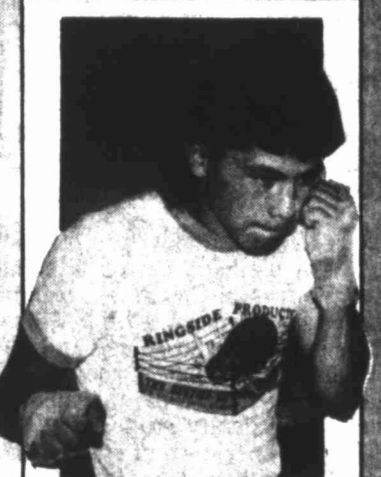


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Cliff Overstreet holds on tight during the bullriding event at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. For additional details, see Sports 1-B.



Big Spring boxer Rene Villa is going a national boxing camp and it could land him a spot in international competition. See story, Page 1-B.

● Rod Cleveland traveled 1,000 miles to come to the 56th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. He's been in the business for 14 years. Story, Page 1-C.



Big Spring flying ace Tex Edwards is making a name for himself by flying seaplanes over the West Texas plains. See story on Page 3-A.



Teddy Hernandez jumps high as he goes for the volleyball during the gorilla volleyball tournament at the Highland Mall Saturday. For results and additional photo, see 1-B.

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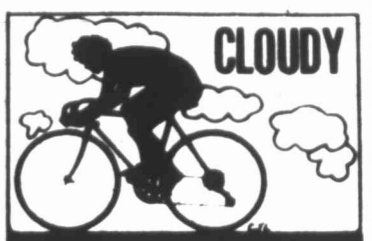
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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy with possible isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to lower 90s. Lows will be in the 60s.



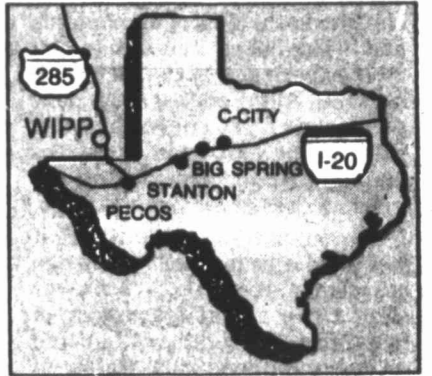
Nuke route sparks hearing

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS
BIG SPRING — Truckloads of low-level nuclear waste may soon be traveling through Howard, Martin and Mitchell counties on their way to a waste site facility in Carlsbad, N.M.
A public hearing to discuss the implications of having one truck loaded with waste materials each week use Interstate 20 as a travel route will be held at 9 a.m. Monday

at the Holiday Inn Center of Odessa.
The Odessa hearing — the only one scheduled for Texas — is expected to focus on transportation issues, including safeguards against accidental leakage, an official with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plan said recently.
The items the trucks would carry would be "everyday" items used by workers at the Savannah River

Plant in South Carolina, including leadlined gloves, lab coats, plastic bags, beakers and other items which become contaminated, said Tarek Khreis, media coordinator for the project.
"It's basically trash," Khreis said.
But a recent article in *Texas Monthly* noted some environmentalists in Texas have strong reservations to the plan because of the

possibility the wastes could eventually migrate into the Pecos River. The article also noted Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox and environmental groups may seek to block the project if it does not meet all of its specified guidelines.
The items require special storage because even though they have low contamination levels they have long half-lives, or the radioac-



Map shows route of proposed nuclear waste route through area counties.

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Off-duty policemen moonlight for city

By RUTH COCHRAN
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — With the city garage swamped with work and the safety of Big Spring patrolmen perhaps hanging in the balance, three officers decided to take matters into their own hands.

Detective Fred Schroyer and sergeants George Yeilding and Robert Fitzgibbons laid aside their guns and badges for several days recently and went to work as mechanics. The three signed a contract with the city and during their off-duty hours installed light bars on 19 marked cars.

Big Spring Police Chief Joe Cook said some of the cars desperately needed the new light bars but there seemed to be no way to get them installed.

"They (the city barn) were over-worked," Cook said. And, because the department has several spare cars, patrol cars are not high priority, he said.

"A car may go down there and sit for a week," Cook explained.

Meanwhile, 13 new state-of-the-art light bars were lying around unused. Cook said he was afraid to keep them in storage too long for fear something might happen to them.

"If they're being stored, they're always subject to one coming up missing or being damaged," he said. "Plus, we needed them for officer safety."

Some of the cars, Cook said, had extremely old light bars that almost were a hazard to the officers. Because they were so dated, he said, replacements parts were difficult to find.

The 13 new ones, called Street Hawks, feature what officers call take-down lights and alley lights.

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Hats off to the flag!

Donnie Reid holds on to both his hat and his great-nephew Layne Scott, 3, son of Tommy and Debbie Scott, as they stood for the presentation of the American flag during the 56th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. For additional rodeo coverage, see pages 1-B and 1-C.

National Guard not just 'weekend warriors'

By RUTH COCHRAN
Staff Writer

FORT HOOD — Some join for the fun of it, others for the money and a few because they feel it's their patriotic duty.

They're National Guardsmen for different reasons, but what they have in common is a deep pride in their abilities as civilian soldiers.

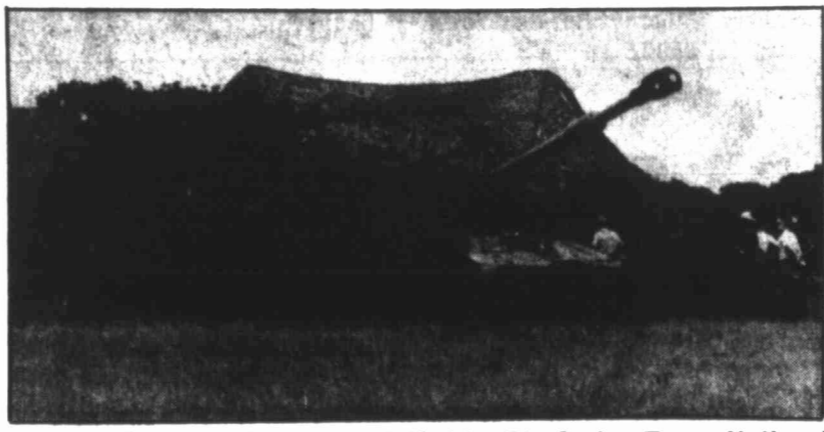
The term "week-end warrior" doesn't fit these men. Yes, for one weekend a month they train and practice their soldiering but it's not just a bunch of men in fatigues hanging out for fun and games.

Each year Texas Guardsmen, including Big Spring citizen soldiers, gather for their annual training period — a difficult and serious two-week course designed to keep them as close to combat ready as possible.

To show the public just how much citizen soldiers do, the National Guard organized sort of a visitor's day for media representatives and officials from various cities across the state. The Guard offered to fly a group of us from the Big Spring and Midland-Odessa area to Killeen Friday for a look a day-long peek at their training exercises.

The experience started with the flight to Killeen courtesy of the crew of a C-130, one of the U.S. Army's huge cargo planes designed to transport equipment, vehicles, troops, paratroopers and, occasionally, awed civilians such as myself.

The C-130's landing at Big Spring Airport probably would have caused quite a stir if it hadn't been so



A camouflaged artillery gun staffed by Big Spring Texas National Guardsmen prepares to fire during annual training exercises at Fort Hood.



You don't say

early in the morning. Painted a camouflage green and sporting four propellers on its huge wing span, the squat-bodied craft emitted a deafening roar that required us to wear earplugs — even inside.

Commercial airlines don't have anything to worry about. Although the crew said they fly all over the world, having just returned from a trip to Spain, the accommodations are not exactly plush.

Seats were arranged in four long rows from the nose of the craft to the tail. Stewardesses don't have to

worry about upright seatbacks since: A. There are no stewardesses, hence no complimentary drinks and peanuts; and B. There are no seatbacks — unless nylon webbing counts.

Observant reporters can watch the landing gear of the rattling, shaking craft move up and down through small, conveniently located windows. They were two of about 10 on the whole plane. Restrooms consist of something like a urinal with a curtain around it. Those without urinal experience may have a difficult time.

Although the interior of the craft was dim, it wasn't too dark to hide the occasional clouds of vapor that whooshed from vents and pipes criss-crossing the ceiling. Since no one else worried about it, I didn't ask.

After a relatively uneventful

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Specialist Joe Pena, left, Sgt. Agustin Gaitan, center, and Capt. Ramiro J. Perez, all of Big Spring and members of the A Battery, 3132 Field Artillery, 49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard, wait for orders at the Fire Direction Center.

● CHAMBER page 2-A

Chamber faces cash crunch

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

BIG SPRING — Declaring the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce "at a crossroads," the group's president Friday described a two-pronged effort to raise funds for the strapped organization.

Hooper Sanders, president of the chamber and manager of the local T.U. Electric operation, said the group's board is pursuing dues from delinquent members. At the same time, 100 major members of the chamber have been targeted

● A dozen prospects are considering Big Spring for potential industrial location. Story, page 2-A.

● The Chamber deserves support. Why? See page 4-A.

for an immediate influx of cash and a pledge to increase their annual investment in the organization.

An immediate goal of \$30,000 is being sought, with board members hoping at least \$20,000 of that will become part of the regular annual members' investment.

"We're shooting for \$25,000 to \$30,000 from the present membership and any new members. We need them to step forth and provide additional 'up front' money for immediate financial help," Sanders said.

More than \$10,000 remains in delinquent accounts, chamber records show, with board members agreeing during the last month to personally contact its members, encourage them to clear their accounts and ease the chamber's cash flow crunch.

The situation, according to Hooper and Chief Executive Officer

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as well as the traditional red and blue lights. The take-down lights can be shined into a stopped car, allowing officers to see how many people are in the vehicle. The alley lights allow them to look at houses and buildings without using a hand-held spotlight.

With the old light bars, Cook said, it was difficult for officers to drive, use the hand-held light and the radio all at the same time.

With brand new equipment lying around and officers just itching to use it, Schroyer, Yeilding and Fitzgibbons decided to put their experience to use. Schroyer said he and Yeilding had done similar work before, while he and Fitzgibbons had installed sirens and lights in the departments unmarked cars about one year ago.

"I wouldn't say it's difficult if you have a little prior knowledge of what's required," Schroyer said. "The actual mechanics of installing the lightbar... could probably be done in a matter of minutes. The wiring is what takes a while."

"The first one probably took about six hours. As we got towards the end we were getting done in about two hours."

The officers were so efficient with the last cars that Cook said they resembled a car assembly

line. Working their off-duty hours, it took the three four days to install the 13 new light bars and put six of the better used light bars on cars with worn out bars.

"It was a lot of work to be honest," Schroyer said, "but it's a different kind of work than we normally do so it was pretty enjoyable. Basically I think all three of us really enjoyed it because it was a change."

Besides just being happy wearing shorts and t-shirts, getting grimy and hanging out with the guys, Schroyer said the three were also well aware of how much they were helping the other officers.

Having spent plenty of hours in a cramped squad car, all three knew the importance of arranging the equipment carefully for convenience and safety.

"We tried to organize them (the light switches) and arrange them where they're more accessible," Schroyer explained.

The three may be able to moonlight more often since according to Cook, they did an excellent job.

"I thought we got our money's worth," he said. "These guys are easy to work with."

Fireman firebombs plant

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A volunteer firefighter says he and a friend firebombed a small chemical plant with gasoline they got from the fire station because they believed the plant was harming the environment.

He said in a police affidavit that he did not intend for the blaze to get "out of hand."

Michael A. Legge, 19, a probationary volunteer for the Bethany fire department, was in jail Saturday unable to post \$40,000 bail. His friend, Brian S. Golembowski, 22, a self-employed landscaper also of Bethany, was free after posting \$30,000 bond following their arraignment Friday on charges of first-degree arson, conspiracy to commit first-degree arson and first-degree reckless endangerment. If convicted, they could face maximum prison terms of from 12 to 46 years and fines of \$21,000 each.

Neither man has yet entered a plea. Golembowski has denied parts of Legge's version given to police.

The fire early Monday at Carbolabs Inc. in rural Bethany spread a cloud of noxious smoke.



Not scared!

STANTON — Rory Payne makes a monster face before he rides a monster ride at the Lions Club carnival in Stanton recently. The carnival is one

of the big fund raising events for the Stanton Lions Club each year and hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the event.

Herald photo by Stacy Payne

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Industry prospects eye area

Chamber

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ficer Wayne Moore, is a combination of the delinquencies, failure to sign new members sufficient to meet targeted levels and departures from the membership ranks or consolidation of memberships by some who had more than one in the past.

Both stressed that it is not a case of the chamber overspending its budget, but rather a failure to meet the financial goals set at the time the budget was established.

At the time of the board's meeting in May, a vote on the direction of the chamber — an emphasis on industrial development — resulted in a unanimous show of support by the board, Sanders said.

"No one in town has said 'You're going in the wrong direction.' There's been no negativism — at least what's come forth."

Sanders added "I've lived here nine years and have served on the board and the industrial development committee and I've never seen a more positive attitude toward the community. There is a desire to see things happen... but we dearly need financial support."

"We're at a crossroads. Do we want to develop, or do we sit back...?" he asked.

Moore explained that the bottom line of the chamber's budget is virtually the same from a year ago. The 1988 budget totaled \$237,334, while the 1989 budget is \$237,450.

The major difference is the group's emphasis, he said. The 1988 budget targeted \$149,578 on general chamber operations, \$12,000 on industrial development and \$75,506 on the convention and visitors' bureau. The 1989 budget projects \$91,244 on general operations, \$70,700 on industrial development and \$80,500 on the convention and visitors' bureau.

Chamber membership dues for businesses and industries is supposed to be based on a formula of: number of employees, volume of business and floor space.

Moore estimated 600 active members will be on the rolls by the end of the year.

In addition to reaching the major members, Moore said that low-

paying members and individuals are being asked to increase their current investment and will be asked to increase their level of 1990 support by 25 percent.

Sanders said the chamber board decided last year to focus the efforts of the organization on economic development, both by assisting existing businesses and industries, as well as attracting new job providers.

Along the lines of the former, Moore pointed to efforts to respond to requests and survey existing businesses for their needs as well as a consumer survey now being completed. In addition, the chamber was responsible for directing to the Private Industry Council employers who have been in need of job training and start-up financing for their new hires.

A major part of the latter task, in Moore's estimation, has been the creation of a positive atmosphere between government and the business community. "That has a direct impact," he said. "The city and county are major players."

The result, Moore said, is that Big Spring is being given the opportunity to look and be looked at by more prospects than ever before.

A second aspect, Moore said, is advising those interested in starting a local business. "At least half a dozen new businesses began the process right here in this office," he said, "and we've acted in the role as consultant for them."

He specified two- and three-employee businesses such as a jewelry manufacturer, a mattress maker and a vending machine operator.

In facing the budget crunch, Moore said, the chamber has undergone belt-tightening to reduce expenditures. A vacant position has been left unfilled temporarily. "Although we need it," he said, "there has also been a hold placed on purchasing of materials."

In addition, Sanders has directed Moore to develop three plans of action "to address the situation if this is not resolved," Sanders said.

"If we can't — if the effort falls short of relieving the financial crisis, more severe steps will have to be taken," he said.

Feds close Seabrook nuke plant

SEABROOK, N.H. (AP) — The Seabrook nuclear power plant has suspended low-power testing indefinitely after federal regulators shut down the reactor because of a malfunctioning valve.

Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., a leading Seabrook opponent, said Friday that top Nuclear Regulatory Commission regional officials told him an NRC official had to grab a control room operator to get him to shut down

the reactor Thursday.

"What we have here is a situation where the Seabrook reactor operators were not able to follow their own procedures, and an NRC official in the control room, first having given a verbal instruction, had to physically grab one of the Seabrook operators to ensure that procedures would be followed to shut the plant down immediately," Markey said in a telephone interview.

Nukes

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tivity they do have remains in the items for an extended period of time, Khreis said.

The radioactive wastes would be carried in a special vault-within-a-vault container. The insides of the vault are surrounded by fire-retardant, shock absorbent foam with a tough outer coating, he said. The contaminated materials would then be deposited in the repository 26 miles southeast of Carlsbad. The repository is composed of ancient salt beds 2,150 feet beneath the surface.

The Carlsbad site was chosen because of its large salt caverns, reportedly ideal for storing waste.

"Salt is a good medium... Studies have shown salt will close in around a waste, in effect, entombing it," Khreis said.

If the project moves ahead after the public hearings, trucks would begin carrying small amounts of waste as part of a testing phase of the project for the next five years. After that time, the trucks might

begin carrying larger amounts of waste and the number of trucks using the interstate may increase.

During the test period up to 25,000 barrels of plutonium-contaminated, defense-related waste would be placed in a repository. Not all of that amount would travel through Howard and the surrounding counties — other defense facilities in Colorado and Utah would use other routes to transport their wastes.

Khreis estimated a total of 2,060 shipments of radioactive materials would pass through Big Spring during the 25 years of the project if it is approved.

Monday meeting's format is expected to include a brief presentation by a U.S. Department of Energy spokesperson and then opportunities for government officials, special interest groups and the public to express their opinions. Those who want to speak at the meeting should may do so by registering at the door.

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Opinion

Herald opinion

Time is now for the future

There is a certain irony in Big Spring's claim as "Crossroads Country."

There might be no better description, considering the situation facing the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. President Hooper Sanders' description of "at the crossroads" seems quite apt.

The organization, facing declining numbers of members and consolidation by some of those who remain, is facing a significant financial hurdle.

Now what?

It will be most interesting to see just how the community of Big Spring responds to the financial crunch its chamber of commerce finds itself in today.

After hearing groaning and complaining for years of too complacent and ineffective an effort in economic development, the chamber of commerce took a decisive step last year and boldly grabbed the bull by the horns.

