

On the side

Iron it on for the Steers

BIG SPRING — As the Big Spring Steers prepare for their play-off action against Tyler Chapel Hill Bulldogs in Bedford Saturday, Steer fans have a chance to show their support with a pep rally Friday morning and an iron-on decal.

There will be a Steer Pep Rally at 9:15 a.m. in the Big Spring High School gym, a school spokeswoman said. The event is open to the public, she said.

And fans who want to more visibly show their support can use an iron-on appearing in today's edition of the *Herald*. The iron-on is suitable for T-shirts, sweaters or almost any other type of clothing.

The transfer, sponsored by Don's IGA, comes complete with instructions on its use, said Randi Smith, *Herald* circulation manager.

It can be transferred with an iron or by heat-transfer, Smith said.

Besides the decal, designed by *Herald* employee Cindy Cole, a team picture appearing on the front of today's newspaper can also be ironed on T-shirts, following the same instructions as those on the back page heat-transfer.

In Friday's *Herald* the newspaper will also run a cutout to be put in fans' car windows. The cutout will say "Hook 'em Horns" "All the Way".

The page can be taped to car windows to show support for the team.



Just making sure

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby looks over the shoulder of Gov. Bill Clements, as he signs the workers compensation reform legislation into law Wednesday. House Speaker Oib Lewis looks on. The Legislature finally passed a bill, after nearly 12 months of work.

Forsan concert

FORSAN — The high school band will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. today in the Forsan High School auditorium.

The sixth grade band will open the concert playing the Christmas selections of "Jingles Bells," "Jolly Ole Saint Nick," "White Christmas" and "Jingle Jolly Christmas." The seventh grade band will be playing "Santa Clause is Coming to Town," "Little Drummer Boy" and "Winter Wonderland." The high school band, which consist of eighth grade to twelfth grade students, will conclude the program with the selections of "Santa Baby," "Carol of the Drum" and "Jingle Bell Fantasy."

The band choir will also perform at the concert singing "Gloria Hodie" and soloist, Terresa Smith, a Forsan teacher, will perform "The Glory of Christmas."

Santa will be making an appearance at the concert.

Woman 'adopted'

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorney Joe Jamail unofficially adopted a 73-year-old homeless woman who may be his cousin, donating \$1,000 for clothing and an apartment for the woman.

Jamail first learned about Joanne Jamail when she was interviewed by *The Houston Post* at her "home" under a highway bridge. She said her late husband told her he was related to the famed attorney, but she never sought him out because she didn't want to "impose" on him.

Before Jamail could find the 90-pound woman, a religious group took her off the street. The group's director read the article about how Jamail was looking for the woman, and he called the attorney.

The two hugged and kissed at their first meeting Wednesday.

"I apologize for all the fuss and publicity I've caused you," she said. "I just hope I didn't embarrass you or your family."

"Nonsense," Jamail told her. "You've made my Christmas. I respect and admire you. I don't know if we are real cousins, but I would be happy if you'd be my cousin now."

"I want to help you out," he said. "I don't want anyone to have to live under a bridge like you did."

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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Tonight, fair with increasing cloudiness and turning colder. Low in the lower 20s. West wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday, a few flurries possible in the morning. High in the mid 30s.



Barefoot burglar escapes police

By RUTH COCHRAN and STEVE RAY Staff Writers

BIG SPRING — A barefoot burglar who was still wearing his jail garb ran out of the police department Wednesday after waving "bye" to a dispatcher.

Juan Hagen Samora, who was in custody in connection with several Big Spring burglaries, called the *Herald* and in an exclusive telephone interview said he ran out the front door at the police station unchallenged about 5:15 p.m.

"I was smiling, and that lady said bye, and I said bye too," Samora said of his jail escape. "I was in my green suit that I had to wear in city jail and I had

"I was smiling, and that lady said bye, and I said bye too. I was in my green suit that I had to wear in city jail and I was barefooted too . . . Just like I turned myself in, I turned myself out." — Juan Hagen Samora, escaped prisoner



barefooted too. I was wearing socks."

Samora said he was being questioned by a detective when the detective left the room, leaving Hagen unattended.

"They took me into a room and (the detective), he left for a minute," Samora said. "That's

how dumb detectives are. "I just walked out on them. Can you believe that?"

Samora's break sparked an immediate search for the prisoner which police officials said included every officer on duty.

Samora said he watched as the officers searched.

"I could see them looking for me but they couldn't find me," Samora said. "As soon as I left I hid in a vacant house, and now that I left I made them look dumb."

A police official said Samora, 18, had turned himself in Tuesday. He was arrested under warrants charging burglary of a habitation

and revocation of probation. On Thursday, Capt. Lonnie Smith confirmed that Samora apparently ran out of the station untouched. Smith said Samora was being questioned, and when the detective left the room, Samora ran out of the station.

"There was just a misunderstanding," over who was supposed to watch the prisoner, Smith said. Normally, he said, an officer is with a prisoner at all times during questioning.

Smith declined to release the names of the officers involved, saying the incident is being reviewed by internal investigations.

"We'll be looking at our current

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Mitchell private prison proposed

By BRADLEY WORRELL Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — A private prison business with plans to build a Howard County facility also has plans for at least one Mitchell County facility, a private prison official confirmed.

Tentative plans call for a 500-bed private prison facility in Mitchell County that would be privately funded, said Frank Powell, chief executive officer of Midland-based Private Prisons of America Limited (PPAL). The facility could be expanded later, he said.

Long-range plans submitted to the State Commission on Jail Standards call for two, 500-bed private prison facilities in Mitchell County that would be privately funded.

The initial facility would be different from the Howard County facility in size and in funding, Powell said. The Howard County private prison is a proposed 1,025-bed complex that would be financed by a bonding company under a public offering, Powell said previously.

Any plans for a Mitchell County private prison facility are still tentative at this point, Powell stressed. He repeatedly emphasized the tenuous nature of any discussions

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Decorating

BIG SPRING — Employees at the Howard County Courthouse have been getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating office doors. Though not on the door, the wall leading into the Howard County Sheriff's Office is adorned with lights, as Vickie Pineda, left, gets a pair of scissors from Mary Garcia as the two finish the scene in the right photo. Justice of the Peace China Long used old tickets to both make a wreath and to serve as a warning to others in the above photo.



This is to be ironed on back of T-shirt

C-City eyes tank removal

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — The City Council began preparations Tuesday to remove underground fuel tanks in the wake of new federal pollution regulations that will take effect Dec. 22.

The council voted to advertise for separate bids to purchase above-ground fuel tanks and for the pump systems needed for their operation, but a date has not yet been set to advertise.

"Before you can start putting in these tanks you have to start putting something else in," City Manager Brenda Hammond explained to council members prior to their vote.

Hammond recommended that the city determine what underground storage tanks they own and then have them removed instead of bringing them into compliance with new Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

According to the regulations, tanks with unknown installation dates or those installed before 1965 must comply with leak detection standards by Dec. 22, said Ernest McFarland, field investigator with the Texas Water Commission office in San Angelo.

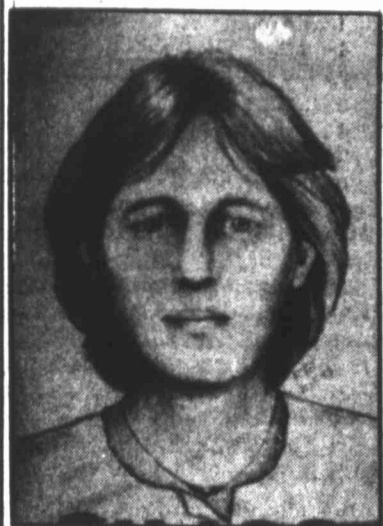
Tanks must be upgraded for corrosion protection and spill preven-

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1989 Big Spring Steers

Inside Texas



Unknown victim

Authorities have released this artist's conception of a woman whose body was found Sept. 25 on Interstate 35 north of Georgetown. Police have not been able to identify the woman, who is white and believed to be between 20-30 years of age.

Dealing with leftovers

DALLAS (AP) — A creative twist has turned one company's leftovers into another's Christmas offering.

Posters featuring drawings of 30 downtown scenes, including Dallas, have been cut up and turned into jigsaw puzzles, each with more than 500 pieces.

Don Scott, who produced the U.S. cities puzzle series for Buffalo Games Inc. of Buffalo, N.Y., said the posters were acquired from a bankrupt company in Canada.

Scott said he does not know the identity of the artist who painted the downtown scenes. But it is clear the posters sat around for awhile, according to the Dallas Times Herald. Dallas' tallest building — the NCNB Plaza — is missing.

The puzzles sell for about \$15.

Board considers proposed auto insurance rates

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance will adopt new automobile insurance rates within 30 days, the panel's chairman said.

On Wednesday, the three-member panel heard from its staff, the insurance industry and consumer advocates on proposed rates that will take effect May 1.

The insurance industry has asked for a 12.8 percent statewide average increase that would raise premiums by \$500 million.

The board's staff has recommended a 6 percent increase in auto rates, which would cost drivers an extra \$234 million a

year. The state attorney representing insurance consumers is recommending a 2.3 percent decrease, or \$90 million rate cut.

Whatever rate the board chooses, the public should know that insurance companies can sell auto insurance for less, Chairman Paul Wrotenbery said.

"Citizens understand that the State Board of Insurance sets the rates," he said. "That leads people to believe that there is a set rate and therefore in many cases they do not seek alternative prices on automobile insurance. That serves as a disadvantage to the

consumer."

The state's return to a 65 mph speed limit on designated rural interstate highways is contributing to a 21.6 percent rise in bodily injury losses, said Grant Dostert, chairman of the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office.

"Although no analysis has been done for Texas, New Mexico experienced a 57 percent increase in fatalities in the 12-month period after raising speed limits on rural interstates from 55 to 65 mph," Dostert said.

The survey eliminated other factors, such as seat belt use, changes

in alcohol consumption, and age and sex of drivers.

But Kay Doughty, state consumer counsel, said, "I simply haven't seen any information that supports that."

Doughty said insurance companies should monitor medical costs more closely and report to state officials whenever a doctor or hospital charges fees that are too high.

"It is incumbent on the insurance companies not to simply report that and pass that through to the consumer but to do everything they can to get a handle on those

medical costs as soon as possible," Ms. Doughty said.

Consumer advocates called on the board to closely examine the expenses of insurance companies.

"Consumers end up paying higher rates for expenses that are a result of inefficiency," said John Hildreth, director of Consumers Union southwest regional office.

The board has allowed Consumers Union to be an intervenor in the rate case.

Hildreth said consumers end up paying the insurance industry's costs of lobbying state legislatures and Congress.

Searchers fail to find missing teen

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK (AP) — More than 60 searchers had found no trace by late Wednesday afternoon of a 16-year-old boy believed to be wandering somewhere in the vast park.

Paul Paddor of South Miami, Fla., walked away from a campsite after an argument Sunday afternoon and has not been seen since, park spokesman Robert Rothe said. The campsite was nine miles east of Castolon, a tiny settlement near the mouth of Santa Elena Canyon on the park's western boundary.

The boy, who is diabetic, was clad only in a flannel shirt and jeans and was carrying some trail mix, insulin, syringes and about a gallon of water, Rothe said. He is assumed to still be somewhere in the rugged desert park, which is bigger than Connecticut.

"We hope if someone in a car picked him up that they would read about this or hear it on the radio and tell us," he said.

Nighttime temperatures have been near or below freezing since the boy walked away from the campsite, Rothe said. He discounted the threat of the numerous mountain lions living in the remote park.



Anti-smuggling campaign

HIDALGO — The Zenith Corporation kicked off a nationwide campaign Tuesday to advertise the U.S. Customs' Drug Hotline on their eighteen wheeler truck-trailers. On the left is Vincent Kamler, Vice President in charge of consumer

products manufacturing; on the right is James C. Platt, U.S. Customs Service Regional Commissioner. 1-800-BE-ALERT is a 24-hour toll-free hotline which the public can use to report suspected drug smuggling to U.S. Customs.

Woman awarded \$44 million in fire suit

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman whose husband and two daughters burned to death in a 1982 automobile fire won a \$43.2 million lawsuit judgment against Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc. and Toyota Corp., her attorney said today.

A jury Wednesday awarded actual and punitive damages to Nike Adegbite, 36, who escaped with only minor burns and cuts from the 1973 Toyota Corona station wagon when it caught fire after being rear-ended by a van. The trial lasted six weeks.

Stan Pfeiffer, Mrs. Adegbite's attorney, said today that the lawsuit claimed Toyota was negligent in its design of the station wagon and failed to recall it.

