New Year's resolutions. Instead of the word tumultuous, I expect to have an opportunity to make use of another word on my list of those to use one day — amelioration.

Until then, keep reading, keep calling and please, keep letting us know what's important to you.

And to you and your loved ones, an ameliorated New Year!

Robert Wernsman

Hispanic appointments good politics

By JESSE TREVINO

As someone who did not have much good to say about Vice President Bush's, or should I say President Ronald Reagan's selection of Lauro Cavazos to be Secretary of Education, it may be time to eat a little crow.

The appointment, so transparently political and intended to help Bush win the election, must now be weighed against Cavazos' reappointment and Bush's surprising selection of a second Hispanic, Manuel Lujan of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Keeping a promise he made to Hispanics during the campaign, Bush in one fell swoop has appointed two Hispanics to a Cabinet in which a Hispanic had never before sat.

Any fair man must evaluate their significance and consider the appointments for what they are, an historic move for the GOP and for the country. Although the move may still rest upon political motivation, Republicans have every reason to believe that, with some encouragement, Hispanics might flock to their party in droves. Essentially a conservative voting group, Hispanics may move in the direction of the GOP if the GOP understands their prime political motivation: economic opportunity.

Nothing is so indicative of greater economic opportunity as the inclusion of Hispanics at high, visible levels of government and business. In a culture that has great respect for signs and symbols of authority, the Cavazos and Lujan appointments could be symbols of Republican willingness to afford Hispanics greater inclusion and opportunity.

If taken as such, the GOP could realize a rich payoff as Hispanics shift in greater numbers to the Republican Party. This kind of shift has happened before among ethnic groups in U.S. politics. Before John Kennedy intervened during the jailing of Martin Luther King, Jr. before the 1960 election, U.S. blacks had been voting generally for the Republican party



Jesse Trevino

of Abraham Lincoln. With Kennedy's move, the black vote moved into the Democratic column, where it has remained. With appropriate gestures from the Republican leadership, Hispanics may be ready to make that same kind of move.

If Bush's motivation in the Cavazos and Lujan appointments was in fact political, his actions still do not merit the belittling comments which assailed the first Cavazos appointment just before the election.

For one thing, if these appointments are viewed as political ploys, they must be viewed as long-term political ploys, intended to accomplish much more than winning an election in six weeks.

Indeed, as examples of long-term integration of Hispanics into a Republican administration and precursors of a possible Hispanic shift to the Republican Party, Bush may have accomplished for Hispanics what no amount of ethnic pandering by the Democratic party could ever have achieved.

As Hispanics begin voting for both parties and working in the machinery and administrations of both, ethnicity may well fade as an issue. No longer will Democrats be able to count on a Hispanic landslide just because they send someone who can speak Spanish into South Texas at election time.

Both parties will be forced to compete for the Hispanic vote. Equally important is the calibre of the men, Cavazos and Lujan, with whom Bush has chosen to make his statement. Cavazos, in particular, is an eminently competent professional, highly respected in his field.

As such, ethnicity shrinks as a reason for their selection. Men with their credentials are qualified for these jobs, regardless of their

ethnic origin.

This enhances their symbolism to Hispanics who need and want to succeed on their own merits. It also defuses criticism of political pandering and attacks by racists who might not want to see Hispanics in such high positions. The doubts of qualification that pursue, for example, Dan Quayle and Jesse Jackson do not plague Cavazos and Lujan, necessarily.

Given the impending resignation of one or several U.S. Supreme Court justices, President-elect George Bush may now seal a dramatic shift to the GOP by appointing another first to the Supreme Court, a first Hispanic.

That dramatic gesture would go beyond the echo of politics into the very sinew of the nation's future. It would be a much more forceful appointment, even than that of Cavazos or Lujan, because it would embody not so much political as institutional inclusion, precisely what Hispanics yearn for.

Since the fight Hispanics are waging moves from political to economic, social and institutional inclusion, the Cavazos and Lujan appointments are of critical importance. Their jobs, in addition to running massive government bureaucracies, will be to carry the GOP message throughout the country to Hispanic groups.

That effort, in fact, has already begun. In his travels, Lauro Cavazos has begun spreading his determination to make the Hispanic goal of reducing school dropout rates a Republican, not a Democratic, goal.

This remarkable move by Mr. Bush may indeed be politically motivated, aimed at making the GOP the majority party of the country. But if issues such as the high school dropout rate become the agenda of the country as a result, party becomes irrelevant.

Jesse Trevino is a columnist and a member of the Editorial Board of the Austin American-Statesman.

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State drops fraud investigation

MIAMI (AP) — Maria DeSillers says a nightmare is behind her now that the state has dropped its criminal investigation into her alleged misuse of almost \$700,000 donated for her late son's liver transplants.

The state looked at charity solicitation statutes, as well as grand theft and embezzlement laws, and decided Ms. DeSillers could not be prosecuted, said Dade County State Attorney Janet Reno.

"We can't prove that when she solicited the funds, she intended to defraud anyone," Ms. Reno said. "And she and her ex-

husband are the legal heirs."

Ms. DeSillers' son, Ronnie, died last year at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh while awaiting a fourth liver transplant. His condition and news that money collected for him was stolen from his school quickly put the 7-year-old into the national spotlight.

But controversy ensued as allegations surfaced that Ms. DeSillers had spent the money collected on behalf of her son for jewelry, clothes and a 1985 BMW car, as well as \$79,000 in cash and payments directly to herself, according to prosecutors.

Slot machines take \$500 tokens

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Spare change burning a hole in your pocket?

Caesars Palace may have come up with an answer — slot machines that swallow specially minted \$500 tokens.

The new machines were unveiled Friday afternoon, just in time to catch the New Year's holiday crowd flocking to this gaming capital. The city is expecting 110,000 visitors over New Year's, traditionally one of the resort's biggest weekends.

The first customer was no stranger to Caesars. Mike Matuk of Bakersfield, Calif., who won \$1.28 million on a Caesars slot machine Christmas Day, played a number of coins.

He was followed by John Abruscato of New York City, who played a little longer.

Both won a few, lost a few and left empty-handed. Matuk,

however, returned a short time later and repeated his Midas act of Christmas. He pulled the machine's first big jackpot, \$25,000.

Caesars officials say the new machines are the first in the world to accept \$500 tokens. Numerous resorts have machines that accept \$100 tokens.

"We're not expecting a great amount of volume, but we expect there will be customer interest," said Caesars spokeswoman Debbie Munch. "We're not putting them out there just for show."

The slots were designed for Caesars by Universal Manufacturing Co. of Tokyo. Each of three machines accepts one \$500 token for each pull of the handle.

The machines feature a top jackpot of \$250,000 — not much of a bargain when compared with the \$1 million-plus payouts offered on nearby \$1 machines.

Miami News runs final edition

MIAMI (AP) — What's expected to be the last edition of The Miami News rolled off the presses this morning, after no last-minute deals were made to keep the city's oldest daily newspaper alive.

"It's over," said Howard Kleinberg, the News' editor and an employee for 38 years. "I think we gave it a good effort."

"Farewell, Miami," said the banner headline, and that was the champagne toast led by publisher David Kraslow as corks were popped in the newsroom when the last-edition copies were distributed to dozens of staffers who gathered for the end shortly after 7 a.m.

The afternoon daily publishes its Saturday editions in the morning and has no Sunday edition.

The owner of the News, Cox Enterprises of Atlanta, announced in October that the afternoon newspaper would be closed Dec. 31 if it was not sold. Cox cited financial and circulation losses.



Hidden riches

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Dozens of people comb through mountains of trash at the city dump looking for a lost national lottery ticket worth 6 million cordobas (\$1,300). A restaurant worker threw the ticket away the day before the drawing.

Panel on self-esteem begins to get respect

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A commission on self-esteem that gave the nation another reason to poke fun at California when the panel was created two years ago is finally getting some respect.

Research, a growing mailing list and testimony by educators, counselors, police, AIDS victims and gang members are lending legitimacy to the commission's founding premise:

Poor self-esteem is closely linked with alcoholism, drug abuse, crime and violence, child abuse, teen-age pregnancy, prostitution, chronic welfare dependency and failure of children to learn.

Since the laughter died over Garry Trudeau's "Doonesbury" comic strip naming the "Boopsie" character to the panel in early 1987, the task force has started a series of public hearings, nurtured the formation of 42 local commissions and served as a clearinghouse for information on self-esteem.

A survey of research by seven University of California professors has been accepted for publication by the university press. "I think we're now gaining a great deal of credibility," said Bob Ball, executive director of the three-year, \$750,000 California Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility.

Trudeau's "Boopsie," called the task force "the first official study of New Age thinking." But legislation forming the task

force received the blessing of Republican Gov. George Deukmejian, a former state attorney general with a tough-on-crime and "common sense" administration. Republicans comprise a slight majority of the task force's 25 members.

The panel's hearings have drawn testimony by small-business owners in the timber-fishing town of Eureka near the Oregon border, AIDS patients in San Francisco, and masked members of rival street gangs in Los Angeles.

Backers of the task force talk about its mission in a combination of self-help psychology, social reform and bottom-line economic terms.

"To settle for simply treating symptoms... is to abandon hope," Assemblyman John Vasconcellos said when he sponsored legislation to create the task force.

Susie Lange, a state Education Department representative to the panel, said even task force members were skeptical about its usefulness until the divergent group agreed on a definition of self-esteem.

"We're not talking about selfishness," Lange said. "If you hate yourself you're going to have real trouble being helpful to anyone else. If you reduce it to a much more simple understanding of self-esteem, then you can get over that initial hurdle."

World

Soviets offers a cease-fire

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union announced today its troops will join a cease-fire in Afghanistan on New Year's Day, but U.S.-backed rebels vowed to keep fighting.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had called for the truce in an address to the United Nations, but the United States rejected it.

On Friday, Alexander Bessmertnykh, a first deputy Soviet foreign minister, met U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock in Moscow to make another push for U.S. support.

"The hope was expressed that the American side will look with utmost attention at the new opportunities opening for Afghan settlement," the official Tass news agency said of the meeting.

Tass said Bessmertnykh also made the pitch to the ambassador from Pakistan.

Afghan President Najib on Friday offered the anti-communist guerrillas a truce beginning Jan. 1, and the Soviet Foreign Ministry said today in a statement carried by Tass that Moscow's troops will follow suit.

Officials dispute bomb origin

BONN, West Germany (AP) — A government spokesman today rejected a London newspaper report claiming the bomb that blew up Pan Am Flight 103 was put on board at Frankfurt airport.

Interior Ministry spokesman Michael A. Butz dismissed the report carried by Saturday's Times of London as "incorrect," and charged the claim was based on speculation.

The Times of London quoted anonymous sources as saying investigators had determined that the baggage compartment where a bomb exploded on Dec. 21, killing all 259 people aboard the ill-fated flight, contained luggage loaded in Frankfurt. Another 11 people were missing.

The newspaper said the investigation now is focused on Frankfurt, "where a Palestinian terrorist cell is known to have been operating for more than 18 months."

Brezhnev's son-in-law convicted

MOSCOW (AP) — Former President Leonid I. Brezhnev's son-in-law has been convicted of bribery, but his lawyer expressed satisfaction with the 12-year sentence, saying the Soviet Union is on the way toward being a society based on law.

The nearly four-month trial of Yuri Churbanov and eight of his cronies focused on sensational allegations of wrongdoing stretching all the way to the Kremlin's former first family.

The tribunal on Friday found Churbanov guilty of taking nearly \$145,000 in bribes, but dismissed some charges, spared him the firing squad and sentenced him to 12 years in a labor camp.

Churbanov, 32, declined to talk to reporters afterward, but his lawyer, Andrei Makarov, said the court's decision showed that the Soviet Union is on the way to a society based on law. In an apparent reference to trials under dictator Josef Stalin in which trumped-up charges were used to get rid of real or perceived enemies.

"There is no indication that the explosives could have been put on board at Frankfurt airport," Butz said.

An official of the Bonn government, who spoke on condition of anonymity, claimed investigators have made no determination that the bomb originated in Frankfurt.

He pointed out that the Frankfurt-to-London leg of the Pan Am flight was one of more than 10 planes from which baggage was transferred to the Boeing 747 that later exploded over Scotland.

An Iranian extremist group has claimed responsibility for the terrorist act, contending it was in retaliation for the U.S. destruction in July of an Iranian passenger jet.

West German investigators, however, have said other terrorist groups are under suspicion.



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Here is a look back, month by month, at some who died in 1988:

JANUARY
"PISTOL PETE" MARAVICH, the floppy-haired, shaggy-haired, utterly astounding basketball genius, biggest point producer in NCAA history. He collapsed at age 40, while playing the game he loved.

GREGORY "PAPPY" BOY-INGTON, World War II flying ace who shot down 28 Japanese planes and led the renowned "Black Sheep" squadron. At age 75.

ISIDOR ISAAC RABI, Nobel prize-winning physicist who helped develop atomic energy during World War II and spent the post-war years trying to control it. At age 89.

SEAN MACBRIDE, in his teens an Irish Republican Army guerrilla leader, in his later years an international jurist and crusader for disarmament and human rights, winner of both the Nobel and Lenin peace prizes. At age 83.

BARON PHILIPPE DE ROTHSCHILD, French sportsman, writer, eminent winegrower. At age 85.

KLAUS FUCHS, nuclear scientist in Britain and the United States in World War II who later passed atomic bomb secrets to the Soviets, and was caught and imprisoned. Lived in East Germany after his release. At age 76.

FEBRUARY
HEATHER O'ROURKE, actress who played the angelic child kidnapped by angry spirits in the movie "Poltergeist." Died following what was thought to be a bout with the flu, at age 12.

FREDERICK LOEWE, the composer whose memorable melodies, coupled with Alan Jay Lerner's fetching lyrics, turned "My Fair Lady," "Camelot" and other musicals into timeless classics. At age 86.

RICHARD FEYNMAN, Nobel Prize-winning physicist who helped shatter NASA's claim that cold weather didn't doom the shuttle Challenger. Age 69.

MARCH
HARRIS GLENN MILSTEAD, known as Divine, the bizarre female impersonator who starred in such films as "Pink Flamingos" and "Hairspray." At age 42.

KURT KIESINGER, a German radio propagandist in World War II who overcame his Nazi past and served as West German chancellor in 1966-69. At age 83.

ANDY GIBB, brother of the Gibb's of the Bee Gees rock group

and a solo pop star in his own right. At age 30, apparently of a heart inflammation caused by a virus.

ROBERT JOFFREY, choreographer who founded a dance troupe on a shoestring and built it into the Joffrey Ballet, one of the top U.S. dance companies. At age 57.

APRIL
ALAN PATON, South African author whose novel "Cry the Beloved Country" opened the world of apartheid to the world beyond South Africa. At age 85.

KHALIL AL-WAZIR, known as Abu Jihad, senior PLO commander and Yasser Arafat's closest aide. Assassinated in Tunisia, reportedly by an Israeli commando squad. At 52.

MAY
HAROLD "KIM" PHILBY, the most damaging double agent in modern history, who for almost three decades spied for the Soviets from the heights of British intelligence. He died a decorated KGB officer in Moscow, at 76.

JUNE
LOUIS L'AMOUR, one of America's most prolific storytellers, whose frontier tales of cowboys, lawmen and drifters enthralled millions of readers from waitresses to presidents. At 80.

DENNIS DAY, the golden-voiced Irish balladeer whose career as a foil for comedian Jack Benny spanned decades of radio, television and film. At age 71.

JULY
JACKIE PRESSER, Teamsters president who led the union back to the mainstream of organized labor but extended its reputation for corruption with his own indictments for racketeering and embezzlement. At age 61, before he could be tried on those charges.

JOSHUA LOGAN, writer, producer and director who delighted theatergoers with his deft staging of "South Pacific," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Mister Roberts" and other Broadway hits. At 79.

AUGUST
ANATOLY LEVCHENKO, veteran cosmonaut in line to fly the new Soviet space shuttle. Of a brain tumor at age 47.

ADELA ROGERS ST. JOHN, early feminist and avowed "sob sister" who broke into the men's world of newspapering and covered some of the biggest stories of the first half of the 20th century. At 94.

ENZO FERRARI, former auto racer who became Italy's

greatest sports car builder. At 90.
BARRY BINGHAM SR., patriarch of a media empire, including two Pulitzer Prize-winning newspapers, a TV station and a printing company, who sold the properties in 1986 to end a family squabble. At 82.

MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ, president of Pakistan and strong U.S. ally. Killed in a plane crash that also took the lives of the U.S. ambassador and 28 others. Age 64.

ART ROONEY SR., a beloved founding father of the NFL who bought the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1932 with \$2,500 and watched them struggle for 40 years before they won four Super Bowls in the 1970s. At 87.

SEPTEMBER
BILLY CARTER, President Carter's beer-guzzling good ol' boy younger brother, who alternately amused and dismayed Americans with his escapades, opinions and "Billy Beer." At age 51 of cancer.

OCTOBER
JOHN HOUSEMAN, who with Orson Welles produced the famous radio version of "War of the Worlds," and later gained fame and an Oscar for his role as the imperious law professor Charles W. Kingsfield in "The Paper Chase." At age 86.

NOVEMBER
JOHN MITCHELL, the former attorney general who authorized the Watergate break-in and went to prison for conspiring to cover up the scandal in his friend Richard Nixon's White House. At 75.

SHEILAH GRAHAM, author and legendary columnist who reported Hollywood's juiciest gossip and was romantically involved with novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald in the last years of his life. At 84.

CHRISTINA ONASSIS, heiress to the billion-dollar fortune of Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis. Her stormy romances and huge fortune made her an international celebrity. Of an apparent heart attack at age 37.

JOHN CARRADINE, patriarch of an American acting family who appeared in more than 500 films, including "Stagecoach" and "The Grapes of Wrath." At age 82.

DECEMBER
ROY ORBISON, the rock 'n' roll singer who made the charts with 1960s hits "Only the Lonely" and "Only the Lonely," and who recently was enjoying a comeback. At 52 of a heart attack.

The year, in its own words

"We totally and absolutely renounce all forms of terrorism." — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat

"It is now quite clear that building up military power makes no country omnipotent. What's more, one-sided reliance on military power ultimately weakens other components of national security." — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev announcing Soviet troop reductions

"Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy." — Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen after Quayle likened his own experience to the late president's.

"What I think it does is spell the end of the user-friendly era." —

Richard tenEyck, telecommunications director of the Boston Computer Society, following the sabotage of 6,000 computers nationwide by a computer virus.

"I was trying to help end the killing. But there were times I was thoughtless and careless about it and I'm . . . very sorry that I hurt them." — Actress Jane Fonda, apologizing for her visit to Hanoi during the Vietnam War.

"I am a serious, scientific astrologer and I am really not one of these clowns, and I really don't like this circus atmosphere." — Astrologer Joan Quigley who advised first lady Nancy Reagan, as reported by former White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan in his newly released book.

"I never thought I would see the day the Soviets were involved with us here." — Joe Behne, test director from Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, as U.S. and Soviet scientists prepared joint verification of a nuclear test blast in Nevada.

"We all lived in this century - I didn't live in this century - in this century's history. We did not have - as a matter of fact, we fought - Hitlerism." — Vice President-elect Dan Quayle, on the campaign trail.

"The people have spoken." — George Bush, celebrating his presidential election victory.

"Life is just a game. But I think somebody already said that." — Marcel Souza, Brazilian Olympic basketball team.

Swaggart top religious newsmaker

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The defrocking of TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart after he allegedly paid a prostitute to pose naked and talk dirty was the top religion story of 1988, says a national poll of religion writers released today.

Swaggart was also picked as the religion newsmaker of the year in the poll of the Religion Newswriters Association's 200-plus active members, who write for newspapers, magazines and news services. Forty-three members responded.

Swaggart stayed out of the pulpit for three months after tearfully confessing to an unspecified sin. But he refused to accept a one-year suspension imposed on him by the Assemblies of God denomination and resigned from the ministry the day his defrocking was announced in April.

Another television evangelist, Jim Bakker, also figured in the news in 1988.

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Moscow gets credit for progress in human rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is crediting the Soviet Union with "significant progress" in improving treatment of political prisoners and Jewish refuseniks.

A State Department spokeswoman said Friday the Soviets have released more than 600 political prisoners in the last two years, including all the monitors of the 1973 Helsinki agreement aimed at improving the human rights situation.

