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Bush to request up to \$20 billion for Desert Shield

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush does not plan to raise taxes to pay for Operation Desert Shield, and will ask Congress next month for \$12 billion to \$20 billion to cover the troop deployment, congressional officials say.

Bush believes the overall costs of keeping more than 400,000 U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf area for a possible confrontation with Iraq will be as much as \$30 billion in fiscal 1991, which runs through next Sept. 30, the officials said Monday.

But the administration is counting on receiving at least \$7 billion from U.S. allies to defray those expenses, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Those figures would not cover the dramatically more expensive costs that would be incurred should war break out. By one estimate, fighting could cost \$1 billion to \$2 billion a day.

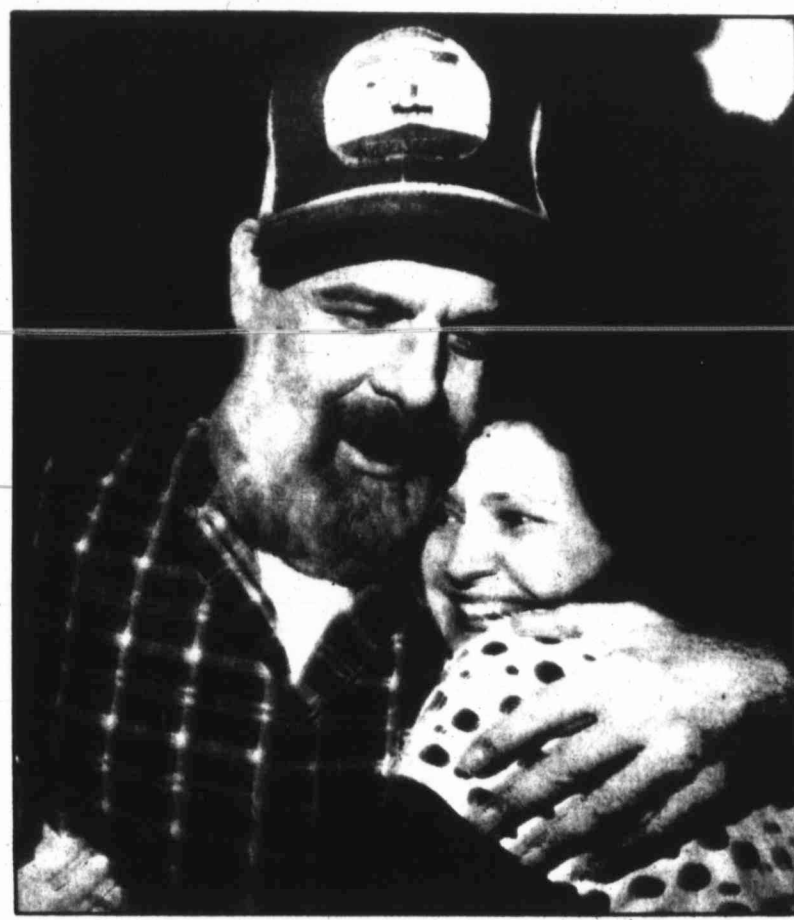
One congressional aide said the administration planned to send the detailed request to Congress in late

January. Under the five-year budget bill enacted last month, possible expenditures for Desert Shield were left unlimited. The government also was authorized to pay the expenses by simply borrowing the money.

Some Democrats in Congress have said a temporary surcharge on income taxes might be necessary if fighting breaks out and costs soar.

According to the Defense Department, Kuwait has committed itself to contribute \$2.5 billion, the United Arab Emirates \$1 billion, Japan \$2 billion, Germany \$1.1 billion, South Korea \$95 million, and Saudi Arabia an unspecified amount of food, fuel, water facilities and transportation assistance.

In September, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said he expected the year's bill for keeping just more than 200,000 troops in the gulf to not exceed \$15 billion. Since Bush's Nov. 8 announcement that he would



GRAPEVINE — Former hostage Gary Carr hugs family friend Nancy Jones after arriving at DFW International Airport in Grapevine Monday night. Carr was greeted by a large crowd of family, friends and co-workers. Carr had been held hostage after the Iraqis invaded Kuwait in August.

Joyful captives home for holidays

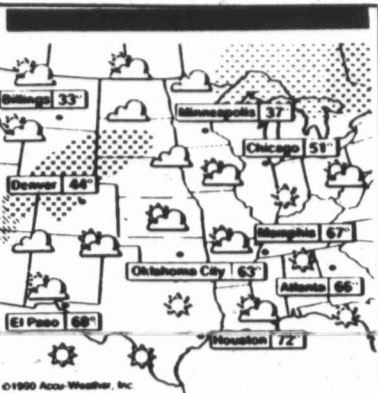
WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of joyful Americans are home for the holidays today, relieved to be free after more than four frightening, boring and unpleasant months as captives in Iraq and Kuwait.

"It feels absolutely great," Jack Rinehart, 37, of Stover, Mo., said several hours after he and more than 150 Americans landed at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on a chartered Pan Am jumbo jet Monday.

"It's great to be back," said Dwight Durmon of Fayetteville, Tenn., as he clutched the hand of his wife, Cathy.

The former hostages — some of whom had been held as "human shields" at strategic sites in Iraq — left Baghdad on Sunday.

They spent the night in



Weather

Fair through Wednesday. Low tonight near 40; high Wednesday in the mid to upper 60s.

Monday's high temperature.....	69
Monday's low temperature.....	32
Average high.....	56
Average low.....	31
Record high.....	83 in 1933
Record low.....	14 in 1917
Rainfall Monday.....	0.00
Month to date.....	0.00
Normal for Month.....	0.69
Year to date.....	20.42
Normal for year.....	18.14

Satellite cause of unusual light

A Russian satellite re-entered the atmosphere early Sunday morning creating a light show visible from north of Dallas to south Texas, according to Sgt. Lynn Gasaway, public affairs office Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene.

Gasaway stated there were no reports of any debris or damage from around the area.

The light from the burning satellite was seen in the Big Spring area by several citizens shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday. Gasaway stated her department has received reports ranging from a possible plane crash to a comet.

Career ladder on board agenda

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will discuss the career ladder policy when it meets Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

The board will consider updating policy DQB local, which deals with the teachers' ability to enter and advance on the state-mandated career ladder. The update was tabled at a previous meeting after teachers and supporters expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposed changes.

Other agenda items include:

- Discussion of the audit for 1989-90, and the employment of an auditor.
- District annual Performance Report.
- Bid consideration for carpentry; custodial supplies; computer, software and support service; chemistry supplies and electrical construction.

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No unusual rules for flag in Gulf

When it comes to flying Old Glory, U.S. troops in the Mideast are subject to regulations of their service branch, but no additional restrictions, an aide to Rep. Charles Stenholm said.

Stenholm aide Denise Crenweige said troops are allowed to wear whatever is a part of their uniform, which does not routinely include the U.S. flag. They may not, however, add anything to their uniform, as a unit in a recent CBS news story had apparently done, she said.

Soldiers below the corporal level, those who will face combat, may, in certain circumstances, be allowed to wear the flag on their uniforms, Crenweige added.

The flag may not be flown over encampments in a camouflaged situation, as they are in Saudi Arabia, she said. The flag is hung over each canteen or mess hall, however.

"All of these (requirements) are U.S. Army regulations and have nothing to do with the sensitivities of the host country, in this case Saudi Arabia," Crenweige said.

'Sin' tax to affect smokers, drinkers

By PAT SMITH
For the Herald

Drinking and smoking will cost more beginning New Year's Day, as consumers will discover when they buy beer, wine, distilled spirits and cigarettes.

The cost of smoking will go up a bit less than the cost of drinking, as the new federal excise tax will add only about \$.40 to the cost of a carton of cigarettes.

Whiskey drinkers will be hardest hit, perhaps, with the price of a fifth of Jack Daniels expected to increase from approximately \$8.20 per bottle to about \$8.50.