The attorney said Mrs. Adegbite and her family were in the back seat of the station wagon when it was struck on a Houston highway Sept. 26, 1982. The van's impact pushed the station wagon's gasoline tank forward, Pfeiffer said, and the tank was punctured by an empty spare tire carrier and a valve on the rear axle.

"Upon impact, the Toyota burst into flames when the gasoline tank was punctured. Nike escaped to watch her husband and her two girls burn to death," he said.

Her husband, Adeyemi, 35, and her daughters, Yetunde, 7, and Adelo, 8 months, were killed. The driver, Boyo Adetoye, received minor injuries, but his wife and child were killed.

Adetoye was not involved in the case because he had reached a settlement on a similar lawsuit about a year ago, Pfeiffer said.

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Santa gives the breath of life

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A shopping mall Santa sprang from his chair, performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on a choking boy and didn't even lose his wig.

Dorie Schuffman was paying to have her son Renny photographed with Santa Seth Applegate when the 11-year-old boy started coughing and collapsed.

"Santa Claus just leaped out of the chair," said Ms. Schuffman, of Reseda. "I didn't know what was happening."

Applegate, 37, was working in the Panorama Mall on Tuesday when Renny began coughing.

"He passed out in front of me. He turned completely red," Applegate said Wednesday. "My first reaction was to just get some air into this little guy."

Applegate, who had emergency medical training years ago, had trouble with the big wig and beard but kept them on as he worked on Renny.

"I had dozens of children standing around and I didn't want to blow their illusion," he said.

The boy apparently had gotten bubble gum stuck in his throat, Applegate said.



SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Jennifer Jean Casolo talks with U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador William Walker shortly after being released by Salvadoran authorities and deported to the United States. Casolo was arrested Nov. 26 on charges of weapons possession and acts of terrorism.

California to get third area code

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Telephone-crazy Southern California will get a third area code in 1992 because of overloading caused by cellular phones, fax machines and computers as well as ordinary phones.

"We are simply running out of telephone numbers," Pacific Bell vice president Dominic Gomez said.

The existing 213 area will be split, spawning a new 310 area code to join 213 and 818, making Los Angeles the first city to be divided into three area codes.

Gomez said Tuesday that rising population — the usual reason for adding area codes — is a factor, but so is the growing use of computer modems, pagers, car phones, fax machines and multiple phone lines.

"I don't think any of us could have foreseen the explosion we've seen in these particular technologies," he said. The Chicago and New York metropolitan areas are among the urban centers that have also added area codes in the past few years.

The city's original 213 area code was split in 1984, creating area code 818 covering northern Los Angeles and other parts of northern Los Angeles County including Glendale and Burbank.

The 310 area code will include the western, coastal, southern and eastern portions of Los Angeles County, including Los Angeles International Airport.

That will leave the 213 area for downtown, Hollywood and other central communities.

Congressman critical of findings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of a House Armed Services investigative panel contends the Navy irresponsibly rushed to judgment in citing gunner's mate Clayton Hartwig as likely to blame for the USS Iowa ship-board explosion.

Summing up two days of hearings on the blast that killed 47 sailors, Rep. Nicholas Mavroules, D-Mass., told Vice Adm. Joseph S. Donnell III "you've pointed your finger when there's that little chance" the blast could have been accidental.

"Wouldn't it have been better off to say 'we don't know,'"

Mavroules asked the vice admiral.

"We believe we do know," Donnell said, alluding to the Navy's finding that Hartwig most likely caused the blast by inserting some type of detonator between bags of gunpowder in one of the ship's 16-inch guns.

"I find it quite irresponsible that the Navy would issue a report on a probable cause rather than have the documented evidence that they can prove," Mavroules said.

Mavroules made the statement after Hartwig's onetime friend and shipmate, Kendall Truitt, testified.

Church activist back in U.S. after deportation

MIAMI (AP) — Church activist Jennifer Casolo was deported from El Salvador after being held 18 days on subversion charges that supporters said were part of a campaign of rightist aggression against the church.

Casolo, 28, of Thomaston, Conn., read the Bible and wept over letters of support from friends on Wednesday's commercial flight from San Salvador, friends said.

She also expressed concern about two Salvadoran friends who were arrested with her Nov. 26 and remain jailed for allegedly hiding tons of arms for leftist guerrillas.

"I don't think I've suffered as terribly as thousands of Salvadorans have suffered here," she told reporters before leaving El Salvador.

She made no public statement after arriving in Miami.

"It's just tremendous," her mother, Audrey, said from Connecticut. "We've already had our Christmas present here."

Casolo was released after a Salvadoran judge announced there was insufficient evidence to hold her. U.S. Ambassador William Walker personally escorted Casolo from the women's prison outside San Salvador to the airport.

Casolo, who gave tours of El Salvador to visiting Americans as

a lay worker with Christian Education Seminars, had lived in the country since 1985.

She and her friends were arrested during a police raid on her rented house.

Salvadoran police said they dug up 103 mortar shells, 213 blocks of dynamite, 405 detonators, 150 feet of slow-burning fuse and 21,945 rounds of ammunition for Soviet-made automatic rifles in the garden.

Casolo was charged with terrorism, possessing weapons of war and criminal association. She denied the charges.

The timing of her arrest, during the biggest guerrilla offensive of a decade-long war and the first to deeply penetrate the capital, appeared to link it to a concerted government backlash including raids, arrests and harassment against clergy and church members, Casolo's supporters said. Six Jesuit priests were slain Nov. 16 and a witness blamed government troops.

The army and rightists politicians in the Central American country accuse churches of aiding the guerrillas, while those of the left claim the poor are forced into the guerrillas' arms because the government quashes peaceful, church-sponsored calls for change.

World

Vatican cautions against Zen, yoga

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican today cautioned Roman Catholics that Eastern meditation practices such as Zen and yoga can "degenerate into a cult of the body" that debases Christian prayer.

"The love of God, the sole object of Christian contemplation, is a reality which cannot be 'mastered' by any method or technique," said a document issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The document, approved by Pope John Paul II and addressed to bishops, said attempts to com-

bine Christian meditation with Eastern techniques were fraught with danger although they can have positive uses.

The 23-page document, signed by the West German congregation head Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, was believed the first time the Vatican sought to respond to the pull of Eastern religious practices.

Ratzinger told a news conference that the document was not condemning Eastern meditation practices, but was elaborating on guidelines for proper Christian prayer.

Moslem group threatens to kill pope

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A group calling itself the Organization for the Defense of the Oppressed threatened today to kill Pope John Paul II for his support of Lebanon's rebellious Christian leader, Gen. Michel Aoun.

The threat came in a statement delivered to a Western news agency as the pope was criticized by Lebanese leftists for failing to receive Arab mediators seeking to end the 14-year-old civil war between Moslems and Christians.

"The Organization for the Defense of the Oppressed, after consultations with its forces fighting international arrogance, announces that it has issued the death sentence on the pope of Rome," said the handwritten, Arabic message.

The 92-word statement charged that the pontiff "has become the

spiritual guide of the mutinous crusaders in east Beirut," a reference to Aoun and his supporters in the Christian enclave north of the capital.

The communique warned Papal Nuncio Pablo Puerari to "leave Lebanon soonest" and said "the organization has decided to execute the death sentence against the pope of Rome sooner or later."

There was nothing to authenticate the statement, which used Shiite Moslem fundamentalist parlance similar to that of pro-Iranian extremist factions holding most of the 18 Western hostages in Lebanon, including nine Americans.

Those groups usually send a photograph of a hostage with their statements as authentication.

25,000 Soviets apply at McDonalds

MOSCOW (AP) — McDonald's placed an advertisement for 630 crew spots at the Soviet Union's first golden arches — and was swamped with job applications from 25,000 Muscovites, a company official says.

More than 1,000 applications flooded in the first day after the ad appeared in a Moscow newspaper and hundreds are still trickling in a month later, Rem Langan, director of McDonald's Moscow operations, said Wednesday.

Part-time Soviet workers at the new McDonald's will earn about 1 1/2 rubles per hour, Langan said.

That translates to about \$2.50 according to the commercial rate, or about 25 cents according to a new tourist rate.

The first Moscow McDonald's is scheduled to open Jan. 31, and a grand opening party will be held amid the splendor of the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses, which seats thousands and is currently the site of the Soviet Parliament.

The restaurant on Pushkin Square just off Gorky Street will be the largest McDonald's in the world, seating 700 inside and 200 outside and serving 15,000 diners a day.

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Students have a sense of humor

By JEAN WARREN
Special to the Herald

Junior high school students are noted for their sense of humor; they will laugh at anything. It is one of the diversionary tactics they employ to reduce the tedium of learning — like staring out the window, writing notes, or mentally calculating the number of minutes until the bell.

A target for their humor may be the teacher. And to this end, the more creative often come up with clever names for their instructors. A much respected teacher-coach, who wielded an impressive paddle, was known as "Whambo". A principal I knew in another state was noted for her stern visage; students called her "The Great Stone Face," after the title of Nathaniel Hawthorne's story.

A teacher whose dark tresses were styled in bangs was dubbed "Frankenstein". Another, because of her skinny underpinnings, was named "Frog Legs". A veteran teacher with a sagging throat line was referred to as "Chicken Neck".

Of course, such nicknames are never uttered in the presence of a faculty member, but somehow word gets around.

Another appealing quality of junior high students is their enthusiasm. They can be very enthusiastic, sometimes even about learning, if the project is one to their liking. In assigning oral book reports, I used to give permission "to do anything you can to make the book real to the audience, but if you're reporting on Joan of Arc, don't burn the building down."

However, once a student did start a fire while making his book report "real". I have forgotten the name of the book — it wasn't Joan of Arc — but I still remember the panic I felt as smoke filled the room. We got the fire out, with no damage, but after that I rephrased the assignment to exclude incendiary suggestions.

Learning to juggle is fun, but it is not for the faint of heart.

I always tried very hard to understand my students, but sometimes elements of adolescent logic escaped me. Why, for example, will students stand outside shivering in the cold when they are free to enter a warm building? Why will a student write with a pencil in English class, when he's supposed to use a pen, and write with a pen in math class when he's supposed to use a pencil? Why will any thinking individual risk incurring the teacher's wrath by inquiring innocently upon entering the classroom, "Did we have any homework?"

However, I have decided it isn't always necessary for adults to understand adolescents in order to enjoy them. After all, I have driven a car for many years without understanding much of what goes on under the hood.

Unwed mom happily pays for raising her baby

DEAR ABBY: I am an unwed mother, so I know what I'm talking about. I am tired of seeing the boy get the dirty end of the deal when a girl gets pregnant. Girls jump into bed on the first date and the boy thinks she must be protected or she wouldn't be so willing. The next thing you know, he is paying a large amount of child support, which makes it very hard for him to consider marrying and having a family because he will be in debt for at least 18 years.

I think birth control is much more the girl's responsibility than the boy's. The boy should use what is available to him, but it is a well-known fact that it also takes away from the pleasure, so most people don't use anything.



Dear Abby

If the girls are going to risk getting pregnant, then they should be willing to pay their fair share financially. I mean like 50 percent of the child support.

If people think, "Oh, the poor girl is stuck at home raising the baby so she shouldn't have to pay," they are wrong. It is a privilege to raise a child — not a punishment.

Why should the boy pay all the support while the girl gets all the pleasure of being there for the baby and the boy has to beg for visitation rights? Meanwhile, he has no say in how his child is being raised, but he has to support the baby and the mother.

I raised my baby without any help from his father, and my only regret is that the father missed out on all the pleasure I had. Sign me — A HAPPY MOM

DEAR HAPPY MOM: Your letter is a first. You have a remarkably generous and noble attitude. It's also unique. Birth control is the responsibility of both parties, and the boy who doesn't use anything because "it takes away from the pleasure" is not on-

ly selfish but is asking for a sexually transmitted disease and an unplanned baby. And the girl who has unprotected sex should have her head examined.

Raising a child under the right circumstances is a pleasure, but very few unwed mothers would call it a "privilege."

Your letter is signed "A Happy Mom," but it sounds as though it could have been written by an unhappy father.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently married, and the day of our wedding the priest gave our marriage license to my husband. Well, he lost it! A similar situation happened to a friend of mine (different church and religion). Her husband put

their marriage license, crumpled up, in his back pocket.

My question is, why was the groom designated to receive the marriage license on the wedding day, and is this a custom everywhere?

I'm not saying that all men are careless, but the groom is just as preoccupied as the bride on that day. The church should ask the couple to designate a trusted friend or relative to take care of this important paper. Do you agree? — A BALTIMORE BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: You make a good point. The "designated trusted friend" should be the "best man" — that's traditionally what best men are for.

