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Iraq seeking to link Palestinian issue to Kuwait

U.S. officials continue to reject such conditions

Iraq on Saturday accepted a U.S. offer to talk about resolving the Persian Gulf crisis. But the Bush administration rebuffed a new bid by the Baghdad government to link a withdrawal from Kuwait to an Israeli pullout from Arab lands.

In the Iraqi capital, tens of thousands of people marched to denounce last week's U.N. resolution authorizing military force against Iraq — and to proclaim their willingness to fight.

"Iraqis will not tremble if war drums beat," chanted the demonstrators, who burned American flags. "Martyrdom is the way to victory!"

Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, chaired by Saddam, met Saturday to discuss President Bush's surprise offer a day earlier to send Secretary of State James A. Baker III to Iraq. Bush also invited Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz to come to Washington.

"We accept the idea of the invitation and the meeting," the council said in a statement carried by the official Iraqi News Agency.

But it added that "Palestine and the other occupied Arab territories remain before our eyes and at the forefront of the issues that we will discuss in any dialogue."

Saddam has said in the past he

would negotiate a pullout from Kuwait if the Israelis end their occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which were captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The United States has rejected such any such conditions in the past, and did so again Saturday.

"Palestine is not an issue on the table... there is no linkage," Vice President Dan Quayle said in an interview on Cable News Network.

"We've always said there is no linkage between the gulf crisis and any other issue," said White House spokeswoman Laura Melillo.

She said Iraq had not formally responded to the U.S. invitation to hold talks. She said the invitation was relayed by the U.S. charge d'affaires in Baghdad, Joseph Wilson.

Bush's move was widely welcomed by congressional leaders and foreign allies. But it appeared to cause some uneasiness in Israel, which has not yet formally commented on the overture.

"The fear is that somehow the United States will pay with Israeli currency for its failures in the gulf," said Eytan Gilboa, a Middle East expert at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Israelis have expressed concerns that their security might be undermined by any settlement in the gulf that leaves Saddam in power.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Reindeer get a rest

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snaked its way on Gregg Street to downtown. Additional photos of the parade and other festivities are on page 5-A. Results of the float contest are on page 9-A.

Patients build skills with toys

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

It looks like Santa's Workshop. Busy workers are sanding, gluing and painting brightly colored toys.

But this isn't the North Pole, it's the Big Spring State Hospital. And the work these "elves" are doing helps is part of their therapy.

Jane Perrine, director of industrial therapy, said the toy shop is part of "work therapy," a treatment prescribed for some of the hospital's patients.

Working teaches the patients good work habits and goal-setting as well as ways to deal with stress on the job, she said.

"Any kind of work is therapeutic," Perrine said. "It takes your mind off your troubles and builds self-esteem as you accomplish a task. And these patients are building skills they'll be able to use as they leave."

Dorothy Stovall, a therapist in the program, said work therapy has changed a great deal in her 13 years with the hospital.

"We've done other things," she said. "We used to assemble packages of plastic tableware... Then we started with one train, and gradually added to it."

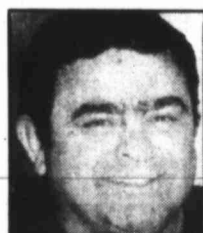
Now the patients make trains, cars, trucks, a table and chair set, a child-sized ironing board, flowers and animals of all kinds.

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Tourney bowlers strike out when S&L closes Highland Lanes

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Ninety-six professional bowlers from all over the Southwest arrived to a confusing situation in Big Spring Friday. Pro bowlers



Harold Aberegg

from seven states, ready to compete in a regional tournament, found themselves without a place to bowl.

Highland Lanes, the planned tourney location, had been closed down by its creditors. The bowling center and the Pindeck Nightclub were forced to close their doors for non-payment of lease.

Two of the first bowlers to arrive were Jackie Putnam and Scotty

Bruce, both of Dallas.

"We've driven almost all day," Putnam said. "And we got over there, thinking we'd practice a little, and there was a padlock on the door."

"We're not mad about it," Bruce said. "We're confused, though. It's an inconvenience. We could have been working this weekend, and here we are."

Officials of Olympic Manage-

ment, located at the Highland Mall, hung copies of a letter explaining the situation on all outside doors of the bowling center. Officials of the company later said they had no further comment.

The letter says owner Harold Aberegg is "in default under the lease." Because he "failed or refused to cure (his) defaults," it continues, "Bluebonnet (Savings Bank) has taken possession."

Jerry Williams, manager of Bluebonnet's Big Spring locations, said he had not heard of the closing Friday afternoon. He explained that the action was probably handled through the savings and loan's headquarters or another branch.

Owner Aberegg said he had been "in negotiations" with his creditors for about a year.

"They sent me a letter telling me they would close us down," he said.

"But they had sent me a letter before and I called and talked to them about it."

Aberegg said he had been working on "six different proposals" to handle the debt, but Bluebonnet "finally said that's it."

"They said I could stay open for two days (for the tournament), but they wanted \$5,000," Aberegg said.

Bad news for Highland Lanes
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Demonstrators call for justice

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — In a peaceful civil rights demonstration in Colorado City Saturday, more than 250 people ranted and chanted for equal treatment of minorities and called for justice in the 1988 fatal police shooting of a Hispanic man. It is the second such protest held in this town of about 5,000. The first was last year.

Protesters, who came from all over the state, visited the grave of Sammy Gomez, shot May 13, 1988, during an arrest on a sexual assault charge by part-time police officer Billy Ray Williamson. Williamson, now the city fire marshal, was found not at fault by two local grand juries but all five Hispanics on the second grand jury, convened in November 1989, complained that the presentation of evidence was biased.

"We want justice! People united will never be defeated!" shouted

"For too long people have stayed divided. Let us not let this stop right now. Let us not stop until the flame of justice prevails."

Andrew Penns, NAACP

marchers as they walked the 40-block route and held blown up autopsy pictures of 27-year-old Gomez with a bullet hole in the back of his head. They also held pictures of two minority children fatally shot in the head in other counties. Speeches started and ended the 1-4 p.m. event.

Speakers, including Ruben Sandoval, a San Antonio attorney representing the Gomez family in a civil suit filed in U.S. District Court in Abilene against Williamson, the

city, police department and other named individuals, promised that there would be more events, including trips to Austin and Washington D.C., to press for justice in minority abuse cases.

"Even though they can turn off the juice in Colorado City. They can't turn off our juice," Sandoval yelled over an unplugged microphone on the courthouse steps shortly before the march. "Beyond here, we intend to — make no mistake about it — go to Washington." Sandoval later said they had made advanced requests to have the microphone plugged in but county officials declined to do so.

A trial date for the civil suit which alleges a history of police abuse to minorities here — at least five incidents in little more than a decade — was recently moved from February to May following a motion for a continuance made by
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Where is Bethlehem?
Sharon Kelsey's third graders had trouble answering the question
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Big Spring football season ended in Abilene.
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Garden City was the only team to win their playoff Friday night. Story on page 1-B.



Sidelines

Richards names woman to post

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards will name state Rep. Lena Guerrero, D-Austin, as the first woman and minority to serve on the Texas Railroad Commission, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Richards will introduce her appointee at a ceremony Monday in the Senate chamber, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Richards declined to confirm the appointment.

"Lena and I have come to an agreement and we will be making an announcement, I believe Monday morning," she said.

Guerrero, 33, a six-year lawmaker, will replace Commissioner John Sharp, who won election as state comptroller. She would be up for election in 1992.

The three-member commission regulates the state's oil and gas and trucking industries. The post pays \$74,698 per year.

Zaragoza bridge opens to traffic

EL PASO (AP) — Traffic began flowing across the eight-lane Zaragoza International Bridge Saturday, and officials closed down the two-lane steel bridge that could no longer handle the daily traffic between the U.S. and Mexico.

The bridge linking south El Paso with Zaragoza, a suburb of Ciudad Juarez, opened at 9 a.m. It is one of five international bridges in El Paso County.

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Richards wants quick approval of lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards said Saturday the regular legislative session will be one of the toughest in Texas history, and that she will push for early passage of a state lottery so that voters can decide the matter in April.

"I am going to be coming with a lottery very early," Richards told the state Democratic Party executive committee.

"Those of you who are inclined to help, I hope you will communicate with your legislators the importance of getting that piece of legislation out," she said.

The Legislature starts its session Jan. 8 and Richards will be sworn into office the next week.

A lottery, if adopted by the Legislature, could be placed on the ballot as a constitutional amend-

ment as early as April, she said. Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has pre-filed a bill that would put the measure before voters.

The Democrat later told reporters she was not "enamored" with a state run lottery, but that polls show most Texans want one, and she added, "if though for some reason there is doubt in its passage, then we need to know that" in order to adjust the budget.

She also said she opposed dedicating lottery funds to a certain function of state government, but would rather the monies go into

the state's general revenue fund.

In a wide-ranging speech, Richards touched on major issues facing the state, her election victory over Republican nominee Clayton Williams, and she joked about her schedule during the transition period.

After meeting with Gov. Bill Clements, and then his wife, Rita, Richards said, "I told Rita Clements, 'You know that this is really tough. I've gone over to visit with your husband about governing the state of Texas, and now I'm over here talking to you about the

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through some training period."

The major issues facing the state are public education, welfare, insurance and the environment, she said.

The state's public education system was declared unconstitutional last year by the Texas Supreme Court because it allows disparities in funding between rich and poor districts.

The Legislature increased education funding, but a state district judge said the system remained unconstitutional. The issue is now before the state Supreme Court again.

"The problems in education are paramount and the problem of financing the education system of Texas is going to be on the front burner," she said.



Associated Press photo

Pecans stolen

SAN ANGELO — Seventy-seven-year-old Audrey Huggins holds a small portion of the remaining pecans from her trees. Most of the nuts she gathered, about 75 pounds, were stolen from

her porch. She hopes to replace the missing pecans and send them to U.S. personnel in the Middle East.

Task force seizes \$2.5 million in alleged drug funds

HOUSTON (AP) — A drug task force has seized about \$2.5 million in suspected drug proceeds in southwest Houston.

The seizure came Friday as federal officials prepared to release more than \$900,000 confiscated in similar circumstances to the Houston Police Department.

The most recent raid came after a week's investigation into the suspected money laundering operations for illegal narcotics deals by several Houston residents, said Steve Hooper, special agent in

charge of U.S. Customs in Houston. Hooper said members of the task force that has been operating for 22 months stopped a Toyota truck about midnight Friday.

The truck contained \$1.5 million in cash. Authorities seized the money and arrested driver Carlos Medina, a Colombian native, who remained in custody Saturday.

Authorities also seized records from the truck indicating the group had received more than \$4.5 million in cash to be laundered dur-

ing the past two weeks, Hooper said.

Later Friday, further investigation in southwest Houston led to a Galleria parking lot where a Ford Taurus had been parked since Thursday with about \$700,000 in it, Hooper said.

U.S. Attorney Robert Woods said Friday about 60 percent of the money seized eventually will be returned to Houston officials for law enforcement operations fighting the war on drugs.

The joint task force, formed in February 1988, includes officers from the Houston Police Department's selective enforcement squad, the U.S. Customs office and the Internal Revenue Service.

The task force has seized more than \$43 million in Houston since it began.

Houston was awarded \$918,671 on Friday from funds confiscated in three separate raids, Police Chief Elizabeth Watson said.

Texas Tech students help restore missions

SAN ELIZARIO (AP) — Efforts to restore three El Paso-area Spanish missions moved forward Saturday with the unveiling by Texas Tech students of their ideas for improving the sites and a trail that connects them.

Texas Tech University's School of Architecture and Landscape Architectural Division has worked nearly two years on development of the historic missions and the Mission Trail.

The students presented four to five plans for each mission site to a group of community leaders and school officials and representatives from three cities.

The missions are located in south El Paso and neighboring communities of Socorro and San Elizario.

Although the communities first priority is to restore the Spanish missions, the Texas Tech students are helping landscape the sites where they are located and suggest use of some surrounding buildings, many which are also historic.

"The missions are one of the most valuable historic things we have in the area," said Sheldon Hall, president of the Mission Trail Association, a non-profit group trying to restore the missions.

The students brought six vans loaded with plans, models and drawings of some of their ideas for improving the sites. Some of the plans suggest adding gardens, vineyards, gift shops and road side parks.

"It is a very ambitious project," said John White, Texas Tech professor of architecture. "It's ambitious in the fact that it covers nine miles."

Fourth year architectural students worked on the project, which involved talking with community and church leaders and researching the history.

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Relief group sends aid to Soviets

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. (AP) — A relief group sent 80,000 pounds of medicine and food to Moscow on Saturday in the first private airlift from the United States to help ease severe shortages in the Soviet Union.

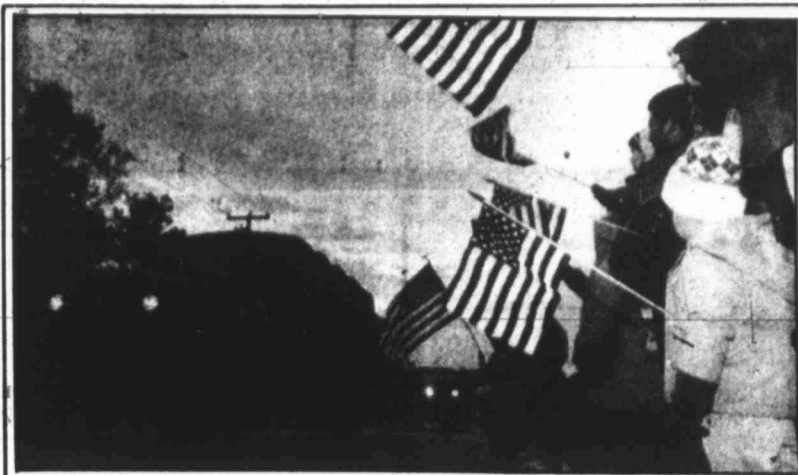
A single aircraft left Bradley International Airport with the supplies to be given to the Republican Children's Hospital and two orphanages in Moscow.

Another plane load of donated food from Germany arrived in Moscow on Friday and was distributed to orphanages and children's hospitals.

The shipment Saturday was sent by New Canaan-based AmeriCares, a private relief group founded in 1982 that has delivered more than \$360 million worth of relief aid and medicines to sites around the world.

Steve Norman, a spokesman for the group, said Saturday's shipment was worth about \$1.5 million. He said it would arrive in Moscow on Sunday morning.

Beginning shortly after the 1988 earthquake in Armenia, AmeriCares has sent aid to the Soviet Union at least 15 times by sea during the past three years.



Dawn's early light

TIFTON, Ga. — Nearly 200 family members, friends and supporters of Tifton's U.S. Army Reserve unit braved the cold in Tifton early Saturday to say goodbye to the men and women of the 377th Quartermaster Company. The unit's dawn departure for Fort Stewart, Ga., is its first step toward joining Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf.

NASA prepares for Columbia liftoff

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA fueled space shuttle Columbia for blast off early Sunday with seven astronauts and an astronomical observatory after an agonizing half-year delay caused by hydrogen leaks.

The 100-ton spaceship was scheduled to rise from its seaside pad at 1:28 a.m. EST. It would be the sixth nighttime launch in 38 shuttle flights.

Air Force meteorologists predicted a 60 percent chance of good weather at launch time, with low clouds and high winds the main concerns. The weather was

expected to improve through the night.

The space agency began pumping more than a half-million gallons of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen into Columbia's external tank. No problems with leaks were anticipated.

It is the fifth time since May the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has tried to send Columbia into a 218-mile-high orbit to study high-energy radiation emissions from some of the hottest objects in the universe. The first four countdowns were halted because of leaking hydrogen.

Experts: Tidal forces don't cause earthquakes

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Seismologists are certain that tidal forces don't trigger earthquakes, but that apparently hasn't convinced controversial scientist Iben Browning the forces are useless in projecting a major tremor.

A number of studies and a basic understanding of geology make it quite clear that the pull of the sun and the moon on the earth has no effect on the likelihood of an earthquake occurring, scientists said.

"If you look at the records of quakes through the years, you'll find that some of them occur when the tidal forces were low, some when they were high. There's really no pattern," said Brian Mitchell, a seismologist at St. Louis University who has been studying the New Madrid Fault since 1971.

Browning, 72, who has no formal training in seismology or climatology, has helped create an earthquake frenzy in the Midwest with his projection that there's a 50-50 chance for a major earthquake within the next few days.

He bases his projection on the tidal forces and says that those forces will be the strongest that they've been in 60 years.

So, what happened in the Midwest in 1930 when the tidal forces were also dangerously high? Mitchell, who said the university has been tracking earthquakes on the New Madrid Fault since 1909, said 60 years ago there were no major earthquakes in the Midwest and there didn't appear to be any elsewhere either.

"That's unusual because we normally can expect an average of 10 earthquakes of magnitude 7 in any given year. Over the last 100 years, the average has been 18 a year," Mitchell said.

Newspapers from the period talked about food for the jobless and other economic concerns, but there was no mention of earthquakes or any other natural disasters.

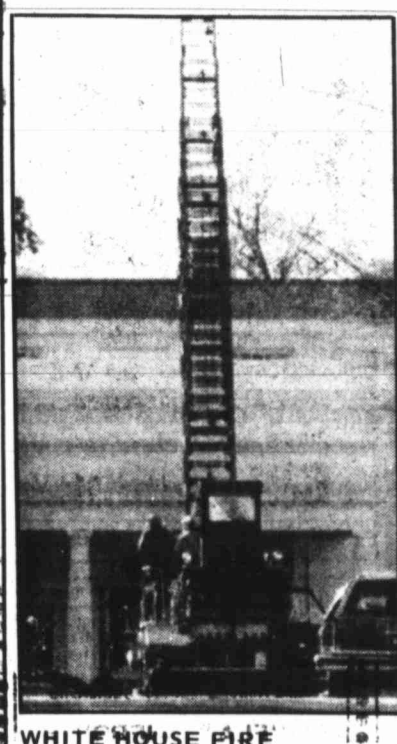
The worst quakes on record along the New Madrid Fault occurred in 1811-12, when a series of tremors hit that were so strong that they were felt along the East Coast. The last major quake on the fault occurred in 1895.

While emphatically discounting Browning's projection, scientists have said that there's a long-term threat of another big one hitting the region in the next 15 years.

Doug Wiens, an earthquake expert at Washington University in St. Louis, said the chances of an earthquake with a magnitude of 7 or greater occurring in the next 15 years is between 5 percent and 8 percent. That kind of earthquake could cause widespread damage.

Quakes measuring above 5 on the Richter scale are capable of causing significant damage if they hit heavily populated areas. The 1964 Alaska quake that killed more than 100 people measured 8.4 on the Richter scale, while the San Francisco quake of 1906 was estimated to register 8.3. The October 1989 quake in northern California measured 7.1.

White House window frame burns



WASHINGTON (AP) — A small fire broke out in the White House this morning when painters using a blow torch touched off some dry wood in a window frame adjacent to President Bush's office, firefighters said.

The president was not home, and no one was injured. The fire was quickly extinguished by city firefighters.

Bush and his wife Barbara were spending the weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., when the District of Columbia Fire Department got the call at 9:46 a.m. EST.

Deputy Fire Chief J.E. Gallagher said the painters working on a refurbishing project were using a propane torch to remove paint from the outside of a window frame in a small room adjacent to the Oval Office.

The fire began in an area of rotted wood under the window sill and quickly spread inside the frame of the window, he said.

World

Israelis blast guerrilla base

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes rocketed a Palestinian guerrilla base in Syrian-policed southeastern Lebanon today, and police said at least five fighters were wounded.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations, said two Israeli jets attacked a base manned by guerrillas of the pro-Libyan Palestine Popular Struggle Front near the Bekaa Valley town of Taalabaya.

The raid was Israel's second in less than a week and the 20th against targets in Lebanon this year. By police count, 20 people

have been killed and 64 wounded in these attacks.

The jets that struck today fired at least four rockets in two passes, "scoring direct hits" on the base, police said. Pillars of smoke billowed from the buildings.

Guerrillas fired on the jets with anti-aircraft guns, but no hits were observed, the police spokesman said.

Ambulances sped to the base from the nearby market town of Choura, about one mile west of Taalabaya, he said.

Police said at least five guerrillas were wounded.

Warrant issued for Honecker

BERLIN (AP) — Authorities have issued an arrest warrant for former East German leader Erich Honecker on charges that he personally gave shoot-to-kill orders at the Berlin Wall, justice officials said Saturday.

Germany's ZDF television reported that authorities were on their way to the Soviet military hospital south of Berlin where Honecker is staying to arrest him. The report could not immediately be confirmed.

News of the arrest warrant came on the eve of Sunday's first all-German elections since 1932.

Honecker was overthrown in October 1989 by a peaceful revolution that eventually led to German unification Oct. 3.

Cornel Christoffel, a spokesman for Berlin's justice department, said the warrant links Honecker, 78, directly to the deaths of several people who tried to escape East Germany during his rule.

He said new documents have been uncovered that show Honecker's signature on an order for border guards to shoot East Germans trying flee across the Berlin Wall and the inner German border.

Workers cut through tunnel

SANGATTE, France (AP) — French and British workers today knocked down the final barrier in a tunnel under the English Channel and shook hands, a milestone in the 3-year-old, \$16-billion project envisioned for more than two centuries.

Graham Fagg, 42, of Dover, and Philippe Cozette, 37, of Calais clasped at 12:13 p.m. French time (6:13 a.m. EST) after a giant boring machine crashed through the last layer of chalk separating the French and British sides.

The passage, 6 feet tall, lies 130 feet under the seabed midway between France and Britain.

The handshake in the service tunnel, the smallest of three tunnels being drilled in the project, comes a month after the halves were joined by a two-inch probe hole.

The probe effectively ended Britain's island separation from continental Europe.



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Opinion

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

Herald opinion

Thanks for your efforts

Saturday was a particularly busy day in Big Spring. In the morning Santa was paraded into town down Gregg Street, accompanied by bands, floats, dignitaries, queens, cars, horses, and even dogs.

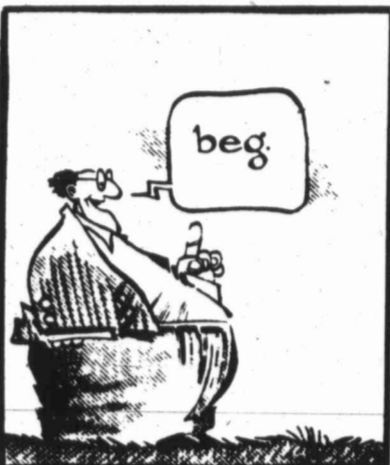
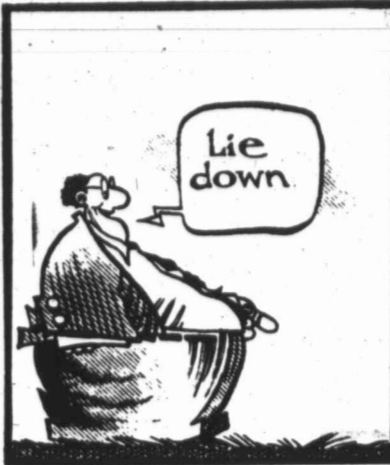
While Santa sat in the Courthouse Square listening to the Christmas wishes of little children, he was surrounded by the second Trash and Treasures market. On a nearby stand, local groups caroled most of the day. The Harley Riders Club zoomed through in the afternoon, soliciting donations for Toys for Tots.

The public library celebrated its 20th anniversary in the former Post Office building with an open house and displays. In the evening the lights were turned on in the Pocket Park and Miss Merry Christmas made her debut, accompanied by more singing.

All this took a tremendous amount of work by a large number of people to organize and do. The parade had more than 50 entries. At least 16 groups sang downtown. People came from all around Texas to participate in the Trash and Treasures market.

It's impossible to be pessimistic about the future of Big Spring as long as we are able to work together and pull off an extravaganza such as we did this weekend. We did ourselves proud.

Thanks, Big Spring.



Thoughts parading this way

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

Idle thoughts since watching the parade drift past along Gregg Street Saturday:

• Mornings like these help reinforce the virtues of living in a community like Big Spring.

Where else will you find neighbors and friends helping each other to bring together a Christmas parade, and assist in beginning this stage of the holiday season in grand, West Texas fashion?

Highlights of this parade for me? Two stand out prominently, and both involve bows — lots of bows.

One was the Lakeview Headstart float, featuring children, each wrapped in a holiday-festooned box, with a bright, shiny bow on the top of nearly every head peeking from their box. A gift-wrapped child to symbolize Christmas and the opportunity of a bright future? What could be better?

And, not necessarily better but certainly amusing, there were dogs (lots of dogs) from the Humane Society marching along in random fashion — each also decorated with a holiday bow.

• One of Howard County's brightest spots was the scene of special attention later on this pleasant day when the 20th anniversary of the county library's relocation to the former post office building was observed.

We have a library of which to be proud, although far more use can and should be made of the facility. For sure, it's one tax-supported institution that deserves all of its support — and more.

• This weekend also brought an unexpected visit from an old colleague. A sportswriter now for the *Wichita Falls Times Record News*, he covered a ballgame in Stanton Friday and one in Abilene Saturday. It was Jeff Goolsbey's first time ever in Big Spring and he seemed to enjoy his visit, even if he didn't care for the taste of our water.

Naturally, we reminisced, having worked together in Chickasha, Okla., where he was sports editor and somewhat of a dry wit. It was during that time, in the mid-'80s, when I was editing the editorial page of the *Chickasha Daily Express* and local editorials began to appear regularly — something they'd not seen in ages.

One Friday night, after a ballgame, a group of newspaper types were gathered around a couple of pizzas and the topic of that Sunday's editorial arose. "What's it going to be about?" someone asked me. Without explaining the details — of opportunity for new high school graduates to make their mark and effect change in society — I simply said: "Graduation."

And to that Jeff answered, in a droll sort of way to everyone's amusement, "Well, are we for it or against it?"

• Regarding sports, the conclusion of Big Spring's proud football season should not pass without at least some comment from this corner.

The *Big Spring Herald's* float was not the most cheerful in this year's parade, carrying many members of this year's district championship team, obviously disappointed about their Friday defeat by Burk Burnett. Obviously, it was not the way any of us wanted this season to end; three more wins after this regional championship would have been splendid.

But that was not to be. That being the case, who can deny the pleasure and pride a second consecutive district championship team brought to this community? This squad played well, behaved like a class act, and is deserving of our applause. Thanks, for a job well done.

• It was a fitting end to a busy day Saturday evening when the lights decorating the downtown area around the Railroad Plaza sparkled to life and reminded us of the child in all of us.

It was no easy task. Work was being done on those lights right through Saturday and it was no job I'd have wanted. The crew that got it together is also deserving of our gratitude and a tip of the hat.

The Clements legacy — what might have been

With almost no news coming from any of the transition offices, the capitol press corps recently made news out of a non-event: a meeting between Gov.-elect Ann Richards and Gov. Bill Clements.

The New Texas met the old. But the new Texas was taking form long before Clements first assumed office in 1979, and his refusal to face the new Texas has made Richards' daunting task of bringing state government into the present much more difficult.

The *Book of Clements* failed miserably. It offered a way, an opportunity to set the state on a path to fiscal and political stability. Adding to the poignancy of this wasted chance is the fact that, like the old red-baiter Richard Nixon going to Red China, the conservative and Republican Clements might have had a better chance than the incoming Democrats to do for Texas those things that need to be done, like instituting an income tax. But Clements failed and in doing so failed the state.