Phyllis Oakley, the department spokeswoman, said all prisoners charged with violating political or religious constraints are now free. Jewish emigration soared to 2,400 last month, and less than a dozen of 120 cases of Soviet citizens denied permission to join family members abroad remain unresolved, she added.

The Soviets have stopped jamming U.S.-sponsored radio broadcasts, and President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in his speech Dec. 7 to the U.N. General Assembly pledged that laws bearing on human rights would be changed, Mrs. Oakley said.

"They have made significant progress," she said. "I think that's clear from the examples I've given."

On the other hand, a U.S. official said, the Soviets have not cleared up questions about the cases of some 30 citizens the Soviets say are in prison as criminal offenders. State Department officials suspect the prisoners may be political victims.

But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said "We're developing a process. It just hasn't jelled yet."

The Soviets also have given the United States a list of about 50 Jewish refuseniks who will be granted exit permits for Israel.

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World news

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news daily in a nation of diverse regional concerns.

The national election, leading the editors' ballots, was a race characterized by what analysts called "negative" campaigning, in which prepared TV ads often spoke for the candidates — Vice President George Bush and his running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, and the Democratic governor of Massachusetts, Michael Dukakis, and his running mate, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

Bush won 40 states and 426 electoral votes. Dukakis won 10 states and the District of Columbia, and 111 electoral votes. The popular vote was 54 percent to 46 percent in favor of Bush. The turnout was estimated at slightly more than 50 percent of the voting-age population, the lowest since 1924.

It was not a total rout for the Democrats. They gained a seat in the Senate, for a 55-45 majority, and picked up three seats in the House, to maintain control by 260-175. The Democrats also managed a gain of one governor and now hold 28 of the nation's 50 governorships.

The Armenian earthquake — ranked second among 1988's news stories — occurred at 11:41 a.m. Dec. 7 and, by seismic standards, was not an especially large shock. It registered 6.9 on the Richter scale as compared, for example, with Mexico City's 8.1 quake of 1985 and Alaska's 1964 quake of 8.5.

But the devastation wrought by the Armenian quake was staggering. At least 50,000 perished and 500,000 were left homeless. At year's end the ultimate number was still unknown, even as Mexico City's 10,000 deaths remains only a guess three years later. (The Alaska quake killed 114.)

The U.S. drought, the No. 3 story, accumulated 1,099 points.

At a time when America's

farmers were just beginning to recover from the economic crisis of the early 1980s, along came the worst drought in a half-century, the worst since the dark, dry days of the Dust Bowl. So little rain fell on the Great Plains and elsewhere in the Midwest that even the mighty Mississippi River, in June, shrank to the point where more than a thousand barges were left stranded.

Across the arid countryside the corn harvest fell by 34 percent from the previous year's bumper crop, soybeans by 21 percent, spring wheat by 54 percent.

Relief did not come until August — not from rain, which was too late in most areas, but from a \$3.9 billion drought aid bill that helped farmers who harvested less than 65 percent of normal production. By fall, the Farmers Home Administration had declared 1,489 counties eligible for emergency disaster loans, including 13 entire states, more than one-fifth of the nation.

A tragedy in the Persian Gulf was judged the No. 4 news event, with 901 points.

At 10:54 a.m. on July 3, the U.S. warship Vincennes, under assault by Iranian gunboats in the Persian Gulf, mistook a civilian airliner on a routine flight for an attacking Iranian fighter plane and shot it down. All 290 people aboard the Iran Air plane perished.

Capt. Will Rogers III of the Vincennes called his \$1.2 billion vessel "the most sophisticated ship in the world, bar none," and a senior naval officer called Rogers "the best of the best of the best."

A Navy board of inquiry found that Rogers' action was understandable in light of the information available. It said the "fog of war" and stress of combat may have contributed to the tragedy. But an international investigatory panel found the Navy culpable, saying its ships should

have been monitoring such civilian air traffic.

"This is a burden I will carry for the rest of my life," said Rogers. The United States elected to pay compensation to the victims' families.

America's re-entry into space earned fifth place in the year-end poll, with 872 points.

Space shuttle launches had become routine until the Challenger explosion killed seven crew members in 1986. Consequently, when five astronauts boarded the shuttle Discovery in September, it was no ordinary mission. The future of the U.S. space program rested on its success.

One of the astronauts' own, Navy Capt. Robert Crippen, a veteran of four shuttle missions, would call "go" or "no go." No one person had that responsibility before, but NASA decided it needed a launch "czar" to avoid the communications failures that contributed to the Challenger disaster.

On the morning of Sept. 29, Crippen consulted with his 21 advisers, experts on all phases of the mission, including weather observers, who were nervous about high-altitude winds above Cape Canaveral and at emergency landing sites around the globe. At last Crippen gave the "go."

The result was splendid. Discovery roared off and the astronauts returned to Earth four days later after a remarkably smooth flight during which they deployed a communications satellite.

Two months later a second shuttle, Atlantis, took off on a secret Defense Department mission, another success, setting the stage for a planned seven-flight schedule in 1989.

After years of maneuverings and hesitations, Yasser Arafat finally made it clear enough to satisfy a skeptical United States:

The Palestine Liberation Organization, which he heads, accepts the existence of Israel and renounces all forms of terrorism.

And so on Dec. 14, in a startling reversal of policy, President Reagan announced that the United States would open a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO. Israeli leaders expressed dismay and disappointment, even though U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz added that "the U.S. commitment to the security of Israel remains unflinching."

The U.S. opening to the PLO came, ironically, after it had refused Arafat entry to the United States to address the United Nations. The U.N. General Assembly thereupon moved temporarily to Geneva to hear Arafat call for negotiations that would include Israel and the PLO. That speech failed to meet the U.S. conditions, but Arafat's statements at a news conference afterward did.

The end of the Iran-Iraq War scored seventh in the voting, with 544 points. After eight years of slaughter in which well over a million people, and perhaps 2 million, were killed or wounded, in which 13-year-old boys died as volunteer sacrificial minesweepers, in which clouds of poison gas wiped out entire villages, in which hundreds of billions of dollars were squandered for revenge and martyrdom, the war between Iran and Iraq ended in August. That grim event ranked seventh among the news stories in the AP year-end poll.

The nation's environment, in its broadest sense, ranked eighth in the voting, with 506 points.

The health of the planet, its winds, oceans, the land itself, did not fare well in 1988.

The "greenhouse effect" — the development of a blanket of carbon dioxide allowing heat to accumulate in the atmosphere — was at least partly blamed for drought and other climatic

changes. The use of aerosol containers was pouring a gas into the air that was blamed for a hole over the Antarctic in the atmospheric shield against cancer-causing ultraviolet rays — a warning, some scientists said, of disaster to come.

Gorbachev's Dec. 7 visit to the United Nations ranked ninth in the voting, with 504 points.

The Soviet leader startled the world body, along with U.S. planners and diplomats, by announcing that the Soviet Union would, unilaterally, reduce its armed forces by 500,000 troops, along with tanks and other equipment. News of the Armenian earthquake required Gorbachev to cut short his visit to New York, which had welcomed the Soviet leader warmly and enthusiastically.

One of the nation's worst sieges of forest fires ranked as the No. 10 news story, with 492 points.

The Boise Interagency Fire Center, which keeps track of the nation's wildfires, said that through the exceptionally dry year more than 30,000 firefighters battled 72,000 blazes that charred more than 5 million acres in the United States, including 2.2 million acres in Alaska.

The second 10 stories were:

- The Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Moscow.
- The TV evangelists: Jimmy Swaggart touched by scandal; Jim Bakker indicted on fraud charges.
- AIDS keeps spreading; no breakthroughs.
- Hurricane Gilbert ravages the Caribbean.
- Nuclear armaments plants shut down.
- Mega-buyouts and mergers on Wall Street.
- Olympic Games, drug scandal in Seoul.
- U.S. economy remains sturdy, unemployment low.
- Changes in Soviet system, unrest in republics.
- Rescue of ice-bound whales.

Top of state

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statements must be successfully completed.

Lending problems continued to plague Texas financial institutions in 1988, leading to the July 29 failure of the state's largest bank-holding company, First Republic Bank Corp. The insolvency contributed 40 banks to the state's record total of 113 closings as the year drew near an end.

The No. 4 story, the presidential election, had a decidedly Texas flavor with adopted Houstonian George Bush leading the victorious Republican ticket and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen earning the Democrats' vice presidential nomination.

The potential for massive destruction from Hurricane Gilbert mobilized thousands in September, as the powerful storm appeared headed for the Texas Gulf Coast. Many of the preparations went unneeded when Gilbert drifted into northeastern Mexico after cutting a path of destruction that killed more than 300 people in nine Caribbean countries.

Flight controllers went back to work at the Johnson Space Center in Houston with the launch of the space shuttle Discovery, and later Atlantis.

The rest of the top ten, in order, included:

- The summer-long drought that plagued farmers in Texas and much of the Midwest.
- The July collapse of a Brownsville department store building that crushed 14 people to death.
- Continued prison overcrowding in the Texas Department of Corrections, which backed up state inmates in many county jails.
- The deadline for undocumented aliens to sign up for amnesty under the Immigration Reform Act.

Slayings

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gunshot wound to the upper chest; she was pronounced dead at the hospital shortly before Dunn's arrest. He was suspended from the Big Spring police department after his release on \$90,000 bond in the slaying; he was later terminated from the Big Spring police department after an arrest for public intoxication following a disturbance call in a local bar.

He remains free on bond; no trial date has been confirmed.

Three men were charged with murder, attempted murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after a Big Spring man, George Talavera, was shot to death in his South Scurry Street home.

Big Spring police arrested three brothers, Manuel DeLeon, 30, Daniel DeLeon, 29, and Robert DeLeon, 22, in connection with the shooting of Talavera, 26. He died of a single gunshot wound to the head in a Lubbock hospital Dec. 4.

A fourth man, 30-year-old Octavio Ramiriz, was arrested Dec. 6 in connection with the slaying, believed to be an act of revenge.

The DeLeon brothers were released on bonds totaling \$60,000 each, and Ramiriz is free on \$105,000.

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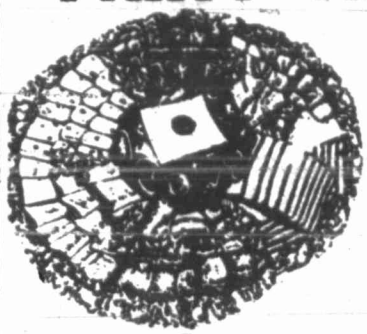
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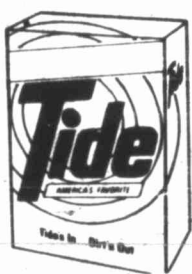
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The area sports year in review

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Editor's Note — This is the first of a three part series depicting the year in review of area sports. Part two will be Monday, with part three Tuesday.

As usual, the past sports year was a thrilling one for local and area sports fans. It was one filled with many thrills, joys, pain, overachievers and underachievers.

No doubt; it was one sports year worth looking back at again.

The month of January brought lots of basketball, and the Big Spring Lady Steers saw their 17-game winning streak come to a halt in the championship game of the Holiday

Caprock basketball tournament. The Lady Steers lost to Lubbock Monterey 61-49.

In other basketball action, former Big Spring basketball star **Jerold Wrightsil** signed a three-year contract to play with Mazda in the Jabba professional League in Japan. Wrightsil finished his collegiate career at the University of Hawaii.

The other notable basketball news in January came on the 29th. The Lady Steers clinched their second consecutive district basketball by beating San Angelo Lake View 67-47. The win ran Big Spring's record to 26-1 and 12-0 in league play.

In football, several area athletes received other post-district honors.

Derek Ramsey was named to the Colorado City offensive guard All-State team. He was also chosen to the All-West Texas Class 3A team, and All-West Texas Super Team.

Big Spring linebacker **Matt Burrow** was named to the All-West Texas 4A team, as well as the Super Team.

Making All-West Texas in their respective classes were: 3A — Coahoma linebacker **Anthony Hernandez**, Coahoma running back **Matt Rowell** and Colorado City running back **Beau Rees**. Making the 4A All-West Texas team was Big Spring running back **Charles White** and defensive tackle **Kyle Carroll**, while Garden City defensive tackle **Bobby Medrano** was named to the

Class A All-West Texas team.

Another big story in January was the seven finalists out of the 93 applicants for the Big Spring High School Head Football coaching job. They were: Steers defensive coordinator **Mickey Finley**, and former Big Spring residents **Buster Barnes** of San Angelo Central and **Van Tom Whatley** of Midland Lee. Other finalists were **Buster Leaf**, **McCarney**, **Mark Elam**, **Brenham**, and **David Thompson** of Post.

It was announced on January 22 that **Thompson** of Post, had been selected as Big Spring head football coach and athletic director.

Also in January, Big Spring resident and Midland College Athletic Director **Delnor Poss** was voted in to the Hardin-Simmons University Sports Hall of Fame. Poss earned

four letters in basketball and track at the college.

There was a bad note at the start of FEBRUARY for the Howard College Hawk-Queens basketballers, as the team learned that it had to forfeit a 54-52 conference win over South Plains.

Howard had an ingelible player, **Priscilla Banks**. It was miscommunication between the WJCAC and Howard coach **Don Stevens**, concerning the rule of a part-time student playing. This is legal in many JC conferences, but not in the WJCAC.

In boxing news, the Lubbock Warriors came away with the team championship in the West Texas

Association Box-Off, hosted by Big Spring.

In football news, the Steers had four players sign scholarship agreements with major colleges. They were: **Matt Burrow**, West Point; **Kyle Carroll**, SMU; **Kenneth Banks**, Texas Tech and **Charles White**, University of North Texas.

The Big Spring Lady Steers concluded regular season play by thrashing Lamesa 59-27. The Lady Steers finished 15-0 and 27-1.

The Lady Steers were defeated in the opening round of the state playoffs by Canyon 50-29. **Guard Katrina Thompson** led Big Spring with 15 points, and post player **Tami Wise** added seven points. Big Review page 2-B

OSU hangs Cowboys, 62-14

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Barry Sanders lived up to his Heisman Trophy expectations, and Wyoming died watching him run.

Sanders rushed for 222 yards and five touchdowns Friday night in No. 12 Oklahoma State's 62-14 Holiday Bowl victory over 15th-ranked Wyoming, a typical game for the junior who averaged 238.9 yards this season.

"He continues to be a marvel," Oklahoma State Coach **Pat Jones** said. "And, as he has done all season, he's eventually going to get you."

Sanders got Wyoming in the third quarter, rushing for 155 yards and three touchdowns, one on a 67-yard sprint to the end zone, as Oklahoma State erupted for 28 points.

For the night, he also scored on runs of 33, 2, 1 and 10 yards, caught two passes for 36 yards and threw a 17-yard pass to quarterback **Mike Gundy** that set up his 1-yard touchdown.

And for the first time this year, Oklahoma State's defense didn't need Sanders to come to the rescue, limiting Wyoming to 14 harmless points and 204 yards, substantially less than its average of 41.4 points and 478 yards this year.

"This is exactly what the doctor ordered," Jones said of the defense, which sacked quarterback **Randy Welniak** seven times and held Wyoming to 33 yards rushing. "It's hard to win a ballgame when you don't run the ball."

Sanders needed four yards to break the Holiday Bowl rushing record of 225 set by **Craig James** of Southern Methodist in 1980. Instead, Sanders elected to sit out.

Oklahoma State led 17-7 at halftime as Wyoming bottled up Sanders, who rushed for 67 yards on 16 carries in the first half. But he exploded in the second, and Gundy, who completed 20 of 24 passes for 315 yards, kept Wyoming scrambling.

"The stars shone brightly tonight," Jones said of the "triplets," Sanders, Gundy and receiver **Hart Lee Dykes**, who caught 10 passes for 163 yards.

Oklahoma State scored on its final nine possessions, and the 62 points easily broke the Holiday



SAN DIEGO — Heisman Trophy winner **Barry Sanders** (21) carries the ball into the end zone to score for Oklahoma State during the first half of

the Holiday Bowl Friday night. Giving chase is Wyoming's **Steve McMillon** (47).

Bowl record of 47 set by Ohio State in 1982.

Sanders, whose 33-yard touchdown run capped Oklahoma State's first drive, killed Wyoming with his 67-yard scoring run on Oklahoma State's first play from scrimmage to make it 31-14.

That had followed Welniak's 4-yard touchdown run, his second score of the game, and it looked like the Holiday Bowl crowd was in for a track meet.

Oklahoma State's wasted little time scoring as the barrage continued. Sanders' 1-yard run capped

a 78-yard drive that took just less than four minutes, then his 10-yard run finished off a 78-yard drive that lasted 1:30.

Lost in the scoring was Oklahoma State's defense, maligned throughout the year for giving up yards and points at will.

Wise's last second basket gives Lady Steers third

LUBBOCK — Tami Wise nailed a 12-foot jumper at the final buzzer, and the Big Spring Lady Steers captured third place at the Caprock Holiday Tournament by downing the Lubbock Monterey Lady Plainsmen, 41-39, Friday afternoon.

Canyon downed Brownfield, 48-42, to capture the tournament championship later in the day.

With the scored tied at 39-all and six seconds remaining, point guard **Peggy Smith** received the inbounds pass, dribbled the length of the court and passed off to Wise, whose shot barely beat the clock for the win.

"(The win) made it a good tournament for us overall," Big Spring coach **C.E. Carmichael** said. "We felt like we should have been in the finals... When we looked back, we felt we were as good as anybody in the tournament. I feel like that will help us (the rest of the season)."

The victory allowed the Lady Steers to avenge last year's loss to Monterey in the tournament finals.

Big Spring appeared to have the game firmly in control when **Jennifer Henderson** scored to give the Lady Steers a 37-32 lead with 2:51 remaining.

However, Monterey rallied behind the shooting of **Diana Kersey**, who scored five points down the stretch to keep the Lady Plainsmen close.

But Wise, who made the all-tournament team, hit her only field goal of the second half at the buzzer to improve Big Spring's record to 15-2.

"We played well," Carmichael said. "We took the lead early (and held it) almost the whole game... They hit a couple of shots late to tie it up, but we did what we had to do to win."

The Lady Steers return to action Tuesday when they travel to Snyder to take on the Lady Tigers. Game time is 6 p.m. for the junior varsity and 7:30 p.m. for the varsity.



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Canyon 48, Brownfield 42

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Monterey 48, Brownfield 47
BOYS CONSOLATION
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Court ruling gives NCAA power to suspend coaches

LAS VEGAS (AP) — NCAA vs. Tarkanian, a precedent-setting ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court Dec. 12, presents a Catch 22 for college athletics in general and perennial basketball power Nevada-Las Vegas in particular.

The ruling gives the National Collegiate Athletic Association, college sports' governing body, the right to order the suspension of any coach at any NCAA school without regard to the question of due process. But the same high court ruling reaffirms that the institution, if it is a public school, must afford that coach due process before carrying out an NCAA-ordered suspension.

In layman's terms, the 5-4 decision involving UNLV basketball coach **Jerry Tarkanian** puts the 960 NCAA member schools between the proverbial rock and a hard spot. The high court order has, in effect, established one set of guidelines for the NCAA, another for the colleges and universities involved.

The complex legal case began in 1977 when UNLV was hit with two years probation for alleged NCAA rule violations. The

NCAA also ordered that UNLV suspend Tarkanian from coaching for two years.

It is believed to be the only time the NCAA has ordered someone suspended from coaching, according to **Jim Marchiony**, the NCAA director of communications.

The university served the probation and suspended Tarkanian, as ordered. The coach went to state district court the day after his suspension went into effect, obtained an injunction, and continued coaching.

Now in his 21st season, he has compiled a major college record of 507 wins and 108 losses — the winningest record, percentage-wise, among active coaches.

The common misconception growing out of the U.S. Supreme Court decision is that Tarkanian's job is on the line. The fact is that Tarkanian's job is safe, thanks to a permanent state court injunction preventing his suspension by the university — the only body that can fire him.

UNLV President **Robert Maxson** has discounted any effort to suspend Tarkanian.

"I think it's obvious there's no interest in carrying out a suspension," Maxson said

Wednesday. "I think everyone agrees that's out of the question. I don't think anybody would take that option seriously."

The NCAA infractions committee is scheduled to meet in San Diego Feb. 3 to weigh the court decision. And the committee's action will be watched by coaches and universities across America, not just in this gaming capital where college basketball competes with name stars for celebrity status.

The NCAA infractions committee, meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in 1979, agreed that UNLV had carried out every request made of it, including the formal suspension of Tarkanian. Despite that assurance, UNLV is waiting to see whether it will face further action.