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WASHINGTON — The dome of the U.S. Capitol is framed by the snow-laden limbs of dogwood trees Wednesday morning. The capital area received several inches of snow overnight.

Good Samaritan returns box of Christmas presents

ANDERSON, S.C. (AP) — Beverly Toddes says a man who found a box full of her Christmas presents and returned them has restored her faith in people.

The gifts, which included a bird house, sweaters and candy cane reindeer worth nearly \$200, apparently fell from the back of a truck driven by one of Mrs. Toddes' friends, who was transporting them to her family in Patton, Pa.

"We thought it was fantastic that someone turned it in," Mrs. Toddes said in a telephone interview. "Both my husband and I said we just can't imagine this nowadays."

She said she was surprised someone would make an effort to find the owner of the gifts.

That someone was Ray Spearman, who took the box home and called the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. Deputies used a credit card receipt in the box to trace it to Mrs. Toddes, a medical assistant in San Antonio.

Spearman, a 32-year-old maintenance manager at Ryder Trucking and Leasing Co. in Greenville, was driving home from work around midnight Friday when he noticed the box.

"At a glance, I thought it was just empty trash," he said. "But it was still loaded with merchandise. It was misting rain, and the stuff was so dry so it apparently had just been left."

In the box he found five wrapped packages with gift tags and 24 small baskets filled with chocolate candy. Thinking the gifts may have been stolen, he turned them in.

"Christmas is a special time for everybody," he said. "I wanted to see these people get their Christmas back. I couldn't see anybody's Christmas destroyed on account of vandals or thieves. I hope the lady got her stuff back."

Mrs. Toddes said Monday that her friend who was transporting the gifts has friends in South Carolina and will return to the state to pick them up.

"He said this time he'd put them in the truck," she said in a telephone interview.

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Judge rules against mandatory drug tests

BOSTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service has violated job applicants' constitutional rights by requiring them to undergo drug tests without good reason, a federal judge has ruled.

A postal union official said Tuesday the ruling would provide ammunition in the fight against a Postal Service policy, instituted

this year, that screens prospective employees for past drug use.

"We read the decision as impacting the (Postal Service's) current drug testing program," William Burrus, executive vice president of the American Postal Workers Union, said from Washington.

The case focused specifically on a research project begun in 1986 by

the Postal Service, in which job applicants in Boston submitted to drug tests, and the results were compared with the employees' job performance after they were hired.

In his ruling, U.S. District Judge John McNaught said the tests violate constitutional rights against unreasonable searches and seizures because the government

has failed to show a compelling reason for testing prospective employees.

Gene Guerrero, who follows drug-testing issues for the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, said he was unaware of any other rulings against government drug testing programs for job applicants.



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King Herod's bath

JERUSALEM — An Israeli model, wearing a Roman-era type toga, tries out the 1.5 ton alabaster bathtub in which Herod the Great splashed nearly 2,000 years ago. The royal-sized tub, unearthed at Herod's Palace near Jericho, is part of a 1,000-piece exhibition of cosmetics and personal care items of the ancient world.

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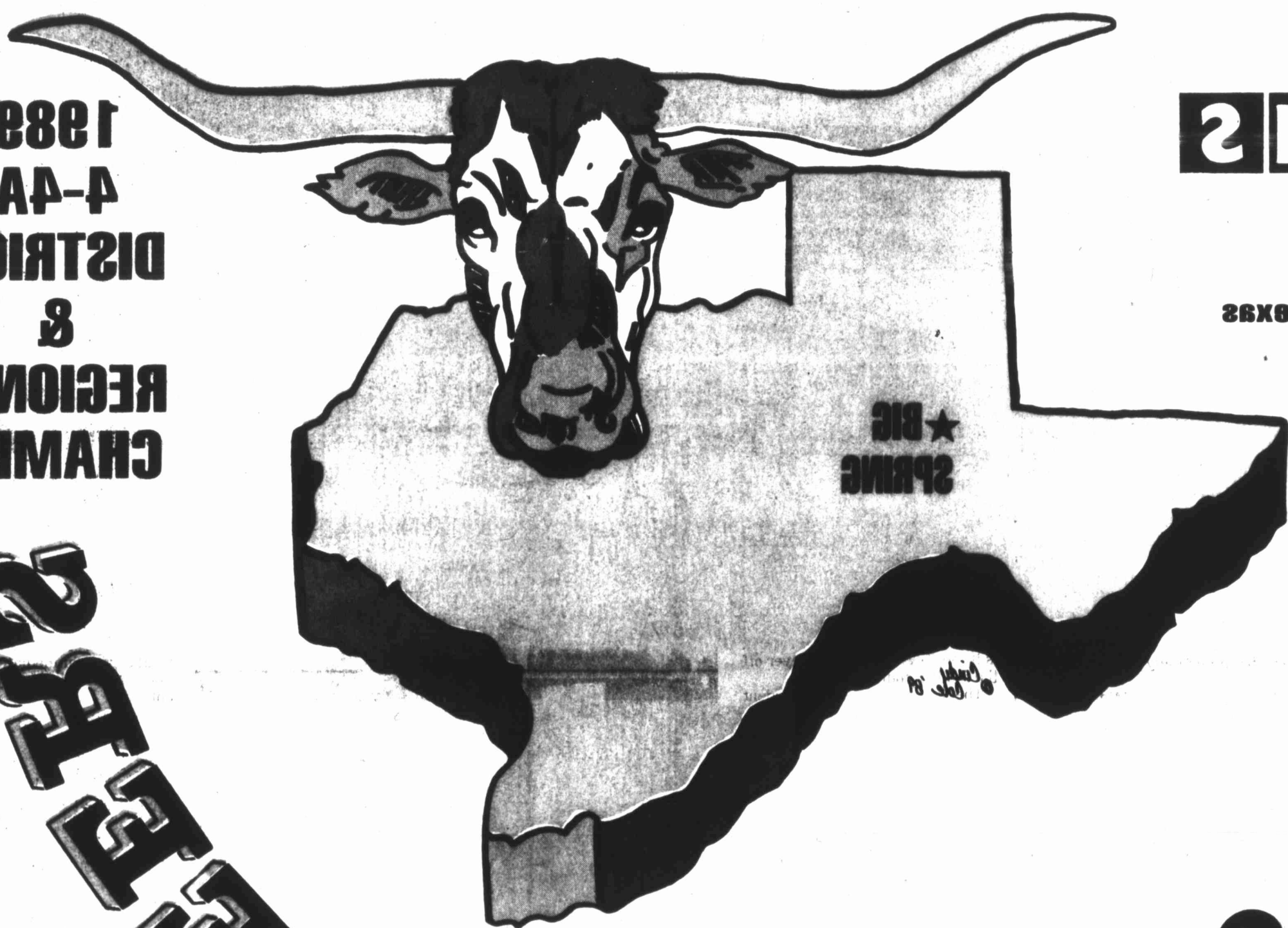
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West German Boris Becker, the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, will meet Stefan Edberg in Friday's second singles match at the 10,500-seat Schleyer Halle.

Becker and Edberg met this month in the Masters final in New York, the Swede winning the season-ending individual title in four sets. That boosted his confidence and that of the entire Swedish team.

Team captains Niki Pilić of West Germany and John Anders Sjogren of Sweden announced their teams for Saturday's doubles at the draw.

Becker and Eric Jelen will play Sweden's Anders Jarryd and Jan Gunnarsson.

Both team captains, however, can make changes in the doubles pairs up to one hour before the start of the match.

Gunnarsson is making his first appearance in a Davis Cup final. He played two doubles in early rounds of the tournament against Italy and Chile in 1985.

Last month, Gunnarsson upset Becker in the round of 16 at the Stockholm Open, but it wasn't good enough to earn him a berth as second-string in singles.

Wilander, who is coached by Sjogren, has been a key player on the team since 1983, when Sweden reached the first of seven consecutive finals.

"I've had a difficult year, but it's fun to be on the Davis Cup team," said Wilander, who won three Grand Slam titles last year and briefly held the No. 1 ranking.

"You forget about your individual game," added Wilander, who has slipped to 12th on the ATP computer rankings after the most disappointing season of his career. "It's more enjoyable at this stage."

Becker was drawn to play Wilander in Sunday's first singles, followed by Steeb against Edberg.

Last year, Steeb overcame a two-set deficit and one match point to upset Wilander in the first singles match on indoor clay at Goteborg, Sweden.

Becker then beat Edberg in the second singles, and West Germany eventually won the prestigious Cup for the first time, 4-1.

Bird guns down Sonics

By The Associated Press
Larry Bird is not one to let a shooting slump stop him from shooting.

"Everyone is worrying about my shot, but I'm not," Bird said. "I just keep practicing, knowing it will come."

His shooting eye was on target Wednesday night as he had 40 points on 17-for-27 shooting in Boston's 109-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Bird played 46 minutes and also had 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

"That's the Larry Bird I know," Seattle's Michael Cage said. "That man knows how to play and tonight he brought his team up to his level. That's what great players do."

"We wanted to keep an eye on Larry because we knew if he hit one or two shots it would be off to the races," said K.C. Jones, the former Boston coach who now is an assistant with Seattle. "He was just playing his game and when he does that he's going to be firing it in."

Bird, who passed Julius Erving for 21st place on the NBA's career scoring list with his 14th point of the game, also hit four straight free throws to give him 38 without a miss.

Bird took only two brief rests, in the final minute of the first half and in the closing seconds of the third period.

Dale Ellis led Seattle with 32 points, while Xavier McDaniel had 15 for the Sonics, who trailed 51-42 at halftime as Bird scored 23 points in the first two periods.

Boston led 83-70 at the three-quarter mark and widened the advantage to as many as 17 points at the outset of the fourth period before cruising the rest of the way.

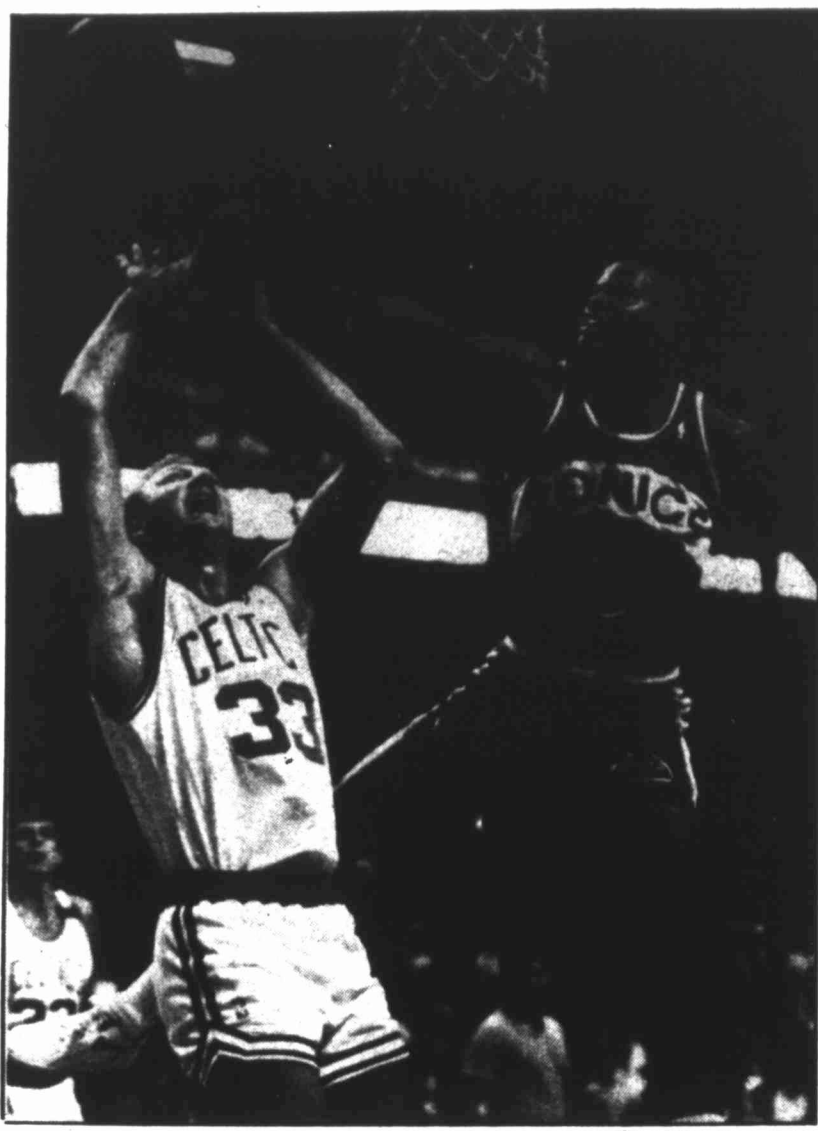
Clippers 83, Pistons 79
Los Angeles defeated Detroit in the third-lowest scoring game of the season as Danny Manning scored 15 points.