Had Clements soberly and intelligently looked at the state's future, he would have tackled its serious problems instead of falling back on rhetoric that today — as it did then — means nothing. Bill Clements could have been a great governor. Instead, he spurned the



opportunity to remake the state's history and to earn a special place therein.

A month before leaving office, Clements will see his record analyzed, dissected and reviewed. Already, an apologetic piece appeared in one major Texas newspaper that sought to put the spin on how we should treat Clements' legacy. The piece was pure hokum. The fact is Clements buried his head in the sand while much of state government fell to the courts by default.

We know Clements did little because there is so much now to be done. He did so little, in fact, that he cannot really be faulted for doing anything wrong. He came into office in the best of economic times and did little with the \$1-billion surplus the state had in its treasury. He was booted out of office and came back in the worst of times, when he could have used the excuse of necessity to try to reform state government.

But both times: nothing. Any good businessman in good times should have the sense to recapitalize his business. That is what the state should have done, essentially, and that is what some people urged him to do. But Clements did nothing.

The strong governors of Texas all did two things: undertook major restructuring of some aspect of state government and raised taxes. Only after being dragged through the fire and threatened by his own legislators when the state's public schools were on the verge of closing did Clements sign tax bills.

John Connally, for whatever he became later in life, reorganized the elements that became the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. He established the Texas Co-ordinating Board of Higher Education and steadily raised the state's investment in higher education by raising taxes. Connally, representing establishment Texas, did the unexpected. The only other strong governor who broke his own fat cat mold and did something worthwhile was Alan Shivers, who reorganized the Texas penal system in an attempt to improve it and he, too, initiated education reforms. He also raised taxes.

The governors after Shivers excluding Connally — Price Daniel,

Dolph Briscoe, Preston Smith, Mark White and Bill Clements — were less gubernatorial than custodial. White did pass much-needed education reforms but would never have done so without H. Ross Perot holding his hand.

Yes, this is painting, or writing, with a broad brush, but the impact of Clements' eight years in office is nil. He didn't even help his party become the majority party in Texas, which he claims is a natural GOP state. Clements did have in place some operational teams that were supposed to get the Republican revolution underway in Texas government but he was thrown out of office by voters who did not take to his making fun of an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

It is precisely because he was a Republican that Clements could have exerted leadership and engendered political strength when he had no political power. With a Democratic-controlled House and Senate, Clements would have astounded their members and the public by promoting and supporting the only tax that can give Texas the kind of investment it needs to aspire to the spectacular economic success of California.

Clements did get a wastewater treatment plant for the Rio Grande; he helped speed up the

construction of another bridge over it and he put together a Department of Commerce that still is seeking its mission. But these are small gains for eight years in office.

Clements came to office riding a pledge to reduce the state workforce by 25,000. He didn't do that because he never tried. Clements could have established a Texas Department of the Environment — like Nixon established the EPA — so that California-like pollution would not necessarily have had to accompany economic growth. He could have deviated from standard GOP rhetoric and talked straight to upper middle class school districts about public school finance reform and thus could have saved the state from endless court cases.

He could even have swung some of the press behind him by making the GOP the party of responsibility for Texas' future rather than a party of naysayers, right wing fundamentalists and cowboys who think Texas can again be the Texas of past history.

Clements could have done these things. It remains to be seen whether Richards can.

Jesse Trevino, formerly of Big Spring, is chief editorial writer and columnist for the *Austin American Statesman*.

Mailbag

Marcy school sends care package to gulf

To the editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, parents, and faculty of Marcy Elementary School who donated items to our adopted soldier, Pfc. Bruce A. Jones stationed in Saudi Arabia. We sent three big boxes of items such as playing cards, dominoes, chewing gum, candy, peanut butter, fruit juices, foot powder, razors, soap, insecticides, cookies and the list goes on and on. Also, some of the children made Christmas cards and wrote letters. I think Pfc. Jones will really be thrilled when he receives his care package, especially since he attended Marcy School. I can't say enough about the enthusiastic way in which everyone participated in this matter. Thanks again to everyone.

TOM BILL KUYKENDALL
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Caring staff aids in recovery from fall

To the editor:
On November 6, I fell and broke my hip. At 87, my generation viewed this as a "kiss of death." Several individuals showed me that this was no longer true.

Family members arranged a transfer from a small hospital to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Immediately upon my arrival I was taken to a room on third floor where the nursing staff were the greatest. Their help and caring attitude made the stay more tolerable. Dr. Hayes was awaiting my arrival and immediately reassured me that the hip could be repaired.

Although at the time I was hesitant to believe all he told me, it all turned out to be the truth. Using his skills, he repaired the bone such that the only visible evidence of a fracture is the outside scar. Dr. Farquhar attended to my medical needs, while Dr. Hayes attended to the surgical. Dr. Farquhar helped me to leave the hospital in better medical condition than I have been in months. The ICU/CCU staff were superb. They helped ease the confusion caused by being 87, in a strange environment and immobile. I can't say enough for the Physical Therapy department. They never had a discouraging word, nor would they let me get discouraged.

With their help and patience, I am walking freely with the use of a walker and continually improving. The food was delicious every meal. The horror stories about hospital food turned out to be untrue.

In the interim between hospital and home, I was transferred to the Skilled Nursing Facility at SMMC. Those nurses continued the caring and encouraging treatment I had received on third floor. The hospital extended to my family and visitors all the courtesy one could expect — plus some. Thanks to all the staff at SMMC, I was discharged to my own home. Big Spring is fortunate to have such a facility.

Remember why we have Christmas

To the editor:
Already some fine people have asked me that dreaded question, are you ready for Christmas? I have to wonder how many folks remember the purpose of the holiday.

What is Christmas? Christmas is the day we recognize as being the day of birth of Christ Jesus. In that day, people came and offered gifts to the newborn King. Since then, man has taken the glory from the King. Greed and selfishness have reinterpreted the true meaning of Christmas. This year we, myself included, should put the meaning back into Christmas.

We can do this by first, realizing that gifts were not given to just any baby, but Christ the King. Secondly, realizing the church is a representative of an institution that Christ established on the earth and that it should remain while he is away. All gifts or love offerings should be given to the church.

One of our neighbors may have a need we can help them with. Why don't we ask? Many do these things and I commend them for it, but much better is their reward, for I read in the King James Version of Matthew, chapter 25, verse 40 that the Lord expects us to do these things and he will bless the ones who would obey his word.

Let each of us consider our neighbors and realize the Lord is worthy of our praise for he is too good to us. I would like to invite everyone that reads this to come and visit with us at our humble church located at 713 Willa Street, Big Spring.

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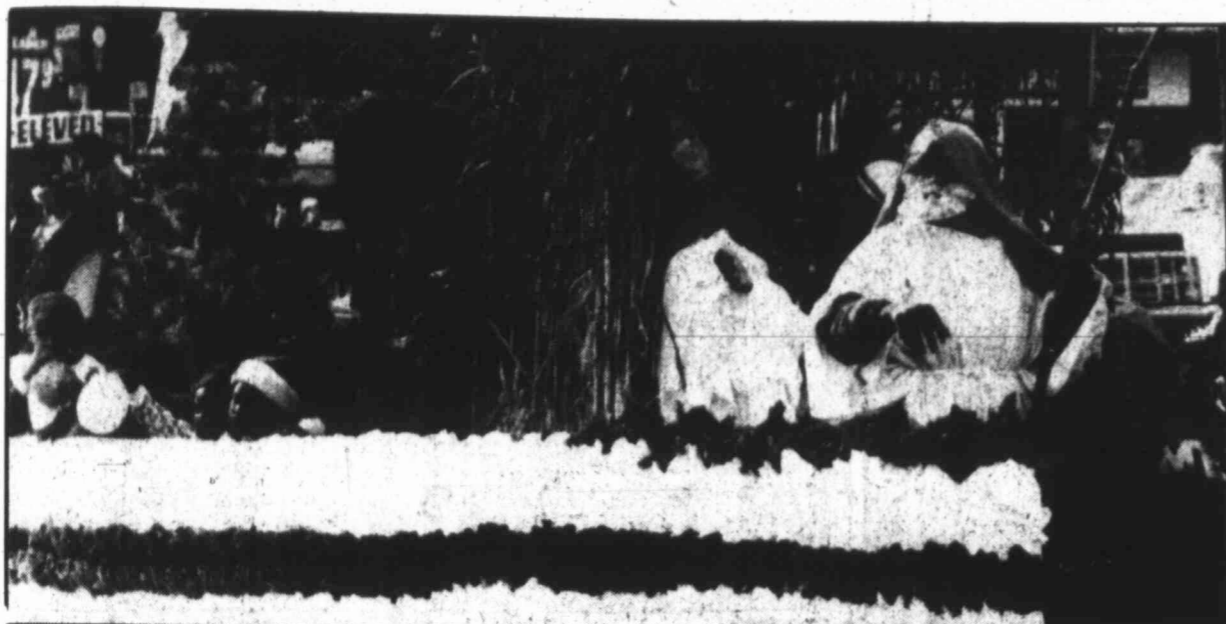
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Saturday scenes

The NAACP float, seen in the top left photo, won first place in the civic category during the annual Big Spring Christmas Parade Saturday morning. In the above photo, large crowds of early-risers braved the cold December morning to watch the parade on Gregg Street. Three "presents," complete with bows, scan the audience for a familiar face as they rode the Lakeview Headstart float,

winner of the school category in the left photo. At the bottom left, members of "Ring ad Sing" perform at the Railroad Plaza Saturday evening. The Three Wise Men stand with their gifts on the First Church of the Nazarene float depicting the nativity scene which captured second place in the church category.



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Pooch palace is doggone nice

DANVILLE, Va. (AP) — Most Americans are feeling the pinch of an economic slowdown, but Popeye and Dana Gentry are living high in a custom-built, two-story gray and white cottage with a shingled roof and sundeck. Popeye and Dana are a pair of 2-year-old Great Danes. Their new 8-foot square home is a step up from their old, smaller living quarters. Although the stairs in the new unit presented a challenge at first, the dogs have adapted. Patrick Gentry, their owner and the builder of the house, said he plans several improvements. "I'm going to fix it up a little bit better when I get some more time," he said. The planned additions include a bay window and insulation for the winter. He said he got bored with the old building.



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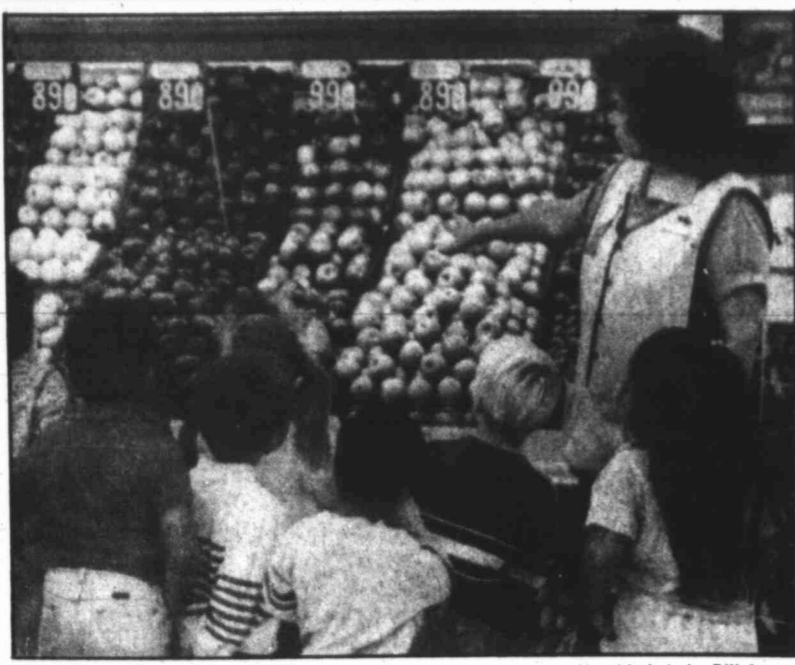
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Students visit Big Spring

As part of their lesson about the four basic food groups, kindergarten students from Stanton Spring made a trip to Big Spring Thursday. On the way, the students toured a farm to see where food comes from. In Big Spring, they visited Furr's in College Park, where Patsy Shirey, front-end supervisor, took them on a tour of the produce, meat, bakery and deli departments (top photo). There they learned what happens to the food after it leaves the farm. After the tour, the children went to Jerry's Pizza to see what happens to the food purchased at the store. They learned how pizzas were made and even helped make little individual pizzas they later ate for lunch. The students were from Linda Denton, Rita Powell, Leatrice Brown and Patricia Bennett's classes. Helping were Deean Kargl, Tammy Croft, Rhonda Dugan, Yolanda Lopez and Ana Villa.



League cancels Arizona convention over holiday

HOUSTON (AP) — The National League of Cities on Saturday canceled its 1991 convention in Phoenix because Arizona doesn't recognize Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a state holiday.

The group, which has 9,000 members, said it would take its annual convention to Phoenix in 1995, provided the state adopt the holiday to honor the slain civil rights leader.

Next year's League gathering was expected to draw at least

10,000 visitors and generate \$6.9 million, Phoenix officials said.

"Racism is not a problem that can be localized to Arizona by any stretch of the imagination. It's a problem that exists all over the nation today," said Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson.

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It was one of many messages submitted to the treasurer's office from state agencies to be printed on checks, but was not cleared

through the Department of Public Safety or the governor's office, said Frank A. Newton, deputy state treasurer.

"Some people have taken offense to the comment," Newton said. "Certainly there was no malicious intent."

Newton said he thinks the phrase may have been borrowed from the sharp-tongued animated character Bart Simpson of the Fox TV show "The Simpsons."

"We are not happy about it, that's not our position," Gunning said.

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Tax & financial planning

NEW TAX LEGISLATION PASSED

After much political maneuvering and debate, Congress finally passed the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 the last week of October. President Bush signed the bill into law on November 5. The new law cuts federal spending in some areas and increases taxes for many Americans, particularly those with higher incomes. For the most part, the provisions in the new law become effective in 1991.

In a nutshell, here are the key provisions in the new law:

- Increases top income tax rate from 28% to 31%.
- Sets top capital gains rate at 28%.
- Limits itemized deductions for those with adjusted gross income over \$100,000.
- Phases out benefit of personal exemptions for upper-income taxpayers.
- Levys 10% luxury tax on expensive cars, boats, jewelry, furs, planes.
- Raises tax on gasoline, tobacco products and alcohol.
- Extends Medicare payroll tax (1.45% for employees, 1.45% for employers) on wages up to \$125,000.
- Increases Medicare monthly insurance premiums for the next five years.
- Increases annual Medicare deductible from \$75 to \$100.
- Increases "user fees" charged by a wide range of government agencies.
- Expands the earned income credit to include higher credit for families with more children, families with a child under one, and families whose health insurance premiums include coverage for a child.

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Nun wins sports car in raffle

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A nun won the \$13,000, fire-engine-red sports car raffled off to raise money for a struggling parochial school.

As they say, the Lord moves in mysterious ways.

Sister Rebecca Berghoff, though, returned the Geo Storm with magnesium wheels to the dealer.

It's not appropriate "for a nun to be streaking around in a car like that," the 65-year-old nun said.

She said she never considered keeping the car, though she did sit in it for a moment.

The refund she got will help ease budget problems at the 300-student St. Joseph-Marquette School, where she is principal. The youngsters sold 32,000 of the \$1 tickets for Saturday's drawing, and the principal bought 30 of them.

"All I was hoping for was that it would go to someone we knew, and someone who needs it," she said Thursday.

City tries extract to cover up stink

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — The stench from a sewage dump here is so foul that officials tried to mask it with orange extract. Next they'll try lemon, and they might even use the scent of vanilla or almonds.

"If 'Evening in Paris' or 'Chanel No. 5' was best we'd use that," said John Casey, executive director of the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

"Right now, lemon's the best." The problem arose last week after workers started dumping sludge in a landfill near a new sewage treatment plant. Officials originally intended to burn the sludge at an incinerator, but they are awaiting state permission.

In the meantime, crews have covered the sludge with gravel and lime, but that hasn't stopped the odors.

Casey explained that the sludge is "soupy," and as bulldozers spread the gravel, they also dig up some of the sludge from the day before.

This does not cause too much trouble when the wind is blowing from the west, which carries the odors over the ocean. But when the wind comes from the east, the stench is blown over the city.

"It's not a pleasant smell," Casey said. "I wouldn't want my bedroom windows open at night with this blowing in."

Brothers carry on family tradition

BALTIMORE (AP) — Norman and Robert Peppersack are brothers — and now they're also brothers in law.

The two men were elected sheriffs in Maryland counties Tuesday — Norman in Baltimore County and Robert in neighboring Anne Arundel County.

Their victories continued a family tradition of law enforcement.

Robert, 49, is a 25-year veteran of the state police and commander of the firearms licensing section.

That's the same job Norman, 56, had before he retired about six years ago.

Their grandfather, Mathias Peppersack, was the first Maryland state trooper — assigned badge No. 1 in 1920.

Their uncle, Vernon L. Peppersack was warden of the state penitentiary and corrections commissioner.

Robert Peppersack said he and his brother, both running as Republicans, found a way to save money on their campaigns.

"We used the same sign," he said. "It said Peppersack for Sheriff."

Big lawman wins on size alone

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — A 7-foot, 275-pound sheriff's deputy was awarded \$5,000 in slander damages because the motorist who accused him of brutality still had his teeth.

Judge Byron Robb ruled Monday that Patrick Edgmon, at 5-foot-10 and 175 pounds, would have suffered far more than a split lip and chipped tooth if Deputy Hank Tashjian had belted him as Edgmon claimed.

Edgmon "in all probability would have had no teeth at all," the judge said.

Edgmon, 36, claimed the deputy had punched him during an arrest for drunken driving in July.

Astronomers plan 3-D map

CHICAGO (AP) — Scientists eager to create a three-dimensional map of the universe are embarking on a \$14 million telescope project aimed at exploring the origins of galaxies.

The search of the skies is expected to produce the most detailed charts of the universe to date, according to members of the Astrophysical Research Consortium, a group composed of several universities and the Princeton N.J.-based Institute for Advanced Study.

Scientists said they hope to produce a three-dimensional layout of 1 million galaxies, 100,000 quasars and numerous intergalactic gas clouds.

A two-dimensional color version of 100 million galaxies also is planned.

The survey "is the cosmic equivalent of a U.S. Geological Survey map," said Richard Kron, a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of Chicago.

"It will show the details of galaxy and quasar distribution as

well as the large-scale 'geography' of the universe," Kron said.

Quasars are starlike, celestial objects that produce immense quantities of light or powerful radio waves, or both.

The University of Chicago is a member of the consortium that includes the Institute for Advanced Study, New Mexico State University, Princeton University, the University of Washington and Washington State University.

The consortium voted Nov. 20 to move ahead with the project, which is scheduled to begin in 1995. The University of Chicago, Princeton and the Institute for Advanced Study will split the costs, said University of Chicago spokesman Larry Arbeiter.

The new telescope and its instruments have been specially designed by astronomer Jim Gunn of Princeton to map the universe quickly. The telescope, combined with digital and robotic technology, will enable astronomers to complete the mapping in five to seven years, the group said.

The telescope will be placed on

Apache Point in New Mexico's Sacramento Mountains.

The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill. is expected to provide the computer equipment needed to store and analyze the survey's estimated 10 million megabytes of information — roughly enough data to fill a telephone directory for 250 billion people, officials said.

Scientists say the map could help answer questions about the Big Bang theory.

The simplest theory indicates the explosion should have scattered matter uniformly across the universe, but galaxies are found in clusters.

The survey may show if still unknown sub-atomic forces or particles formed the beginnings of galaxies during the Big Bang, scientists said.

Information gathered by the survey may also provide astronomers with an insight into the nature of "dark matter" — material that has been detected through its gravity but remains unidentified.



Official pardon

AUSTIN — Texas governor-elect Ann Richards writes an excuse for K.T. McLeish at the state Democratic Committee meeting in Austin Saturday. McLeish, an Odessa College student, missed an exam on election day and her professor would only accept a note from Richards to give McLeish a makeup exam.

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Truck burns

Lomax firefighters of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department battled an 18-wheeler fire about 5 p.m. one-half mile south of IH-20 on FM 818. Mario Salazar, the driver of the vehicle, said an explosion under the hood started the blaze. A cotton module truck caught

Experts say gulf war could cost 10,000 U.S. lives and \$80 billion

WASHINGTON — War with Iraq could cost the United States the lives of 10,000 troops and \$80 billion, an independent expert told the House Banking Committee Tuesday.

Retired Navy Adm. Gene La Rocque, head of the liberal Center for Defense Information, made the estimates as the committee opened hearings on the economic impact of the Gulf crisis.

La Rocque estimated that war with Iraq, which invaded neighboring Kuwait on Aug. 2, would also cause the deaths of 35,000 Iraqis and up to 15,000 Arab and European troops in the multinational force now operating in the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia. He estimated four times as many would be wounded.

"There won't be any winners," La Rocque said, but "the U.S. will emerge" because of superior military technology and greater resources.

"Is war inevitable?" he asked. "No — but very likely. President Bush has been making a strenuous effort around the world to make the case that Iraq should be attacked."

La Rocque was just one of seven witnesses who testified before the committee Tuesday. Their politics ranged from liberal to conservative, and their support for a war varied, but witnesses agreed that a Gulf war will be costly. They also agreed that President Bush has failed to clearly state U.S. goals.

John Wheeler, president of the

"Is war inevitable? No but very likely. President Bush has been making a strenuous effort around the world to make the case that Iraq should be attacked."

Adm. Gene LaRocque, Ret.

Center for the Vietnam Generation and chairman of Washington Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, said the U.S. must face up to the high cost of a Gulf war before it begins one.

Wheeler estimated that a Gulf war could cost the U.S. \$1 trillion. He said his estimate was higher than La Rocque's because he included the cost of veterans' benefits and replacement costs for parts — and incapacitated soldiers.

The human toll of a Gulf war will be so high, Wheeler predicted, that it will be impossible for the U.S. to bear without reinstating the military draft.

Wheeler was the only witness who said a Gulf war is necessary, and that the U.S. should not negotiate with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"If it takes war to slam him and his regime back into sanity," he said, "then let's do it. But let's do it wisely."

Other experts argued that Bush

should give the economic sanctions against Iraq more time to work. In a year, La Rocque said, the Iraqi military will be severely weakened and much easier to beat if war is then still necessary.

William B. Quandt, senior fellow at the liberal Brookings Institution, said the U.S. cannot walk away from Hussein because "it would simply be a matter of time before another war would occur," probably between Iraq and Israel, the key U.S. ally in the region.

Israeli support for a U.S. war against Iraq is "obvious," said Richard H. Curtiss, a former U.S. diplomat and editor of Washington Report on Middle East Affairs.

Israel "wants Iraq stripped of its army and whatever weapons of mass destruction it may possess so that these weapons cannot later be deployed against Israel," he said.

Curtiss argued that "few Americans are convinced... it is necessary to go to war to remove weapons of mass destruction from the area, or to protect Israel. Both objectives can be accomplished much more effectively by peaceful means."

Quandt said the U.S. must decide what it wants. If the goal is to get Iraq out of Kuwait, a negotiated solution is possible, he said.

If the U.S. insists on toppling Saddam Hussein and stripping Iraq of its military capabilities, "I do not believe we can achieve those objectives without a full-scale military campaign," Quandt said.

Book paints unique picture of Texan's war with Mexico

"Duel of Eagles, The Mexican and U.S. Fight for the Alamo." By Jeff Long. William Morrow & Co. Inc. \$22.95.

Book review

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If you're looking for tales of gallant frontiersmen unselfishly dying for Texas independence, don't search too hard in Jeff Long's new book on the Alamo.

Unlike some accounts of the war between Mexico and Anglo-Americans in Texas, "Duel of Eagles, The Mexican and U.S. Fight for the Alamo" is fraught with sordid details about fallible men.

Sam Houston is portrayed as an opium addict. William Travis is described as a syphilis sufferer who may have committed suicide during the Alamo siege.

And that's just the beginning. In short, "Duel of Eagles" is a stark contrast to what Texas school children and visitors to the Alamo, the so-called Shrine of Texas Liberty, are taught about the famous 1836 battle in San Antonio and the rest of the war.

Throughout his 420-page book, which includes 71 pages of footnotes, Long describes Texas settlers as money-hungry opportunists, aided by mercenaries and taking advantage of a "land grab" in the vast Mexican territory.

The entire clash was spurred on quietly by U.S. President Andrew Jackson, whose goal eventually was to seize Texas for the United States, but not at the expense of

it became a state.

With diaries, letters, government papers and other documents, Long, a Texas native, attempts to shoot down traditional accounts of the war. He dismisses suggestions that the Alamo battle slowed the progress into Texas of Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

"The purpose of this view is to give value to the waste of Anglo-American life at the Alamo and to make sense of Travis's weird fanaticism," Long writes of the Alamo defenders and their leader, young lawyer William Barret Travis.

Long contends the Alamo battle merely was a "nuisance" to Santa Anna and his army, who lost more than 500 soldiers, to the Texans' 182.

While the book centers around the 13-day Alamo siege, which culminated March 6, 1836, it also spans from the war's initial skirmish at Gonzales to its bloody end with the Texans' victory at San Jacinto.

The author depicts Travis as an amateur soldier and glory-seeker; James Bowie, these days known for his famous knife, as a partner in an elaborate slave-running scam; and David

Crockett — not the mythic "Davy" — as a washed-up politician who didn't even wear a coonskin cap.

The author further questions whether Travis and Bowie, co-commanders at the Alamo before Bowie fell ill, died at the hands of the enemy or whether they took their own lives.

Such unpleasant portrayals aren't reserved exclusively for the Anglo-Americans.

The Mexican army is characterized as a hodgepodge of men forced into military service and led by a raving mad man, Santa Anna, who also is described as an opium addict.

The majority of Santa Anna's troops killed at the Alamo allegedly died from friendly fire. And Santa Anna's orders to execute all prisoners of war often were ignored or despised by his own men.

According to Long, even the cordial meeting between Houston and Santa Anna at the end of the fighting in Texas may have been tainted — with opium.

Houston, wounded in the final battle and sedated by his doctor with opium, and a nervous Santa Anna, who also requested the drug, sat under a tree and mellowly negotiated for their two nations.

Suffice it say, "Duel of Eagles" paints a far different picture than usually is portrayed of the so-called Texas heroes and their enemies.

Robbers flee with \$13.7 million in valuables

MONTREAL (AP) — Armed thieves ambushed a private plane as it taxied down a runway Saturday and fled with nearly \$13.7 million in gold ingots and other valuables in one of Canada's largest robberies, police said.

The pre-dawn heist at Dorval airport, outside Montreal, was carried out by at least four men, including one armed with a Soviet-made AK47 assault rifle.

They used a garbage truck to smash through a fence, then drove off with the loot in stolen vans, police said. The vans and the weapon were later found about 3 1/2 miles from the airport.

The twin-engine jet plane, owned by Sky Services Inc. of Montreal, had been chartered by Brink's Canada Ltd. and was returning from a regular overnight run from New York via Ottawa and Toronto. It landed shortly before 4 a.m. EST and ran straight into the ambush.