The new taxes, which will affect floor stock of wine, beer, distilled spirits and cigarettes, will be due on June 30, but will be paid on merchandise in stock on New Year's Day, according to Public Information Officer Leslie Stanford in the Washington office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The taxes on inventory is expected to raise approximately \$300 million dollars for the federal treasury, he said. Paying taxes on floor stock is a variation from the norm, he said. While it may not be the first time in history, it is the first time in his on-the-job recollection, which goes back 16 years.

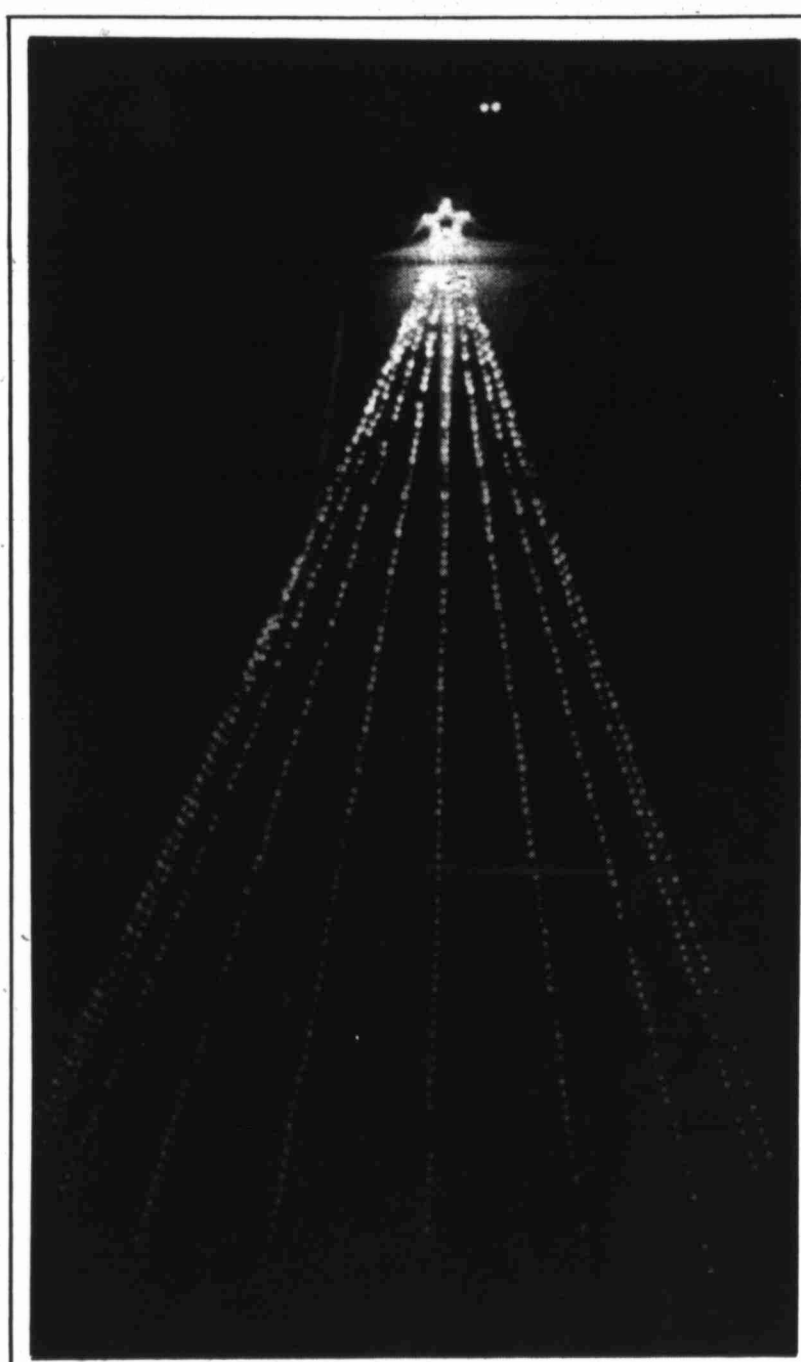
New taxes usually apply to new stock as it comes into the store, he said. This one is different, in that it will apply to inventory which is already on the floor.

Brewers, vintners and many of the distillers are expected to increase the price of their goods at the same time as the tax increases go into effect, says spokesman David Hill at Lane's Liquor Store. Because the profit margin is based on percentage of overall cost, the cost of each item will increase, at least marginally, he predicts.

Stanford listed the rate increases as \$1 per gallon on distilled spirits, \$9 on wine per gallon and \$9 per barrel of beer. A barrel of beer contains 31 gallons. Cigarettes will be taxed at the rate of \$2 per thousand.

For the average consumer, this translates into at least a \$1 per gallon increase on whiskey, but if distillers increase prices at about the same rate as the federal tax, which seems likely, the cost to the consumer will be doubled.

Brewers most certainly will increase at the same rate as the U.S. government, Hill said, and suggested that one brewer with whom he spoke will increase the cost of a case of beer by 65 cents. The new tax will add another 65 cents, for a total increase of \$1.30 per case of



Holiday lights

As a special treat for Big Spring, the VA Medical Center strung lights from the water tower behind the medical center complex to form a huge Christmas Tree. This is the first year that the water tower has been decorated for the holidays.

Crenshaw asks court for dismissal of suit

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A reply to a suit contesting the precinct 4 county commissioner race asserts the deadline for an official recount was missed and asks dismissal of the suit. A hearing in 118th District Court has been set for Dec. 17.



ROBERT CRENSHAW

response, filed Friday afternoon in behalf of Republican Commissioner-Elect Robert Crenshaw, further requests that if the judge orders a recount, it should cover all of Pct. 4, not solely the Pct. 402 absentee ballots that were apparently undercounted by at least 148 votes.

Democratic challenger Bobby Cathey filed the contest suit Nov. 27 after an unofficial recount Nov. 16 shows Cathey received 851 votes to Crenshaw's 850. The recount was conducted by Secretary of State auditors after a computer counting error was discovered in the Pct. 402 absentee ballots. Of 148 uncounted ballots, Cathey received 100 votes.

Crenshaw's response contends that such a suit is not in the jurisdiction of District Court because the election was already officially certified Nov. 8 by Commissioner's Court and Cathey missed the deadline to ask for an official recount — five days after the Nov. 6 election or two days after certification.

The Texas Election Code provides for a contest suit in district court if an election officer or person failed to count legal votes, says the response, prepared for Crenshaw by Big Spring attorney Ben

Bancroft. But the miscount is attributed to an error of the electronic counting system, not an election officer or person, it says.

"Having failed to petition for a recount, this court is limited to reviewing failures on the part of election officials or other persons and contestant's pleadings establish that no such failure occurred," it states.

Cathey could have called for a recount within the specified time period because no grounds are needed in a computer-counted election, it says.

"The petition filed by contestant is essentially a request for a recount of absentee ballots for one precinct and such petition was filed long after the statutory deadline for petitioning for a recount," it says.

If the judge disagrees on jurisdiction, the response requests that all precincts within Pct. 4 be recounted. If the winner cannot be determined after that, it asks that as a last alternative the election be declared void and a new one ordered.

Cathey's attorney, Robert Miller, said he does not think the arguments to waive the suit will stand up in court.

Cathey followed the Election Code accordingly by filing the contest suit within 30 days of the canvass date, Miller said. "I don't put much weight on the idea of waiver," he said.

Miller also disagreed that the District Court does not have jurisdiction to hear the suit because the mistake was caused by a computer.

"I wouldn't think so. If it is, it sure is a travesty of justice," he said of the argument. "I don't think any higher court would agree with

City department increases efficiency

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

About ten weeks after it began, a reorganization of the city of Big Spring public works department is allowing workers to accomplish more for less cost, said assistant city manager Tom Decell.

