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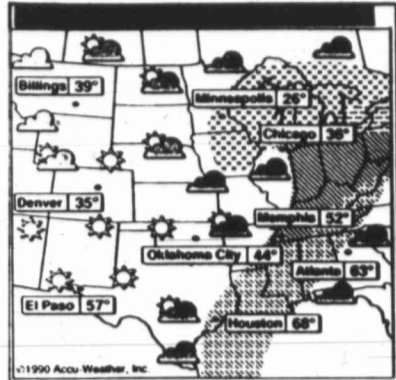
At the crossroads of West Texas

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**Weather**  
Clear and colder tonight. Sunny and cool Tuesday. Low tonight in the upper teens; high Tuesday in the low 50s.

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| Sunday's high temperature | 70         |
| Sunday's low temperature  | 28         |
| Average high              | 62         |
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| Record high               | 85 in 1942 |
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Rainfall Sunday: 0.00  
Month to date: 0.00  
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## Trip to continue despite turmoil

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — President Bush today hailed "extraordinary political and economic change" as he kicked off a five-nation South American visit. He vowed not to let his tour be interrupted by military turmoil in Argentina.

As Bush arrived in Brazil at dawn, Nationalist officers seized army headquarters at Buenos Aires and President Carlos Menem declared a state of siege, a presidential spokesman said.

Bush, scheduled to visit Argentina and hold talks with Menem on Wednesday, told reporters, "I have no thoughts of changing my plans. I have great confidence in the security there."

An administration official, traveling with Bush, described the trouble in Argentina as "an intermilitary squabble" and said it

would not affect Bush's plans. The official declined to be named publicly.

Bush seemed in good spirits as he arrived at a military air base here. Bush and President Fernando Collor de Mello opened their meeting by talking about the impact on world oil prices and the global economy of Iraq's takeover of Kuwait.

Bush mentioned the figure \$1.5 billion, presumably talking about the impact that President Vaclav Havel told him the occupation was

having on Czechoslovakia. "That's why, when people say to me that this can go on and on, I say, 'No!,' Bush said.

Later, in remarks prepared for delivery to a joint session of the Brazilian Congress, Bush hailed the "extraordinary political and economic change that is transforming the face of this hemisphere."

He described Brazil as a leader in this effort, citing Collor's efforts at reducing the size of the state, privatizing enterprises, combatting inflation and liberalizing

trade. These steps, he said, "are the keys to growth and prosperity in the global economy of the 21st Century."

He added: "Our thinking must be bold, our will resolute. Our challenge now is to hew out of a wilderness of competing interests a new kind of opportunity in the Americas."

"To fulfill the new world's destiny, all of the Americas and the Caribbean must embark on a venture for the coming century: To



President Bush

create the first fully democratic hemisphere in the history of mankind," Bush said.

There were no urgent issues to be discussed on Bush's agenda, but he wants to associate himself with what he sees as a rare opportunity in hemispheric relations. The first four countries on Bush's itinerary — Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile — all were under military rule within the last few years and now have elected governments. The fifth country, Venezuela, has been democratic since 1958. Bush is making the trip at a time of unusual harmony in U.S.-Latin American relations.

The South American tour was to have taken place in September but was postponed because of the Persian Gulf crisis. Secretary of State James A. Baker III stayed behind in Washington to deal with that

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### Lighting ceremony scheduled Tuesday

This year's Christmas lighting ceremony at the VA Medical Center will be very special, according to Conrad Alexander, director.

"It is appropriate and timely for us to remember the people serving in the armed forces, especially those serving in the Middle East, at this time of year," he said.

The lighting ceremony, which will be Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. is being dedicated to U.S. military personnel.

Several singing groups from the community will be performing. The outside Christmas lights will be turned on by Big Spring's Miss Merry Christmas, Katie Cobb of Coahoma, and Santa will be there to hand out candy canes to the children and listen to their Christmas wishes.

Alexander added that due to the generosity of volunteer organizations serving the medical center, something special has been added to the outside lights this year. "It's something the citizens of Big Spring will enjoy throughout the holiday season," he said.

The program will take place in front of the medical center by the west end parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, it will be moved to the medical center's lobby.

### Motorists advised of construction

Highway construction is underway on US 87 in Glasscock County at the Canibal Draw Bridge, and motorists are urged to slow down and watch for men and construction equipment in the area.

Walter McCullough, district engineer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in San Angelo, said, "We need to have people aware of the construction and to observe warning signs. This is a high speed, highway traffic type speed area and there are workmen involved."

The construction is 2.5 miles from the Sterling County Line. The project, which should be completed by July of 1991, was awarded to Price Construction, of Big Spring.

### Group to discuss hazardous waste

COLORADO CITY — A Mitchell County advisory committee, working as a liaison between citizens and officials of a Pittsburgh company which has proposed a hazardous waste incinerator and landfill, will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Mitchell County courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

National Waste and Energy Development has signed a lease for approximately 1,200 acres eight miles west of Westbrook for the facility. They plan to begin applying for federal and state permits in 1991.

## Judge Fair honored at NAACP banquet

By DEBBIE LINCECUM  
Staff Writer

Adversity should not stop anyone from meeting his or her goals, Municipal Judge Gwen Fair told members and guests Saturday at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People banquet.

"If you know within yourself that you are capable, meet the challenge and succeed," Fair told those present at the group's seventh annual banquet.

As the first black woman appointed municipal judge in Big Spring, Fair, who also serves as court clerk, said she has encountered some challenges.

"I have loved challenges because of what's in my head and heart..." she said. "It has made me a survivor."

Fair said all people, no matter what their race, deserve equal chance for education. She said she had educated herself about the law by reading "everything" available. That education, she said, allowed her to advance in her career.

Educators, like other professionals and working people, must always enjoy what they do, Fair said.

NAACP President Hebrew Jones said he regrets that Fair will be

leaving the community soon. She has announced her retirement, set for Dec. 31, and will move back to Washington, D.C. in February.

"She's been an asset to the community and to all the people she's worked with," Jones said.

Among organization business conducted at the banquet, awards were presented to several individuals.

Fair was honored for "outstanding public service."

Jeff Morris, superintendent at the Fina Oil and Chemical Company plant, was given an award for his contributions to the NAACP through Fina.

Clarence Hartfield was chosen the "outstanding member" for his service work in the community.

Officers for 1991-2 were chosen. They are: president, Hebrew Jones; vice presidents, Jessie Jones and Clarence Hartfield; treasurer, Leroy Perry; secretary, Barbara Davis.

Jones noted the work of Loraine Hartfield, who coordinated the organization's entry in the city-wide Christmas parade. The float won first place in its division.

About 35 people attended the event at the Brandin Iron Inn. Guests included County Commissioner O.L. "Louie" Brown and Troy and Linda Fraser.

Jones said he appreciated the support the NAACP had received in the community.

"When you get out and work with people in the community and you see these people willing to work with you, it's really a warm feeling," Jones said.



GWEN FAIR

## Limited choice of doctors faces local Medicaid patients

By BETTY JOHANSEN  
Staff Writer

Needing a doctor is often stressful. Being refused medical treatment because of lack of funds adds to the stress. But that situation confronts Big Spring Medicaid recipients frequently when they need a doctor's attention.

When she calls to see a new doctor, the receptionist always asks if she is on Medicaid before giving her an appointment, said Tina Wilson, a Big Spring woman who delivered her baby through Medicaid. The only doctor she has found who will treat her eight-month-old son is Dr. Louise Worthy of Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital.

"There aren't enough doctors on the program," Wilson said. Ann Bradford, Area Administrator of the Texas Department of Human Services, agrees.

"We are in need of more physicians and dentists who will accept Medicaid," she said.

An informal telephone survey of Big Spring physicians revealed that 59 percent are accepting new Medicaid patients, 28 percent are not and 13 percent take them sometimes.

The percentages don't sound

"There aren't enough doctors on the program."  
Tina Wilson  
Big Spring resident

bad, but the problem is that primary care physicians are the ones who do not accept Medicaid. Of four family practitioners called, two are not taking new Medicaid patients and two take them occasionally. Of five internists, one will see them, three won't and one will sometimes. Only one of three pediatricians is taking new Medicaid patients.

On the other hand, seven of nine surgeons accept Medicaid, and so do two immunologists, two ophthalmologists and two hematologists.

At one office, the receptionist volunteered that the doctor doesn't accept Medicaid because it "doesn't pay worth a darn."

A doctor, who asked to remain anonymous, explained that, although he is taking no new Medicaid patients, his practice already consists of 20-25 percent Medicaid, and he can't afford to take any more. Some doctors, he said, have none in their practices.

The most recent statistics reveal that 1,548 individuals were on Medicaid in Howard County in 1989, Bradford said. She estimates that the number is higher now. In spite of the in-

creasing need for doctors to accept Medicaid, she is worried that the number of participating physicians will decrease, instead of increase, since the pay is less lucrative.

In fact, Medicaid pays a general practitioner about 50 percent of his normal office visit fee, while an obstetrician receives about 70 percent of his normal fee for a delivery, said Joe Bowman, administrator of Hall-Bennett.

Lou Ann Touchstone, director of the business office at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, explained that Medicaid rates are based on a profile of a doctor's peers and what the state administrators of the program consider "reasonable and customary" payment.

Of the Medicaid recipients in Howard County in 1989, 158 were in nursing homes and the other

1,390 were on Aid to Families with Dependent Children. In other words, it is mostly pregnant women and children in the program.

Other than the scarcity of physicians, there are few problems associated with children's health care. Pregnant women, however, face nine months of



MARVIN WISE

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## Garden City artist has hand-painted ornament selected

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Glasscock County joined over 180 other Texas counties participating in the Friends of the Governor's Mansion historical Christmas ornament project, now in its second year.

Historical societies in 254 Texas counties were asked to have local artists paint a Christmas ornament to be displayed on the Christmas tree at the governor's mansion in Austin.

Ruth Cook, long-time resident of Glasscock County, chose to paint Glasscock County's old jail and courthouse on her ornament, which was sent to Austin Nov. 1 to join the other decorations.

"The old jail is quite a landmark. I hope they never tear it down. It symbolizes our county and it's something of historic value," Cook said.

The old jail, built in 1894, was used as the jail and the county courthouse until the new courthouse was built, Cook said. The



Ruth Cook of Garden City holds the ornament she painted as part of a state program to decorate the Christmas tree at the Governor's Mansion.

cornerstone of the courthouse dates the building at 1909. The jail is painted on one side of the

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## Iraq wants the Palestinian question part of peace talks

Saddam Hussein says he expects the Palestinian question to be on the agenda of talks with U.S. officials on preventing war, for which Iraq has shown itself to be preparing with the test-firing of medium-range missiles.

The surface-to-surface missiles, with a range of 400 miles, were fired and landed Sunday within Iraqi territory.

Iraq fitted similar weapons with conventional warheads during its eight-year war with Iran, but they could also be equipped with chemical weapons, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said in an interview on ABC-TV.

The U.S. military refused to confirm or deny reports that allied forces in the Persian Gulf went on alert after detecting the missiles, presumably with spy satellites or AWACS airborne early-warning radar planes.

"The flight path of the missiles was away from U.S. and coalition forces," according to a U.S. military statement in Saudi Arabia.

In an interview broadcast Sunday a Frenchy television network, Saddam said the chances of war in the Persian Gulf stand at "50-50," with the outcome depending on the

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Saddam Hussein

discussions between his government and Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Bush offered on Friday to send Baker to Baghdad and the Iraqis accepted.

"If they want to make this meeting a real path toward dialogue, then we are closer to peace," Saddam said.

"But if they want to make this meeting nothing other than a formal exhibition for the American Congress, the American people or international public opinion, simply to give themselves good conscience to say, 'There, we've tried to dialogue with Iraq, without Iraq renouncing its positions' — in that case, we're closer to war."

Some U.S. observers have said Bush's offer to hold talks with Iraq was lip service for critics who say his administration is moving too quickly toward war. The U.N.

Security Council, in a resolution Thursday, authorized force against Iraq if Saddam does not withdraw his troops from Kuwait by Jan. 15.

Saddam did not respond to the French reporters' questions about the possibility of an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

But he said the "dialogue" with Baker would have to deal with Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories. The United States has rejected any such linkage.