Moving appropriately in the direction of economic development the chamber is taken what this city has long needed: A professional approach to deal with those interested in the possibility of locating a business or industry here, and doing whatever is needed to improve the prospects of attracting such investors to our community.

Otherwise, we might stand helplessly by the side of the road and eat a lot of West Texas dust waiting for something good to happen.

But no such valuable an effort can be successful without a fair and healthy investment by those who stand to benefit directly from it. Who would that be? Anyone who wakes in the morning, looks themselves in the mirror and says, "I care about Big Spring."

The chamber stands to benefit everyone: each business owner in Big Spring who awaits another customer walking through their door tomorrow; every citizen who understands the benefits in education, community services and culture by a broadened tax base; every retiree who recognizes the value of well-prepared and well-equipped firefighting and law enforcement personnel.

In short, everyone benefits when this city grows and provides jobs that attract fresh blood to the community or offer a temptation for our children to remain here and raise their children, and earn a decent living while they do so.

The days of such things just happening without guidance, planning and direction are long passed. It takes a solid foundation, countless hours of diligent responding to prospects and providing them a myriad of facts and information as they consider a variety of locations — many of which are prepared to offer inducements and attractions.

It was high time that the chamber took the initiative and set itself on a course of professional economic development. The only thing better would have been following such a course years ago — but there is no time better than the present.

Although there is irony in the "Crossroads Country" being in such a crossroads, the cruelest irony would be for such a badly needed endeavor to fail for lack of funding at its most crucial point.

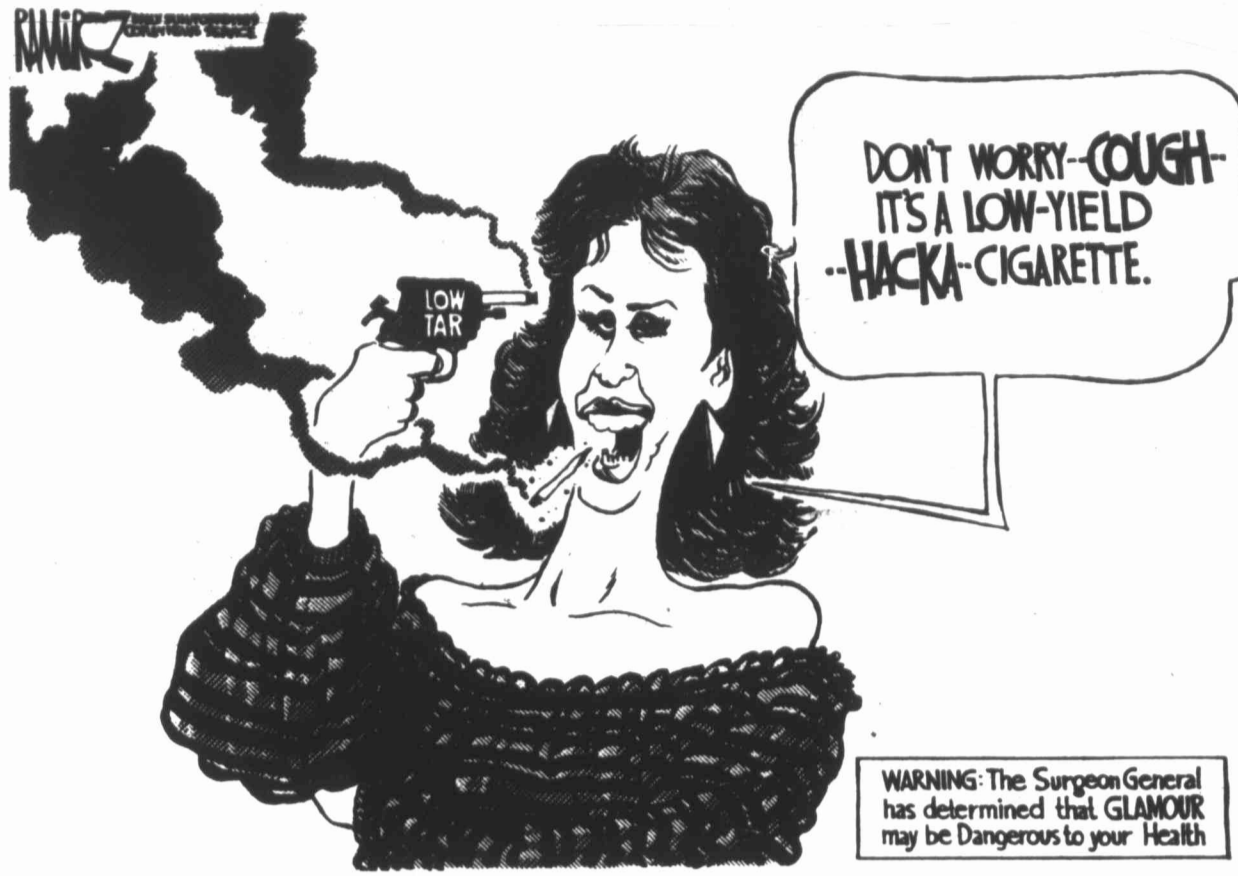
The chamber has positioned itself to be the coordinating point of development in Big Spring. It stands to offer a great deal for anyone willing to give support instead of merely asking "What are you doing for me?" Such an agency best serves when those expecting to benefit take the time to understand its goals and aspirations.

It is a place where an individual can make a difference, but only if hands are offered to help and not merely extended to help themselves.

If Big Spring is to grow and its citizens prosper, it will be as a result of those who were willing to look themselves in the mirror and say "I care about Big Spring."

The time is here.

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



Are we having fun yet?

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

How do I get myself into these situations?

I guess I can thank a personality that seeks to please and a tendency to say "yes" when what I should actually be saying is "Let me think about that."

I refer, in this case, to a prospect that haunts me as I write this and there seems little chance of avoiding the fate of my willingness to "go with the flow." That silly bit of philosophy isn't doing me much good right now.

All I can wonder at the moment is what my mother would say if she had lived to learn that her son had grown to be a pig pusher.

That's right, folks, I'm about to take the handles of a wheelbarrow and, with the help of two very unqualified fellow Herald staffers, attempt to direct it — and a pig — along an indescribable rodeo arena path.

Why would anyone in their right mind do such a thing? I fear the answer to that question. Actually, I don't think anyone in their right mind would do such a thing.

Having settled that, you can read the rest of this column with appropriate caution.

Sure, I could blame all of this on Quail Dobbs, the guy who had the bright idea in the first place. But what maturity is shown placing blame on a guy who has a tendency to act like a real clown. And how better can you describe Quail Dobbs?

It all happened so fast. Advertising sales manager Randi Smith called and asked me to join her and Quail in her office. I'll show better judgment the next time that happens.

Then, she says, "Quail's got a great idea for the rodeo!" I'll show greater hesitation the next time that happens.

"He wants us to race against the radio stations with a pig in a wheelbarrow. It should be a lot of fun," I believe she said. I'll display huge wonder the next time that happens.

"You bet," I said. "We'll do it!"

Of course that was a long time ago — like about 10 days. And, like so many things in life, this mountain seemed like a molehill when gazed at from afar. Now, as the molehill grows closer, it grows bigger — and seems to have a lot of manure around its base.

Me, in a rodeo arena? What next? Perhaps a Willie Nelson song titled "Mamma, don't let your son grow up to be a publisher" would be appropriate.

It can't be all bad, I've told myself all day Saturday. After all, what can be so tough about standing in a manure-littered arena with hundreds of people watching you make a fool of yourself, all the while trying to entice a restless pig into staying in a moving wheelbarrow.

For this I earned a college education? Perhaps I got the degree long ago and am only now earning my education. I'm almost sure my ol' college journalism professor never said anything about pig races in rodeo arenas — but there were a few days when I found sleeping more attractive to attending class.

Naturally, by the time you read this, it will all be over — gosh, that seems like such an inappropriate phrase.

We thought about practicing, but like marriage and child rearing, there are some things that seem impossible to prepare yourself for. Pig wheelbarrow racing seems to fit into that category.

I decided to discuss it with someone with experience in this field, but I had about as much success with that as you might imagine. How many people do you know who can claim involvement in such an endeavor?

Much of it, I'm sure, has to do with mental preparation. So I've been thinking about it, but my daughters believe all of this is turning me weird. They hear me shout such things as: "In a pig's eye!" "Bringing home the bacon!" "A pig in a poke!" "Porker power!" and they began to wonder just what they're in for this summer.

As my daughters often ask: What's the moral to this story? The best I can figure, if you need something ridiculous done give me a call — but not anytime soon.

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Mailbag

Beef is back, thanks to cattlemen's check-off

To the editor:

Beef is back. That's good news to those of us who enjoy eating beef, whether it's a lean, tender steak; a convenient, flavorful roast; or a burger with all the trimmings. It's also good news to those of us who are beef producers.

Beef is big business. The beef industry is the single largest segment of American agriculture with sales of cattle and calves accounting for about 22 percent of total receipts from farm marketing. In Texas, cash receipts from cattle

and calves totaled \$4.9 billion in 1988. And every dollar of cattle sales directly generates an additional \$5 to \$6 of business activity in the farm supply and food businesses.

There's an important reason why beef is back. Beef producers became part of a new era in the beef industry on Oct. 1, 1986, when the national beef checkoff program began. Through the checkoff, beef producers invest one dollar per head of cattle sales in a program that funds beef promotion, educa-

tion and research at both the national and state levels.

June 27, 1989, marks the 1,000th day of the national beef checkoff program — 1,000 days of solid progress for us in the beef industry. The result is a better, more nutritious and enjoyable product for consumers and improved profitability for the biggest single sector of the agricultural economy.

Lying by degree still a lie

By JESSE TREVINO

If the U.S. Department of Commerce has its way, as many as 547,000 Texans will have no representation in Congress until at least the year 2001.

In fact, these 547,000 people will not even exist, as far as the government is concerned, because they will not be counted in the 1990 census. Faulty census counts are not new.

Every U.S. census taken has contained errors.

The difference is that for the upcoming 1990 census, new statistical techniques capable of correcting much of one kind of error will be available for the first time. This error is called the undercount, which means exactly that. Census takers miss or fail to count many individuals.

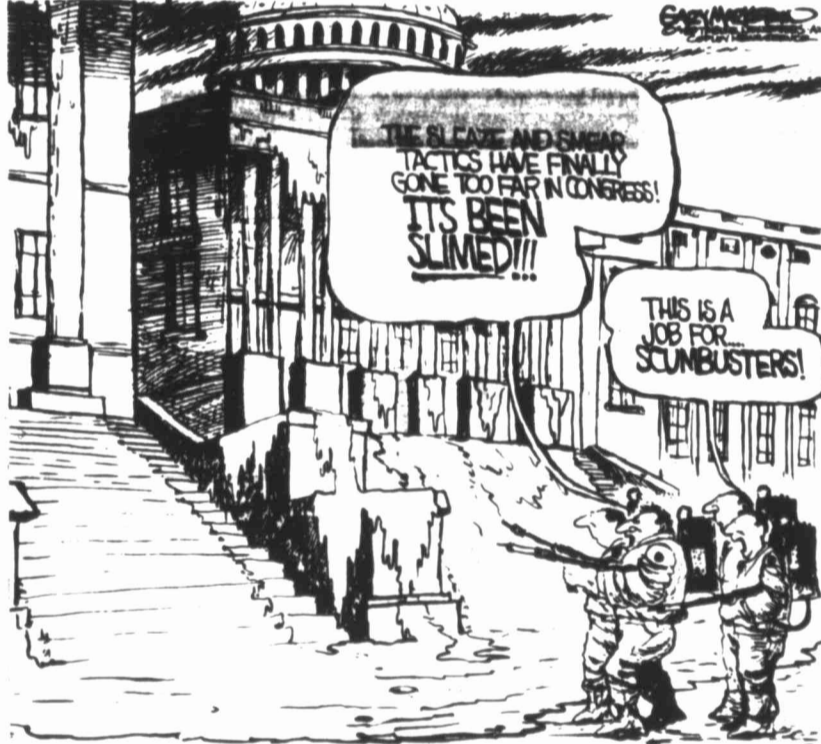
To correct this error, the Bureau of the Census, housed in the Department of Commerce, undertook an exhaustive effort after the 1980 census to develop a method by which the nation's population could be more accurately counted.

After four years of intensive effort certified by the best demographers in the land at some of the country's most prestigious universities, the bureau was prepared to announce it would be able to determine the degree of the undercount and correct it. Alas, higher-ups in the Republican-run department overruled the bureau and, in fact, directed the bureau's chiefs to lie to Congress.

Members of Congress were told that the strategy to correct the undercount was still being developed when, in fact, officials at the department had already reviewed the finished plan and decided to scrap it. This reluctance on the part of Commerce Department officials to correct for the undercount may be explained by the fact that the vast majority of those persons not counted in the census are poor.

Many belong to ethnic minorities and/or are recent immigrants to this country.

You can bet the undercount error would be corrected if those persons not counted were conservative middle class suburbanites rather than poor inner city minorities. Groups such as the National Academy of Sciences and the American Statistical Association support the plan to correct the undercount. So does Barbara Ballar, past ASA president, who resigned as head of statistical research at the Census Bureau in protest of Commerce's decision.



Ironically, the same administration that insists on all the latest technology for the military wants to use flawed technology for the census when the solution has already been developed and is waiting to be implemented. For Texans, the most confounding aspect of this story is that the effort to defraud the state of as many as 547,000 residents is being perpetrated with the help of Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, said to be a Texan, serving under a president also said to be a Texan. As a result of the actions of these two "Texans," however, Texas will likely lose one extra representative in Congress as well as up to \$25 million in federal funds every year for the next ten years. New York City is suing the Commerce Department to force a correction for the undercount.

A number of other cities and states have joined the lawsuit as plaintiffs, a step Texas is considering. In addition to short term considerations such as loss of Congressional representation and loss of federal funds, the issue of correcting the census raises serious questions about the willingness of government officials and agencies to lie to the American people.

For example, if departments such as the one now headed by

Mosbacher are prepared to lie so willingly and glibly about something so matter-of-fact as the Census, can we believe the arms of government who repeatedly assure us we are safe from nuclear waste, acid rain, and pesticides? As those Americans who live around the nuclear installations near Fernald, Ohio, and the Savannah River in Georgia can now testify, the answer is no.

We are quick to condemn lying by other governments; consider the outrage over the lies the Chinese government is telling its people about the recent democratic uprisings.

Yet the difference between the fraud now being perpetrated by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the lies of the Chinese government is a difference of degree only.

Ethically, both governments are guilty of the same crime: lying to the citizenry for political reasons. Even more frightening than the willingness of the American government to lie is the willingness of so many Americans to accept the lies coming from Washington.

In China, the demonstrations for democracy failed only because certain Chinese army units believed the lies of the Beijing government and attacked the protesters.

Those Americans who support Republican plans to deliberately falsify the census put themselves in exactly the same moral camp as the Chinese army units that slaughtered the students of Tiananmen Square.

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Oil spill in Houston Ship Channel

LA PORTE (AP) — Coast Guard and cleanup crews battled strong wind and rough water Saturday to survey and try to contain a 250,000-gallon oil spill from a barge ruptured in a collision in the Houston Ship Channel.

The winds of more than 15 mph with higher gusts prevented workers from surrounding the barge with containment booms until late morning, Chief Petty Officer Mark Kennedy said. He said the Panamanian-

registered motor vessel Rachel-B collided around 6:20 p.m. Friday with a tugboat pushing three barges owned by Coastal Towing. Investigators have not determined who was at fault for the accident.

The collision ruptured and emptied three of 12 tanks on one of the barges, and each tank was holding about 2,000 barrels or 84,000 gallons of heavy crude oil, Kennedy said.

Officer candidate drowns in pool

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — For the second time in little more than a year a sailor has died in a training pool at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Navy officials said.

A naval aviation reserve officer candidate collapsed and died Friday in shallow water after completing an abandon-ship drill, said Navy spokeswoman Maggie Malick.

The sailor's identity was being withheld pending notification of

relatives, she said. The drill requires students to jump off a tower and swim a short distance underwater while holding their breath.

Safety officers pulled the trainee from the pool and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation before an ambulance took him to the off-base Pensacola Naval Hospital, Ms. Malick said. Doctors pronounced him dead about 4:15 p.m. CDT, she said.

Boeing practices under review

SEATTLE (AP) — The Defense Department is investigating the billing practices of The Boeing Co. on research and development costs for government contracts, the company said.

Meanwhile, a separate investigation by state and federal inspectors is focused on health and safety concerns at top-security Boeing facilities.

Boeing spokesman Paul Binder declined to provide details of the billing practices probe, but he did

confirm Friday that an investigation is under way.

"We have supplied documents and we are cooperating in the investigation," he said.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported in Saturday's editions that it has obtained internal Boeing memos that say the company is under subpoena from the Defense Department to preserve certain documents between Jan. 1, 1979, and Aug. 31, 1988.

Applications triple for gator hunt

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Florida's second annual alligator hunt has drawn more than 20,000 applicants, or about three times what last year's hunt drew.