The idea of the project, which began Oct. 1, is "getting more out of our work force," Decell said. "We've combined some jobs, added additional responsibility to others."

With the restructuring, many supervisors are no longer just "white shirts" working in an office, he added.

"For example, in the street department, the supervisor can and does operate every piece of equipment he's got," Decell said. Supervisors' responsibilities have

been increased in every public works department, he said.

The department has also combined some projects.

"We combined parks and cemetery maintenance," Decell said. (The department supervisor) has got six workers that work in that environment. Now, if there's a big project in the park, all seven (including the supervisor) may go there. And the same for the cemetery."

Other areas, including utility distribution and collection and the water treatment plant, have newly combined crews as well.

"In the water plant," Decell said, "we used to have five operators, a supervisor, (and two workers in) plant maintenance. Now there are only six total. They are responsible for operation and

maintenance."

At the water treatment plant, Decell said, the workers have more "sense of pride" about their jobs.

"You're not just operating it, you're making it work, too, and keeping it that way," he said.

He said although workers are busy, he does not believe they are overburdened.

"Never a day goes by that we don't have work that needs to get (done)," he said. "But we have to stay within some idea of reality." He said the department is faced with a continuous list of jobs waiting to be done.

Upcoming projects include some street "sealing" on Wasson Road, Birdwell Lane and Goliad Street, all major arteries. After approval by the city council last month, the department will open bids Dec. 19

for phase III of the water treatment plant improvements.

In the Comanche Trail Park, work continues on the "hike and bike trail," recently widened by city crews. Workers will begin some improvements in and around the Old Settler's Pavilion among other projects, Decell noted.

"The undergrowth by... Comanche Lake has been cleaned," he said. "We're in the process of working on the barbecue pit. Handicapped (access) ramps will be... (installed) into the Old Settler's Pavilion. We're working on some refinements to the swings."

Overall, restructuring has brought some "good preliminary results," in the public works department, he said.

Sidelines

Mattox: Feds soft on deceptive ads

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox blasted federal transportation regulators, saying they are working against efforts to clean up deceptive advertising among major airlines.

In a letter to U.S. Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner, Mattox said the federal agency has either looked the other way, or in some instances helped the airline industry deceive consumers with false ads.

"Without a signal change from your department, the only ones who will suffer are the consumers of our nation," Mattox said in the letter released Monday.

Mattox said the Department of Transportation sought a federal court order to stop states from enforcing their own consumer protection laws against air carriers that ran deceptive ads.

In addition, Mattox said federal transportation officials have deceived state officials on the department's policy concerning deceptive ads.

"Texas and other states want little or nothing to do with" the Transportation Department, Mattox said.

DEA plans to add agents at border

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration plans to increase its agents on the Texas-Mexico border by nearly 30 percent, if it can find people to fill the positions.

Ruben Monzon, DEA agent in charge of the region, said low pay scares many qualified applicants away.

"In some areas, the state and local officer is making more money than the Drug Enforcement agent," Monzon told the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

The committee held a hearing Monday in Brownsville before heading south to talk to leaders of Mexico and Guatemala.

"It's really a shame that you have to take a pay cut to be part of the federal team," said Charles Fangel, D-N.Y., the committee chairman, told Monzon.

The DEA official said the agency plans to add about 20 agents to its Texas-Mexico border force, which currently has about 75. The extra personnel is needed, he said, to combat an increasing number of drug organizations.

Sodomy law found unconstitutional

AUSTIN (AP) — A state judge has ruled that Texas' so-called anti-gay law against homosexual sodomy is unconstitutional.

"It's great, really exciting. This is a very important day for us," said Nell Hahn, attorney for the Texas Human Rights Foundation, which helped file the suit challenging the law.

A spokesman for the state attorney general's office said a decision on whether to appeal the ruling by District Judge Paul Davis could be left to Attorney General-elect Dan Morales.

Gay men and women from Austin, Houston and Dallas challenged the 1879 law before Davis, who made his ruling Monday after an hour-long hearing, according to the plaintiffs and the Texas attorney general's office.

The law makes it a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a \$200 fine, for consenting adults of the same gender to have "deviant sexual intercourse." The plaintiffs asserted that the law violates Texas constitutional guarantees of privacy, equal protection and due process, as well as the state Equal Rights Amendment.

They also alleged that the law, which has not been prosecuted recently, encourages discrimination and hate crimes against homosexuals.

Shuttle mission ends one day early

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Columbia glided to a rare night landing a day early after a star-gazing mission plagued by computer problems, clogged plumbing and finally the threat of rain.

The shuttle touched down Monday night, its signature twin sonic booms heralding its arrival over the Mojave Desert. The landing, seen by about 600 spectators, was moved up to avoid rain in today's forecast.

NASA officials focused on the mission's accomplishments, despite repeated problems aiming the \$150 million Astro observatory. Besides the telescope troubles, the crew had to repair a clog in the shuttle's waste collection system.

"I think we've had a resounding success on the mission," said William Lenoir, NASA associate administrator.

It was the fourth shuttle landing at night.

Columbia carried Astro, made up of three ultraviolet telescopes and a separate X-ray telescope, in its payload bay.

Problems with an automatic pointing system had forced astronauts and ground crew to manipulate the ultraviolet telescopes by hand, drastically slowing the process.

During the nine-day mission, the crew succeeded in pointing the ultraviolet telescopes at only 135 of 250 targets, including a comet heading out of the solar system.

The mission, originally scheduled for 1986, was delayed by the Challenger explosion and later by repeated hydrogen fuel leaks.

The landing came the same day the space agency received a critical review by a government panel that said NASA should end its dependence on the troubled space shuttle fleet and completely redesign a planned space station.

The Advisory Committee on the Future of the U.S. Space Program also said NASA could improve by streamlining management.

NASA assembled the outside review at the request of the Bush administration after a rash of embarrassments that included the grounding of the shuttle fleet because of hydrogen leaks and a mirror flaw in the Hubble Space Telescope.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze toured the Johnson Space Center in Houston space center on Monday with Secretary of State James A. Baker III and spoke to the Columbia crew in remarks translated from Russian.

"What you are doing in space is very important. You are paving new roads in space, and I very much believe that you are paving those roads for the benefit and for the happiness of all of us on Earth," Shevardnadze said.

Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman responded with a few Russian phrases, then said in English, "We agree with your sentiments that space travel is important for the future of all mankind."

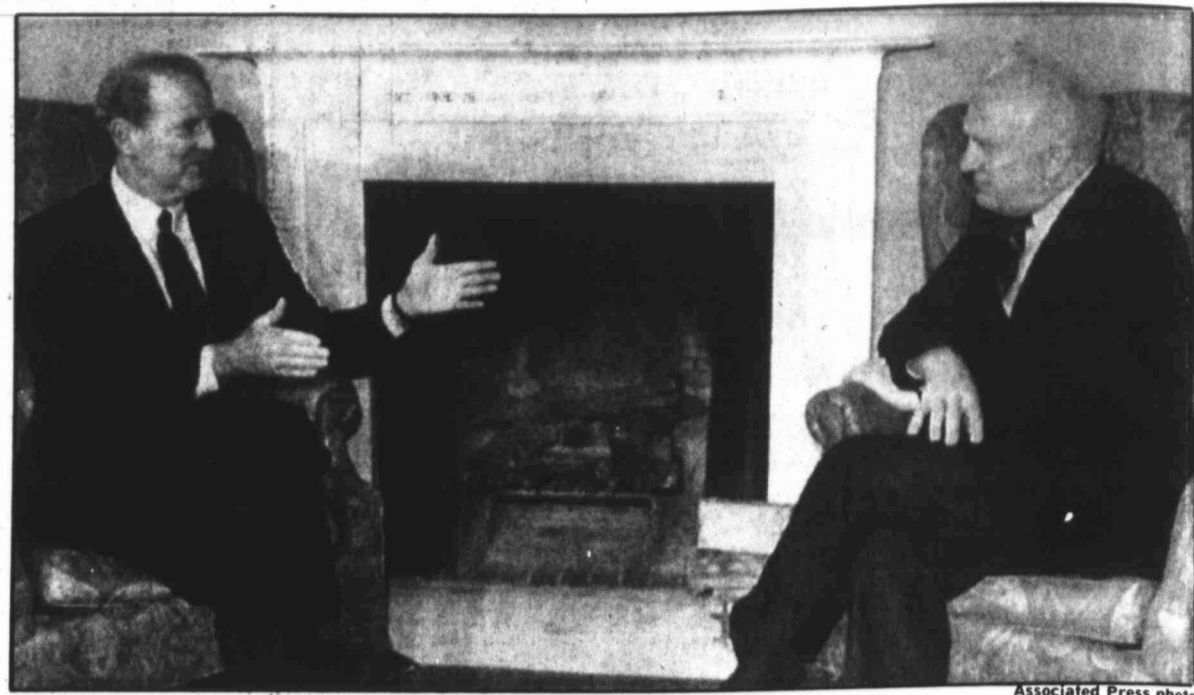
NASA said it was the first communication between a Soviet official and a shuttle crew in space.