Also Sunday, U.S. Energy Secretary James Watkins met with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer in the Saudi capital of Riyadh to discuss plans to expand Saudi oil production and to keep prices from skyrocketing in the case of war, sources said.

Saudi Aramco is now pumping nearly 8.5 million barrels of oil a day. Before the crisis, it OPEC quota was 5.38 million barrels a day.

Crude oil prices doubled to around \$40 a barrel soon after Iraq's invasion, but have fallen to as low as \$29 since. If war breaks out, they could shoot up as high as \$100 a barrel, according to estimates by oil figures.

# Sidelines

## City considers banning beggars

HOUSTON (AP) — City officials say they are ready to curb a growing number of street beggars after two recent killings sparked by solicitations.

City Councilman Larry McKaskle said many of the beggars, some of whom wash windshields at intersections and demand payment, are growing aggressive and dangerous.

"They are demanding money," said McKaskle, who urged council members to support stepped up police efforts to reduce the number of panhandlers. McKaskle told of a man who last week stepped in front of a car in which the councilman was a passenger and held up five fingers, shouting, "I want five dollars!"

The incident comes on the heels of two panhandler-related killings.

## Ex-con accused of killing brother

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man faces charges of murder in connection with the stabbing death of his brother following a quarrel over money.

Edward Albert Jordan, 42, remained jailed Sunday without bond. Authorities said after beating his brother, he tried to set him afire and finally stabbed him to death.

Police said Booker T. Jordan, 53, gave back some of the money his younger brother had given him Friday night to hold for him, but that the two quarreled about the remaining money.

"He (Edward) got \$20 of it, but it wasn't enough," said homicide Sgt. Larry Ott. "They're brothers. It's a sad situation."

Police said Booker Jordan was struck in the head with two beer bottles and a clothes iron. As Booker Jordan was lying bleeding on the floor, Edward Jordan reportedly poured alcohol on the victim and attempted to set him on fire, police said.

## Court hearing set for judges

LUBBOCK (AP) — The future of nine district judges will be on the line when a federal court hearing is held to determine if they will be permitted to manage their courts pending the resolution of a voting rights issue.

Three federal judges will decide if the district judges remain on the bench until the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., resolves the issue of the state's failure to obtain preclearance from the U.S. Justice Department for elections of the nine district judges in November.

State District Judge Brad Underwood, who has been asked by the state Attorney General's Office to testify at the Dec. 12 hearing in Austin as a factual witness, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that he was extremely concerned.

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# Minorities, elderly to dominate urban interests

HOUSTON (AP) — America's cities will be catering more to the needs of the elderly and minorities, as both populations continue to grow into the 21st century, civic leaders said.

A panel addressing the 67th annual National League of Cities convention on Sunday noted the role of the city will be changing somewhat as the population ages and becomes more dominated by ethnic minorities and women.

"White America has a vested interest in the success of African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and other minority members," said Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

**"I believe in its ultimate dimensions, this is a struggle not of white people against black people, or black people against white people. But it is a struggle of good people against bad ideas. Poverty is a bad idea. Everybody must come together against that."**

Maynard Jackson

"When black people talk about 'I'm going to uplift black people,' I urge white people not to be frightened or challenged, but to encourage that because nobody else as a large group is doing it," he said.

As Jackson said it is important for all races and ethnic groups to work

together for the good of the whole community.

"I believe in the politics of inclusion," Jackson said. "That is not trying to move anybody away from the table of decision making, but to put up the additional chairs in fairness ... to that table of decision making."

## Dixon expected to take the stand

DALLAS (AP) — Former Vernon Savings Association owner Don R. Dixon prepared to testify again today at his bank fraud trial.

Dixon, who has become one of the most noted figures of the savings and loan crisis, spent about two hours on the stand Friday. He was the fifth witnesses called by defense attorneys after federal prosecutors rested Thursday in the month-old trial.

Dixon is charged with 38 counts of bank fraud. The 1987 failure of Vernon Savings is expected to cost taxpayers more than \$1.2 billion in bailout costs.

Dixon, 52, was not cross-examined during Friday's testimony.

He testified that he bought Vernon in 1981 to be involved in all areas of the real estate business. Dixon was condominium developer before he purchased the thrift.

The thrift grew from \$80 million in assets then to more than \$600 million in 1984. Dixon attributed the growth to deregulation, which he said let Vernon "embark on an ambitious program of commercial loans."

He also testified that he started making political contributions to members of Congress when he heard rumors that it might tighten tax laws. He said he believed if that happened, investors would lose their incentive to invest in real estate, where Vernon's loans were concentrated.

Some of the charges against Dixon accuse him of making the donations with Vernon funds illegally. Former Vernon officers have testified Dixon encouraged them to donate money to certain candidates and reimburse themselves through falsified company expense accounts.

## Homeless cats source of controversy at SWTSU

SAN MARCOS (AP) — In Claudia Cabaniss, the homeless cats at Southwest Texas State University have found their own Salvation Army.

For several years Mrs. Cabaniss and her daughter have fed and cared for the university's cat clan — estimated to total 100 or more — at enormous personal expense. Food alone costs \$600 a month.

"To me and to my daughter, it's a moral obligation," said Mrs. Cabaniss, a lecturer in the university's English department. "We must take care of animals who can't take care of themselves."

But university officials say the cats are a problem and have given Mrs. Cabaniss an ultimatum: Get rid of them by January or they will.

"We are not a haven for cats, but a campus for learning," said Warren Tinseth, the director of safety at the university.

There have been complaints about fleas and cat hair in school buildings.

An English professor, Clifford Ronan, said his office was ransacked one weekend by a stray cat that apparently fell through a ceiling tile.

The incident drew coverage from the school newspaper, the "University Star," which quoted Ronan describing how the cat had urinated on his chair, shelves,



**Christmas spirit**  
SAN ANTONIO — Gabriel Ingmundson, 4, and his sister, Alicia, 8, carry candles during a Posada at St. Mary's University Sunday. The candlelight ceremony re-enacts the story of Mary and Joseph searching for lodging on Christmas night.

## Collectors stripping Zapata area of artifacts

ZAPATA (AP) — Looters and relic hunters have been robbing this South Texas region of its cultural riches for years, officials say, and artifacts representing 10,000 years of human habitation have disappeared at a rate that is finally prompting attention.

"We've come to a point where we've lost a good part of the

prehistoric heritage of this part of the country," said Wayne Bartholomew, an archaeologist with the Texas State Historical Commission.

Bartholomew has been assigned to determine what remains of the archaeological treasures along the Falcon Reservoir and see what can be done to save them.

"The (looting) might seem very innocent, but really it amounts to removing bits and pieces of the whole story of the origins of this region," he said.

The shoreline of Falcon Reservoir, located about 65 miles south of Laredo along the Rio Grande, is dotted with prehistoric encampments and townsites. Erosion and

fluctuating lake levels have uncovered several artifacts in the years since the reservoir filled in 1953.

Collectors have walked away with coins, religious medallions and other personal effects left behind by residents who were forced out when the dam and reservoir were built.

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Claudia Cabaniss

bookcase, floor and student papers. "I have not gone in my office for more than 10 minutes in the last three days," Ronan said at the time. "The smell is unbearable, and although the janitors have spent a lot of time and money trying to clean up, it is still not satisfactory."

The university also contends the cats — which share the weed patches and back alleys with polecats, possums and raccoons — could pose other health risks.

According to Mrs. Cabaniss and her daughter, Megan Johnson, the campus cat population is replenished primarily by the thoughtlessness of students.

"Students get the cats and then just go off and leave them," Ms. Johnson said. "They go home over a break and expect the cats to care for themselves. It's just irresponsibility and ignorance."

"They are really society's cats," Ms. Johnson said. "We can't save every stray cat in the world, and that's not our intention. But they would starve to death if we didn't

feed them." Once abandoned, the cats go where they know they can be fed — somewhere along the campus route that Mrs. Cabaniss and Ms. Johnson take twice daily on their mission of mercy.

Late on this particular afternoon, in a patch of tall weeds on the west end of campus, sits Mrs. Monkey, the first to be fed.

A black and white cat, Mrs. Monkey takes her dinner — canned and dry food mixed together in a large tin bowl — on the curb that borders her home in the weeds.

"She is mean as a snake," Mrs. Cabaniss said.

Juicy Fruit, an orange neighbor with too many toes, stretches his loins out on some cool concrete nearby, waiting his turn.

To Mrs. Cabaniss and Ms. Johnson, they all have names and personalities.

Scattered about campus and the town are Joseph, a big gray tom; Rob Roy, with a hurt foot; and Bitch Kitty (self-explanatory). Pinky is missing, which is cause

for concern.

A cat ran across the street nearby, narrowly escaping the wheels of a vehicle, and Mrs. Cabaniss gasped.

"I cry every time one of them dies," she said.

Besides feeding the cats, mother and daughter pay a veterinarian to spay and neuter as many as possible and to give them their shots. They also buy flea powder.

"The money is pretty bad," Mrs. Cabaniss said. "I'm not in the poorhouse, but I am in debt and getting deeper and deeper."

Ms. Johnson said, "A lot of my mother's colleagues think we are nuts. They think we are eccentric — call us the Cat Lady and the Cat Girl."

But Mrs. Cabaniss said "Most people are really nice. They just don't want to be bothered."

University officials are sympathetic, but insist that the cats must go.

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## Shuttle telescopes being adjusted

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Trouble with the \$150 million Astro observatory today delayed Columbia astronauts' probe of some of the hottest spots in the universe.

NASA officials had trouble calibrating the observatory's instrument pointing system — which affects all three ultraviolet telescopes — and also had problems with a computer that controls the movements of one telescope.

Deputy mission scientist Gene Urban at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., remained confident.

"The mission is poised to do ex-

tremely good science. We are in an extremely good orbit and three of the experiments (telescopes) have been activated almost completely," he said early today.

Columbia blasted into orbit early Sunday on a mission that was originally scheduled to fly in 1986 but was postponed by the Challenger explosion.

Although the astronauts hoped to make their first scientific observations today, NASA ground controllers first had to fix the instrument pointing system.

The mission is the first shuttle flight in five years dedicated solely to scientific research.



**Cummings dies**

WOODLAND HILLS, Calif. — Robert Cummings, center, reads bedtime stories to Margie Miller, left, and Marla English on "The Bob Cummings Show." Cummings who starred in more than 100 films and played a swinging bachelor in the 1950s sitcom "The Bob Cummings Show" died at age 80 Saturday at the Motion Picture and Television Hospital in Woodland Hills, Calif.

## Regulators to scrutinize Taj Mahal

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Donald Trump must show gaming regulators today that his Taj Mahal is financially stable or risk losing the license to Atlantic City's biggest casino.

The state Casino Control Commission scheduled hearings expected to take at least two days to examine the financial stability of the Taj Mahal, which opened last spring and is undergoing restructuring that will temporarily throw it into bankruptcy court.

The commission can appoint a conservator to operate a casino if it loses its license because of

financial problems.

Since gambling came to the Boardwalk in 1978, only one of 13 casinos — Elsinore's Atlantis Casino Hotel — has lost its license because of financial problems.

The commission had planned to evaluate all three Trump casinos — the Trump Castle, Trump Plaza and Taj Mahal — after giving its approval in August to a \$65 million emergency bank loan in June that allowed Trump to make an overdue payment to Trump Castle bondholders. Trump put up his casinos as collateral for the new loans.

## Continental will file for bankruptcy protection

NEW YORK (AP) — Continental Airlines Holdings Inc. said today it plans to file for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws, citing high fuel costs and a heavy debt load.

At the same time, it said it has agreed to sell its Seattle-Tacoma to Tokyo route to American Airlines for \$150 million, pending approval of the bankruptcy court.

In a two-page statement, the company said high jet fuel costs and a high debt load have "created a temporary cash shortage for the airline."

Continental lost \$88.3 million in the third quarter of this year, compared to a loss of \$158 million in 1989. For the first nine months, losses totaled \$97 million, compared with a \$522.8 million loss last year.

A filing for protection under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy laws permits a company to reorganize its financial affairs while the court holds creditors at bay.

It would be the second bankruptcy filing for Continental in less than a decade. In 1983, the company filed for reorganization under federal bankruptcy laws.

Executives of the Houston-based carrier said the airline intends to continue full service and full operations.