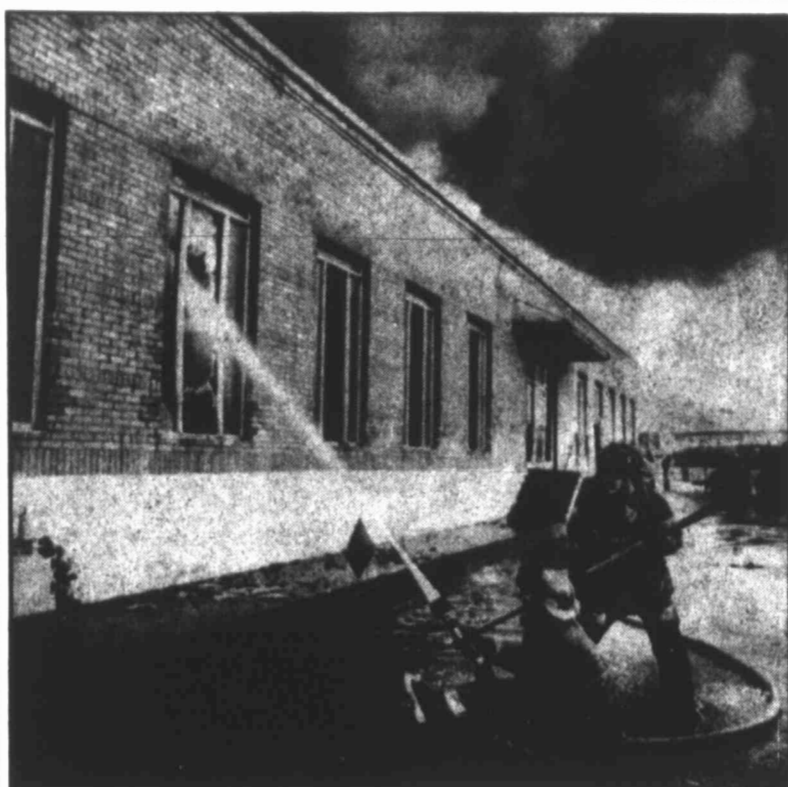
"We were a little bit surprised. I estimated we would get double, but not triple," last year's applications said Dennis David, alligator program coordinator for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

David said 20,361 people ap-

plied before the June 15 deadline, leaving about 80 hopefuls for every permit to be granted.

The commission brought back gator hunting, in limited numbers, after a 25-year ban when alligators were counted as an endangered species. They now number over a million and have become a nuisance in some areas.

About 250 to 300 trappers will be randomly selected by a computerized lottery for the 30-day hunt in September.



Eight-alarm fire

DALLAS — Two unidentified Dallas firefighters spray water on a record-setting eight-alarm fire Friday night in Dallas. The \$1.6 million blaze tested a new firefighting system recently instituted in the city. No injuries were reported.

Associated Press photo

Communist Party fires Zhao Ziyang

BELJING (AP) — China's Communist Party fired its moderate leader, Zhao Ziyang, on Saturday and replaced him with a Shanghai party boss who moved swiftly to quell pro-democracy protests in his city.

The new general secretary of the 47-million-member party is Jiang Zemin, 62, a university-educated technocrat who has served as mayor and party secretary of Shanghai, China's largest city.

The first three executions following the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement occurred in Shanghai.

The party also purged Hu Qili, who shared the 69-year-old Zhao's sympathy for the student-led movement for a freer society and served with him on the Politburo Standing Committee, the nation's highest-ranking political body.

Zhao's status had been in limbo for more than a month. He was last

seen in public when he met with student protesters, whose 7-week-old movement was crushed in a crackdown that began June 3.

The party's 276-member Central Committee also removed Zhao from the 17-member ruling Politburo and its Standing Committee, from the 175-member policy-making Central Committee, and from the Central Military Commission.

He apparently was allowed to keep his party membership.

A party communique, released by the official Xinhua News Agency, said "that at a critical juncture involving the destiny of the party and the state, comrade Zhao Ziyang made the mistake of supporting the turmoils and splitting the party, and he had unshirkable responsibilities for the shaping-up of the turmoils."

The party said it will maintain its policies of reform.

World

U.S. relief worker is released

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli authorities claimed Saturday that a U.S. relief worker kidnapped in the Gaza Strip cooperated with his captors, and a news report said officials were considering taking action against him.

Chris George, 35, co-director of the Save the Children Foundation, was freed Friday about 30 hours after he was seized by gunmen. He strongly criticized his captors.

Repeated phone calls to George's home and office went unanswered Saturday.

A close associate of George's at Save the Children, who requested anonymity, said George was away for the weekend and unavailable for comment on the Israeli claims.

The associate said the government allegations and news organizations' requests for comment had been relayed to George, who was "aware that a statement is expected from him."

Reports that George was being investigated were broadcast throughout the day on government-run radio.

31 die when highway collapses

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — At least 31 people died Saturday and 50 were seriously hurt when a rural highway caved in and two crowded buses tumbled into a 100-foot hole, rescue officials said.

The accident occurred at 2:30 a.m. near the rural town of Estancia, about 1,150 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro. Estancia is in the state of Sergipe.

The buses, each jammed with 48 travelers, were making the 56-hour, 2,030-mile trek from the

southeastern city of Sao Paulo to Natal, federal police officer Luis Fernando Borges Santos told The Associated Press by telephone from Estancia.

"They were riding along a high ridge when the road simply gave way beneath them," said Borges Santos, who assisted rescue workers at the scene. "A hole the diameter of two buses opened up and sucked them down the drop. It's pitch black out on that highway — the drivers probably never saw a thing."

Soldier sentenced to 30 years

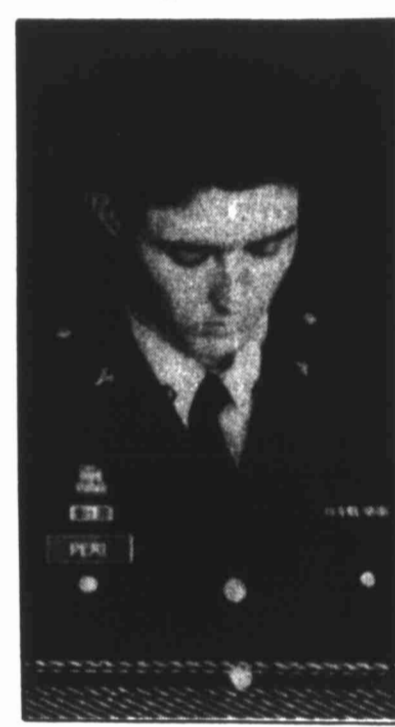
FULDA, West Germany (AP) — A U.S. military court on Saturday sentenced an Army soldier to 30 years in prison for passing sophisticated defense secrets to communist East Germany.

Spec. 4 Michael A. Peri had pleaded guilty to espionage charges during his court-martial and could have received a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The judge, Col. Craig C. Jacobsen, said during sentencing that under a pretrial agreement, Peri's term would be reduced to 25 years for good behavior during the first three years of confinement.

Peri, 22, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., showed no emotion as Jacobsen read the sentence. The soldier's parents, Fred and Winnie Peri, bowed their heads.

After the sentencing, Peri was led in shackles to a van that whisked him away. Officials said he would be taken to a detention center in Mannheim.



MICHAEL PERI

Gun lock sales soar

MIAMI (AP) — Gun shop operators are having trouble keeping gun locks and safety boxes in stock following passage of a bill that could send adults to jail for leaving guns within children's reach.

The Florida Legislature was called into special session this week after a string of accidental shootings left three children dead. The shootings reversed long-standing opposition to toughening the state's liberal gun laws.

"We used to sell maybe four or five trigger locks for every 100 guns," said Ray Ribas, assistant manager at Tamiami Gun and Range Shops in Miami. "Now it seems everyone wants one."

Gun locks work by immobilizing the trigger. Some consist only of plastic straps, while lock-and-key units sell for \$8 to \$12. Some gun owners are opting for more costly vaults with a key or combination lock.

"There's a whole new awareness about guns, and that can only lead to less accidents," said Ribas.

To My Patients:
It has come to my attention that a letter has gone out stating I have been convicted of a criminal offense. I want to assure you I have never been convicted of a criminal offense. My attorneys are looking into the matter.
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The Light Side



Days of wine and roses
ASCOT, England — A young racegoer at Royal Ascot displays an original idea in headgear — if an admirer presents you with roses wear them on your head. The bouquet of roses really is meant to be worn as a hat and is made of cloth and was of course ideal for 'Ladies Day', Thursday when women traditionally dress in their finest for the occasion.

Potty parity

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York lawmakers have endorsed the notion that while men and women may have been created equal, one definitely takes longer in the bathroom. The state Assembly gave final approval Wednesday to a "potty parity" bill that would require new buildings to have as many toilets for women as for men.

"It's been suggested that if we can't find equity here, can we find it anywhere?" asked Assemblywoman Helen Marshall, the bill's sponsor. The bill, dubbed a "squatters' bill of rights" and a "back-stall method to enact an equal rights amendment," was approved 140-1.

The dissenter, Assemblyman Kemp Hannon, the No. 2 man in the Assembly's Republican minority, said women should have more toilets than men.

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Diet Pills Sweeping U.S.

Doctors Invent 'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight

U.S. Gov't. Approves Patent Claims for New Diet Pill

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special) — An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you steady fat loss and caloric reduction by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

The U.S. government has just approved the doctors claims for a hard-to-get patent that confirms "there has never been anything like their fat-bonding pill process before." It is a totally new major scientific breakthrough and is revolutionizing the weight loss industry.

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Best of all, "you can continue to eat your favorite foods and you don't have to change your normal eating habits. You can start losing fat and reduce calories from the very first day, until you achieve the ideal weight you desire without exercising."

Flushes Fat Out of Body

The new pill is appropriately called the "fat-magnet" pill because it breaks into thousands of particles, each acting like a tiny magnet, "attracting" and trapping many times its size in undigested fat particles. Then, all the trapped fat and calories are naturally "flushed" right out of your body because they cannot be absorbed.

Within 2 days you should notice a change in the color of your stool, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

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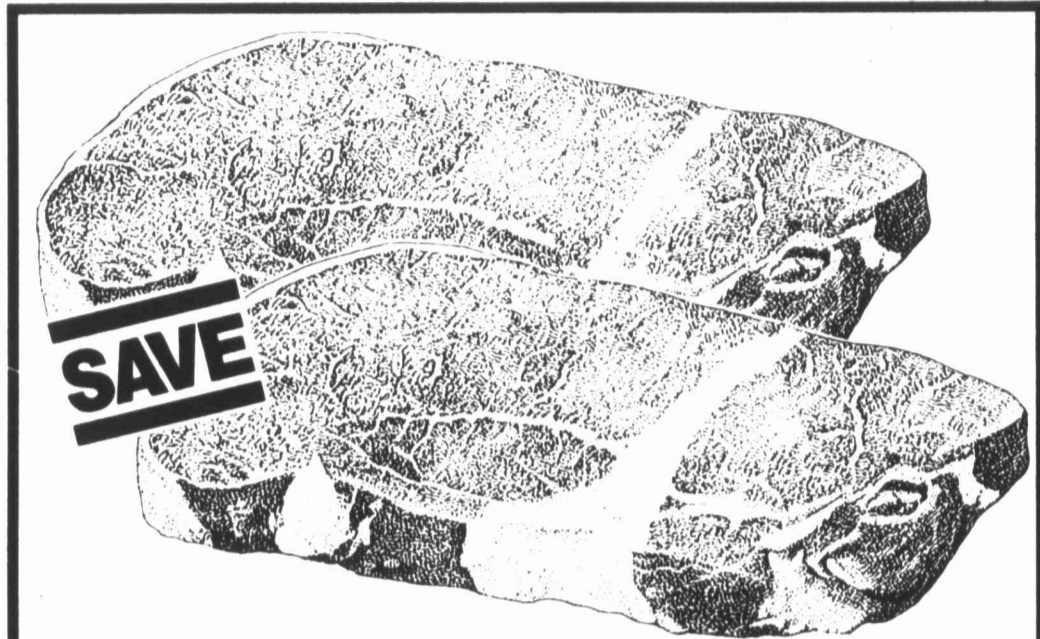
According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Shell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat-bonding process is a "lazy way" to lose weight because the pills alone "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is 100% safe and not a drug."

The fat-magnet pills are already sweeping the country with glowing reports of weight loss from formerly overweight people in all walks of life who are now slimmer, trimmer and more attractive again.

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If you are trying to lose 20, 50, 100 pounds or more, you can order your supply of these "no-risk" highly successful fat-magnet pills directly from the doctors' exclusive manufacturer only (includes optional calorie-reduction plan for even better results). Send \$20 for a 90 pill supply (+\$3 handling), or \$35 for a 180 pill supply (+\$3 handling), to: Fat-Magnet, 9016 Wilshire Blvd., Dept. W842, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. (Unconditional money-back guarantee if not 100% satisfied.) Visa, MasterCard and American Express OK. (Send card number, expire date, and signature.) For fastest service for credit card orders ONLY call anytime 24 hours, toll free 1(800) 527-9700, ext. W842.

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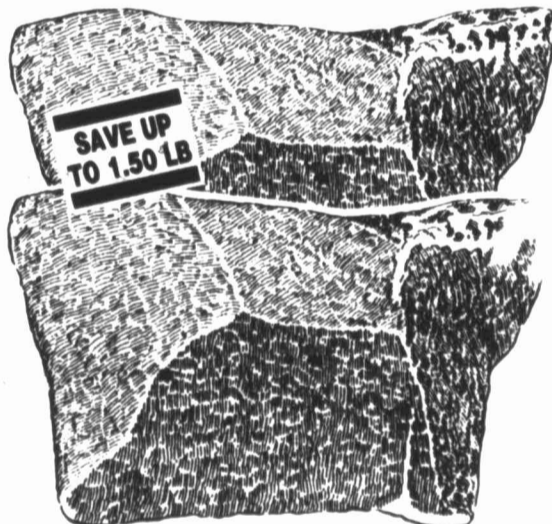
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flight, the crew unloaded us at Fort Hood then flew back to their home base in Dallas.

Major Boyce White, who is a CPA in Fort Worth, loaded us and a group from San Angelo onto buses and took us to MATES, or the Mobilization and Equipment Training Site. It was a strange picture along the way to see nine helicopters strung out like a mother duck followed by her brood.

White gave us our schedule for the day and told us that Fort Hood, an active military post, covers 563,000 acres and is 30 miles long.

After a short briefing at MATES, we prepared for helicopter rides to lunch and our first demonstration area: the tank range. I was loaded onto a Huey, a small helicopter capable of carrying seven or eight passengers and a crew of three. The pilots were kind enough to put me in the jump seat and give me a headset so I could listen to their in-flight chatter. Being female on a trip like this apparently has its advantages as they reserved the jump seat for me the rest of the day.

When we arrived at our lunch site, I kept wondering why some of the Guardsmen had sly grins on their faces. They encouraged our enthusiastic if unsuspecting group to try the MREs, or field rations.

The MREs, they said, are what soldiers eat in the field. Besides being pretty good, they're nutritious. 2,300 calories nutritious.

Wanting to experience the whole gamut of life with the Guard, I picked out a lovely meal of sliced beef with barbecue sauce, pears, crackers, peanutbutter, and cookie bar covered with chocolate.

My first problem was figuring out how to open the dark, shiny plastic bag. A kindly Guardsman, smiling that strange smile, took out his knife and tore it open. Inside were more opaque plastic bags, as well as a flat rectangular cardboard box.

"Is this a trick meal?" I asked.

The Guardsman assured me it wasn't and proceeded to help me open all the plastic bags. The sliced beef looked more like a hunk of SPAM that had been compressed even more. The pears were dried bits of yellow plastic. The crackers were very thick, very hard and unsalted. (Only fair since they didn't say "saltines" in the package.) The peanut butter I recognized and the cookie bar covered in chocolate (that's what the plastic package called it) looked real enough.

Gathering my rapidly scattering courage, I dug into the "sliced beef" while a delighted group of Guardsmen watched. Think of unheated, canned raviolis that have seen better days and you get a fair idea of how it tasted.

The Guardsmen assured me it would taste better if it was squished up a little. One grabbed the package and squeezed it a couple of times while another took my dried pears and added water. I was dubious but I wanted to make them happy.

It still tasted like bad raviolis.

To make matters worse, the pears had taken on the consistency of wet marshmallows — but without the taste. In another stab at making them happy, I tried a cracker with peanut butter.

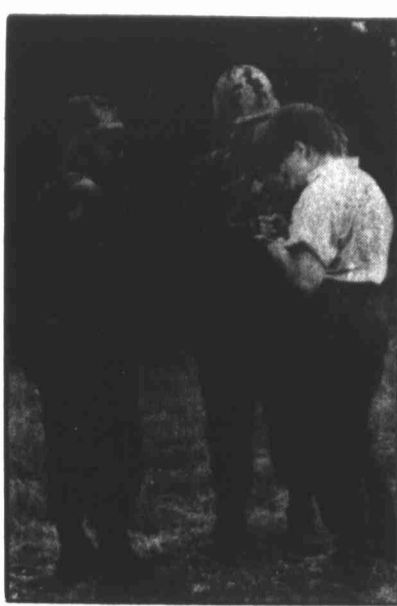
It was slightly better than yuck. I didn't even try the cookie bar



Artillery guns, already moved for the fourth time that day, wait for firing orders



A tank on the Fort Hood practice range scoots from the top down to hide behind a hill after firing at a target



Big Spring Herald reporter Ruth Cochran talks to citizen soldiers Perez and Gaitan about their two-week annual training period at Fort Hood with the National Guard's 49th Armored Division.

covered with chocolate.

The Guardsmen finally relented and let me go to the buffet table covered with sandwich fixings. The table they'd been hoping to raid while we stupid citizens ate what would have been their lunch.

With the ordeal of lunch over, we loaded up on buses and moved on. At the tank range, one of the most difficult anywhere, the 3rd Battalion, A Company, was going through its paces. According to the drill, the tank crews waited for a target to pop up on the computer-driven range, then they had 50 seconds to site it and fire on it.

While we watched, one crew hit its target with the second shot, and obliterated its target on the first try. Although it was exciting, the firing was a noisy, smokey process and an inherently violent exercise. The display of power was thrilling yet terrifying.

In other drills — some at night — crews are required to hit targets while their tank is on the move, or they're required to hide behind a hill, drive quickly up, site a target and fire, then drive quickly down to hide again.