After the smooth landing, the seven Columbia astronauts were to stay overnight at Edwards before traveling to Houston today.

More than 1,000 telescope photographs were made during the flight. The first photographs should be ready for viewing in late December or January.

NASA scientists were encouraged by the final observation made by the ultraviolet telescopes, a study of Comet Levy.

"What a thrilling way to go out," astronomer Paul Feldman of Johns Hopkins University said.



HOUSTON — Secretary of State James Baker, left, and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze meet in Houston Monday for their first one-on-one session during U.S.-USSR ministerial talks. Baker and Shevardnadze will hold two days of talks before leaving Wednesday for a meeting with President George Bush in Washington.

Baker, Shevardnadze discuss treaty to trim weapon stocks

HOUSTON (AP) — The Soviet Union is backing Secretary of State James A. Baker III's timetable for his mission to Baghdad, and a U.S.-Soviet agreement may be near for both powers to end weapons shipments to rival factions in Afghanistan.

The two cooperative moves surfaced as Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze resume their drive for a new treaty to trim U.S. and Soviet nuclear weapons stocks.

"Bridges are being built," a Soviet official said Monday night after Baker and Shevardnadze discussed the unsettled issues for 3½ hours.

Neither side claimed real headway on completing the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which would require a cut of about 30 percent in long-range nuclear

"Bridges are being built." Soviet official

bombers, missiles and submarines.

Baker and Shevardnadze fly to Washington tonight and will report the results of their talks to President Bush on Wednesday.

Once the treaty is completed, Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev are expected to set the date for a treaty-signing at a summit meeting in Moscow.

On three other fronts there was marked progress toward closer ties.

Baker offered sympathetic consideration Monday to any Soviet request for emergency food and

medical supplies. Shevardnadze, his country staggering on the edge of economic disintegration, said "we would appreciate it."

Also, the Soviet foreign minister appeared to credit reports that his government would suspend weapons shipments to the pro-Moscow regime in Afghanistan while the Bush administration ceases arming a coalition of rebels.

That could end the decade-old war in the Southwest Asian country.

"We'll reach agreement on Afghanistan tomorrow," Shevardnadze told reporters.

On Iraq, the Soviet foreign minister backed Baker's stand on going to Baghdad to talk with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Richards picks Hannah for secretary of state

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards and her new secretary of state appointee, John Hannah, said Texas lawmakers will pass ethics reform early in the legislative session that begins Jan. 8.

"I believe the votes are there, and the sympathy is there and we will see reform legislation pass very early on," Richards said.

Hannah, a former lawmaker who helped pass sweeping state ethics reforms in 1973, said, an ethics bill is "something that needs to mullied over, comma by comma, line by line over a long period of time with a lot of people being involved before you attempt to get it passed."

But, then he added, "I think the Legislature could pass something within a month or two."

Richards said Hannah, 51, will have a hand in ethics reform legislation.

His appointment comes at a time when a Travis County grand jury is investigating one of the state's largest law firms, legislators and lobbyists.

Neither Hannah nor Richards would comment on the investigation, which includes House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

Hannah said he will meet with Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle to discuss problems in the current laws, which Earle has complained contain large

loopholes. Hannah, a Tyler attorney, has served as U.S. attorney from Houston and state district attorney in Angelina County.

He was elected to the Legislature in 1966 and served three terms.

In 1973, he was enlisted by former House Speaker Price Daniel Jr. and helped pass far-reaching ethics legislation in the wake of the Sharpstown stock and loan scandals.

Hannah also has served as legal counsel to the public interest group Common Cause and in 1982 lost a bid for state attorney general in the Democratic Party primary against Jim Mattox.

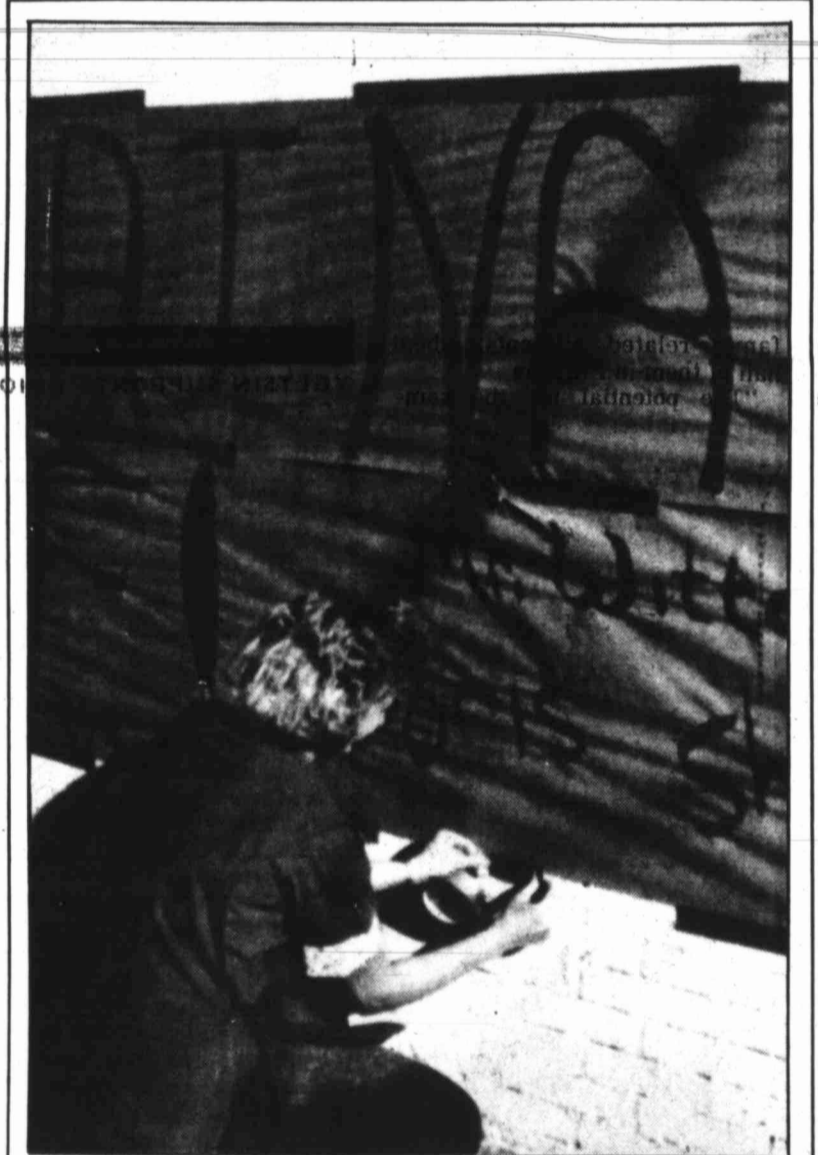
During the campaign, Hannah worked primarily in East Texas for Richards election.