"As it was taxiing up to the hangar, a heavy garbage truck broke through a fence followed by two Econoline vans that moved in to position to block the front and rear of the craft," said police spokesman Lt. Andrew Theodosis.

A masked thief carrying the AK47 stayed on the ground while three others went inside the plane, Theodosis said.

"They told the three people aboard — a Brink's guard, the pilot and the co-pilot — to keep looking straight ahead, not to turn back. Then they started unloading the cargo area," he said.

The crew or guard could not give police a detailed description of the robbers.

Theodosis said the men drove away with gold and silver ingots, bonds, securities and jewelry. However, they left behind sacks containing an unspecified amount of cash.

Police said no one was injured and no shots fired.

In 1984, about \$34.7 million in negotiable securities and \$24.2 million in non-negotiable securities were stolen in the holdup of two Merrill Lynch Canada messengers in Montreal.

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Wide variety of activities to see and do Saturday

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents and out-of-town guests had a variety of activities to choose from Saturday. The city-wide Christmas parade, the Trash and Treasures market and musical entertainment were among special events.

A reception at the Howard County Library, celebrating 20 years in its current location, brought back memories for many visitors. Amid walls lined with photos and newspaper clippings, local residents were treated to refreshments, free gifts and door prizes.

Simon Terrazas, a Howard County Commissioner in 1970, when the

post office building was acquired for the library, said he came to the reception to see "some of the old-timers." He said he enjoyed looking at the photographs and clippings.

Welby and Essie Jackson, 30-year residents of Big Spring, said they were also enjoying themselves at the celebration.

"I can remember driving by here all the time when it was the post-office," Essie Jackson said.

Librarian Donna Jackson said the reception had been well-attended by library supporters all afternoon. She and her staff donned festive corsages as they welcomed guests.

At the second Trash and

Treasures market downtown, sellers at a variety of booths in several locations agreed they were doing well. Booths were located in two buildings on Fourth Street between Main and Runnels streets, as well as areas in the 300 block of Main.

Jean Williams, whose booth was made up of antique items and other "treasures," said sales were "pretty good."

"There have been a lot of people out here," she said. "We're having a lot of fun."

James Sinclair, operating a booth of specialty gift-type items said business had been good early Saturday.

"It may be a little cool outside,"

he said. "But I'm doing all right. I've got a lot of lookers." It was Sinclair's first time to participate in the market.

Local artist Jean Baker, drawing portraits at the event, agreed that crowds had been larger early in the day.

"But this has been so much fun," she said. "It's neat to be able to see other people's things. I might do a little shopping myself."

The market will continue Sunday.

Lynn Harris and daughter Kathryn, 3, were watching students from SouthWest College Institute for the Deaf perform downtown.

"We've enjoyed this," Harris

said, adding that they had heard several of the musical performances. "It's great to have something like this to do on Saturday afternoon."

Kathryn had visited with Santa Claus earlier, telling him that she wanted "Barbies and a big bicycle," her mother revealed.

Beverly Franklin, coordinator of Big Spring Main Street Inc., the sponsor of downtown events, said the music and market were both popular with the after-parade crowd. She noted the appreciative, smaller than earlier audiences.

"They're enjoying it," she said. "I'm just having a great time listening to the music."

Thousands watch parade

Thousands of people turned out on a clear, cool Saturday to officially usher in the Christmas season as the annual Community Christmas Parade rolled down Gregg Street through downtown.

A colorful array of floats, riding groups, twirlers, bands, antique cars, nativity scenes, choirs, and decorated trucks was led by Grand Marshal Jody Nix to celebrate the official arrival of Santa Claus.

Entries included the Big Spring High School Band, Coahoma High School Band, Howard County Sheriff's Posse, Comanche Trail Muzzleloaders, Howard College, SWCID, Big Spring Rod & Custom Club, Big Spring Humane Society, Forsan 4-H Club, YMCA Twirlers, Miss Merry Christmas, Suez Fire Brigade, NAACP, LULAC, Junior Civitan Club, Order of the Rainbow, American Legion, many scout troops, churches and businesses.

Units were ranked as they passed the judges' stand on Gregg Street. Judges were Greg Brooks,

Tammy Watt, Teresa Sheppard, and Richard Atkins.

Winner of the parade competition were presented with trophies by Robert Wernsman, publisher of the Big Spring Herald, sponsor of the parade, at the tree lighting ceremony at Tubb Pocket Park.

Winners were selected in four categories: civic, church, school and commercial. The winning entries were:

- Civic
- 1. NAACP float
 - 2. BSSH float
 - 3. Order of Rainbow Girls Church
- Church
- 1. Gospel Lighthouse float
 - 2. First Church of Nazarene
 - 3. St. Mary's Christian Choir
- Commercial
- 1. McCutcheon Oil Mini Cars
 - 2. Skateland Skaters
 - 3. Taco Villa School
- School
- 1. Lakeview Headstart
 - 2. SWCID
 - 3. Howard College

1613 Bluebird, reports said, they discovered a substance believed to be cocaine. Francisco Salazar Rosales, 34, Betty Jean Muniz, 25, and Carlos Marquez, 30, were arrested and charged in the incident. Muniz was later released on \$15,000 bond.

Felix Garcia, 30, Ruben Garcia, 19, and Lee Ann Garcia, 25, all of 3219 Auburn Street, arrested Thursday by police for possession of a controlled substance, were released Friday on bonds totalling \$15,000 each.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:

In a cooperative effort with the Permian Basin Drug Task Force and the Big Spring Police Department, three local residents were arrested for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. When officers arrived at

Deaths

Gary Seidenberger

Gary Herbert Seidenberger, St. Lawrence, died Friday, Nov. 30, 1990.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Sunday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Monday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Burial will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 26, 1942, in Wichita Falls. He married Linda Eggemeyer Nov. 12, 1966, in San Angelo. He farmed in St. Lawrence, and was a previous member and officer of various farming organizations. He had served as a member and past president of the board of the Glasscock Independent School District. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church where he had served as president of the Parish

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Gary Seidenberger

Gary Herbert Seidenberger, 47, St. Lawrence, died Friday afternoon in St. Lawrence. Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, with interment in the St. Lawrence Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born December 26, 1942, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He married Linda Eggemeyer on November 12, 1966, in San Angelo and they spent a beautiful and inspiring twenty-four years together. Gary farmed in St. Lawrence, and was a previous member and officer of various farming organizations. He had served

GARY SEIDENBERGER

as a member and past president of the board of the Glasscock Independent School District. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, where he had served as president of the Parish Council, and he was very involved in the Garden City Booster Club. He was a good man, respected in the community and will be missed dearly.

Loved ones he left behind include his wife, Linda, of St. Lawrence, Four Children, LeAnn of Lubbock, Stephanie of Stephenville, Matthew and Brent, both of St. Lawrence. His parents, Mrs. H.A. Russell of Bangs and Mr. H.R. Seidenberger of San Angelo, Two Sisters, Sandra Wilde, of St. Lawrence and Rebecca Hanophy of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, Two Brothers, Steven Seidenberger of Collinsville, Oklahoma and Michael Seidenberger of Bangs as well as many other relatives. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Schaefer, Dennis Seidenberger, Bernard Seidenberger, Floyd Wilde, William Schraeder, and Wendell Jones. Family suggests memorials be made to the St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund or to the Arthritis Foundation. Dad and Mom were so blessed to have you in our lives. Your memory will inspire us to live by your values and principles until we are all reunited. We love you, Dad, and we will make you proud.



More than 250 people marched in Colorado City Saturday, calling for justice in the case of a fatal shooting of a Hispanic man in 1988. San Antonio attorney Ruben Sandoval told the crowd their cause would be taken on to Washington.

March

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longer tolerate the killing of our people," he said.

"We are sending out a message to every district attorney in the nation. We will fight and we will fight and we will continue to fight," De Lara said.

Plainview LULAC member Rudy Mares told the crowd that they need to depend on their own efforts.

"Who's going to give us that justice? We're going to keep on marching, aren't we?" he asked.

Under partly-cloudy skies with temperatures in the mid 60 degrees and little wind, marchers took to the streets wearing black arm bands and T-shirts with the American flag printed on them and the slogan: "Freedom Fighters for Justice." They carried Mexican, Texas and American flags as well as signs crying out for justice.

Four chartered buses from Pharr, El Paso, Lubbock and Odessa led and followed up the rear of the procession as did city police vehicles. Members in the group said they also came from places such as Dallas, San Antonio, Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Sweetwater, Monihans, Lampasas and San Marcos.

Reactions from people parked in their cars or standing along the route were optimistic, with many honking horns, smiling and waving.

"I think they deserve justice," said Jerry Dickson, 31. "I'm behind them 100 percent."

Debbie Ginbey, 45, said some people may be against the march, but said, "I'm not. I think they have a right to. As long as they're peaceful."

Joe Sanchez, 30, said, "I think it's right. I'm proud that for everybody's getting together for justice. I wish everybody, black, white, Mexican, would get together."

No problems were reported, according to local police and a con-

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

Billy Jake Rainer, 19, 306 NE 10th, was arrested and charged with failure to appear before a judge.

A red and white boy's bicycle was reported stolen from a business in the 2500 block of Merrily. Its value is estimated at \$109.

More than \$100 worth of groceries were reported stolen by check forgery from a business in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.

Unauthorized use of a vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of South Main Street. A beige Oldsmobile Delta 88 with blue paint spots was reported from a residence.

Unleaded gasoline worth \$35 was reported stolen from a business in the 400 block of West Fourth Street.

Big Spring man dies in accident

A Big Spring man died Wednesday after an industrial accident Monday at Trinity Compress.

Bill A. Bloch, 60, 1000 NW Tenth, was apparently injured when bales of cotton fell on top of him at the plant, a relative said.

Chester Kort, Bloch's brother-in-law, said Bloch had been taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center after the accident, had undergone operations for a broken pelvis and broken foot, but died later of respiratory arrest.

Bloch had been employed by Trinity Compress for 20 years. Officials of the company could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo. Arrangements are being handled by Johnson's Funeral Home.



Weather
Partly cloudy today with high in the mid 60s. Low tonight in the low 30s. Turning cooler Monday.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. What is the amount of foreign investment in the U.S., and who is the leading foreign investor?

A. According to the U.S. Commerce Department the total direct foreign investment in the U.S. is at \$390 billion, of which \$123 billion is British, surprisingly double the amount for second-place Japan. Of some 20 Fortune 500 companies taken over by foreigners in the past five years, more than half fell to British buyers, according to *Time* magazine.

Calendar

TODAY
● The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair at Highland Mall will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Skills

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became good news for J.M. Ringener, owner of Bowl-A-Rama. By about 6 p.m. Friday, he and Regional Tournament Coordinator Cecil Caddell had struck a deal.

By 1 p.m. Saturday, the tournament was in full swing at Ringener's bowling center.

Aberlegg, who says he won't try to reopen Highland Lanes, acknowledged that since he opened in 1986 there have been some difficult financial times.

"It's been up and down. It's not just Highland (Lanes). It's our whole economy."

He said he appreciated the community support he had received while operating the businesses.

"To all my bowlers, I thank them," Aberlegg said. "I appreciate everybody who bowled with me."

Outside Highland Lanes, the sign in the window says "For lease."

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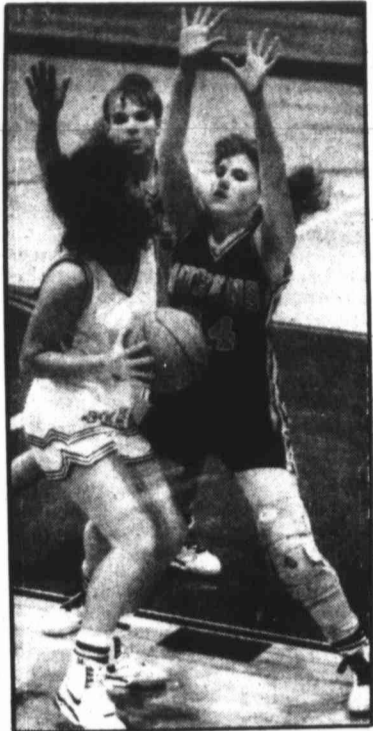
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Tourney action

COAHOMA — Coahoma Bulldogette Kim Willborn, with ball, looks for a shot while under defensive pressure from two Forsan defenders. Coahoma lost in Saturday's tournament finals. For more details, see story this page.

Booster club meets Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the high school planetarium. Coach Thompson will show the film of Friday's game and a short business meeting will follow. The public is invited to attend.

Sportsman club hosts pistol shoot

The Western Sportsman Club will have a .22 pistol shoot at 1:30 p.m. today at the club's headquarters nine miles west of Big Spring on Highway 176. The shoot is open to the public. Women and junior shooters are welcome.

Pats reactivate Dykes, 2 others

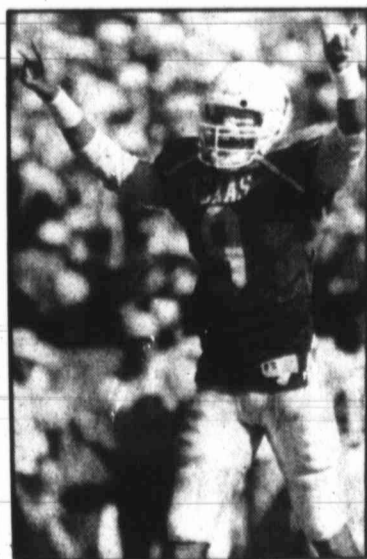
FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots reactivated starting wide receiver Hart Lee Dykes and two other injured players Saturday.

Dykes had been out of action since Oct. 10, when he received a severe eye injury in a brawl outside the Club Shalimar in Providence.

Dykes and teammate Irving Fryar were involved in a fight outside the nightclub. Dykes, allegedly struck in the head with a crutch, was admitted to the New England Eye and Ear Infirmary on Oct. 19 for treatment of blurred vision.

Fryar was charged with illegal weapons possession for carrying a handgun not registered in Rhode Island. Both players were fined \$1,000 for missing a practice.

In 1989, Dykes was the Patriots' first-round draft choice. Dykes, 24, was a starter for the first five games of this season until the injury.



Celebration

AUSTIN — University of Texas cornerback Mark Berry (9) celebrates a fumble recovery by Texas in its game with Texas A&M here Saturday. Southwest Conference results can be found on page 3-B.

Big-play Bulldogs defeat Big Spring

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

4-4A All-District team, page 2-B.
ABILENE — One bad quarter ended the Big Spring Steers' football season, as the Burk Burnett Bulldogs continued their Cinderella season.

The Bulldogs scored 26 first-quarter points and then cruised to a 40-17 win over the Steers in 4A regional play Friday night at Shotwell Stadium. Burk Burnett, a team that was picked to finish last in District 9-4A, moved into the quarterfinal round against Stephenville. The Bulldogs are 10-3. Big Spring finishes with a 9-2-1 record.

Things started badly for the Steers and they could never recover. A bad omen was the 66-yard touchdown run by Skip Hicks on Burk Burnett's first play from the line of scrimmage. A second omen was two Jermaine Miller fumbles later in the quarter. Miller fumbled at the Big Spring 36 and 29-yardlines. The Bulldogs converted both into touchdowns.

With time still left in the first quarter, Big Spring trailed 18-3.

The last omen came right after Burk Burnett scored its third TD. Cornerback Matt Carter stepped in front of a sideline pass intended for Oscar Cervantes, and scampered



ABILENE — Big Spring quarterback Gerald Cobos, center, prepares to pass under pressure from Burk Burnett defensive lineman Curt Glasscock (71) in first-half regional playoff action here Friday. The Bulldogs defeated Big Spring, 40-17.

34 yards for the score. The last of three two-point attempts failed, and Burk Burnett led 26-3 with 47

seconds left in the first quarter. The two teams traded points the rest of the game, but the damage

was already done. Steers coach David Thompson said he thought the main turning

| Big Spring | Team stats | Burkburnett | | | |
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| 14 | First Downs | 20 | | | |
| 170 | Yds. Rushing | 227 | | | |
| 109 | Yds. Passing | 85 | | | |
| 6 of 18 | Pass. Comp. | 3 of 9 | | | |
| 1 | Int. By | 2 | | | |
| 3-27 | Punts | 3-42 | | | |
| 4-2 | Fum. Lost | 1-0 | | | |
| 6-58 | Penalties | 4-25 | | | |
| Score By Quarters | | | | | |
| Burkburnett | 26 | 8 | 0 | 6 | — 40 |
| Big Spring | 3 | 8 | 0 | 6 | — 17 |

point was Carter's interception. "The guy just laid back and made a good play. That was the turning point," said Thompson.

The state's second-ranked defense was left in shock when Hicks took the opening play 66 yards for a score.

The Big Spring offense answered however, driving to a 40-yard field goal by Neal Mayfield. The big play was a 31-yard pass from Gerald Cobos to Mayfield to the Burk Burnett 36. A run by Miller and two incomplete passes forced Mayfield's field goal.

The main catalysts in a Burk Burnett offensive attack were Hicks, quarterback Stephen Smith and wide receiver-cornerback Brad Owen. Hicks only played the first 18 minutes of the game before he left with a thigh bruise. He made the most of his stay, carrying 16

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Bearkats in quarter-finals after blasting Axtell, 42-12

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

BRADY — It seems the Garden City Bearkats have formulated an effective strategy for success in the playoffs: combine a bend-but-don't break defense with the running and scoring of James Soles.

Soles accounted for 259 yards of total offense and four touchdowns while the Bearkats' defense surrendered 410 yards but only one meaningful score en route to a 42-12 pasting of Axtell in Class A regional playoff action here Friday night.

The Bearkats, 11-1 for the season, raced out to a 21-point lead after a quarter-and-a-half and were never seriously threatened after that. The Longhorns finished the season with a 9-3 record.

Garden City, which has now advanced to a first-ever berth in the state quarterfinals, will meet Valley Mills, a 24-0 winner over Eden, at 8 p.m. Friday in Coleman.

The Longhorns, playing their final game for head coach Joe Wyatt, who's retiring at the end of the year, gambled and lost on their first possession, paving the way for Garden City's first score.

Facing fourth and three at the Axtell 35, Chris Harrison was stopped a yard short by the Garden City defense, giving the Bearkats the ball at the 37.

Three plays later, quarterback Shae Scott connected with brother



BRADY — Garden City defensive back Allen Hoelscher, left, drags down Axtell tight end Kyle Gholson (88) after a second-quarter reception here Friday night. Garden City defeated the Longhorns, 42-12.

Jim Bob on a 26-yard pass down to the Axtell 1. Three Soles runs produced the Bearkats' first score of the evening with 6:52 left in the opening quarter.

The Longhorns drove down to the Bearkats' 29 on their ensuing drive, but again gambled and lost on fourth down, giving Garden City the ball.

And again, the Bearkats cashed in the gift, moving 71 yards in just six plays. The big gainers of the drive was a 41-yard pass from Shae Scott to Richard Morales down to the Axtell 40 and Soles' 29-yard scoring run five plays later. Jody Bradford took the bobbled conversion snap and passed to Mario

• BEARKATS page 2-B

Detmer captures Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — Ty Detmer, the latest in a long line of great Brigham Young quarterbacks, outdid them all Saturday by winning the Heisman Trophy.

Detmer, who has set or tied 25 NCAA passing and total offense records, became the first BYU player and third consecutive junior to win college football's most important award.

Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, Notre Dame's all-purpose star, finished second. Colorado running back Eric Bienenmy was third, followed by Virginia quarterback Shawn Moore and Houston quarterback David Klingler.

Ismail, Bienenmy and Moore were present at the Downtown Athletic Club, where the ceremony was televised live by CBS. Detmer was in Honolulu, where he was preparing for BYU's regular-season finale against Hawaii.

Wearing a lei around his neck and surrounded by his teammates, Detmer broke into a wide grin when the word came. "We've had great quarterbacks

in the past and none of them won it. It's about time we won one," he said via satellite hook-up.

BYU's rich quarterback tradition began with Virgil Carter in the mid-1960s and continued with stars such as Gifford Nielsen, Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Robbie Bosco. Young was runner-up to Nebraska's Mike Rozier for the 1983 Heisman, while Wilson, McMahon and Bosco each finished third.

"You try to picture yourself in this position, but you really can't imagine it," Detmer said.

He received 316 first-place votes and 1,482 points in nationwide voting by 917 sports journalists and former Heisman winners. Ismail got 237 first-place votes and 1,177 points. Next were Bienenmy (114 and 798), Moore (46 and 465) and Klingler (7 and 125).

Players receive three points for a first-place vote, two for second and one for third.

Rounding out the Top 10 finishers were wide receiver Herman Moore of Virginia, running back Greg Lewis of Washington, quarterback Craig Erickson of Miami, running backs Darren Lewis of Texas A&M and Mike Mayweather of Army. Erickson and Darren Lewis tied for eighth with 31 points each.

Coahoma boys win in finals

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs put up a smoke screen over the much taller Merkel Badgers and came away with a 55-52 win in its own tourney Saturday night, while the Coahoma Bulldogettes fell to Crosbyton, 51-46, in the girls' title game.

In the first game, the Bulldogettes scored the first seven points of the ballgame to lead with 6:51 left in the opening quarter, using their full-court press to cause several Crosbyton turnovers.

Leading 13-4 with 3:44 left in the quarter, foul trouble forced the Bulldogettes to switch to a 2-1-2 zone. Crosbyton began to make offensive changes and they payed off as the Chieftains outscored the home team 8-4 in the last two minutes of the quarter to cut Coahoma's lead to 17-12.

The Chieftains tightened the game even further in the second quarter. The visitors took advantage of foul trouble to Coahoma post player Kim Willborn to give the Bulldogettes fits under the baskets. Crosbyton outscored Coahoma, 15-10, to tie the contest at 27-27.

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McLean rallies to eliminate Mustangs, 22-16

By CHARLES POISALL
For the Herald

PLAINVIEW — Shutting out the Sands Mustangs in the second half while putting 14 points on the board, the McLean Tigers roared from behind to down the Mustangs, 22-16, in Plainview's Bulldog Stadium Friday night.

The Region 1 six-man quarterfinal victory kept the Tigers undefeated with a 13-0 record going into the coming weekend's semifinals. Coach Jerry Miller's Tigers will face the winner of Saturday's Lazbuddie-Fort Hancock game in one of the two semifinal matchups.

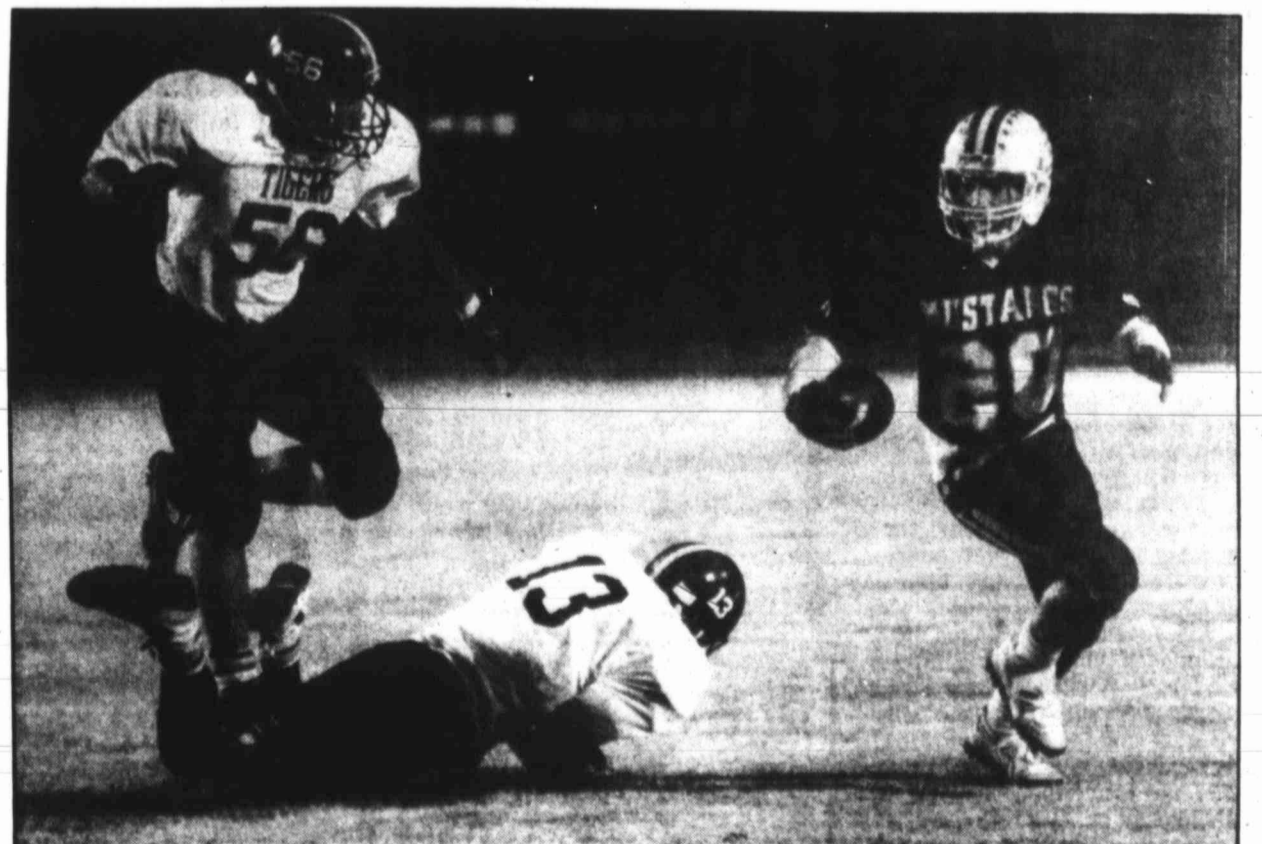
Coach Randy Roemisch's young Mustangs finished with a 12-1 record, following on the heels of an 11-1 season in 1989. This year's team will lose only three seniors to graduation.

A strong southwest wind, with chill factor in the 20s, prevailed in Plainview. It may have affected Sands' pass receivers, who dropped several of quarterback Aaron Cowley's passes that were right in their hands.

"We can't make excuses," Coach Roemisch said after the game. "McLean is a very strong team and they just outplayed us — especially in the second half."

"We made some adjustments at halftime to offset Sands' quickness on offense," said Coach Miller. "We didn't know they were going to be so quick. We also had trouble with their defense in the first half and had to change some of our play assignments."

The Tiger attack was well



PLAINVIEW — Sands quarterback Aaron Cowley (20) runs for yardage as McLean defenders lost the quarterfinal match, 22-16. Caesar Looney (56) and Dennis Hill (13) give

balanced, with 305 yards total offense almost equally divided between rushing and passing. Quarterback Christian Looney, a 156-pound sophomore, connected on seven of his 13 attempts for 155 yards and one touchdown.

After a scoreless first period, Sands led 16-8 at the half. The score was 16-16 at the end of the third quarter.

With less than a minute gone in the final quarter, Looney and back Daniel Harris teamed up on a

48-yard pass and run play for the winning touchdown. Back and kicker Tuffy Sanders missed on the extra point attempt, but the Tigers were not going to need it.

The Mustangs were forced to

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Coahoma

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Kim Gee opened the second half with a three-pointer, but Crosbyton regained the lead as Mindy Morris began to score from outside the paint. In the third quarter, Coahoma turned the ball over seven times to add to their misery.