We were told the tanks, M60 A3s, are capable of top speeds of 40 mph and have a maximum effective range of 1,500 meters. However, the 52-ton vehicles can record a kill at up to 3,000 meters.

The National Guard soldiers are expected to exhibit the same proficiency as their counterparts in the active Army. Guardsmen, however, must do it in four days while soldiers have six weeks to

learn their craft. Many of the Guardsmen are ex-soldiers but they still don't get the everyday practice that active soldiers do.

After watching the firing, we were allowed to examine a tank up close and personal. On the move, the vehicle seemed surprising agile and graceful, but at rest it was huge and cumbersome. The 17-inch thick steel plates covering the front of the tank were rough textured and imposing, but they paled in comparison to the wicked look of the tank's long muzzle.

Inside, it was cramped, dirty and very hot. A Guardsman explained that the tank normally holds a crew of four: the driver, the tank commander, the loader, and the gunner, who sites on the targets.

Even with a ventilation system, on a hot day with all those people crowded together, the inside temperature can get to a sweltering 110 or 115 degrees, he said. On the bright side, in the winter, with the help of a heater, it's nice and cozy.

After saying goodbye to the tank crews we loaded up in the helicopters to visit an artillery company. I was curious about this since the whole time we were at the tank range we kept hearing far-off booms. Our escorts explained that artillery shells aimed at far-off targets were constantly whistling by high overhead. I just kept hoping they wouldn't site short.

My pilot friends (who incidentally showed me which flip to switch so I could hear radio music over my headset) whizzed us over to the

another C-130 for the trip home. Members of the A Battery, 3132 Field Artillery, 49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard, were in the middle of a practice fire with the huge, artillery guns when we arrived.

During a break, Big Spring's Ramiro J. Perez, a captain in the Guard, told me his battalion had been at work since about 5 a.m. It would finish, he said, late in the afternoon then take a break before some night firing.

"We don't have a shut down time," he said of the battalion's time in the field. "Like last night, we fired till 2:30 this morning. The end of the day could be any time. We train 24 hours a day."

Sgt. Agustin Gaitan added, "You don't just knock off (at 5 p.m.) down here."

Besides long hours, the citizen soldiers contend with sparse living conditions. Showers are almost non-existent, and although they get a good breakfast, the afore mentioned MREs are served as lunch. (Perez and Gaitan assured me MREs are very good if you're hungry.)

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Perez, who served in Europe with the Army, and Gaitan have been in the National Guard for 12 years. Both said someone will have to drag them kicking and screaming from the Guard.

"I like the service," Perez said. "I went into the service with the intention of using the GI Bill to go to college. I really like it. It's something to do."

"There's times you wonder why you're in it but I've never gotten to the point where I really want out."

Perez said he enjoys it as something different to do occasionally. Gaitan likes that too, but

says just as important is the extra pay and the retirement benefits.

The pair said it's nice too, to serve for years and years with the same people, although plenty of the 58 citizen soldiers from Big Spring are much younger than Perez and Gaitan.

"The older guys here," Perez said, "I guess they'll be here forever unless they get run off."

Gaitan asserts that the years of continuous leadership are important as a means of preparing the next generation to take over.

One of those could be John Roman, a former Forsan football star, who joined the Guard straight out of high school.

"This is exciting," Roman said. "I just decided to get in for something to do during the summer months."

"It's fun. You get paid for going camping is what it is."

Roman said it can be difficult taking weekends off from work to train with the Guard, "but it breaks the monotony of working."

The Guard holds an attraction for a broad spectrum of Big Spring residents, Perez said, because it boasts everyone from oil field workers, to policemen, to state hospital employees. The Big Spring unit even used to count the Lamesa police chief as one of its own.

Sgt. Jess Pierson, who along with Sgt. James White, are fulltime Guardsmen with the Big Spring Unit said it's no real hardship to take time to train, as the Guard is an important part of every community. Besides being ready to serve in case of a disaster in the area, the Guard does things like sponsor Little League baseball teams and provide scholarships to high school students.

"We just want the community to know we're here," Pierson said.

After the trip to Fort Hood, I knew that the Texas National Guard is not only here, but they're here in force, well trained, and ready for any emergency. And I was glad.

most exciting part of the trip: a visit with Big Spring's own contingent of Guardsmen at the annual training.

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Oil spill crew members take drug tests

LA PORTE (AP) — Crew members from a tugboat, oil barge and tanker involved in a collision and 250,000-gallon oil spill underwent drug tests Saturday, a U.S. Coast Guard official said.

Meanwhile, efforts continued into the night to direct the flow of oil that spilled when the Panamanian-registered tanker and a tug-driven oil barge collided Friday. It was Houston Ship Channel's first major spill in eight years.

Coastal Towing, owner of the barge, contracted with a firm to have all the people aboard the tug and barge tested for drug use, said Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Mark Kennedy.

Also tested were five people aboard the tanker "Rachel-B," including the master, helmsman, mate on watch, lookout and pilot, Kennedy said. The pilot was tested by a separate group brought in by the Houston Pilots Association, according to Kennedy.

The cause of the collision had not been established and was under investigation Saturday, Kennedy said.

The 433-foot tanker, owned by Iino of Japan, was carrying various grades of lube oil.

The response to the spill in the upper portion of Galveston Bay was hampered by high winds and seas spawned by numerous thunderstorms, officials said.

But Kennedy said the choppy conditions spawned by a tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico actually helped the cleanup efforts Saturday afternoon.

"We're getting rain almost constantly out there and we're getting gusts associated with the thunderstorms," Kennedy said. "It's not ideal weather to work in, but in a way it is helping to get the oil ashore quickly."

Coast Guard officials got their first aerial view of the mile-wide spill late Saturday morning when winds receded enough to allow helicopter travel.

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Martin County participants in the Martin-Glasscock 4-H shows included: front row, from left, Jessica Holloway, Tarah Schuelke and

Belinda Riley. Back row, from left, Justin Burch, Kelly Harrell, Amanda Riley and Jennifer Adkins.



Glasscock County participants in the Martin-Glasscock 4-H shows included: front row, from left, Michael Schraeder, Tamera Phillips, Jennifer Fuchs and Bonnie Wilde. Back row, from

left, Chris Schraeder, Audrey Strube, Angie Strube, Jean Schraeder, Paula Wilde and Tiffany Jost.

Glasscock, Martin 4-Hers ready for district contest

GARDEN CITY — The Glasscock and Martin County 4-H Fashion Show was held in Garden City this year.

Ten Glasscock 4-H'ers are headed for district after participating in the county show where several Martin County 4-H'ers will join them in that contest.

MARTIN COUNTY
The Farmer's Co-Op Gin of Stanton presented \$200 in prize money for participants who exhibited cotton garments. Construction awards went to Tarah Schuelke and Amanda Riley.

Tarah modeled a pillow ticking jumper with hot pink watermelons stenciled around the bottom of the dress. She also painted her tennis shoes to look like watermelons. Tarah is the 10-year-old daughter of Kenneth and Patty Schuelke.

Amanda Riley was chosen for church in a heather blue dress with romantic white collar. She is the 12-year-old daughter of Tom and Rebecca Riley.

Ready-to-Wear Division winners

for the cotton award were Jessica Holloway and Kelly Harrell. In this division, participants get to practice consumer buying skills. They compare care instructions, construction, fit and fabric durability as well as how the garment fits into their wardrobe and how to accessorize it.

Belinda Riley won the Specialty Wear Division. She modeled a granny gown. The primary color print on a white background made a darling gown. She is the 9-year-old daughter of Tom and Rebecca Riley.

Jessica Holloway won the Ready-to-Wear Non-Tailored Daywear Division. Her entry was a cute, short white skirt with a t-shirt top. She is the 9-year-old daughter of Jerry and Tahita Holloway. Kelly Harrell took second place. She modeled a striking black skirt and blouse with white polka dots. She is the 11-year-old daughter of Bob and Deborah Adkins.

Jennifer Adkins won first place in the Ready-to-Wear Active Sport-

swear Division. She modeled a tennis ensemble trimmed in yellow turquoise. Jennifer is the 12-year-old daughter of Bob and Deborah Adkins. Justin Burch placed second. He wore his Red Sox baseball suit. He is the 9-year-old son of Rodger and Kathryn Burch.

GLASSCOCK
Ten Glasscock County 4-H'ers will be going to district.

Jennifer Fuchs won first place in Junior Construction Non-Tailored Daywear. Her pillow ticking jumper was accented with a red t-shirt and red heart iron-on decals across the bodice. She is the 9-year-old daughter of Barbara and Dennis Fuchs.

Bonnie Wilde took top honors in the Junior Construction Evening Party Wear Division. A dress with white polka dots was her entry. She is the 10-year-old daughter of Richard and Janet Wilde.

In the Intermediate Construction Division, twins Audrey and Angie Strube took home top honors. Audrey won the Non-Tailored

Daywear Division with a jumper done in country collectible motif. Angie won the Active Sports division with a tennis ensemble. They are the 13-year-old daughters of Jimmy and Carolyn Strube.

Paula Wilde and Tiffany Jost were the Senior Construction winners. Paula made a red wool suit and is a 1989 graduate of Garden City High School and is enrolled at Howard College. She is the daughter of Richard and Janet Wilde.

Tiffany Jost made her prom dress for next year. The bodice was made of a plum pink iridescent fabric. She is the daughter of Eugene and Marilee Jost.

The 4-H club also has a Ready-to-Wear Division where 4-H'ers exhibit their skills in consumer buying, modeling, accessorizing and wardrobe planning.

Tamera Phillips won the Non-tailored Daywear Division. Her entry was a dressy pair of shorts that she could accessorize in a variety of ways. She is the daughter of Les

and Gigi Phillips.

Michael Schraeder placed first in active sportswear with a layered shirt and shorts outfit. He is the son of Dennis and Debbie Schraeder.

A brother and sister team took top honors in the Senior Ready-to-Wear Division. Jean Schraeder

won first place in the Non-Tailored Daywear Division. She modeled a dress made in a large floral print with black background. Chris Schraeder won the Active Sportswear Division wearing a shorts ensemble. They are the children of Dennis and Debbie Schraeder.

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St. Lawrence, Midkiff cotton crop severely damaged

FORT STOCKTON — Twenty thousand acres of upland and pima cotton, about half the crop for the Trans-Pecos area, has been severely hail-damaged during the past three weeks.

Charles Stichler, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Fort Stockton, said producer reports indicated the areas served by the Midkiff and St. Lawrence Co-op Gins and the Balmorhea Co-op Gin sustained the most damage.

Kent Powell, Upton County Extension agent, said a cotton producer meeting he conducted to assess damages revealed some 7,000 acres affected in the Midkiff area. "The damage levels ranged from severe to a complete wipeout," the agent said.

Stichler said reports from the St. Lawrence area indicated as much as 10,000 acres of the crop was severely affected, while a large

amount of additional acreage received lighter damage.

The Pecos area experienced a loss of 3,000 to 4,000 acres of its pima cotton crop the week before the storm struck the Fort Stockton area.

The pima loss, though not as extensive, was especially heart-breaking, according to Stichler. "Much of the pima ground had not been farmed for years because of high costs of irrigation and because there is no upland cotton base. Pima cotton, which has been commanding higher prices than upland cotton, was planted on this land in a producer effort to bolster the area's sagging farming economy."

Stichler said the question now is what should be done with the hailed-out crops, if anything. The storms provided only a limited amount of moisture, with reports of about a half inch being somewhat general. This is not enough to

replant on, the specialist said.

"Due to the lack of moisture, and because it is so late in the season, we (the Extension Service) recommend that farmers save some cotton that normally would be plowed up," said Stichler. "If they have two good plants per foot of row space, they need to let that stand and not plow it up because they'll make more off that hailed-on cotton than they would by replanting."

He said if they replant now it will be 40 days before they get any squares.

"If they leave what they have, the surviving cotton should be squaring in 15 days. If they replant, the crop will barely be blooming by frost," he cautioned.

Stichler said foliar feeding is one practice that producers can follow to help their ailing crop. He explained that nitrogen, a necessary ingredient in healthy plant growth,

is stored in the leaves and secondary stems of young cotton plants. When the plant is defoliated by hail, it loses this needed nutrient.

Foliar feeding gives the plant a quick charge needed to produce the optimum level of growth, he said.

"When the hailed-on cotton starts to regrow and has leaves on it the size of a 50-cent piece, foliar feedings can be applied," Stichler said. "A good homemade mixture can be made by getting high-grade urea (low biurete) 46-0-0 and dissolving it in water. A maximum of 10 pounds per acre per treatment can be applied broadcast. This mixture can be applied as many as four times two weeks apart."

Stichler said that by nursing a marginal stand back to health, producers can realize up to a half-and-a-half per acre versus a half-to-three-quarters bale per acre on replanted land.

Official cotton size released

LUBBOCK — Figures released to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. at the first of June 1 fixed the official size of the 25-county High Plains cotton crop at 3,234,700 bales of 480 pounds net. PCG estimates a record farm-level crop value of \$1.169 billion.

The production total, tallied by the Texas Agricultural Statistics

Service (TASS), is the second highest in area history, and over 21 percent above the 2,668,550 bales grown in 1987. Record production for PCG's 25 counties was established in 1981 with a crop of 3,522,000 bales.

TASS reported 3,227,000 acres planted to the fiber crop on the Plains in 1988.



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National queen attends rodeo

BIG SPRING — Robin Hurta, the 1989 Queen of the American Association of Sheriff Poses and Riding Clubs was in Big Spring this week for the Cowboys Reunion and Rodeo.

Hurta, 20, from Georgetown, Texas, has traveled throughout Texas this year promoting the AASP&RC.

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Cheers!

The three-day Howard College Cheerleading Camp was conducted this past week, with several cheerleading units from Texas junior high and high schools attending. Head instructor Todd Bradley follows the moves of the Hood Junior High School unit to see they do the maneuvers correctly in the left photo. Miles High School cheerleaders Angie Hohensee, left, Ginger Hyde and Heather Granzin wear their hair a bit differently as part of Weird Dress Day in the right photo.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

Garden City 4-H teen wins \$10,000 scholarship

GARDEN CITY — Kristi Jones, daughter of Wendell and Linda Jones of Garden City, was the winner of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.



Kristi, 17, received the award at the Texas 4-H Roundup at KRISTI JONES Texas A&M University earlier this month. She was a 10 year member of the Glascock County 4-H Club, during which time she was the Gold Star winner.

Contestants sought for Martin County pageants

STANTON — The 1989 Miss Martin County and Junior Miss Pageants will be held Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stanton High School Auditorium with the theme "A Sentimental Journey," according to Gwen Sawyer, pageant director.

To enter the Miss Martin County pageant, girls must be at least 17 years old and not over 21 years old by Sept. 1. To enter the Junior Miss pageant, girls need to be entering at least the 8th grade this fall and be under 17 years of age. Contestants must attend school in Martin County or school within her own district. College students' parents or legal guardian must be residents of Martin County. The girls must be single, not divorced and not a parent. Sponsorship of each girl is \$50.

For more information contact Gwen Sawyer at 459-2328 or Pam Tollison at 756-3459. Entry deadline is July 20. Rehearsals begin Aug. 4. Miss Martin County contestants

will compete in interviews, swimsuits, poise & personality, evening gown and talent.

Junior Miss contestants will also compete in those divisions with the exception of swimsuit and talent. Replacing that part of their judging will be stage presence and performance. Miss Congeniality for each division will be selected. Contestants will be competing for the chance to represent Martin County at the Miss West Texas Pageant and for scholarships and other prizes.

Helping Sawyer with the pageants are Pam Tollison, director; Julia Jones and Clara Stewart, choreographers; Faye Wagner, communications; Georgeann Walton, set design; and Miles Tollison, technical director.

Joining the staff this year is Reagan (Tom) Lewis, who will serve as makeup consultant. Other pageant personnel are Brenda Robertson, Morgan Cox, Cheryl Stewart, Steve Walton and Todd Smith.

Colorado City plans third annual Fourthfest July 4

COLORADO CITY — The Chamber of Commerce is making plans for the Third Annual Fourthfest to be held in Ruddick Park on July 4.

Events will include a 5-K Race and a 1-Mile Fun Run. A "Fun Walk" is also planned for those who wish to participate but do not run. The first of the events will begin about 7:45 a.m.

The day's activities will begin with the 27th Annual Fly In at the Airport northwest of Colorado City. There will be a free breakfast for pilots who fly in (a charge of \$3 for others); trophies for the pilot flying the greatest distance, oldest pilot, youngest pilot, oldest aircraft and most unusual aircraft. There

will also be skydivers and aerobatics. Plane rides over Colorado City will also be offered. For more information contact J.O. Dockrey, (915) 728-2542.

During the day there will be games, races, demonstrations, food booths and craft booths. All organizations and individuals are welcome to have booths — foods, games, crafts, or garage sale items. Booth space will be \$10. Since de and electrical outlets will be limited, interested individuals should call as soon as possible to reserve a space.

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The Texas Department of Human Services, which administers Medicaid, estimates that some 5,000 elderly needing nursing home care will become eligible under the new income cap of \$1,104.

The Legislature also expressed its intent that in subsequent years the income eligibility cap should be increased to stay current with increases in social security benefits. In addition, the Legislature asked that "to the extent permitted by federal law," these same new income criteria be applied to community care for aged and disabled persons.

We feel this action is a clear sign that our elected representatives in Austin are growing in their awareness of and commitment to the needs of the elderly in Texas. And we feel it is important to let them know that we appreciate their realistic and timely attention to these matters.

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Porter nominated

BIG SPRING — Pat J. Porter of Gail Office Supply House and Yes! business services in the Sparenberg Building has been nominated as a member of Who's Who in U.S. Executives.