Hannah said he will take office after Richards' Jan. 15 inauguration.

If confirmed by the Senate, Hannah will succeed George Bayoud who was appointed by Gov. Bill Clements in June, 1989. The position currently pays \$72,549 per year.

The secretary of state is the chief election officer and also enforces portions of the ethics laws.

Periodically, all elected officials and candidates must file reports with the secretary's office that list their campaign contributions and expenditures.



JACKSBORO — Shelia Mayo puts the finishing touches on a sign for returning Iraqi hostage Rainard Walterscheid. Walterscheid, a drilling supervisor for Santa Fe Drilling, was captured Aug. 2 in Kuwait by invading Iraqi forces. He returned home after four months as one of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's "human shields."

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Pilots are missing after collision

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Rescue workers searched the Gulf of Mexico today for the pilots of two Navy jets that collided during takeoff and landing practice from the carrier USS Lexington.

The two TA-4 Skyhawks collided Monday during routine training maneuvers 86 miles northwest of Key West, Navy officials said. Both pilots were missing.

"One aircraft was verified to have gone into the water, therefore destroyed," said Lt. Cmdr. Ray Kempisty, a Navy

spokesman for the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola. "The other is missing and presumed destroyed."

The Lexington, the Navy's oldest aircraft carrier, is homeported in Pensacola.

A duty officer at Pensacola said the pilots' flight suits have glow strips and carry strobe lights, flares and a radio beacon.

The weather in the area at the time of the crash was mostly clear, with light winds. Ships and aircraft took part in the search.

Industry may be on shaky ground

WASHINGTON (AP) — The life insurance industry, which controls nearly \$2 trillion, could suffer the same fate as the savings and loans, jeopardizing the financial security of millions of Americans, a senator contends.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who chairs the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on antitrust, said financially shaky insurers are able to conceal their real problems through questionable accounting gimmicks and with little policing from the states.

But A.M. Best Co., which operates a well-regarded system

of rating insurance companies, says insurers have maintained their secure standing.

"We... do not agree that the insurance industry as a whole at this point in time is on the brink of financial crisis analogous to that of the savings and loan industry," Michael Albanese, a Best analyst, told the subcommittee Monday.

Metzenbaum cited a report by IDS Life Co. of Minneapolis predicting that the loss of consumer confidence following the failure of a prominent insurer "could have a widespread effect on the industry, with massive cash withdrawals."

Bush, Shamir discuss Iraqi threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is warning President Bush against letting Iraq keep its powerful arsenals, but he also promises not to take on the Iraqis unless provoked.

Bush and Shamir are meeting today in an effort to smooth their personal relationship and that of their two countries, both of which have been strained by the U.S. partnership with Arab leaders against Iraq.

Both sides would like the Shamir visit to result in general understandings so as to improve the somewhat bumpy ride they've

had lately," said an Israeli official who spoke Monday on condition of anonymity.

The administration has been concerned in recent days by suggestions from senior Israeli officials that if the United States doesn't dismantle Iraq's military machine, Israel might.

Israel has been torn between its promise to the United States to lay low in the Persian Gulf crisis, and fears that the administration is moving toward a diplomatic solution that will leave intact Iraq's stores of chemical and biological weapons.

Armand Hammer dies at age 92

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Armand Hammer, the communist's son who became an American captain of industry as well-connected in the Kremlin as he was on Wall Street, has died at age 92.

Hammer died at his home Monday night after a brief illness, said Frank Ashley, a spokesman for Hammer's Occidental Petroleum Corp.

Hammer, a self-made millionaire by the time he graduated from Columbia University medical school at age 23, was also a philanthropist, art collector and crusader for world peace.

"He was absolutely indomitable," said his attorney, Arthur Groman. "He never lost his courage or tenacity. In the last months, he was uncomplaining and optimistic."

Hammer exhibited a flair for the dramatic until the end, deciding to celebrate his bar mitzvah — which marks a Jewish boy's 13th birthday — at age 92.



HAMMER AT WORK

He died the night before the ceremony. Hammer was born a Jew but his family did not follow religious customs.

"We're going to go ahead with the event," said spokesman Howard Bragman.



Explosion site

INDIANAPOLIS — Debris is scattered among the trees surrounding a housing complex at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis where a natural gas explosion ripped through two housing units Sunday night. A 5-year-old girl was killed and 20 are reported injured.

Africans face threat of widespread famine

LONDON (AP) — British aid agencies say millions of people in the four corners of Africa face starvation as early as January, and some compare the situation to the Ethiopian famine that shocked the world five years ago.

John Magrath, a spokesman for the Oxfam charity, said Monday he had received a telex from a worker just back from the Ethiopian province of Eritrea:

"Terrible drought," it said. "Animals dying. People already on the move."

Oxfam has joined with six other agencies to form the British Disaster Emergency Committee, which is launching an appeal in the new year for funds to assist Ethiopia, the Sudan, Mozambique, Angola and Liberia.

The requests for help for Africa come at a time when the European Community is pulling together a \$2 billion food aid program for the Soviet Union, Oxfam spokesman Tony Vaux noted.

"A problem is building while the world is looking elsewhere," he said.

The other participating agencies are the British Red Cross, Action Aid, Christian Aid, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, the Save the Children Fund and Help the Aged.

Announcing the appeal on Monday, the groups set no financial target but said they were appealing on behalf of "victims of a major famine now threatening millions of people in many parts of Africa."

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization has appealed for 1.3 million tons of food aid for Sudan — 1 million tons for relief and the rest to replenish depleted stocks. It said major and immediate relief is needed to avert calamitous famine.

Mozambique's government says half of its 16.3 million people face deprivation or death because of food shortages aggravated by a 15-year-old civil war.

Liberia is suffering food shortage compounded by the disruption of

war. In Angola, an estimated 1.9 million people are affected by food shortages.

Oxfam workers John Wilding and Trish Silkin said Monday that they had found a near-total crop failure in Eritrea and severe crop failures in another civil war-ravaged Ethiopian province, Tigre.

"There will be a food crisis in Eritrea as early as January unless there is an expanded program of relief," said Wilding, who estimated that 2.5 million Eritreans are at risk of death from hunger or thirst.

In Eritrea, Wilding said, there were no crops to assess. "There is an almost complete lack of grazing, and livestock is in an extremely poor condition. Water levels are falling below the bottoms of many wells."

The situation is less severe in neighboring Tigre, Wilding said, but 2.2 million people need food aid, he said.

Ms. Silkin said the conditions in Ethiopia were similar to that preceding the disastrous famine of 1984-85, when about 2 million Africans died of starvation or famine-related ailments, about half of them in Ethiopia.

"The potential for the same situation is there," she said.

World

Rising oil costs plague Filipinos

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino's efforts to cope with rising oil costs have produced bizarre flip-flops on price policy, street protests and calls for her resignation from former supporters.

The increases, which raised fuel prices more than 45 percent, stunned the middle class, which had been a pillar of her support. Her handling also reinforced an image of a detached president, unsure of power after nearly five years in office.

On Monday, militant transport workers staged a one-day strike

in Manila, Cebu and other major cities. About 6,000 people rallied in Manila against the increases, and smaller protests took place in many provincial cities.

Protest leaders included several former Aquino government appointees and veterans of the struggle that toppled the late President Ferdinand Marcos and propelled Mrs. Aquino to power in February 1986.

Many of them demanded she resign.

It all started Wednesday when the Energy Regulatory Board raised prices for all grades of petroleum.

Premier arrives in Seoul for talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean Premier Yon Hyong Muk arrived today for talks with South Korean officials but his delegation said it was pessimistic about the parley and criticized Seoul for jailing three dissidents.

The three were arrested Nov. 30 after they returned home from meeting North Koreans in Berlin to discuss Korean unification. The Seoul government maintains that dialogue on unification must be conducted through official channels.