The Clippers, one point away from matching their lowest offensive output of the season, became only the 10th team to score fewer than 100 points and beat the Pistons in their last 101 games. They accomplished it despite Manning's five missed free throws in the final 75 seconds.

Isiah Thomas, who finished with 18 points, was ejected when he was whistled for two technical fouls by referee Don Vaden for arguing a no-call with 42 seconds left.

Warriors 134, Nuggets 114
Golden State won consecutive games for the first time since the playoffs as Chris Mullin had 33 points and a career-high 18 rebounds against Denver.

Mullin, averaging just 4.6 re-



BOSTON — Seattle Supersonic guard Dale Ellis (3) goes high above Boston Celtic forward Larry Bird, blocking Bird's shot during first period action of their NBA game Wednesday night at Boston Garden.

bounds this season and 3.3 for his five-year career, had 12 in the second quarter when the Warriors outrebounded the Nuggets 18-9.

Taking advantage of Denver's 31 percent shooting in the second quarter, the Warriors used a 30-8 run late in the first half to gain a 16-point lead.

Terry Teagle scored 23 points for the Warriors and Rod Higgins had a season-high 21. Walter Davis led Denver with 20 points.

Jazz 102, Suns 95
Utah kept Phoenix winless on the road, scoring 11 consecutive points late in the game.

John Stockton had 22 points and 15 assists and Karl Malone had 24 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who trailed by as many as 16 points in the second quarter. Eddie Johnson had 25 points, Jeff Hornacek 23 and Tom Chambers 21 for the Suns, who are 0-7 on the road.

Johnson's basket with 3:18 remaining gave the Suns an 88-83 lead. The Jazz responded with the

11-0 run before Hornacek's free throws with 34 seconds remaining made it 94-90.

The Jazz made eight free throws without a miss in the final 29 seconds despite making only seven of 18 before then.

76ers 112, Hawks 103
Philadelphia snapped Atlanta's seven-game winning streak as three Sixers scored more than 20 points.

Hersey Hawkins had 27 points and Johnny Dawkins and Charles Barkley each added 23, helping the 76ers hold off a late rally by the Hawks, who got a season-high 38 points from Dominique Wilkins.

Philadelphia led 60-46 at halftime, but Atlanta got within three points in the third period and made it 88-86 with 8:27 remaining. But a 12-6 run put the Sixers back in control.

Cavaliers 99, Bucks 93
Larry Nance scored 31 points as Cleveland beat Milwaukee.

Roundup

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good job of getting back and playing defense," he said.

Mayberry scored 16 points in the first half, but missed all four of his shots in the second half, including a long jumper with a couple of seconds left.

"I thought maybe if I put it up early on the last shot, we could get a rebound and have another chance at it if I missed," Mayberry said. "Maybe I should have penetrated and let the officials call something. Maybe we don't deserve the nation's respect as a top 10 team. I feel we should have beat them playing at home."

"I told them it was just one game," Richardson said. "I was hoping we could play one of those games where we still won, even though we didn't play well."

No. 3 Georgetown 92, St. Leo 51
Dikembe Mutombo, at 7-foot-2, and Alonzo Mourning, at 6-10, were too tall for St. Leo as Georgetown won its 23rd straight home game.

The Hoyas (6-0) led the entire way and finished with a 67-27 rebounding edge over the Division II Monarchs (4-3), who had only one play over 6-7.

Mutombo scored 15 points, got 17 rebounds and blocked eight shots. Mourning had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Georgetown was unbeaten at the Capital Centre last season. The Hoyas are 11-0 against St. Leo, an annual early opponent.

Others
— Freshman guard Lucious Har-

ris made a 3-point shot at the buzzer as Long Beach State (5-1) won 89-87 at Texas (3-1). Troy Joseph made a 3-pointer with 34 seconds left that pulled the 49ers within 87-86 and, after Texas' Lance Blanks missed the front end of a one-and-one, Harris made the game-winner.

— Steve Wise scored 29 points, including three consecutive 3-point shots at the start of the second half, as Colorado (7-1) defeated California-Irvine 98-83. The Anteaters (1-5) scored the first basket of the game, but never led again.

— Senior forward Michael Cooper and freshman guard Terry Dehere each scored 20 points as Seton Hall (5-0) beat Rutgers 79-74. Keith Hughes scored 23 for Rutgers (3-3).

— Brock Wortman scored 29 points, including the winning 3-pointer with 13 seconds left, as American (5-1) won at Wichita State. Paul Guffrovich missed a 15-footer with three seconds left and Lance Kroll missed the tip-in at the buzzer for Wichita State (2-4).

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him
"It isn't going to bother me if he stays around. He says it will and maybe he's right. But I'd love to have him around."

Moeller said Schembechler's loss will be felt most in recruiting. Schembechler said he had been thinking all season about retiring and decided to make the announcement now because he wanted prospective recruits to know Moeller would be their coach.

"The toughest thing I've ever had to do was give up my football team," Schembechler said, choking back tears during an afternoon news conference. "But, it's the right thing to do, so I'm doing it."

The announcement was greeted by coaches around the country almost like a death in the family.

Southern Cal coach Larry Smith, who will be on the opposite sideline on New Year's Day at Pasadena, Calif., said he was saddened by the news.

"It's a shock. All of a sudden, Bo is out of the game," he said. "Anyone who has coached with or played for Bo thought that he'd coach forever. College football is losing a great contributor."

Schembechler never had a losing season. Fifteen of his 21 Michigan teams have been ranked in the top

10 nationally. The 1985 team finished No. 2 after beating Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

"If he didn't have an All-American, he'd get a guy to play like one," said Anthony Carter, a three-time All-American under Schembechler and now an All-Pro wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings. "He is a fun guy, a good guy, a guy you didn't mind playing for."

The Wolverines began the 1989 season ranked No. 1, but lost their opening game to defending national champion Notre Dame 24-19. Michigan came back to win 10 in a row and will take the No. 3 ranking into the Rose Bowl, but have only an outside chance at achieving the No. 1 ranking at season's end. Schembechler is the winningest coach to never win a national title.

"I've never been interested in honors," Schembechler said. "If I was going to judge myself, I'd say, 'He was a decent guy, he had integrity, knew how to coach a little football.' I don't need to be patted on the back. I'm very happy with what I've done in my career. How many guys can say that?"

This will be Schembechler's 10th Rose Bowl and third in four years, and it is this annual game that more than anything has marked his career. He suffered a mild heart attack in 1970 on the eve of

his first Rose Bowl and was 0-5 at Pasadena before the 1980 team beat Washington 23-6. He takes a 2-7 Rose Bowl mark into the Jan. 1 game against USC.

Schembechler transformed Michigan's program into one of the best in the nation and, aided by former athletic director Don Canham's salesmanship, began to regularly fill the university's 101,701-seat stadium. The Wolverines have played to 91 consecutive home crowds in excess of 100,000.

Schembechler also became a spokesman for college football, urging tight academic standards and higher graduation rates for players.

"He's not only one of the great coaches, today but one of the

greatest of all time," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "I'm going to miss Bo. I'm going to feel like an old man now. He personifies everything you would want in a football coach."

Moeller, who came to Michigan from Miami of Ohio with Schembechler, left for three years to coach at Illinois. He returned to Michigan in 1980 after compiling a 6-24-3 record with the Fighting Illini.

"I learned at Illinois that you can't do it all yourself," Moeller said. "The support of your president and the administration is very, very important."

"It's going to be a Gary Moeller program, but it's going to have a lot of Bo Schembechler in it, I know that."

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Spurrier considering taking Florida job

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Duke football coach Steve Spurrier, who is already considering a job offer from Florida, says his desire to wait until late December before making a decision on his future may prevent him from getting a job offer from the NFL.

Spurrier's time frame will make it difficult for NFL teams to talk to established coaches in the league before choosing Spurrier, who has been mentioned in connection with pro vacancies in Phoenix and Atlanta. NFL clubs are not permitted to pursue current pro coaches until the NFL season has

concluded. Spurrier, who won the Heisman Trophy as a Florida quarterback in 1966, was offered the school's coaching job on Tuesday, Athletic Director Bill Arnsparger said.

Spurrier plans to decide his future immediately after Duke plays Texas Tech in the All American Bowl Dec. 28. Spurrier said Wednesday he would not push back his agenda in order to campaign for a pro job.

"I've said many times before, I'm the Duke coach," Spurrier said. "If there's a decision to leave Duke, it will come shortly after the

bowl game.

"That could possibly be a problem for some NFL people. If so, it could put an end to those talks. I need to make a decision soon, shortly after the bowl game. If that's a problem for them, then we really don't have anything to talk about."

Spurrier has met with the Phoenix Cardinals and is expected to meet with the Atlanta Falcons late this week. But on Wednesday, the Falcons' interest in Spurrier appeared to be waning.

"If he wants to coach in pro football, then we'll be interested."

Falcons executive vice president Taylor Smith said. "But we're not sure he's sold on pro football. And quite frankly, we're not sold on him yet."

"Steve's time frame is a little different from ours and the other people we might talk to."

Florida's offer came after Spurrier flew to Gainesville to meet with lawyer Bill O'Neal, who will be representing him in the negotiations. He toured Florida's athletic facilities Tuesday afternoon, then met with Gators officials and dined at the home of interim university president Robert Bryan.

Bryan and Arnsparger then extended the offer that had been anticipated for the last two weeks.

"Nothing has changed that much," Spurrier said. "Coach Arnsparger has been taking some heat from Florida media and alumni on why he hasn't offered me the job yet. They don't understand that you would like to offer a job when a person is ready to accept it."

Florida interim head coach Gary Darnell, who has interviewed for the job, said he is happy that the school's preference for Spurrier has been made public.

"I don't like living in fan-

tasyland," Darnell said. "I would rather be able to talk straight, address it exactly as it is and carry on from there."

Neither Spurrier nor the Gators would discuss the specifics of the negotiations. But The Gainesville Sun quoted sources close to the University Athletic Association as saying the offer — a five-year deal — would pay Spurrier between \$350,000 and \$425,000 per year, including endorsements and possibly an annuity.

It also likely would include a rollover clause, so there would always be five years remaining on Spurrier's contract.

Lamar University may drop football

BEAUMONT (AP) — More than 3,800 fans have purchased season tickets to Lamar University football games, hoping to keep the program from being disbanded.

They could be seeking a refund today if the school's Board of Regents decides to give up football, which has lost \$4.3 million over the past decade. Chancellor George McLaughlin and President Bill Franklin have said they would recommend the school drop football unless supporters purchase 3,000 season tickets for 1990 and donate \$170,000 to make up this year's losses.

Lamar coach Ray Alborn led the Cardinals to a 5-5 record in 1989, the school's first non-losing record of the decade.

The school, which competes as an independent,

lost \$523,915 this season, the second largest yearly total of the decade.

A percentage of student services fees cut into that deficit but Franklin said the program still lost about \$170,000 that must be made up to continue.

Franklin is soliciting donations to cover the deficit.

Ernest Albrecht, a former Lamar player, said raising the money would be easier if the school would renew the contracts of Alborn and his staff.

"Ray Alborn has quite a following in this community," Albrecht said. "I've said before I think Ray Alborn is the best thing that's happened to

Lamar since Vernon Glass." Glass is a former head coach of the Cardinals.

Beaumont attorney Walter Umphrey also has said he will solicit six scholarship endowments totaling \$240,000 if the school retains football.

T.E. "Ted" Moor Jr., chairman of Lamar's Board of Regents, says Umphrey has guaranteed the six endowments of \$40,000 from friends and associates with the only stipulation being that the school keep its football program.

The Cardinals averaged 5,999 fans at four home games last season, including non-paying students.

A season ticket campaign passed the 3,800 figure Wednesday, a dramatic improvement over past season ticket sales.

Alborn has been unable to begin recruiting because of the uncertainty surrounding the football program and he has 21 seniors to replace, the most since 1979.

Quarterback John Evans, who completed 228 passes for a school record 2,901 yards last season and 17 touchdowns, and his four top receivers have completed their eligibility.

Chris Ford, who finished third in NCAA Division I-AA receiving with 73 catches; Chris Lafferty, 55 catches; Tyrone Shavers, 36 receptions and Kenny Franklin, 24 catches, are the departing receivers.