Mrs. Porter was notified of her nomination by the Selection Committee today.

New VA intern

BIG SPRING — Miss Stacie Schaper will become the first Interior Design Intern at the Big Spring VA Medical Center on July 18, according to Conrad Alexander, director.

This is a result of a new Memorandum of Affiliation between the VA Medical Center in Big Spring and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



This affiliation will provide an educational experience for one or two students each year, and provide the Medical Center with new ideas for Medical Center Interior Design.

Schaper is an honor student in her senior year at Texas Tech University. Her home is in Texas City and her goal is to become an interior designer in either the public or private sector after completion of her education.

Roberts wins car

DALLAS — Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. — famous for awarding cars to top achievers — has done it again. Annette Roberts of Big Spring is the latest to win the use of a Pontiac Grand Am as a direct result of her accomplishments as an independent beauty consultant.

Roberts joins more than 1,500 Mary Kay independent businesswomen who are members of the company's VIP Club. VIP means Very Important Performer! The VIP program, which began in February 1984, marked the first time Mary Kay offered the use of a car as an incentive to beauty consultants. Traditionally, famous Mary Kay pink Buick Regals and Cadillacs were awarded only to sales directors.

Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. manufactures premium skin, hair, nail and body care products including cosmetics, toiletries and fragrances. The personal care products are sold through a worldwide sales force of 185,000 independent beauty consultants. The company was founded in 1963 by Mary Kay Ash and her son Richard R. Rogers.

Watt attends council

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Big Spring Mall Manager, Tammy Watt, recently attended The International Council of Shopping Center Institute held in Indianapolis, Indiana.



The classes were held on the University of Indianapolis/Purdue University Campus. The week long Institute focused on all phases of Marketing and Management. Topics of discussion included Market Research, Media Mix, Public Relations, Retailing Concepts and in depth studies on the effect of advertising and demographics.

The Marketing class was attended by approximately 40 Marketing Directors Mall Managers, Assistant Managers and Corporate Coordinators. The class represented 18 states and the Netherlands.

Bramalea Centers Inc., owners of Big Spring Mall, was well represented with 10 mall managers, marketing directors and a corporate coordinator.

"The large number of Marketing Directors and Mall Managers was helpful in networking with others to determine what events and promotions work in certain areas of the country" said Watt.

Bramalea Centers Inc., based in Dallas, is a full service shopping center company currently responsible for the ownership and/or operation of over 5.5 million square feet in 15 shopping centers throughout the United States.

The Big Spring refinery: A Fina model

COLLEGE STATION — Former Plant Manager Bob Johnston came to Big Spring in February 1987 with a mandate from Fina Oil and Chemical Co. headquarters in Dallas to move the Big Spring refinery into the upper quartile in the United States.

This vision was to be realized primarily by shifting the refinery from its traditional style of management to a "participative" style, giving employees more of a say in the decision-making process.

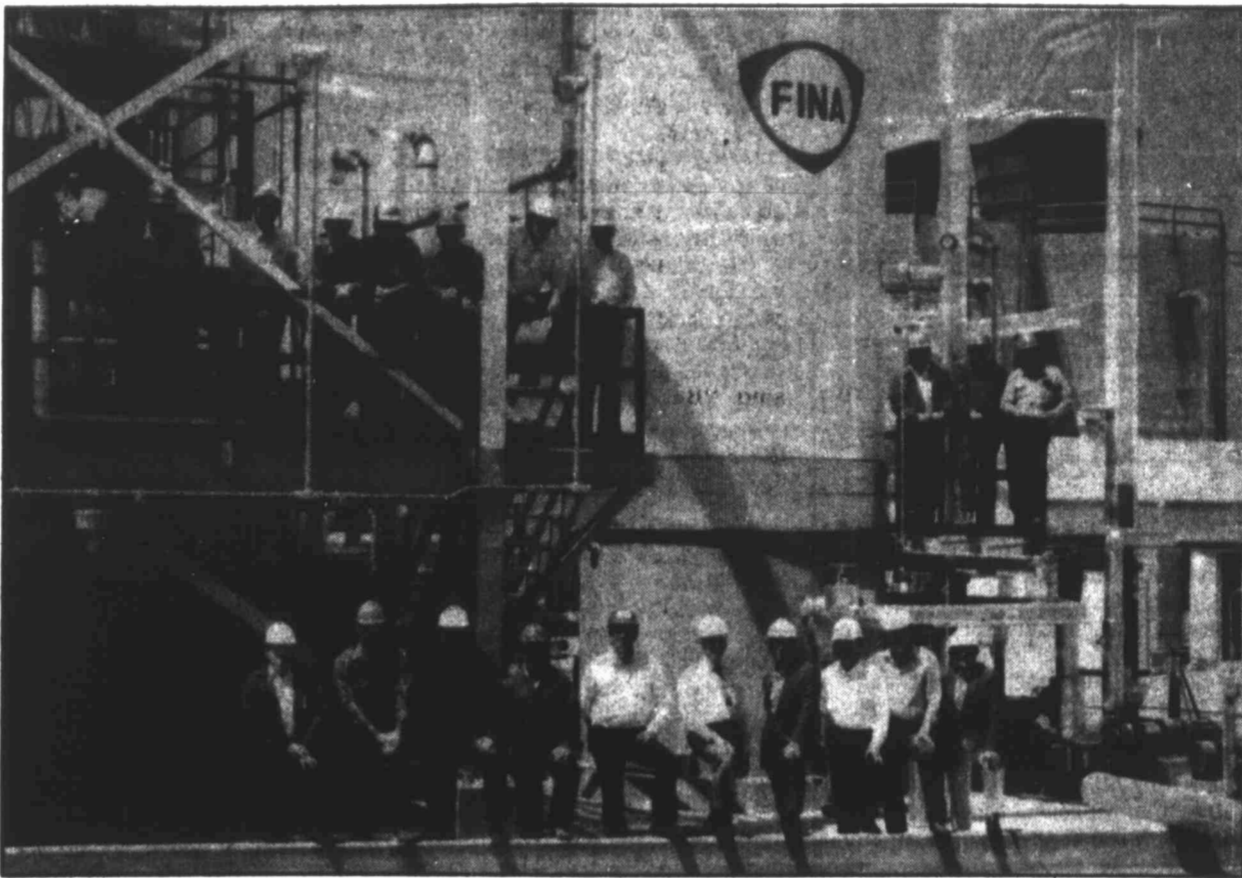
The refinery's first step toward implementing its new participative management style was to give employees the opportunity to develop a mission statement for the plant. Employees chose the theme of continuous improvement by manufacturing high-value products at the lowest possible costs.

Since October 1987, Anatole Ferlet of the Management Training Division, Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), has conducted an ongoing management development program at the refinery to help fulfill the plant's mission. The program has emphasized the team management concept and its implementation from the top down at the facility.

Ferlet, TEEX training specialist, describes his role in the program as a facilitator as well as an instructor — "a real team player."

"The TEEX management training program has been a valuable aid in the team management concept that Fina has adopted for the Big Spring refinery," said Ross Westbrook, the plant's industrial relations manager.

As a result of the program, combined with the new team structure,



COLLEGE STATION — Big Spring refinery employees who have completed the first series of courses in the management development program conducted by the Management Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service include: Top row, left to right, Jon Kiggins, Clayton McKinnon, Robert Don Miller, Harold Cain, Jon Hope, Kirby Brown, John Damron, Bernard Young, Jack Gilbert and Bryon Smith. Bottom row, Ralph Dennis, Charles Rupard, Jim Madry, Roddy Caffey, Ron Riley, former Plant Manager Bob Johnston, Jeff Morris, Ross Westbrook, Glenn Hueber and Anatole Ferlet, TEEX training specialist. Other participants not pictured were Venita Blassingame, Ernie Morgan, Clyde McKimney, Gary Gressett, Dennis Greenfield and Jimmy Welch.

technical training activities and other organizational efforts, the Big Spring refinery realized a \$30 million profit last year.

Before the program began,

Ferlet made an on-site assessment of the refinery's training needs and met with top-level managers to provide an executive overview of the project.

Employees at the refinery agree that their time in the program has been well spent.

"The courses provided a foundation for the development of in-

dividual supervisory skills which allow each of us to be more efficient in our daily relationships with co-workers," said Ralph Jordan, area manager of oil movement/storage at the refinery.

Systems Analyst Ralph Dennis said the program has increased interdepartmental communication, creating more understanding and cooperation among employees.

Charles Rupard, area supervisor (Cat-Cracker), said, "I highly recommend this program ... It gives invaluable help in developing supervisory skills." And Jim Madry, senior planner/supervisor, said he has learned more about creative problem-solving to help in his job of planning and scheduling.

The next phase of TEEX training, which began this month, is directed to the plant's complex operators, who are chief operators in their assigned processes.

The plant's training coordinator, Glenn Hueber, has greatly contributed to the program's success, said Ferlet. "We hope to be partners with Fina on a national basis and continue to help them in their thrust toward participative management."

The Texas Engineering Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System, provides vocational and technical training services on an extension basis throughout the state. The agency's 13 training divisions conduct more than 3,000 classes each year.

Johnston, the former plant manager in Big Spring, retired in May for the second time.

He came out of retirement 2½ years ago to "give leadership and improve performance."

He was replaced by Jeff Morris.

West Texas works to steer clear of deadly brucellosis

In West Texas, ranchers are apt to be more concerned about "drought" than "brucellosis." In these parts, there's more dry, hot weather than brucellosis, or "bang's," an incurable bacterial disease that can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves, or produce less milk. What may come as a surprise, however, is the link between "drought" and "bang's" in this arid section of the state.

"Drought plays a key role in brucellosis infection in West

Texas," said veterinarian Thurman Fancher of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state agency charged with eradicating the disease.

Fancher, director of TAHC's Area 6; James Dickison, the supervising inspector; and the staff of 12 animal health inspectors work with ranchers and livestock markets in 40 West Texas counties, including Howard and surrounding counties. They have found two basic drought-related factors that con-

tribute to brucellosis infection.

Fancher explained that during a drought, ranchers typically sell off cattle they can't feed or water. When the weather eases, producers have to buy "replacement" breeding stock. These heifers or cows may come from other states or areas of Texas where brucellosis infection is more common. "Producers mix new animals into their herd, and then get the nasty surprise of finding these new cows and heifers were infected — and

spread the disease," he said.

Another factor, Fancher said, was that some ranchers ship their cattle to greener pastures during a drought, often transporting them across or out of state. "In 1983, a West Texas producer hauled animals to the Houston area, and the herd became infected by a herd nearby," he said. Fancher cautioned producers to carefully consider where they ship or pasture animals during droughts.

"We've been spared the higher

rates of infection found to the east," Fancher said. "But this is no time to become complacent about protecting herds, if West Texas is to remain 'clean'."

Fancher said six herds are under quarantine because of brucellosis in TAHC's Area 6, which stretches from Coryell County in the east, to El Paso County in the west, includes the Big Bend country, and encompasses Eastland, Andrews and Mitchell Counties as the northernmost border.

Ranking: Arkansas bright spot in nation's wounded oil patch

By PAUL FURIGA
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Grant Thornton accounting firm says its lack of oil dependence makes Arkansas the best place for new manufacturing plants in the nation's wounded oil patch.

The firm's 1989 edition of a controversial ranking of manufacturing climates in the 50 states has high praise for Arkansas and some oil-related industries in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, but said hard times remain in the region.

"Black gold continues to be fool's gold here in the oil-producing heartland," the report said, but in high-technology firms, oil machinery firms and joint U.S.-Mexican "maquiladora" operations on the Texas border, manufacturing is doing well.

The slump in oil, plus high unemployment insurance costs, pushed Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas to the bottom of the state rankings.

Arkansas fared best, placing 16th

among the 29 states Grant Thornton characterized as heavily industrialized. Texas ranked 27th, and Louisiana was 28th.

Oklahoma ranked 20th among 21 states characterized by the accounting firm as having few manufacturing concerns.

"Things are not good in the oil business," the report said. "This is not good news in Louisiana." Even strong performance in metal fabricating and auto parts could not make up for the oil slump there, Grant Thornton said, because "unfortunately, manufacturing makes up only 8.4 percent of Louisiana's total employment."

Texas is seeing some encouraging signs among oil machinery makers who "have cut their costs so much and made themselves so efficient that they actually have money for new equipment," the firm said, but "statewide in Texas, manufacturers still face several major problems...banking and insurance in the state are also in sad shape."

In Oklahoma, "manufacturing began a turnaround," Grant Thornton said, and employment grew in at auto and oilfield equipment firms.

Arkansas was the brightest spot, the report said. "One of the most rural states in the country, the state receives high praise for the quality of its labor force. 'Once these rural people learn their jobs, they work like crazy,' says a manufacturer in Texarkana on the Texas state line."

Arkansas's best rankings were for wages, third lowest in the nation, small worker's compensation awards and low energy costs, both ranked 11th.

Arkansas ranked worst for its available workforce (47th) and its increase in taxes (44th).

There were similarities in rankings for Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

Oklahoma was 47th, Louisiana was 48th and Texas 49th for tax increases,

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If the employee accounts for his expenses to his employer and is then reimbursed for them, the employee does not report the reimbursement as income nor does he report the expenses as deductions. The employer in this case deducts the reimbursement he paid the employee after making a reduction for 20% of meals and entertainment.

If the employee is reimbursed but doesn't provide an accounting to his employer, he must treat reimbursements as income on his tax return. After making the 20% adjustment on meals and entertainment, the employee can deduct the balance in arriving at his or her adjusted gross income. In other words, he need not itemize to get his deduction. The employer in this case deducts the entire reimbursement paid to the employee.

Where an employee is not reimbursed by his employer for business expenses, he must adjust his meal and entertainment expenses for the 20% nondeductible portion. Then his expenses can only be claimed if he itemizes and only to the extent such expenses along with other miscellaneous itemized deductions exceed 2% of his adjusted gross income. In this case, the employer gets no deduction.

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Employee-leasing firm wants to expand to Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

CLEBURNE — The co-founder of Advantage Corporate Services, the largest employee-leasing firm in Texas, says his company is looking to expand to the Big Spring-West Texas area.

Terry Wade, who co-founded ACS with Joe Carlock here in 1985, said his company is seeking a "well-respected person" from this area to represent the firm in West Texas.

ACS currently has 2,500 employees under contract from about 100 different employers. Its annual payroll is about \$35 million.

"Our company is seeking to expand in the Big Spring area," Wade said Friday. "We're looking for a professional person to represent us

in this area. "We want a well-respected person; all the qualities one would expect from a representative... and a college degree would be preferable," he added.

Employee leasing happens when a firm technically fires its employees, the leasing company hires them and then contracts with the original employers to have the employees work at their old jobs.

The leasing firm then handles all administrative work connected with the employees, such as payroll, tax withholding, group insurance and workers' comp, Wade said.

He said there are several advantages to using an employee leasing agency:

• Efficiency — Since the firm

The leasing firm then handles all administrative work connected with the employees, such as payroll, tax withholding, group insurance and workers' compensation.

concentrates solely on administrative tasks, processing of payrolls and other paperwork-related tasks are more efficient, Wade said.

• Buying power — Wade said the company is able to get better rates on insurance because it handles more than one company's payroll. "If you're a company with 25 workers and you have two pregnancies in a year, no insurance company is going to want to insure you for next year," he said. "But if your 25 workers are

part of 500, then those pregnancies aren't going to affect rates."

• With ACS handling all of the employee's tax paperwork, the employer has greater "peace of mind... That's what they like best about us," Wade said.

• ACS has consultants to help employers avoid possible legal problems with the hiring/firing of employees.

• Wade claims that ACS can help reduce workers compensation cost by sending loss control experts to the clients to make certain the

work sites are as safe as possible. "We consider ACS to be a solution to the workers compensation crisis," he said. "We have a division (of the company that deals solely with workers comp). When we become the employer of record, we provide workers compensation insurance."

• Another advantage Wade cited is that ACS charges its clients on a cost-plus basis. Other employee leasing firms charge based on a gross percentage of payroll, he said.

Wade stressed that, even though ACS would be the employer of record, it would not interfere with how the company does business.

"When an owner comes to me and asks me to be the employer of record, we don't go and tell him

what he can or can't do," Wade said.

ACS can handle almost any kind of company, he added.

"We represent diverse types of companies — medical, professional, manufacturing, you name it," Wade said. "What I call the beauty of the program is that we can represent any type of company."

ACS will move its headquarters from Cleburne to Fort Worth on Aug. 1. Wade estimates that — at the company's current rate of growth — that it will have 40,000 leased employees by the end of 1990.

Persons interested in applying for the representative position should contact Wade or Carlock at 1-800-950-6151.

Fina joins polystyrene recycling plan

DALLAS — Fina Oil and Chemical Company, the main operating subsidiary of American Petrofina, Inc., along with six other polystyrene manufacturers, has announced its participation in a plan to form the National Polystyrene Recycling Company (NPRC).

The new company's goal is to recycle 25 percent of all disposable polystyrene products by 1995, an amount exceeding the current rate of paper and glass recycling.

"Fina is the largest supplier of high-impact polystyrene in the United States which is used to manufacture hotcold drink cups, fast-food containers, lids and plates," said R. James Comeaux, Senior Vice President, Fina Oil and Chemical Company.

"We're the third largest plastics producer, we are dedicated to helping solve the solid waste problem, and we believe this investment in recycling is the first step.

"We know recycling works. As an industry we've done it for years. Now, through NPRC, we are applying this technology to protect the environment from the problem of solid waste," he added.

Pat Jack, General Manager of Chemicals Marketing for Fina Oil and Chemical Company, noted, "Unique to NPRC is its focus. It will look first at commercial and industrial firms such as food services, fast food services, hospitals, schools and prisons and develop them as collection and separation sites. NPRC hopes to set the exam-

ple of transferring the habit of collection and recycling from industry to institutions to individuals. Every one of us plays an important role in the recycling movement."