In the final quarter, it was all Crosbyton as the Chieftains outscored the home team 10-7, to keep the lead and the win.

COAHOMA (46) — Willborn 6 4 16; Walling 3 3 9; Anderson 3 2 8; Hanks 2 0 4; Gee 1 2 5; Lawhorn 1 0 2; McMahan 0 1 1; Totals 16 13 46.

CROSBYTON (51) — Wiley 13 6 32; Eldredge 2 2 6; Crausbay 3 6 4; Degan 1 0 2; Morris 2 2 6; Totals 21 9 51.

Girls' Saturday action
Consolation — Colorado City 83, Coahoma 57 35.
3rd place — Abilene Wylie 34, Forsan 18.

All-tournament players — Colorado City: Elaine McKnight; Bronte: Teresa Vaughn; Abilene Wylie: Shanna Briggs; Forsan: Barbara Mitchell; Crosbyton: Shelly Crausbay, Amy Eldredge, Lakisha Wiley; Coahoma: Mandy Walling, Latisha Anderson, Kim Wilborn.

BOYS' FINAL
Coahoma got off to a slow start as the Merkel Badgers took advantage of their height to build a 16-11 score.

"They are a much taller team than we are. About two weeks ago, they beat us by nine points and we knew that we had to stop Brandon Boyd," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said.

"He can hurt you with the outside shot, because that's what he did in the our first meeting. Whatever happened tonight, they were not going to beat us with their outside shot. We went into the full press so we could stop them from going downcourt and scoring," Nichols added.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs outscored the Badgers 15-7, to take the lead at the end of the first half. Bulldog Mark Arguello popped two three-pointers in the second quarter to lift Coahoma into the lead. Teammate Brent Elmore scored six points to help.

In the second half, the inside game began to work for the Bulldogs as Matt Coates, Rex Denton and John Ed Ezell began to move the ball inside the paint to score easily.

"I'm proud of our inside people. They did a great job of moving the ball looking for the open man, and we had a chance to fold when Merkel came back, but we stayed after them and got the win," Nichols added.

The Badgers tried to work inside the paint, but several turnovers foiled Merkel's efforts. Undaunted by the Merkel defense, the Bulldogs kept close with baskets by Ezell and Arguello's three-pointers.

Elmore and Denton gave the visitors havoc all night under the basket, creating steals after the taller Badgers came away with rebounds.

With 4:47 left in the game and Merkel ahead, 40-39, Denton rebounded a Badger miss and teammate Arguello found Denton under the basket for a basket and foul shot. The Badgers came right back on Boyd's basket, tying the game at 44-44 with less than three minutes left in the game.

Denton broke the tie with two shots from the foul line and the Bulldogs never relinquished the lead, coming away with a 55-52 upset over the Badgers.

COAHOMA (55) — Elmore 3 10 13; Ginnett 2 0 4; Denton 4 3 11; Ezell 5 3 13; Arguello 4 0 11; Totals 18 16 55.

MERKEL (52) — Bauer 2 0 4; Toombs 4 0 8; Boyd 5 2 14; Ammons 3 2 8; Leamon 3 3 9; Whisenhunt 2 0 4; Cannon 1 0 3; Totals 20 7 52.

Boys' Saturday action
Consolation bracket — Colorado City 53, Bronte 51.
3rd place — Forsan 65, Greenwood 59.

All-tournament players — Colorado City: Marcus Monroe; Greenwood: Chuck Boeking; Forsan: Stephen East, Clay Martin; Merkel: Brandon Boyd, John Bauer; Coahoma: Rex Denton, Brent Elmore, Mark Arguello.

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Smith was deadly when he passed, completing two of his three completions for TDs. He hit Owen with first-half scoring strikes of 35 and 30 yards. Smith gained valuable third down yardage on the bootleg several times. Owen came through with a fourth quarter interception.

Big Spring scored its only first half touchdown early in the second quarter, driving 72 yards in seven plays. It was mainly the runs of Mayfield and Miller, aided by a 25-yard run by fullback Roman Ortega. Miller scored from the two, and Cobos hit Mayfield for the two-point conversion.

Burkburnett answered with Smith's second touchdown pass of the game to Owen. Big Spring trailed 34-11 at the half.

Thompson said another pivotal point of the game came when Big Spring took the opening kickoff and marched to the Burkburnett 31. The run-oriented drive took almost seven minutes and the Steers came away empty-handed.

"That was a turning point, we had that drive and didn't get anything. If we had scored I think we would've have been right back in it. We needed to score two times in the third quarter, and we had the wind in the fourth quarter," he said.

It was Burkburnett who scored first in the half however. It came early in the fourth quarter. In a desperation move, Big Spring elected to go for a fourth-and-three at their own 33. Cobos was stopped on an option play for a eight-

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punt on their next possession. Seven plays later Sanders missed on a 37-yard fourth down field goal attempt that the quartering wind carried to the right of the uprights.

The two teams scored 24 points in the action-packed final three minutes of the second quarter. With 2:49 to go in the first half, the Mustangs broke the ice when defensive end John Young broke through to block an attempt by Sanders to punt out of the Tigers' end zone. Young fell on the ball in the end zone for the touchdown. Kicker Pank Grigg was good on the two-point conversion.

A 49-yard open field run by back Dennis Hill, with 48 seconds left, put the Tigers on the board. Back Daniel Harris kicked into the wind for the two points that tied the game briefly at 8-8.

An on-side kickoff attempt by Sanders was fiddled by Mustang end Jason Hodnett on the Sands 34. A pass from back Eric Herm to Cowley took the ball to midfield. On the next play, with 25 seconds left, Cowley found Grigg open for a 40-yard pass and run touchdown. Again Grigg's kick was good.

Steers place 10 on first team all-district

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers went through District 3-4A play undefeated. It seems only fitting they dominate the All-District team.

Dominant they did as the Steers put 20 total players on the all-league squad. The Steers paced the first team with 10 selections, led by Jermaine Miller, who was chosen at both running back and linebacker.

The Coach of the Year Honors went to Steers mentor David Thompson, whose teams haven't lost a district game in the last two years.

District runner-up Sweetwater followed Big Spring with five first team selections. Andrews and Pecos both had three first team selections.

Joining Miller on the first offensive unit were wide receiver Neal Mayfield, center Jon Downey, a unanimous selection, and guard Santos Martinez.

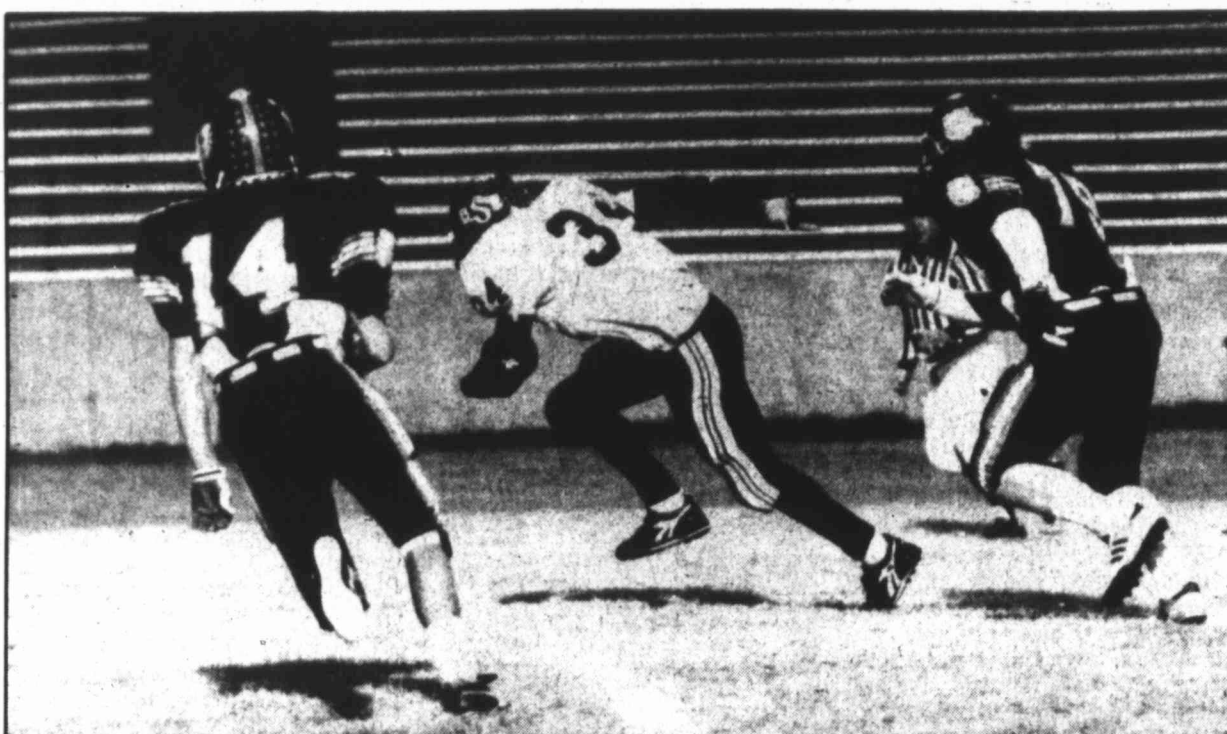
The Steers had two unanimous selections on defense; safeties Freddy Rodriguez and Pat Chavarria. Joining them are end Frank Garza, tackle Freddy Williams and linebackers Felipe Saiz and Miller.

Miller, Mayfield, Downey, Rodriguez and Saiz were all first team selections last season.

Steers making the second team was Mayfield, kicker, Fernando Alvarez, defensive; defensive back Nick Roberson, kick returner.

Making the honorable mention offensive team were quarterback Gerald Cobos, fullback Roman Ortega, tight end Rigo Moran, guard Lance Reeves and tackles David Risner and Rocky Ortega.

Honorable mention defensive honors went to tackle Joey Franco, linebacker Kevin Rodgers and cor-



ABILENE — Big Spring's Jermaine Miller (34), shown in action Friday against Burk Burnett, was named to the 3-4A All-District first team on both

offense and defense. Overall, 20 Steers gained all-district recognition.

nerback Abel Hilario.

Miller was Big Spring's leading rusher, finishing the season with 1,282 yards in 10 games. Mayfield was Big Spring's leading receiver and second leading rusher. He caught 24 passes for 755 yards, and rushing for 471 yards.

Downey, a junior, and Martinez a senior, were Big Spring's most consistent blockers.

End Garza was Big Spring's fourth leading tackler, averaging seven per contest. He led in quarterback sacks with six.

Williams averaged five tackles per game and registered two

quarterback sacks. Miller averaged five tackles per game and Saiz was the team's leading tackle for the second straight season. He averaged 11 tackles per game.

Chavarria led the team in interceptions with six. He averaged five tackles per game. Rodriguez ended the year with two interceptions and averaged six tackles per game.

3-4A ALL-DISTRICT TEAM
First Team Offense
Quarterback — Cory Stephens, San Angelo Lake View, 6-3, 185, Sr.
Running Backs — Jermaine Miller, Big Spring 6-2, 208, Sr.; Joey Munoz, Monahans, 5-10, 218, Sr.; Myron Jenkins, Pecos 5-10, 175, Sr.; Randall Leopard, Sweetwater, 5-10, 165, Jr.
Tight End — Sal Sanchez, Monahans, 6-3, 200 Jr.
Receivers — Neal Mayfield, 6-2, Big Spring 218, Sr.; Kevin Dumas, Lake View, 6-3, 175, Sr.
Center — Jon Downey, Big Spring, 5-8, 180, Sr.
Guards — Santos Martinez, Big Spring, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Anthony Christian, Andrews 5-9, 224, Jr.
Tackles — Mike Garza, Andrews, 6-1, 235, Sr.; Greg Navarette, Pecos, 5-8, 220, Jr.
Kicker — Eric Perucca, Andrews, 5-10, 175, Sr.
Kick Returner — James Moore, Sweetwater, 5-10, 155, Soph.

First Team Defense
Ends — Frank Garza, Big Spring, 6-0, 197, Sr.; Bobby Ramirez, Sweetwater, 5-8, 145, Jr.
Down Linemen — Bruce Nazworth, Sweetwater, 6-2, 218 Sr.; Danny Ramirez, 5-10, 205, Jr. Lake View; Freddy Williams, Big

Steers

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yard loss. Burkburnett scored eight plays later.

Big Spring came back with the last scoring drive. The 71-yard play drive was keyed by passes of 39 and 14 yards to Pat Chavarria. It was capped off by Miller's two-yard scoring run.

"It was one of those nights when everything we did was bad," said Thompson. "The first play of the game, we were there, but we didn't make the play. I don't know if we were too ready to play or not."

"Then we had those fumbles; we stopped ourselves. Not taking anything from them, they've got a good team. They whipped us. But you've got to give credit to the kids, there's a lot of teams that would like to have been 9-2-1."

Burkburnett coach Jerry Watson said the breaks went his team's way. "Big Spring hasn't been making mistakes this year and has been taking advantage of other teams' mistakes," said Watson. "Tonight it was reversed. That run by Hicks really gave us momentum, and the two fumbles gave us touchdowns and more momentum."

The Bulldogs are hoping that momentum stays on their side in this fairy-tale season.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
Rushing — Big Spring, Miller 22-121; Mayfield 9-33; Ortega 7-37; Cobos 4-13; Burkburnett — Hicks 14-122; Williams 18-41; Smith 10-34; Kirkpatrick 8-19; Lobaugh 1-4; Passing — Big Spring, Cobos 6-17-106, 2 ints.; Mayfield 0-1-0; Burkburnett — Smith 3-9-85; 2 TDs; 1 int.; Receiving, Big Spring — Chavarria 2-52; Mayfield 2-39; Baker 1-8; Ortega 1-6; Burkburnett — Owen 2-65; Kirkpatrick 1-20.

Bearkats

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Aguiar for the two-point conversion and a 15-0 Garden City lead.

The Longhorns gambled for a third straight time — and lost yet again — when Harrison was stopped for no gain on fourth down at the Axtell 27. Three plays later, the Bearkats employed a bit of trickery for their third score when Soles took the pitch from Scott, rolled right and fired a perfect pass between two defenders to Allen Hoelscher for a 21-0 lead.

The teams traded possession before Axtell drove to its first score of the night. Taking possession on their own 48 after a Hoelscher punt, the Longhorns marched 52 yards in 12 plays, with Mike Voss getting the touchdown from two yards out. The pass for two points failed, and

Garden City held a 21-6 lead at halftime.

Bradford booted a 39-yard field goal early in the third to pad the Bearkats' lead and, after forcing a Longhorn punt, Garden City went to work again.

Facing third and 20 from the Bearkats' 41, Scott executed a perfect middle screen to fullback David Rodriguez. The Garden City junior avoided one would-be tackler, swerved left and motored the rest of the way untouched for the touchdown and a 31-6 lead.

After another Bradford field goal gave Garden City a 28-point lead with about nine minutes left in the game, the Longhorns marched deep into Bearkat territory. But, on second and goal from the one, Voss fumbled and Bradford recovered

at three.

What followed was perhaps Soles' finest running performance of the night. He took a third-down Scott screen pass at the five, changed directions two or three times and busted about five tackles en route to a dazzling 97-yard touchdown with 3:25 left.

Quarterback Scott had one of the finest nights of his career, completing six of 12 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns.

The Bearkats added two more points on a safety and the Longhorns finished the scoring with nine seconds left on a 19-yard pass from John Bramlett to to Jeremy Medlin.

| Score By Quarters | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
| Axtell | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 12 |
| G-City | 15 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 42 |

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Steers fall to Frenship

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

After a horrendous performance against Snyder Tuesday night, Coach Tommy Washington got some improvement from his Steers Saturday night against Frenship. But there was one spot the Steers didn't improve in, and it cost them the game.

The Steers couldn't find their mark at the foul line and it enabled the Tigers to come away with a 58-52 win. Big Spring shot a miserable 26 percent from the foul line, five of 19.

While Big Spring struggled from the line, Frenship excelled. The Tigers made 21 of 26 attempts, for 81 percent.

Big Spring held a commanding 30-17 edge on rebounds, but many times they couldn't convert on their offensive rebounds.

The contest was close all the way as Louis Soldan and Darryl Wrightsil scored Big Spring's first 11 points. The Steers trailed 16-11 with 1:20 left in the first quarter, but Rod White hit a three-pointer just before the buzzer and Frenship led 18-15 after one quarter.

Both teams went cold the second quarter. Neither scored during a period that last over three minutes. Again Big Spring ran the final seconds off the clock before Albert Smith canned a three-pointer. Frenship led 27-26 at halftime.

Early in the third, Big Spring's White tied the game at 33-apiece with a three-pointer, one of his four in the game. The teams traded baskets before Big Spring took the lead. Soldan scored off an offensive rebound and White hit a baseline jumper. Big Spring led 39-35 with three minutes left in the quarter, 42-41 going into the final eight minutes after Frenship's Kenneth White hit a jumper.

Big Spring took a 48-44 lead when White bombed a three-pointer, followed by a steal by Wrightsil and a basket by Ricky Rodriguez.

But Frenship regained the lead when Kenneth White scored off a fast break and Jason Weese hit a short jumper. Frenship led 52-50 with 2:10 left.

From then on it was a parade of trips to the foul line and Frenship put the game away. The Tigers sank six of their last seven tries and Big Spring failed to convert any of their attempts. The Tigers came away with a 58-52 victory.

"We played a lot better than we played Tuesday," said Washington. "We made some poor decisions on our shot selection in the fourth quarter. But the bottom line was we didn't hit our free throws."

"We played with more intensity; we ran the offense better. We showed some patience and got the ball to the open man at times. We just need to put it all together."

Big Spring falls to 1-7, while Frenship goes to 7-3.

TIGERS MAKE IT A SWEEP
In junior varsity action, Frenship won 64-32. Randy Doggett led Big Spring with 11 points, followed by Ted Fritpatrick with 10 points. Brian Earnst scored nine. The Steers JV falls to 2-4.

Tuesday the Steers will be in Snyder. Junior varsity action starts at 6 p.m., followed by varsity play at 7:30.

BIG SPRING (52) — Ricky Rodriguez 4-10, 1-2 10; Lemont Jollia 0-1, 1-3 1; Darrell Wrightsil 2-5, 0-1 5; Louis Soldan 7-17, 1-7 15; Rod White 6-17, 2-6 18; Albert Smith 1-1, 0-0 3; Mike Gamboa 0-1, 0-0 0; Charles Dominguez 0-0, 0-0 0; Totals 20-51, 5-19 52.
FRENSHIP (58) — Michael White 1-2, 4-4 4; Tony Witherspoon 0-0, 0-0 0; Jason Weese 7-12, 5-40 20; Damon Harris 3-4, 2-2 8; Heath Hines 0-1, 1-2 1; Jason Dear 1-1, 3-3 5; Chad McCullaugh 0-0, 0-1 0; Kenneth White 5-6, 4-5 14; Mike Millard 1-2, 0-0 2; Totals 18-30, 21-26 58.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Big Spring 15 11 16 9—52
Frenship 18 9 14 17—58
Fouled Out — Frenship (Harris); Turnovers — Big Spring 12, Frenship 9; Rebounds — Big Spring 30 (Soldan 10, White 6, Rodriguez 5); Frenship 17 (Weese 7, Millard 4); Assists — Big Spring (Wrightsil 3, White 3); Frenship (Hines 3, Dear 3); Steals — Big Spring (Rodriguez 2, Wrightsil 2); Frenship (Weese 2); Blocked Shots — Big Spring (White 1); Frenship (Weese 2, Harris 1, K. White 1); Three Pointers — Big Spring (White 4, Wrightsil 1, Rodriguez 1, Smith 1); Frenship (Weese 1).

Vincent to miss winter meetings

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Commissioner Fay Vincent will miss baseball's annual winter meetings because of a respiratory infection.

Vincent is being treated at home with antibiotics and has been advised by his physician not to travel. The meetings started Saturday and are scheduled to run through Dec. 5.

A written copy of Vincent's "State of the Game Address," which he was scheduled to deliver Monday morning, will be released to the media at that time.

In Vincent's absence, deputy commissioner Steve Greenberg will preside at the meetings.



Rebound battle
COAHOMA — Coahoma post player Kim Willborn, middle, battles with a host of Forsan Buffalo-Queens for possession of a rebound during action in the Coahoma Invitational Basketball tournament here Friday.

Texas holds off Aggies, 28-27

Texas 28, Texas A&M 27

AUSTIN (AP) — Peter Gardere ran for touchdowns of 50 and 11 yards and threw for another score Saturday as No. 5-ranked Texas stopped a late 2-point conversion to defeat Texas A&M 28-27 Saturday in Southwest Conference football.

The victory for Texas (10-1) broke a six-game Texas A&M winning streak in the series, which started in 1894. A&M dropped to 8-3-1.

The Aggies, who had led 14-0, fell behind 21-14 and 28-21 but drove 80 yards with quarterback Bucky Richardson running 32 yards to make the score 28-27 with a little less than 4 minutes left.

Darren Lewis, who scored three touchdowns rushing, was stopped by Texas cornerback Mark Berry as he took a pitchout and tried to run in the winning 2 points.

Texas took the kickoff and drove to the A&M 1-yard line as time expired, and thousands of jubilant Longhorn fans raced onto the field.

The Longhorns already had clinched the SWC football championship with their victory last Saturday over Baylor and will play No. 3

SWC roundup

Miami in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas on Jan. 1.

Texas A&M will meet No. 4 Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl at San Diego on Dec. 29.

Lewis, a 220-pound senior, scored A&M's first two touchdowns on runs of 17 and 12 yards. He tied the score at 21-21 on a 31-yard run with 12:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Each time, 245-pound A&M fullback Robert Wilson had the clearing block on a Texas defensive back.

For the game, Lewis carried 25 times for 150 yards and became the fifth rusher in NCAA history to surpass 5,000 yards in his career. He finished the season with 1,691 yards.

Houston 62, Arizona St. 45
TOKYO (AP) — Arizona State kept scoring and scoring, so Houston quarterback David Klingler felt compelled to take extraordinary measures.

He passed for a record 716 yards and seven touchdowns, climaxed by a 95-yard play with 1:32 left to play, giving No. 11 Houston a 62-45 victory in its last game of the season.

"I don't like close games. I'd like to just go out there and get it over with quickly, but they forced us to keep scoring," Klingler said.

Houston, prevented from going to a bowl by NCAA sanctions, came out of the 4 hour, 10 minute contest with a final record of 10-1. Arizona State ended 4-7.

But for a while in the fourth quarter, the estimated 40,000 mostly Japanese spectators — already excited by the aerial show — thought they might have the added thrill of a late reversal.

Houston led 55-45 after two fourth-quarter Arizona State touchdowns and the day's only interception of a Klingler pass. But with 2:27 left, less than a minute after Philippi Sparks had picked off that pass at the Arizona State 10, Jerry Parks intercepted one by Arizona State quarterback Paul Justin at the Houston 5.

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Johnson hopes Walsh doesn't haunt his old team

(AP) It might not be Jimmy Johnson's worst nightmare. Still, the specter of Steve Walsh coming back to beat Johnson's Cowboys certainly is on the mind of the coach who traded Walsh to New Orleans.

Both the Saints and the Cowboys — yes, the Cowboys — are in playoff contention. New Orleans is 5-6 and desperately needs a win at Dallas to stay in the chase for an NFC wild-card spot with remaining games against San Francisco, Pittsburgh and a pair against the Rams. The Cowboys are 5-7 but, considering their 1-15 record last year, might be the most improved team in the league.

Johnson will change his team's defensive signals for Sunday's meeting with Walsh, who quarterbacked for Johnson at the University of Miami for four years, then was with Dallas last season. He was dealt to New Orleans on Sept. 25.

"It does concern us that Steve knows as much about our defense as anybody," Johnson said. "It's the same defense we ran for four years at Miami. He's gone against it a lot in practice."

"We'll have to change our signals," Walsh, who was not going to beat out Troy Aikman in Dallas, needed only two weeks to move into the starting spot at New Orleans. He has guided the Saints to wins in three of their last four games.

"I've got strong feelings for Steve Walsh because I was his college coach for a long time," Johnson said. "But now he's just the quarterback on another team, the way I look at it."

The weekend's big game is Monday night, when the league's resident powerhouses, the Giants and 49ers, play at San Francisco. The winner of the battle of 10-1 teams will grab the role of favorite for the Super Bowl.

In other key games, Cincinnati is at Pittsburgh for first place in the AFC Central; Philadelphia visits Buffalo and Miami is at Washington in important matchups of AFC and NFC East contenders; Green Bay is at Minnesota on Sunday night; Houston is at Seattle; Detroit visits Chicago; Kansas City goes to New England; and the Raiders are in Denver.

Games with little playoff bearing include Atlanta at Tampa Bay; the Los Angeles Rams at Cleveland; Indianapolis at Phoenix; and the New York Jets at San Diego.

New York Giants (10-1) at San Francisco (10-1)

What more could fans (and, of course, ABC) ask for than a Week 12 prime time matchup of the league's best teams. A meeting of unbeaten, you say?

This will have to serve since the Giants were routed by the Eagles

and the 49ers fell to the Rams last Sunday.

How good are these teams? Consider that both put away the division crowns (unofficially, at least) by the midway mark. Consider that in a season when the NFL has been plagued with so many average-to-bad teams, the Giants and Niners have risen far above the morass of mediocrity.

The league is getting a Game of the Decade at the start of the decade.

"I don't see us losing to San Francisco," said Giants linebacker Carl Banks, who is hoping to come off the injured list to play Monday night.

Miami (9-2) at Washington (6-5)

Philadelphia (7-4) at Buffalo (9-2)

Both games will have a distinct bearing on the races in both East divisions.

The Dolphins, who get the Eagles next week, have the easier remaining schedule. A win against the Redskins would put them in strong position to finish atop the entire conference.

And this Miami team, with its strong running game and stronger defense, is designed to play in the frigid north. Of course, it hasn't gotten very cold in the north yet.

The Skins are struggling. At one point, when their only losses were to the Giants and 49ers, they seemed strong enough to cruise to a wild-card slot. Now, after weak efforts in defeats by Philadelphia and Dallas and in an overtime win against Detroit, just getting into the playoffs will be tough.

Buffalo goes from trying to shut down Houston's run-and-shoot to trying to stop Randall Cunningham, who ran and shot the Giants to their first defeat. The Bills had an eight-game winning streak snapped by the Oilers, while the Eagles have won five in a row.

Philadelphia is beginning to look like the Super Bowl contender owner Norman Braman promised during the summer.

Kansas City (7-4) at New England (1-10)

In control of the AFC West — the Raiders, who also are 7-4 — Kansas City faces Team Turmoil, losers of nine straight. At least Lisa Olson incident seems to be behind the Patriots, who already have turned over the quarterbacking chores to rookie Tommy Hodson.

Kansas City has won three of four and the offense has come alive the last two weeks. But the defense might be without Derrick Thomas (sprained knee) and there always is the chance of a letdown after an emotional victory over the Raiders.

"It can happen, sure," coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "But believe me, if we don't recognize

the importance of playing 'em one at a time, then I haven't done a very good job of coaching."

Los Angeles Raiders (7-4) at Denver (3-8)

The slumping Raiders and the slumping Broncos. How many people figures this might be head-to-head for the AFC West title? Instead, the Broncos are going through their worst season of Dan Reeves' coaching career and the Raiders have lost three of four (two at home) to blow a big division lead.