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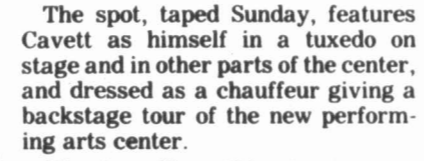
CINCINNATI (AP) — Moviemaker Steven Spielberg hopes to make a movie in Cincinnati with a script written by his sister and loosely based on their childhood here. The 41-year-old director of such hits as the Indiana Jones movies said the screenplay by his sister, Anne, would be different from the adventure films he's known for. Her screenplay credits include "Big."



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electrical engineering student at the University of Cincinnati. The family moved to California four years later. He said the movie should be filmed in Cincinnati, preferably in fall. "That's where the script takes place," he said. "Besides, there's nothing in L.A. that looks like Cincinnati — nothing."

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — TV personality Dick Cavett donned several hats in his old home town to produce a 15-minute television spot for the Lied Center for Performing Arts.



The spot, taped Sunday, features Cavett as himself in a tuxedo on stage and in other parts of the center, and dressed as a chauffeur giving a backstage tour of the new performing arts center. The short film will be shown during broadcasts of productions at the center on Nebraska Educational Television, said Marshall Jamison, an NETV senior producer. Cavett, a 1964 alumnus of Lincoln High School, paid his last visit to Lincoln in July for his 35th class reunion.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

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Los Angeles — Ed Begley Jr. appears with Meryl Streep in a scene from the Orion Pictures release "She-Devil," a film Begley was skeptical about landing a role in. Begley is cast as an ambitious accountant who leaves his wife, played by Roseanne Barr, for an author of romance novels, played by Streep. Barr then becomes the title role, hooking up plots of revenge on her faithless husband and his temptress.

Streep lets her hair down in 'She Devil'

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

For years it has been difficult to find the heart of Meryl Streep. Her style of acting, relying as it does on a multitude of accents and a face equally varied in its leaps of expression, reminded one of a gymnast.

She proceeded through her movies as if 1,000 feats — whether twitches of the face or other bodily contortions — were expected of her, after which the judges would score her performance with a perfect 10. She was the sort of actress about whom one might say, "That was a flawless performance." And one would say it in the tone of voice normally reserved for a Nadia Comaneci.

No matter how many perfect 10's Streep scored, however, the viewer was left with the unnerving awareness that she had been too conscious of her acting prowess for her own good. It was as if Streep dared the viewer to inquire which acting masters she had studied under, which language experts she had consulted for her accents, and where, in fact, she attended college. "Look at me, notice how

Top country singles

1. "Two Dozen Roses" Shenandoah (Columbia)
2. "A Woman in Love" Ronnie Milsap (RCA)
3. "Out of Your Shoes" Lorrie Morgan (RCA)
4. "There Goes My Heart Again" Holly Dunn (Warner Bros.)
5. "Who's Lonely Now" Highway 101 (Warner Bros.)
6. "Til I Can't Tie It Anymore" Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic)
7. "She's Gone, Gone, Gone" Glen Campbell (Universal)
8. "It Ain't Nothin'" Keith Whitley (RCA)
9. "I've Been Loved By the Best" Don Williams (RCA)
10. "That Just About Does It" Vern Gosdin (Columbia)
11. "Many a Long and Lonesome Highway" Rodney Crowell (Columbia)
12. "If Tomorrow Never Comes" Garth Brooks (Capitol)

gifted I am as an actress, see how powerful my facial expression is here." Streep appeared to be telling her viewers.

Though she denied having a method to her acting, Streep always called attention to her performance as a performance. She flirted with being real in the same sense that plastic plants flirt with being real; though she could be stretched into all sorts of lovely and lifelike shapes, upon being pricked, she would not bleed. To bleed would imply real vulnerability.

After watching "She-Devil" this weekend, I still do not claim to have found the heart of Meryl Streep. But in her role as a celebrity novelist dedicated to luxury and romantic adventure, she appears to have finally gained some measure of humanity.

She has done that by displaying, at last, a sense of humor about

Movie review

herself. Streep the woman cannot help but be amused by the celebrity she portrays — who refers to romance as "research" for her books — because Streep knows she has a devoted husband and children awaiting her off the screen. Indeed, Streep is one of the few actresses to be honored for her success as a real-life mother.

Streep's role in the movie succeeds partly because the viewer knows that a lofty sensibility has been employed on behalf of hedonism. She never succumbs to actually being that ridiculous celebrity, because Streep the woman remains certain throughout of her own ideals and respectability. When the novelist's mother describes her as a "slut," it would have been far less comical had Madonna portrayed the

novelist.

Much of the movie's humor lies in the incongruity of a Streep delving into the divinely decadent world normally occupied by actresses. Here, it seems, is an opportunity for her to laugh at her colleagues, while ostensibly appearing as a novelist.

It could also be argued, of course, that the movie presents a serious philosophical message: that life, for all its corruption, vindictiveness and tragedy, is one big comic romp. Even death of a love relationship can lead to rebirth, in the form of a new lover. As if to underscore that point, the movie ends as Streep flirts with what may well prove to be her next lover.

Again, I do not claim to have found the heart of Streep. But it's reassuring to see that life is not always heavy for her; it can, as in this case, be rather light-hearted and silly.

Burns on best-seller list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Not many best-selling authors will make this claim: "I've written eight books and read two."

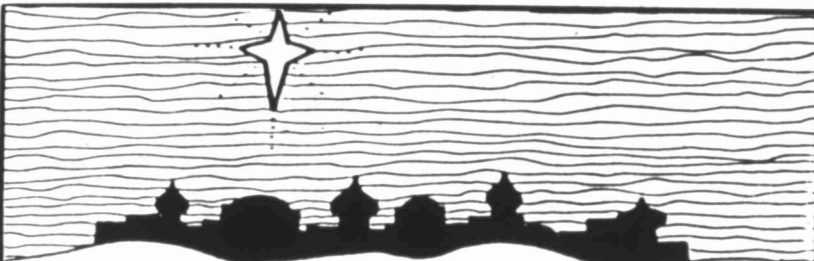
But then, not many authors are 87-year-old comedians such as George Burns.

He's back on the best-seller list with "All My Best Friends" (Putnam's, \$17.95), a reminiscence of his show business pals. Burns readily admits that he "talks" the books to David Fisher, who does the writing. His own acquaintance with literature ended in the fourth grade.

"My school was show business," said Burns. "I wish I had a better education, but I know all about show business. I love what I do. Here I am, 93 years old, sitting in my office, they're taking my picture. I'm being interviewed. It's nice to get up and have something to do at 93... because I can't make any money in bed."

Show business is supposed to be rife with jealousy and backbiting, yet George Burns never says anything bad about his fellow performers. How come?

"I've got no temperament," he shrugged. "What did I do? I walked out on the stage and said to Gracie, 'How's your brother?' and she talked for 40 years. I never got nervous. To get nervous you gotta have talent. Gracie got nervous, not me."



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Around town

Musical presented

STANTON — The Stanton Music Club held its annual Christmas dinner and musical recently at the First United Methodist Church.

Following the dinner, Karen Graves, president, introduced Jean Koonce who directed the Prairie Ringers Handbell Choir in a series of Christmas songs. Included were "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman," "Country Carol," "Jingle Bells," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Silent Night."

Penny Clevenger directed The King's Men and Company in singing, "Lo How A Rose E'er Blommin'," "A French Carol," "He is Born" and "O Come Let Us Adore Him."

Danny Koonce was joined by his father, Roy Koonce in singing "Gesu Bambino". Penny Clevenger concluded the evening with the singing of "O Holy Night". The singers were accompanied by Jean Koonce.

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the Musical dinner.

Straub birthday

STANTON — Claude Straub has made it to the Big 60 and the rest of the old soreheads are invited to drop by the house and help us celebrate his birthday. (The good guys are welcome too.) The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at 511 North St. Paul.

Lions newsletter

STANTON — In their weekly meeting of Dec. 5, Noon Lions were handed a newsletter from the District Governor. Members voted to invite their wives or lady friends to Dec. 19 meeting.

A guest, Jessie Navarez Jr., was introduced and he gave a short talk in memory of his late father, who was a Lion for many years. Tom Angel, program chairman for December introduced a group called "Kings Men and Co." who sang a number of Christmas songs, including "Joy to the World," "No Cheery Greeting," "He is Born," "O, Come All Ye Faithful" and a ladies duet, who sang, "Lo How A Rose Lay Blooming." Singers were: Mary Haislip, Nancy Haggard, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Koonce, James Biggs and Tom Angel.

Financial audit

STANTON — Stanton school board received the good news Monday that the school district passed the financial audit for the year ending Aug. 31, 1989.

The audit report, by Stallings and Herm, certified public accountants in Stanton, found the school district to be fully in compliance with state law during the 1988-89 school year.

The board also appointed Stallings and Herm to continue as auditor for the 1989-90 school year.

In other action Monday, the board:

- Reappointed Pritchard & Pritchard, a legal firm in Fort Worth, as delinquent tax attorney for the school district. For its collection services, it will receive the 15 percent fine assessed delinquent taxpayers.
- Appointed a 15-member textbook committee, headed by Superintendent William Mitchell, to make recommendations to the board on selection of textbooks for the next six to eight years. The school board will make a final choice on those textbooks next spring.
- Passed a resolution that called for maintaining authority by the district to tax freeport goods. Freeport goods that may be temporarily housed or stored in the district.

Hospice fundraiser

STANTON — Hospice of West Texas, which offers medical assistance to the terminally ill in Martin and Howard counties, held a fund-raising dance Saturday at the National Guard Armory in Big Spring.

Ingrid Williamson, executive director of the Hospice of West Texas, said she has not yet determined the amount raised at the event. She said memorials and donations are welcome. Williamson may be reached at 756-2657.

Juveniles cause much of Stanton crime

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Law enforcement authorities say minors account for more than their share of crimes in Stanton. Solving the problem, they say, will require closer parental supervision.

"We have too many kids who are free to roam at too late an hour," said County Judge Bob Deavenport, who handles juvenile crime cases.

Deavenport said he believes

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Martin County parents should maintain "a reasonable curfew" for their children.

When Stanton Police attempt to look for minors, Officer Donald Drew said, often "the parents couldn't tell you what time they got home."

As of last Friday, Deavenport

had handled 16 juvenile crime cases in 1989. He generally sentences youths to perform community service; for more severe cases, Deavenport places youths in the Texas Youth Commission prison facility. This year, he did not place any youths with the Texas Youth Commission.

Deavenport said he has noticed an increase in juvenile crime cases, and specifically in drug cases involving youths, since he became county judge about eight years ago. Most of the cases are resolved unofficially through conversation with the child and parent, he said. Severity of offense

and prior record of a youth determines whether a formal proceeding is conducted, Deavenport said.

Stanton Police Chief Michael Adams said most of the juvenile crime problem in town involves alcohol and drug abuse, criminal mischief, such as defacing of property, and thefts and burglaries for small amounts. This year, Deavenport handled one case of a youth charged with cocaine possession. ● JUVENILES page 5

Emergency farm loans available

STANTON — Emergency farm loan applications for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration office.

Ronnal Bruton, FmHA county supervisor in Stanton, said Howard, Martin, Midland and Glasscock counties are four of many in Texas named by Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yetter as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Bruton said farmers may be eligible for: loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses; or the operating loan needed to continue business; or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent, he said.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Bruton said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss, he said.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 17, but farmers should apply as soon as possible," Bruton said. "Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into the new farming season."