According to the EPA, Americans generate approximately 320 billion pounds of municipal solid waste, or post-consumer waste, per year. Of that, plastics contributes only 7.3 percent (by weight) and ranks sixth behind paper/paperboard (35.6 percent); yard clippings (20.1 percent); leathertextileswood (9.0 percent); metals (8.9 percent); and glass (8.4 percent).

However, because of its convenience and popularity, plastics is one of the fastest-growing segments of such wastes.



Associated Press photo

Mini computer screen

WALTHAM, Mass. — This is the view you would have if you wore a Private Eye ultra-miniature computer display over your left eye while talking to Alan Becker, also wearing a Private Eye, at right. Becker's company, Reflection Technology

of Waltham makes the high resolution postage-stamp sized screen display unit. The display may show up in devices ranging from FAXes to video games.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Got your goat!

Debra Lusk of Faye's Flowers reaches down and pets Popcorn the goat as she hands a \$25 check to Lisa Nichols from the March of Dimes in order to get the goat out of the business. Nichols and Popcorn were making the rounds of Big Spring businesses as part of a fundraiser for the charity. About \$1,000 was raised for the charity.

Arhelger retires from SCS

BIG SPRING — Bob Arhelger, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, USDA, has retired after approximately 31 years of federal service. As head of the Big Spring Area Office, Arhelger supervised SCS field offices serving 15 counties in west Texas extending from the New Mexico state line through Abilene. Arhelger transferred to Big Spring in 1984 from Lubbock, where he served as District Conservationist.

Arhelger, a native of San Saba, began his career with the SCS at Van Alstyne, Texas. He has also worked at Bonham, Liberty, Croore, and Post, Texas.

During his years of service, Arhelger received seven Certificates of Merit from the SCS for outstanding performance and achievements. His assistance and work has also been recognized with certificates and awards from the South Plains Council of Governments, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1, Texas Tech, and the Llano Estacado Audubon Society.

Arhelger graduated from Texas A&M as a Distinguished Student and Honor Graduate. He is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities. Arhelger and his wife Dorothy plan on returning to the Hill Country in central Texas.

Drilling report

MARTIN COUNTY
Showing ability to pump 221 barrels of oil per day, the 558 J. E. Mabee "A" has been completed in Martin County's Mabee Field, about 24 miles northwest of Stanton. Texaco of Midland is the operator.
Besides oil production, the well made 44,000 CF gas with 22 barrels of waste water per day. Oil tested at 32-gravity.
Texaco took the hole to a 4,732-ft. bottom and perforated the San Andres Formation for production at 4,647 to 4,721 feet into the wellbore.

HOWARD COUNTY
Exxon has abandoned its plans to conduct a re-entry operation at the No. 10 Pat-Batjer "C" in the Howard-Glasscock Field, Howard County, 17 miles southeast of Big Spring. The well originally was completed in April of 1988, pumping 21 barrels of oil daily from the Middle Clear Fork Formation.
The pay interval was at a depth of 3,732 to 3,761 feet.

MITCHELL COUNTY
Negative commercial prospects were recorded when the No. 1 W.G. Trulock was re-entered in Mitchell County's Westbrook Field, three miles southwest of Westbrook. The well originally was completed in the winter of 1981, pumping 100 barrels of oil per day from the Clear Fork Formation.
The pay interval was perforated at 2,778 to 3,113 feet. Laguna Petroleum, operator, reported no new pay indicated after re-entering the well the first week in May of this year.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
An undrilled location has been abandoned in Glasscock County's portion of the Howard-Glasscock Field, 16 miles north of Garden City. The well is designated as the No. 31 Belle Overton "A." Conoco, the operator, held 440 acres under lease, with total depth projected to 2,600 feet.

NEW DRILLING LOCATIONS

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No. 2 P.E. Little, W. Knott Fld, 9,180-ft. proj TD, 15 NW Big Spring, 322-ac. lease T&P Sur A-1674 Sec. 18 Blk. 33. Chevron U.S.A., Midland, oprtr.

Borden County
No. 1 Youngblood, WC, 10,000-ft. proj TD, 12 NW Gail, 640-ac. lease T&P Sur A-328 Sec. 19 Blk. 32. A-A Producing, Lubbock, oprtr.

Martin County
Nos. 1430, 1432, 5214, 5523 Jo-Mill Unit, 7,700-ft. proj TD, Jo-Mill Fld, all 15 SW Gail, 19,792-ac. lease T&P Sur Sec. 2 Blk. 33 (first 2 wells) and SEC. 28 Blk. 33 (second 2 wells). Texaco, Midland, oprtr.

Martin County
No. 2 Connell, WC, 11,900-ft. proj TD, 2 W Stanton, 160-ac. dring unit, T&P Sur Sec. 21 Blk. 36. Jack N. Blair, Midland, oprtr.

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The 'skins game' of NASCAR

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Ken Schrader has a chance to win auto racing's version of golf's "skins game" Sunday in the NASCAR Winston Cup Miller 400.

"All the bonuses make qualifying more important," Schrader said. "So they traded with Golden State and got Robert Parish, too."

but you've got to run hard anyway just to keep from getting lapped," Schrader said. "You might try to save something, if you can, for the last 50 laps or so, but the bonuses just don't make you run any harder than you normally would. We're going to make the same effort regardless of what's being offered."

time at 174.516 mph in his Ford Thunderbird. "I don't think it'll win the turkey today," Elliott said. "I'm not dissatisfied. We'll just have to wait and see."

Buddy Bell retires

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers infielder Buddy Bell, who amassed more than 2,500 hits and won six Gold Glove awards during an 18-year major league career, retired Saturday.

on April 11 to remove torn cartilage from his left knee. "Buddy Bell has been an outstanding major league player throughout his career, and we felt that he could still help the ballclub the remainder of the season," Grieve said.

Draft

Continued from page 1-B Reynolds said. "So they traded with Golden State and got Robert Parish, too."

"We're waiting to see what Sacramento is going to do," director of scouting Barry Hecker said. Hecker said the Clippers spent the week before the draft interviewing players, principally the Big Five plus guard George McCloyn of Florida State.

1987 No. 1 pick, David Robinson, will join the team this fall after a stint on active Navy service. "We're going to be happy no matter who Sacramento and the Clippers take," Spurs general manager Bob Bass said.

Following the Kings, Clippers and Spurs are last year's expansion teams, Miami and Charlotte. "We need a guy who can contribute right away," Heat coach Ron Rothstein said. "It is all perception as to who you think the No. 1 pick is. The bottom line is we're going to get a good player."

only have two rounds, with all other rookie prospects enjoying free-agent status. "The consensus that this is a deep draft going beyond the first half-draft teams."

Among centers, only King, who at 6-foot-11 might be better suited for forward, is a certain first-round pick. Gary Leonard of Missouri is the only 7-footer among the NBA's top 50 prospects.

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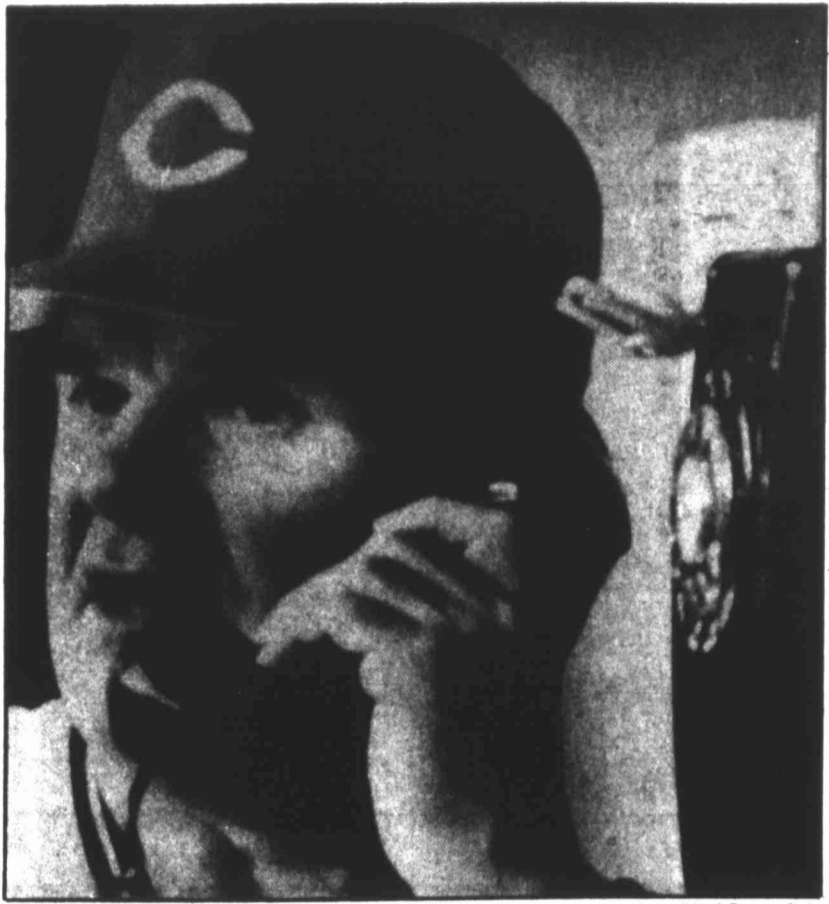
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CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose talks on the phone in the dugout during their game with the Los Angeles Dodgers Friday night at Riverfront Stadium.

Lawyers say Rose on shaky ground

CINCINNATI (AP) — An old courtroom expression came to mind as John M. Dowd got comfortable on the witness stand. "They used to call this the hot seat," baseball's special investigator said. "But I'm delighted to be here."

During his two days of testimony last week in a state courtroom, Dowd put Pete Rose on the hot seat. The investigator revealed evidence he said proved that the Cincinnati Reds manager bet on his own team — an offense could mean a lifetime ban from the sport.

When the two-day hearing ended Friday, Dowd had described enough of the evidence in his previously confidential 225-page report to let Reds fans know one of their greatest heroes was in trouble.

Three months of speculation had ended. The stakes were known. And even Rose's lawyers were admitting the worst-case scenario — banishment from baseball — was a possibility.

"This is a life sentence that's at stake," lawyer Robert Stachler said.

Rose told Reds broadcaster Marty Brennaman prior to Cincinnati's game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Saturday that he has no plans to step down as manager.

"When you're innocent you don't resign from something you love. And I love the Cincinnati Reds," Rose said on WLW's pregame radio show. "And I intend on managing the Reds the next 10 years."

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Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Norbert A. Nadel is sifting through volumes of evidence and testimony as he considers whether to grant Rose a temporary restraining order. Nadel will rule at noon Sunday whether Rose has

to attend a hearing Monday in New York with Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti — the final step before the commissioner would take any action.

"If they go forward on (Monday), Pete Rose will be wrongfully branded by the commissioner or suffer irreparable tarnishment, including possible banishment from the game for life, unless restrained by this court," Stachler said.

Baseball attorney Louis Hoynes Jr. said the hearing with Giamatti will go on as scheduled if Nadel rejects Rose's plea.

"As far as I'm concerned, Monday morning is the start of the hearing," Hoynes said.

Rose's lawyers are relying on three main arguments: that he was denied a fair investigation; that Giamatti has already decided he is guilty; and that Rose will be permanently damaged by a flawed hearing.

A lifetime ban "would forever brand him, even if the decision is later reversed," Stachler said.

Baseball's lawyers argue that Giamatti has not yet decided the case; that legal precedent is on the commissioner's side; and that Rose is merely trying for a delay through "desperate efforts to avoid facing the merits of this matter."

Although Rose's lawyers described the manager as a baseball legend, Hoynes said Rose should be treated like everyone else in this case.

"He deserves no special treatment. Notwithstanding his great accomplishments on the field, he deserves no unusual treatment," Hoynes said. "The commissioner and this court should treat this gentleman as any other person connected with baseball."

The gambling-related information that came out of the two-day hearing shocked fans who had embraced Rose as a symbol for baseball. Radio and television carried large segments of the testimony live.

The results were immediate. Commentators called for Rose's resignation. And sports talk shows became forums for stunned fans, who wondered aloud how long Rose could hold on.

"Rumors are rampant," Stachler acknowledged.

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Blazers trade Bowie

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers traded off-injured center-forward Sam Bowie and the 12th pick in Tuesday's NBA draft to the New Jersey Nets Saturday for veteran power forward Buck Williams.

The 6-foot-8, 225-pound Williams averaged 16.4 points and 11.9 rebounds per game in eight professional seasons and has appeared in three NBA All-Star Games.

Bowie, who has missed much of his professional and college career with broken bones in both legs, played in 20 games last season after recovering from a broken right tibia suffered in November of 1986.

He averaged 8.6 points and 5.3 rebounds after returning to the team last season.

Williams, chosen by New Jersey

as the third selection in the 1981 draft, has been coveted by the Trail Blazers for some time, but they were never able to make a deal until Saturday.

"We've been trying to do something but the price had always been one of our nucleus (of top players)," Bucky Buckwalter, the Blazers' vice president for player personnel said. "To get him without giving up one of our starters, we felt good about that."

Buckwalter said Williams' leadership ability was a big reason for making the trade.

"He's a no-nonsense guy and I think we need that on this team," Buckwalter said. "He's also an established power forward. That's really what this team is missing."

Williams, 29, played in the All-Star Game as a rookie in 1982 and again in 1983 and 1986.

Fans oppose cheerleader changes

DALLAS (AP) — If new Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones really intends to change the Cowboys Cheerleaders uniforms, Texans say they are squarely opposed to his move.

More than 93 percent of those responding to a Dallas Times Herald survey say Jones has no business messing with the cheerleaders uniforms or allowing fraternization between the women and Cowboys players.

The newspaper conducted the poll after more than a third of the Cowboys Cheerleaders walked off the squad on Friday, saying Jones was threatening their wholesome image with tighter-fitting

costumes and looser rules that would allow them to drink in uniform.

Jones called the 37 cheerleaders "the pick of the litter" and said at a news conference he wouldn't change their rules.

But he did concede that a change was being considered in the cheerleaders' familiar uniforms of white hot pants, go-go boots, blue shirts tied at the midriff and fringed vests.

Several cheerleaders said they had learned they might be required to wear Spandex cycling shorts and halter tops.

"I like the traditional way that we have looked. That is not to say

that there might not be changes," Jones said. He added: "People don't wear their hair the same way in '89 as they did in '69. People don't wear the same boots. People don't have the same feeling about what is appealing or what is exciting to our fans."

Cheerleader director Debbie Bond resigned and 14 veterans said they would leave with her. The 23 rookie members have until Monday to decide whether to stay.

In response to the question "Should Jerry Jones change the cheerleaders' uniforms and make them fraternize with the team?" only 208 callers sided with the Cowboys owner. There were 2,808

who called in the unscientific survey to say he should leave America's most familiar sideline attraction alone.

"As far as the Cowboys Cheerleaders are concerned, they are the best in the United States and the rest are some of the cheapest," said Lee Daniels, 65, of Dallas. "I hope they keep the uniforms and morals up, and keep it just like it's been for years."

Cornell Hill, 37, of Dallas, was one who took exception to the Cowboys Cheerleaders' current look.

"The uniforms look like a private school, or something," he said. Jones insisted that the furor is a misunderstanding.

Local Baseball and Softball Roundup

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Reds 20, Bulldogs 6
 Robert Lopez was the winning pitcher and White took the loss for the Bulldogs.
 Mike Sizenback led the Reds with three hits. David Akin, Tim Rigdon and Lopez got one hit each.
 Jeff Pherntton, Jerry Wayne Krause and White were top hitters for the Bulldogs.
Reds 20, Expos 14
 Rigdon was the winning hurler for the Reds and Greg Biddison was the loser for the Expos.
 David Akin got four hits and drove in five runs for the Reds. Rigdon and Spivey added two hits apiece.
 For the Expos, Biddison and Mathew Cave got two hits each.
SENIOR LEAGUE
Rangers 13, Yankees 8

In a 26-hit slugfest, the Rangers outpointed the Yankees, to raise their record to 10-2.
 Gerald Cobos got the win for the Rangers, with Jeremy Edens in relief. Augustine Hernandez was losing hurler for the Yankees.
 Cobos aided his cause by rapping four hits, two singles and two doubles. Kevin Rodgers was perfect at the plate, hitting four singles. Mark Arguello and Oscar Valencia collected two hits each. Sonny Olivo, John Kennedy, Patrick Martinez, Edens, Jason Ogle and Mark Wilson all added hits.
 For the Yankess, Hernandez hit three singles and Steven Robles tripled. Billy Bob Sumpter, Freddie Martinez, J. Britton and Patrick Nichols all added hits.

UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Division I
Red Devils 15, Blue Jays 1
 Emily Mouton picked up the win for the Red Devils, who raise their record to 6-3. Stephanie McConnell was the losing hurler for the Blue Jays, now 2-7 for the season.
 Honey Belew led the Red Devil bats with a three-for-three performance, including two homers. Sarah Fannin also went three-for-three and Mouton added two hits.
 For the Blue Jays, Stephanie Talbot went two-for-three and Michelle Steward added a single.
Tuff-E-Nuffs 12, Don's Leprecauns 6
 The Tuff-E-Nuffs remained perfect behind the combined seven-strikeout pitching of Jessica Cobos, Jennifer Cohn and Melisa

Martinez.
 Jennifer Wilkes and Amanda Alvarez pitched for Don's Leprecauns, striking out seven.
 Juanita Valdez hit a grand slam homer for the Tuff-E-Nuffs. She also added a double. Cohn homered and Martinez added two base hits.
 Alvarez doubled for Don's Leprecauns.
 The Tuff-E-Nuffs are 8-0 for the season.
Division III
Panthers 18, Colorado City Dominators 9
COLORADO CITY — The Panthers dominated the Dominators to gain their 12th win of the season.
 Jenny Conaway was the winning hurler for the Panthers. Top hitters for the Panthers were Conaway, Karma Morrow, Melissa Yanez, Toka Friday and Tammi Garcia.