"This will makes us tougher," Reeves said of the tribulations his team has experienced. "If you're going to respond, you have to be tough."

The Raiders could have a tough time passing if QB Jay Schroeder (knee) can't play. The backups are journeyman Vince Evans and Steve Beuerlein, who hasn't even dressed this season after a bitter holdout.

Green Bay (6-5) at Minnesota (5-6)

The winner can take dead aim on a wild-card berth, which is somewhat amazing in the Vikings' case. Minnesota has won four straight, finally getting solid production from Herschel Walker.

"The old saying is that the harder you work, the luckier you get," coach Jerry Burns said. "With this team, not just the harder but the smarter you play, the luckier you get, too."

Green Bay might have Don Majkowski back at quarterback, even though Anthony Dilweg led the Pack to its last two victories. A win puts the Packers in excellent position because three of their final four games are against opponents with losing records.

Detroit (4-7) at Chicago (9-2)

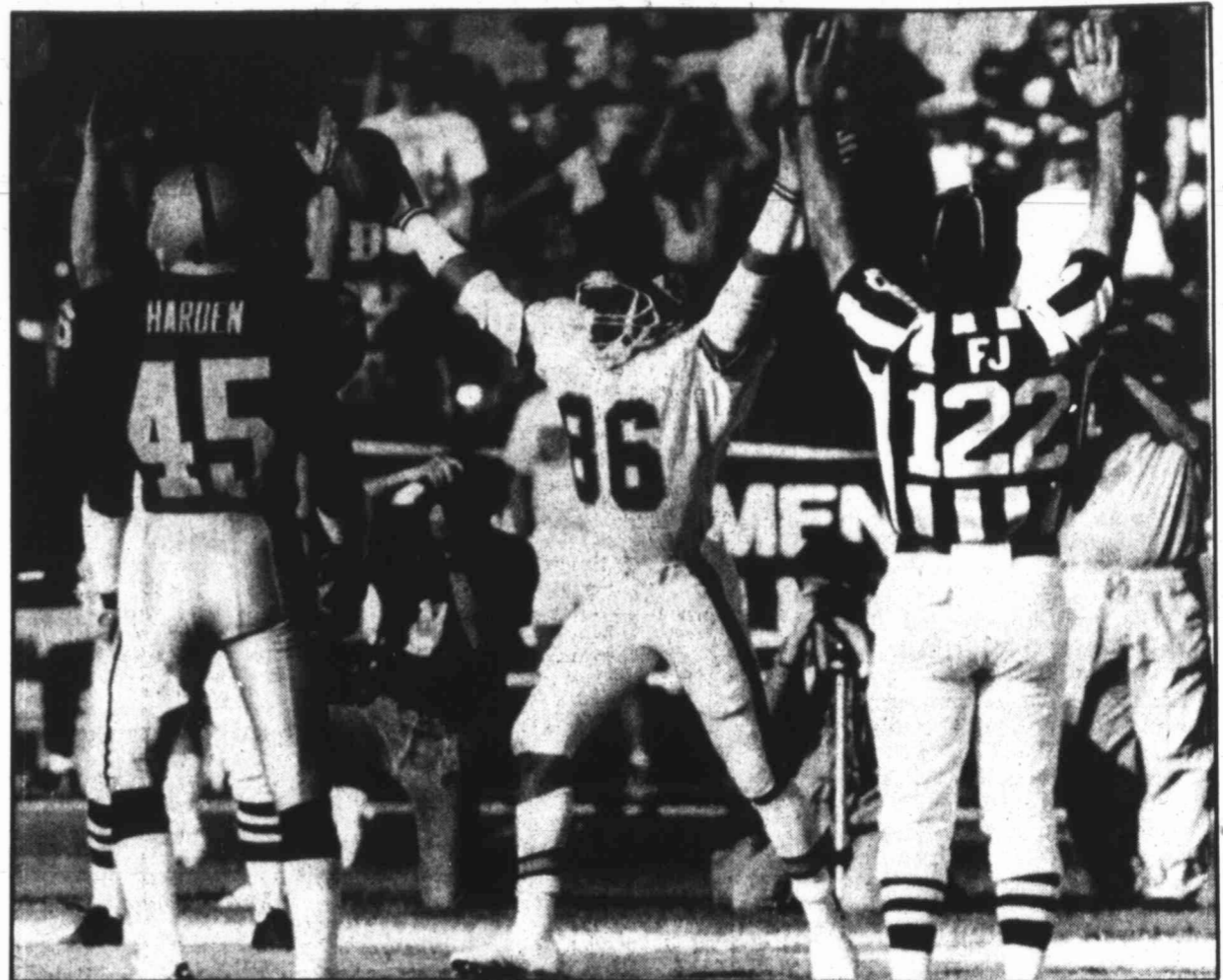
Mike Ditka said he didn't bother getting the license plate of the truck that ran his team down in the Metrodome last week. When he does look around, though, he sees a Bears squad bothered by injuries, particularly to the defense.

But he also sees a team with a three-game lead in the NFC Central and, barring a tie, Ditka knows either the Giants or 49ers will fall behind the Bears in the overall standings if Chicago wins.

The Lions, riding high after their rout of Denver on Thanksgiving, will look to Barry Sanders again. Sanders, getting more work and responding with some sensational runs, now leads the NFC in rushing with 844 yards. He has eight TDs and also has become a dangerous part of the passing attack.

Cincinnati (6-5) at Pittsburgh (6-5)

Two weeks ago, Cincinnati's no-huddle offense took apart Pittsburgh. Chuck Noll still is upset about the tactic.



LOS ANGELES — Emile Harry (86) of Kansas City celebrates after a 19-yard touchdown reception against the Los Angeles Raiders last Sunday. Today, Harry and the Chiefs will take on the New England Patriots.

Noll claims the Bengals break the rules by having too many men on the field and then running them off at the last instant before snapping the ball, giving the defense little or no time to respond.

The Steelers will need to solve that attack if they hope to give Noll his 200th career victory.

The status of the best tackles on both teams is unknown. All-Pro Anthony Munoz hurt his knee in Cincinnati's loss to Indianapolis last weekend, but he says he'll play. Pittsburgh's Tunch Ilkin is eligible to come off injured reserve; his dislocated elbow has healed.

Odd fact: the Steelers are 6-0 against losing-record teams, 0-4

against winners.

Houston (6-5) at Seattle (5-6)

So you can't believe the Seahawks have a shot at the playoffs? You marvel at the job Chuck Knox has done getting this overachieving team near the .500 mark, with wins at San Diego and Kansas City — they swept the Chiefs — and against Cincinnati?

Then get this: the Seahawks are oh-so-close to being atop the AFC West. A bad officiating call against the Raiders and two missed chip shot field goals by Norm Johnson in Denver separate Seattle from first place.

Houston has a share of the pen-

thouse in the AFC Central, with the other two leaders meeting in Pittsburgh. The Oilers' Monday night win over Buffalo was their most impressive of the year. Warren Moon has thrown for 300 yards four straight times and eight times this season.

Indianapolis (5-6) at Phoenix (3-8)

Perhaps even more shocking than Seattle's semi-lofty status is Indianapolis' record. The Colts have won three in a row and top draft choice Jeff George comes off his best performance in a 34-20 upset of the Bengals.

So does Eric Dickerson, who rushed for 143 yards at Cincinnati.

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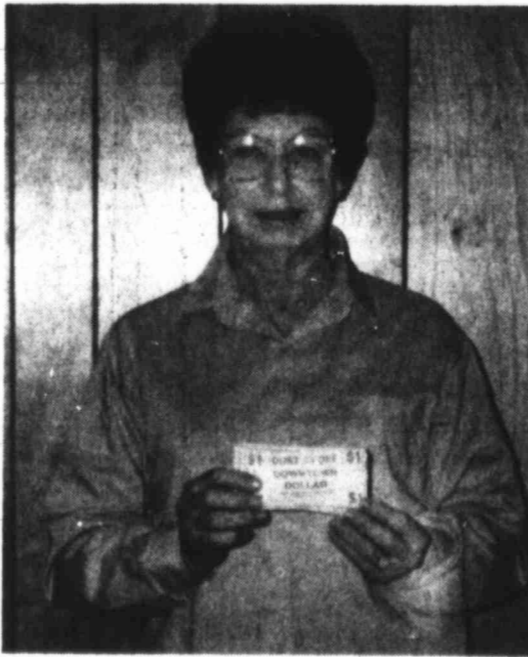
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GIRLS

Amarillo 67, Big Spring 13
 Amarillo 10 29 16 12-67
 Big Spring 3 3 4 3-13
 Leading scorers — Amarillo: Guthrie 12; Big Spring: Settles 4.

PLAINS 59, STANTON 39
 Plains 14 8 23 14-59
 Stanton 10 8 10 11-39
 Leading scorers — Plains: Green 16, Patton 11, McElroy 11; Stanton: Ruth 9; Records — Stanton 2-4, Plains 2-1.

LOOP 59, KLONDIKE 34
 Klondike 8 9 5 12-34
 Loop 17 14 18 10-59
 Leading scorers — Klondike: Cope 13; Loop: Hallbrooks 16, Granados 16, Harris 15; JV score — Loop 33, Klondike 9.

BOYS

LOOP 60, KLONDIKE 47
 Klondike 10 15 14 8-47
 Loop 14 17 11 18-60
 Leading scorers — Klondike: Vogler 20, Guerra 11; Loop: Crow 17, Burrola 14; JV score — Klondike 32, Loop 19.

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CROSBYTON 49, ABILENE WYLIE 45 (OT)
 Crosbyton 14 12 5 14 4-49
 Wylie 10 10 16 9 0-45

COAHOMA 40, FORSAN 27
 Forsan 11 7 5 10-27
 Coahoma 10 10 8 12-40

C-CITY 63, COAHOMA JV 24
 C-City 16 26 8 13-63
 Coahoma 2 11 5 8-24

BRONTE 74, BIG SPRING JV 39
 Big Spring 18 6 8 7-39
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BOYS BRACKET

MERKEL 61, GREENWOOD 58
 Merkel 15 15 16 15-61
 Greenwood 10 22 17 9-58

COAHOMA 50, FORSAN 46
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 Coahoma 13 13 12 12-50

SNYDER JV 48, COAHOMA JV 25
 Snyder 6 12 16 14-48
 Coahoma 0 10 9 6-25

C-CITY 73, MERKEL JV 21
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 C-City 25 14 17 18-73

NHL standings

All Times EST

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WALE CONFERENCE

Patrick Division

NY Rangers 17 8 5 39 116 82
 Philadelphia 17 10 2 36 107 87
 New Jersey 14 10 3 31 103 89
 Washington 15 14 0 30 98 92
 Pittsburgh 11 13 2 24 106 105
 NY Islanders 9 15 2 20 71 97

Adams Division

Boston 14 8 4 32 84 78
 Montreal 13 12 3 29 85 87
 Hartford 10 12 4 24 74 84
 Buffalo 9 10 6 20 77 88
 Quebec 5 18 5 15 75 124

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Norris Division

Chicago 17 9 2 36 93 69
 St. Louis 15 8 3 33 89 73
 Detroit 13 10 3 29 97 97
 Minnesota 7 15 6 20 77 88
 Toronto 5 22 1 11 75 130

Smythe Division

Los Angeles 16 6 3 35 107 78
 Calgary 15 9 3 33 114 86
 Vancouver 12 12 2 26 78 86
 Winnipeg 9 16 3 21 93 99
 Edmonton 9 16 2 18 71 73

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 1
 N.Y. Islanders 5, New Jersey 5, tie
 Montreal 4, Washington 3
 Minnesota 4, Winnipeg 2

Saturday's Games
 Late Game Not Included

Detroit 4, Chicago 3
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Boston 4
 Edmonton 4, Hartford 2
 Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
 Quebec 4, Buffalo 2
 Calgary 5, Montreal 3
 Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 3
 New Jersey 4, St. Louis 1
 Toronto at Los Angeles, (n)

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Buffalo, 7:05 p.m.
 Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Calgary at Quebec, 7:35 p.m.
 Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.

Monday's Games

Hartford at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7:35 p.m.
 New Jersey at Winnipeg, 8:35 p.m.

NBA standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Boston 12 3 .800 0
 Philadelphia 11 4 .647 2
 New York 7 8 .467 5
 New Jersey 4 10 .333 6 1/2
 Miami 5 10 .375 7
 Washington 5 10 .333 7

Central Division

Detroit 13 3 .813 0
 Milwaukee 11 4 .733 1 1/2
 Chicago 10 6 .625 3
 Cleveland 9 8 .529 4 1/2
 Charlotte 8 8 .500 5
 Indiana 5 10 .333 7 1/2
 Atlanta 4 10 .286 8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

San Antonio 9 4 .692 0
 Utah 8 4 .667 1 1/2
 Houston 9 7 .563 1 1/2
 Dallas 6 7 .464 3
 Minnesota 5 10 .333 5
 Denver 3 11 .214 6 1/2
 Orlando 3 13 .188 7 1/2

Pacific Division

Portland 12 1 .923 0
 Phoenix 8 4 .667 3 1/2
 Golden State 11 4 .647 3
 LA Lakers 7 5 .583 4 1/2
 LA Clippers 6 8 .429 6 1/2
 Seattle 4 7 .364 7
 Sacramento 1 13 .071 11 1/2

Friday's Games

Cleveland 101, Atlanta 93
 Boston 123, Washington 95
 Golden State 119, Orlando 113
 Detroit 96, Philadelphia 94
 Chicago 124, Indiana 95
 Milwaukee 103, New York 97
 Utah 96, Minnesota 79

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Chicago 120, Cleveland 85
 Golden State 137, Miami 111
 New Jersey 111, Orlando 92
 New York 113, Charlotte 96
 Philadelphia 116, Boston 110
 Washington 94, Detroit 83
 Houston 117, Sacramento 93
 San Antonio 109, Dallas 97
 LA Clippers at Denver, (n)
 LA Lakers at Phoenix, (n)
 Portland at Seattle, (n)

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at LA Clippers, 9 p.m.
 Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Seattle at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

NFL standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Buffalo 9 2 0 .818 312 177
 Miami 9 2 0 .818 232 122
 Indianapolis 5 6 0 .455 176 230
 N.Y. Jets 4 8 0 .333 199 257
 New England 1 10 0 .091 144 305

Central

Cincinnati 4 5 0 .445 259 282
 Houston 6 5 0 .545 256 216
 Pittsburgh 6 5 0 .545 198 181
 Cleveland 2 9 0 .182 164 300

West

Kansas City 7 4 0 .636 246 172
 LA Raiders 7 4 0 .636 207 174
 Seattle 5 4 0 .555 209 216
 San Diego 5 7 0 .417 234 203
 Denver 3 8 0 .273 237 280

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

x-N.Y. Giants 10 1 0 .909 259 141
 Philadelphia 7 4 0 .636 282 222
 Washington 6 5 0 .545 247 213
 Dallas 5 7 0 .417 276 242
 Phoenix 3 8 0 .273 172 278

Central

Chicago 9 2 0 .818 258 180
 Green Bay 6 5 0 .545 220 227
 Minnesota 5 4 0 .555 259 222
 Detroit 4 7 0 .364 253 284
 Tampa Bay 4 8 0 .333 187 294

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Playoff scores

SATURDAY'S GAMES

CLASS 5A (Big School)

Amarillo 49, South Grand Prairie 16
 Arlington Sam Houston 28, Amarillo 20
 Duro 25
 Marshall 33, Cypress Creek 7
 Plano 21, Conroe McCullough 2

CLASS 5A (Small School)

Aldine 30, Houston Washington 26
 Dallas Carter 17, Huntsville 13

CLASS 4A

A&M Consolidated 28, Willis 14
 Stephenville 34, Snyder 13

Six-Man

Fort Hancock 46, Lazbuddie 20

Texas Association of Private Schools
 Class 3A Championship
 Dallas Bishop Dunne 39, Fort Worth Nolan 0

Class A Championship
 Lexington 46, Waco Parkview 6

College scores

EAST

Adelphi 111, Lowell 71
 American U. 82, Lehigh 49
 Assumption 83, American Intl. 70
 Bentley 69, Springfield 67
 Bloomsburg 102, Indiana, Pa. 99
 Brown 77, Lafayette 74, OT
 Bryant 89, St. Anselm 83
 C.W. Post 96, Uppsala 62
 Caldwell 85, Bloomfield 78
 Elizabethtown 91, Susquehanna 72
 FDU-Madison 60, Wilkes 59
 Fairfield 91, Marist 69
 Fairleigh Dickinson 66, Maine 63
 Franklin & Marshall 109, W. Maryland 72

Franklin Pierce 59, Phila. Textile 57
 Georgetown 65, S. Indiana 45
 Gettysburg 83, Moravian 58
 Grove City 82, Ohio Wesley 62
 Hamilton 128, Middlebury 114
 Iona 64, Fordham 62
 King's, N.Y. 73, Lycoming 58
 La Salle 84, Penn 80
 Manhattanville 71, Swarthmore 57
 Mansfield 91, Misericordia 43
 Massachusetts 83, St. Joseph's 40
 Medgar Evers 69, New Paltz 51
 Merrimack 102, Quinnipiac 72
 Messiah 62, Juniata 47
 Montclair St. 61, Rutgers-Camden 52
 N.J. Tech 119, N.Y. Maritime 79
 New England 101, Maine Maritime 65

FAR WEST

Arizona 95, Long Beach St. 68
 BYU-Hawaii 92, NW Nazarene 84
 DePaul 85, Pepperdine 64
 Wyoming 86, Metro St. 75

SOUTHWEST

Louisiana Tech 48, Ark.-Little Rock 54
 Oklahoma 162, Angelo St. 99
 Oklahoma St. 75, Tulsa 73
 S. Nazarene 77, Adams St. 66

TOURNAMENTS

A&W Spring Arbor Classic
 Championship
 Ind.-South Bend 85, Spring Arbor 74

Third Place

Grand Rapids Baptist 89, Adrian 61

Anderson Invitational
 Third Place

Indiana Tech 45, Anderson, Ind. 44
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Johnny Mills placed first in both the Men's Division and Big Bass portion of the Bass Club's final point tournament.



Joyce Wilson placed first in the Women's Division at the Bass Club's tournament with her 2.1 lb. bass.

The Big Spring Bass Club hosted the final point tournament of the year November 17 at Lake Colorado City.

A total of 16 contestants were entered in the men's division, 2 in the women's. Tournament directors were Jerry Dudley and Glenn Berry.

Tournament standings —

Men's Division:

1. Johnny Mills, 7.0 lbs., worm, 67 points

2. Walt Ussery, 4.8 lbs., top water, 64 points

3. Blane Dyess, 3.12 lbs., spinner bait, 62 points

4. Johnny Christian, 2.14 lbs., worm, 60 points

5. Jim Darling, 1.14 lbs., spinner bait, 58 points

6. James Darling, 1.11 lbs., rattletail, 57 points

7. Kerry Mills, 1.10 lbs., 56 points

8. Gary Gill, 1.9 lbs., 55 points

9. Doyle Brown (guest), 1.8 lbs., Model "A"

Women's Division:

1. Joyce Wilson, 2.1 lbs., Model "A", 62 points

2. Pam Christian, 1.8 lbs., worm, 61 points

Big Bass Calcutta:

1. Johnny Mills, 3.5 lbs., worm

2. Walt Ussery, 3.1 lbs., top water

The club reported 23 active members in the men's division, eight in the women's and 6 in the youth. A total of 372 pounds of fish were reported caught and released

during the year; 328 pounds in the men's division, 25 in the women's and 19 in the youth division.

The top six fisherman from each division are:

Men's Division —

1. Jerry Dudley, 67 lbs., 663 points

2. Johnny Mills, 42 lbs., 570 points

3. Marty Whetset, 29 lbs., 415 points

4. Blane Dyess, 29 lbs., 397 points

5. James White, 24 lbs., 353 points

6. Johnny Christian, 19 lbs., 298 points

Women's Division —

1. Joyce Wilson, 17 lbs., 425 points

2. Pam Christian, 5 lbs., 184 points

3. Monica White, 3 lbs., 73 points

4. Linda Mills, 0 lbs., 70 points

5. Carolyn Mills, 0 lbs., 50 points

6. Tie — V. Denton & B.S. Barnes, 0 lbs., 20 points

Youth Division —

1. Mike Spivey, 7 lbs., 157 points

2. Jeremy White, 10 lbs., 150 points

3. James Darling, 2 lbs., 97 points

4. Chris Spivey, 0 lbs., 20 points

5. Tie — J. Denton & J. Loper, 0 lbs., 10 points

The awards banquet is scheduled for Dec. 4. The club will honor the "Angler of the Year" and "Big Bass of the Year" in each division. In addition, new officers will be elected. All members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Joyce Wilson at 263-0062.

Winter-time fishing

By MARK WEAVER

If you're a die-hard angler that just won't accept sitting in your easy chair watching football games all winter, then this week's column is especially for you.

Many anglers believe bass fishing comes to a complete standstill in December and January, but this just isn't true. While it is true that the metabolism of a bass will be slowed tremendously, you'd better believe that they do not go two months without eating.

One of the very best methods for catching bass in the dead of winter is "spooning." Spoons, generally, are those large chunks of metal which seem to imitate nothing, but they do catch bass!

The first thing you need to know about winter bass is that they hold in deep, open water. Locating a sluggish bass in the winter is virtually impossible without the help of a fish finder. Even then, locating them and catching them are two very different things.

Once located, one of the very best methods for catching a deep holding winter bass is to position your boat directly over the top of the fish. Then drop the spoon to the correct depth and very slowly work it up and down by gently raising and lowering your rod tip. No matter what lure you use for winter-time fishing, success or failure will depend on your ability to present the lure slowly.

Another important thing to note when winter fishing is to keep your eye on the line. A sluggish winter bass is not going to come charging at your lure and jerk the rod out of




your hand. Rather, chances are you'll only notice the slightest "tick" in your line. If you notice any movement in your line, be sure to set the hook quickly. Don't expect a bass to hold on to a cold chunk of metal very long!

Be sure to give proper consideration to your rod and reel choice. A six foot, heavy-action rod works well, and because of the lack of fight in a winter-time bass, you can generally get by with lighter line. Ten to 12-pound test lines should work well.

Not long ago, the selection of spoons was limited to two or three sizes, and your choice of a gold or silver finish. However, things have changed. You'll find spoons in virtually every size, all colors, and now even laser painted in very realistic fish patterns. My best advice is to experiment on your own lake or river with what works best. I've found that in the coldest part of winter, a very simple, straight, flat, silver spoon works extremely well.


One final note: Be absolutely sure to take extra precaution if you're on the water during the winter months. Hypothermia is always a present danger to any winter-time angler!



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Battle of the sexes

By CHRISTINA FERCHALK
The battle of the sexes used to be a hot topic, now it's barely tepid. Remember all the down and dirty sexist fun men and women used to have at each other's expense? That's all gone now, we've homogenized our sexual differences. Men making negative statements about women are chauvinist pigs. Women who cut up guys are male-baskers. We have to be more respectful today, more civilized. All the rules have changed.

Just when I thought I had men pegged, they threw me off track with a red herring. They claimed to be sensitive. Not that there's anything wrong with that, sensitive is good. But don't tell me about your newfound sensitivity fellow — show me.

A sensitive person does not crawl into bed, grab the remote control and start flipping through the channels as though the person in the other half of that bed, the person who just happened to be watching the television, wasn't even in the room.

A sensitive person, coming upon a hysterical woman nearly electrocuted by the washing machine and thrown three feet across the room does not say, "You'll be OK Kiddo. It wasn't 220, it won't kill you. Just knock you on your can is all."

Sensitive my eye! Men are no more sensitive today than they ever were, they're just more careful about what they say in front of us. We're all more careful. Men and women are walking on egg shells around each other. It can't be healthy, we're repressing too much. All the natural anger, envy, distrust and resentment we feel towards the opposite sex is being driven underground and allowed to fester. So let's clear the air. First of all there are some generalities men claim about women and women claim about men that ring true.

I know for a fact that men consider women, in general, to be a pain. Women have given men good cause to feel this way. A few women are a pain all the time. A few more just most of the time. The majority of us simply pick our moments. Sometimes I'm such a royal pain, I annoy myself. Being a pain isn't something a woman acquires at puberty, she's born with the gift. I'm raising sons and I'm raising daughters. The boys have their problems but the girls are a pain. There hasn't been a male child ever born who can whine with the same degree of intensity as a little girl with a bug in her bottom.

While I concede that women are a pain, I must point out that men, too, have a certain peculiarity. Men, in general, are jerks. Now I don't mean to imply that all men are a complete jerks. I've only known a handful who qualify for that honor. Some men are jerks to a greater or lesser degree than other men. Occasionally a man may be so sterling it's hard to believe there's a jerk lurking inside him. But if a woman scratches deep enough, which she is compelled to do because she's a pain, she will eventually hit jerk.

Men, unlike women, are unaware they possess a character flaw. When a woman's being a pain, she knows she's being a pain, she doesn't need a man to call it to her attention. But a man is always welcome to try. And try he will, every time, because he's a jerk. A man will do something incredibly crass, then look a woman right in the eye and say, "Are you mad at me, did I do something wrong?" He doesn't have a clue. After a while it dawns on him and he says, "I'm sorry Honey, I was being a jerk again, wasn't I?" He's still not certain. It's just an educated guess.

It all evens out. One gender is no better and no worse than the other. The differences between men and women are not just anatomical. We are not the same, deep down inside. We may share some of the same opinions, value systems and sins, but basically we're as different as night from day. That's why we can never quite figure each other out. That's what makes trying so much fun.

Christina Ferchalk, Atlanta, Ga., is a syndicated columnist with the Thomson News Network.

Where is Bethlehem?

By LYNN HAYES
Lifestyle Editor

Nearly 2,000 years ago, according to the New Testament, a baby was born to the Virgin Mary in a small town in what is now Israel.

The baby's parents, Mary and Joseph, left their home in Nazareth to travel to Bethlehem to be registered as ordered by Augustus Caesar, Emperor of Rome. When they reached their destination, they found no place to stay. At last they found room in a stable, where their child was born.

The baby, who was named Jesus, was the son of God, according to the Christian religion, and was born to save people from their sins.

We tell the story of the birth and sing songs of the night in Bethlehem at Christmastime, but how many of us can pinpoint Bethlehem's location on a map?

The *Big Spring Herald* asked students in Sharon Kelsey's third-grade class where Bethlehem is located.

Kelsey asked her students to draw a picture depicting the scene in the song "Away in a Manger," which describes the events surrounding Jesus' birth.

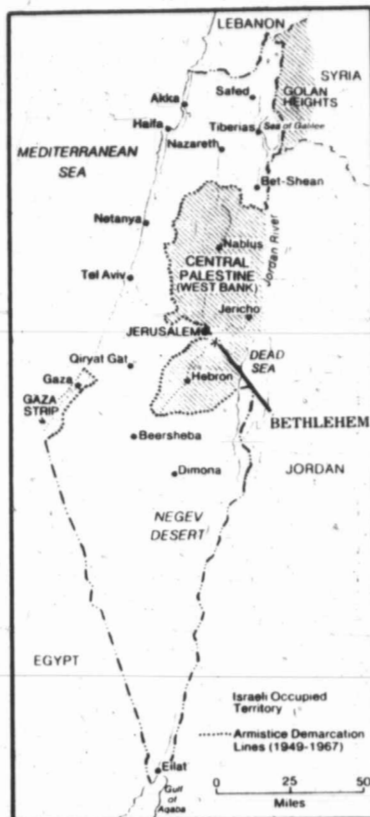
The answers and pictures were quite amusing. According to the children, Bethlehem is somewhere between Odessa and Egypt.