Dick Schultz, NCAA executive director, has talked with Maxson and UNLV Athletic Director **Brad Rothermel** about concessions the university could offer the NCAA to help close the book on the 12-year legal hassle. Schultz says he doesn't think the committee will want the university to "go scot-free" after the long legal battle.

Different offenses; same results

MIAMI (AP) — Nebraska coach **Tom Osborne**, noted as a master of the running game, knows about passing quarterbacks like Miami's **Steve Walsh**, the man the sixth-ranked Cornhuskers will try to stop in the Orange Bowl.

Osborne used to have quarterbacks like that... All-Americans **David Humm** (1974) and **Vince Ferragamo** (1976) early in Osborne's coaching career.

Today, Husker star **Steve Taylor** is a far cry from those pass-happy years and is about as opposite as he can get from the offense run by No. 2 Miami in its 10-1 season.

"We went away from quarterbacks like Miami has," Osborne said. "We had some great players in Ferragamo and Humm and some of those, and we threw the ball a great deal and led the Big Eight in passing a lot of years. Then we went to more option football, a more mobile quarterback."

"Our quarterback will look at one receiver and maybe the second but he's not going to be there for the third one to open up. Walsh will stay there until the last guy is hung. He's not going to run, yet both styles are effective because we're probably averaging over seven yards per run on called pass plays."

Taylor led the Huskers, 11-1, to the national rushing title this season, the fifth time Osborne's teams have led the nation in rushing in the 1980s.

Taylor rushed 157 times for 826 yards himself, setting a season record for Nebraska quarterbacks. He has totaled 2,125 yards running in his four seasons guiding the Huskers, also a school record.

But Taylor's passing totals have been criticized over the years, particularly his completion percentage, which was 47.7 percent on 72 of 151 passes.

In his career, Taylor has passed 404 times, completing 184 for 48.5 percent and 30 touchdowns. He has run the ball 27 more times than he has passed it, and scored 32 career touchdowns on his own.

Osborne doesn't mind, even defending Taylor to critics of his passing statistics.

"When quarterbacks are evaluated it's all on passing yards, which is crazy," Osborne said.

Osborne has said Taylor is among the best quarter-



backs Nebraska has ever had and ranks at the top of the school's running signal callers.

"He does a lot of things to a defense that your drop-back guy doesn't do," Osborne said.

The coach said Taylor probably has 500 of his rushing yards this season after scrambling on called pass plays. Osborne said several of the plays in the Husker option attack are half-run, half-pass, which calls for a mobile quarterback.

"Taylor, in our style of offense, has been a great player," Osborne said. "Steve Walsh is a great player in his style of offense."

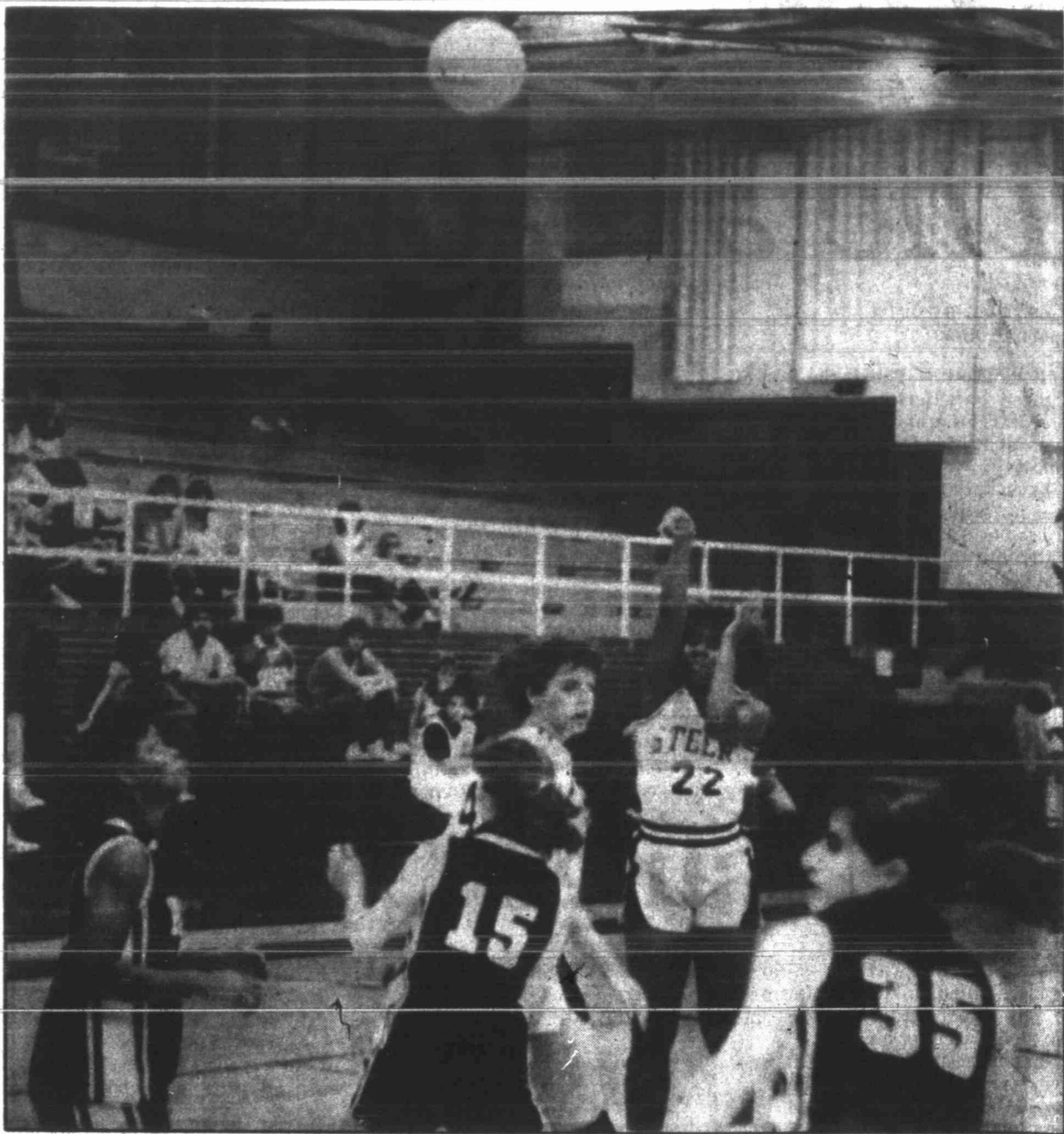
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 Spring finished the season 27-2, ranked No. 7 in the state.
 In other high school basketball action, girls teams from Borden County, Klondike, Stanton and Coahoma all made the state playoffs. Boys teams making the playoffs were Stanton and Sands. None of the teams made it to the regional tournament.
 Coahoma pulled off the biggest upset though, as the Bulldogettes downed No. 3 Decatur 57-56 in bi-district action. Coahoma fielded a balanced scoring attack. Nancy Hardison led the way with 17 points, Paige Wilson and Ann Damron scored 12 points each and Shona Drewery added 10 points.
 The HC Hawks baseball team began the season by sweeping a doubleheader for Paris, 5-2, 15-5.
 The Big Spring Sports Association agreed to host a leg of the West Texas Triple Crown Slow-Pitch softball series.

Queens, who finished the season with five players, had a 3-24 overall record; 2-9 in league play, good for sixth place.
 The Hawks finished the season with a 12-17 overall and 7-9 league record, in fifth place.
 The Steers basketball team saw its season come to a disappointing end when they were trounced by Snyder 60-39 in an extra league playoff game in Abilene. Big Spring finished the season with a 23-10 mark.
 In swimming action, coach Harlan Smith's entire swim team qualified for the regional meet in Lubbock.
 The Lady Steers finished sixth in district, led by Janie Gonzales' nine points. The Steers finished fifth, behind 14 points by Johnny Webb, which included a gold medal in the 500 meter freestyle.
 In boxing action, the Howard County Boxing Academy won the Regional Golden Gloves team championship in Odessa. Jamie Baldwin, Juan Baldwin Jr., Martin Baldwin and Renee Villa all won their respective divisions.
 Cruz Guterrez, boxing for the Big Spring Boxing Club, won the 90-pound division at the regional tournament.
 February also brought track, and coach Randy Britton's Big Spring Steers won the Comanche Relays in Fort Stockton. Big Spring outscored Monahans 119-112. It broke up a string of eight consecutive Comanche Relay titles for Monahans.
 In late February, the Steers baseball team began league play by dropping a doubleheader to Midland Lee, 10-4, 9-2.

Smith.
 The Steers All-District players were senior forward Brian Mayfield and junior guard Abner Shellman.
 The Hawks only All-Conference performer was freshman guard Larry Pettigrew.
 The honors kept pouring in for prep hoopsters. Mayfield was named to several all-area teams. Mayfield, Thompson, Coahoma's Shona Drewery and Borden County's Elana Himes made several all-area and all-state teams. Wise was named to one all-area team.
 Massie followed up her all-league selection with All-Region and All-America honors.
 It was a good month for BS football assistant Mickey Finley. He was named the head coach and athletic director at Iraan.
 Local boxer Juan Baldwin won his second straight featherweight state Golden Glove championship by defeating James Leija of San Antonio.

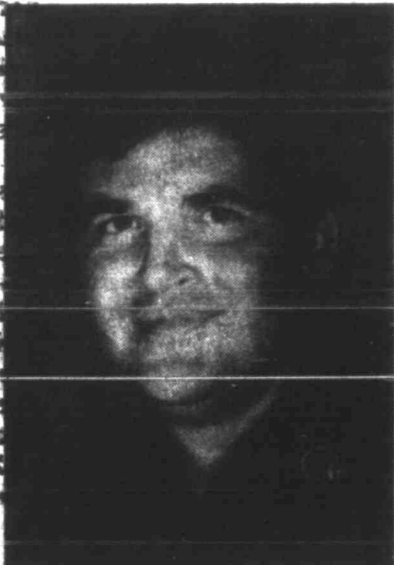
The first big news of APRIL came on the 12th when the Hawks baseball team defeated Lubbock Christian University JV 7-6 in Lubbock. It was HC coach Bill Griffin's 800th win, making him the second winningest coach in junior college baseball history.
 Another big story was the resignation of HC Hawks basketball coach Jerry Kassin after one year. Kassin said: "Basically I'm resigning because I have a different understanding of what it takes to win and what is expected in regard to a basketball program."
 Later in the month HC hired Steve Green. Green is a 10-year coaching veteran who was an assistant at the University of Houston. He is the Hawk's fifth basketball coach in six years.
 In other happenings, the Howard baseball team clinched its second consecutive state playoff berth, splitting a double-header with Northwood. Howard was 38-11 at the time.
 The Big Spring Steers golf team finished second in district play behind defending state champion Andrews. The team consisted of



Big Spring Lady Steers guard Katrina Thompson (22) lets go with one of her deadly jump shots during a game against Andrews last year. Thompson,

who's on a basketball scholarship at University of Texas at Arlington, was the district's MVP, and was named to several all-area and all-state teams.

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MICKEY FINLEY

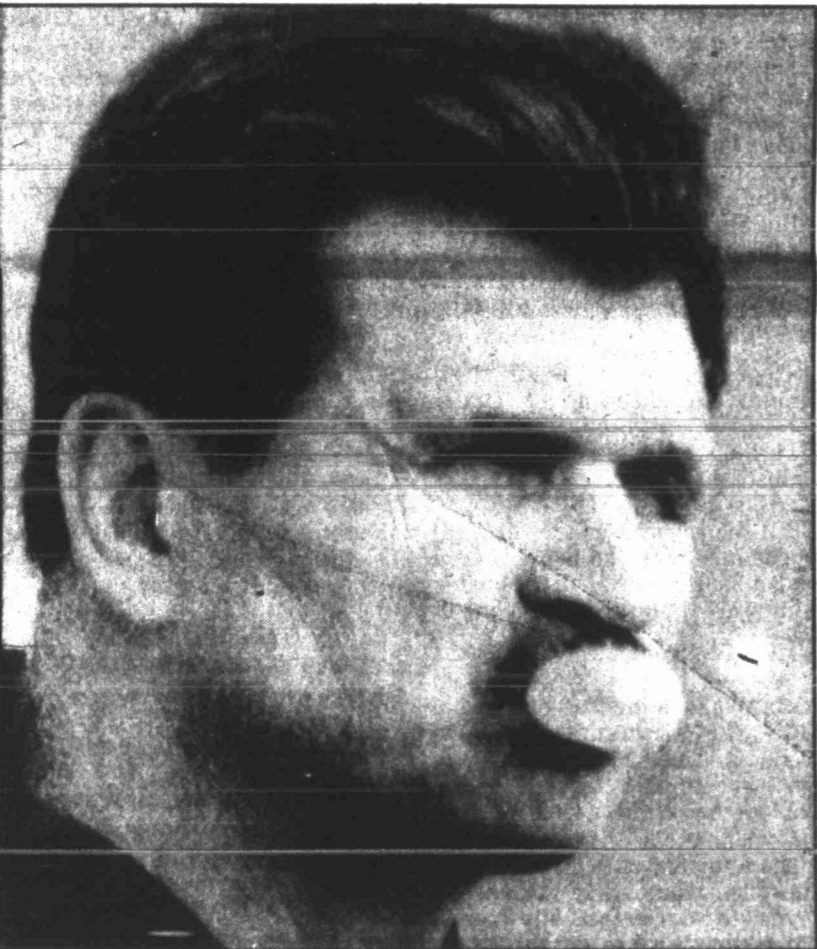
Golf season rolled around and Big Spring High hosted the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament. Midland won the girls division with a total score of 786. The Lady Steers finished seventh with a 851 score. Borger won the boys division, edging the Steers by nine strokes.
 The Howard College basketball teams concluded their season. The

MARCH started out with Hawk-Queen post player Stefanie Massie being named Most Valuable Player of the WJAC. Massie averaged 27 points and 10 rebounds, and led the nation in scoring about half the season. Massie scored a season-high 50 points against Southwest Christian College in November.
 The Lady Steers had their own league MVP in Katrina Thompson. The senior guard averaged 21 points per. Joing her on the All-District team were Tami Wise, Michelle LeGrand and Peggy

Jeff Rhodes, Chris Sims, Wesley Fletcher, Chad Freeman, Michael Porch and Paul Barringer.
 The Steers finished fifth in regional play, shooting a 36-hole score of 646. Brownwood was first at 606 and Andrews followed at 624.
 In other golf news, the Stanton boys and girls qualified for the state

tournament by finishing second at the Region I-2A tournament in Big Spring. Memphis won the girls division with a 757; Stanton shot an 785. Ozone won the boys division with a 655, five strokes ahead of Stanton.
 Big Spring tennis team freshman Rocky Tubbs won the district 2-4A

singles titles. Tubbs was defeated in the regional quarterfinals 6-3, 6-4 by Shawn Cobb of Crowley.
 Closing April was a championship by the Big Spring Sidewinders girls gymnastic team in the West Texas Gymnastic Championships. Big Spring won the Class IV and III compulsory and optional divisions.



SWANEE, Ga. — Chicago Bears head coach Mike Ditka blows a bubble as he watches his team practice for the NFL playoffs Tuesday at the Atlanta Falcons training facility. Now the Bears are back in Chicago.

Bears head back to cold Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears are back home confident and in reasonably good health after four days of workouts near Atlanta for their NFL playoff game Saturday against the Philadelphia Eagles.
 The Bears flew back to Chicago from Suwanee, Ga., Thursday evening.
 The team, despite being decimated by injuries and losers in its first playoff games the past two years, feels good about its postseason chances this time.
 "We just don't want to go home early again," center Jay Hilgenberg said.
 "I think we're more hungry this time," linebacker Ron Rivera added.
 The Bears planned a final practice session today, weather permitting, at their headquarters in suburban Lake Forest, Ill.
 "Depends on how bad it (the weather) is. It's not earth shattering if we don't," Coach Mike Ditka said.
 Sub-freezing temperatures with a chance of snow has been forecast for Saturday's game.
 It was frozen Chicago practice fields and the warmer Georgia climate that lured the Bears south, and they will return to the Atlanta

Falcons' training center Monday if they beat the Eagles.
 "See Ya' Monday, Bears," read the sign outside the Falcon Inn in Suwanee.
 After a two-week layoff, Chicago has 44 of its 45 rostered players healthy enough to play Saturday.
 Ditka had worried that defensive tackle Dan Hampton (knee), running back Neal Anderson (leg) and tight end Jim Thornton (leg) might not be able to face the Eagles.
 Now, it appears all but backup linebacker Troy Johnson (hamstring) should be available for the playoff game.
 The Bears' 12-4 record has already earned them some individual honors. Ditka was named NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press on Thursday, a day after middle linebacker Mike Singletary received the AP's Defensive Player of the Year award.
 After leaving the practice field at Suwanee on Thursday, Ditka, known for playing down individual honors, rushed by reporters seeking a comment on his award.
 "What about coach of the year," yelled a reporter.
 "He lives in Philadelphia," Ditka said, getting a final dig at his old foe, Eagles coach Buddy Ryan.

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Oilers must contain Buffalo quarterback

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite all the talented Buffalo Bills players, the Houston Oilers' defensive players know the key to winning Sunday's AFC playoff game in Buffalo is controlling Bills quarterback Jim Kelly.

The Oilers have sacked Kelly 17 times in two meetings. The Oilers beat Buffalo 16-7 in 1986 and lost to the Bills 34-30 last season.

One reason the Oilers have had so much success sacking Kelly is because he holds the ball longer than most quarterbacks. He isn't afraid to take a hit, so he keeps the ball until the last possible instant.

"He's got a quick release and a strong arm, so he can hold the ball until the last second," Oilers defensive end Sean Jones said. "He has a lot of confidence in his arm. He gets the ball off a lot when he's being hit. That can really frustrate a pass rusher."

Kelly's toughness is what the Oilers respect most about the Buffalo quarterback.

"He's still got that courage everybody talks about," outside linebacker Johnny Meads says.

"He's got the mentality of a defensive player. Last year, J.D. (free safety Jeff Donaldson) hit Kelly so hard it knocked his helmet off, but he got right back up for more."

Jones doesn't know if Kelly can

be intimidated. "If you put a lot of pressure on any quarterback, he's going to get rid of the ball faster, but I don't call that intimidation."

"Kelly holds the ball longer than most quarterbacks because he looks the defense over before making his decision where to throw. He'll go somewhere else if the first guy isn't open."

The Oilers could easily have a 2-0 record against Kelly. They led last season's game 30-20 with less than five minutes remaining. Kelly engineered the comeback, and threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to halfback Ronnie Harmon that won the game. Kelly finished that game with 26 completions in 43 attempts for 293 yards and three touchdowns.

"What we have to do is harass him and make him be indecisive," cornerback Patrick Allen says. "We want to disguise our coverages — show one thing and do another. We want to keep him guessing."

The Oilers hope to put more pressure on Kelly than they did Cleveland's Don Strock and Mike Pagel. The big three pass rushers in the defensive line — Fuller, Joness and Ray Childress — didn't have a sack against the Browns.

The Oilers have intercepted Kelly three times.

This Bill likes to hit

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Leonard Smith can't help himself. Hitting is a large part of the reason he plays football.

"I get excited," said Smith, the Buffalo Bills' strong safety. "It thrills me to hit somebody and watch them shake."

The thrill he gets seems to transmit to the crowd, which responds to one of Smith's eye-popping hits with something he calls the "stadium sound."

"That's when you do something and the whole crowd goes, 'Wooooo,'" he said. "That means you've really done something, you've caught their attention."

The sound has been a familiar one this year for the Bills, who acquired the six-year veteran three weeks into the season in a trade with the Phoenix Cardinals for reserve cornerback Roland Mitchell.

"Everything's worked out fine," Smith said Thursday as the Bills prepared for Sunday's AFC playoff game with Houston. "I'm around a group of young guys with a lot of talent and it's been the best thing that's happened in my life."

Smith's acquisition shored up what may have been the only weakness on the defense, which ranks first in the AFC.

In 13 games — 12 as a starter — Smith has 77 tackles, tops among Buffalo defensive backs, and one interception.

But defensive coordinator Walt Corey doesn't mention statistics when asked what Smith brought to the Bills.

"I think the biggest thing is he gives you a fifth linebacker-type player out there," Corey said. "You're talking about a guy who's not afraid to put his hat in there. He's going to have his hat in there on most plays."