"The time when discussion of unification is monopolized by certain people is over," said An Byong Su, a North Korean spokesman. "We are concerned

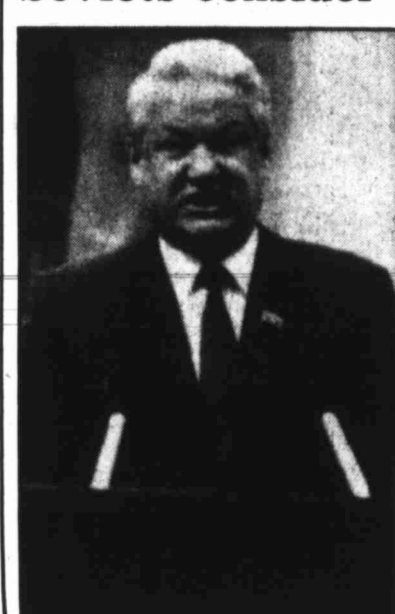
about the reality in which civilians cannot meet in their own land or travel to an alien land for meeting."

"Issues which do not fall within the purview of the talks should not be raised," countered Kim Hyung-gi, of South Korea's Unification Board.

The talks, to conclude Thursday, are the third round since October and the highest-level meetings between the Koreans since the peninsula was divided in 1945 and the border tightly sealed.

In neither of the two countries is the premier the highest-ranking official. Kim Il Sung is the north's authoritarian leader, Roh Tae Woo the elected president of the south.

Soviets consider a name change



YELTSIN SUPPORTS UNION TREATY

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev has urged embattled Communist leaders to bolster his campaign to pass a Union Treaty, although it would drop the word "socialist" from the country's name and replace it with "sovereign."

The president, who also heads the Communist Party, urged its Central Committee on Monday to create a "strong political desire for the preservation and renewal of the union."

"What is profitable for separatists is absolutely fatal for the majority of workers," Gorbachev said. The meeting was closed to journalists, and a text of his speech was carried later by the state news agency Tass.

"Several" of the 15 republics already have dropped "Soviet Socialist" from their names.

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Residents now have a choice

County residents, who had to dispose of their own trash only a few months ago, now have a choice of two trash haulers, both eager for new business. Since the two companies, one in business for three months, the other for one week, have already contracted with 100 customers between them, it seems to be a service area residents want and need.

But the newest competitor is prompting questions about the cost of the service.

Ronnie Carter's County Trash Service was the subject of controversy a few months ago when the city insisted on charging him tipping fees to dispose of county residents' trash in the jointly owned city/county landfill. Carter insisted that the payment of the fee would make his business too unprofitable to operate. Eventually the county commissioners granted Carter a two-year contract to haul trash and that eliminated the fee. It seemed fair at the time.

But Pack Rat Containers of Andrews recently expanded into Howard County. Their hauling charges are the same as Carter's for senior citizens, \$2.50 more for other residents. Businesses are charged at a higher rate. Pack Rat even provides trash containers, which Carter does not.

And Pack Rat pays the tipping fee at the dump. This raises some interesting questions. Is Carter taking advantage of being the first in the county to offer the service by expecting too high a profit margin? Or has Pack Rat come in with competing rates, hoping to gain enough business to raise their rates later? Or perhaps Pack Rat hopes to cut a deal with the commissioners themselves? Time will tell, but meanwhile county residents are bound to benefit by the competition in terms of service as both haulers try to expand their markets.

Opinion polls are politicians' pawns

WASHINGTON (AP) — When politicians look at the mood of the nation, they tend to see their own reflections. That's why hawks and doves are reading opposite messages about the Persian Gulf crisis from the people back home.

There are public opinion polls for guidance, but in the debate about the U.S. course toward Iraq those surveys are counted or discounted depending on what the numbers show and who's talking about them.

President Bush has said again and again that he is not going to make decisions because of poll ratings, high or low. "We're not going to run the foreign policy of this country on the basis of polls," Secretary of State James A. Baker III repeated at congressional hearings on the Desert Shield confrontation.

But the backing the polls measure is vital to the administration course in seeking to force Iraq out of Kuwait. So when Senate Republicans pointed to a survey that showed solid support for the course approved by the United Nations Security Council, threatening military action unless Iraq withdrew by Jan. 15, Baker welcomed the evidence "that the policy seems to enjoy the support of the American people."

Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., said the poll makes it baffling that critics of the hard-line Bush policy are "purporting to represent a majority of American opinion." That prompted advocates of a more cautious course to tell Baker that he shouldn't do what he said he wasn't going to do. "Let's not make the decision of whether or not to go on the offensive on the basis of a poll or any number of polls," said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill.

The poll that counted, of course, was the one on Nov. 6, the congressional elections. But that was two days before Bush announced that he was doubling the American troop deployment against Iraq, to provide an offensive capability if that's what it takes to get Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait.

That move became the dividing line in the policy debate. Until it was made, Bush faced no significant dissent on the use of international economic sanctions against Iraq and the use of U.S. forces to defend Saudi Arabia against any further Iraqi advance. Policy critics now say the administration should wait longer, perhaps 12 to 18 months, for the sanctions to take their full toll.

Bush, Baker and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney now say they could not have done anything differently. While there has been no decision to take offensive action, the administration says, that must be one of the options, and a realistic one, to force Iraqi withdrawal.



Walter Mears

"We're not going to run the foreign policy of this country on the basis of polls."

James A. Baker III
Secretary of State

Each side says the course it advocates is the best way to gain U.S. objectives without war.

That debate was not part of the 1990 campaign although the administration's decision to increase troop strength was made before the elections. "I would say the key decision-making time was late October," Cheney said.

"The concern was not an effort to hide the decision, but rather, that if we announced something relating to Desert Shield before the election we would be accused of trying to manipulate the foreign policy considerations to influence the elections," Cheney told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Dec. 3.

That accusation would almost certainly have been raised. "I understand that," said Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn. "But it also says something about the way in which the American people and their elected representatives are brought into the decision-making process."

Gore insists that there should be a congressional declaration of war in advance of any offensive action. "If the votes aren't there to declare war, that is the best indication we'll ever have that the American people do not want war," he said. "To go ahead anyhow would risk the kind of domestic division that occurred during Vietnam."

Other members of Congress say the message they're getting from their constituents is one of caution, no matter what the polls report. Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said his mail and telephone calls run 8 or 9 to one "urging the administration to slow down." Rep. Lee H. Hamilton, D-Ind., said constituents are telling him the same thing, because they do not want the United States to get into a war.

The question neither side can answer is whether waiting out the sanctions or adding the threat of a military strike is the course most likely to settle the Kuwait crisis short of war.



Diet pills may be dangerous

WASHINGTON — The latest dope on diet pills is that they may be more dangerous than the Food and Drug Administration has admitted. It wouldn't be the first time the FDA erred on the side of recklessness. Nor would it be the first time that dieters had been disappointed by the promise of quick and easy results.

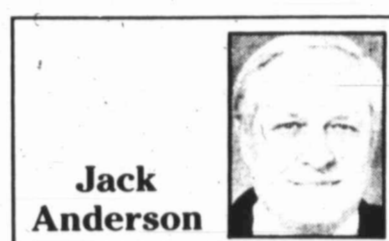
A yet-to-be-released report prepared for Congress by a U.S. Public Health Service physician says that the appetite suppressant in many over-the-counter diet pills is ineffective for most people and can be a health hazard, especially to young people obsessed with thin figures.

The report, by Dr. Paul Raford, raises the possibility of consumer fraud and questions whether the ingredient — phenylpropranolamine hydrochloride, or PPA — should be sold over the counter.

The news means that the FDA has some explaining to do. Last month, the FDA had a chance to ban PPA from non-prescription uses but decided not to. Several other non-prescription diet ingredients were prohibited from being sold without prescription, but the FDA declined to put PPA on that list, saying it needed more time to study it. The FDA also allowed PPA to stay in cough and cold remedies.