FmHA is a credit agency for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recongnized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Stanton is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Saunders back on job Jan. 1

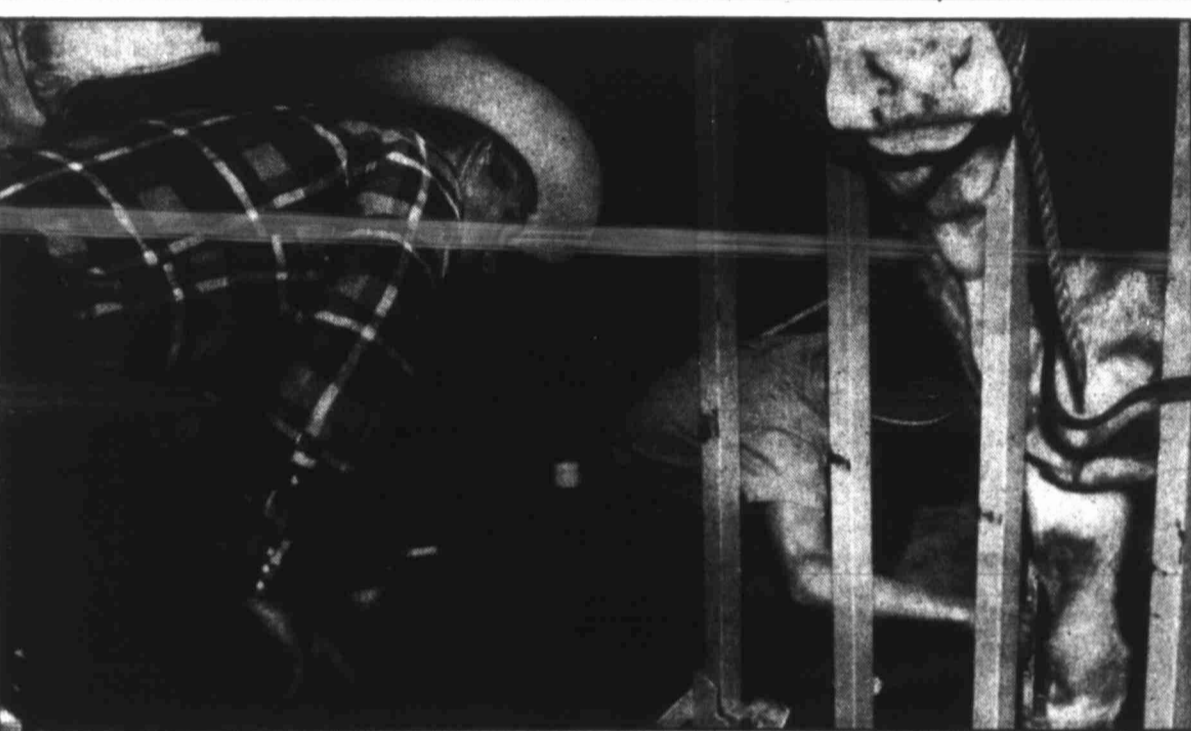
By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Most people will be celebrating New Year's Day with a day away from the job. But Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders plans to resume his duties that day after undergoing open-heart surgery in Lubbock.

"I'm ready to get back and start serving my people, and I look forward to it," Saunders, 64, said from his hospital room. Saunders received permission Tuesday from his cardiologist, Dr. Robert Wey of Lubbock, to return to work Jan. 1.

Saunders was expected to be released yesterday (Wednesday) from St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

● SAUNDERS page 5



Coach Teddy Stewart gives Rawley Mims a few tips on how to groom livestock during competition Saturday in Big Spring. The Martin County ended up third in the contest.

Where's the beef?

Getting groomed at the fairgrounds

HERALD STAFF REPORT

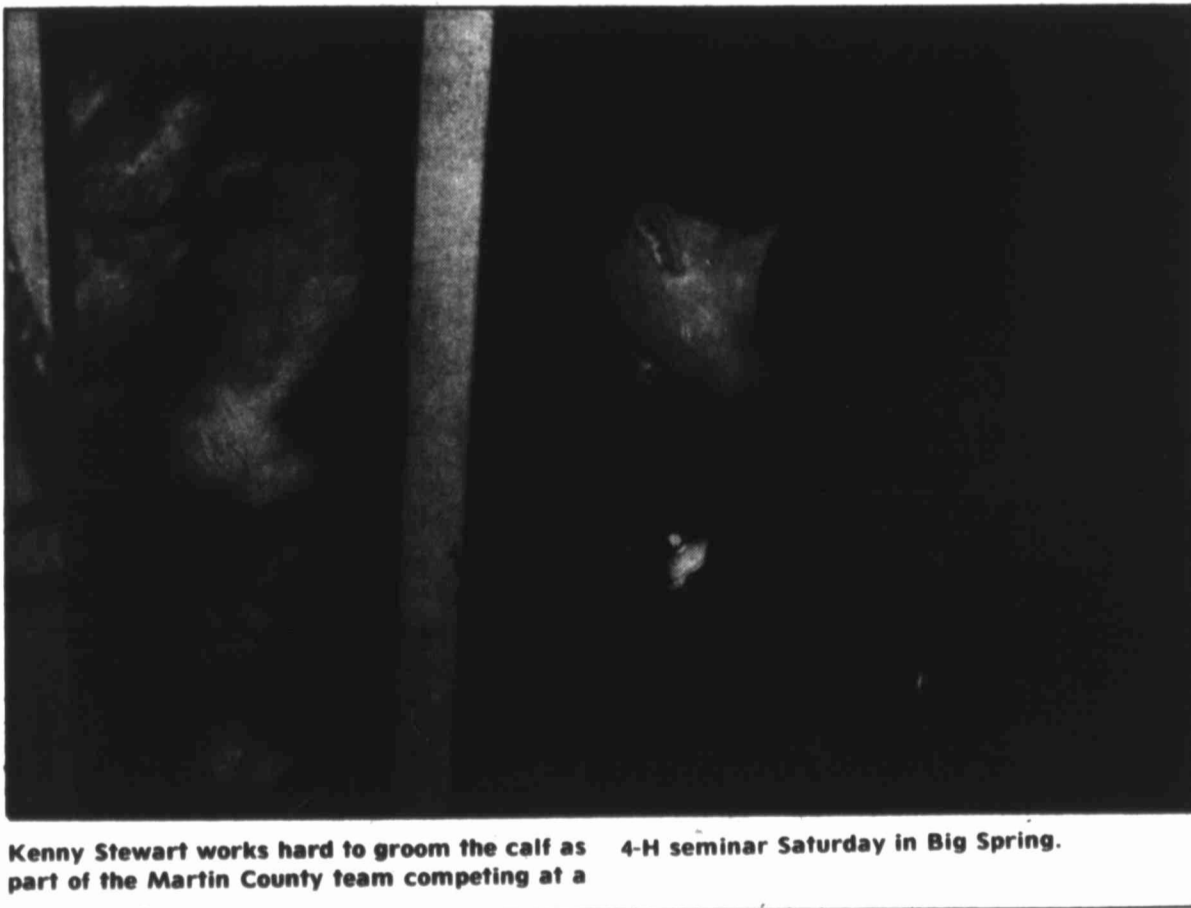
BIG SPRING — While the Big Spring Steers football team was strutting its stuff in Midland Saturday, some real-life bovines were on display here.

The District 6 Junior Beef Cattle Seminar, hosted by agriculture agents from Howard, Midland, Martin, Glasscock and Reeves counties, was held at the Howard County Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday.

The purpose of the seminar, ● BEEF page 5



Marti Kay Mims and Kelly Harrel work on grooming the calf's tail in Big Spring Saturday.



Kenny Stewart works hard to groom the calf as part of the Martin County team competing at a 4-H seminar Saturday in Big Spring.

'Lively' Stanton manager chosen

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — Paul Leslie Lively, Albany city administrator, has said he will accept a similar position with the City of Stanton.

The city began searching for a new administrator in October when Jimmy Mathis announced that he would retire Nov. 30.

Lively was offered the position Monday after Mayor Danny Fryar was informed that the city's first choice, Gerald G. Decker of Kirby, declined the job because the \$27,880 yearly salary offered would have meant taking a pay cut.

During an interview with the City Council Nov. 30, Decker said he made \$36,000 annually as city manager of Kirby, which has a population of 7,800 and is near San Antonio.

Lively, who is being offered the same salary and package deal Decker would have received, said the job at Stanton, which begins Jan. 1, will be a good career move for him and he is looking forward to the move.

"It's a chance to move up," he said this morning. "It's a little bigger town."

"Basically it's more like home. We're from the South Plains," said Lively, who is married and has three grade-school age children.

Lively, who said he has been at his position in Albany for more than two years, also has experience as supervisor of

"He has been in city management and public administration nearly most of his life. He worked in almost every phase of city government."

"I think he'll fit right in the community. I'll just be glad when he gets here," said Fryar, who has been assuming city administrator duties.

Lively, who was one of six people interviewed for the job, said he will make another trip to Stanton on Saturday to look around. Fryar said the six were culled from 25 applications.

Other benefits that Lively will receive in his new position include a \$2,400 yearly car allowance plus travel expenses after 20 miles, Fryar said.

His family will also be provided with a three-bedroom house with rent and utilities paid and up to \$1,000 in moving expenses.

wastewater treatment and assistant supervisor of utilities at Canyon and as water superintendent at Earth and at Amherst. He also worked in maintenance at Olton.

His resume shows that he graduated from Olton High School in 1978 and has attended Texas A&M, Texas Tech Medical School and has taken correspondence courses in public management and administration from North Texas State University.

"He seems pretty sharp to me," Fryar said. "He started his way out from the bottom and worked his way up."

Hispanic deputy helps to bridge language gap

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Aqui se habla espanol.

Every day that deputy John Castro reports to his job at the Martin County Sheriff's Office, he might as well be bearing that message. Castro is, in a word, bilingual.

"Es muy bueno en todo cuando necesitamos ayuda," said Josie

Armendarez of Stanton, who recently visited the Sheriff's Office to chat with Castro. (Translation: He's very good at everything when we need help.)

Castro holds the distinction of being the first Hispanic deputy in the history of Martin County. "I'm grateful," he said, "that (Sheriff) Dan Saunders gave me the opportunity to work with the Spanish people."

The Department of Public Safety is also grateful. Trooper Victor Taylor, who is based in Stanton, said he relies on Castro for help in communicating with Hispanics who are charged with driving while intoxicated. "His skills are very good..." said Taylor, a Hispanic who does not speak Spanish fluently. "He's an all-around good ol' boy."

A steady stream of Hispanic

visitors to the sheriff's office seeks out Castro for advice and conversation. Though one of the sheriff's dispatchers speaks Spanish, when Hispanics ask for a deputy who speaks Spanish, it means Castro. There is only one other full-time deputy in Martin County.

"I treat all people the same — white, brown, whatever," said Castro, 42, who joined the Martin County Sheriff's Office about six

years ago. "But because I speak Spanish, it's a lot easier for me to communicate with (Hispanics) and get to the bottom of things." Castro estimated that about 60 percent of his time as deputy is devoted to talking with Hispanics.

Castro said he understands Anglos "perfectly," since he grew up around them. But his cultural background helps him respond to

● DEPUTY page 5

By NESTOR HERNANDEZ
A Community Committee Election is being held in LAA-1 this year. Community Committee persons will be elected for a three-year term. The elected community committee will then elect a county committee person and two alternates to serve a three-year term for this area.

Nestor's notes



A revised ballot has been mailed and should be returned or postmarked not later than Dec. 11. The county committee will count the ballots on Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. in the local county office.

The County Convention will be Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. in the County Office.

The counting and convention is open to the public.

Wool and mohair producers are reminded to turn in their 1989 sales receipts no later than Jan. 31, 1990.

Information required to determine eligibility for incentive payments under the wool and mohair program include:

- 1. Original sales receipt with certification signed by producer.
2. The number of head shorn.
3. The year and month shorn.
4. Any purchase of unshorn lambs.
5. All receipts for any freight paid for hauling.

If you still have a living spouse, regulations require that spouses sign the power of attorney form. We can no longer recognize current power of attorney forms unless the spouse has signed the ASCS 211.

By GREG JONES
County Extension Agent

AUSTIN - The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will begin contacting farmers and ranchers across the state in late November for 1989 acreage, yield and production totals and end-of-year livestock and poultry inventories.

"Adverse weather conditions this year have certainly had an impact on Texas agriculture, and these surveys should help us summarize where the industry stands at the end of 1989," state statistician Dennis Findley explained.

"Information from these confidential surveys conducted by mail, telephone or in person will also help producers make their plans for the coming year."

"Sound production and marketing decisions require good, reliable information and some advanced planning, and our reports provide producers with solid facts and figures they can incorporate into their plans," Findley added.

As always, the Texas service will be trying to keep survey costs at a minimum, so Findley is urging producers to return their mailed questionnaires as soon as possible to avoid follow-up contacts.

"Remember, these are sample surveys, so if you are contacted it is important to provide the requested information, since one producer represents similar operations of the same type and size. Our estimates can be no better than the numbers producers provide," Findley noted.

The statement "No Spouse" must be entered on the form if the principal is single or widowed. We are prevented from issuing any further payments unless we have an updated ASCS-211. Your assistance and cooperation in updating these forms is deeply appreciated.

A 12.5 percent acreage reduction for cotton has been announced. The 1990 target price for cotton is 72.9 cents per pound. The national loan level for upland cotton is 50.27 cents per pound.

All producers who wish to participate in the 1990 farm programs must have filed, by the end of the year (Dec. 31, 1989), a conservation plan on all HEL land for which you have a farming interest in. It is your responsibility to make sure that every farm that you operate or have an interest in has a conservation plan on file with the Soil Conservation Service by the end of this calendar year.

Please contact your local Soil Conservation Service and make sure you have a conservation plan on all farms you have an interest in.

Hay cannot be stored on CRP

acres. There is a \$10 per round bale and \$1 per small bale penalty. This is a national policy.