"I didn't tell them where Bethlehem was because we're not allowed to discuss religion with the children," Kelsey said.

However, when asked about Bethlehem's significance, the children all responded "That's where Jesus was born."

Read on to find out where children believe Bethlehem is located. Their responses have not been edited.

"I think Bethlehem is located in Virginia," Amber D. Pitts.



ISRAEL
daughter of Lewis and Donna Cox.

"I think Bethlehem is in Minasoda City," Tina Arvieu, daughter of Athur and Kathleen Arvieu.

"I think Bethlehem is in the country of Egypt," Tricia Fisher, daughter of Sam and Becky Harwell.

"Bethlehem was in Germany," Toby Arenivaz, son of Greg and Angie Arenivaz.

"Bethlehem is located in Heaven," Fred Morales, son of Fred and Cindy Morales.

"I think it is in Germany," Jerry Baeza, son of Jerry and Maria Baeza.

"I think Bethlehem is in Italy," Ramona Olivarez, daughter

of Mary Ann Olivarez.

"Bethlehem is in Virginia," Nicole Yanez, daughter of Adam and Pam Yanez.

"Batlehem is in a city," Laura French, daughter of Tommy French.

"I think Bethlehem is in the country," Dallas Allen, son of Curtis and Janet Allen.

"I think Bethlehem is in the shinning star," Tommy Hatcher, son of Tim and Jody Hatcher.

"I think Bethlehem is located in the state of Jermamany," Chaunte Valentine, daughter of Anther and Bernadette Valentine.

"I think Bethlehem is in close to the southpole," Tandi Casselman, daughter of Melba Hill.

"I think Bethlehem is by Odessa," Robbie Squires, son of Robert and Lisa Squires.

"I think Bethlehem is located in California," Christopher A. Bravo, son of Jesus and Virginia Bravo.

"Where I think bethlehem live is California. That where I think she lives at," Jewelene Ross, daughter of Shepard Ross.

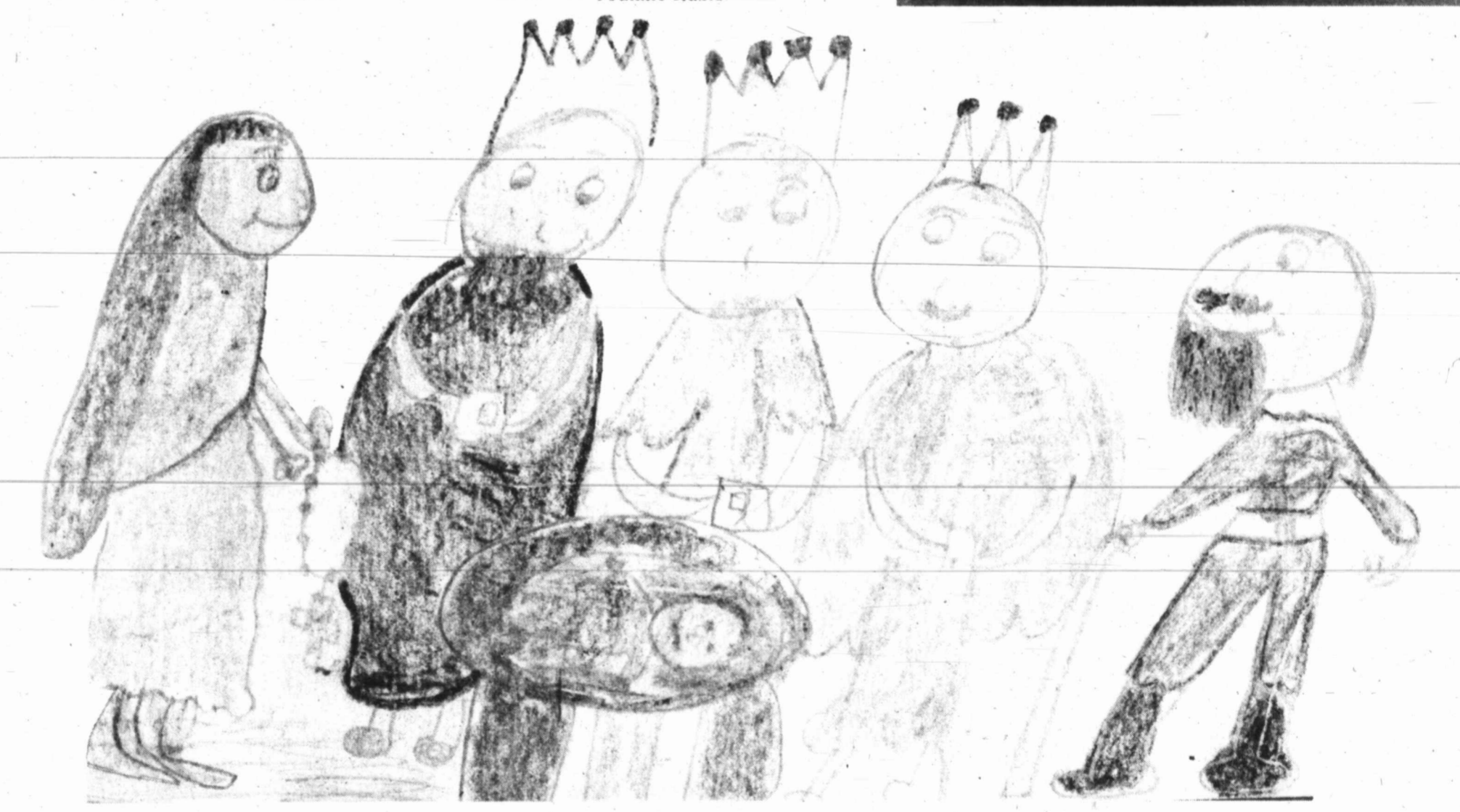
"I think Bethlehem is located in Maine," Gustabo Rios, son of Armando and Annie Lopez.

"I think Bethlehem is located in Germany," Chris Chavez Jr., son of Chris and Donna Chavez Sr.

"I think Bethlehem is in Boston," Morgan Lopez, daughter of Gire Lopez and Frankie Rubio.



Morgan Lopez draws a picture of Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds who traveled to see baby Jesus.



Sharon Kelsey, a teacher at College Heights Elementary School, shows her class where Bethlehem is located on the world map.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Wedding

Park-Stapp

Lori Vashon Park, 803 W. 14th St., and Roger Earl Stapp, Altus Air Force Base, Altus, Okla., exchanged wedding vows Dec. 1, 1990 at a 3 p.m. ceremony at Hillcrest Baptist Church, with the Rev. Robert Lacey officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Linda Park, 803 W. 14th St.

Bridegroom's parents are Bob and Rosie Stapp, HC 76, Box T173; and Mark and Tracy Tharp, New Albany, Ind.

The couple stood before an altar decorated with black carnations and white bows. Candelabras and two large wicker baskets filled with black and white lilies completed the setting.

Organist was Debbie Lowder, bride's aunt.

Jay Smith, bride's uncle, sang "Friends and Lovers," and "My Only Love."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length, white satin gown with hand-sewn pearls and sequins. The gown also featured a lace ruffle bottom and train and a see-through back. The floor-length veil was decorated with hand-sewn pearls and white flowers. She also wore a pearl headpiece.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, black lily of the valley, and black, white and silver streamers.

Maid of honor was Sharla Snider, bride's cousin, Levelland.

Bridesmaids were Melissa Lowder, bride's cousin, Midland; and Stacy Day, bride's cousin, Sonora.

Flower girl was Samantha Stapp, bridegroom's niece, Big Spring.

Best man was Robert Stapp, bridegroom's brother.

Groomsmen were Steve Decker, Big Spring; and Hal Snider II, bride's cousin, Levelland.

Ushers were Robert Stapp, Steve Decker and Hal Snider II.

Candlelighters were Kevin Park, bride's brother, Big Spring; and William Stapp, bridegroom's



MRS. LORI STAPP

brother, Big Spring. After the wedding, a reception was hosted in the fellowship hall. The bride's table, draped with a black satin cloth with black and white bows, featured a three-tier white wedding cake decorated with black leaves, white roses, hearts and black string work. White candles and a bouquet of flowers served as the centerpiece.

The bridegroom's table, draped with a white satin cloth with a tuxedo bow tie and black studs, featured two heart-shaped chocolate cakes with inscribed with the couple's names. A top hat, cane and gloves served as the centerpiece.

The bride, a graduate of Big Spring High School, attended the Stenograph Institute of Texas, Abilene.

The bridegroom, a graduate of New Albany High School, New Albany, is a Class 3 airman in the U.S. Air Force.

After a wedding trip to Wichita Falls, the couple will make their home in Altus.

Engaged



DATE SET — Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robertson, Coahoma, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jeanie Robertson, San Angelo, to Jay Fryar, San Angelo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fryar, Big Spring. The couple will wed Dec. 29 at The Abbey, Austin.



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COUPLE TO WED — H.D. and Sandra McElreath, Arlington, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jana Dee McElreath, Denton, to Greg Clevenger, Denton, son of Richard and Dorothy Clevenger, Hurst. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ken and Ruth Manuel, Big Spring; Hazel McElreath, Big Spring; and the late Dewey McElreath. The couple will wed Jan. 5 at Bethel Baptist Church, Arlington, with the Rev. David McElreath, bride's uncle, Longmont, Colo., officiating.



COUPLE TO WED — Robert and Lanell Bomar, Ballinger, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dena Bomar, 2609 Wasson Rd., to Wayne Wilson, Forsan, son of John and Donna Wilson, Forsan. The couple will wed Dec. 22 at Midway Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jack Clinkscales, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating.

How to control dye transfer and color loss

By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension Agent

Those colored stains that sometimes appear on garments after they have been laundered are usually caused by dye or pigment transfer from a non-colorfast item that was washed in the load.

Complaints are increasing about this problem, from consumers who do not understand what is happening when a perfectly stain-free garment comes out of the wash with unusual coloring. This coloring can appear as overall discoloration (a white collar on a red blouse turning pink), an overall darkening or darkened areas of a garment or a greasy or oily type stain.

Sometimes the offending color is not the same color as any garment in the wash load. This is because dyes are composed of many color pigments and only one of the pigments may be unstable; a green garment could cause blue stains on



another item if the blue pigment is unstable. Colors that cause the most color transfer problems are bright reds, greens, blues, purples, pinks and black.

Natural fibers (cotton, wool, silk) are more likely to lose dye than synthetic fibers (polyester, nylon, etc.). Dye transfer stains are difficult to remove. It is best to treat them as soon as possible and before the garment is dried in the dryer; heat will set the stains.

The best way to treat a dye transfer stain is to soak the stained area in a bleach solution (chlorine

or oxygen, whichever is suitable for the fabric) following the package instructions. For white garments, a color remover may remove dye transfer stains; follow package directions. To avoid dye transfer, check and follow the care label instructions on the garment; if it recommends the item be washed separately, the dyes may not be

colorfast. If a garment label states that it is not colorfast, do not purchase it.

If a garment loses color when the care instructions were followed correctly, return the garment to the store where it was purchased. Sort laundry carefully, washing white, colorfast and non-colorfast items separately.

Council plans meeting

By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent

The Howard County Extension Program Council will conduct its annual meeting Monday night at La Posada restaurant to celebrate the completion of a busy and productive year for this group of involved citizens.

The Council is composed of the members of the various program area committees in agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth and community development who have planned and implemented the many Extension educational activities that were conducted during 1990.

This year also completes the four-year Long Range Extension Plan developed in 1986 that directed the educational programs towards addressing issues identified in this plan. This meeting will also mark the presentation of the new four-year Long Range Plan that was just recently completed. More than 100 people were involved in special study groups, task force committees and in personal conferences in developing this new plan, which focused concerns related to economic, environmental and social issues facing the county.

The thrust of the Extension educational program efforts will be directed to these issues. Election of officers to serve for the next two years in the council also will be conducted at this meeting.

Featured speaker will be Toby Miller, from Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Miller is a member of the university's Ambassador's pro-



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gram, a group of highly talented students selected for their leadership skills and capabilities.

The Annual Howard County Pecan Show will be Wednesday at Highland Mall in Big Spring. Entries are to be turned in to the Extension Office no later than Monday. Forty pecans make up an entry and must be grown by a Howard County producer.

For area youth, the annual District 6 Junior Beef and Lamb Fitting, Grooming and Showmanship training program will be conducted Saturday at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Big Spring. Some of the outstanding leaders in the junior lamb and steer programs will be on hand to conduct these programs.

All participants are reminded to bring their steers and lambs for this training programs. All interested persons are invited to participate in both of these educational programs.

For additional information, please contact the Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, located in the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring.

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Pickle honored at 80th birthday party

By LEA WHITEHEAD
For the Herald

"I was flabbergasted — and flattered to pieces!" says Joe Pickle, recalling the friends, fun and festivity at his 80th birthday party last weekend at Big Spring Country Club.

A multitude of longtime friends and family members crowded into the dining room to greet the honoree. Two gigantic cakes decorated with "the many hats of Joe Pickle — editor, historian, deacon, father, Lion, Scout leader, friend, etc." — were carved up for the guests.

Joe's brother, Congressman Jake Pickle, Austin, presented him with a greeting card from President Bush and a flag that had flown over the White House. Sen. Charles Stenholm had entered a resolution in the Congressional Record paying tribute to Joe for his long service to the community.

Family members on hand were Gary and Jan Pickle, who planned the event, with Ben and Lori, Joe's grandchildren, Austin; son David Pickle, Houston, and his guest, Linda Bordenkircher; son Thomas Pickle, Millington, N.J.; sister Judith and Jonathan Lancaster, and their son David and Cathy Lancaster, with Joe and Don, Austin; Cong. Jake and Beryl Pickle, with daughter Peggy Pickle and her husband, Don Cook, Austin.

Joe's cousin, Mrs. Dale Willis, and son Sidney were in from Altus, Okla., and his niece Joan Holmes, Slidell, La., was here as well as her son Dr. Randy and Marie Holmes, New Orleans.

Other family members were Marilyn Bailey, and son Mike Bailey, Alpine; Capt. Bill and Linnie Howell, Ft. Carson, Colo.; Bill and Gaye Bailey, with sons Greg and Jake, Albuquerque; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worrell, Albuquerque;

Tidbits



Congratulations, Polly Mays! Bridge expert Polly has become Big Spring's newest Life Master, having completed her Gold Point requirements at a recent regional bridge tournament at Padre Island.

She joins other local Life Masters Fern Ellington, Joyce Weaver, Mary Arnold Hefley, Helen McCrary, Joan Daniel, Sandra Rhodes, Anna Marie Fish, Dottie Duncan, Dotsy Jones, Chloe Stone, Phyllis Berkowitz and Sue Wasson. Life Masters earn this honor by collecting points, some of which come only with winning first place at regional or national tournaments.

Also attending the Padre Island tournament were Marilyn Newsom, Cliffa Slate, Sandra Rhodes, Joan Daniel, Bobby Wooten and Helen Sims.

Art Dodds' son, Dennis Dodds, Greenville, is leaving for a classified assignment for the military in Germany.

The younger Dodds, who is employed by E Systems, will assist in setting up a manufacturing and training facility for an instrument which he designed for use by NATO.

While in Europe Dennis plans to take a few days off to visit Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and France.

Mamie Lee Dodds is Dennis' grandmother.

Former resident Don Malone was in town this week visiting his mother, Edna Malone.

Don, who lives in New Orleans, is flying to Missouri to meet another former resident, Terry Anderson, Austin, to look over some real estate. The land resembles the Texas hill country, says Don; coincidentally, it's located near a town called Houston, in Texas County, Mo.

que; Bob and Linda Walker and sons, Bishop L. Myer and Steve Walker, Houston; Leo and Janet Jackson, Margaret Venezuela, and David Jackson, El Paso.

The day was a special treat for many friends who worked with Joe at the Herald in the 1940s and 1950s, including Harold Canning, Dallas; Jo Bright, Dallas; Wacil McNair, Gilmer; Tommy Hart, who succeeded Joe as editor, with wife Elnora, and daughter Carol Baldwin, Denton; Oliver Cofer and wife, Bonnie; Don Ferguson; Rhoda Lemon with husband, Jim; and myself.

A display of old photos and scrapbook clips intrigued Bill and Josephine Dawes, the John Taylors, Walton Morrison, Margaret Lloyd, the John Coffees; Dr. Kenneth and Wanda Patrick; Max and Neva Green, Bill McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardesty, Clyde McMahon, Sr., Clyde and Annie Matt Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Boykin.

Also Evelyn Coker and her daughter, Gloria Peterson, Odessa; Myra Robinson, Stella Arnold, Mamie Roberts, Bee Zinn, former residents Allen and Adele Stripling, Dallas; Gene Harrington who went to school with Joe and his late wife, Lucille; former residents Karen Gregory and Jane Gregory, Nacogdoches (the Gregorays used to live across the street from the Pickles) and many, many more.

Roselle Coates and Pat Furlong

spent a recent vacation in the Hawaiian Islands.

They took in the Polynesian Culture Center, the USS Arizona Memorial and Hydrofest jet boat races in Pearl Harbor, a dinner cruise, a traditional luau, and "a fantastic magic and Polynesian show at the Hawaii Hilton."

The visitors watched the televising on North Beach of surfers riding waves caused by a typhoon in the Philippine Islands — "the kind of waves surfers love but that make spectators cringe."

Even though their luggage and souvenir pineapple didn't make it home on the same flight they did, Roselle and Pat said it "didn't dampen our good time."

Joy Cousin, Lubbock, was in Big Spring for an early Thanksgiving dinner with her mother, Mattie Glenn.

Joy then left for Austin for the wedding and accompanying festivities of her son Clayton Cousin to Wanda Ridgeway.

"The ceremony and reception were held in an old Victorian home," says Mattie. "Joy said it was just lovely."

Put this date on your holiday calendar: Dec. 4.

Adolph Labbe's music students' recital is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room at the student union building at Howard College.

This treat is for free.

Stork club

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

• Born to Alfredo and Irene Flores Jr., 506 State, a daughter, Olga Maria, on Nov. 16, 1990 at 9:20 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 2 1/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Henry and Maria Rios, 1000 E. 20th St.; Maria Flores, Levelland; and Olga and Raul Paredes, Levelland.

• Born to Jason and Tara Murphy, a son, Justin Ray, on Nov. 16, 1990 at 9:34 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Dick and Barbara Murphy, Box 321 HC 61; Dub Coates, Austin; and Linda Lee, Moror.

• Born to Lupe Chavarria, 1210 Marijo, and Reyes DeLeon, 504 S. Bell, a son, Matthew Reyes DeLeon, on Nov. 18, 1990 at 1:45 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 3 3/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Carmen and Lupe Viasana, 604 Abrams; Daniel DeLeon; and the late Carmelita DeLeon. Matthew is the baby brother of Pete, 20, Kathrene, 19, and Michelle, 18.

• Born to Lance and Jennifer Gilliam, 1505 Owens, a son, Christopher Larry, on Nov. 18, 1990 at 10:16 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 4 3/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter.

• Born to Eric Krueger and Cathie Wallace, a daughter, Chelsey Shae, on Nov. 20, 1990 at 9:46 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 13 3/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Mr. and Miss Jerald Wallace, 101 Jefferson.

• Born to Ruth and John Leubner, a daughter, Catherine Ann, on Nov. 22, 1990 at 5:21 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Gerhard and Rita Leubner, Rochester, N.Y.; and W.H. and O'Neal Phillely, Madill, Okla.

• Born to Marvin and Betty Gross, Rt. 2 Box 164A, a daughter, Katie Mae, on Nov. 22, 1990 at 10:39 p.m., weighing 4 pounds 11 3/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Lola and Jackie Thomason, Big Spring; and Lester and Nita Gross, Andrews. Katie is

the baby sister of Betsy, 12, Tammie 9, Julie, 7, and Marvin, 2.

• Born to Lonnie and Irma Chavez, 1022 Ridgeroad Dr., a son, Anthony Ross, on Nov. 23, 1990 at 8:27 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter and Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Robert and Margaret Ross, 1024 Ridgeroad Dr.; and Arcenio and Elvira Chavez, 202 N. Nolan. Anthony is the baby brother of Bryan, 18 months.

• Born to Dolline and David Budke, a son, Daniel Eric, on Nov. 23, 1990 at 3:45 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Ruth Budke, 3621 Dixon; Edsel McCrea, 2509 Carol; and Bettye Glenda McCrea, Uniontown, Ark.

• Born to Martha and Victor Crenshaw, 1301 West 2nd, a daughter, Tiffany Lorraine, on Nov. 26, 1990 at 11:59 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Mathews, 1311 W. Second St.; and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crenshaw, 447 Armstrong.

• Born to Shonna Tate, HC 76 Box 157-B, a son, Christopher Earl, on Nov. 27, 1990 at 4 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Judge Earl and Wilma Jean Fauver, HC 76.

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• Born to Kelly and Anita Johnson, Slidell, La., a son, Joe Kelly Johnson IV, on Nov. 12, 1990 at 7:22 p.m., weighing 9 pounds and 8 ounces, delivered by Dr. Muller. Grandparents are Jim and Novena Butler, Big Spring; and Joe and Carol Johnson, Luling.

• Born to Robert and Lori Rodriguez, Bitburg Airforce Base, Bitburg, West Germany, a son, Robert Jr., on Nov. 22, 1990 at 7:22 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces, delivered by Dr. Pound. Grandparents are Rosalinda Gonzales; Feliciano Gonzalez; and Lalo and Gloria Rodriguez. Robert is the baby brother of Alyssa, 4.

• Born to Chris and Jill Burrow, N. Richland Hills, a daughter, Amberly Bree, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, on Nov. 27, 1990 at 1:26 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces, delivered by Dr. Henderson. Grandparents are Dorothy and Gene Burrow, Big Spring.

Humane society

The Big Spring Humane Society has the following animals available for adoption.

All of the following pets are half price if adopted before Christmas.

"Genie" is a large female German shepherd. She's brown with black markings.

"Jimmy" is a beautiful liver and white Australian shepherd. He has blue eyes and a thick coat. He is very protective and would be a great guard dog.

"Rascal" desperately needs a home. A short-haired collie mix, he has a black, brown and white coat and a sparky personality.

"Bernard" is a large St. Bernard mix. He is about 10 months old and has a black, brown and white coat.

"Mitzi" is a German shepherd mix that has a brown mixed coat with short hair. Her ears are up

and she is quite protective. "Dingo" is a small brown dog with short hair. She has a perky disposition and an easy coat to care for.

"Rodney" is an original. He has a basset body with white and black splotches. He is short, chubby and small.

"Huey" is a personable mouser. He is an orange, short-haired tabby who loves people and the outdoors.

"Melinda" is a tortoise-shell kitten. She is about 6 months old and is spayed. She needs a family to keep her indoors.

"Bull" is a short-haired ash-gray tabby with stripes. He is about 7-8 months old and loves people but hates cats. He would be great indoors or outdoors.

All of the cats and kittens at the shelter are a \$15 donation. This includes spaying and neutering, vaccinations, wormings, and testing for feline leukemia. They are all litterboxed trained.

Public records

HOWARD COUNTY COURT FILINGS:
Ronald Ray Maddox, 28, HC61, Box 110, charged with driving while intoxicated.

HOWARD COUNTY COURT RULINGS:
Silberto M. Gutierrez, guilty of DWI, fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program, and 8 hours of community service and 24 months probation.

Pedro Carrasco Calderon, guilty of possession of marijuana more than 2 ounces but less than four ounces, fined \$200, \$162.50 court costs, and 8 hours community service and 6 months probation.

Frankie Juarez, guilty of DWI, fined \$100, \$144.50 court costs, 6 months probation, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program and 8 hours community service.

Lupe Hernandez, guilty of possession of marijuana more than 2 ounces but less than 4 ounces, fined \$200, \$197.50 court costs, 6 months probation and 8 hours community service.

Joe Manuel Bustamante, guilty of DWI, fined \$600, \$142.50 court costs, 24 months probation, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program and 8 hours community service.

Reynaldo P. Uribe, guilty of DWI, fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, 24 months probation, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program.

11th DISTRICT COURT FILINGS:
S.R. Chaney vs. Bill Currie, other civil.
Bank of Kerrville vs. State National Bank other

civil.
Denver Elvis Heffington and Alma Jeriene Baker Heffington, divorce.

Virginia Marie Miller and Howard Eugene Miller, divorce.
Bruce Kemper vs. Texaco Services, Inc. — auto personal injury.

Tammi Marie Smith and Terry Lynn Holbert, divorce.
Bobby C. Cathey vs. Robert Crenshaw — other civil.

Jonetta Hesson and Chuck Williams Hesson — divorce.
11th DISTRICT COURT RULINGS:
Nancy Lee Twining Brooks and Jay L. Brooks, decree of divorce.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Inc. vs. Bill Wigginton and Kenda K. Wigginton, judgment for plaintiff.
Ronald Collier vs. Permian Resources, Inc. judgment for plaintiff.

Vivian Johnelle Galindo and Richard Galindo — final decree of divorce.
Jimmy Tucker d/b/a Tucker Construction vs. F.G. Woodside, Ind. and d/b/a Woodside Oil Co. — judgment for plaintiff.

Carla F. Bennett and Emory Lee Bennett — final decree of divorce.
Marcia Sauer and Lloyd Sauer vs. Treasa Kerby — judgment for defendant.

Barbara Ann Godfrey vs. Donna Lynn Land — judgment for defendant.
Timothy Scott Sigmon and Debbie A. Ham — decree of divorce.

Matthew Dahmer and Lisa Lee Dahmer — final decree of divorce.



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When shopping for older folks, use your head and your heart

DEAR READERS: Are the holidays getting closer together or does it just seem that way? It's time to start preparing for the holidays again, so do yourselves a favor and do your Christmas or Hanukkah shopping now.

Here's my annual — slightly revised — column on holiday shopping.

If you're wondering what to give Aunt Olivia or Grandpa, who doesn't go out much, let me tell you what not to give them:

Forget dusting powder, aftershave and cologne. (They probably have several unopened boxes gathering dust on their closet shelves.)



Dear Abby

Grandpa doesn't need another necktie, and Aunt Sylvia doesn't really want any more brooches, necklaces, bracelets or earrings.

With the price of groceries so high, older folks who live alone on a fixed income would be delighted to receive a basket of goodies. Include small cans of salmon,

chicken, ham, tuna, fruit, instant coffee, tea bags, crackers, cookies and instant soup mixes.

Older people who live in confined quarters do not need more "things." Don't send music boxes, statuettes or other bric-a-brac.

A truly thoughtful gift: postcards and some lined stationery with envelopes and a generous supply of postage stamps. (Enclose some felt-tip pens, too.)

A handy gift: An assortment of greeting cards for all occasions, so that they, too, can send birthday, anniversary, graduation, get-well and condolence cards to others.

Don't give a gift of clothing unless you're absolutely sure the

size is right.

If you're tempted to pass along a scarf, purse, wallet, or some little doodad you received three Christmases ago, please don't; the recipient will probably find it just as useless as you did. (Besides, you might get it back the year after next.)