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D-day is here for Reagan's wedding

"I'm getting married in the morning. Ding-dong, the bells are gonna chime..." — from a popular song.

"Ask not for whom the bells toll — they toll for thee." — I forget who said that, but it seems appropriate considering the circumstances.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Well, there's no more dodging the issue — today's the day.

Yeah, that's right, Reagan; you're getting hitched today, aren't you?

Yep.

Aren't you just the teensy bit nervous?

Me, nervous? I've survived tornadoes and a collision with a semi that left my car smushed in half, so why should I be nervous?

Reagan, are you nervous?

You're darn tootin' I am. There, there; it's OK to be nervous. After all, you've been a confirmed bachelor for a long time, and you're about to undergo a drastic change in your lifestyle. All in all, we'd say it's a miracle that you're not bouncing off the walls by now.

Thank you.

We mean, you're going to wake up and see the same face for the rest of your life. Commitment, boy — that'll be the password for the rest of your days.

I know that.

And while we're on the subjects of nerves and commitment, you haven't had any second thoughts, have you?

Heck, no — unless you count a few weak moments I had a while back.

Tell us about it, Reagan.

Hey guys, my fiancée is reading this.

That's OK, Steve. We've met her; she seems like the understanding type to us.

I sure hope she is. Well, anyway, it's like this... I was drifting off to sleep the other night when the thought struck — I am actually going through with the whole thing.

Getting married, you mean?

Yeah.

Reagan, we hate to sound irreverent, but didn't that thought occur to you earlier?

Of course it did, out this was different. For the first time I really, really understood what I am about to do. It's one thing to tell yourself, "I'm getting married," but it's an entirely different thing to realize — beyond a shadow of a doubt — that you're actually going to do it. Understand?

Not exactly, but we're willing to write off the whole thing as pre-wedding jitters.

Thanks.

Now, can we get back to your story?

OK. As I was saying, I was just laying there, sawing logs, when the reality of the situation hit me like lunch rush at the school cafeteria.

Suddenly, thoughts about husbandhood and fatherhood and all those other hoods began clanging around in my mind. I began to wonder if I really am ready to make this drastic change in my life.

Kind of scary, isn't it?

Yes, it is.

It felt like the world is coming to an end, and you are powerless to do anything about it, correct?

Now that you mention it...

But you got over it, didn't you?

Yes I did. After thinking about the situation for awhile, I realized that, despite her faults, my intended is a pretty special lady.

Oh, and you don't have any faults, Reagan?

There's no need for sarcasm, guys.

So, you're going through with it, then?

Yes, I am.

No regrets?

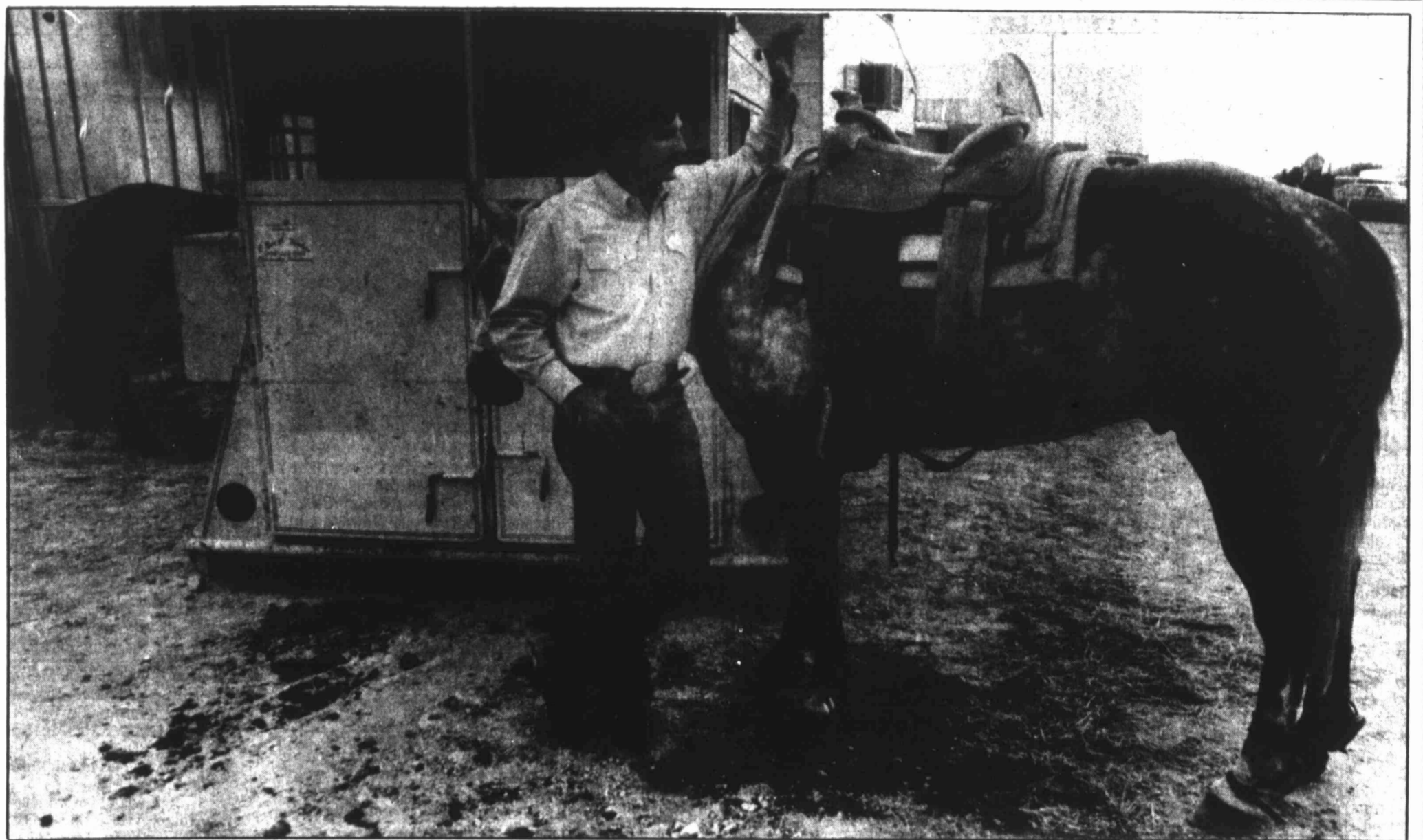
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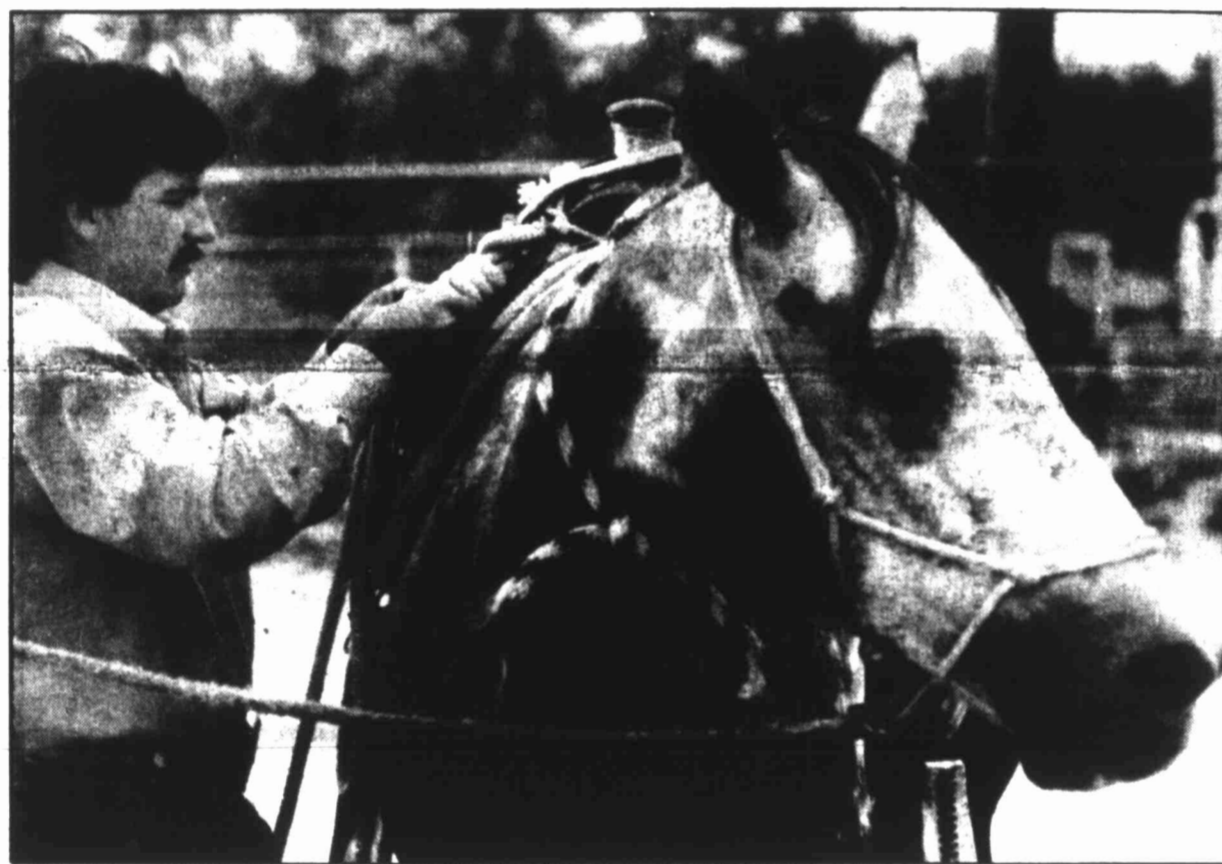
Thanks. Wish me luck, guys.

Good luck, Reagan, and if we hear a scream from your side of town tonight, we'll know it's you, right?

Either that, or one of our guests when we run out of beer.



Out on the road again



Rod Cleveland leans on his horse Fred in the top photo. Cleveland, who travels 100 days per year through Texas and Oklahoma to compete in rodeos, said the sport can sometimes be routine. In the photo below, Cleveland

secures his horse's skid boots, which are used to prevent injury to the horse's hocks. After failing to rope the calf, in the bottom right photo, Cleveland watches as his prey escapes.

By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Although rodeo is western heritage rolled into an 8-second lifestyle and the outcome can be exciting, the sport can become routine.

Just ask Rod Cleveland, who traveled 1,000 miles from Kingfisher, Okla. in two days to participate in the 56th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

After 16 years in the business, the shy cowboy, dressed in appropriate attire, said the sport can become routine and added "You have to make yourself want to do it sometimes."

A 16-year veteran of the sport, Cleveland, who runs cattle in Claude, arrived here Thursday afternoon to prepare himself and his 11-year-old quarterhorse Fred, for the calf roping event.

Although travel costs rank number one in expenses, Cleveland said the entry fees are next in line.

Checking his rope to be sure it was limber, Cleveland said "It (rodeoing) costs a lot of money... you're lucky if you can just break even."

An entry fee of \$117 can bring a winning cowboy \$2,000, Cleveland said.

Traveling thousands of miles 100 days per year, Cleveland said he rarely stops to eat, however, he does stop every 250 miles to exercise his horse.

"We ate beanie weanies out of the can just to get here in time," Cleveland said.

His horse, which Cleveland relies heavily upon, is credited with 65 percent of his chance to win.

His part-time traveling partner and brother-in-law, Larry Mercer, agreed, saying "Yeah and the other depends on the rider and his draw."

"You have to draw the right calf — then you gotta use him," Mercer said.

He doesn't pray or conduct any rituals before competing, but "You have to be mentally ready," Cleveland said.

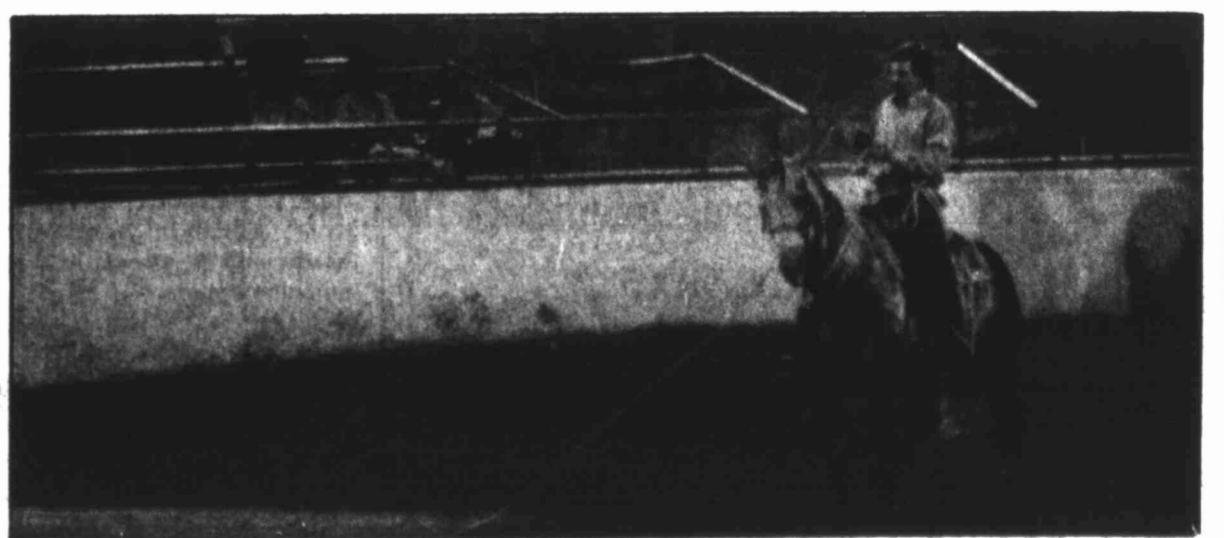
Although chasing a calf on a running horse almost always leaves the cowboy's hat lying on the ground, Cleveland said he can't compete without one.

Molding his hat into shape, Cleveland said it's a rule that a competitor must wear the proper attire, including a long-sleeve shirt, boots, and of course, a cowboy hat.

"It's not a baseball game — you can't wear a cap," he said with a laugh.

After saddling Fred and securing the horse's skid boots, Cleveland declined to say how well he and the horse worked together.

However, riding off into the crowd he replied, "I'll tell you in about an hour."



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Refined, charming widower has something crude in mind

DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old widow who met a fascinating 65-year-old widower through a high-class dating agency. He's a very refined professional man whose background is similar to mine. First we talked on the phone, and I found him charming and easy to talk to.



Dear Abby

We met for the first time last Saturday. He took me to a lovely place for lunch, but all he wanted to talk about was sex. After lunch, his hands were all over me. He asked me how I'd like to go to his apartment and spend the weekend with him! I refused, saying that I did not jump into bed with a man on the first meeting.

I was drawn to this man because of his good manners and professional status, and I must admit that I crave companionship, and yes, possibly a husband to share my life with. I have strong sexual feelings,

If you don't want him to think you're a pushover, don't call him, because that is probably what you will be. This "refined professional man" should skip the dating agency and find a call girl.

DEAR ABBY: Two months ago, my daughter's fiance died. "Connie" is still devastated. She and "Matthew" had gone together for five years and were very much in love.

Last Christmas, Connie gave Matthew a \$1,200 Rolex wristwatch. (It took her many months to pay it off.) She had the watch engraved on the back with her name and his.

After Matthew died, Connie asked Matthew's mother if she could have that watch as a keepsake. Matthew's mother said, "I will let you have it — for \$600." I tried to talk Connie out of buy-

ing that watch, but she wanted it so much, she borrowed the money and now she has the watch.

Abby, have you or any of your readers ever heard of anything as ridiculous? — CONNIE'S MOTHER

DEAR MOM: If you're asking if I think your daughter was ridiculous for (a) wanting the watch as a keepsake, (b) paying \$600 for it or (c) borrowing the money to buy it, my answer would be "no" to all three questions.

P.S. I'm glad you didn't ask me what I thought of Matthew's mother because my response would have been unprintable.

CONFIDENTIAL TO FEELING GUILTY IN SACRAMENTO: Take comfort in the words of James Russell Lowell: "Console yourself, dear man and brother, whatever you may be sure of, be sure at least

of this: You are dreadfully like other people. Human nature has a much greater genius for sameness than for originality."

DEAR ABBY: We enjoy entertaining in our large country home, but one couple who visits us always brings their dog. "Toughie" is housebroken, but as you probably know, most male dogs are housebroken only for their own homes. Toughie "marks" (urinates) on a corner of every bed, every chair and sofa in the house. In doing so, he dribbles on the carpet as well. After they leave, I have to shampoo all the carpets and furniture. This is not an easy chore for me, as I am not young anymore.

We have never fed our pets at the table, but these people feed Toughie while they are eating with

us in our dining room. Naturally, the dog "begs" and whines throughout the meal, which makes for a very upsetting dinner.

Abby, we are very fond of these people. Do I have the right to ask them to leave their dog home when they visit us? — DOG-TIRED IN PONTIAC, MICH.

DEAR DOG-TIRED: You not only have the "right" to ask them to leave their dog at home, you also have my permission, if that will help you.

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Tidbits

By LEA WHITEHEAD Staff Writer

"JoAnn and I have enjoyed living in Big Spring," said Hank Burnine. "We think a lot of the folks we met — at the VA, the Dora Roberts Rehab, the Lions Club, the First Baptist Church — and everywhere in-between!"

The Burnines, who lived here two years until Hank retired from the VA Hospital, were packing up and getting ready to move to Tyler Thursday to be near their families.