Please remember that tumbleweeds are not an eligible cover on ACR (set-a-side) acres. We are having to visit a majority of the farms in the county and we are also receiving a number of complaints. You are too close to the end of the crop year to be penalized now. So lets do the best that we can to control weeds on our set a side acres through Dec. 31, 1989.

No funds are available at this time. A sign up will be announced when funds become available.

This office will be closed on Dec. 25 and also Monday, Jan. 1, 1990.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the local office, we are required to do maintenance on our computer system on Friday afternoons. Normal activities that do not require computer work will be carried out as usual. We ask that you conduct the business that requires the computer the other 4 1/2 days of regular business hours. We appreciate your cooperation and patience with this procedure.

Jones' jottings



Results of the surveys will be published in early 1990. Anyone wanting a copy of the results can write Information Section, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, P.O. Box 70, Austin, Texas 78767.

January 3 and 4, 1990 are the dates for the Texas Plant Protection Conference to be held at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in College Station.

The purpose of this two day meeting is to share information and data to meet the challenges facing users of agricultural chemicals. The targeted audience is agricultural chemical dealers and applicators, extension agents, farmers, consultants, agribusiness representatives, university and USDA scientists, graduate students, SCS and TDA representatives and others interested in plant protection.

An impressive array of speakers including Dr. Earl Butz, Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. Perry Adkisson, Chancellor, Texas A&M University Systems; and 40 other speakers will share their insights at the general sessions or the

special sessions targeting corn, cotton, wheat, vegetables, tree crops, peanuts and rice.

Commercial displays and exhibits by researchers, extension specialists and graduate students will share experimental results, educational material, and product information.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for continuing education credits (CEUs) for recertification of commercial and non-commercial applicators. A minimum of five credits are required each year. If credits have not been earned in 1989 the CEU's at this conference will meet the requirement. If five CEU's have previously been credited to 1989 these CEU's will apply to 1990.

Pre-registration by Dec. 13 is \$40 and registration at the door is \$50. Registration forms are available in County Extension offices.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

By VICTOR S. LUCERO
Extension Agent

So you've gathered the best looking pecans for the county pecan show, cracked them and behold you discover the extent of damage caused by stink bugs and shuckworms. Insect pest problems may be new to pecan growers or they may be a yearly occurrence. To better manage pecan pests, one needs to understand the life history of the insects in question.

There are two insects that cause similar damage to pecans, the stink bug and plant bug. Stink bugs are generally green in color and shaped like a shield. Plant bugs are brown in color and are smaller than stink bugs appearing somewhat narrow in body shape.

Both overwinter as adults in plant debris near pecan trees, emerge in the spring and begin to lay eggs on a wide array of host plants. The young feed and plant juices, mature and migrate to pecan trees where they feed on nuts. Injury to nuts prior to shell hardening causes the nuts to fall

Entomology Notes

By VICTOR S. LUCERO
Extension Agent



from the tree. Feeding damage after shell hardening will cause brown or black spots on the kernel. The affected areas are bitter tasting but the remaining kernel is unaffected.

Winter sanitation will reduce the number of adults that may emerge in the spring. Weeds surrounding the orchard should be burned or mowed down. Keep the number of breeding mites down in the spring and summer to avoid migration.

The hickory shuckworm is a more serious pest, but can be managed. Damage caused by the shuckworm reduces yield and quality of nuts by the generation that feeds on nuts after shell

hardening occurs. The shucks will stick to the shell, and this is where the insect overwinters.

It is very important to gather any shucks or nuts that won't be harvested and destroy them by plowing them under or burning. Shuckworm problems are generally chronic and areas with a history of shuckworm infestations should be managed intensely to significantly reduce this pest.

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By SALLY CARROLL
Dept Correspondent

Everyone at the center seemed to have a nice Thanksgiving. Some people went out of town while others had company.

Louise Standerfer was in Amarillo for a month visiting her daughter and son-in-law. While there, Louise visited the Senior Citizens center several times. She said they had a great band and singing group. She and her daughters joined the singing and really enjoyed it. They also went to see the movie "DAD". Louise said, "It was a good story, but very sad." She really enjoyed her visit. Leona Hightower was in Dallas over the holidays and Lurline Morrison was in Lubbock visiting with her daughter. Now everyone will be getting ready to go again for Christmas.

We are getting ready for Christmas here at the center. For those of you have a hidden talent or even if you don't, you will have a chance to show everybody at our Christmas party. We are going to have a talent show and everyone will bring finger foods such as sandwiches, chips, dips, etc. We also plan to have some Christmas music throughout the night. This will all take place at the center on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Everyone is bringing non-perishable foods for the Christmas Cheer program instead of exchanging gifts. If you would like to participate in the talent show, please let me know so I can sign you up.



Dept news

Let's all get in the Christmas spirit and join in the fun.

Our "HARD TIMES" party was a big success. A lot of people really dressed like they did back when times were really hard. We had some good stew, cornbread and desserts. We hope to have another party in the spring so if you missed this one, be sure to watch for the next one.

We have two new participants at our center. They are Leonard and Ruby Amos, they moved to Stanton from Oklahoma and we want to welcome them to Stanton and to our center. If you're new in town, our center is a great place to meet people and if you've been here a long time, it's a great way to get out and visit with your friends and get involved in different activities.

Our activities for next week are:
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Thursday-Band 10:30 Games 6:00
Friday-Exercise 10:00

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Mailbag

To the editor: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psalms 30:5.

The family of Roger McCalister would like to express their deepest appreciation and thanks for the food, cards, and flowers that were sent, and all the love that was shown during the loss of our beloved husband, father, son, and brother.

The McCalister Family

To the editor: Since you didn't have room for all my letter of thanks to the people who helped with the Museum Christmas Ball, may I please have just enough space to publicly thank a few more who were on the list?

The beautiful table decorations from Sue Criston's Stanton Flower and Gift shop. The refreshment table was loaded with Christmas goodies furnished by Friends of the Museum, a museum auxiliary club. Dorothy Deavenport, Colleen Holloway, Ruby Payne, and Nelda Hazlewood were hostesses for the club.

Last but not least the band, Billie Miles and friends: Out-of-town musicians Troy Parker-Monahans, Gene Thomas-Big Spring, Richard Beck-Snyder and our own Glenda Blalock and Mike Payne. Mike not only played and sang with the band but was the auctioneer for the cake auction. Thank you for the good music. Everyone had a BALL.

Thanks to everyone that helped in any way. We appreciate the Stanton Herald for the publicity you gave us. It all helped. Sincerely, June Reid

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Deaths

Ella J. Standefer

SAN DIEGO — Ella J. Standefer, 96, San Diego, Calif. died Sunday, Dec. 10, 1989 in San Diego after a brief illness. Services were in the veterans section of Mount Hope Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 29, 1893, in a German religious community near Des Moines, Iowa, and married Harry Standefer in 1920 in Arkansas.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Standefer, San Diego, Calif.; two daughters: Ann Utterbacker, La Mesa, Calif.; Betty Kulani, San Diego, Calif.; a son, Ralph Standefer, Socorro, N.M.; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials in Mrs. Standefer's name to the San Diego Hospice.

Roger McCalister

MONAHANS — Roger McCalister, 37, Monahans, formerly of Stanton, died Friday, Dec. 1, 1989 in Monahans.

Services were 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Shilo Baptist Church, Monahans with Clifford Ferguson officiating. Burial was under the direction of Harkey Funeral Chapel, Monahans.

He married Dolores Riggins April 14, 1974 in Monahans and was the owner of McCalister Meter Service. He was a member of Shilo Baptist Church, Monahans. He moved to Monahans from Stanton in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores McCalister, Monahans; two sons: Reggie McCalister, Charles Thomas, Monahans; his parents, Edell and Elenore McCalister, Stanton; his grandmother, Annie McCalister, Houston; and three sisters: Carolyn Jones, Andrews; Joyce Evans, Midland; Nancy Bedford, Baton Rouge, La.

Grady wins tourney crowns

By BRADLEY GIBSON Sports Correspondent

The Grady Wildcats impressively defended their championship crown in the Buena Vista tournament.

The action started Friday night against the Balmorhea Bears. The cats rampaged all over the Bears with a full court press and some incredible shooting percentages in the first half. The Wildcats broke away in the first quarter and never looked back. They rolled on to an 81 to 43 victory.

With the first win under their belt, the Wildcats never broke stride. The Wildcats rolled over the Buena Vista Longhorns, and the Valentine Pirates. Emerging from the battle the cats showed a perfect record and were awarded the first place trophy. The Wildcats increase their winning streak to six straight victories. Their season record now stands at 6-2.

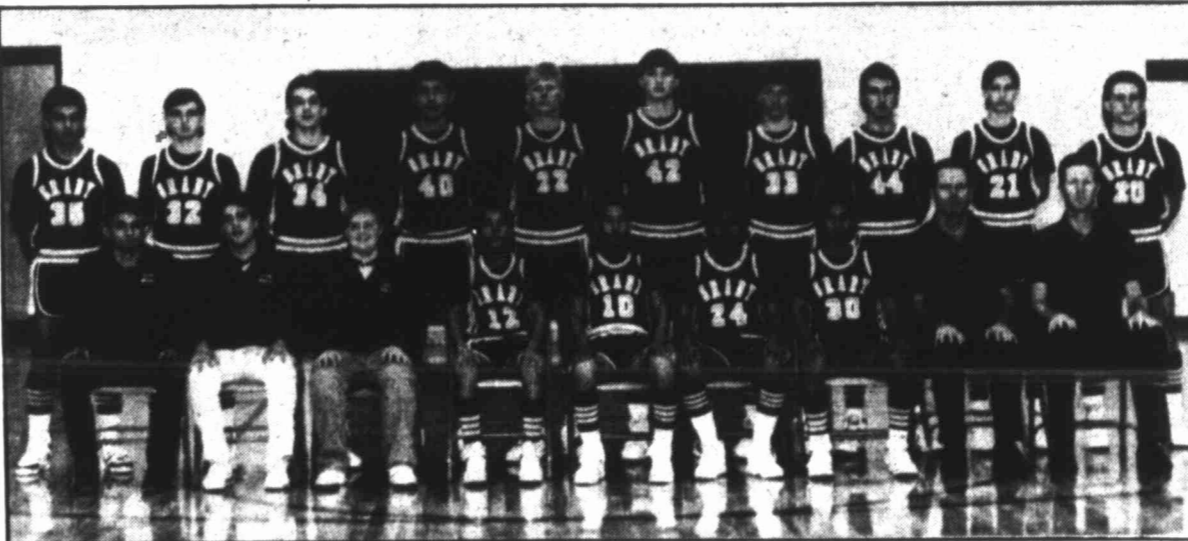
The only suitable word that would describe the performance shown in the Buena Vista tournament by the Lady Wildcats is "DEVASTATION".

The cats racked up three consecutive wins in the round-robin tournament to earn the first place trophy. The first victory came as the cats outscored the feisty but young Balmorhea Lady Bears by a score of 57 to 42. The Lady Wildcats didn't spend much time celebrating, because they had to wake at the crack of dawn to face the next challenge against the host of the tournament, the Buena Vista Lady Longhorns. This contest was easily won by the Lady Wildcats with high scoring and good tough defense. With this 87 to 36 victory, the Lady cats then



LENORAH — Members of the Grady High School Lady Wildcats include, front row from left, Coach Peal, Delia Hewitt, Christina Cortez, Michelle Madison, Casey Robertson and

Elizabeth Rivas. Back row, from left, Missy Romine, Heather Madison, Laurie Romine, Kim Adkisson, Sherrie McMorries and Carrie Nelson.



LENORAH — Members of the Grady High School Wildcats include standing, from left, Gilbert Cortez, Johnny Britton, Danny Valle, Len Garza, Scott Glaze, David White, Cade Robertson, Bryan Payne, J.C. Odom and Scott

Terrell. Seated, from left, Julian Valle, Mike McKaskle, Brad Gibson, Shawn Rivas, Brent Rivas, Florenco Hewitt, Mike Quilimichael, Coach Tommy Terrell and Coach Johnny Tubb.

took the floor for the third and final time against the Valentine Lady Pirates. The Lady Wildcats easily beat the Lady Pirates in a game in which the JV saw exten-

sive playing time. The team from Grady accepted the first place trophy with a 3-0 record in the tournament. The team leaders of the Lady cats were Sherrie

McMorries and Kim Adkisson with 60 and 36 points respectively. Coming out of the tournament the Lady Wildcats improve their record to 8 and 2.

Lady 'cats win home opener

By BRADLEY GIBSON Sports Correspondent

The Lady Wildcats from Grady seemed to be doing everything right as they took the home opener by a score of 49 to 34.