That style earned him a scholarship to McNeese State in Louisiana and, later, the attention of pro scouts. The Cardinals made him a first-round selection in 1983.

He became a starter the following year and quickly became a standout on the Cardinals' defense. From 1985-87, Smith was the team leader in tackles and a two-time Pro Bowl alternate.

But as the 1988 season started, he began hearing trade rumors. Considering what he'd accomplished, Smith said he was surprised.

"I went in and questioned them," said Smith, who was building a home for his family in Phoenix at the time. "They told me it wasn't going to take place and I started to feel more comfortable that

nothing like that was going to happen."

But the Cardinals had a young safety named Tim McDonald whom they wanted to work into the lineup and Smith said he began to realize his days as a Cardinal were numbered.

He also said that, despite the fact he was the team's defensive captain, there were complaints about his leadership.

"I wasn't a guy that went around the locker room all the time as a cheerleader," he said. "They wanted a guy who was vocal throughout the week. The time I get really excited is Sunday. I lead by example. Making a whole lot of noise and not doing anything, you're not going to get anybody to follow you."

One of the first things Bills coach Marv Levy talked about with Smith after the trade was the defensive back's reputation for being overaggressive.

"That's questionable," he said. "I'm going to hit you within legal bounds. I'm not going out to make cheap shots. I don't think I'm a cheap-shot player at all."

"I funnel it more directly than when I first came into the league," he said. "I was hitting everything that moved. I've got a better focus on the game now."

The bets are on

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Ten pounds of shrimp on the Oilers and five gallons of maple syrup on the Bills.

That's the official bet between Harris County Commissioner John Lindsey in Texas and Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski in New York on the AFC playoff game Sunday between Houston and Buffalo.

"We're already starting to cook the pancakes," Lindsey said.

"You'll never be able to taste it," Gorski replied.

Not to be outdone, Houston's 3,000-member firefighters union is betting their Buffalo counterparts a fancy dinner this March, when the two union's executive boards meet in Washington, D.C. The loser must wear the winning team's jerseys to dinner.

The owners of Griff's Shillelagh Inn in Houston and Buffalo's Boarding House Restaurant are also getting in to the act. Griff's will send Oilers hats, jerseys and homemade pecan pie to Buffalo this weekend. In return, the Board House is sending frozen chicken wings, hot sauce and Bills paraphernalia to the Houston bar.

Seahawks not worried playing in cold weather

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks may be indulging in a little positive thinking about Cincinnati's frigid winter weather, but they sound pretty convincing.

"The weather doesn't matter," Seattle defensive end Jacob Green said Thursday. "This is a playoff game and we're not worried about the snow or the cold or whatever it is."

"I don't think the weather is going to be a factor on how we play," he added. "What's going to matter is which team makes the least mistakes."

The Seahawks flew Thursday to Cincinnati, where they will meet the Bengals Saturday in an AFC playoff game. Before they left, the Seahawks squeezed in one more workout at their training camp.

They were scheduled to work out today in Cincinnati.

The Seahawks, 9-7, are the AFC West champions, while the Bengals, 12-4, are the AFC Central winners. Cincinnati is favored by 6½ points.

The prospects of playing in the snow, a possibility at this time of the year in Cincinnati, didn't phase any of the Seahawks this week.

"It's going to be cold on both sides of the ball," guard Bryan Millard said. "Sure, it's going to be cold, but you have to mentally be prepared. I see us going in there and playing a good game. I think we have a chance, cold weather or not."

"If it's snowing, it won't affect

me," said kicker Norm Johnson, who booted five field goals in Seattle's 43-37 playoff-clinching Dec. 18 victory over the Raiders in Los Angeles. "I'd much rather kick in the snow than in the rain. The only time that kickers are affected is if their footing is affected. We're expecting to go on to the conference championship."

When Cincinnati coach Sam Wyche talked to Seattle reporters by telephone at mid-week, he said it was snowing sideways outside his office window.

"We'll be cold, too, but we're used to it," he said. "We practice in it every day."

The Seahawks are expected to start Curt Warner at running back, even though until Wednesday he hadn't practiced because of a sprained right ankle suffered in the Raiders game.

Chick Harris, the Seahawks' running backs coach, said Warner, was held out of practices as a precaution.

Warner had been listed as questionable by coach Chuck Knox, but was upgraded to probable after Wednesday's practice.

It was raining and 43 degrees when the Seahawks left for Cincinnati. They were expecting the worst possible weather in Cincinnati.

The Seahawks learned a lesson from a previous cold-weather game this season. They lost 13-7 in New England in 31-degree weather and stiff wind Dec. 4.

San Francisco wants to be team of decade

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers can probably clinch "team of the decade" honors with a Super Bowl victory next month. First, however, they must shed a new reputation as first-round playoff flops.

They face a stiff test on Sunday in Candlestick Park against Minnesota in an NFC playoff semifinal game.

The 49ers have gone 43-19-1 since winning their second Super Bowl in January 1985, but are winless in three playoff games in which they were outscored 102-30.

Coach Bill Walsh is philosophical about the playoff slump, mentioning the plight of such once-mighty playoff foes as Dallas, Miami and Pittsburgh.

"If you look at all those teams who have had dynasties in recent years, they've fallen a bit," he said. "But the 49ers have managed to stay toward the top every year."

"People tend to overlook the fact we've won two Super Bowls in the last eight years."

After all, he notes, the team has won the NFC West in six of the last eight seasons and has the league's best overall record in the 1980s, just ahead of Washington and the Dolphins.

The coach calls the 49ers a team "in transition," and they are much changed from the Super Bowl years. Thirty-one San Francisco players have never made it to the NFL's championship game.

The 49ers' veterans, tired of fail-

ed opportunities in the postseason, called a rare players-only meeting this week in an attempt to recapture the winning playoff spirit.

"It was mainly to get people's attention," said center Randy Cross, one of only five remaining players from both Super Bowl teams.

"It's hard to explain to somebody who's never been through it ... and there are a lot of young guys on this team who might be saying, 'Golly, gee whiz, we're in the playoffs.'"

Even some of the younger players piped up at the meeting.

"This year has got to be the year," said third-year defensive end Larry Roberts. "I told them we've got to lay it on the line."

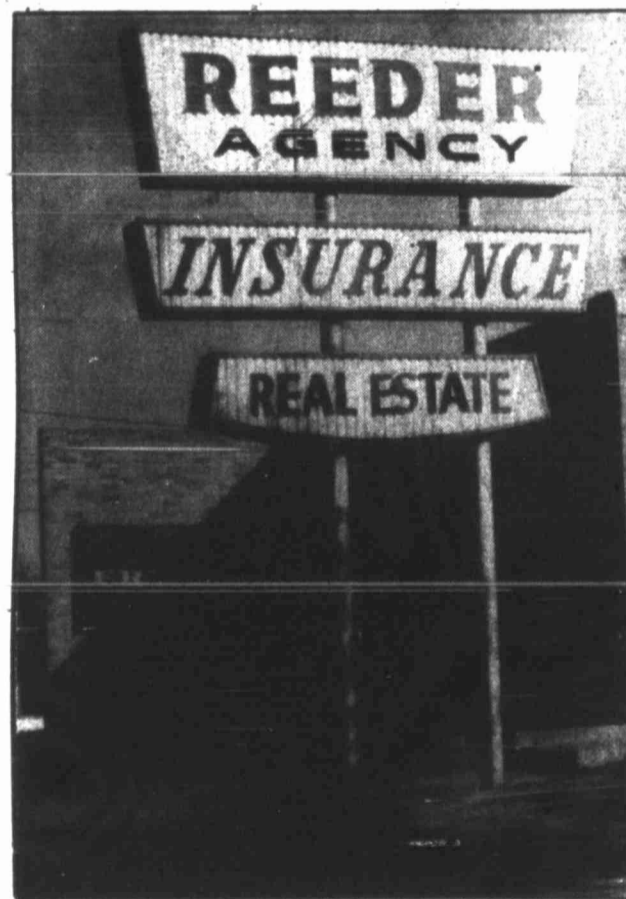
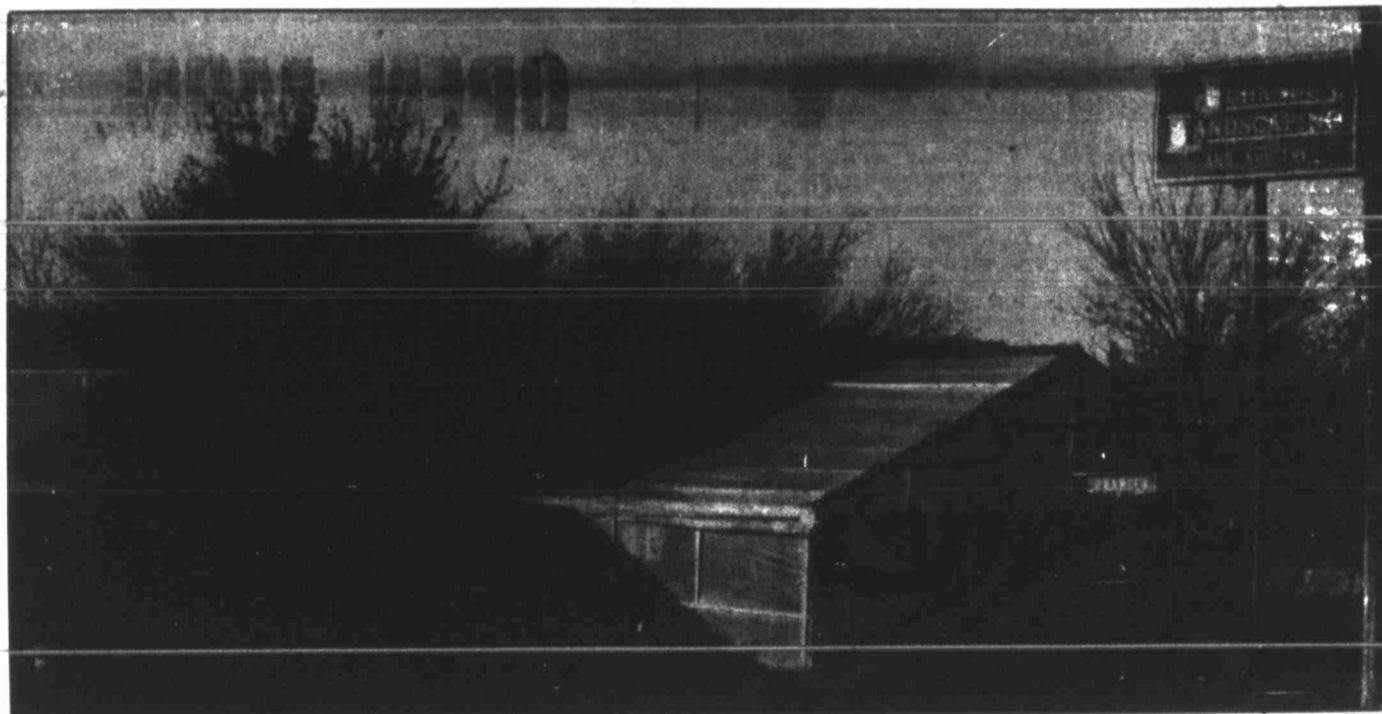
First of all, Walsh wants to dispel the image of a team that has lost its playoff pizzazz.

The 49ers were 7-1 in the postseason under Walsh through the 1984 season, losing only 24-21 at Washington in the 1983 NFC championship game. They have not come close to a playoff victory since.

In 1985, after barely earning a wild-card spot with a last-game victory over Dallas, San Francisco's "finesse" offense was shut down 17-3 in icy Giants Stadium by New York in a year when defense reigned supreme.

The following year, the 49ers earned a first-round bye, but were trampled far worse in the Meadowlands. The Giants sent Joe Montana to the hospital with a concussion and wounded the 49ers' psyche in a 49-3 humiliation.

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Hot passer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice prepares to deliver a pass during practice Tuesday afternoon. Notre

Dame will meet West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2 for the national college title.

Heavens to Betsy

West Virginia coach just a mild-mannered guy

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Usually, the strongest words to come out of Don Nehlen's mouth are "gosh darn it," "heavens to Betsy," "gosh darn it," or "holy jumping catfish."

This week, he used the word "damn" and a couple of other strong words during his first Fiesta Bowl press conferences. His players think he might be nervous. The words could be considered an outburst by Nehlen, the mild-mannered coach who has led West Virginia to an 11-0 record, a No. 3 ranking and a shot at a national championship against No. 1 Notre Dame.

He's coached winners and losers as a head coach in high school and college and as an assistant under Bo Schembechler at Michigan.

Through it all, though, he's never had true champions. He's also aware that most coaches never get this close.

"Bo called me after the Syracuse game and said, 'Hey, Don. Do you realize I've been at a pretty good school for 21 years and we've never had this. What did you do down there?'" Nehlen said.

"I told him I didn't know."

The contrast is great between Nehlen and Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz, who is called on often to speak in public and who recently made an inspirational videotape. Nehlen is popular in West Virginia, but wouldn't know how to go about selling his plan for success on the football team outside the state.

"Don't ask me. I wouldn't have any advice at all," Nehlen said.

The self-deprecation could be a trademark of Nehlen's.

"I think you'll agree that we have two masters of singing the blues in Coach Holtz and Coach Nehlen," said Mountaineer guard John Stroia.

While preparing his team for the Fiesta Bowl, Nehlen said he didn't lower his estimation of his team for

the media in an attempt to build the other team up. A few questions later, though, he was back to old tricks.

"I don't know if we'll be any good, but we'll play hard," Nehlen said, just to give an example.

This is not to say that Nehlen doesn't love his players, though. When he finds someone he likes, Nehlen invariably says he wishes he had another daughter so she could marry him. His daughter, Vicki, is married to former Mountaineer quarterback Jeff Hostetler.

Nehlen's team took its 11th victory of the year on Nov. 19 against Syracuse and long-time friend and competitor Dick MacPherson. The two coached opposite each other in Ohio high school ball in the early 1960s.

"I think it was one of the greatest things that can happen, with the schedules we play these days," said MacPherson, who coached the Orangemen to an 11-0 regular season last year.

"It's such a tremendous accomplishment by a group of players and coaches and that should be acknowledged."

Nehlen left his assistant coaching job at Michigan in 1980 for the job at Morgantown and led the Mountaineers to bowl games in

four of his first five seasons. The program fell on hard times — this year was the team's first winning season since 1985 — but Nehlen stayed calm throughout.

"I'm not a guy who changes that much. I'm the same if we win 10 or lose 10," Nehlen said.

The players believe he is right, and some suggest that he isn't familiar with his surroundings.

"I don't think he's really grasped it," said wide receiver Calvin Phillips. "I think he's still trying to figure out if this is really happening to him."

And even Nehlen is unsure.

"Yeah, I guess it's sunk in a little bit. I don't know."

Nehlen, who turns 53 on Sunday, said the swearing isn't a sign of tension, disdain or frustration.

"I've been known to swear. I'm not that nice," Nehlen said.

But the usual description of Nehlen includes the words "nice," "easygoing" and "relaxed."

"I don't see any tenseness, although I did hear him say 'damn' for the first time. Maybe that is a sign," said Stroia after watching videotape from a Fiesta Bowl interview.

Stroia didn't see the rest of the tape from Nehlen's first meeting with reporters at Tempe.

Fiesta Bowl

"I don't like to swear. I think it's a sign of weakness when you have to swear all time time," Nehlen said.

But every now and then a guy has to swear at somebody.

Nehlen began coaching 30 years ago after graduating from Bowling Green, where he was a second-team quarterback on the Mid-America Conference all-star team.

Arkansas kicker is very sure of himself

DALLAS (AP) — Once in a while, those old-fashioned halftime talks are effective. Just ask Arkansas kicker Kendall Trainor.

It was the third game of the season and Trainor had missed an extra point and a 25-yard field goal attempt.

"I went in the locker room, and I didn't have many happy faces on me," Trainor said. "My kicking coach (Ken Turner) came in and I could hear him saying, 'Where's Trainor's locker, where's Trainor's kicker?'"

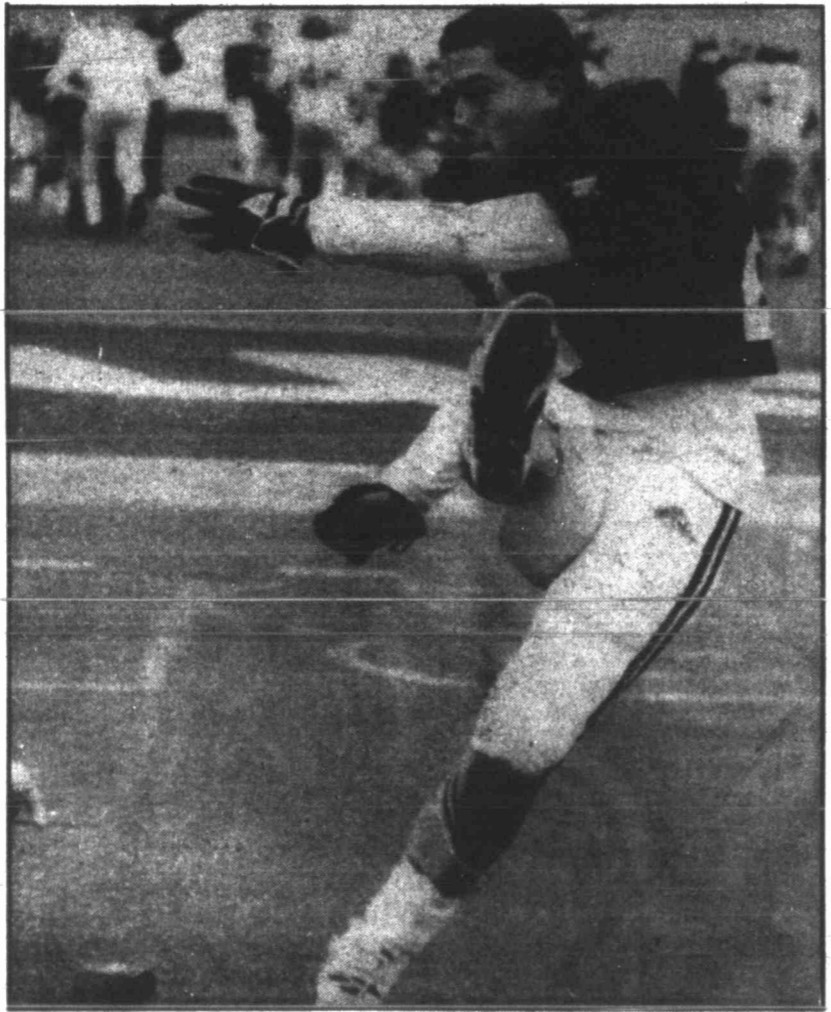
Cotton Bowl

"I guess you could describe my coach as an old bear. I love him to death but he's hard. He came over and looked down at me and said, 'You choked.'"

"It made me start thinking, whether I really was choking or that I was letting my teammates down. It made me go out and change my whole mental approach. I wanted to go out and show him that I was a better kicker than he told me I was."

And that's what he did.

Trainor kicked three field goals in the second half against Mississippi and hasn't missed since — a Southwest Conference 23 straight. Almost every kick has been important in the Razorbacks' 10-1 season and first Cotton Bowl



DALLAS — University of Arkansas kicker Kendall Trainor warms up by kicking a football into a screen before Friday afternoon's workout at the Cotton Bowl. Trainor has not missed a field goal since the third game of the season, kicking 23 straight.

Michigan State will win one for Dooley

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The pending retirement of Georgia football coach Vince Dooley has attracted so much attention during Gator Bowl festivities that Michigan State coach George Perles decided Friday he'd like to do his part.

Gator Bowl

"I'm going to tell my team, 'Let's win one for Vince,'" Perles said at a coaches' luncheon. "If we

win, we'll give Vince the game ball."

Dooley, who winds up a 25-year coaching career at Georgia in Sunday's contest, sounded like he was preparing to play himself in his celebrated finale.

"Michigan State looks like Georgia more than any team that we've seen primarily because of their tailback run-oriented offense," said Dooley, who has coached the Bulldogs to 200 victories in his career, including an 8-3 mark this season.

"I think the big difference is they are bigger and stronger up front of-

fensively than we are," Dooley added.

Tony Mandarich, Michigan State's 310-pound All-America offensive tackle, predicted Georgia would have a tough time stopping the Spartan ground attack which averaged 247 yards a game.

"They won't outmuscle us," Mandarich said. "But they are quick and they are fast, they do pursue you and gang tackle very well."