It said it will ask the court to allow uninterrupted continuation of its agreements with other airlines, its ticket refund policies and travel agent compensation.

The filing will be made in Wilmington, Del., where the company is incorporated, according to the statement.

Continental, which was known as Texas Air Corp. until this summer, is the parent of Continental Airlines and Eastern Airlines. Eastern filed for bankruptcy protection in 1989 and has been run by a government-appointed trustee since April 10.

Continental had been rumored to be considering filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy for the past several weeks.

As recently as late October, the company said its board of directors, including former chairman Frank Lorenzo, unanimously rejected a proposal to file, saying it would consider possible asset sales, cost controls or seek new investors.

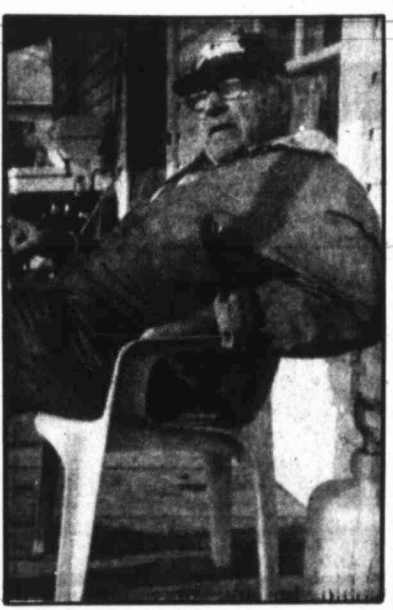
## Fear of earthquake closes schools

MARKED TREE, Ark. (AP) — Dozens of schools along the New Madrid Fault canceled classes today just in case the earth rumbles as forecast. And farm animals will decide whether classes should be held in one Illinois county.

Judy Byrd of Evansville, Ind., gave in to her 11-year-old son's request to stay home even though she doesn't believe earthquakes can be forecast.

The nervousness was prompted by New Mexico climatologist Iben Browning's forecast of a 50-50 chance for a major earthquake along the fault this week.

Residents of Illinois' St. Clair County were watching cats and dogs as well as farm animals for signs of nervousness, and had considered canceling school today.



HE'S NOT WORRIED

# World

## Weekend violence results in deaths

TOKOZA, South Africa (AP) — Rival black factions armed with axes, spears and guns fought running battles over the weekend that left at least 54 people dead and left some townships in flames, police said today.

At least 24 black men were shot and hacked to death late Sunday and early today in Tokoza in some of the worst factional fighting in recent months, police said. Fighting also broke out in Kallehong, Tembisa and Sebokeng townships, with 47 people in all killed in the Johannesburg area, police said.

The fighting pitted Zulus of the conservative Inkatha Freedom Party against Xhosas and other

blacks linked to the African National Congress.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok toured Tokoza Sunday night to try and help restore order.

Police, political leaders and residents gave conflicting and vague accounts of how the fighting started, with both sides blaming each other.

Police said a white man was "necklaced," or killed with a burning tire, in Kallehong. Very few whites have been hurt in the faction fighting that has raged in Johannesburg's black townships in recent months.

## Rebel leader captures capital city

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — The rebel leader who overthrew President Hissene Habre freed at least 400 Libyan prisoners of war today and promised officials of the toppled regime that he would establish a democratic government.

Idriss Deby drove into the capital aboard a black Mercedes on Sunday, Habre having fled after a series of military debacles.

Deby, 38, had been Habre's chief aide in a 1982 coup but broke with him last year and formed a rebel movement. Habre claimed that Libya funded Deby's

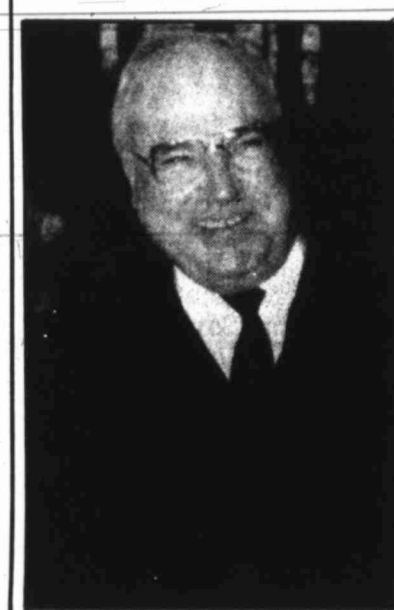
rebellion, but the Libyans and Deby denied it.

Today, Deby met with Alioune Bawaye, president of the National Assembly. Members of his Patriotic Salvation Movement received other high-ranking officials of the deposed government.

Sources close to the talks said Deby hoped to calm fears of a purge and instill confidence in the future. He has promised multiparty democracy.

Deby freed 400 to 500 Libyan prisoners of war, some still wearing the rags of their uniforms.

## Helmut Kohl wins by wide margin



HELMUT KOHL

BONN, Germany (AP) — Opposition parties who showed reluctance to jump on Chancellor Helmut Kohl's reunification steamroller were largely left by the wayside in the first free all-German elections in nearly 60 years.

For the environmentalist Greens, Sunday's vote spelled disaster. Europe's most established ecology movement lost most of its seats in Parliament.

Kohl's center-right governing coalition won 54.8 percent of the vote, compared to 33.5 percent for the main opposition Social Democrats, who were led by Oskar Lafontaine, according to nearly complete official results.

Also Sunday, Berlin held its first combined city elections in 44 years.

## Final round of global trade talks open

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — World trade officials opened a final round of global trade talks today with a blunt reminder that the economic health of millions was riding on the outcome of their bargaining.

"The world is expecting a great deal of you," Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens told the delegates from 107 nations attending the negotiating session of the Uruguay Round, the most ambitious trade talks ever.

"Failure would deal world trade stability a nasty blow and would seriously harm the world economy," he said.

About 2,500 officials gathered for the week of bargaining, which has been threatened with failure by an acrimonious fight over cuts in government payments to farmers.

The dispute has pitted the European Community and Japan against the United States, Australia, and others.

"The Uruguay Round is in deep crisis," said Australian Trade Minister Neal Blewett.

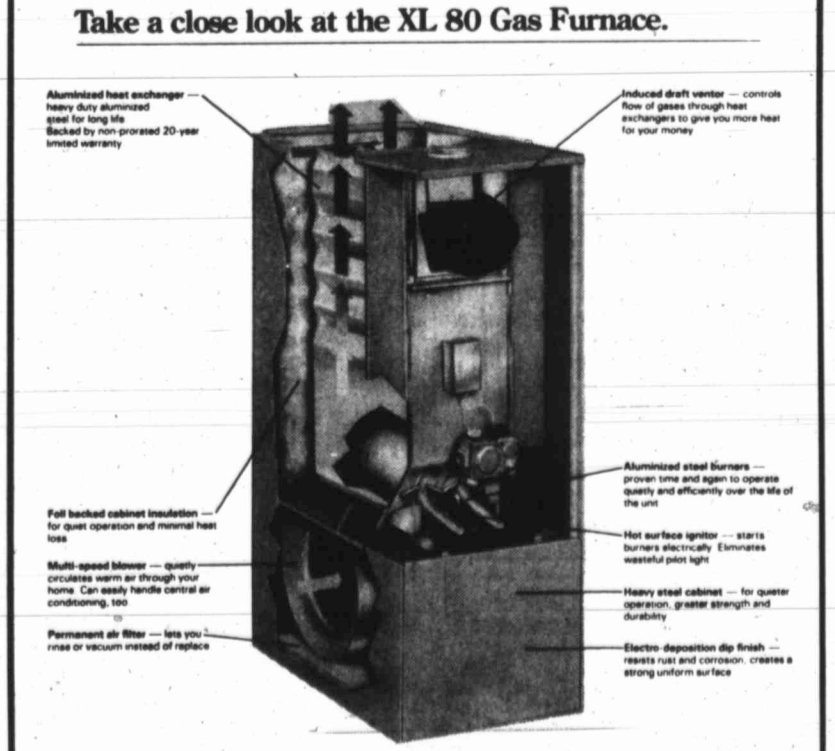


Associated Press photo

**Copland dead at 90**

Aaron Copland, composer of "Billy the Kid" and "Appalachian Spring," conducts a rehearsal of the National Symphony Orchestra at Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center in a 1981 photo. Copland, 90, died Sunday in North Tarrytown, N.Y., of complications from strokes and respiratory problems.

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# Opinion

## Opinions from across the U.S.

### A petty punishment

Here's a saga of pettiness and arrogance run amok. Last February, the in-house magazine of the National Park Service contained a column by the agency's legislative specialist. The column began by needling Congress for raising its members' pay. That offended the congressional staff member who handles the agency's budget. When Park Service officials learned that Neal Sigmon of the House Appropriations Interior subcommittee was upset, they went out of their way to apologize to him. A lot of good it did them. When the House and Senate worked out a compromise version of the Interior appropriations bill for the coming year, \$75,000 was deleted from the Park Service budget — the \$75,000 allocated for publishing the magazine. On the record, everyone claims to be mystified by the deletion. Off the record, one congressional staff member said, "From time to time, signals are sent to agencies when they've been bad." It did not seem to matter whether or not the in-house newsletter served a useful function in communicating with Park Service employees who, of course, are scattered all across the country. All that mattered was that a congressional staff member felt that congressional pride had been wounded.

The Capital Times, Madison, Wis.

### End vote buying of PACS

Despite all the talk about American voters throwing the bums out of Congress on Nov. 6, fully 96 percent of House members and 97 percent of senators who sought reelection were victorious. Members of Congress are so entrenched that there literally is more turnover in the Supreme Soviet. And this undemocratic situation will continue as long as big money corrupts the electoral process. The cleanest way to put an end to vote buying by special interests is to outlaw political action committee contributions in federal elections. If a flat ban proves to be unconstitutional, there should be at least strictly enforced caps on such contributions. No less important a reform is shutting down the soft-money system that enables political parties to launder large contributions through generic get-out-the-vote drives. These efforts are unfair because they almost always benefit incumbents. Also, let's end the widespread abuse of the congressional frank, or free mailers, at election time.

Roswell (N.M.) Daily Record

### Mideast war looks likely

Is the United States going to war in the Saudi Arabian-Kuwait desert? As U.S. military forces continue their buildup — it surely looks that way. Immediately after Iraq's invasion of oil-rich Kuwait, Americans applauded President Bush's decisive response and his tough stance. But as the crisis drags out, apprehension in Congress and throughout the nation grows. Do we really want American boys to die in the desert for Kuwait? Do we want them to die over the price of gasoline? To boot out Saddam Hussein, a vicious, cruel ruler? For Arab states like Iran or Syria, whose actions have been as bad as Iraq's? We are confident, if war comes, the United States and its allies would prevail. But at what price in U.S. casualties? Twenty thousand, 50,000, 100,000? And what price in civilian casualties to Iraq should Iraqi cities get caught in U.S. air attacks? Hundred of thousands? Millions? We wonder, too, what would be the ultimate effect of such a war on the Middle East? Would Arab nations become even more hostile to the United States as U.S. aircraft killed Arab men, women and children? And who would be the ultimate gainer? Probably not the United States. Probably Iran and Syria, no friends of ours. Moreover, should such a war not end quickly, and as U.S. casualties mounted, American public opposition would surely grow. That leads us to hope that Bush won't get impatient and pursue a military solution before exhausting all avenues of negotiation. It's hard to figure how Saddam can hold out against such united condemnation. Even though it might take a little longer, U.S. troops bivouacking in a hot desert, is much preferable to the body bags we recall from Vietnam.

Enterprise-Journal, McComb, Miss.

### Let Bush consult Congress

Congressmen on both sides of the aisle are asking for a bigger role in the United States' military buildup in the Persian Gulf. The word from the White House is that President Bush doesn't need any help, or vindication, from Congress. As the massive U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia drags on, what this country needs is debate about the buildup and its future. Letting the fate of 400,000 troops hang on the decisions of one man is scary, even if that man is the president of the United States. Bush has already gotten this country into a desert salemate half a world away. His best course of action is to court Congress and seek some sort of joint official action rather than shutting out its members. If he insists on making all the decisions himself, he may face another protracted deadlock right in Washington, D.C.

Capital Journal, Pierre, S.D.