Raford's study is not so timid. Our associate Scott Sleek obtained an advance copy of the report. PPA, which acts as an appetite suppressant in diet pills, has been linked to heart damage, strokes, seizures and other medical problems, Raford told Congress. PPA is a cousin of methamphetamines, commonly known as "speed" or "uppers."

The findings will fuel an ongoing debate over the safety of diet pills. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.,



Jack Anderson

has been spearheading a congressional investigation into the diet industry. And the Federal Trade Commission is investigating claims of the companies that peddle diet pills. An FDA spokesman told us the agency will review the new research.

Jessica McDonald put a face on the problem when she recently testified before a congressional subcommittee about her long battle with eating disorders and diets. A college junior from Washington, D.C., and a dance student, McDonald said she started taking diet pills at age 12. She wanted to lose weight fast, and at one point was popping up to 20 pills at a time. She never saw a doctor or a nutritionist.

Raford says the misuse of diet products containing PPA is widespread, especially among people under 30. He said adverse reactions are more common from PPA in diet pills than from PPA in cold and cough remedies. And he said products with PPA result in more reports of adverse reactions than any other leading over-the-counter medicine. Some people compound the risk by "double dosing," using caffeine drinks while taking diet or cold pills.

There are studies that have been kinder to PPA, but congressional investigators say those studies are flawed because they are unpublished, had no peer review, involved small numbers of subjects, did not follow up on their findings and violated research protocols.

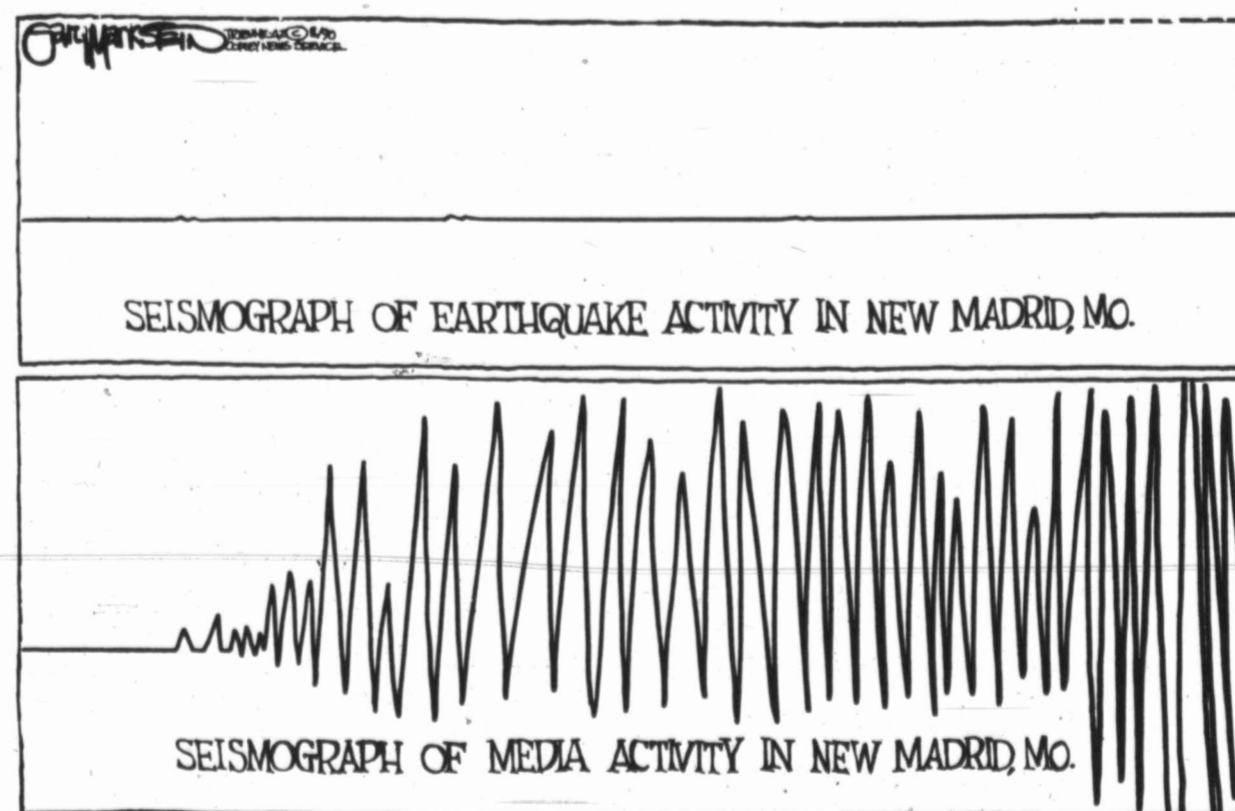
Most developed nations have banned PPA as a diet aid, and its critics in the United States say that it should be used only under doctor's supervision.

LAST-MINUTE PACKING — Preparations for a war in the Persian Gulf have included some odd last-minute procurement orders. But not all of the purchases went through the big defense contractors. The troops attached to Ft. Stewart, Ga., called the local K-Mart before embarking for the Gulf and bought 5,500 containers of foot powder, skin lotion and suntan oil, 2,400 cans of insect repellent and 174,000 gallons of bottled water. As bad luck would have it, none of the items were a blue-light special.

MINI-EDITORIAL — After a lengthy court battle in New York City, the poor lost. The Supreme Court let stand a New York ban on people begging in the subway system. Begging is also illegal in the Washington, D.C., subway system, and the trend against tolerating panhandlers is spreading to smaller cities too.

This is another case of people asking the court to solve the little unpleasantnesses of life that we don't want to deal with ourselves. Such convenience always sacrifices the rights of individuals. No one likes to be panhandled, but the solution is not to call the police and have the panhandler locked up. The solution is to say no. Sure, some panhandlers get aggressive and threatening when they are turned down. But there are already laws against accosting someone else. It is proper to call the police if someone threatens you. But the United States should not be a country where you call the police when a poor person asks you for a handout.

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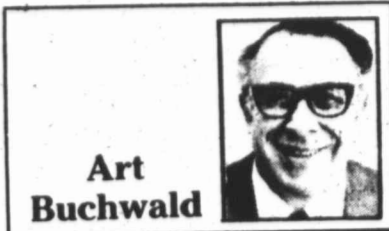
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Art Buchwald

Touring with a rifle club

Not all the news out of the Soviet Union is bad.

The word from Red Square is that the Russian people can now purchase guns as easily as Americans, and hopefully there will be as many shoot-outs there as there are here.

Fyodor Dostievsky, president of the National Russian Roulette Cooperative (the equivalent of our National Rifle Association), is touring the United States as a guest of the Ricochet Rifle Clubs of America.

I met him on a rifle range in Virginia. He told me, "Guns don't kill Communies. People kill Communies."

"Right you are," I said. "Is the U.S.S.R.'s great interest in guns due to perestroika?"

"It didn't hurt. Russians never dreamed that when democracy came Gorbachev would throw in guns as a bonus. We even had a shooting in front of Lenin's tomb the other day."

"Did anyone get hurt?" "Not really. Most Soviet gun owners still can't aim straight." "Do you believe that this incident will bring about anti-gun legislation in the U.S.S.R.?"

"It can't because ownership of guns is part of the Soviet constitution."

"Who says so?" I asked. "Karl Marx. It's in 'Das Kapital.' The Politburo won't enact any law that prevents the secret police from bearing arms."

"Come to think of it, I remember reading that. Are you meeting with many gun lovers in this country?"

"All I can. The National Rifle Association members believe the only thing that can save our country is an armed population. The NRA has been very kind. Their people have offered us Charlton Heston to do our TV commercials."

"Is there any resistance to weapon ownership in the U.S.S.R.?"