Junior tailback Blake Ezor rushed for 1,350 yards and scored 10 touchdowns for the Spartans, who won six straight Big Ten games to

finish the season with a 6-4-1 record after going winless in their first five games.

"And he's got some great playmates," Dooley said about Michigan State's giant offensive line which averages 280 pounds a man.

Both clubs clearly prefer the run. Michigan State runs the ball four times as often as it passes, while Georgia runs three times for each time it throws.

Gator Bowl officials said a crowd of 75,000 fans is expected for the game, which will not be televised locally because it is not a sellout

Sports Briefs

Ex-trainer pleads innocent

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Rooney, the former trainer of heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, pleaded innocent to drunken driving, resisting arrest and leaving the scene of an accident.

Rooney, 32, of Catskill, N.Y., was arrested after his 1989 Blazer allegedly hit a 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Andrew Rosenweig of Nyack, N.Y. on a Manhattan street. No one was injured in the accident.

Rooney pleaded innocent and was released on his own recognizance pending a Feb. 3 hearing.

NBA levies fines for fighting

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Humphries of Milwaukee and Scott Skiles of Indiana were among five players fined by the NBA for fights.

Humphries was fined \$5,000 and Skiles \$3,000 for fighting last Tuesday. Humphries threw the ball at Skiles after Skiles fouled him and then punched Skiles.

Skiles was fined for charging Humphries and for fighting with him during the fourth quarter of Milwaukee's 120-107 victory.

Charles Oakley of the New York Knicks was fined \$2,000 and Glenn Rivers of the Atlanta Hawks \$1,500 for fighting during the fourth quarter of Atlanta's 128-126 win over New York.

Akeem Olatunji of the Houston Rockets was fined \$1,500 for hitting John Shasky of the Miami Heat in the face with an open hand in the second quarter of Houston's 101-93 victory.

Kings coach out of hospital

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento Kings coach Jerry Reynolds was released from a hospital with a doctor's report that he was in good health following 48 hours of heart tests and observation.

Reynolds collapsed and lost consciousness during the final minutes of the Kings' 112-111 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday.

Stull will take assistants

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Coach Bob Stull said Friday that five of his former assistants from the University of Texas-El Paso will be part of his coaching staff at Missouri.

Kevin Faulkner, Ken Flajole, Dirk Koetter, Steve Telander and Mike Ward were hired as assistants. Missouri Athletic Director Dick Tamburo said they will begin recruiting high school prospects immediately.

Stull, who was in Columbia this week, said he expects to complete his nine-man staff next week. He said he will consider members of former coach Woody Widenhofer's staff, more UTEP coaches and other applicants.

The new coaches probably will handle the same coaching assignments as they did at UTEP, Stull said, although he said he would not know for sure until all his assistants are hired.

Mark shows scribes his feelings

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Mark Aguirre was angry when he was sent to the bench with his fifth foul against the Boston Celtics, but whether his anger was directed at coach John MacLeod or members of the press corps is being questioned.

Aguirre came to the bench with 9:07 to play in the Mavericks' 131-115 win over the Celtics Thursday night, only the second time Dallas has beaten Boston.

When he sat down, Aguirre made an obscene gesture in the direction of his coaches and sportswriters.

"At all you writers that want to start that (....) that you thought I was mad at John MacLeod," Aguirre said, when asked to explain the gesture. "There was about 10 writers looking my way ... I shot it at every writer who looked my way."

The Mavericks' all-time leading scorer, Aguirre and his attitude toward the team has been the subject of intense scrutiny this season. During a game against San Antonio earlier this week, Aguirre refused to re-enter play halfway through the fourth quarter.

MacLeod said he did not see Aguirre's gesture, but would ask his assistant coaches about it.

New golf club big seller

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Ben Hogan Co. president's bold prediction that the company's new iron would double its annual sales of 50,000 sets of golf clubs may not have been so bold after all.

Since beginning production in October of the forged-steel club called the Edge, Ben Hogan has sold 54,000 sets and the sales year still has nine months to go.

"This club has exceeded our wildest dreams," said Jerry Austry, the company's president, who is eager that his forecast of the club's sales be met. "It's already the biggest selling club we've ever had, and it's only been available for a couple of months."

Ben Hogan is the first company to manufacture a golf club that combines softer, forged steel with a cavity backing that distributes the weight around the blade's perimeter and provides a larger "sweet spot" to hit the ball.

Rice coach accepts Temple job

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice Coach and Athletic Director Jerry Berndt announced Friday he has accepted the head football coaching position at Temple.

"After a lot of agonizing minutes, hours and days, I have decided to accept the position at Temple University," Berndt told reporters Friday afternoon. "Basically, it came down to an opportunity I could not refuse."

"I feel sadness because we worked so hard here and didn't get done what we started out to accomplish. But I also feel great excitement because it's like going home."

Rice University President George Rupp said in a statement he regretted Berndt's departure.

"I would be delighted if the choice had turned out the other way, but I also wish him and his wife, Pat, all the best in their move back to Philadelphia," Rupp said.

Rupp said a search committee was being formed to find a replacement for Berndt.

Berndt said he had invited members of his Rice staff to join him at Temple.

Rice was 0-11 this season.

Lakers fan loses lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A state appeals court has overturned a \$540,000 jury award to a fan who fell from a fence while drunk after a Los Angeles Lakers basketball championship game at the Inglewood Forum in 1982.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal rejected the lower court verdict, which found California Sports Inc., owner of the Forum, 27 percent liable for the accident which left plaintiff Thomas Edwards with severe head injuries.

Mitch Green in trouble again

NEW YORK (AP) — Boxer Mitch Green, whose driver's license already has been suspended 54 times, was arrested early today on a charge of driving while intoxicated and a drug possession charge, police said.

Green, 31, of Queens, was arrested at 2:08 a.m. at West 103rd St. and 7th Avenue in the Harlem section of Manhattan, said police spokesman Sgt. Maurice Howard.

Green was charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance, angel dust or PCP, Howard said.

In September, Green was arrested and charged with third-degree assault for allegedly striking a woman, police said.

Business

Harris Lumber and Hardware moves to new home

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Harris Lumber and Hardware is moving to a new home.

The business, which was founded in Big Spring 23 years ago, is being relocated to the former Ace Home Center location on FM 700, according to owner Burt Harris.

Although Harris Lumber will continue its affiliations with both Ace and True Valu hardware organizations, Harris said, Ace Home Center will effectively cease to exist.

Harris Lumber was founded Jan. 1, 1966, he said, at the 1609 East Fourth St. location, which was formerly Lloyd F. Curley Lumber Co., according to Harris. He moved to Big Spring from Lubbock at the time.

Harris, who estimated that Harris Lumber will employ 14 to 15 people at the FM 700 location, said that plans call for moving lumber bins and warehouses to the new location and in time "completely vacating" the East Fourth street facility.

"That's where the traffic is... that's where the people are, so that's where we're going," Harris explained concerning the move to FM 700. The change is part of the original plan when the Ace Home Center facility was constructed and placed in operation during mid-1988 and things have gone well, he said.

He estimated that the new facility will provide the company approximately 40,000 square feet of space. "We'll be larger, stock more and serve our customers more — we're getting gooder and gooder," he said with a laugh Friday morning.



Burt Harris, owner of Harris Lumber, announced Friday that the firm is moving to the Ace Home Center location on FM 700.

Reebok heads list of most profitable

NEW YORK (AP) — Athletic apparel manufacturer Reebok International has remained atop the rankings of the most profitable companies in the United States, Forbes magazine said Monday.

Pilgrim's Pride Corp., of Pittsburg, Texas, with a 68.4 percent return over four years and a loss in the most recent year is the only Texas firm among the top ten.

Reebok, known for its popular leather athletic footwear, had a more than 200 percent average return on equity during the last four years, with a 27.7 percent return over the past 12 months, according to Forbes, which compiled its annual listing of the nation's most profitable firms.

The business magazine ranked firms' return on equity — the measure of how much a corporation earns on its shareholders' investments — over the last three to five years. Forbes listed 1,116 companies in its rankings, which are being published in the magazine's Jan. 9 issue.

Right behind Canton, Mass.-based Reebok was Delta Woodside Industries, a Greenville, S.C.-based fabric and apparel maker, with a more than 200 percent return on equity over the past three years, and a 37.8 percent return in the last year.

Third on the list was Centrust Savings Bank, a Miami-based savings and loan company, with a 130.6 percent return over four years, and a 6.7 percent return in the most recent 12 months.

No. 4 was Anchor Glass Container, of Tampa, Fla., which had a 133.2 percent return over the last four years and 5.1 percent in the past 12 months.

In fifth place was Jepson Corp., a consumer and industrial products company, with a 94.4 percent return over three years and a 19.3 percent return in the last 12 months.

The least profitable company in the nation was Public Service of New Hampshire, which had a 0.2 percent return in the past five years, with a loss in the most recent year. Forbes also listed 175 companies which had losses for their five-year average returns, or for which three-to-five year figures were not available.

Because the rankings consider a company's aggregate performance over several years, some of the companies with recent profit declines or losses may still rank high on the list.

Rounding out the top 10 profitable companies were: Microsoft Corp., of Redmond, Wash., with a 73.9 percent return over five years and a 43.2 percent return in the last year; Western Savings & Loan, based in Phoenix, with a 69.6 percent five-year return and a 1.3 percent return for the most recent 12 months; Pilgrim's Pride Corp., of Pittsburg, Texas, with a 68.4 percent return over four years and a loss in the most recent year; Best Buy Co. of Bloomington, Minn., with a 60.2 percent return over five years and a 3.1 percent return in the last 12 months; and Chrysler Corp., with a 59.4 percent return over four years and a 14.8 percent return for the past year.

As part of its survey, Forbes also named the companies it believes are set to make the biggest comebacks, with General Motors Corp. among the candidates.

Forbes noted that GM has reduced its costs and said the automaker's loss of market share seems to be leveling off.

Turner Broadcasting System Inc. also was named as a comeback candidate. Although the company is still showing losses, it has cut its shortfall by a third, Forbes said.

Another company that has turned around is toy maker Mattel Inc., which has managed a strong earnings increase although its sales were down during the first nine months of the year, Forbes said.

Among other firms recovering from declines are steelmaker USX Corp., retailer Gap Inc., Mellon Bank Corp. and GTE Corp., the telecommunications company, Forbes said.

Business update

Water District ends year in black

The Colorado River Municipal Water District will finish its fiscal year well into the black, thanks largely to electric energy savings, according to general manager Owen Ivie.

Through November, the district's income was \$11,776,288, or 2.5 percent above budget estimates for the period. All but \$303,639 of that income came from water sales, according to district secretary Joe Pickle.

The district's expenses were \$5,607,246, or 8.01 percent below budget projections. Electric power costs were \$466,369 below expectation, or almost 13 percent below budget "mostly because it

was possible to pump from sources nearest point of delivery during the year," Pickle said.

The bulk of the \$90,967 overrun in administrative and general costs was due to increased employee benefits, such as hospitalization, he said, but there was also a \$40,000 difference in liability insurance costs.

At the end of November the two reservoirs in operation (Lake E.V. Spence and Lake J.B. Thomas) had a combined storage of 276,570 acre feet, or 39.32 percent of capacity. There was no inflow at either lake during the month, and withdrawals accounted for 3,061.94 acre-feet, Pickle said.

Stylists added at Hair Your Way

Hair Your Way, formerly Eloise's, has added two new stylists to their staff.

Geri Smith, a July graduate of Howard College School of Cosmetology, is accepting appointments for full service, including manicures.

Geri is originally from New York. She has lived in Big Spring for five years.

Amy Olivarez, who worked for Eloise's until last July, has rejoined the staff. Originally from Big Spring, Amy has been a cosmetologist for six years.

Virginia Hewett purchased the former Eloise's in March. She manages the shop and is also a cosmetologist. Hair Your Way is located at 1907 Birdwell Lane. For appointments, call 267-5025.

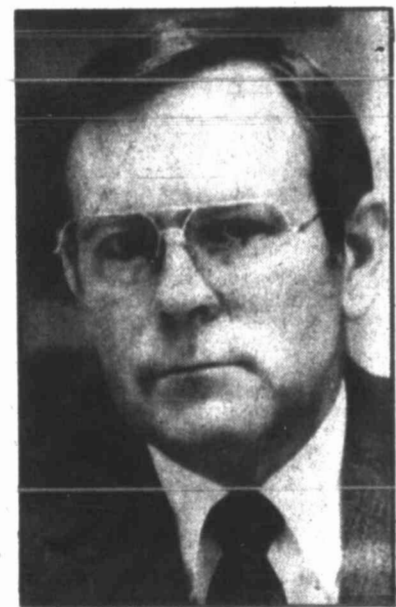
Gibbs named to new position

TU Electric has announced the appointment of H. Jarrell Gibbs to the position of vice president of operations of Texas Electric Service Division. Gibbs was formerly the vice president for marketing.

He succeeds Donald J. Hampton, who has been appointed operations vice president for TU Electric's Texas Power & Light Division in Dallas.

Gibbs, who has been the company's marketing vice president since 1987, has been responsible for economic development, load management, conservation programs and wholesale power customers. He has held several financial positions with the company, including treasurer and assistant secretary of TU Electric. He has also been the company's manager of regulatory services.

Before joining the company in 1980, Gibbs was a career officer in the U.S. Army. He held various staff and command positions, including liaison officer to the U.S.



H. JARRELL GIBBS Congress.

He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Texas A&M University.

'Happy Birthday' sold

NEW YORK (AP) — The company that owns the song "Happy Birthday to You" is being sold for \$25 million to the largest music publisher in the world, according to a report published today.

Birchtree Ltd., which owns the birthday song, will soon be acquired by Warner Chappell, which owns the rights to songs by George and Ira Gershwin, Michael Jackson, Cole Porter, and Gilbert and Sullivan, according to The New

York Times. Warner Chappell is a division of Warner Communications Inc.

Birchtree, of Princeton, N.J., was put up for sale in October, in part because the company said it did not have the resources to monitor and protect its copyrights as larger companies do, the Times said.

"Happy Birthday" generates about \$1 million a year in royalty fees.

Gas tax: Rx for budget deficit?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. motorist pulls into a service station and plunks down \$1.05 for a gallon of gasoline. In Britain the same amount of gas would cost the equivalent of \$2.77.

Why the difference? British motorists, and drivers in many other European countries, pay taxes accounting for approximately half of the price of gasoline at the pump, making it a luxury item for many.

Some now believe the modest U.S. federal gas tax of 9 cents a gallon could be headed in the same direction.

"We are about to follow the Europeans down the road of no return," says Bill Berman, director of energy and environment for the American Automobile Association.

He also heads a newly formed umbrella group called Fuel Users for Equitable Levies (FUEL), which last week launched a grassroots campaign to offset mounting pressure for a gas tax increase as a way of reducing the nation's \$155 billion budget deficit. The anti-tax lobby is supported by such groups as the American Farm Bureau Federation and the American Petroleum Institute.

No gas tax increase is imminent, but with policymakers desperate for some solution to the deficit, the debate is in full swing.

Critics say a tax increase would mean slower business, higher inflation and fewer jobs.

Supporters retort that a higher tax would calm international deficit jitters and thus strengthen the economy in the long run. As an added benefit, they claim, it would reduce America's growing dependence on foreign oil by curbing demand for gasoline.

"The effort must now be made to get the deficit down," former

Each penny-per-gallon of additional tax would yield \$1 billion in revenue. That makes it seem an attractively quick way to sharply reduce the budget deficit.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker said in calling for an increase in the tax.

President-elect Bush is opposed to a higher gas tax, but the idea has drawn support from witnesses before the 14-member National Economic Commission created by Congress to search for deficit remedies.

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Business is divided. Within the auto industry, Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca supports a tax increase, but General Motors Corp. is stoutly opposed to it on grounds that it would hammer the economy. Ford Motor Co. is hesitant on the issue but has said it could support a phased increase of 5 cents per gallon per year.

The roadbuilding lobby, led by the Associated General Contractors, opposes a tax increase on grounds that the additional revenue would go to cutting the budget deficit instead of expanding the \$14 billion Federal Highway Trust Fund. There is no assurance that the additional tax collections would be used for trimming the deficit, however, if the money were channeled into general revenues.

In Congress, Southwesterners

are cool to anything that would reduce demand for gasoline at a time when energy-producing economies back home are feeling the pain of depressed oil prices.

"I hope they are able to avoid any new tax, including a gasoline tax," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said in a statement.

As chairman of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, Bentsen would have much to say about the matter.

Across Capitol Hill, at the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, the picture is different. Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., has been smiling on the idea of a gas tax increase, although his last attempt to push one through failed on the House floor.

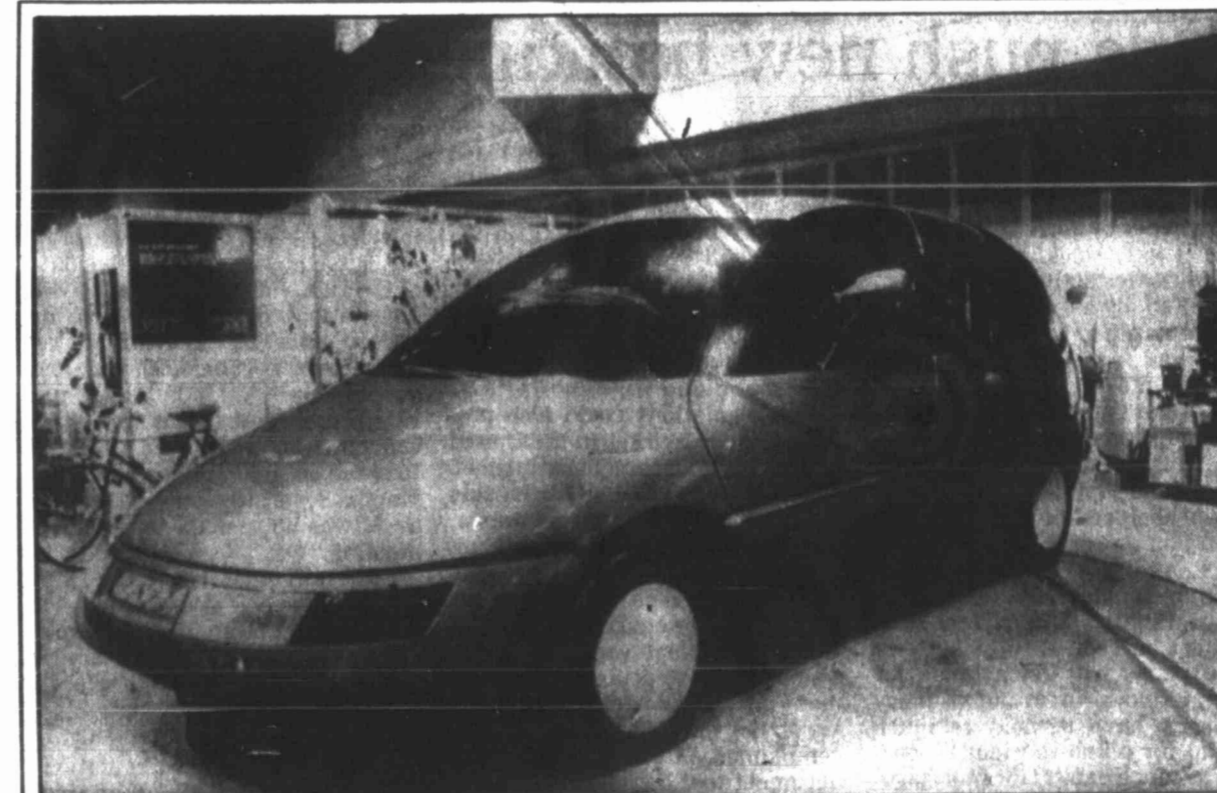
"It was good economic policy and good energy policy," Rostenkowski told a Wall Street group recently. "It was not good politics."

Rostenkowski now says it's up to Bush to take the initiative on the gas tax issue, but he adds that a tax boost would be on the agenda if he had his druthers.

Some critics of the idea say a gas tax increase would fall unfairly on Westerners and farmers, some of whom must drive longer distances to take care of essential needs.

"The billions of dollars (in new revenue) would not come from the population as a whole but only from those men and women who have no choice but to drive their cars to get to jobs, to stores to purchase food and other essentials, to take children to schools and to otherwise conduct their daily routines," says former Federal Highway Administrator Ray A. Barnhart.