The game started slow with both teams scoring only 10 in the first period. It was a trend that continued as the defenses dominated the game from the start to finish. The Lady Wildcats scored 6 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a six point advantage into the locker room.

In the third period of play, the cats increased their lead with a stingy defense, and a suddenly reborn offense. In the final minutes of the game, the game returned to old form as the defense again dug in. The Lady Wildcats were able to defend their lead, and claimed a 15 point victory. With this win the Lady Wildcats increased their season record to 5 and 2.

The red hot Wildcats increased their winning streak to three games with a win over the Loraine Bulldogs Tuesday night in Lenorah. The game was a close thriller all the way through, as the Cats and Dogs traded points until the buzzer in the first quarter. Trailing by one point the Bulldogs made a run at the Wildcats and took the lead in the last part of the second quarter. The lead was upped to four points just before half. The lead didn't hold long as Scott Glaze scored a half-court three pointer, and the first half came to a close. With this shot the Wildcats headed for the locker room trailing only by a point.

The opening of the second half was just a rerun of the first half as the two teams traded points. The score was tied 52 to 52 at the end of the third quarter. Both teams came out ready to duel to the end when the final period started, but the Wildcats rallied and took a 4 point lead. This lead was held, and the Cats won the game by a score of 69 to 65.

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CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Two local women to be honored for helping museum

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Irene Long is modest about being honored this Saturday for her contribution to the Martin County Historical Museum.

"I think it's great," she said. "I don't feel qualified. I feel like there are others here that have done a whole more than I have, but I've tried to be history-minded and be involved."

Long and Lela Hamilton will be honored at an open house of the museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The museum is located at 207 Broadway.

The two women will be available for people to meet with them at the museum from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Refreshments will be served all day.

Hamilton, 79, a Stanton native, is an artist and musician. She is a Friend of the Museum and has done volunteer work for it.

Hamilton is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, a former member of the Stanton Music Club and a member of the



LELA HAMILTON
IRENE LONG

Senior Citizens Band.

Long, 68, is a member of the museum and a Friend of the Museum. She has been a resident of the Stanton area since 1929. She was married to Elmer J. Long, a farmer and rancher, who died in 1981.

Long belongs to the First Baptist Church and is an honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi, a sorority.

Now retired, she was employed at City Drug, then served from 1946 to 1962 as a secretary at the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation office and from 1966 to 1986 as a secretary to the county judge.

Long calls the museum "wonderful." Her favorite part, she said, is the section on World War I and World War II. She noted that Icke Peters, a veteran of WW I who is now deceased, was a childhood neighbor of hers in Stanton.

"Our last World War I veteran was Edgar Standefer, and he passed away about three months ago," she said.

Long believes the museum performs a valuable service in Martin County. "If we don't preserve our history, who's going to?"

Long has had a special vantage point on the history of Martin County. She worked for five county judges: BF White in the 1940s, then Jim McCoy, Carol Yates, Jimmy Mathis and Bob Deavenport. The museum began in 1971 with help from the county judge's office.

Recalling the oldtime role of the sheriff in the county, Long said, "The sheriff had so much to do, because he had all the bad people to catch. He had to have law and order. He was thought of as the peacemaker, I guess you'd say."

Long said Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders will be remembered

as a good sheriff, "because of his concern for the people."

Long said she believes the county will always be a "great county, because of the families that started Martin County." Among those families, she said, are the Flannigans, Houstons, Toms' and Peters', whose descendants still live in the area. The Peters family

helped settle the county in the 1880s, she said.

"To me it's a distinguished group of people," she said, in explaining what makes Stanton special. "You find some of the best people here you'll find in the world."

Long said her happiest memories were of the 1930s, when she attended Stanton High and had "a great

bunch of friends," she said. "I know times were hard, but it wasn't talked about in front of me. I was just as well off as the other kids."

"I always thought that when we got into high school it was going to be wonderful, and it was," she said. "We just had a good time together."



Dancing to the beat

BIG SPRING — Marvin and Jewel Standefer join other guests including Terrell and Dorothy Pinkston at a dance at the National Guard Armory

in Big Spring Dec. 9th. The dance to benefit the West Texas Hospice featured Neal McGoy and the White Buffalo Band.



Teacher profile

Bill Steven Turnbow is a first-year teacher of government and history at Stanton High School. He grew up in Haskell and received a bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

Turnbow says his favorite thing

about teaching is being able to see the looks of acknowledgment in students' faces when they comprehend a new idea.

Turnbow, a bachelor, enjoys hunting, fishing, riding horses and traveling.

Consumers beware when buying water equipment

Mark Hoelscher, manager, Martin County Underground Water Conservancy District, is concerned about the use of the District's name to promote a brand of water conditioner.

"It has recently come to the attention of the District that our name is being used in conjunction with or as an endorsement of particular water conditioning equipment being sold in our area," Hoelscher said in a recent news release. "It's important that you, the consumer, know that we do not endorse products. Our job is to understand the equipment in general and pass that information on to you. If you hear of this happening again please pass the information on to us and we will take whatever means necessary to get it halted."

On the subject of purchasing water conditioning equipment, Hoelscher urges caution. He advises consumers to check all claims with a third unbiased party. The District can provide facts and information to either verify or refute any claims made by salesman.

If it is beyond the ability of the District to give provide the needed information, they will put you in touch with someone who can. Please remember, said Hoelscher, once you have purchased the equipment there is very little that the District can do. If you have any questions about these or other groundwater activities, please call the office at 915-756-2136 or stop in at 207 1/2 North St. Peter (behind First Bankers).

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Wildcat romp
BUNEA VISTA — Carrie Nelson shoots one in for the Grady High School Lady Wildcats recently at the Bunea Vista Tournament as Missy Romine stands under the basket ready for the rebound. Both the Lady Wildcats and the Wildcats took top tourney honors. For the stories, see inside today's Herald.

Military
Daryl Bayes, son of Andrew and Kathy Bayes, is proudly serving his country.
Daryl graduated from Sands in 1986 and attended WTSU in Canyon. On June 21, 1988 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He completed basic training Aug. 20, 1988 in the Co. "D" 3rd Battalion 28th Infantry at Ft. Jackson, S.C. After basic, he went to the U.S. Army Bayes Signal Center in St. Gordon, Ga. There he was in Co. "D" 360th Signal Battalion, 15th Signal Brigade. From Gordon he was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga. for three weeks of airborne training.
Daryl's current address is: HHC 122 Signal Battalion, APO S.F., San Francisco, Calif. 96224.
Daryl is in Korea serving tour duty at this time, he will come back to the states in March of 1990 and be stationed at White Sands, N.M.



Christmas program
First Baptist Church, Ackerly, will have its Children's Christmas program Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. with singing and fellowship. The church is also collecting canned goods, for needy families in the community. If anyone is interested in contributing, you may contact pastor Eric Lovell at 353-4451. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.
Knott Church of Christ young people training class will have its Christmas party tonight. The girls will prepare supper and serve the boys. Guys "look out!" You'll be surprised. The kids will exchange white elephant gifts after the meal.
Knott Church of Christ, Tuesday morning discussion class will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to stay for a special lunch afterwards. Evelyn Holcomb is preparing a delicious stew for the main dish, bring your favorite dessert.

Food show
Knott 4-H Club members Katie and Dustin Gaskins brought home second place overall honors from the District 6 Food Show. Cory Hill, Marla Reed, and Brad Froman were awarded red ribbons in their categories. Competition was held Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Prude Ranch near Ft. Davis. Each child had to prepare a food dish, of their choice. Knowledge of the nutrition value in the recipe was important.

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Cause No. MO-86-CA-100
NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered by the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Midland-Odedssa Division on the 20th day of January, 1989, in an action styled NCNB Texas National Bank, Et Al, vs. Michael B. Wisenbaker, Civil No. MO-86-CA-100, directed to me, the undersigned United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas, commanding me to sell at Public Sale the following described properties sited ated in Martin County, Texas, to-wit:
Courtney Cowden 1 & 3 Wells
All of the right, title and interest of Michael B. Wisenbaker in and to the oil and gas leases or other interests whatsoever in and to E/2 Section 30, T1N, T & P Survey, Martin County, Texas.
Cowden 30-1 Well
All of the right, title and interest of Michael B. Wisenbaker in and to the oil and gas leases or other interests whatsoever in and to E/2 Section 30, T1N, T & P Survey, Martin County, Texas.
Cowden 30-1 Well
All of the right, title and interest of Michael B. Wisenbaker in and to the oil and gas leases or other interests whatsoever in and to SW/4 SW/4 Section 30, T1N, T & P Survey, Martin County, Texas.
I will on the 2nd day of January, 1990 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Martin County Courthouse, Stanton, Texas offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand the above described properties.
WITNESS MY HAND this 13th day of November, 1989
William J. Jonas, Jr.
United States Marshal
Western District of Texas
By: Deputy U.S. Marshal
6414 Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 1989

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, MIDLAND DIVISION, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, in its Corporate Capacity, Plaintiff vs. LANDMARK DECEMBER III 1979 FUND AND LANDMARK OIL & GAS COMPANY, INC., Defendants
Cause No. MO-86-CA-122
NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Summary Judgment entered by the United States District Court on the 24th day of February, 1987, in an action styled Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in its Corporate Capacity vs. Landmark December III 1979 Fund, No. MO-86-CA-122, directed to me, the undersigned United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas, I have been commanded to sell at public sale the following described real property situated in Midland and Martin Counties, Texas, to-wit:
Billington 2A, in the SE/4 of Section 29, Block 36, T1-S, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Midland and Martin Counties, Texas.
I will on the 2nd day of January, 1990, at Martin County Courthouse, Stanton, TX offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand the above-described real property.
WITNESS MY HAND this 1st day of December, 1989.
WILLIAM J. JONAS, JR.
United States Marshal
Western District of Texas
By: Deputy U.S. Marshal
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CALVIN AND HOBBS

HI CALVIN, ARE YOU BRINGING YOUR STUFFED TIGER TO SCHOOL TODAY?
NO, HE'S JUST KEEPING ME COMPANY WHILE I WAIT FOR THE BUS.
OH
BUT ACTUALLY, HE'S BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE TODAY. HE'S TRYING TO SABOTAGE MY CHRISTMAS BY MAKING ME BE BAD INSTEAD OF GOOD.
FORTUNATELY, I ASKED SANTA FOR SUCH GREAT PRESENTS THAT I CAN WITHSTAND ANY TEMPTATION. I'M BEING AN ABSOLUTE ANGEL.
WHAT DID YOU ASK FOR?
A HEAT SEEKING GUIDED MISSILE. I FIGURE FIVE MINUTES WITH ONE OF THOSE BABIES WILL MAKE UP FOR THIS WHOLE ROTTEN MONTH.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

I HEAR THE SAXONS HAVE A NEW CATAPULT
WELL, "WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND."
SAY, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, ANYWAY?
I WAS HOPING YOU KNEW

GEECH

HERE, YOU OWE ME FIVE DUCKS.
FOR WHAT?
FOR YOUR WHAT-D'YOU-CALL IT... CHRISTMAS PRESENT?
YOU EXPECT ME TO PAY FOR MY OWN PRESENT??
YOU EXPECT ME TO?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T STEAL IT!
I WOULD HAVE, BUT THE LADY AT THE GARAGE SALE WAS ARMED.

B.C.

HERE, FIDO! I GOT A NICE JUICY BUG FOR YOU!
THIS GUY IS REALLY CONFUSED.
SPEAK!
TAKE YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME!

WIZARD OF ID

WHAT'S UP, BLANCH?
I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS YOUR FEE FOR AN OPERATION!
WHAT KIND?
I DON'T KNOW...WHAT'S IN THIS YEAR?

HI & LOIS

WHAT'S THIS ON THE SNOW SHOVEL?
WIZARDRY
THE PHONE NUMBER OF A LOCAL CHIROPRACTOR

PEANUTS

YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW WHO WOULD LISTEN TO A BADMINTON MATCH ON RADIO.

SNUFFY SMITH

I WON'T GIT A WINK OF SLEEP WITH THEM VARMINTS PLAYIN' CARDS OVER AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT!!
YO'RE WELCOME TO STAY WITH ME, HAZEL SUE.
GOODY !! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

BEEBLE BAILEY

I THINK I'M LOSING MY HAIR!
YOU'RE NOT LOSING IT
IT JUST SLIPPED A LITTLE
WOOZ WALKER

BLONDIE

I CAN'T TRY COUNTING SHEEP
I'VE TRIED THAT
THEN COUNT THE THINGS IN OUR REFRIGERATOR
THAT WAS A POOR CHOICE OF SUGGESTIONS