"Tyler is kind of centrally located," Hank explained. Two daughters, Ruthie Vaughn, and Julie and husband Ben Miller live in Dallas; daughter Kandi and husband Dan Dalton, with Ian, 4, and Seth, 1, are moving to Conroe soon. Son Steve and Crin Burnine live in Jacksonville; the Mark Burnines, with Brittany, 6, Joshua, 3, and Jacob, 1, live in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Odell and Edna Womack have just returned from a vacation to San Antonio and Port Aransas — with grandsons Ryan and Jerod Womack in tow.

Object of their visit to San Antonio was Sea World, and Edna says "we didn't miss a thing." Edna was especially impressed with the formal gardens, of course.

In Port Aransas they went deep sea fishing for red snapper, and Ryan made the biggest catch — five.

The youngsters are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Womack, Odessa.

Recent visitor at Theresa Jackson's home was her daughter, Janice Minter, on a 30-day leave from Yemen, near the border of Saudi Arabia, where her husband, John, is employed by Yemen-Hunt Oil.

From here Janice left for Oxford, Ohio, to visit her daughter, Terri and Dave Smetana, who expect their first baby in September. Then Janice was joined by her son, Johnny Minter, Houston, for a flight to the continent where they'll meet John for travel in Greece and Rome, Italy.

Theresa's other daughters, Melba Dean Ewing, Tucson, Ariz., and Billie Jean and Tabor Rowe, Odessa, came home to visit while Janice was in town. The sisters are all graduated in the 1940s from Big Spring High School.

Don and Ellouise Swinney hosted longtime friends from Christ Church, New Zealand, and Vienna, Austria.

Pam and Bob Vernell were on a

but I need to be respected, too.

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TIDBITS

three-month trip to the U.S. from New Zealand; Pam and Ellouise met in 1968 at the University of Colorado Medical Center where both had taken terminally-ill babies. Although they had kept in touch, they had not seen each other since then. "Pam promised to name her first adopted son after our son," Ellouise says. "Their son, named Todd, is 20 years old this year!"

Other houseguests were Otis and Irene Gatewood, Vienna, whom the Swinneys met in 1972 while serving as missionaries in Germany. The Gatewoods have been missionaries in Europe 42 years, Ellouise says.

Former resident Erma Balch, Amarillo, phoned local friends to say her grandson, Larry Eubanks, will spend a two-week vacation with her. Larry lives in Florida.

Erma's address is 3318 Southwestern, Apt. 136, Amarillo, Tx. 79109 — she'd like to hear from the folks she left behind when she moved about a year ago.

Lola Knowles, former resident, is visiting here this week. She came over to help her sister, Ella Carroll, while Ella is recovering from foot surgery.

Mary Rasberry phoned to say that the family reunion in Lubbock of the descendants of L.D. and Bessie Rasberry, reported last Sunday, was hosted at the home of Mrs. Gayle Buckner.

Gayle is the twin sister of Dayle Rasberry, who along with wife Helen, cooked the barbecue and pies for the family get-together.

Mary, by the way, just received her pin marking 700 hours of volunteer work at Canterbury.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to help celebrate "Dr. Clyde and Jane Thomas Day" Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The medical community, old friends from Clyde's Scouting work, Jane's friends from garden clubs and civic groups, city dignitaries, Clyde's countless patients — and many more are invited to attend this reception.



Wedding clowns

PHILADELPHIA — Rene Coker, center, and Ron "Toto" Johnson, right, wave after their recent wedding before their appearance in the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Coker, 23, and Johnson, 22, were married by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Bernard Goodheart.

Military

Pvt. Edwardo Melendez has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations.

Melendez is the son of Irma and Arthur Melendez of Colorado City. He is a 1988 graduate of Colorado City High School.

Anniversary The Lewis Elliotts

Lewis B. and Elizabeth Elliott, Colorado City, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary July 2, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, Colorado City.

Their daughters, Mrs. Frances Godwin, Colorado City; Mrs. Bill Cooper, Lake Colorado City; and Mrs. Esther Evans, Carrollton, will host the event.

Two of their daughters are deceased.

Elliott was born Sept. 1, 1897 in Sweetwater.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Wilson, Mrs. Elliott was born Feb. 12, 1900 in Landersville, Ala.

While Elliott served in the U.S. Army, the couple married June 22, 1919 in Loraine. They moved to Colorado City in January 1920.

Elliott owned and operated Mitchell County Abstract; Elliott Insurance Agency, later named

Elliott-Godwin Insurance; and founded the Colorado Federal Savings and Loan Association, which later became First Western Savings.

In 1987, the Chamber of Commerce named Elliott the Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

The Elliotts have been active in the First United Methodist Church and Masonic organizations.

Elliott, a 33 degree Mason, has worked in the York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry.

The Elliotts are life-time members of the Order of the Eastern Star and have served in many capacities locally and in the Grand Chapter of Texas.

They have 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

The couple's friends are invited to attend the celebration.

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Home-grown potpourri

From Midwest Living To create sweet-scented potpourri, herb gardener Faith Newman of Holton, Kan., suggests planting these easy-to-grow, aromatic herb varieties.

Then, she says in Midwest Living magazine, dry and combine their leaves and-or blossoms.

Rose geranium — Use leaves only (also tasty in apple jelly or cakes, and refreshing in baths).

Lavender — Blossoms and leaves from this plant go into potpourri.

Rosemary — Leaves only (steeped in boiling water, they make a wonderful hair rinse as well).

Floribunda roses — Whole rosebuds (don't spray the rosebushes with chemicals if they will be added to the potpourri).

Sweet Annie — Leaves, which smell like fresh hay, are a good choice for a potpourri filler.

Lemon thyme — Leaves only (when fresh, they're also great in teas and to dress up summer salads).

Lemon or cinnamon basil — Seedpods and leaves (also grows easily in pots indoors).

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● Born to Mary Lou Gonzalez, Lamesa, a son Eusebio Raymundo Gonzalez, weighing 5 pounds, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Raymundo and Lucia Gonzalez.

● Born to Auggie and Denise Martinez, Coahoma, a daughter, Devyn Elyse, on June 21, 1989 at 9:52 a.m., weighing 9 pounds 3/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Martinez, Coahoma; James and Beverly Averitt, Coahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, Coahoma. Devyn is the baby sister of Shane, 6, and Aaron, 3.

● Born to Jacob and Nancy Rios, a daughter, Brooke Lynn, on June 19, 1989 at 7:46 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Benigno and Lucy Gomez, Big Spring; Luis and Erlinda Rios, Big Spring.

Brooke is the baby sister of Jacob Jr., 2 1/2.

● Born to Gilbert and Antonia Gonzales Jr., 109 E. 16th St., a son, Gilbert Gonzales III, on June 19, 1989 at 4:54, weighing 7 pounds 4/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Frank and Rosa Bustamante, 1211 S. Main St.; and Gilberto and Maria Elena Gonzales, 2211 S. Johnson St. Gilbert III is the baby brother of April, 1 1/2.

● Born to Kim Henry and Paul Holguin, 2536 Langley, a daughter, Brittany Desiree, on June 16, 1989 at 10:02 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Alice

Henry, David Henry, Ramon Holguin, and Eolida Holguin, all of Big Spring.

● Born to Eddie and Lana Henderson, Rt. 2 Box 113, a son, Blaine Lee Henderson, on June 15, 1989 at 2 p.m., weighing 5 pounds 10 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are J.D. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Watkins. Blaine is the baby brother of Heath, 7.

● Born to Raymond and Denise Rodriguez, 2401 Alabama, a daughter, Brittany Renee Rodriguez, on June 20, 1989 at 4:49 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Yandrich, and Diann Brummett, all of Big Spring; and Mr. and Mrs. Isabel Rodriguez, Del Rio.

ELSEWHERE

● Born to Roger and Penny Stapp, Altus, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, a daughter, Chasi D' Marie Stapp, at Altus Air Force Base Hospital, on June 2, 1989 at 7:58 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, delivered by Dr. Tyburski. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stapp Sr., Big Spring; Tracy Sharp, New Albany, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yarbar, Rt. 2 Box 38; and Douglas Tatum, Big Spring.

Menus

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The Spring City Multipurpose Senior Center is sponsored through funds provided by the Texas Department of Aging and the Older Americans Act.

MONDAY — Pork cutlets; green beans; yams; rolls; butter; oat brand muffins and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak fingers w/gravy; Brussels sprouts; creamed corn; whole corn; rolls; butter; pear & cottage cheese and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pinto beans w/sausage; boiled squash; cole slaw; rolls; butter; apple pie and milk.

THURSDAY — Beef stew; pasta salad; turnip greens; cornbread; butter; watermelon popsicles and milk.

FRIDAY — Beef pattie; chicken salad; whipped potato; mixed vegetables; rolls; butter; peach cobbler and milk.

STANTON

MONDAY — Beef and cheese pizza; buttered corn; English peas; fruit muffin and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken and dumplings; vegetable salad; green beans; sliced bread; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Shepherd pie; Ranch Style Beans; spiced fruit; hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY — Beef and cheese enchiladas; pinto beans; vegetable salad; fruit cobbler; corn bread and milk.

FRIDAY — Swiss steak; creamed potatoes; green beans; banana pudding; hot rolls and milk.

Little porkers make perfect pets, breeders say

By JOE B. MCKNIGHT

PIKETON, Ohio (AP) — The faithful dog's place as man's best friend is facing a challenge from an unlikely quarter — the barnyard.

A recent entry is a strain of miniature pig, described by the breeders as better than a dog, cleaner than a cat, more sensitive than a smoke alarm, and the easiest pet in the world to care for.

One of the little porkers can be had for as little as \$2,000, but the quantity is limited due to demand.

That demand has Bob and Fredericka Wagner squealing with delight. But if pigs aren't your puddle of mud, they have sheep, donkeys and horses, all in

miniature. The Wagners' Flying W Farms, a 1,700-acre spread 80 miles east of Cincinnati, is a breeding ground for exotic pets that they sell nationwide and often sight unseen.

They've been dealing in miniatures for 20 years, but the Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs, which they've had for only two years, are the hottest item in their commercial menagerie. The little snorters are full-grown at 40 to 60 pounds and stand 12 to 14 inches high, about like a medium-size dog.

"These pigs have just exploded," she said. "We've sold a female for up to \$35,000."

That price was on a sow heavy with offspring that went to a par-

ty wanting to get into the pet pig business.

The standard price is \$2,000 for an 8-week-old boar and \$5,000 for a similarly aged sow. Females cost more because they can reproduce. A sow is ready to breed at about 6 months and can produce two litters a year of six to 10 piglets each.

The Wagners keep about a dozen breed sows and sell about 100 piglets per year, either as pets or breeders.

"It's a lot better than the stock market and a lot safer," Fredericka Wagner says of the exotic animal business.

The Wagners get the miniature pigs from Vietnam via Sweden and Canada because the Agriculture Department doesn't

allow direct import. They are available either in black, white or black-white combination.

Change in the American lifestyle is seen as a big factor in the popularity of exotic pets. People are seeking pets that better fit lives where lawns are limited and apartments are small.

Pet pigs, says Fredericka Wagner, are the answer. "Total enjoyment of a wonderful little pet."

They are particular in their personal habits, using the corner of their pen farthest from their bed for a bathroom. Bedding is usually pine shavings and hay. Powdered sows' milk is available for raising baby pigs, and adults eat about a pound of pig pellets a day along with a little hay.

Mrs. Wagner warns that pigs like treats, and food high in fat and calories is just as bad for pigs as for people. So while you're teaching your pig tricks, reward him with raw vegetables or fruit, though cornbread and peanuts are acceptable.

Pigs drink a lot of water and, like dogs, have no sweat glands, so they need plenty of shade and cool water to wallow in.

Mrs. Wagner poo-poo's old wives' tales that pigs stink.

"They have no odor, good or bad," she says. "The smell associated with barnyards comes from the environment, the mud and waste that people make animals live in."

"With pigs there just is no odor as long as you clean up after them, just like other pets."

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY REVIEW

Edited by Lea Whitehead



Factory perfect

Pat Gray Body Works can offer the finest finish this side of the factory on autos damaged in collision. The firm's exclusive Blowtherm Ultra spraybooth oven features controlled air, humidity and temperature — everything necessary for a factory-perfect job. Pat Gray, 700 N. Owens,

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Waco ministry loans medical equipment to those in need

WACO (AP) — Hospital beds, wheelchairs, commodes, crutches — easy items to come by in hospitals, but not so readily available at local convenience stores.

A Waco Baptist Association ministry has been able to help supply an increasing number of people with hospital items for home health care. The best part about the program is that it's free.

"Since the federal government has cut out on the rental equipment through Medicare, this thing has just mushroomed," said the Rev. E.J. Culp, 13-year pastor of Gateway Baptist Church and director of the hospital equipment loaning ministry sponsored by the WBA Senior Adult Council.

When Culp took the reigns of the program in 1983, he said the ministry averaged six to eight loans a month. In the first three months of 1989, the ministry loaned 174 pieces of equipment, bringing the total to 300 pieces out on loan.

The number of loans are increasing, he said, because more families are caring for elderly relatives at home and other sources that provide home health care equipment have cut back the service.

"It's almost an impossibility to get equipment through Medicare anymore," Culp said. The American Cancer Society generally provides for its cancer victims, but some of them use the WBA equipment during gaps in the society's service, Culp said.

"We've had doctors who have used it: we've had the poorest people in Waco use it," Culp said about the WBA service.

"If someone wants to make a donation, we put it back into the health care costs," he said, adding that donations often go toward buying new mattresses and mattress covers.

The ministry began in Waco in 1979 as a small program limited to WBA members, Culp said. In 1983, St. John's United Methodist Church donated equipment to the WBA program and asked that it be made available to all McLennan County Christians, he said.

To rent equipment, a person must be a McLennan County resident and a church member. Policy

prevents the ministry from loaning to nursing home residents, Culp said.

The church member requirement serves three purposes, Culp said. It gets individual churches involved in the program, notifies church officials who may not have known a member was ill, and makes it easier to get equipment back.

The ministry has lost 23 pieces of equipment in six years, Culp said, "but that is a very good record."

At first, the ministry only loaned out equipment for six months. However, "I went through a very traumatic experience trying to get a piece of equipment back one time," Culp said.

A woman's condition had

worsened in the six months she had used a WBA wheelchair, and she wouldn't return it. Culp said he visited her to try to talk her into returning the chair. The woman began crying, saying she couldn't get by without it.

Culp was so moved by her plight that he reported to the Senior Adult Council that "they'd better get somebody else to return the chair because I can't take it away from her."

Because of incidents like that, people may now renew loans in six-month periods.

The ministry is helpful because it allows people to be cared for in a familiar environment, Culp said.

"Usually when someone is physically handicapped — needs a

hospital bed, or must have a hospital bed for care at home — the next step is a nursing home," he said. "Nobody wants to go to a nursing home."

"If it's possible for a person to stay at home rather than in a nursing home, it not only saves the taxpayers money, but in the words of the lady in charge of Hospice, 'It's a whole lot better for a family member to be cared for and to die at home than somewhere else.'"

Culp said he has fielded questions from only a few people concerned about contracting acquired immune deficiency syndrome from the equipment. His policy is to thoroughly clean and disinfect equipment upon return.

Student workers

By HARPER'S BAZAAR

Many of America's top students are taking a break between college and graduate school to work at jobs from teaching English in Asia to helping Guatemalan refugees in Georgia.

They are delving into foreign cultures and experimenting with alternative lifestyles, according to an article in the current issue of Harper's Bazaar, and both graduate-school admissions officers and corporate recruiters welcome the trend.

Even though these experiences are keyed more to personal growth than career advancement, the recruiters and admissions people embrace the idea as long as time off is well spent.

"In an incredibly competitive pool, we want to distinguish people who have passion and color and a verve for life," said John Enyart, director of admissions at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. "If I can see that passion expressed in an extraordinary year-long experience, I think that's marvelous."

The most popular destination for people wanting to merge travel with work is Asia, where the low cost of living almost everywhere except Japan is combined with a prodigious need for English teachers.

Thousands of young Americans work in language schools, business and private homes throughout Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. They can earn good money — up to \$50 an hour as a private tutor in Japan — and see an exotic part of the world.

Job openings outstrip teachers and it's not necessary to speak the native language.

Some students travel and work overseas independently, but there also are more structured arrangements. Among them:

Council on International Education Exchange, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017. CIEE provides permits for students and recent graduates who want short-term jobs in Britain, France, West Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Jamaica.

CIEE does not guarantee you a job but their cooperating agencies will help you with leads.

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, Embassy of Japan, 2520 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20008. Sponsored by the Japanese government, JET recruits Americans, Britons and Australians for English teaching jobs in high schools in urban, suburban and rural Japan. The annual salary is roughly \$27,000, enough to live simply in Japan.

Jubilee Partners, P.O. Box 68, Comer, GA 30629. The program helps refugees from Guatemala and El Salvador gain asylum in Canada. Volunteers live and work on Jubilee's Georgia farm, helping refugees. Volunteers' average stay is five months. They receive free room and board plus a small monthly stipend.

Overseas Service Corps of the YMCA-USA, Taiwan, International Division, 101 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606. American college graduates earn \$425 a month plus lodging to teach English. This is less than they could earn privately.

Sherut La'am, American Zionist Youth Foundation, 515 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Sherut La'am places Americans in social service positions in Israel. The year-long program, open to people of all religions, includes three months of Hebrew language training. Initial cost is \$350 plus roundtrip airfare.

VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), ACTION, Washington, DC 20505. Volunteers work for non-profit organizations dealing with literacy, hunger, education, health and nutrition. The salary is about \$500 per month, plus a \$75 allowance for each month served, collectible at the end of a year.

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