If someone on your gift list is living on a pension, a check for any amount would be far more appreciated than some useless little trinket. Another thoughtful gift would be a year's subscription to a newspaper or magazine you are sure he or she will enjoy.

Never give a pet to anyone unless you're absolutely sure a pet is

wanted and will be properly cared for. And if you want to delight someone who considers his pet a "member of the family," include a tin or two of cat or dog food for the pet.

Don't give wine or liquor unless you're sure the recipients imbibe. Candy, nuts and fruitcake make wonderful gifts for those who aren't counting calories, but please have compassion for those who are, and lead them not into temptation. Also remember that many older people have difficulty chewing hard candies and nuts.

Instead of giving someone a gift with permission to "take it back and exchange it if it's not what you

want," save yourself (and them) time and effort by giving gift certificates.

For those who maintain their own homes and apartments, consider a gift certificate for other types of service needed — window washing and rug cleaning. And don't forget certificates for the barber shop, beauty parlor, taxi rides or dinner out.

Holiday time can be depressing for people who are alone, so if you know someone who might be alone and lonely, give him (or her) the best gift of all — an invitation to have a holiday meal with you and your family. Loneliness is the ultimate poverty. — Love, Abby



Associated Press photo

Seeing spots

NEW YORK — Models wear variations of cotton matching hats during Bob Mackie's spring faille polka dot dresses with Venice lace trim and fashion collection showing in New York.

Murals tell Chemainus' story

Chemainus is a small town in the southern part of Canada's Vancouver Island. Less than 10,000 people live there. It is known as "The little town that did."

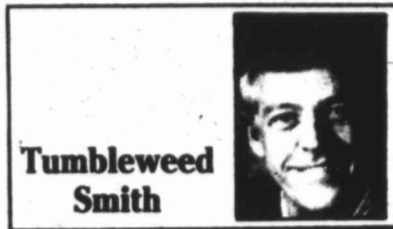
Chemainus has the longest continuous period of lumber production in western North America. The city bragged about having one of the largest sawmills in the world. When that mill closed in 1983, it could have been disastrous for the town.

But through a very devoted and determined bunch of civic leaders, Chemainus established a downtown revitalization project, which transformed the city into Canada's largest permanent outdoor art gallery. It is a remarkable and continuing achievement.

The "gallery" includes 26 murals carefully woven into the townscape. The first five murals were painted in 1982. Seven were added in 1983. A few are added each year.

The murals, painted by some of Canada's best artists, were commissioned by a group of Chemainus residents at a cost of \$10,000 each. They are painted on the sides of buildings and on highway retaining walls. The murals depict incidents which occurred in and around Chemainus since the community was founded in 1850.

One mural shows an old general store. Another pictures a horse drawn trolley. Another features



Tumbleweed Smith

faces of Indians.

The murals have brought recognition and success. The visitor count has grown annually and people from all over the world now travel to Chemainus to see the unique art work. This year's visitor count should top the 300,000 mark.

Some tourists are not prepared to find the size and scale of the murals. Some faces are 10 feet high. Photographers love to get pictures of their traveling companions standing next to the lifesize paintings. The resulting photos make the visitors seem to be a part of the murals.

The perspective on the murals is excellent. Some are painted to match the shape of the painting area. One wall of a five-story firemen training tower features a painting of a tall tree.

All the murals are on a route through town marked by footprints painted on the streets and sidewalks. A stroll through a shady park takes you to Chemainus Old Town, near the waterfront. It resembles an antique village.

Chemainus provides good hospitality during the city's annual

"Festival of Murals" staged from July through October. The festival begins with the Chemainus Daze celebration, a full gamut of food and entertainment events. Throughout the period, guests are treated to outdoor theater, puppetry, clowning, street music, folk dancing, arts and crafts demonstrations, food fests, musical events and a giant swap meet.

With so many visitors coming to town, residents and merchants got busy and spruced up their neighborhoods and stores. Sidewalk cafes look mighty tempting. So do the soda pop and ice cream shops throughout the downtown area.

Being on the water, Chemainus offers all sorts of recreational activities. The city has several bed and breakfasts, a hotel, a motel, two pubs, a golf course and three campgrounds.

The city seems to grow and change each year, so visitors always have something new to experience. A dynamic tourism group keeps residents enthused about their city. A new sawmill has been built in town. It's smaller and more efficient than the older ones pictured on some of the murals.

The newest attraction is the Pacific Rim Artisan Village, a picturesque fifty acre site where art from different countries is displayed and artists demonstrate their skills.

Menus

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY — Chicken nuggets; potatoes au gratin; cabbage slaw and lemon pie.

TUESDAY — Pepper steak w/ rice; peas; tossed salad and cookies.

WEDNESDAY — Baked pork outlet; buttered squash; blackeyed peas; cornbread and fruit whip.

THURSDAY — Chicken fried steak; mashed potatoes; spinach and fruited gelatin.

FRIDAY — Spaghetti/meat sauce and cheese; green beans; garlic bread and cookies.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Honey bun; cereal; banana and milk.

TUESDAY — Waffle; syrup and butter; sausage pattie; apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Glazed donut; peanut butter and honey; fruit punch and milk.

THURSDAY — Nutty bar; cereal; orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Pancake and sausage-on-a-stick; syrup; apple wedge and milk.

LUNCH (Elementary)

MONDAY — Corn dog, mustard; mashed potatoes; spinach; chilled sliced peaches; hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY — Chili Mac and cheese; buttered corn; English peas; hot rolls; chocolate pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; apple cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY — Fried chicken, gravy; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin/whipped topping and milk.

FRIDAY — Chili dog; french fries; ketchup; pinto beans; butter icebox cookie and milk.

LUNCH (Secondary)

MONDAY — Corn dog, mustard or char-broiled meat balls; mashed potatoes; spinach; chilled sliced peaches; hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY — Chili Mac and cheese or hamburger steak, gravy; buttered corn; English peas; carrot sticks; hot rolls; chocolate pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza or roast beef, gravy; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; celery sticks; hot rolls; apple cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY — Fried chicken, gravy or stew; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin/whipped topping and milk.

FRIDAY — Chili dog or tuna salad; french fries; ketchup; pinto beans; coleslaw; cornbread; butter ice box cookie and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Buttered oats; toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cinnamon roll; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Pancakes; syrup; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Beef and cheese pizza; stuffed celery; buttered corn; jello and milk.

TUESDAY — Taco; taco sauce; salad; pinto beans; plain cake w/ pink icing; cornbread and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hungarian Goulash; carrot salad; buttered cabbage; fruit cobbler; cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY — Sloppy Joe on bun; french fries; Ranch style beans; peanut butter cookies and milk.

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

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak fingers w/ gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; apple sauce; hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY — Goulash; buttered corn; tossed salad; jello; butter bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Vegetable beef stew; cole slaw; fruit; cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY — barbecue chicken; pinto beans;

mashed potatoes; pudding; hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburgers; french fries; lettuce and tomato; pickles and onions; cookie and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Pancakes; sausage on a stick; syrup; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Ham and egg on a bun; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Texas toast; jelly; peanut butter; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Burritos; buttered potatoes; salad; coconut cake; peaches and milk.

TUESDAY — Pinto beans; corn dog; spinach; corn bread; cookies and creme and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Fish sandwich; french fries; cabbage slaw; fruit pizza and milk.

THURSDAY — Stew; corn; corn bread; crackers; tapioca pudding; vanilla wafers and milk.

FRIDAY — Ham and gravy; whipped potatoes; mixed vegetables; hot rolls and butter; fruit salad and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk and walnuts.

TUESDAY — Fruit pies; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; juice and sliced toast.

THURSDAY — Grilled cheese sandwiches; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Sausages and egg burritos; milk and juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken fillet sandwiches; lettuce; tomatoes; pickles; french fries; pineapple cake; milk or tea.

TUESDAY — Pigs in a blanket; pork and beans; whole new potatoes; fruit; milk or tea.

WEDNESDAY — Enchilada casserole; salad; pinto beans; cornbread; cobbler; milk or tea.

THURSDAY — Fish sticks or fish portions; scalloped potatoes; Mexican beans; peanut butter and crackers; butter bread; pudding; milk or tea.

ter and crackers; butter bread; pudding; milk or tea.

FRIDAY — Burritos; buttered corn; spinach; fruit; milk or tea.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cheese toast; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Oatmeal toast; jelly; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Donuts; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Bacon; biscuits; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza; cabbage slaw; black-eyed peas; peanut butter and crackers; peaches and milk.

TUESDAY — Fish nuggles; macaroni and cheese; English peas; sliced bread; jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Fried chicken; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; butter; syrup; honey and milk.

THURSDAY — Tacos; taco sauce; lettuce; tomatoes; cheese; pinto beans; cornbread; brownies and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburgers; lettuce; tomatoes; onions; pickles; french fries; ice cream cups and milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Pancakes; sausage; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Toaster pastry; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cereal; hot roll; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — French toast; jelly; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Salisbury steak; mashed potatoes; green beans; peas; hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY — Corn dogs; pinto beans; pickled beets; cornbread; peaches and cream and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Ham; E.J. peas; pineapple salad; hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY — Hamburgers; french fries; salad; pickle; jello salad and milk.

FRIDAY — Hot dogs/chili; french fries; pork and beans; peanut butter strus and milk.

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At The Crossroads Of West Texas

Members attend convention

Six members of First Baptist Church attended the recent Texas General Baptist Convention at the Civic Center, Houston.

The Rev. Ted and Mrs. Stephanie Spear, Truman and Margaret Bodine, and Doc and Evelyn Slater attended the event. Everyone attended various meetings to make decisions on such important items as the budget, missions, and the election of new officers. Phil Lineberger was re-elected president for another year. The days also were filled with specials from guest choirs and preachers.

Truman was elected to serve on the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board, which is a 193-member board elected to conduct the business between annual sessions. The National Baptist Convention will be held the second week of June in Atlanta, Ga.

BYW donation

The First Baptist BYW group did their "good deed" for Thanksgiving by making four food baskets to give to the elderly and less fortunate.

Each basket contained turkey patties, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, and green beans.

Optimist Club to collect toys

It's time to clean out your kids' toy box or purchase a new toy and help the Optimist Club of Colorado City with its Toy Drive. Anyone wishing to donate a toy is asked to contact the Optimist Club at 728-3728, 728-3607 or 728-2867. You may also drop off an item at Ratliff Insurance, Lone Star Gas, Pac N' Ship, Free's, or the City Water Department. Cash donations are also accepted.

These donations will go to needy children in Mitchell County. Nearly 100 children from the ages of birth to 16 years old are helped each year. Please make your donations prior to Dec. 21.

Christmas parade

The 1990 Annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday. The theme will be "A Classic Christmas". Several Classic cars will be driven in the parade to help carry out the theme. Any individual, organization or Commercial organization interested in being a part of the event is encouraged to contact the Chamber of Commerce.



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First museum appearance

A portrait of an English nobleman and his bride, posing as figures from ancient mythology, is among works awaiting visitors to a new exhibition of paintings by Flemish master Anthony van

Dyck at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. The display of "Sir George Villiers and Lady Katherine Manners" marks the work's first museum exhibition in its 370-year history.

Associated Press photo

Cruise, Fox stand tall

CLEVELAND (AP) — Actors Tom Cruise and Michael J. Fox and White House Chief of Staff John Sununu are short in stature but tall on style, said a clothier who put them on his list of the "10 Best Dressed Shorter Men in America." Bob Stern, the 5-foot-2 president of Short Sizes Inc., said he created the annual list four years ago to "highlight that short men can dress for success."

Cruise and Sununu are the tallest short men on the list. Both just reach 5-foot-9, the maximum height for the list.

Cruise is a trendsetter who has turned black sunglasses and black silk shirts into a national passion, while Sununu "never beats around the bush" in both politics and dress, Stern said.

Fox, 5-foot-5, was named to the list for the third consecutive year for "charmingly combining a tux jacket and shirt with washed jeans and tennis shoes," Stern said.

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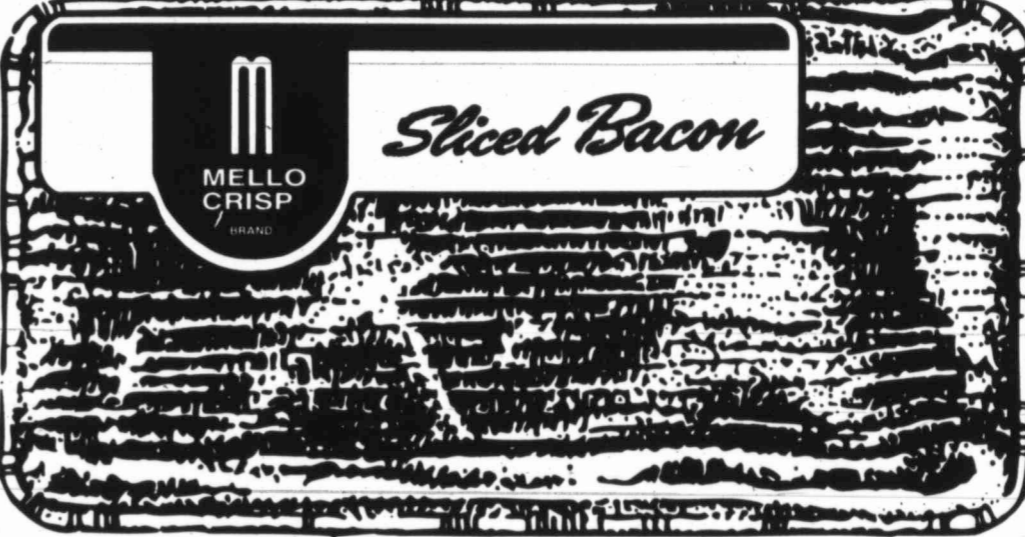


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Factoring uncertainty

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — When this recession is over and done with, it might be wise to study how much uncertainty contributed to it.

Nowhere in the array of statistics is there a measurement of this factor. The strength or weakness of almost anything you can think of is measured by the numbers. But uncertainty, perhaps the biggest factor of all, is only sensed.

It is sensed by government officials, by borrowers, bankers, investors, lenders, business executives, consumers. And the impact on each is identical: It makes them veto spending, lending or borrowing plans.

Uncertainty is on everyone's lips.

"Consumers don't know what to expect," said Norman D. Flynn, president of the National Association of Realtors. "When people don't know what's coming they tend to delay big-ticket expenditures."

And, he said, that doesn't just involve plans to buy houses, but all the items that often go into that house, such as furniture, drapes and appliances. And that, of course, creates uncertainty in those that make such items.

Even if they can't translate it into a number, there is hardly an economist alive who isn't using the term to describe the situation today.

An example, from Murray Weidenbaum, President Reagan's chief economic adviser, and now director of the Center For The Study of American Business:

"The uncertainties in the Middle East, generally, and in the world oil market, specifically, reinforced the negative outlook in the domestic economy in the weeks that followed the invasion of Kuwait."

Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman, cited uncertainty in testimony this week before the House Banking Committee. The slowdown, he said, could be traced to rising oil prices, credit tightening by banks, and "uncertainty about how and when the tensions in the Persian Gulf will be resolved."

Why have banks tightened credit to businesses and individuals? Uncertainty, they say. With big lending losses and uncertainty about the economy, they have been denying loans, foreclosing on existing ones, and reducing credit lines.

Such action by banks, without prodding from the Federal Reserve, is almost unheard of. So bad has it become that President Bush and Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady have expressed concern and urged bankers to be freer with credit. Even Greenspan, viewed as a tight money man, has encouraged that view.

When uncertainty prevails, risk-takers run for cover, businesses cut capital spending plans and inventories, employers cut staffs, bankers lock vaults, consumers forgo all frivolities. Economic activity is suspended.

Why the uncertainty? First there was the battle of the federal budget. Then there was concern about the impact of the tax increases. Kuwait. Nobody could say where the rise in gasoline and heating oil prices would stop. Or the drop in stock prices.

Nobody knows what will happen in the Mideast, or even in their home town, and various polls have shown that when they don't have a sense of the future they inevitably turn negative. Uncertainty erodes.

And when it becomes evident that high-level officials also are uncertain, such as the chairman of the Federal Reserve, then uncertainty spreads faster and the erosion becomes more damaging.

Eventually, economic activity is put on hold. Uncertainty, by itself, becomes a bigger factor than all the rest.

Workers comp rates frozen at current level

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Workers compensation premiums will not increase in 1991 as a result of an unanimous vote Monday by the State Board of Insurance to freeze current rates.

The insurance industry had requested an 18.8 percent rate increase, but the board decided to give Senate Bill 1, the new workers compensation reform law passed by the 71st Legislature, time to work.

Dixie Evatt, director of information for the insurance board, said from her office in Austin, "This

"The board decided to allow the sweeping reforms to take place and be implemented before considering a rate increase." Dixie Evatt, State Board of Insurance

was an unusual hearing for the board. They had to address two issues. The board looked at two separate proposals and put the two together."

Evatt said the two proposals were the usual historical losses and the expected trend with the new system. The insurance board had hired an outside firm to look at the

single issues, because the historical information would not include the results of the new reforms.

"The board decided to allow the sweeping reforms to take place and be implemented before considering a rate increase," she said.

Rafael Ayuso, public information spokesman for the Office of Con-

sumer Protection in Austin said his office considers the rate freeze a victory for the consumer.

"We believe Texas businesses deserve a break. Our office recommended a rate decrease of .06 percent, and this is as close as we can possibly get. We're very satisfied and happy with the decision. The board has allowed the legislation to

work. They ruled the way we hoped for them to," Ayuso said.

State representative Troy Fraser, who was the last to testify before the Board hearings, said he was satisfied with the decision to freeze premiums.

Fraser said, "Our workers compensation rates are twice as high as anywhere else in the nation. The amount employers pay is high, but workers' benefits are low. The money is getting eaten up in the middle, with the doctor bills and the lawyers' salaries."

"This is seriously impeding our

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New plane

An \$11 billion aircraft order from United Airlines has paved the way for a new Boeing jetliner, the 777. United ordered 34 of them, with options for 34 more. The plane, shown here in artist drawing, is

a twin-engine, wide-body jet with seating for 350 to 375 passengers. Boeing says the plane should fly in 1994.

Associated Press photo

Business beat

New law focus of conference

The new workers' compensation law in Texas will be the focus of the first Texas Worker's Compensation Educational Conference, set for Jan. 24-25 in Austin.

According to a press release, the conference is for those interested in learning about the impact of the new law on the Texas economy and worker safety, and how this major reform of the system will be implemented by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission.

The new law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, strengthens safety in the workplace and controls rate increases for employers. The provisions of the new law address problems faced by workers' compensation systems nationwide.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and the International Workers' Compensation Foundation, a research branch of the International Association of Industrial

Accident Boards and Commissions

The conference will be conducted at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Austin. For more information, contact the Public Information Office, Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, 78704, (512) 448-7938.

Sommer honored by Furr's store

Tina Sommer of Big Spring was selected as associate of the year for the Furr's Supermarket in College Park Shopping Center.

Tina is a booth clerk for the store and has been employed there for a year.

She was chosen for this award for her

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Oil/gas

NEW DRILLING LOCATIONS

Howard County
No. 1 H.R. Clay Estate, Howard-Glasscock Fld, 8,500-ft. proj TD, 3 E Forsan. W&NWR Survey Sect. 126 Blk. 129. Mobil Producing, Midland, oprtr.

No. 1 Fryar, Bond Fld, 11,000-ft proj TD, 10 NW Big Spring. T&PRR Survey Sect. 27 Blk. 33. Blair Exploration, Midland, oprtr.

Martin County
No. 1 Guy "T," No. 2 Guy "T," No. 1 Guy "QU," 9,650-ft. proj TD, 11.5 SW Tarzan, G&M&BARR Survey Sect. 4 Block 38 (first two wells) and Sect. 2 Block 38, respectively. Parker & Parsley Ltd., Midland, oprtr.

No. 1 Glass "C," No. 3 Glass "F," No. 3 Glass "G," Spraberry Trend, 9,400, 9,400 and 9,600-ft proj TD, respectively, 15-16 NW Stanton. T&PRR Survey Sects 8, 11, 19 Block 38, respectively. Adobe Resources, Midland, oprtr.

No. 1 Curtis "D," Spraberry Trend, 9,750-ft. proj TD, 9.5 W Tarzan, LaSalle CSL League 322 Labor 18. Parker & Parsley, Midland, oprtr.

Mitchell County
Nos. 12, 40, 41, 42 W.W. Watson, East Howard-Iatan Fld, 3,300-ft proj TD (4 wells) 9.5 SW Westbrook. T&PRR Survey Sects 20 and 21 Block 29. Anadarko Petroleum, Midland, oprtr.

HOWARD COUNTY
Pumping 168 barrels of oil per day, the No. 15 Feed "B" has been completed in the Howard-Glasscock Field, about five miles east of Forsan.

The well is an exploration venture of Conoco Inc. of Midland. It was perforated to produce at 2,964 to 3,012 feet into the hole. Water production totaled 540 barrels per day. Oil production is from the Glorieta Formation.

MITCHELL COUNTY
A trio of pumping oilers with combined potential of over 130 barrels per day have been completed in the East Howard-Iatan Field, Mitchell County, by Anadarko Petroleum Inc. of Midland.

All three are located about 10 miles southwest of Whiteface. Water production ranged from 35 to 182 barrels per day.

Oil production will be from perforations ranging from 2,279 to 3,168 feet into the wellbore.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Pumping 62 barrels of oil with 70,000 CF casinghead gas per day, the No. 884 Driver Unit has been completed in the Spraberry Trend, Glasscock County, by Tex-Con Oil and Gas of Houston.

The well is in a lease about 20 miles southwest of Garden City. It was perforated to produce from four intervals ranging from 7,492 to 7,844 feet into the hole.

Water production totaled 450 barrels per day.

MARTIN COUNTY
Showing ability to make 52 barrels of oil per day plus a minor

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Regulator 'shocked' after meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal regulator told the Senate Ethics Committee today that his boss seemed shocked and distressed after a meeting with senators trying to help Charles Keating Jr.'s troubled savings and loan.

Michael Patriarca, testifying in the case of the so-called "Keating Five," said his former boss, Edwin J. Gray, told him soon after the meeting that Sen. Dennis DeConcini had offered him a deal on behalf of Keating's Lincoln Savings

and Loan. "He was agitated," Patriarca said of Gray, who then was head of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

"He was stressed or distressed, and he told me that he was shocked by the meeting," he said.

Patriarca, a San Francisco-based federal regulator, testified for a second day before the Ethics Committee's hearing into allegations the five senators improperly intervened with regulators on

behalf of Keating, a major financial contributor.

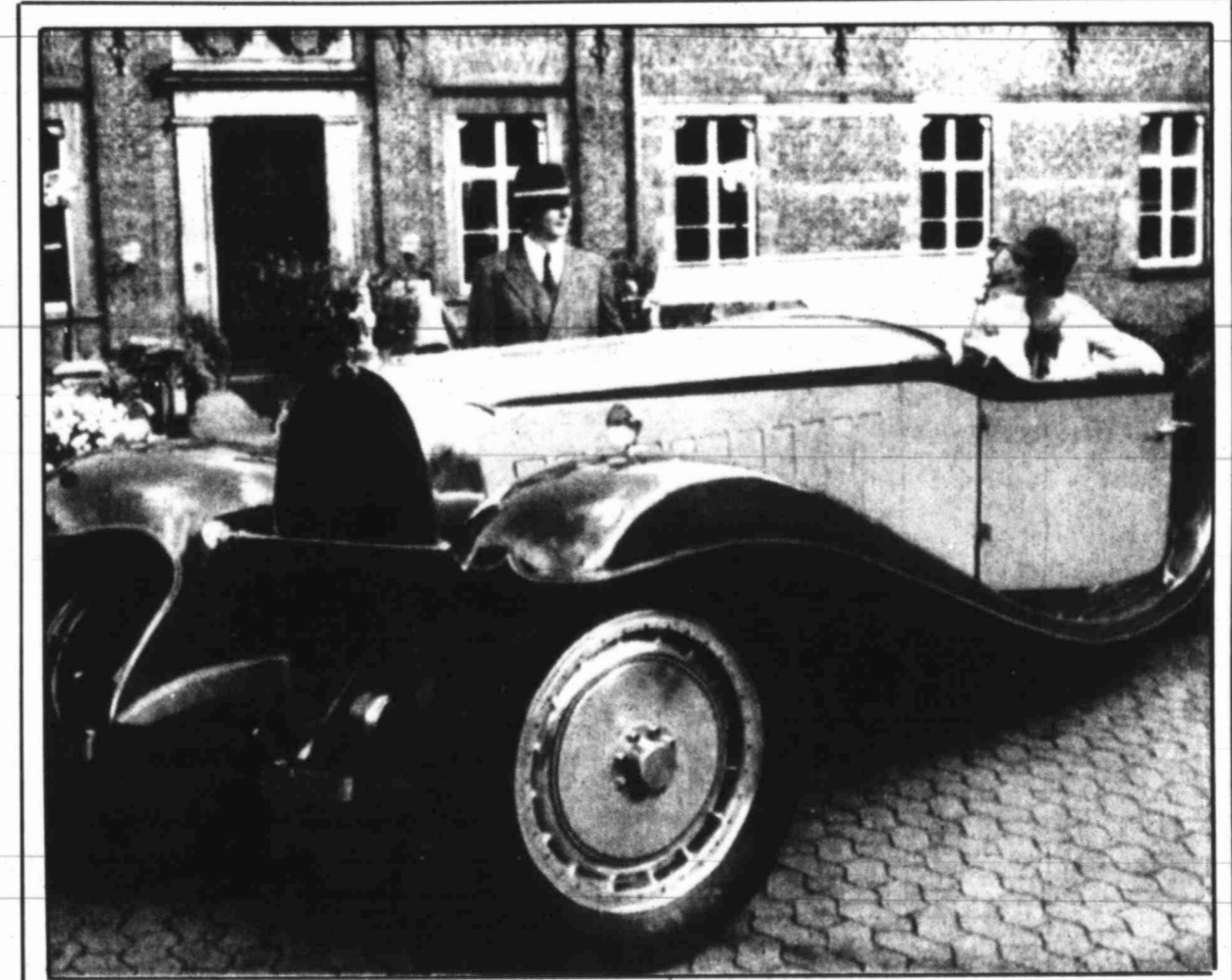
He offered the description of Gray under questioning by the ranking Republican on the ethics panel, Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H.

Patriarca also told Rudman that his own efforts to bend over backwards to be fair to Keating's thrift ultimately resulted in a delay of several months in completion of the regulators' critical examination of Lincoln.

Under cross-examination by William Taylor, lawyer for Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., Patriarca said Cranston wasn't present in their meeting when the other senators mounted what he had described as "a full court press" on behalf of Keating.

On Thursday, Patriarca, a San Francisco-based federal thrift regulator, depicted DeConcini, D-Ariz., as the leader of the senators' efforts.

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Beautiful Bugatti

MULHOUSE, France — This 1931 Bugatti Roadster, with a value of \$20 million, is shown Tuesday at the Essen Motor Show. The Bugatti, formerly belonged to a Frenchman who never drove it in darkness, which is why it has no headlights, now owned by the National Car Exhibition here,

Associated Press photo

Japanese radio gets digitalized

TOKYO (AP) — Listeners tuned in to a radio station today that broadcasts digital signals to the entire nation from a satellite, in what its developers say is a first.