Capitol Hill tax watchers caution that if lawmakers turn to a gas tax increase it is unlikely to come as an unadorned, stand-alone issue.



From Russia with zoom

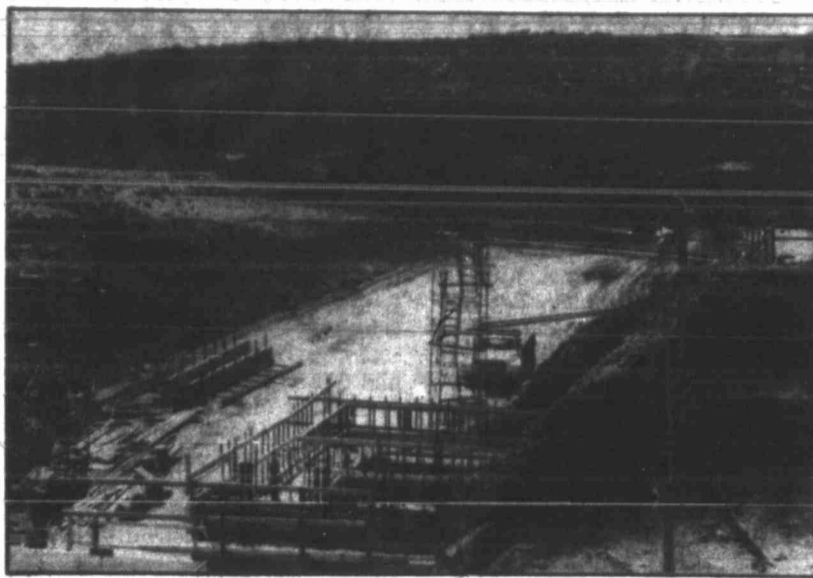
NEW YORK — A space-age looking automobile was on display at the Soviet trade show in New

York, along with more than 4,000 other Soviet goods.

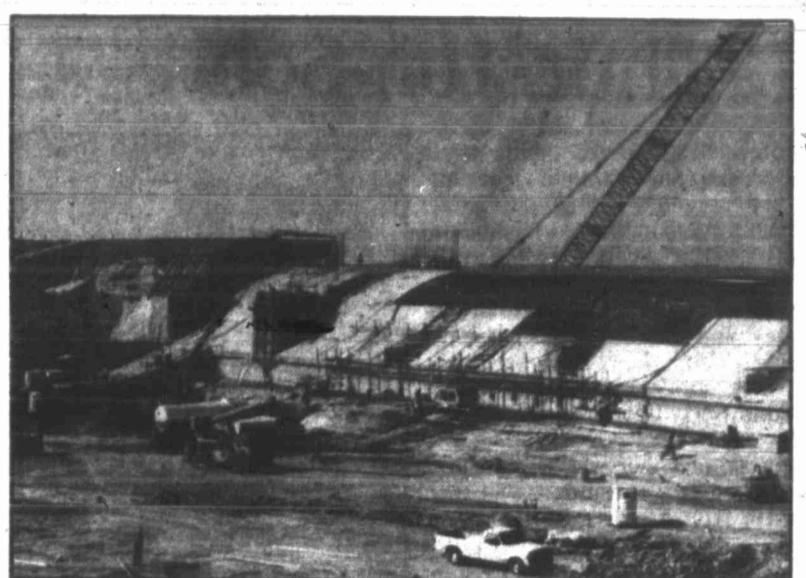
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Dam construction made news in Big Spring during 1988, as Comanche Lake Dam was repaired after flood damage; and Stacy



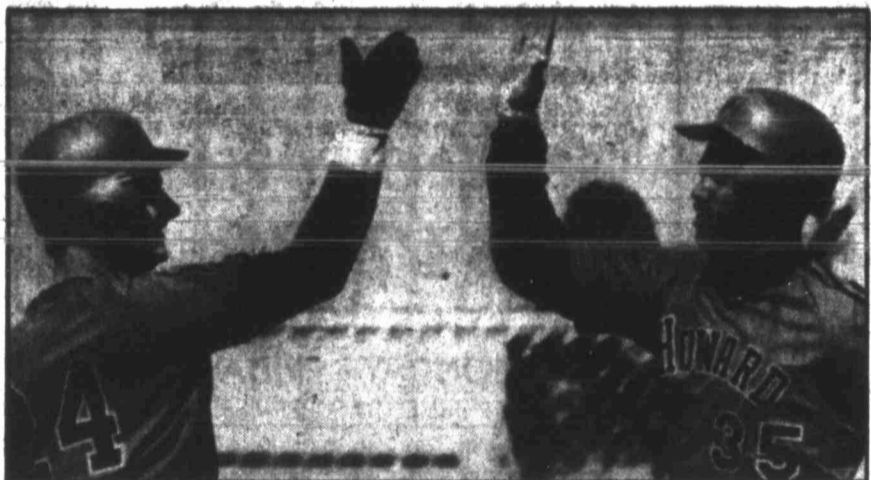
Dam work continued. A worker pounds a marker into the Comanche Lake Dam with a rock in the left photo. Digging continued in



March as part of the Stacy Dam in the center photo. In November, the dam commanded a double shift in the right photo.



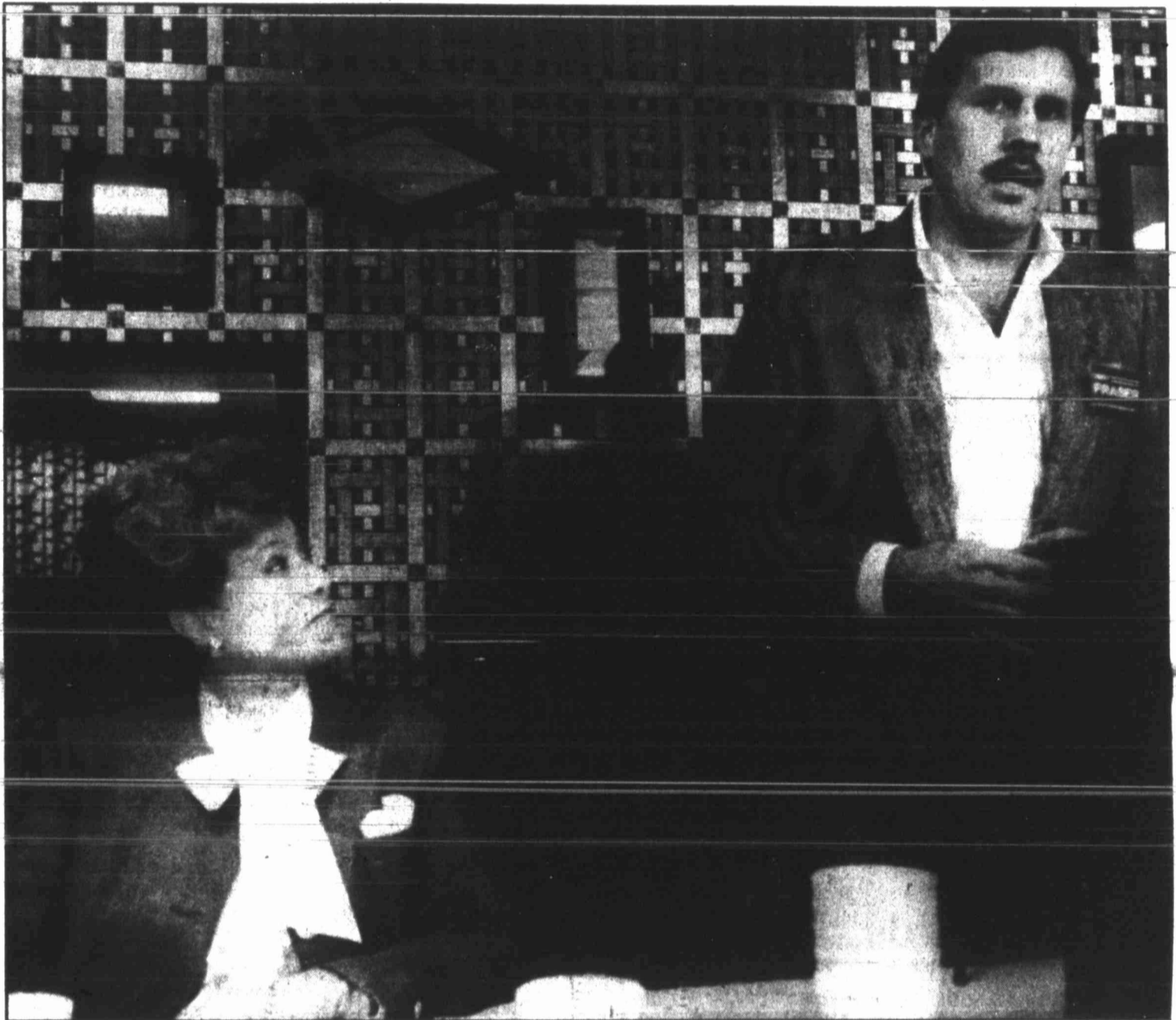
Big Spring made national news in November when vandals sent three Union Pacific engines on a 214-mile unmanned journey before being derailed.



The Howard College baseball team, with a 44-12 record, won Regionals and placed third in the State playoffs.



Goodbye 1988

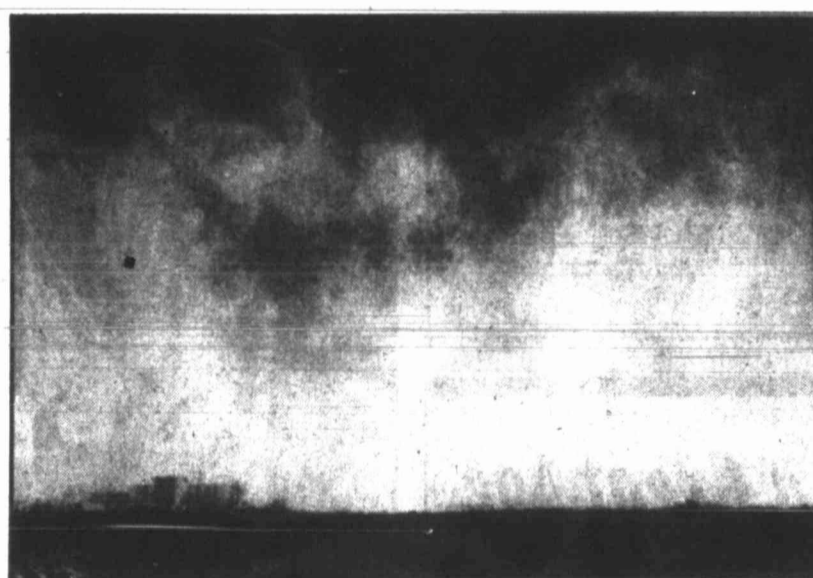


The race for the representative seat of the 69th District was a hotly-contested issue in September and October, with Johnnie

Lou Avery and Troy Fraser battling for the spot. After a bitter campaign, Fraser took the seat vacated by Larry Don Shaw.



Grass fires were the order of the day in the first quarter of the year, with dry weather and high winds fanning both accidental and intentionally-set blazes. A lady shows where a mobile home



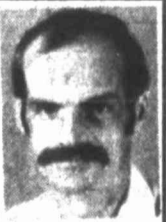
once sat after being destroyed by a grass fire south of town in February in the left photo. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is surrounded by smoke as a fire spreads on Scenic Mountain in



March in the center photo. A resident helps put out hot spots during a grass fire in west Big Spring during April in the right photo.

And you thought 1988 was interesting . . .

Beyond the realm



By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Well, we made it through another one, didn't we?
As years go, I guess 1988 was OK. There were several tragedies — Pan Am 103, the Brownsville roof collapse and Hurricane Gilbert among them — but there were several bright spots, also.
The United States finally returned to space, Reagan and Gor-

bachev got along swimmingly and, hey, Texas is getting the supercollider, right?

But you don't want to hear about all that, do you? Chances are you've been deluged with year-in-review stories, both by this newspaper and other publications, and you've probably had it up to here with 1988.

What you really want to know is what 1989 has in store for us, correct?

Well, are you in luck.
As part of my never-ending crusade to inform my readers and fill column space, I have tracked down Madame Zelda the All-Knowing, one of the leading experts in prognostication.

Zelda, who runs Madame Zelda's Fortune Telling and Laundromat near Lomax, gave me several in-

teresting insights into the coming year — plus did a dynamite job starching my shirts.

Among her more interesting predictions are:

- Foreign affairs — George Bush will continue Ronald Reagan's astounding success and will develop a deep, abiding friendship with Mikhail Gorbachev. In fact, Zelda says Gorbachev and Bush will exchange graduation rings as a token of their mutual affection.

- Unfortunately, Barbara Bush and Raisa Gorbachev will develop a deep hatred and engage in a wrestling match on the White House lawn. The incident will be broadcast live by CNN, and the Associated Press will name it one of the top 10 stories of the year.

Bush will decline comment on

the matter, referring questions to Vice President Dan Quayle. Quayle, when contacted at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, will say of Mrs. Gorbachev: "She's no Jack Dempsey."

- Domestic issues — President Bush will have a sterling inauguration, with the only down moment coming when Quayle, upon completing the oath of office, screams: "Bensten was right! I'm no Jack Kennedy! Nyah, nyah, nyah!"

The national deficit will be Bush's main problem, but he will devise an ingenious solution. He will address the nation on TV in March and say that, for the remainder of the year, neither he, Quayle or any other federal employee will receive any salary until the debt is settled.
An angry Congress will begin im-

peachment proceedings the next day, prompting an irate Quayle to utter: "That was uncalled for."

- Business — Wall Street will have a good year, except for an incident that will be forever known as Blue Wednesday.

Bush will be stricken by an illness, forcing Quayle to temporarily become president. The stock market will react by plunging below the 100 mark for the first time since its inception.

The market will recover, however, when Bush regains his health. A relieved market expert will say of the president: "He's no Jack Kennedy either — but I don't care."

- Space — Quayle will make history when he becomes the first president to take a ride on the space shuttle. An embarrassing

moment will arise, however, when he becomes violently ill during orbit, shorting out several valuable pieces of equipment.

NASA's administrator will say at a news conference: "Oh, well, I guess he's no John Glenn, for that matter."

- Sports — The Dallas Cowboys will surprise everyone by rebounding from a horrid 1988 season to win the Super Bowl the following year. Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman will pass for a record seven touchdowns and will rush for three more.

Quayle, watching from the stands, will become so excited that he accidentally spills popcorn on Bush's lap, prompting the president to say: "Dan, that was uncalled for."

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Wedding

Thurston-Scott

Debra K. Thurston, and Raymond Terry Scott, both of Decatur, Ill., exchanged wedding vows Nov. 26, 1988 at Wesley United Methodist Church, with Rev. James Wilborn, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of James and JoAnn Thurston, Big Spring.

Bridegroom's parents are Billy Joe and Betty Scott, West Monroe, La.

Matron of honor was Susie Harshman, bride's cousin.

Maid of honor was Marty Thurston, bride's sister.

Bridesmaid was Rhonda Scott, bridegroom's sister.

Flower girl was Staci Thurston, bride's niece.

Best man was R. Todd Scott, bridegroom's brother.

Groomsmen were Don Johnson and Tim Mabry, friends of the bridegroom.

Ushers were Louis Thurston and Kirk Thurston, bride's brothers.

Ringbearer was Spencer Harshman, bride's cousin.

Candlelighters were Jessie Thurston, bride's niece and Burton Harshman, bride's cousin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white moire taffeta, featuring a sweetheart neckline, elbow-length puffed sleeves, a chapel-length train, and a scalloped hemline and busset accented with white silk flowers, pearls and bows. Her headress, fashioned of white silk flowers, pearls and bows, featured a fingertip-length veil.

She carried a bouquet of



MRS. DEBRA SCOTT

minuette roses and Christmas greenery covering a white bride's Bible.

The bride is a graduate of Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro, Kan., and Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. She is employed by Century Contractors West Inc., Kingwood, in personnel and office management.

The bridegroom is a graduate of West Monroe High School, West Monroe, La. He is employed by Century Contractors West Inc. as electrical general foreman.

After a wedding trip to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla., the couple will make their home in Decatur, Ill. until February when they will move to Paris, Texas.

Anniversary

The E.E. Musicks

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Musick were honored Dec. 17 at a reception in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In attendance were the couple's three children: Harry E. Musick, Eules; Wanda Dooley, Big Spring; Trish Coffman, Carrollton; and two grandchildren: Andrea Coffman, Carrollton and Bruce Dooley, Big Spring.

Out-of-town guests included the brother and sisters of Mrs. Musick: George Tyler, Odessa; Neta Maston, Garland; Kathline Ashing and husband Jim, Odessa; Annie Smith and husband

Joe, Pecos; Jeannette Shimada, Collinsville; and Joann Ard, Sherman; sister of Mr. Musick, Beth Cypert and husband Warren, Amarillo; nieces and nephews: Wayne, Rhonda, Collin and Tiffini Ashing, Odessa; Jan, Brian, and Meagan Wallum, Odessa.

Hostesses were Trish Coffman and Gladys Thompson.

A video of the reception was made by Pete and June Williams, Phyllis Graumann, Dickie and Richard Thompson, Pauline Bauer and Bo Isaacs, Big Spring; and Jhonny and Sissy Bjarnsoa, Pecos.

The J.B. Shockleys

J.B. and Hazel Shockley, Knott, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 6. A celebration will be hosted Jan. 7 at the Knott Church of Christ, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, directed by their daughter, Beverly Shockley, Dallas.

J.B. was born June 24, 1915 in the Moore Community.

Mrs. Shockley, the former Hazel Roberts, was born in Runnels County.

The couple met in Howard County and were married in Stanton.

Shockley has farmed for 50 years in the Knott community, and Mrs. Shockley took in many community activities.

All the couple's friends and relatives are invited to attend the



MR. AND MRS. J.B. SHOCKLEY

reception. The couple requests no gifts.

The Bill Fishbacks



Bill and Bea Fishback

Bill and Bea Fishback, Coahoma, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today at a reception at the home of Benny Ray and Susan Fishback, 606 Forest, Coahoma, from 2 to 4 p.m. Their children will host the event.

Fishback was born in Cherokee.

Mrs. Fishback, the former, Ella Bea Lynch, was born in Comanche County.

The couple met while employed at the Lyric Theatre in Brownwood. They married Dec. 30, 1948 at the home of Rev. Clinton Robertson, Brownwood. The Fishbacks have lived in



MR. AND MRS. BILL FISHBACK

Coahoma for 35 years.

Before retiring, Fishback was employed by Coahoma Independent School District as principal for 25 years.

Mrs. Fishback has been in the floral business in Big Spring and Coahoma for a number of years.

Their children are: Billy Don and Cecil Fishback, Hobbs, N.M.; Bobby Gene and Jeanine Fishback, Forsan; and Benny Ray and Susan Fishback, Coahoma. They have six grandchildren: Chase, Chris, Jerrod, Megan, Justin, and Adam.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

Menus

BIG SPRING SR. CITIZENS
MONDAY — Swiss steak; peas & carrots; tossed salad; corn muffin; butter; fruit gelatin; milk.
TUESDAY — Oven fried chicken with gravy; mashed potatoes; brussel sprouts; roll; butter; bread pudding; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Turkey with bread stuffing; mashed potatoes; green beans; cranberry sauce; roll; butter; pumpkin pie; milk.
THURSDAY — Pepper steak with rice; peas; tossed salad; roll; butter; cookie; milk.
FRIDAY — Tuna noodle casserole; squash; broccoli; corn bread; butter; cherry cobbler; milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST
MONDAY — No school.
TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Pancakes; sausage; butter & syrup; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Ham & eggs on a bun; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal; juice; milk.

LUNCH
TUESDAY — Fish nuggets; tartar sauce; macaroni & cheese; English peas; hot rolls; fruit; butter & honey; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chili & beans; corn; salad; fruit cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY — Steak & gravy; whipped potatoes; sliced carrots; fruit; hot rolls; butter & honey; milk.
FRIDAY — Chicken strips; gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli; jello; hot rolls; butter & honey; milk.

ELBOW BREAKFAST
TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Cereal; fruit; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Bacon; biscuits; jelly; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Waffles; syrup; sausage; juice; milk.

LUNCH
TUESDAY — Western casserole; corn;

salad; corn bread; cake; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers; French fries; salad; jello salad; milk.
THURSDAY — Barbecue weiners; sliced bread; potato salad; baked beans; peanut butter strips; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY — Tacos; sauce; pinto beans; cheese; salad; cookies; milk.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST
TUESDAY — Cereal; banana; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Bacon; scrambled eggs; biscuits; jelly; fruit.
THURSDAY — Pancakes; syrup; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Toast; jelly; fruit; milk.