## Puerto Rican statehood? Let's talk

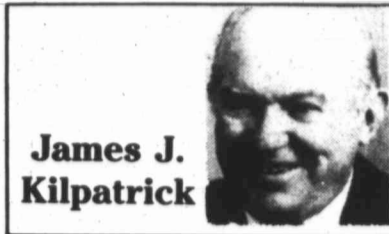
WASHINGTON — A push is on to hustle a hurry-up bill through Congress early next year, providing for a historic referendum in Puerto Rico in the summer of 1991.

Like its predecessor, which died with adjournment of Congress in October, the bill would accord Puerto Rican voters an opportunity to choose one of three options for the future: (1) statehood, (2) independence, and (3) continued status as a self-governing commonwealth within the United States.

The Senate bill for 1991 will be drafted chiefly by Bennett Johnston of Louisiana. His 1989-90 bill, S.712, contained a disturbing provision. If a majority of even 50.01 percent chose statehood, the president would proclaim the result. "Upon the issuance of said proclamation, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall be declared to be a state of the United States of America, and shall be admitted into the union on an equal footing with the other states."

In other words, the plebiscite would be the be-all and end-all. And because statehood is irreversible, Puerto Rico could not back out. Neither could the citizens of the existing 50 states do anything about it.

Bennett reportedly is having second thoughts about so abrupt a triggering mechanism. In



James J. Kilpatrick

September the Finance Committee rewrote S.712 to provide for a five-year transition period before actual statehood would be achieved. In this period Puerto Ricans would see their tax privileges gradually diminished and their tax obligations gradually increased. At the end of the five years, they would be paying federal income taxes like everyone else. Now they pay none.

Many other things would have to be adjusted. Under existing law, U.S. corporations doing business in Puerto Rico (known as Section 936 corporations) also would lose their tax exemptions. These incentives have greatly benefited the Commonwealth. It is unclear how the island's economy would survive if the special advantages of Section 936 were removed.

Let us slow down. Let us slow way down. Historically, when U.S. territories have sought statehood, it is because their people overwhelmingly wanted statehood. They wanted to be assimilated in-

to the union politically, economically and culturally — to be 100 percent Americans.

Is this true of Puerto Ricans? An excellent witness on the point is Carlos Romero Barcelo, president of the statehood party. His book, "Estadidad es para los Pobres" (Statehood is for the Poor) provides telling evidence: "Something that all of us know to be true in our hearts and in every fiber of our beings: that we who are Puerto Ricans are not about to give up our identity for anybody."

"The first basic reality with which we must come to grips is that we Puerto Ricans have our own distinctive way of life, something we call our culture — that, though our culture owes much to Spain, much to Africa, and something less to the Taino Indians and the United States, it is nonetheless, and always will be, something profoundly Puerto Rican. As I have said repeatedly, our language and our culture are not negotiable." Does anyone hear an echo of Quebec?

Romero is nothing if not candid. He foresees statehood as a kind of gravy train: "Puerto Rico's contribution to the federal treasury, were we a state, would come to less than that of any other state in the union. At the same time, the per capita benefits we'd reap from federal aid would be greater

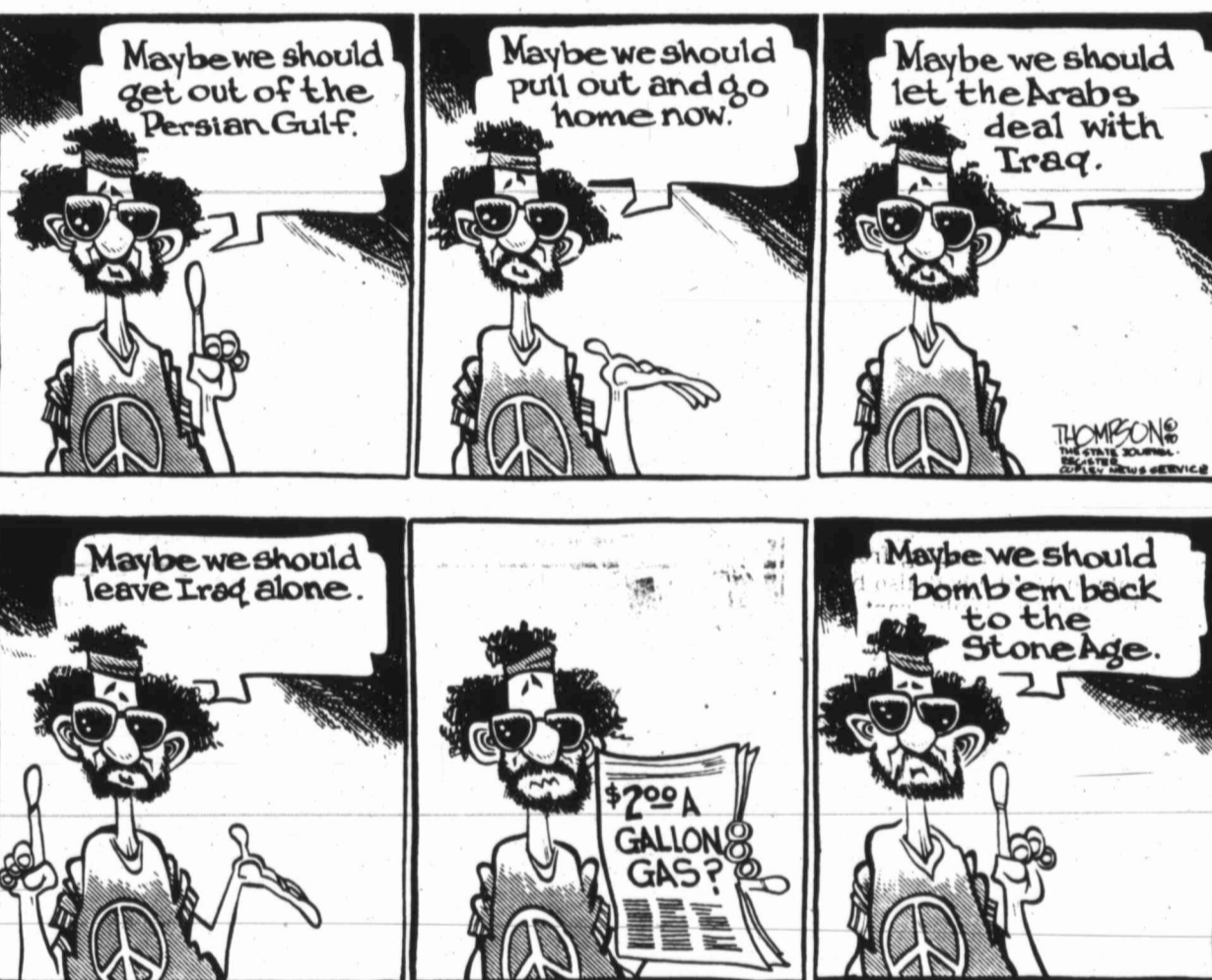
than that of any state in the union. . . Puerto Rico would be absolutely assured of enormous amounts of federal money — money the island needs."

Really? It would be interesting to see this pie in the sky brought back to earth. Under the Constitution, all states fare alike. They are subject to uniform "duties, imposts and excises." No preference may be given to the port of San Juan that is not given to every other port. The excises that now are "covered over" to Puerto Rico would go to the treasury instead. When Section 936 goes, much manufacturing employment goes with it. Equality has its drawbacks.

Maybe residents of Puerto Rico understand the complex prospect of trade-offs, gains and losses, but it is doubtful if 1 percent of mainland citizens get the picture. They simply have not thought about Puerto Rican statehood. Before Bennett Johnston's railway express leaves the station in January, we should hear some lively debate.

For my own part, I say no way. Statehood is not just for the poor. It is for all Americans willing to share both the burdens and the benefits of active membership in the federal union.

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### Quotes

"If they want to make this meeting a real path toward dialogue, then we are closer to peace. But if they want to make this meeting nothing other than a formal exhibition for the American Congress, the American people or international public opinion . . . in that case, we're closer to war." — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in an interview on French television.

"This is a city that believes in hiding its poor." — Sister Carol Schlicksup on allegations Atlanta officials want to cover up urban blight before the Olympics are held there in 1996.

"We are going to do our best to try to make it work, but it is going to take an 11th-hour miracle." — U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher on the impending failure of world trade talks this week in Brussels, Belgium.

## Real life economic indicators

Some might scoff at the fact I consider myself quite the expert on the economy.

I am not without portfolio. I was treasurer of my freshman class in high school, and I take the Wall Street Journal at home.

I don't read it, but when friends drop by, they are impressed when they see my dog, Catfish, eating table scraps off the front page.

We've been hearing about certain economic indicators lately, and economists look at things like housing starts, retail sales and the hemlines of women's dresses to predict what's forthcoming for the economy.

Over the years I have developed my own set of economic indicators and they have proven to be trustworthy.

I was able to predict the stock market crash of a few years ago.

A couple of days before the fall I tried to get in touch with my broker and got a recording saying his phone had been disconnected.

I knew that was a sure sign the bottom was about to fall out on the Amalgamated Goat and International Mushrooms he had sold me a couple of days earlier and told all my friends, "Get out of the market."



Lewis Grizzard

They didn't listen, however, and a number of them now live in cardboard boxes.

What follows is a list of the indicators I use to tell me exactly what state the economy is in:

- Golf tees: If you play golf, notice how many perfectly good tees have been left on tee boxes. If there are lots of them, then the economy is fine.

People are in such good shape financially they don't even bother to bend over and pluck their tees out of the ground after they've hit.

If there are no tees left, it means people are tightening their belts and you might want to show up for work one day next week instead of lollygagging around on the golf course.

- Deion Sanders: If his monthly bill for jewelry drops under \$100,000, tough times are ahead.
- Roach motel: If you notice

yours' has a lot of vacancies each time you check in, even the roaches are feeling the crunch and staying home more.

- Tipping: If you leave your waiter a lousy tip and he not only complains, he also attempts to pistol-whip you, it's a sign you should be at home eating fish sticks instead of being out at a fancy restaurant.

- Ex-wives: If more than one calls in a single day to complain about the amount of alimony you're paying them, you can bet the price on such luxury items as pocketbooks and silky things they wear at night for their boyfriends has gone sky high.

- Jesse Jackson: If a crisis breaks out somewhere and Jesse's not right in the middle of it making speeches, it means whoever picks up the tab to send him all over the world has decided to cut back.

My dog, Catfish, incidentally thinks the economy is in sad shape. He's been eating off copies of old campaign literature lately.

My subscription to the Wall Street Journal ran out and I was afraid to re-up. Jesse hasn't been in the Middle East in weeks now. Copyright 1990 by Cowles Syndicate, Inc.

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# Calvert graduates Odessa law academy

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Charles Calvert, Sand Springs, graduated from the Odessa Law Enforcement Academy at Odessa College, and will take the state licensing exam to be a police officer Dec. 12.



CHARLES CALVERT

Calvert received the Scholastic Achievement Award for the highest grade-point-average in his class, and was voted the "Ideal Police Officer" by his classmates.

A graduate of Coahoma High School, Calvert attends classes at Howard College and anticipates applying to the Big Spring Police Department once he's received his license. He said he became interested in law enforcement at a young age, and he was a military police officer in the Air Force.

Calvert, 24, is the son of Gary and Anna Calvert, Sand Springs. His grandparents are C.M. and Marie Calvert, Big Spring.

### OC to present concert tonight

The Odessa College Choir will present a "Concert of Yuletide

### Report card

Music" at 8 p.m. tonight at the Jack Rogers Fine Arts Center. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

### Apply now for page position

High school sophomores interested in serving as Congressional pages for the 1991-92 school year should apply now to Congressman Charles Stenholm's office. To be eligible, a student must reside in the 17th Congressional District, and must be 16 years of age and a junior by Sept. 1, 1991.

Pages live in dormitories located on the Capitol in Washington D.C., and will attend junior level classes at the U.S. Capitol Page School while performing duties as a page. These duties include delivering mail or packages to offices within the complex, answering telephones and delivering messages.

The deadline to apply is Jan 23. Applications will be forwarded to a selection committee, and finalists will be notified by Feb. 28.

Interviews will be conducted on Mar. 23 in Abilene, and pages will be selected that day. For applications or additional information, contact Elaine Talley in Stenholm's office 915-673-7221 or call Denise Crenwelge at 202-225-6605.