Unlike AM and FM radio broadcasts, which suffer from static, hiss and limited frequency response, the station beams signals directly from a satellite to listeners in digital form, similar to the system used by compact discs. "That results in sound quality

that is far better than FM radio, and equals that on CDs," said Tadanobu Kishi, an official in the Ministry of Posts and Communications.

Because the broadcasts are digital, listeners with digital audio tape recorders can make recordings that are virtually perfect copies of the original master tapes.

But to receive the new digital station, listeners need a small satellite dish and a special tuner that can be attached to a television set to

receive TV broadcasts from the same satellite.

Starting in April, its commercial-free broadcasts will be scrambled and lengthened from 12 to 24 hours a day, and consumers will need to buy a \$200 decoder and pay a \$4.60 monthly fee.

"Since we're the first in the world, we want to try to make it as popular as possible," said Yoko Ogama, a Satellite Digital Audio Broadcasting Co. official.

Oil falls at hint of diplomacy

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices tumbled more than \$3 per barrel Friday as President Bush held out the possibility of a diplomatic solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Contracts for light sweet crude fell more than \$1 per barrel in a span of several minutes while Bush was on television giving his assessment of the crisis. His remarks followed a vote late Thursday in which the U.N. Security Council authorized the use of force to push Iraqi troops out of oil-rich Kuwait if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein does not withdraw them by Jan. 15.

Crude then kept falling sharply, sinking below the \$30 per barrel threshold, after Bush's news conference had ended.

Early this afternoon, contracts for delivery in January were down \$3.01 per barrel, at \$29.90 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Contracts for crude delivery in several later months were down by their daily limit of \$1.50 per barrel.

Bush said he would invite Iraqi's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to come to Washington in December to discuss the situation. Bush also mentioned the possibility that he would send Secretary of State James A. Baker III to Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

"The reaction is very much to his inviting Tariq Aziz to Washington and Baker to Baghdad," said Ann-Louise Hittle, a senior oil analyst with Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc.

The market had moved up earlier in the week in anticipation of the U.N. resolution, so Bush's comments indicating that he would send troops into combat if necessary did not move the market. The president said he would accept nothing less than a complete withdrawal of Iraqi troops and freedom for hostages held by Saddam.

"This has been a war premium market," Hittle said.

The rich pay their fair share

Question: Don't you think that if the rich paid their fair share of taxes that our national budget difficulties would be solved?
Dennis F.

Dear Dennis: There is always a danger with broad generalizations (such as your question) when the facts are obscured. I must say, in years past I agreed wholeheartedly with your statement. But after doing a little research, I have changed my mind.

Dennis, if you are like me, the longer I watch and listen to our Washington politicians, the less I believe. Both Democrats and Republicans are now selling the American public on the idea of "soaking the rich" to solve the budget crisis. As with many of our economic problems, politicians first look for someone to blame instead of looking for a solution.

Let's look at the numbers and you can make up your own mind. I've read that the rich consist of the top 1 percent of all taxpayers. U.S. Treasury figures show the top 1 percent of U.S. taxpayers have a taxable income of at least \$90,000. Although \$100,000 a year is a darned good income, I think the multi-millionaires are not the majority of the top 1 percent. Most of the top 1 percent earn significantly less than \$1 million a year.

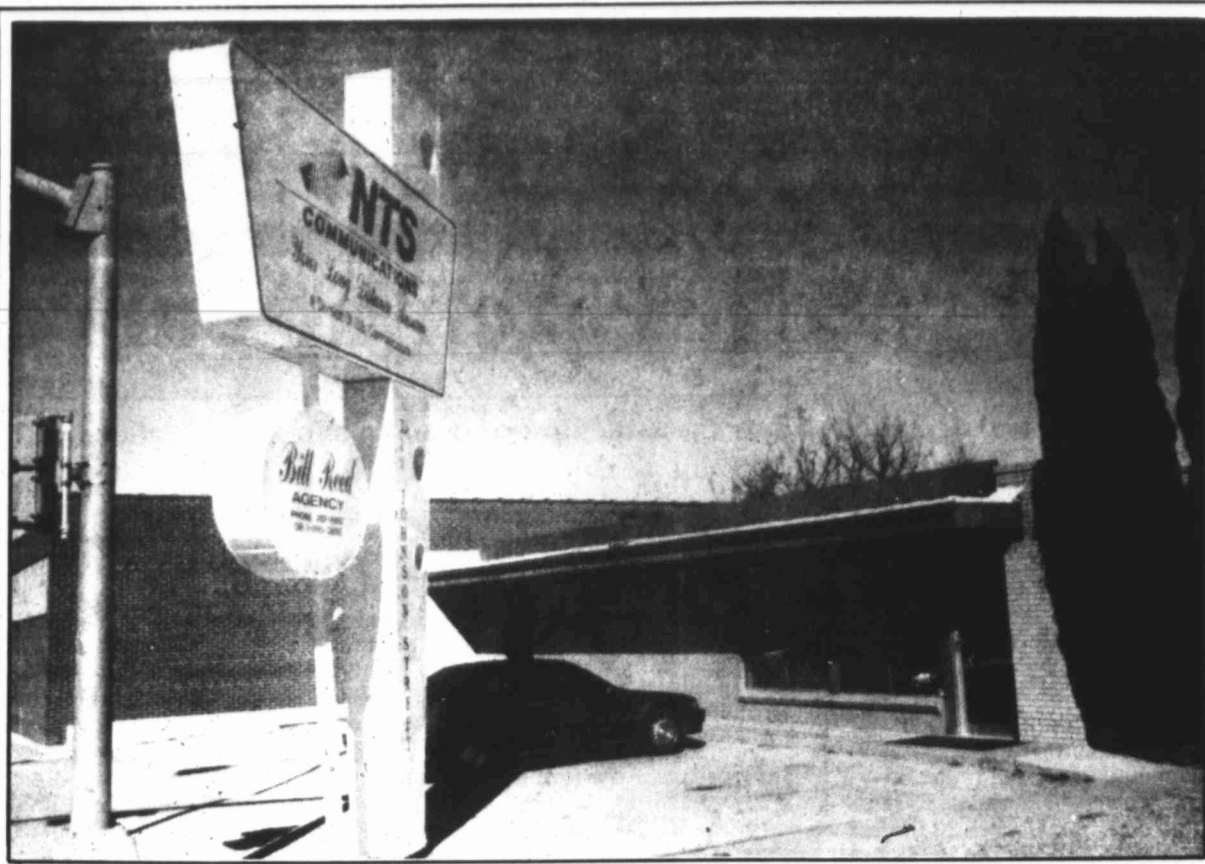
Of the total personal income taxes paid, what percent does the top 1 percent pay? U.S. Treasury statistics through 1988 show that 1 percent of U.S. taxpayers pay slightly more than 25 percent of all personal income taxes paid in 1988. Does it make sense to have only 1 percent of our population paying one-fourth of all taxes? To me it appears the rich are already getting soaked. Perhaps since the rich do make more money than the rest of us, they should pay a higher share of the taxes, but less than 25 percent?

Once again, our Congressmen have misdirected the public's attention away from the real problem. They have focused our attention toward the easy punching bag of the so-called rich in an effort to cover up the real problem of over-spending.

When your family budget is short of income one month, or you have lost your job, you obviously begin cutting expenditures. Congress, on the other hand, raises taxes. The real problem, Dennis, is in the wasteful spending Congress continues to pursue. I'm beginning to see a groundswell from the public that they will not put up with this any longer. It's time to force Congress to handle our tax dollars the same way we handle our family budgets. They are not listening yet, but I think they soon will. You can get their attention by voting.

If the readers have solutions to suggest (short of armed rebellion) to solve the U.S. budget crisis, I would welcome your input. If you decide to mail us a few of your ideas, also suggest a few ways to persuade Congress to listen.

John Payne is a Certified Financial Planner and has been in practice for ten years. If you have a financial question you wish to ask in this column or confidentially, please write him at: John Payne, "Texas: Your Money," 1800 West Loop South #980, Houston, Texas 77027.



New location

NTS Communications is now located at the intersection of Third and Johnson streets after having moved from the Western Union Building. Though the move was complete two months ago, the business had its open house November 14. Employee Vernell Beddow sits at her desk in the lobby of the new building.

Herald photos by Tim Appel

Would-be Santas should use caution

By BOB MITCHELL
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Aspiring Santas should temper seasonal good will with a dose of caution when they do their holiday shopping.

That's the word from two consumer agencies who are putting Christmas shoppers on notice about a variety of shopping and charity scams that appear during the holiday season.

The Federal Trade Commission and the non-profit Better Business Bureau are warning consumers about swindles involving mail-order and credit-card purchases and bogus charities.

The FTC, the government agency that looks out for consumer fraud, says it gets more complaints about mail-order and credit-card purchases than any other topic — and that many of these incidents occur during the holidays.

In addition, shoppers are expected to make frequent use of credit cards during the holidays, offering a tempting target for scam artists who cost consumers an estimated \$500 million annually in related fraud, the agency said.

Mail-order buying is becoming increasingly popular, according to the FTC. In the last six years, mail-order sales have increased 60 percent, the agency says, with almost 92 million consumers making purchases by mail last year.

Under federal regulations, mail-order shippers must send ordered goods within 30 days of receiving payment and must notify buyers if they cannot meet the deadline or offer a refund. But federal mail-order regulations do not apply to photo-finishing, magazine subscriptions, seeds, plants or cash-on-delivery orders or telephone orders paid with credit cards.

The FTC offers the following tips when ordering by mail:

- Plan ahead to avoid last-minute purchases that could get caught up or lost in the holiday rush;
- Study the company's policy on returns;
- Read product descriptions carefully. Do not rely on pictures.
- Keep thorough records of mail-order purchases, including date of

Caution is the key when responding to requests for money from the thousands of charities that seek funds during the holidays, according to the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

order and a cancelled check or charge account record.

Credit card fraud typically occurs when card numbers are obtained and then used without permission of the owner. Dishonest sales or telephone clerks can take card numbers as well as thieves who obtain them from discarded carbon copies.

The agency warns consumers against giving out their credit card numbers over the telephone unless they are certain they are dealing with a reputable company. Other precautions, including signing cards promptly, destroying carbon copies, reviewing account records, and never lending credit cards to others, help to prevent fraud.

Caution is also the key when responding to requests for money from the thousands of charities that seek funds during the holidays for purposes ranging from fighting cancer to sponsoring overseas children, according to the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

Before consumers open their hearts and wallets to charitable organizations, they should be afraid to ask for written information about the organization and its programs. Consumers should resist pressure to make on-the-spot donations and never give cash.

Consumers with questions about charities can contact the local Better Business Bureau office or write for "Give But Give Wisely," its bimonthly list of charities that generate the most inquiries.

Persons interested in getting the pamphlet should write to the Philanthropic Advisory Service, Council of Better Business Bureaus, Dept. 023, Washington D.C., 20042-0023.

Merrick Petfoods keeps Rover in doggie heaven

HEREFORD (AP) — Garth Merrick's beef business was in the doghouse, so he started to think like a dog.

Now Rover raves, Fido flips and Dino dances after snacking on the canine cuisine of fast-growing Merrick Petfoods Inc.

Twenty-one dog years ago — that's three human years — Merrick had all the beef he could stockpile. But several canneries and three major pet food companies that purchased Merrick's beef products were cutting back, and revenues were as dry as a Milk Bone.

And then Merrick, whose beef byproduct company of 20 years was struggling, had an idea: a meat-filled dry dog food.

Merrick admits developing a formula for meat-filled dry dog food is hardly as glamorous as striking oil.

But to golden retrievers, collies, labs and greyhounds, Merrick's doggie delectables are the difference between steak and salad, and healthy too.

The atmosphere around Merrick Petfoods is busy and bright; driving into the plant's parking lot, it doesn't take long to pick up on the owner's sense of humor and good will.

A sign outside Merrick's office reads: "Your Local Used Cow Dealer."

A miniature train on a half-mile track takes visitors on a tour of Merrick Petfoods throughout the

day. Also spread across the 20 acres housing the plant are zebras, llamas, pigs, goats and miniature donkeys for visitors to pet and feed.

"Hereford has given a lot to us," Merrick says referring to his wife and four kids. "It's important we give something back."

Merrick claims his "Beef'n More" and "Track Pro" have more beef than any other dry dog food on the market and contain 27 percent protein, a quality high-performance dogs thrive on.

"We like to believe that we're offering the finest dog food on the market at the lowest possible price," said the 44-year-old entrepreneur. "The dogs seem to be telling their owners that they just love it."

The company's revenues have increased 10 times in three years, remarkable considering the company spends very little on advertising.

National and regional pet food producers agree that increased competition has made penetration

into the pet food market nearly impossible. Merrick knew going in that fighting for pet food shelf space would be dog-eat-dog.

"The last thing the world needed was another dog food," Merrick said.

But the bright yellow bags of Beef'n More are quickly disappearing from the shelves of grocery stores in West Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Merrick also ships significant quantities to greyhound racing centers in Florida and the Northeast.

"There's no secret to the growth," Merrick said.

"The dogs eat the food. They like it, lick their master, and the owner goes out and buys some more."

Merrick Petfoods, which makes chow for cats and puppies too, also produces dog food formulas for other pet food companies upon request. Known as co-packing, the operation represents about 30 percent of Merrick's business.

"We are relying on word of mouth and our roots," Merrick said.



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HEREFORD — Chindo Villa and an unidentified worker put ground beef byproduct into freezing containers at Merrick Petfoods, Inc. The beef will eventually be used to make a meat-filled dog food.

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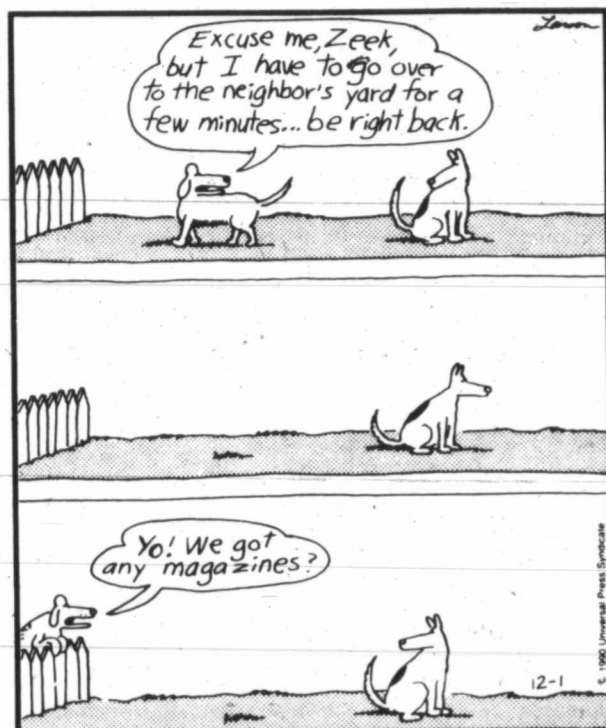


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Globe-girdling group banks on women's business

NEW YORK (AP) — For Gail Edwards, getting down to business means roving the central Maine countryside with her four young children in search of wild herbs and flowers to blend into natural teas and tonics.

Annual sales of her homemade potions amounted to a measly \$200 last year. But next spring, Edwards expects to sell \$20,000 worth of products thanks to a \$5,000 loan secured with the help of Women's World Banking.

The non-profit group has helped at least 250,000 women worldwide get started in business over the past decade through counseling or by securing loans.

"It brought my business from essentially a dream into a thriving business," said the 41-year-old Edwards, a single mother who had little hope of getting a bank loan before Women's World Banking's Maine affiliate took up her cause.

Although it pales in size to other global lending institutions, the New York-based group has had a profound economic — and political — impact in clearing the way for many businesswomen.

In Thailand, the group helped 100 women start a dairy cooperative by helping them get loans totaling \$1 million. And the group's affiliate in India has grown into an active savings and loan program for about 60,000 women — many of them from the lowly regarded untouchable caste.

Thanks to negotiations by the group, the governments of Japan and Kenya have stricken regulations that required women to have their loans guaranteed by their husbands or fathers.

"In most countries of Latin America and Asia, the cultural barrier has been broken," said group President Nancy Barry.

Ironically, the United States is the final frontier for the global organization, she said.

Focusing on developing countries since its inception 10 years ago, the group's five U.S. affiliates thus far have the power only to help



ATHENS, Maine — Gail Edwards sits with two of her four children, Grace Hilmer, 4, right, and Belle Hilmer, 1, at her West Athens, Maine, home. Displayed are some of the wild herbs and flowers that she blends into natural teas and tonics. Edwards was helped by the Women's World Banking in securing a loan.

women draw up business plans, write loan applications and suggest alternate funding routes. But before the end of the year, at least one branch — the Akron, Ohio, affiliate — expects to start guaranteeing bank loans like its overseas counterparts.

It's a significant step. Despite notions of the United States as progressive in women's rights, old ways sometimes die hard in the nation's predominantly male lending industry.

"Credit isn't without bias, which is different than discrimination,"

said Barbara Lange, executive director of Women's Entrepreneurial Growth Organization, the Akron branch. "A part of the lending process has to do with the comfort level of the banking officer."

When physical therapist Claudia Miller set out last year to get a loan to start her own practice in Akron, for example, the single woman had no idea her marital status would become a liability. But the bank's loan officer essentially ignored the financial case she'd built and instead insisted on checking out the

income level of her part-time partner's husband.

Miller, 42, decided to seek an alternative method of funding. Working with WEGO — not yet set up to guarantee loans — Miller developed a cohesive business plan that led to a creative alternative. Instead of outright buying the \$75,000 high-tech business equipment her practice required, Miller agreed to lease it with an option to buy later on.

Such creativity is repeated throughout the 40 countries in which Women's World Banking has

branches.

In the case of Edwards, the portion purveyor, Women's World Banking helped her write a business plan that convinced a local economic development agency to loan her \$5,334. She spent the money on newspaper advertisements, a 12-page mail-order catalog and spiffy packaging.

Her business plan already has shown positive results: Edwards said she was working 16-hour days to meet the surge in requests for her wild-gathered potions of comfrey, colts foot and other medicinal herbs.

And this fall, the West Athens, Maine, woman was able to achieve a nearly twentyfold jump in sales from the previous year — a windfall since her only other source of income was food stamps and \$80 a month in child support.

With her new-found income, Edwards hopes to turn an outside shed into a new drying area for her herbs.

Barry, the Women's World Banking president, said women generally are good loan risks because they "tend to be very practical and have their feet on the ground," know how to "juggle a lot of balls at a time," and are "balanced with a sense of the possible."

"All of those skills are precisely what it takes to make a small business work," explained Barry, 41, a former World Bank employee who pioneered that group's projects in small-business development in 1975.

Barry, a Harvard MBA graduate, spends her weeks traveling the globe to make sure things are running smoothly.

During a recent workday, 10 floors above the screeching congestion of midtown Manhattan, Barry filled her corner office with smoke from her freshly lit cigarette taken from a pack she pocketed from an airplane from Tokyo the night earlier. She noted that her November itinerary called for stops in no less than seven countries.

Food prices leveling somewhat

(TNN) — WASHINGTON — After a year in which food prices rose faster than the rate of inflation, U.S. Department of Agriculture analysts predict shoppers will see increases of 2 percent to 5 percent in their grocery bills in 1991.

"The outlook for 1991 is more moderate than this year," USDA economist Ralph Parlett Jr. said at the agency's annual Agriculture Outlook Conference.

He predicted that grocery prices will go up less than the 6 percent increase recorded for 1990.

But he cautioned that food prices — like everything else in the American marketplace — are subject to wavering economic conditions and the prospects for war in the Middle East.

"These uncertainties do cloud our 1991 outlook," Parlett said.

He added, however, that the USDA anticipated higher unemployment, continued inflation and higher transportation costs when factoring the predictions.

In addition to the overall figures, Parlett also made estimates on the 1991 prices of individual grocery products:

- Beef: Red meat prices increased in 1990 because supply did not keep pace with demand. But supply should increase in 1991 and keep price increases at a more moderate level.

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Keating

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 "It was my impression, quite frankly, that Senator DeConcini was negotiating on behalf of Lincoln ... attempting to get us, the regulators, to change our position on the examination," Patriarca said.
 The five senators are accused of intervening improperly in the

regulatory process on behalf of Keating and Lincoln after the lawmakers and their favored causes received \$1.3 million in political contributions from the financier. Lincoln's \$2 billion collapse has become emblematic of the disaster that engulfed the savings and loan industry.
 Besides DeConcini and Cranston,

the senators under scrutiny are Republican John McCain of Arizona and Democrats John Glenn of Ohio and Donald Riegle of Michigan.
 Cranston said in testimony released Thursday that his involvement with Keating was "politically stupid." The testimony came last April in a closed session.

Beat

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 friendliness and courtesy to customers and fellow associates, according to a Furr's news release.
 Tina is married to Chris Sommer.

11th Place Furr's recognizes Voight



Robyn Voight has been named employee of the year at the Furr's Supermarket on 11th Place.
 "It was a hard decision to make because we have a lot of good associates," store manager Mario Ramirez said. "(Robyn) was chosen because she always greets the customers with a smile, she has good eye contact with everyone and thanks everyone with a warm smile."
 Voight, who has been with Furr's since 1980, is the mother of two sons and enjoys water skiing, tennis and hiking.

Refinery employees contribute to UW

The Big Spring Fina Refinery

performance in October was highlighted by a contribution of \$24,600 by refinery and pipeline employees to the Howard County United Way.

The contributions exceeded the refinery's 1989 total by 25 percent and 1988 total by 135 percent.
 In other refinery news, the throughput was optimized because of narrow margins during October to insure supply to West Texas customers.

Porter named to ACU board

ABILENE — Jim Porter, a native of Big Spring, was one of five new members recently added to Abilene Christian University's Board of Trustees.

Porter, president and CEO of Triad Systems Corp., is a 1988 graduate of Texas A&M University and serves on ACU's College of Business Administration Dean's Council.

ACU is the fourth largest private university in the Southwest and the largest university affiliated with the churches of Christ.

Performance Center opens

Chris and Julie Lagourney have announced the recent opening of

Chris' Performance Center, a new automotive shop located at 2114 W. Third St.

The shop will perform all general automotive repairs, along with performance-parts installation and classic and muscle car restoration.

The Lagourneys are Big Spring natives and have recently moved back here from Dallas, where Chris owned another performance shop. He has 27 years experience in the field.

For more information, contact the center at 264-RACE.

Chamber announces beauty spots

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced the November winners of the commercial and residential beauty spots of the month.

In the residential category, the Charles Grisham residence at 2802 Navajo, the Bill Brooks home at No. 4 Kiowa Circle and the R.H. Weaver house at 434 Westover were the November winners.

The 18th and Main Fire Station and Jay's Farm and Ranch, 600 E. Third St., were winners in the commercial category.

In addition, the Sacred Heart Rectory and Church was named the best area of the month, and the Paula and Guy Talbot home at 814 W. 17th St. was named most improved residential spot.



Christmas catalogs

If the current batch of Christmas gift catalogs provides any clues about the real Santa Claus, it's easy to conclude that (a) he's the patron saint of yuppie greed or (b) he's sloshed on eggnog. How else to explain the \$3 million replica of Dorothy's ruby-red slippers, studded with 4,600 rubies and 50 carats of diamond trim, to commemorate "The Wizard of Oz."

Batteries could fuel electric autos

BOSTON (AP) — The race is on to perfect a plastic battery the size of a playing card that would make electric cars an attractive alternative to gasoline-powered vehicles, scientists say.

Interest is so great, they say, electric automobiles will be streaming down America's highways by the end of the decade. "It's a matter of time," said Duward Shriver, a professor at Northwestern University.

Electric cars use no gasoline and emit no carbon monoxide, making them attractive in a world worried about pollution and nervous about the Persian Gulf crisis cutting off oil. However, electric cars need several batteries to cover long distances without recharging, and standard auto batteries are heavy and bulky.

The solution may be the card-sized plastic battery. Scientists here for a symposium say that the technology is available and that such a battery could be developed within a few years, ushering in the mass use of electric cars.

"We're trying to replace batteries of a traditional kind with a battery of a much less traditional kind," said Mark Ratner, a Northwestern University chemistry professor who received an award this week from the Materials Research Society for his work with plastics.

General Motors Corp. plans to manufacture an electric car, but it would require 32 standard lead-acid car batteries.

Insurance

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 economic development. Texas is losing companies everyday, (they're) not coming here because our workers compensation rates are so out of line," he said, adding that his businesses in Arkansas cost one-third less to insure for workers compensation than his firms in Texas. He said he's the largest employer in the legislature, and he has worked on the workers compensation issue, including co-sponsoring Senate Bill 1, from the beginning.

Fraser explained the new law will eliminate the need for the lengthy court process. He said injured workers will present their

cases before the newly formed Texas Workers Compensation Commission to receive benefits, instead of hiring an attorney, filing suit and taking the claim through the judicial process.

Ayuso said there is a right to appeal within the agency to a three judge panel.

"Out last resource is to appeal to the district court, but it may be appealed. But evidence presented to the district court is limited to the evidence presented at the agency level. Only the evidence presented before is admissible, no new evidence may be presented," he said.

Fraser said claimants will not be allowed to visit numerous physicians, seeking one to validate their injury.

"Injured workers will be limited to their original doctor and can change one time. 'Doctor shopping' will no longer be allowed," he said.

He explained that claimants might visit different doctors to find one sympathetic to their claim, and that the cost of this process was then passed on in the workers compensation claim, and ultimately to the employers.

Fraser said lump sum settlements will no longer be allowed.

"If a worker is injured for the rest of his life and receives \$30,000 clear at one time, he might not han-

dle it wisely and spend it all and wind up going on welfare. Now it will spread the payments out over his lifetime, which is good for the workers. Plus this limits attorney involvement. They get 25 percent (of the settlement) up front," he said.

Fraser said workers compensation rates have increased 200 percent in the past five years.

"This has a crippling effect on our economy. It's pushing people out of business, out of work, and they're dropping workers compensation insurance."

Fraser is confident the new reforms will provide savings to the industry and the state, and he ex-

pressed deep satisfaction at the opportunity to appear at the hearing and persuade the board.

"This has stopped the rate increases. We've frozen them at the current level, and in one year we expect to go back and ask them to decrease rates," he said.

Richard Geiger, attorney for the National Council of Compensation Insurance, said he is pleased with Senate Bill 1, but displeased with the rate freeze.

"This is really important, this system is better than no system at all," said Geiger, but added, "This leaves the rates inadequate. Next year we'll have to seek a rate increase that we didn't get this year."

He explained that the system costs necessary to operate the insurance industry have increased 7.9 percent, and will increase again next year. These system costs, he said, include paying for medical costs, taxes to the state, indemnity and support to the Workers Compensation Commission, as well as the cost to cover the premiums.

"The total system cost is not going to change for next year. There's been some discussion but no decision to make an appeal," he said.

Senate Bill 1, effective Jan. 1, is expected to save employers \$950 million in premiums, according to the State Board of Insurance.

BUSINESS REVIEW

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Involved in projects around the Permian Basin, Com Shop has a contract with Ector County ISD, works with Furr's Supermarkets and has done work at Fina Refinery. As Asbestos Certified Technicians, they are able to go into many older schools

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