LUNCH
TUESDAY — Corn dogs w/cheese stick; French fries; pork and beans; cinnamon rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Joes; potato salad; cole slaw; cake; milk.
THURSDAY — Fried chicken; gravy; mashed potatoes; corn; hot rolls; honey; milk.
FRIDAY — Baked cheese sandwiches; stew; pickles; fruit; crackers; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST
TUESDAY — Cereal; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Buttered oats; toast; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Pancakes; syrup; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.

LUNCH
TUESDAY — Tuna casserole; buttered carrots; creamed potatoes; peanut butter & syrup; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Beef & cheese pizza; buttered corn; English peas; coconut cookies; milk.
THURSDAY — Beef tacos; taco sauce; vegetable salad; pinto beans; sopapillas; honey; milk.
FRIDAY — Fried fish; tartar sauce; green beans; macaroni & cheese; pineapple- upside down cake; hot rolls; milk.

Extended Coverage by Danny Weir

Have you seen the size of the jury awards in liability suits these days? Seven-figure awards are not uncommon. What would you do if someone sued you for a million or two? If your insurance did not cover the full amount of a judgment against you, your assets, even your future earnings, could be attached.

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- To report abuse or neglect of an animal please contact Garner Thixten at 263-4874.

Public records

MARRIAGE LICENSES
James Alton Hughes, 35, 2805 MacAuslan, and Cindy Northcutt, 26, 1611 E. 4th.
Timothy Ray Rose, 21, Stanton, and Tina Marie Garza, 22, 1401 W. 5th.
Cecil Wayne Bynum, 28, Rt. 3 Box 132, and Caren Sue Weaver, 27, 802 Douglas.
Paul Donald Hoberg, 29, Garland, and Mary Alice Shelton, 34, DeSoto.
Jesus Florez, 22, 511 Owens, and Deanna Marquez, 22, 511

Owens.
118TH DISTRICT COURT FILINGS
Yi-Ping Hsu Armijo and Duane Sanchez Armijo; divorce.
Martha Esquivel Sanchez and Reynaldo Ayala Sanchez, Jr.; divorce.
The State of Texas and Bobby Joseph McCracken; suit on debt.
Samuel R. Munoz and The Continental Insurance Co.; deceptive trade practices.
Mary Fowler and Aaron R. Combs; damages.

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Engaged



DATE SET — E.J. and Kaye Self, Big Spring, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Self, to Buddy Alexander Cunningham, son of Jack and Nancy Cunningham, Big Spring. The couple will wed Jan. 7 at Hillcrest Baptist Church, with Brother Roy Roberson, pastor of Temple of Truth, officiating.

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1988 full of highlights, lowlives, sad sights

DEAR READERS: As we begin a new year, let's review some of the highlights of 1988:

Irving Berlin, who gave us "Easter Parade," "White Christmas" and "God Bless America," celebrated his 100th birthday. (God bless Irving.)

Cher won an Oscar, and launched her new fragrance called "Uninhibited," which is destined to be a best-smeller. Sonny Bono was elected mayor of Palm Springs. Clint Eastwood gave up his role as mayor of Carmel. A religious group picketed "The Last Temptation of Christ," calling it "the filthiest, sexiest, most blasphemous movie ever filmed" — which turned a boring, mediocre flick into an instant moneymaker.

Steve Sax left the (artful) Dodgers and signed on with the (damn) Yankees. Canadian hockey star Wayne Gretzky went south to join the Los Angeles Kings. The Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series, and the Los Angeles Lakers won the world championship for the second consecutive year.

Peggy Lee is suing Disney Studios for \$25 million, which she says is her fair share of "Lady and the Tramp." Art Buchwald is suing Paramount for \$5 million, claiming it stole his story for "Coming to America," starring Eddie Murphy.

In 1987, Jessica McClure fell into a well and became America's



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sweetheart. In 1988, Jessica Hahn fell from grace and ended up in the Playboy mansion.

Judy Garland's red dancing shoes fetched \$165,000 at auction. Someone reported having seen Elvis at a Burger King in Kalamazoo. Oprah lost 67 pounds and looks terrific.

The Robin Givens-Mike Tyson mismatch didn't last 10 rounds. (Robin sang like a bird, making Joan Collins look like Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.)

A safe and effective abortion "pill" — RU-486 — has been approved by the French government.

Diane Sawyer and Mike Nichols got hitched. So did Burt Reynolds and Lori Anderson. The Bruce Springsteens got unhitched. The Duke and Duchess of York produced a girl, Beatrice. Add Edwin and Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg — a girl, Rose. The Norman Lear welcomed a son, Benjamin Davis.

Beloved actor John Houseman ("The Paper Chase") made his final exit. Henry Armstrong, the first professional boxer to hold three

world titles simultaneously, fought his last fight. Louis L'Amour, who sold 200 million books about the Old West, headed for his last roundup.

Dennis Day joined Billy Daniels, Jascha Heifetz, Bonita Granville, Joshua Logan, Frederick Lowe, John Carradine, Robert Joffrey, Wayland Flowers, Adela Rogers St. John and Sheila Graham in the celebrity section behind the pearly gates.

Mickey Mouse turned 60, and Minnie is keeping her trap shut.

Credit Gore Vidal with the best line of the year: When Larry King asked him if he's ever considered going on "Geraldo" or the Morton Downey Jr. show, Vidal replied, "Not unarmed."

DEAR ABBY: I have been a telephone operator with the Bell system for 18 years, and I am continually amazed at the conduct of some customers on the telephone. I have had people curse, burp, yawn, cough, sneeze, chew and eat while requesting a telephone number, and I have yet to hear the first "Please excuse me, operator," or a simple "I'm sorry."

This rudeness is universal. One would expect physicians, lawyers, teachers, secretaries and other professionals who deal with the public to have better manners. Perhaps they have, but because they can't be seen, they don't bother to use them.

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DISGUSTED IN AMARILLO
DEAR DISGUSTED: I'm sure you are not alone. Anonymity does not justify crudeness. But it certainly fosters it.

CONFIDENTIAL TO KERRY D. IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.: It was Lord Chesterfield who supposedly said regarding sex: "The price is preposterous, the pleasure is transitory and the position is ridiculous."

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc., because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (postage is included).



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Me and my shadow

TUCSON, Ariz. — Five-year-old Erich Hadley gets a kick out of the steam coming from his body as he climbs from the warm water at McKale pool at the University of Arizona. An overnight low of 25 degrees was the culprit, and made each trip to the diving board an adventure.

Military

Navy Seaman Recruit James M. Churchwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Churchwell, 1607 Vines, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During Churchwell's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Churchwell's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in June 1988. Marine Pvt. Carlos Pineda, son of Rinaldo and Maria Pineda, Colorado City, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Pineda was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily

routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1988 graduate of Colorado High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1988.

Navy Fireman Michael S. Forshee, son of Stephen E. and Maxine Forshee, 1310 Lexington, recently reached the midpoint of his five-month deployment to the Indian Ocean while serving aboard the combat store ship USS Niagara Falls, homeported in Guam.

Since deploying, Forshee has made port visits to Singapore and Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

He joined the Navy in May 1986.

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Timely fashion

BROOKLINE, Mass. — Model Linda Cole wears a most timely fashion at a clock shop to show-off clock and watch design fashions by Yolanda's of

Waltham, Mass., of a clock hat, clock earrings and wrist-watch, an appropriate styl for the end of the year.

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Program in financial management

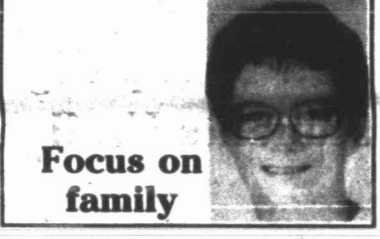
By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension Agent
Young couples in Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties are eligible to participate in a statewide impact program in financial management. The program, conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is designed to help young couples improve their interpersonal communications and financial management skills.

Only 58 counties in Texas have been selected to offer this program in 1989. Enrollment will be limited to 25 couples. The program has three components: three, 2-hour workshop sessions taught by Extension Home Economist Kathryn Burch and Naomi Hunt; a 5-part lesson series mailed to participating couples; and a final educational event for the couples at the conclusion of the program.

This program is specifically designed for young couples who have been married three years or less or engaged couples who are about to be married.

A registration fee of \$20 per couple will be charged. Each couple who completes the program will receive a \$10 refund and the remaining funds will be used to purchase special program materials and defray program costs.

The first workshop session will be held at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30. Workshops two and three will be Feb. 6 and Feb. 20. To help us prepare enough materials it is important to register as soon as



Focus on family

possible. To register or for more information, contact Extension Home Economist Naomi Hunt (267-8469 in Big Spring) or Kathryn Burch (756-3316 in Stanton).

Are you spending to meet hidden needs?

If you're chronically short of money, even on an adequate income, part of the problem could be "hidden needs" that motivate you to overspend.

Try this self-test to identify needs that are often satisfied by spending. Begin by thinking back to the last few times you bought something that, upon reflection, wasn't a necessity. Then answer these questions:

- Did I buy it because it made me feel better?
- Did I buy it to show my independence?
- Was I rewarding myself?
- Did I buy it because I felt frustrated?
- Did I spend money to get even with someone?
- Did I buy it to make me feel equal to or better than someone else?
- Did spending the money give me a feeling of power?

Did I buy it because I wanted to wear the latest fashion or have the newest model?

Did I buy it simply because I enjoy spending money?

Did I buy it because I enjoy the activity of shopping and then feel obligated to spend?

Did I allow myself to be pressured into buying it by my child, spouse, a friend or a salesperson?

Am I basically a collector? Do I get pleasure just from owning an item, whether or not it's needed or useful?

Once you know why you're spending, you can find other ways to meet your needs. If you love the activity of shopping, for example, you don't have to give it up. Just leave your checkbook and credit cards at home before you go to the mall.

When you spend out of frustration, anger or happiness, try to find some other way to express your emotions. Physical activity may help you vent steam just as easily, and be a lot less expensive.

Here's a little exercise that can help you see the difference between spending for things you want versus those you really need. Sit down with paper, pencil and your household financial papers. Then assume your income has been reduced by one-third. Take that figure and go over your monthly spending. Decide what you would give up and what you absolutely need to survive. You may be surprised at the results.

Everyone votes in Loving County

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

James Wheat ranches just outside Mentone, the county seat of Loving County, which has the distinction of being the least populated county in Texas. Less than 100 people live there.

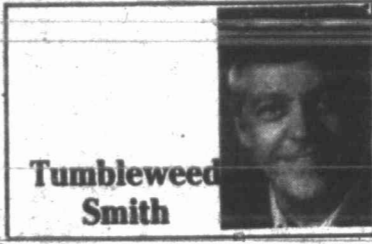
"I guess it's just about the best county in the world because everybody votes," says James. "One vote here could turn the whole thing around."

There is a court house in Mentone, a cafe, and a service station. But that's about all. There is no cemetery, no doctor, no lawyer, not even a county road.

In 1931 when Loving County was getting organized, the population was over one thousand. "We had a picture show, a bunch of restaurants, a bowling alley, gambling halls and three bootleg joints. It was wild," says James. "We used to have dances out here and the Texas Rangers had to come out to control them. Toughest old people in the whole world lived out here. They were people following oil booms."

James serves as a county commissioner. "We get a big salary. About \$20,000 a year. And we devote a whole hour a month to county business. One day they kept us an hour and a half and I was about ready to resign," says James.

James has been around the world a few times. He was getting ready to go to Russia when I visited with him. "I don't really want to go, but



Tumbleweed Smith

I've got to go put my foot down on the soil and then get out there. Just to be able to say I've been to Russia," he said.

A well-known spur collector, he began his collection when he found an old spur in the sand, took it home and cleaned it up. After gathering them from all over the world for a dozen years, he donated them to a museum in Lubbock. The collection was valued at more than half a million dollars.

He has a Mercedes automobile in his garage that he drives around his ranch. "I'm sure not gonna walk. I gotta have some way to get around over this place. I used to drive Rolls Royces until a couple of years ago. This is my third Mercedes. Before then we drove Cadillacs. But I saw that Rolls Royce and nothing else would suit me."

He gave a Rolls a real workout one time. "A big old heifer calf run off and I thought I'd turn it back. I was mad and I took off across country in that brand new Rolls. It had about two 2,000 miles on it. Hot dang, I pulled up alongside that thing, honked the horn and turned

it back. Just about that time I ran over an old mesquite tree stump in the sand. I was afraid I had hurt the front end somehow, but I kept it on aging and headed for the main road."

Somebody was there on horseback. James turned the calf over to him and headed for the house. Enroute, steam began coming out the front of the car. James stopped the vehicle and raised the hood. He noticed the fan had gone through the radiator.

When he told the Rolls people his radiator was ruined by the fan which had come loose they wouldn't believe him. He invited them out. They brought him another Rolls to drive while his was being repaired.

Later the Rolls people called him and told him that indeed the fan had gone through the radiator. "Reckon why?" inquired James. The Rolls folks in Midland had called the Rolls folks in New York. The head mechanic up there said sometimes in the factory the people working on the cars don't get those blades balanced just so and that causes them to get off the track and fly in to the radiator.

James thought to himself, "Bull. I know what made it go through the radiator. I crimped it when I ran over that mesquite tree stump." But he didn't tell the Rolls people that. It wasn't long before his car was repaired and he was once again driving it over the sand dunes of Loving County.

Lifestyle policies

We will be pleased to announce the news of your engagement, wedding, silver or golden anniversary in the Lifestyle section of the Big Spring Herald. We try to use the story on the date you request, but sometimes space does not permit this.

The information must be submitted to us on a form available at the Herald no later than Wednesday noon before the Sunday it is to be published. The form must include a name and telephone number of a person whom we can reach during the day for more information.

We will use a picture of the couple in the announcement. Or in the case of engagement announcements where a picture of the couple is not available, we will use one of the bride-elect. The picture must be a professional quality studio photograph. We prefer a 5 x 7 glossy black and white print. We ask for this kind of photograph so that it will reproduce well in the newspaper. Following the picture's publication, it may be picked up at the Lifestyle department.

The information for the story may be brought to the Lifestyle department of the Herald, which is located at 710 Scurry. Or it may be mailed to Lifestyle Department, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Call us at (813) 263-7331 if we can help with more information or clarification of our policies.

ENGAGEMENTS

Information of engagement announcements must be submitted to the Lifestyle department of the Herald anytime after the engagement is a reality until at least three weeks prior to the wedding. Anything closer than three weeks will not be published. The engagement form must be submitted no later than Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday it is to be published.

If the bride-elect, prospective bridegroom or their parents do not now or have never lived in our area, we need to know why you are submitting your engagement to the Herald. If only grandparents live in our area, please give their names and addresses.

WEDDINGS

If a wedding writup is submitted to the Herald after the wedding has occurred, the space allotted to it will diminish according to the length of time that has passed since the wedding.

BIRTHS

Local hospitals supply information for Storckclub. If a child is born elsewhere in the newspaper's circulation area, or is born to out-of-town parents with local or area grandparents, please contact the Herald Lifestyle Department with Storckclub information.

Information needed for Storckclub is: newborn's name, sex, time and date of birth, weight, place of birth, parents' name and address. If the baby is born outside the circulation area but has local grandparents, please include their name and address. The local grandparents serve as the area connection for the information.

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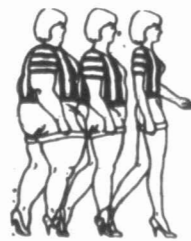
Military

Pvt. Jose C. Juntos, son of Francisco and Maria Juntos, Lamessa, has completed the unit level communications maintainer course at Fort Sill, Okla.

The unit level communication maintainer troubleshoots and repairs tactical radio and field wire equipment and systems to include radioteletypewriter and FM radio sets, wire and switchboard equipment and other electronic accessories.

He is a 1983 graduate of Klondike High School, Patricia.

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Tidbits

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

Debbie Reid will begin the new year with a new home and a new job. Debbie and son, Lucas, leave Monday for Dallas where Debbie has been transferred by TU Electric to the corporate office.

Her fellow employees hosted a farewell party Wednesday and presented her with a gift to mark her three years in Big Spring — a framed limited edition print of "Once Upon A Time," Coy McCann's outdoor mural.

In making the presentation, Hooper Sanders explained that they wanted the numbered print to correspond with her tenure — the numbers three (years) and 36 (months) had already been sold, so they opted for 156, which represents the number of weeks Debbie lived in Big Spring.

An earlier holiday party honoring Debbie was hosted by Hardy and Stefanie Wilkerson, Jean and Cloetta Shotts, Terri Quinones and Robert Wernsman.

Helen Green said she and daughter, Paula Green, Dallas, wanted to "take a Christmas vacation where it wasn't cold."

So they've been on a Christmas week Caribbean cruise and are due to return home New Year's Day.

They flew to Miami to catch the holiday cruise aboard the S. S. Norway.

John and Carolyn Freeman opted for a Christmas vacation in colder climes to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Freemans spent the past week in Switzerland, and planned to observe the actual anniversary date — Dec. 27 — skiing down the Alps.

They'll be home this weekend.

Jessie and Clara Hernandez had planned their Christmas celebration around a visit from their granddaughter, Marilina Fierro, and great-grandson, Jesse Fierro, El Paso.

The celebration took an unexpected turn when the Hernandezes' daughter, Liz Baquera, and husband, Nick, with Jaime and Robert paid a surprise visit from El Paso.



Tidbits

Bob and Dona Mehan headed for Florida for a vacation — touring the Epcot Center and Disney World.

Bob says this was the right time to go — it was unseasonably cool and the lines at the attractions were very short. "We got in to see everything," he says.

Hollis and Celia Webb with children, Amy, Rebecca and Hollis III, drove in from Lubbock to share the holiday gathering at the home of Hollis' sister Jan and Jerry Foresyth.

The Foresyth's children were there — Dean and Jackie Swinney with Brenna; and Ray and Jana Phillips, with Lacey and Tyler.

Rounding out the family gathering were Jan's mother, Lois Webb, and Jerry's brother Jimmy, with wife Deanna and sons David and Paul.

Stella Smith celebrated her 92nd birthday Dec. 23.

Stopping in to wish her many happy returns were her daughters and their husbands, Cecil and Natalie Peurifoy; Avery and Edie Faulkner; and Maxine Coleman; and her granddaughters and husbands Ike and Penny Lewis, Kenneth and Sue Lane and Kay Wilson.

Natalie says it's a longtime family tradition for all the children and grandchildren to drop by every Thursday to visit Stella, who still maintains her own home.

Harold and Doris Canning spent the Christmas holidays in Grapevine visiting their son Barry and Marie Canning and grandchildren, Matt, 5 and Ben, 3.

Doris' sister, Betty Norcross, and husband Dan, drove over from Dallas to join the festivities.



Associated Press photo

New babies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Julie, a hippopotamus at the Memphis Zoo, stands over her new babies, a rare set of twins. The baby hippos were born Christmas morning and weighed about 40 pounds at birth. Zoo officials say twin births for hippos are rare and these two may be the first born in captivity in the United States in 25 years. The last recorded birth of hippo twins in the country occurred in St. Louis in 1963, a zoo curator said.

Restaurant is 1989 favorite

NEW YORK (AP) — The Four Seasons, the handsome hangout of the rich and powerful, has edged longtime leader Lutece as New York's favorite restaurant, according to the 1989 Zagat Survey.

The elegant walnut-paneled restaurant in the Seagram Building garnered the most points when the Zagat Survey asked some 3,500 respondents to list their five favorite restaurants.

Lutece, the classic French restaurant that had ruled Zagat's roost for 10 years, slipped to second, followed by La Cote Basque, Le Bernardin and Chanterelle.

But that's the popularity contest, with The Four Seasons getting about 300 more mentions than the smaller Lutece.

"It's a combination — the great architecture of Philip Johnson, it's the most professionally run restaurant I know of, and the food is really good," said Tim Zagat,

editor of the survey, about The Four Seasons.

As for the former king, "Lutece is still a fantastic restaurant, but it has competition," he said.

"Also, people's expectations of Lutece are so unbelievably high that there is a certain amount of disappointment, especially when you have to make a reservation 30 days in advance."

When it comes to food rankings, Chanterelle and Lutece were in a virtual tie, followed by La Cote Basque, Le Bernardin and Lafayette. The Four Seasons ranked ninth.