### Visit Santa at Midland College

Midland College is offering young children a chance to spend two hours with Santa and his helpers Saturday. The MC Student Government Association is presenting "Breakfast with Santa" from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 for the first child and \$2 for other children in the same family.

Midland College has a workshop scheduled for Saturday sponsored by the African American Student Alliance for youths from seven to 12th grade. The goal of the workshop is to development black student leadership and awareness. The cost is \$10 per person, and will be in the Student Center from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information and advanced registration, please call 685-4544.

### Test scheduled for Jan. 5

The Texas Higher Education Board has scheduled a Texas Academic Skills Program Test for Jan. 5 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. This TASP test will cost \$65, although students might receive a voucher to cover \$24 of the cost, according to Dr. Joan Matthews, director of special projects at the coordinating board.

The TASP test will be given at least six more times during 1991 at the regular fee. This test is being given for any student completing 15 college hours, wishing to enroll in the spring, 1991 semester who still must take the test.

### Music specials

Midland College also has scheduled several music specials free to the public. On Thursday, the Jazz Ensemble will present a concert at 8 p.m. in the Allison Fine Arts Building auditorium. This concert is dedicated to the memory of Ellen B. Gonzales, who served as secretary for 10 years for the College of Fine Arts. Her husband has established a scholarship in her name and will announce the first recipient at the concert.

The Commercial Music Department presents its fall concert in the Allison Building auditorium Friday at 8 p.m. Performing will be three student bands and a faculty jazz band.



Associated Press photo

### Holy Moses

NEW YORK — Anna models a navy denim, linen, double-breasted jacket, bra, and two-pocket mini-skirt by Rebecca Moses in a fashion show for the American designer's spring/summer 1991 collection.

## Big family a challenge for determined mother

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "One Plus Seven" really got me where it hurts. It was from a woman with seven children whose abusive husband taunted her by saying, "You'll never find a man who will want you with all those children."

Fifteen years ago, I was a mother with five children under 18. I was also trapped in an unhappy and abusive marriage. I knew I had to find a way to support myself and my children, so I decided to go to beauty school, so I got a job I could be home when my children left for school. I worked hard at beauty school and prayed a lot. I got a divorce when my eldest was a senior in high school. I was determined to give my kids a chance to have a decent life, although everyone said I could never support five children.

Well, Abby, today I'm the proud mother of a social worker (head of her department), a physician, a professional football player, and three kids in college. Oh yes, after the divorce I adopted a 14-year-old girl, knowing if I could feed five, I could feed six, and she desperately needed a home.

So, please tell "One Plus Seven" that with God's help, all things are possible. You may use my name. — BETTY THOMAS, HOUSTON

DEAR BETTY: Beautiful. Read on for another "They-said-it-couldn't-be-done" success story.

DEAR ABBY: "One Plus Seven" reminded me of my own situation



Dear Abby

— only I was the father of eight motherless kids under the age of 15. (Two sets of twins.) Soon after my wife died, a friend fixed me up with a young widow with five children ranging from 3 years-old to 14. She had also been told that nobody would want her with "all that baggage."

As it turned out, 13 was our lucky number because we merged families, and between us we have 13 kids who get along great — for the most part.

Now we laugh because we both thought, "Who in their right mind would take on somebody with a houseful of kids?" The answer was, "Somebody else with a houseful of kids." — LUCKY IN NEBRASKA

What teen-agers need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with their peers and parents is now in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

### NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND SETTLEMENT. THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

TO: All class members who are owners of certain Magic Chef microwave ovens. There was a class action, Case No. CV90-PT-00702-M, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama against Maytag Corporation doing business as Magic Chef Company ("Magic Chef"). The action was filed by persons claiming that they purchased "Magic Chef" branded microwave ovens sold as new but which were reconditioned or repackaged at the Magic Chef Anniston, Alabama plant, without disclosure of the previously sold nature of the microwaves. Plaintiffs sued for damages against Magic Chef and other relief as described below. If you own a Magic Chef microwave oven, you could be affected, and you should carefully read this entire Notice.

The Honorable Robert B. Probst held a hearing on the 19th day of October, 1990, at 2:00 P.M. at the Federal Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama, for the purpose of determining whether the proposed settlement of this class action, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement and Compromise ("Settlement Agreement") was fair, reasonable and adequate and should be finally approved by the Court. At that hearing, the Court approved the Class members as described below, approved the Settlement in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, and approved attorneys fees for Plaintiffs' counsel. The action has now become final, and the Settlement is fully effective.

If you fall within the definition of the Class as set out below, and did not request to be excluded, you will be entitled to settlement benefits, if you take the necessary actions prescribed below.

HISTORY OF LITIGATION On April 11, 1990, this suit was filed alleging that Magic Chef was liable for triple damages for violating the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). The Complaint alleged that Magic Chef, for several years, had engaged in selling microwaves to the public through retail stores as new when in fact they had been reconditioned, rebuilt or repackaged at the Magic Chef Anniston, Alabama plant, and no disclosure of their previously used nature was made to the public. Plaintiffs claimed that this conduct entitled them and the Class to damages, a permanent injunction against such further sales, a rescission of all transactions, attorneys' fees and costs of court. The Complaint was subsequently amended to add additional plaintiffs and class representatives who are owners of Magic Chef ovens, to assert additional claims for fraud, breach of contract and breach of warranty, and to expand on the allegations and theories of relief. As a result of the Settlement described below, this action has now been dismissed.

The Class on whose behalf the action was brought is: All persons presently or previously owning a legal or beneficial interest in a "Magic Chef" branded microwave oven purchased at retail from a retailer, which microwave oven had theretofore been sold by Magic Chef, returned to Magic Chef, and then repackaged and sold by Magic Chef, without notice to retail buyers of its having previously been sold.

be distributed with respect to any single microwave, even if there are or have been more than one owner of such microwave. Details are available on request. The Court has appointed Magic Chef as Trustee to carry out the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including distribution of the settlement benefits to each Class member executing and returning a Proof of Claim.

2. An injunction has been entered, as part of the final order by the Court approving the Settlement, enjoining Magic Chef for a 5-year period from selling to the public microwave ovens which have been reconditioned or repaired at its Anniston, Alabama plant without disclosure to its purchasers of their previously used or reconditioned condition.

3. Magic Chef paid or will pay attorneys' fees in the amount of \$200,000 which was sought by application by the Class counsel, Magic Chef has also agreed as part of the settlement to pay to the State of Alabama, through its Attorney General, the sum of \$100,000 in civil penalties and attorneys' fees.

4. If you are a Class member, you must identify yourself to Magic Chef by calling the Toll Free Number at the end of this notice to obtain a Proof of Claim form which must be executed by you and returned by you to Magic Chef. You may also obtain a form from Class Counsel Andrew P. Campbell whose address is given below. Within 30 days after return of a properly executed Proof of Claim, the Trustee shall distribute settlement benefits to the verified Class member. Any Class member who does not execute and return the Proof of Claim by June 7, 1991, shall not receive settlement benefits. Any settlement benefits unclaimed by Class members shall remain the property of Magic Chef.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY CLASS MEMBERS 1. If you are a member of the Class and desire to receive the settlement benefits, you must verify yourself as a Class member and obtain a Proof of Claim form in time to make a proper filing of that form by June 7, 1991. If you are in any event bound by the Settlement Agreement, if you did not make a timely request for exclusion, whether or not you file a Proof of Claim and receive any settlement benefits.

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| GANDY'S Ice Cream 1/2 GAL. <b>\$1.99</b> | PILLSBURY'S Doughnuts 6 CT. <b>\$1.99</b> | NYOIL 4 OZ. BTL. <b>\$3.59</b> |
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Sidelines

Swimmers compete at Odessa meet

ODESSA — The Big Spring High School swim team finished in the middle of the pack at Saturday's Odessa Invitational Swim Meet...

Hawks on road versus Bulldogs

The Howard College Hawks will be in conference action tonight when they travel to Clarendon to battle the Clarendon Bulldogs...

Lady Hawks go for second league win

The Howard College Lady Hawks go for their second conference win when they play the Clarendon Lady Bulldogs tonight at 6 in Clarendon...

Lady Steers at home Tuesday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will be at home Tuesday when they host the Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs at 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym...

Steers travel to Snyder

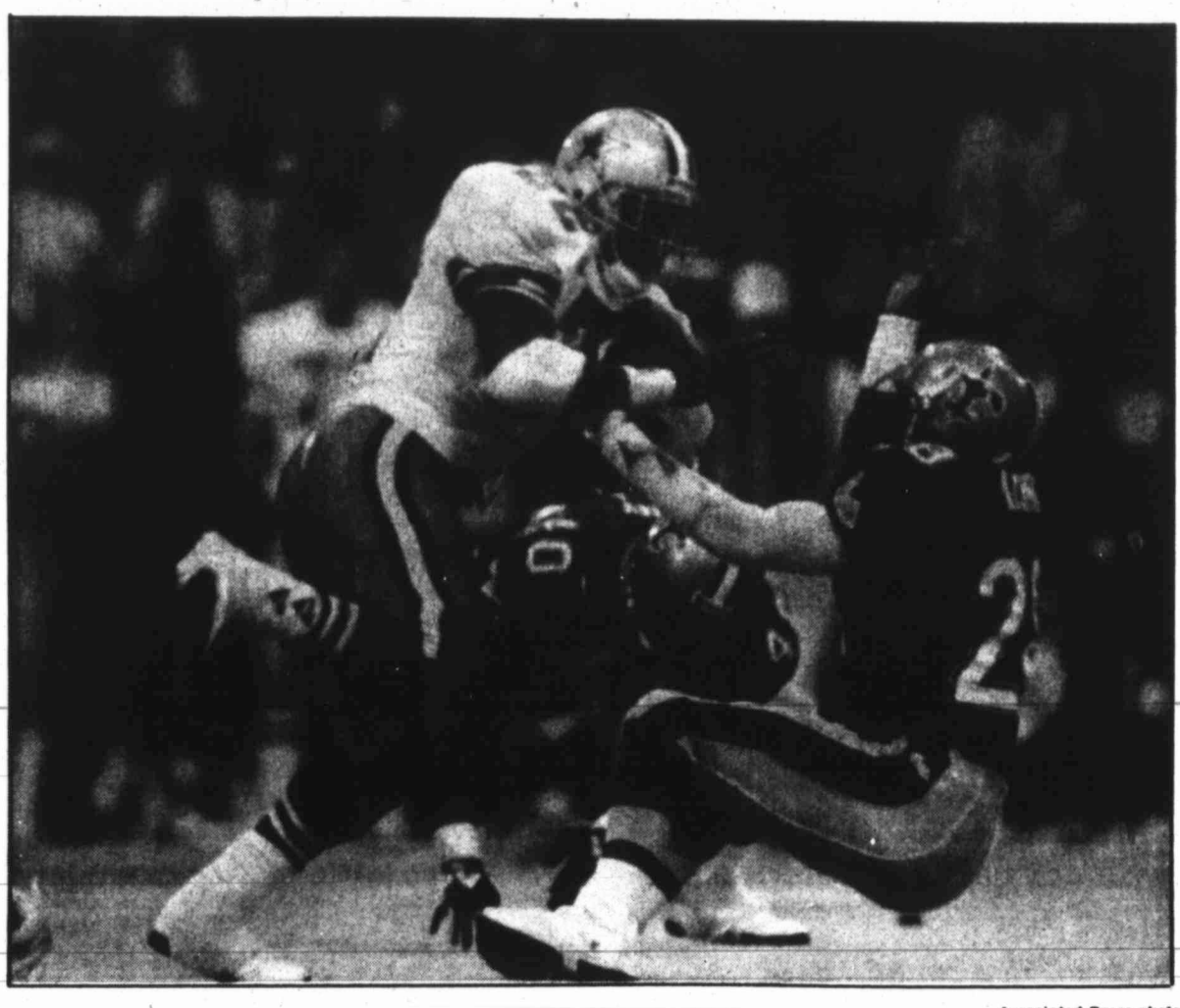
The Big Spring Steers basketball team will be on the road Tuesday when they travel to Snyder to play the Snyder Tigers Tuesday night at 7:30...

Colorado coach gets Vandy job

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gerry DiNardo, offensive coordinator at Colorado, was named Vanderbilt University's new football coach today...