For decor, the winner is a newcomer of sorts — the refurbished Rainbow Room atop the RCA Building, which survey participants rated slightly ahead of Windows on the World, Tavern on the Green and World Yacht Enterprises, a restaurant on a yacht on the Hudson River.

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• Born to Manuel and Yolanda Gonzales, a son, Manuel Gonzales Jr., on Dec. 24, 1988 at 4:36 p.m., weighing 6 pounds ½ ounce, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Lupe and Eufrosia Gonzales, and Lupe and Simona Martinez, all of Big Spring.

• Born to Don and Julie Van Dyken, Rt. 1 Box 778, a son, Albert Gian Van Dyken, on Dec. 27, 1988 at 1:57 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Loyce Jones, Big Spring; and Louise Henry, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Albert is the baby brother of Keith, 10.

• Born to Janie Cuellar, 1002 N. Main St., and Gilbert Franco Jr., 808 N.W. Eighth St., a son, Eugene Gilbert Franco, on Dec. 28, 1988 at 6:06 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Eugene is the baby brother of Dominga, 8, Christopher, 4, and Joann, 2.

• Born to Gary and Kris Moore, 800 Highland, a son, Nolan Casey Raymond Moore, on Dec. 27, 1988 at 9:11 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 8½ ounces, delivered by Dr. Musick. Grandparents are Raymond and Babs Moore, and

Laura Boubek. Nolan is the baby brother of Brent, 5.

• Born to Bridgett Murphy, 506 State St., a daughter, Christin Nicole, on Dec. 25, 1988 at 11:14 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 10½ ounces. Grandparents are Dawn and Bobby Powell, Coahoma.

• Born to Don and Belinda Hogan, Rt. 3 Box 62-P, a daughter, Kayla Dawn Hogan, on Dec. 23, 1988 at 5:07 p.m., weighing 8 pounds ½ ounce, delivered by Dr. Musick. Grandparents are Venita Gaston, Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hogan, Albany. Kayla is the baby sister of Ken, 6, and Cody, 4.

• Born to Aidan and Joe Mike Balcazar, 120 Airbase Rd., a daughter, Lydia Ann Balcazar, on Dec. 26, 1988 at 10:01 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Lydia Baeza, and Irene Balcazar, Van Horn.

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America rates high in Culinary Olympics

By GEORGE BOEHMER
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Every four years, hundreds of the world's top chefs mix it up in an event known as the Culinary Olympics, a prestigious competition that has bolstered America's reputation as a leader in gourmet cooking.

Competing against 1,000 chefs from 30 countries that for the first time included China and Malaysia, American master cooks this year won the gold medal in the hot food category for a record third time in a row.

The hot food gold medal is awarded after 150 visitors at the event join 15 gourmet judges in tasting the competing dishes.

The winning U.S. hot food recipe: Chesapeake oyster consommé soup, an entree of Napa Valley squab with lentils, cabbage and rye turnovers, topped off with a delicacy entitled "Big Apple" dessert with kiln-dried cherry sauce.

It is the only category of food that is actually consumed at the cooking and baking bash that has its roots in a competition that started in Frankfurt in 1894.

The gourmet competition has grown into the most important event of its kind, assuming the nickname of Culinary Olympics. It is always held in Frankfurt.

This year's event, staged at Frankfurt's huge fairgrounds complex, drew 60,000 visitors to the world's largest display of gourmet delicacies.

The most prestigious gold medal, in the overall category, went to Switzerland, with West Germany winning the silver and the U.S. team the bronze.

National teams competed in four categories — show platters, hot meals displayed cold, hot food competition and pastries.

The Swiss won in two of the four categories and placed second in hot meals displayed cold.

Their recipes consisted of an assortment of pastries and show plates, including a light foamy creamed corn with veal thymus, rolled beef and veal cutlets with basil, a heavy red wine sauce, and chocolate tureen with truffles.

But the Swiss gold was based on food displays, which are works of art and food for the eye but not meant to be eaten.

West Germany took the silver medal and Norway the bronze in the hot food category.

National team members representing the United States were headed by team manager Ferdinand E. Metz, president of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Other team members included masters chefs Timothy Ryan and Mark Erickson, also of the Culinary Institute, Daniel Hugelier of the Amway Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Hartmut Handke of the Greenbrier restaurant in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

Pastry chef for the U.S. national team was Christopher Northmore of the Cherokee Town and Country Club, Atlanta, Ga.

Canada, defending overall champion from the 1984 Culinary Olympics, placed third in show platters and hot meals displayed cold. Malaysia, competing for the first time, won a respectable bronze in the pastries category.

The Culinary Olympics food fair was held in Frankfurt Oct. 16-20.

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By JACK SCHREIBMAN
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One Sunday evening in Alaska, upscale Anchorage restaurateur Jens Hansen proudly served rare saddle of chamois to the venerable gourmet society Confrerie de la Chaine Des Rotisseurs.

For that gastronomic victory, and the finding and delivery of the rare antelope meat on short notice, Hansen had to thank the suburban San Francisco storefront Night Bird Game & Poultry Co., which can supply shoulder of black bear with the ease of a supermarket selling a chuck roast.

Night Bird is a standout, but not alone, among the nation's \$10 billion gourmet specialty businesses that provide exotic food and drink for an American public increasingly on the lookout for trappings of the good life.

"It was amazing," said Hansen, both of the juicy roasts and Night Bird founder Gerald E. Proلمان's ability to find a 50-pound cache of the rare meat in New Zealand. The gustatory brotherhood "raved about it," said Hansen.

For Proلمان, Americans who look for quality in what they eat must include such unlikely critters as rattlesnake, bear, alligator, buffalo and beaver, and such toothsome fungi as shiitakes,

Food specialists looking for simple answers regularly sneer that this country has no cuisine of its own, barring fried chicken, hot dogs, chili and the like. But these doomsayers are wrong, says a man in the know.

morels and chanterelles. Night Bird supplies some of the best-known restaurants in America with meat raised for the table. For Proلمان, a top-class chef-turned-supplier, his business in San Bruno just south of San Francisco is an ongoing effort to convince Americans that "game is not an exotic category. It is essential on a well-balanced classical menu."

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"I think America is defining a cuisine at last," says Narsai David, a chef, author, talk show host and restaurateur. In general, the incredible

amount and variety of fresh foods available in all parts of the United States comprise this nation's culinary philosophy. That's unlike France or Italy, for example, where there's a set style for the preparation of food, said David.

Another gourmet success story is the year-old San Francisco-based Heritage Kitchen Specialty Foods, which annually produces 3 million Effie Marie rum-soaked cakes dripping in butter and calories.

From Bloomingdales in New York to Marshall Fields in Chicago, and Macy's nationwide, the outrageous, two-pound desserts sell for \$17.50 a copy. To make sure every possible American gets properly hooked, Heritage Kitchen gives away samples of its golden vanilla, spiced apple walnut, lemon poppyseed and chocolate fudge to 180,000 people a year.

Burberry's, the British firm best known for its clothing exports, this fall introduced a collection of fine English foods to specialty food stores and departments throughout the United States.

The product lineup, both individual items and gift packs, includes British teas, biscuits, short-cakes, preserves, marmalades, chutney, mustards, and plum pudding.



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DULUTH, Minn. — Two-year-old Jedidiah Wolf expressed himself during his first barber's haircut in Colquet, Minn. Lonnie Huard, owner of

Lonnie's Barber Shop, just kept his mind on his business. After the ordeal, Jedidiah's father, Tim, took the youngster to lunch.

Associated Press photo

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY REVIEW

Edited by Lea Whitehead

Steel siding eliminates painting, adds beauty

Winter is the time to take a good, hard look at your house, suggests Owen Johnson, owner of Big Spring Siding.

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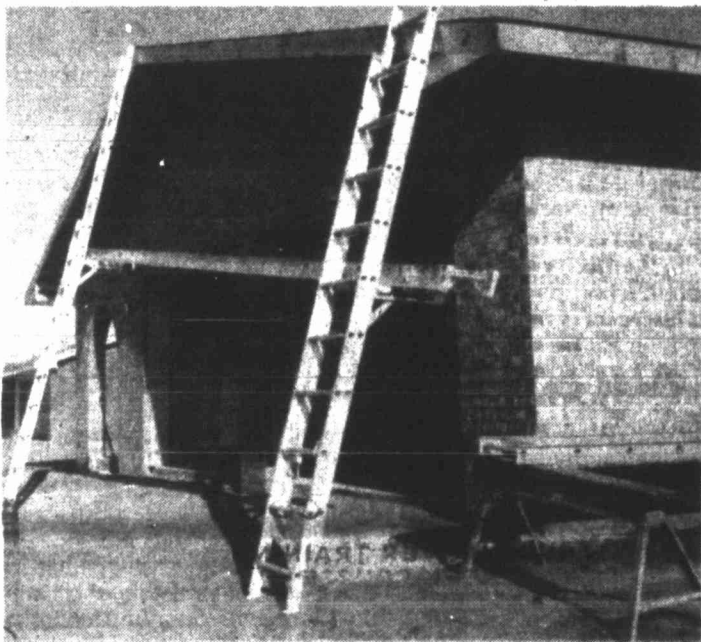
Johnson says his company will never call residents' homes "at all hours of the day and night with spectacular sales gimmicks." Big Spring Siding has no need for that, relying on referrals from satisfied customers and a modest advertising budget to promote business.

"Our marketing approach keeps our costs down, so that we are able to install siding on a customer's home for about what it costs for two or three professional paint jobs."

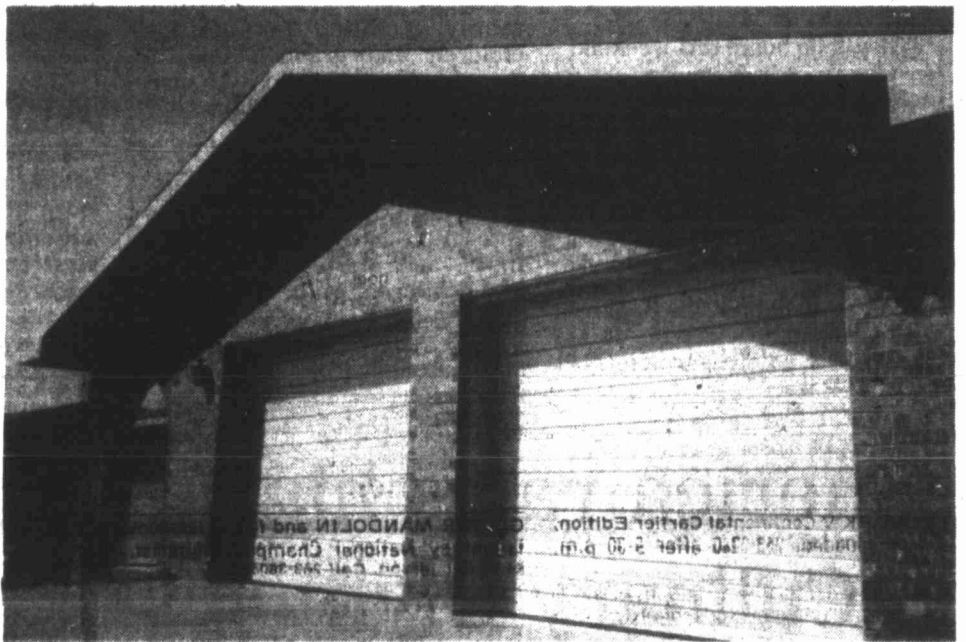
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Big Spring Siding, specializing in whole-house steel siding installations, is now working with building contractors on new homes. For the brick home shown, the firm installed steel soffit and fascia (trim and overhang) while the home was under construction. Photo at right shows completed installation.



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Treatment can save lives of cancer victims

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The combined results of 61 studies involving nearly 29,000 women establish "beyond reasonable doubt" that drug and hormone treatment after surgery can save the lives of many victims of early breast cancer, researchers say.

The analysis shows that during the five years after treatment begins, a synthetic hormone called tamoxifen reduces the odds of death among older women by about one-fifth. For women under age 50, a combination of chemotherapy drugs reduces the odds by about one-quarter.

Dr. I. Craig Henderson of the Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston, one of 79 co-authors of the report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, said that the treatments do not necessarily cure these women but "substantially delay death."

Even though these treatments are widely recommended, many doctors are reluctant to subject all women with early breast cancer to these powerful medicines, especially when many will remain free of cancer with surgery alone.

Chemotherapy often carries unpleasant side effects, such as nausea and hair loss. Tamoxifen is much milder — some women complain of hot flashes — but its long-term effects on the body are not known.

Breast cancer is second to lung cancer as the leading cancer killer of American women. An estimated 135,000 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed in the United States this year, and 42,300 women died of the disease.

The participants in the 61 studies had undergone surgery for breast cancer that, in most cases, had spread to their lymph nodes but not beyond. Many of the studies were so small they could not clearly demonstrate any effect from the treatments.

But after the studies were combined, the effects of the therapies became apparent.

The overview method "takes out the wrinkles from all the studies," said Dr. Nicholas Robert of New England Medical Center. "We can use conclusions with a strong statistical foundation about the benefit and lack of benefit of treatments."

The study concluded: "This overview of adjuvant trials has established beyond reasonable doubt that both tamoxifen and cytotoxic chemotherapy can reduce five-year mortality."

Many cancer specialists are already familiar with the findings, since they have been presented at medical meetings over the past three years.

"These data have already had a major impact on the way women are treated in this country. Now physicians will have the actual numbers in hand," said another co-author, Dr. William Wood of Massachusetts General Hospital.

The data were reviewed by a consensus panel of the National Institutes of Health before it recommended in 1975 that tamoxifen and chemotherapy be used for breast cancer that has spread to the lymph nodes.

In May, the National Cancer Institute told doctors that this treatment could be extended to women in the earliest stages of breast cancer that is not yet evident in the lymph nodes. The institute based its recommendation on three unpublished studies showing that cancer was slower to return when these women were treated after surgery.

However, some experts contend that tamoxifen and chemotherapy should not be routinely given to women with very early breast cancer until there is proof that the treatment actually makes them live longer.

Others say that even if the drugs don't lengthen survival, they still may improve the quality of women's lives by giving them more time without cancer.

The new analysis combined the results of comparison studies, conducted mostly in Europe and North America, on 28,896 women. The researchers sought out all studies conducted, including those that found no benefit of treatment.

"We wanted the whole story," said Wood. "The goal was to be comprehensive."

The review found that while older women benefit from tamoxifen, younger ones do not. But younger women live longer if they get chemotherapy, even though this treatment does not help older women.

Trucks travel through city with poisoned earth

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — Dump trucks carrying poisoned earth, the major source of traffic in Love Canal these days, lumber past Lynn Koch's house every few minutes throughout the day.

Except for noontime chimes from the First Church of the Nazarene a few blocks away in the "safe zone" at 91st and Read streets, the whine of trucks hauling dioxin-laced sludge from two nearby creeks is the dominant sound of a neighborhood whose well-tended lawns and playgrounds once made it part of the American suburban dream.

Some think it still is. "I don't see any problems with living here now," says Mrs. Koch,

standing in the yard of her \$150-a-month green frame house at the corner of Colvin Boulevard and 100th Street, the only building within sight that isn't boarded up.

Every few moments she glances over to check on her children, who are playing a quiet game in a sandbox.

Koch, her construction-worker husband, and four daughters — ages 1, 2, 3, and 4 — are among the 35 families who still live in the place that has come to symbolize the nation's recently perceived problem of toxic wastes.

Simply burying it didn't work. Ten years ago, a nightmare boiled up from the ground around Love Canal, a 100-foot-wide, 3,000-foot-

long tract of land in the southeast section of the city of Niagara Falls. President Carter gave it national prominence by declaring it an emergency area. The government offered to buy out any families who wished to leave. Most did.

The canal was named for William T. Love, an industrialist who undertook to dig a trench between the upper and lower Niagara rivers to generate cheap hydroelectric power for a proposed model industrial city. The plan didn't work out but the huge open pit remained. At one time, local residents used it as a swimming hole.

Then the Hooker Electrochemical Co. (a firm whose

descendant is now owned by the Occidental Chemical Corp.) began dumping chemical wastes from its plants in Niagara Falls into the canal. Some 21,800 tons were deposited between 1942 and 1953. The city of Niagara Falls also dumped wastes there.

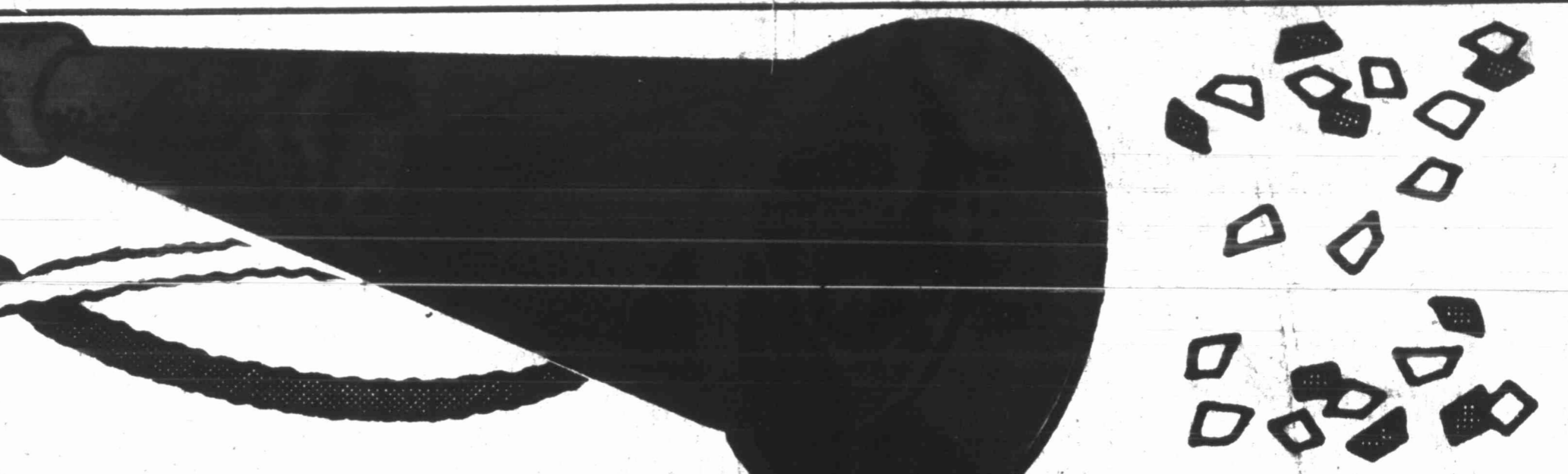
The city board of education bought the site in 1953 and home-building adjacent to the landfill accelerated. In 1954, the board crowned the site with an elementary school.

In the mid-1970s, residents started noticing strange odors. When it rained, black sludge began oozing up from their yards and vegetable gardens and into some basements.

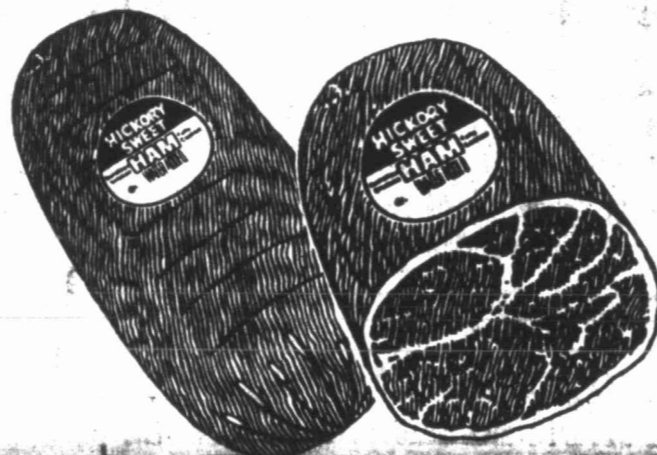
The buried chemicals were migrating through the aquifer.

Then came the emergency declaration and the long cleanup effort, which continues today. This September, the New York Department of Health declared eight of the 13 emergency declaration areas habitable. The decision was based on criteria set by an independent panel of scientists, comparing soil samples taken from Love Canal to those taken elsewhere in the state.

"Today the canal is very different from the way it was," Anita Gabalski, an official of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, told National Geographic.

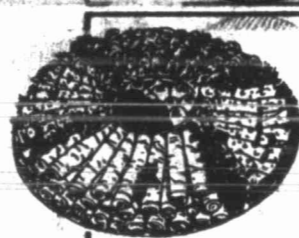


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