Pokes thinking playoffs after 17-13 win

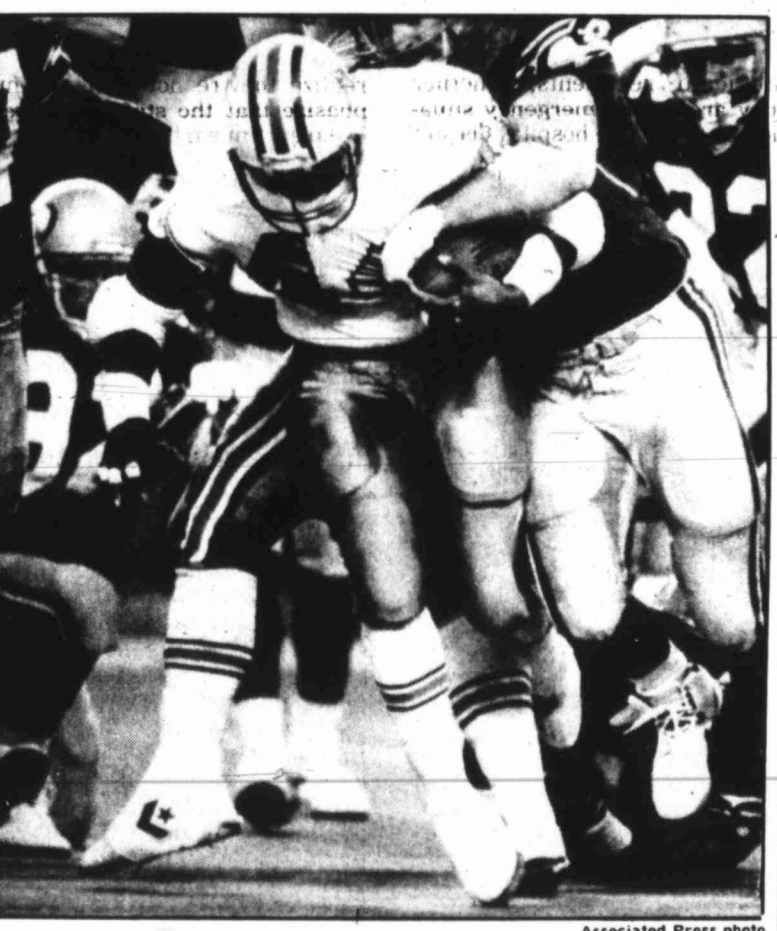
IRVING (AP) — Jimmy Johnson said in training camp he wouldn't be happy with less than a winning season. The second-year coach of the Dallas Cowboys might reach that goal...



IRVING — Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith bowls over New Orleans Saints safety Gene Atkins (28) after picking up 17 yards in the fourth quarter Sunday afternoon at Texas Stadium.

Oilers fall in overtime, 13-10

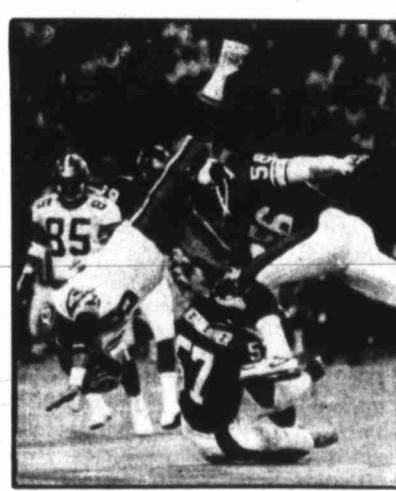
SEATTLE (AP) — For the fourth straight week, the Seattle Seahawks went to the final play. And for the third time in four weeks, the Seahawks won in dramatic fashion...



SEATTLE — Houston Oilers' Lorenzo White (44) is tackled by Seattle Seahawks Joe Nash (72) after White caught a pass from Warren Moon.

Bills get large lead; hold off Eagles, 30-23

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS — The Buffalo Bills are December bridesmaids and NFC paties no more. The Philadelphia Eagles came into Rich Stadium on Sunday riding a five-game winning streak...



MINNEAPOLIS — Green Bay Packers quarterback Anthony Diweg (8) goes head first after being hit by Minnesota Vikings linebackers Mike Merriweather (57) as Chris Doleman (56) closes in.

United States breaks eight year Davis Cup drought

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — No sooner had the United States won its first Davis Cup in eight years than it was accused of tarnishing the title with poor sportsmanship. The Americans clinched the best-of-five final over Australia Saturday...

The slow, red clay of the Florida Suncoast Dome may have been or not, but if he wasn't injured, it was a disgrace, Cahill said. "It's always good to win, but it's also good to lose with a little guts."

"I don't know if it was a mockery or not, but if he wasn't injured, it was a disgrace," Cahill said. "It's always good to win, but it's also good to lose with a little guts."

Fraser said he hoped the Americans would one day "learn to win graciously and not come up with all these excuses."

Gorman said the controversies of the Davis Cup final — from the dispute over the selection of the indoor crimson clay surface to Agassi's phantom illness and abrupt pullout — will not affect the way the Americans begin their defense of the Cup in February.













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# Names in the news

**Battle on the air**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Roseanne Barr's financial battle with her ex-husband made the airwaves when she called "Donahue" and got into a shouting match over whether she owes him money.  
Bill Pentland, who was a guest on the show Thursday with his lawyer, Marvin Mitchelson, said Miss Barr owes him for helping launch her career.  
But the star of the top-rated ABC



ROSEANNE BARR

show "Roseanne" accused him of being more interested in publicity than money.  
"Bill, you own two houses. You have five cars. I, in January, gave you \$200,000 cash to live on for three months," she said. "It is about publicity, Bill."  
Pentland has asked a judge to declare Miss Barr's "celebrity status" a marital asset, give it a dollar value and divide it between them. The case is expected to go to trial in January.

**Hero of the year**  
NEW YORK (AP) — David Opat, the 12-year-old who was tied up and set afire by a neighborhood bully he

thought was forcing drugs on him, was hailed as a "hero of the year" by Vice President Dan Quayle.  
Quayle embraced the boy Thursday in presenting him with the American Sportscasters Hall of Fame's Hero of the Year award.  
"David's courage has set an example for all Americans to stand their ground and not let drugs take over," said Quayle. "With brave Americans like David, I'm convinced we'll win the war on drugs."  
Opat was accosted by a 14-year-old on March 7 and taken to the basement of an abandoned building, where he was set on fire.  
He initially was given less than a 50 percent chance of survival. He was released from the hospital last summer.

## Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** Long-overdue recognition will finally be yours in the months just ahead. A legacy or unexpected windfall will alleviate financial strains in early 1991. A change of lifestyle will increase your creature comforts and peace of mind. Next September finds you renewing an old relationship. A second marriage could be part of the picture!  
**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** actor Jeff Bridges, essayist Thomas Carlyle, tennis coach Marty Riessen, actress Deanna Durbin.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Check an impulse to spend more money than is wise or necessary. You will be better off sticking to your previous plans. Others are depending on your leadership; do not let them down.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Keep your mind on your work! Romance must take a temporary

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1990** backseat to your career. Welcome an opportunity to make important decisions. Good luck stems from behind-the-scenes activities.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): The lines of communication may become tangled today. Postpone financial negotiations with someone who lives at a distance. You can rekindle a romance if that is really what you want to do.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Make a special effort to get along with your co-workers now. Avoid acting impatient with those who lack your experience. You need to dig deeper to come up with the real answers.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Stimulating news from afar brightens your day. Partnerships and travel enjoy favorable influences. Social diversions could interfere with business progress. Stay home this evening.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Act conservatively where your finances are concerned. If buying furniture, select pieces for their durability as well as their looks. Re-establish contact with someone who lives at a distance.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A financial condition improves. Your first impression of someone may not

be valid. Choose your words carefully in a difficult situation. A sensitive friend is quick to take offense.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An unusual financial scheme could work in your favor. Contact an influential person for best results. An old friend is able to give you special assistance. Use any inside information wisely.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Choose your clothes with extra care today. Romance plays a major role in your plans. You could learn the truth about a special relationship. Accept a last-minute social invitation tonight.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Favorable financial agreements can be negotiated. Give credit where it is due. A loved one may be unusually sensitive. Employ extra tact. Write an overdue letter.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Any major moves involving joint funds should be discussed with your partner. Be more considerate and your relations with other family members will show dramatic improvement.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): There could be a lack of candor in certain relationships now. The less said, the better. Your income will rise when you put more energy into your work. Share confidences with your mate.

### DENNIS THE MENACE



"OL' RUFF CAN SIT UP, ROLL OVER, SPEAK, FETCH AND PLAY DEAD, BUT HE'LL DO THEM ONLY WHEN HE WANTS TO."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"It's like any other fried chicken. Mommy just puts love in it."

### PEANUTS



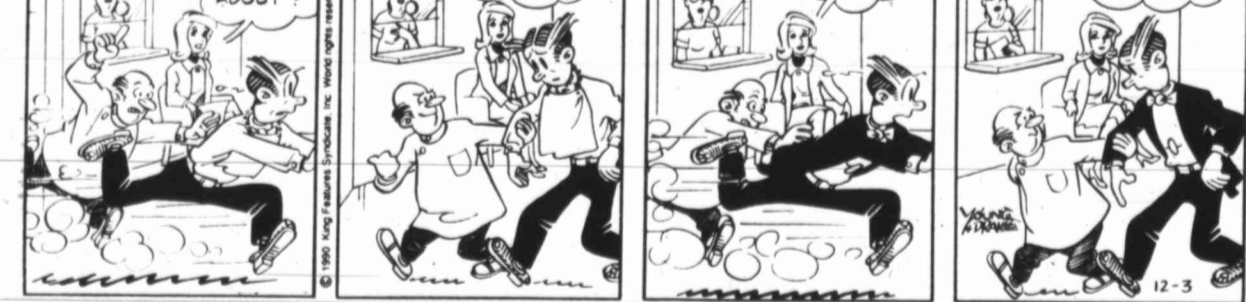
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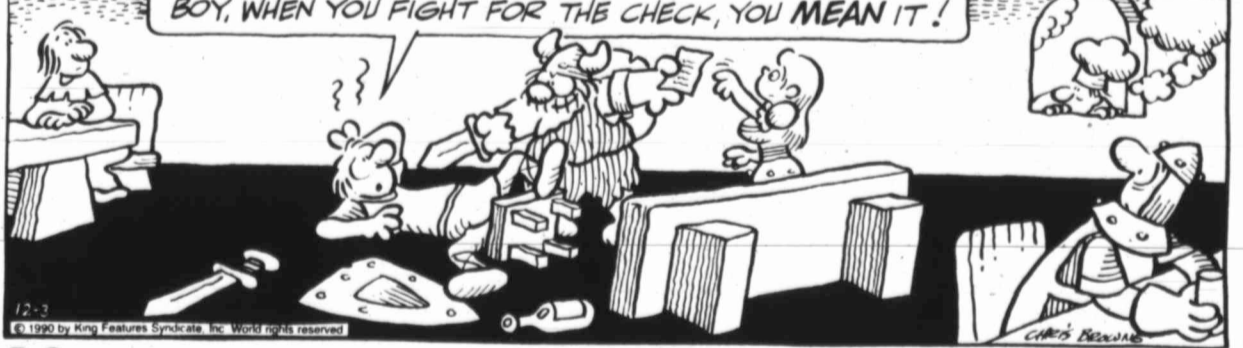
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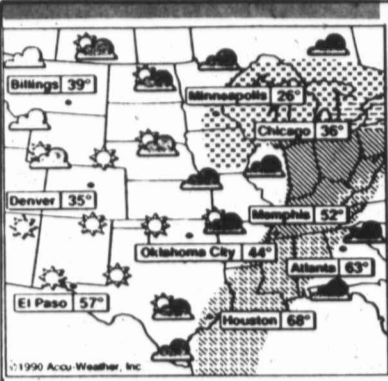
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## Weather

Clear and colder tonight. Sunny and cool Tuesday. Low tonight in the upper teens; high Tuesday in the low 50s.

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| Sunday's high temperature | 70         |
| Sunday's low temperature  | 28         |
| Average high              | 62         |
| Average low               | 34         |
| Record high               | 85 in 1942 |
| Record low                | 16 in 1985 |
| Rainfall Sunday           | 0.00       |
| Month to date             | 0.00       |
| Normal for Month          | 0.49       |
| Year to date              | 20.42      |
| Normal for year           | 17.94      |

## TI-IN program offered at SHS

A program on caring for physically ill and medically needy children will be offered from 6-9:15 p.m. Dec. 12 in the high school library, according to Elizabeth Williamson.

This program is being offered free to all TI-IN subscribers. However, an approximate number of participants is required.

This program should be attended by health professionals, school nurses, parents, grandparents, according to Morris W. Williamson, director of curriculum. For more information contact Williamson at the Stanton ISD office, 756-2583.

## Christmas ball, social planned

The Martin County Historical Museum will have its only fund raiser of the year, the annual Christmas Ball and Social, according to Nelda Hazelwood, Publicity Chairman for the Friends of the Museum.

The event will be held from 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday at the community center, 301 E. St. Theresa. Admission for the event is \$5 per person. Refreshments will be served and Mike Payne's band will play the music for the dance, Hazelwood said.

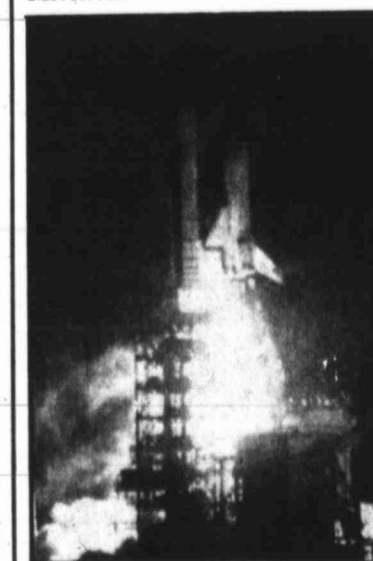
For more information contact the museum at 756-2722.

## SISD trustees meet tonight

The Stanton Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet tonight at the administration building tonight at 7 p.m., according to Superintendent Wayne Mitchell.

Among other business, the board will hear a presentation from the Stanton High School Student council on the local D-F-Y-IT program.

The board will go into executive session to consider resignations and employment of new personnel, according to Mitchell.



## Shuttle launch

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — The Space Shuttle Columbia lifts off early Sunday, carrying a crew of seven for its 10-day mission. For story, see page 3-A.

## MCCF board meets

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ Staff Writer

The Martin County Convent Foundation met for its annual report recently at Cap Rock Auditorium. Members were updated on convent restoration progress.

Helen Dunn, Kermit, was a special guest at the meeting. She painted a picture of the convent from memory and told members of going to school at the convent.

Kathryn Burch gave the report of this year's activities, and new officers were elected. They are: Ricky Fleckenstein, president; Morgan Cox, vice president; Jeane McGilvray, secretary; and Jim McGilvray treasurer.

Items in the annual report included:

- Fund Raisers — Fund raisers for the restoration project were held during the year. The music club talent benefit raised \$310, while a soup cook-off raised \$905. Lora Bell's afghan netted \$486, the convent gala raised \$950 and the county fair buggy ride raised \$100.

- Grants — The foundation received a grant of \$1750 from the National Trust of Historic Preservation to write a preservation plan.

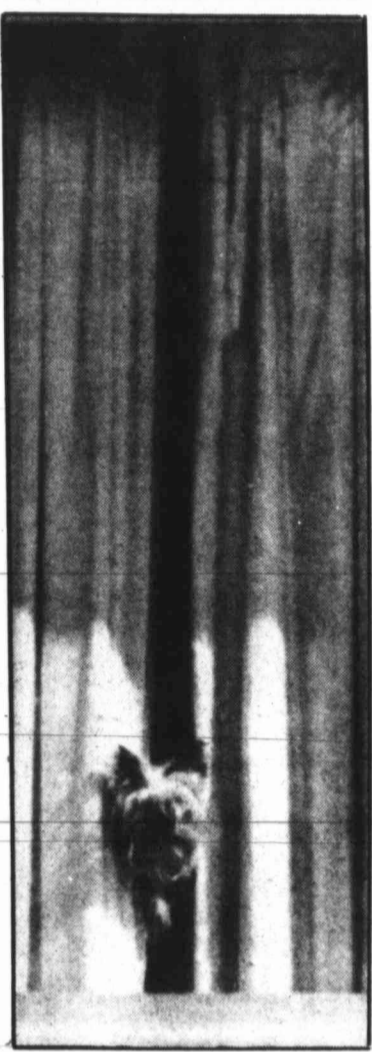
- Miscellaneous — Under the direction of the Agriculture Extension Service, chemicals were applied to the trees around the convent to prevent root damage to the foundation.

Steve Herm donated time to do tax returns.

Members sketched the convent building and gave measurements for the architect. History was also collected and sent to the architect.

Work was done to repair doors and windows to secure convent.

Fleckenstein talked to the board about priorities for 1991. Education and clearing the property of the brush were at the top of the list.



## Lonely pooch

LAKE JACKSON — Tilly, a Yorkshire Terrier, seems to feel a bit left out as she looks through a picture window at her residence here recently.

## Iraq test-fires missiles; Saddam urges dialogue

(AP) Saddam Hussein says he expects the Palestinian question to be on the agenda of talks with U.S. officials on preventing war, for which Iraq has shown itself to be preparing with the test-firing of medium-range missiles.

The surface-to-surface missiles, with a range of 400 miles, were fired and landed Sunday within Iraqi territory.

Iraq fitted similar weapons with conventional warheads during its eight-year war with Iran, but they could also be equipped with chemical weapons, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said in an interview on ABC-TV.

The U.S. military refused to confirm or deny reports that allied forces in the Persian Gulf went on alert after detecting the missiles, presumably by spy satellites or AWACS airborne early-warning radar planes.

"The flight path of the missiles was away from U.S. and coalition forces," according to a U.S. military statement in Saudi Arabia.

In an interview broadcast Sunday on French television, Saddam said the chances of war in the Persian Gulf stand at "50-50," with the outcome depending on the discussions between his government and Secretary of State James A. Baker III.



AMMAN, Jordan — Former boxing champion Muhammad Ali, far right, leads a group of U.S. citizens disembarking at the airport here Sunday. The Americans were recently released from Iraq.

Bush offered on Friday to send Baker to Baghdad and the Iraqis accepted.

"If they want to make this meeting a real path toward dialogue, then we are closer to peace," Saddam said.

"But if they want to make this meeting nothing other than a formal exhibition for the American Congress, the American people or international public opinion, simply to give themselves good cons-

cience to say, 'There, we've tried to dialogue with Iraq, without Iraq renouncing its positions' — in that case, we're closer to war."

Some U.S. observers have said Bush's offer to hold talks with Iraq was lip service for critics who say his administration is moving too quickly toward war. The U.N. Security Council, in a resolution Thursday, authorized force against Iraq if Saddam does not withdraw

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## Bush begins South American visit

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — President Bush opened a five-country South America visit today to show support for the historic shift to democratic rule and for policies aimed at ending long years of economic stagnation.

Bush seemed in good spirits as he arrived at dawn at a military air base here. He smiled and shook hands as he was greeted by Foreign Minister Francisco Rezak and an air force honor guard. Bush

was driven to the U.S. Embassy residence to await his formal welcoming ceremony with President Fernando Collor de Mello at Plamato Palace.

Bush's plane arrived at dawn in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia, and the president was proceeding to talks with President Fernando Collor de Mello and a speech to a joint session of the Brazilian Congress.

There are no urgent issues to be

discussed, but Bush wants to associate himself with what he sees as a rare opportunity in hemispheric relations. The first four countries on Bush's itinerary — Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile — all were under military rule within the last few years and now have elected governments. The fifth country, Venezuela, has been democratic since 1958. Bush is making the trip at a time of unusual harmony in U.S.-Latin

American relations. The visit was to have taken place in September but was postponed because of the Persian Gulf crisis. Secretary of State James A. Baker III stayed behind in Washington to deal with that issue.

The centerpiece of Bush's policy toward Latin America is the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, which is designed to achieve economic growth through expansion

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## Single mom of five working for degree

ARLINGTON (AP) — During her three years as a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, Sherry Close never made the dean's list, never won a single academic award and never was elected to the student congress like other students.

But that won't bother Ms. Close when she accepts her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in about three weeks.

Those other students weren't trying to raise five kids, including twins, as a single parent while living off food stamps and child support.

"Believe me, I look back and wonder how I did it," said Ms. Close, 32.

Those who know Ms. Close and her story are equally amazed.

"Sherry is an extremely hard-working woman. She has balanced being self-supporting, being a mother, and being a student," said Sherman Reed, a senior lecturer who has taught Ms. Close in two classes in the electrical engineering program at UTA. "I think the thing that impresses me most

about Sherry is that she expects no sympathy."

Although Ms. Close may indeed be living out a dream, it certainly hasn't been easy.

"It's just been once stumbling block after another," she said.

In 1985, Ms. Close began taking classes toward an associate's degree at Tarrant County Junior College in preparation for the engineering program at UTA.

During her first year at the college, Ms. Close's husband left her, her house was repossessed and she had to take her ex-husband into court the week before Thanksgiving for failing to pay her child support.

During her first semester at UTA in the spring of 1987, Ms. Close missed three weeks of school when her son was hospitalized with a ruptured appendix.

That semester, Ms. Close earned three D's in her classes and was told she would be dropped from the engineering program if she failed to raise her grade point average to a 2.5 within two semesters.

She made it — barely.

## Dinosaur safari

Stanton fifth-graders were treated to a field trip recently to DinoSafari at Dellwood Mall in Midland. The pre-historic exhibit is part of the project of the Petroleum Museum of Odessa.

Classrooms that participated in the trip were students from Mrs. Laurie Fleckenstein class, Lyn Smith's class, Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler's class, and Mrs. Patty Ruth's class.

## Cigarette exports compensate for domestic sales drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overseas sales of U.S. cigarettes have risen dramatically the last five years, more than offsetting a decline in domestic use by health-conscious Americans, an Agriculture Department report says.

Cigarette output dropped 20 percent from 1981 to 1985. This year, the report said, production may be up 3 percent from the 1985 level. Domestic use has dropped 12 percent since 1985, the report said.

"The continued decline in U.S. cigarette consumption is due to rising prices and taxes, slipping social acceptance, health con-

## Farm scene

cerns, and restrictions on where people can smoke," the report said.

Further, analysts expect the decline in domestic cigarette use to continue in the 1990s, perhaps by 3 percent or more each year.

The report, by Verner N. Grise of the department's Economic Research Service, is in the December issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine, published by the agency.

In 1985, sales abroad totaled 59 billion cigarettes. That is down 29 percent from the peak of 83 billion "pieces" set in 1981.

"In 1990, the U.S. is probably exporting 160 billion cigarettes, almost three times the 1985 mark," the report said. "The phenomenal growth partly reflects lowered trade barriers in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea."

Other factors have been the high quality of U.S. cigarettes, rising incomes in importing countries, and the weakening of the dollar against foreign currencies.

Recent moves in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union toward

market-oriented systems also have spurred increased interest in U.S. cigarettes.

The Soviet Union has agreed with U.S. manufacturers to buy more than 35 billion cigarettes over the next two years, with further sales expected. The Soviets will swap goods for part of the cigarettes, but the report said some analysts are concerned that Moscow will have trouble finding hard currency to pay for the rest.

Another indication of the growing foreign markets is a decision by some U.S. companies to set up manufacturing plants in what was East Germany, "a strong sign of

the region's hunger" for American cigarettes, the report said.

Still another example is Thailand's agreement to abide by a recent ruling by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade against Thailand's 10-year ban on cigarette imports.

"Efforts to open the Thai market were hampered by an unusual alliance between U.S. anti-smoking groups and the Thai tobacco industry," the report said.

At home, U.S. cigarettes are finding a tough market outlook. The report cited a Gallup poll survey in July that indicated a growing anti-

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# Spring board

## How's that?

**Q. Who invented the dumbwaiter?**  
A. Thomas Jefferson did, according to North American Precis Syndicate, Inc.

## Calendar

### Basketball

- TODAY**
- Grady jr. hi. basketball vs Sands; away; 6 p.m.
  - Stanton jr. hi. basketball vs Colorado City; boys A & B away at 5 p.m.; girls A & B home at 5 p.m.
  - Stanton Evening Lions at 6:30 p.m. at Bonnie's Restaurant.
  - Stanton school board meeting at 7 p.m. in the Admin. building.
  - City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.
- TUESDAY**
- Noon Lions meeting at the community center.
  - SHS vs Colorado City; away; 5 p.m. (all teams play).
  - Grady H.S. vs Sterling City; home; 6:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Martin County Pecan Show; entries by 2 p.m.
  - Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon at the Old Jail.
  - Sands basketball tournament: Stanton varsity boys vs Sands j.v. at 10:30 a.m.; girls vs Union at 9 a.m.; Grady varsity boys vs Sterling City at 1:30 p.m.; girls vs Sterling City at noon.
  - Stanton j.v. tournament.
  - Senior Citizen Game Night at 6 p.m. at The Depot.
- FRIDAY**
- Martin County Pecan Show; food entries due by 9 a.m.; auction at 10 a.m.
  - Sands tournament continues.

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ed trade and investment and reduced debt.

Bush's goal is a hemisphere-wide free trade area. Just a week ago, Bush was in Mexico to push for a bilateral free trade agreement with that country.

Although military rule gave way to elected government in much of the hemisphere during the 1980s, the decade was a disaster economically. Production, investment and consumption all fell sharply.

Collor is part of a new generation of Latin leaders who have moved aggressively to reduce the state role in the economy and to reduce inflation through spending cuts. Inflation dropped dramatically shortly after Collor took office in March but is now again on the rise.

Brazil's foreign debt is \$112 billion, the largest in any developing country. The country is almost \$10 billion in arrears on debt repayments and is negotiating a new repayment schedule with creditors.

In what the administration sees as a breakthrough in its goal of nuclear non-proliferation, Brazil and Argentina last week agreed to renounce the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

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# Salvadoran refugees receive reprieve

HOUSTON (AP) — A section of the Immigration Act of 1990 is providing hope for as many as 100,000 Salvadorans living illegally in Houston who fear deportation to their war-torn homeland.

"We really needed this," said Juan Penate, 36. "And I think it's good for those of us who have an illegal status."

The act, signed into law Thursday by President Bush, grants "Temporary Protected Status" to refugees from El Salvador. While most believe they eventually will be deported, the refugees say at least they can stop looking over their shoulders for immigration of-

ficers and unscrupulous employers for the next 18 months.

Penate, a volunteer for the Committee for Central American Refugees, said the legislation allows the Salvadorans to work with six-month permits, renewable for two more periods.

But when a refugee applies for the second extension, he has to file an "order to show cause" document — one that kicks off deportation hearings.

Immigration attorneys said the federal government traditionally has been unwilling to allow Salvadorans political sanctuary in the United States.

Only about 5 percent of those tried for illegal entry have convinced immigration officials they have a well-founded fear of persecution in their native country, said Joe Vail, an immigration attorney who represents several Salvadoran clients.

"When a Salvadoran comes to this country and says, 'My life is in danger. I can't live there,' and our government has sent down millions of dollars supposedly to make things safe, I don't believe that the people in the State Department want to hear that," Vail said.

Penate, who has lived in Houston for about 18 months, said he is hop-

ing the U.S. government eventually will guarantee Salvadorans permanent residence.

"We feel almost like it's a little air to breathe for a few months — only to choke after the time is up," Penate said in Spanish. "But it gives us hope that maybe the Americans will begin to listen to us. The (U.S.) government is finally realizing we have a lamentable problem in El Salvador."

El Salvador has been plagued by civil war for nearly 11 years and many refugees say they've been subjected to countless civil rights abuses, torture and assassinations of family members.

## Nestor's Notes

by NESTOR HERNANDEZ

**Wool and Mohair**  
Producers are reminded to bring original sales documents for wool and unshorn lamb sales documents prior to Jan. 31, 1991. The following information is needed: number of head shorn; date of shearing (year and month); amount of freight paid; and purchase of unshorn lambs.

Also, producers who have no farming interest will have to fill out an AD-1026 in order to receive any wool and mohair payments.

**Foreign Investors**  
Foreign investors who acquire or transfer any interest other than a security interest must report the transaction within 90 days. This is a requirement of the Agricultural Investment Disclosure Act. Failure to report this information or reporting it late could bring possible penalties.

**Gin Certification**  
All gins in Martin County have signed agreements to use specification bagging and ties on 1990 cotton bales which make their cotton eligible for 1990 price support loans. These gins are also approved for the seed cotton loan program.

**ACR and CU Maintenance**  
A reminder: ACR and CU for-pay acreage must be maintained thru Dec. 31. If you have weed problems and are using these acres to meet SCS requirement, you need to check with SCS before doing any plowing. Failure to do this could result in loss of program benefits.

**County Committee Elections**  
Ballots have been mailed to eligible voters in LAA 2. Ballots must be returned to the office by Dec. 3. Tabulation will be Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

**CRP Payments**  
Conservation Reserve Payments have been mailed out with the exception of those contracts requiring special handling. Please note that any claims outstanding in Martin County or any other county were set off from these payments.

**End-of-year Pay Limit Review**  
COC shall review a number of cases to determine whether the actual farming operation was carried out as represented. Those producers who are selected will be receiving a notification letter. The letter will request the documents necessary for the review.

**Failed Acres**  
Before you make another use of disaster affected acres, an ASCS 574 (Application for Disaster Credit) must be filed. We are required to check FCIC appraisals before the crop evidence is destroyed. If you have FCIC insurance, please bring us a copy of their appraisal sheet when you come in.

**1991 Changes**  
If you have any changes on your farm for the 1991 year, please bring them to the office as soon as possible. (Example: operator changes, sale of land, address changes, etc.)

**Disaster Approval**  
Martin County had been approved for FmHA Disaster. This approval allows eligible producers to acquire FmHA disaster loans due to 1990 losses. Producers who are interested should contact the Stanton FmHA office.

**1991 Farm Program**  
The 1991 farm legislation has been passed; however we still do not have any of the details of the bill. As soon as we receive any of the provisions, we will notify you by holding area farm meetings and through our monthly newsletter.

**Cotton Production**  
The ASCS office will be providing gins with ASCS-503 (Identification of cotton production) forms. If you would like to have a production card filed in our county office, please go to your gin and have one filled out and return it to the county office.

**Holidays**  
This office will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas and Jan. 1, 1991 for New Year's Day.

**SCS Notes**  
A reminder: Residue crops planted for your FSA plans must be left on or near the soil surface until at least March 1. We would encourage producers to leave their windstrips standing at least through May, if possible, for protection of next year's growing crop. Producers are encouraged to come by the office and show where you have planted your residue crops or windstrips for documentation in your plans.

**Windbreak Trees** — The Mustang SWDC is still taking orders for windbreak trees. Evergreen conifers and barefoot hardwood trees are available. Last date to order trees will be Jan. 15. Order trees by calling 756-3421 or come by the local SCS office located at 109 E. Broadway in Stanton.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, mental or physical handicap.



Associated Press photo

## Jester-ing

LUFKIN — Marianne Glover, left, and Andrea Spells skip through downtown Lufkin dressed as court jesters during the annual Winterfare celebration here Saturday. Arts and crafts, food and live entertainment were featured during the event.

# House Republicans to choose leaders today

**It has been 36 years since any Republican in the House of Representatives could call a hearing to order, preside over the chamber, or take primary credit for a piece of legislation.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans choose their leaders today in voting marked by the deep divisions and frustrations that come from being the minority party for more than three decades.

It has been 36 years since any Republican in the House of Representatives could call a hearing to order, preside over the chamber, or take primary credit for a piece of legislation.

House Republicans suffered an additional indignity and stepped up their renewed infighting when their already small numbers were reduced further by last month's elections.

"There is a big feeling that we just have to get a broom in there and sweep the place out," said one six-term Republican, speaking only on condition of anonymity. "But

there are others who feel a bloodletting is not what we need."

House Minority Leader Robert Michel of Illinois and Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia will be re-elected to the No. 1 and No. 2 jobs without opposition when the 167 Republicans assemble in the cavernous Cannon Caucus Room. The terms last two years.

But there is a closely fought contest for the No. 3 leadership post, chairman of the Republican Con-

ference, that pits incumbent Jerry Lewis of California against challenger Carl Pursell of Michigan.

And there is a second, more bitter, contest for chairman of the party's House campaign arm, the National Republican Congressional Committee. Rep. Don Sundquist of Tennessee is seeking to oust veteran Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan amid charges of financial mismanagement.

## Saddam

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his troops from Kuwait by Jan. 15.

Saddam did not respond to the French reporters' questions about the possibility of an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

But he said the "dialogue" with Baker would have to deal with Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories. The United States has rejected any such linkage.

The United States now has about 240,000 troops among the 350,000-strong force in the region. By next month, the number of U.S. soldiers in the force is expected to swell to around 400,000.

U.S. Marines began a four-day amphibious exercise on Sunday, the fourth since Operation Desert Shield began in early August. Military officials refused to

disclose the location of the practice landings, the number of Marines involved or whether forces from other countries took part.

Also Sunday, U.S. Energy Secretary James Watkins met with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer in the Saudi capital of Riyadh to discuss plans to expand Saudi oil production and to keep prices from skyrocketing in the case of war, sources said.

Saudi Aramco is now pumping nearly 8.5 million barrels of oil a day. Before the crisis, its OPEC quota was 5.38 million barrels a day.

Crude oil prices doubled to around \$40 a barrel soon after Iraq's invasion, but have fallen to as low as \$29 since. If war breaks out, they could shoot up as high as \$100 a barrel, according to

estimates by oil figures.

The sources in Saudi Arabia, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the arrangement was under discussion in which the Americans would draw down strategic oil reserves to keep prices down if gulf production were halted by war. The Saudis would later reimburse the United States, they said.

In other developments:

—Iraq issued a strong warning to the Soviet Union, whose Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Thursday that Moscow "will not hesitate to use force" to protect the estimated 3,000 Soviet citizens still in Iraq.

An unidentified Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency, said the Soviets would "lose the friendship

of 200 million Arabs" if they sent troops to the Persian Gulf region.

● Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali accompanied 15 Americans out of Iraq, and a spokesman said Ali plans to return to Baghdad on Christmas Eve to seek freedom for others. Two Canadians and six British employees of the U.S. Bechtel Corp. were also on Sunday's Iraqi Airways flight from Baghdad.

The Americans had been held at strategic sites in Iraq as "human shields" to deter attack by the multinational force.

● Some of the 437 Filipinos who arrived in Manila from Iraq and Kuwait on Sunday said Iraqi soldiers are looting grocery stores and homes, and even scavenging for scraps from departing foreigners.

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smoking sentiment among Americans.

"Smoking restrictions have increased markedly and smoking is now banned on all continental U.S. airline flights and all flights to and from Alaska and Hawaii that last less than six hours," the report said.

Despite the tighter restrictions and declines in tobacco use, Americans will spend a record \$44 billion on tobacco products this year, the report said. About 98 percent of that will be for cigarettes.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gross farm receipts from crop sales in

1991 could exceed \$80 billion, up by as much as \$5 billion from this year's forecast, according to Agriculture Department economists.

"Pushed by low stocks and pulled by a strong livestock sector, feed grain sales could increase as much as \$3 billion," an outlook conference report said last week.

"Corn receipts are likely to be up 10 percent, while soybean receipts are expected to rise above \$11 billion."

Corn production in 1991 is expected to increase, if the government's acreage reduction requirements are trimmed from this year's 10 percent level, the report said.

"Some producers may opt not to participate in the government program (in 1991), expanding their planted acreage, and increasing their future base," it said.

Soybean prices are anticipated to be stable but could be dampened by large plantings on "triple base" acres, a feature of the 1990 farm law that gives farmers more choice on using land.

Direct payments to farmers in 1991 under the new law are expected to drop 10 percent to 15 percent from this year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turkey production almost doubled during the 1980s and is headed for another

gain next year, according to Agriculture Department projections.

Total 1991 output is forecast at around 4.8 billion pounds. That represents an increase of 5 percent to 7 percent from this year. The 1990 increase was 9 percent.

"Average wholesale prices in 1991 are expected to remain nearly the same as in 1990, with slight increases likely early in the year," an outlook report said last week.

"Continued high prices for red meats will help turkey prices, as will the support to the market provided by the continued growth in purchases of processed turkey meats."