"There is some among the bourgeoisie wimps who have no use for hunting and target practice. But we're fighting back. The NRA is teaching us how to give funds to the Kremlin politicians so that the U.S.S.R. will keep all its gun laws in place. I was amazed to see what the NRA is able to do with a U.S. congressman for a few thousand dollars."

"Russians can learn a lot from Americans about how to buy legislators," I said. "Do you plan to acquire any guns during your visit?"

"Yes. I want to take back as many as possible. The ethnic minorities are going to need guns if they ever hope to settle their language differences."

I said, "We have a saying in the U.S.: 'If it wasn't for democracy you couldn't have guns. And if it wasn't for guns you couldn't get rid of the opposition.'"

"That's exactly the way the National Russian Roulette Cooperative feels about it. We dream of someday producing enough automatic weapons to protect every man, woman and child in the Soviet Union. At the same time we have to have tougher laws for our criminals."

"Fyodor, people purchase guns out of fear, and Russians are as frightened as anybody. That's why your drive for members will not fail."

"It's true. For 60 years we lived in fear of the secret police and the Politburo. Now we are afraid of our economic system. Soviets must have guns under their pillows if they ever hope to get anything to eat."

"Can you do it?" "Why not? At least it's a shot in the dark."

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Quotes

"I'm a veteran of Vietnam, but there's nothing in Vietnam that scared me the way this did." — Robert Morris of Milton, Mass., a hostage freed by Iraq.

"What a thrilling way to go out." — Astronomer Paul Feldman, on one of the final observations made by shuttle Columbia's astronauts.

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Students working to spread Christmas cheer

"Tis the time of year to spread some Christmas cheer. Some of us have been blessed, and some have received less. For those of us who could, please bring a can of food. When you find it in your heart to share a little part, you will decide it makes you warm inside" reads a note from the Elbow PAT Group, inviting families of Elbow schoolchildren to give to needy families this Christmas season. Children add a few cans every day, placing their gifts under the Christmas tree in the foyer of Elbow Elementary School. Donations should be brought before Friday.

Green leads assembly

Roy Green, former basketball player at Howard College, led an assembly for grades 1-5 at Elbow last week. Green supervises the popular Life Fitness Program at Howard, and spoke to the children of getting the right attitude in life in order to become a productive person.

Green led a demonstration, inviting a few of the school basketball players to scrimmage with him. Students quickly discovered they were trying to play with a flat ball. Green quickly made the point with the children: A negative attitude is like playing with a flat ball, handicapping everything you try to do. Green tells his story, hoping to impress upon the children the importance of always doing their best in every undertaking.

Chocolate mania

Mrs. Fryar's fifth grade class

Second time around



DEAR ABBY: I have a question that I have not seen addressed in your column or anywhere else, in fact. How do older couples (families raised) who marry for the second time handle their finances? What is fair? Should they share all expenses equally, or is it too old-fashioned for a woman to expect to be supported by her husband? I would really appreciate getting some input on a question that, I think, many second-timers grapple with. — ONE OF THEM IN SUN CITY

DEAR ONE OF THEM: Wise second-timers have prenuptial agreements drawn up by their lawyers. (Yes, "his" and "hers.") The agreement should state who shall pay for what after they're married. Much depends on the financial situation of both parties. If the man is well-to-do and the woman is not, he should support her. If she is well-to-do and he is not, she should willingly support him.

If the financial status of both parties is equal, they should share all of the household expenses, cost of trips, wardrobes, etc. Problems arise if one party saves his (or her) money and expects the spouse to spend his or hers. These matters should be discussed and agreed upon before the marriage; then to avoid misunderstandings, it should be in writing and signed by both parties. It may sound cold and unromantic, but it's sensible and realistic.

DEAR ABBY: Please put this suggestion in your column without mentioning where it came from. If you are invited to someone's home for dinner and offer to bring something toward the dinner, and your hostess says, "No, thank you, I have everything planned," please believe her and do not bring anything. If you bring something, she will be obligated to serve it, which could cause a problem.

I attended a dinner party recently where a guest unexpectedly brought her specialty — chocolate mousse topped with whipped cream. The hostess had already made apple pie for dessert, but she felt obligated to serve the dessert her guest had brought, so she served two desserts. As it turned out, the chocolate mousse brought by the guest was exceptionally delicious, which made the hostess's apple pie look very ordinary by comparison.

See what I mean? — ANONYMOUS

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yes, I see what you mean. But nowhere is it written that a hostess is obligated to serve anything brought by a guest. It's perfectly acceptable to say "Thank you," then place the offering in the freezer.

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has chocolate mania. The students watched a film about chocolate, wrote the chocolate factory in Hershey, Penn., for chocolate information, and staged a Chocolate Bash, each student bringing a chocolate treat to share. All this, for a Language Unit to help develop good writing skills and have fun simultaneously, according to a report from Amanda Epley and Marlana Light, cub reporters.

The class is currently involved in a Christmas special. In their Dec. 3 election, Brooke Reed became the new class president, Kristina Lane vice president, and President Reed chose Greg Alcantar, Nick Hise, Candice Kalak, and Connie Rios to serve on the supreme court.

Students to send gifts to troops

Mrs. Madry's fourth grade class at Elbow has chosen a novel way to celebrate the season of giving during their class Christmas party. The students have voted to donate the money normally used to purchase gifts to exchange with classmates to put together a care package for the troops now stationed in Saudi Arabia. Mrs. Madry is really proud of her students' decision. "It truly reflects the spirit of

the season," she comments.

Student of the Week

Junior High student of the Week is Cassie Henkel, reports Jr. Hi Principal Doug Parker.

Junior High Class with the highest passing percentage for the second six weeks is the eighth grade, with a passing percentage of 98 percent.

JaCoby Hopper has the highest grade-point-average in Jr. Hi. with a 97.67.

Jack Curry was named most improved GPA with a gain of 7.4 on his average.

A average honors list include eighth graders JaCoby Hopper, Bryan Alexander, Laurie Light, Gwen Cooper, Lark Ray, Misty Carter, Summer Rawls, Chris Lewis, Tawbitha Alexander, Chad Kemper, Amber Cenicerros, Chris Evans, Shane Sims, Aaron Bellinghausen, Nathan Menges and Tonya Vess.

Sixth graders included on the A average honors list are Heather Cooper, Shannon Leopard, Dan Riley, Nicole Hohnson, Stefanie Kennedy, Brenda Franklin, Travis Hiltbrunner, Kim Crownover, Clay Thixton, Cassie Henkel and Robert Hillger.

Seventh graders making the A

average honor list are Jason Lentz, Clay Thomas, Deborah Light, Tina Arnold, Stephanie Barraza, Kevin Warren, Josh Hedges, Jeff Martinez, Joey Demyen, Jamie Tilley and Rusty Rutledge.

Forsan Jr. Hi Principal Doug Parker released the improved grade-point-average list. Making the list are eighth graders Amanda Gaston, Kim Smith, Shane Sims, Debbie Morton, Lisa Ott, Erin Reeh, Lark Ray, Chad Kemper, Oscar Barraza, Tammy Arnold, Amber Cenicerros, and Bryan Alexander.

Seventh graders improving their GPA are Jeremy McQuiston, Clint Bingham, Summer Smith, Joey Demyen, Clay Thomas and Tina Arnold.

Sixth graders improving their GPA are Jack Curry, Butch Bailey, Shannon Leopard, Brenda Franklin, Josh Etheridge, Aimee Walker, Cassie Henkel, Heather Cooper, Steve Osborn, Dan Riley, Stefanie Kennedy, Walter Hale, Todd Moland and Ryan Toomire.

Band to perform

The Forsan Jr/Sr High School Band Christmas Concert will be Dec. 15 at 8 pm in the high school auditorium. Director Bob Fishback invites the community and relatives of band members as special guests.

The Elbow Elementary Christmas program will be Dec. 19 at 12:15 p.m. in the gym, under the direction of Sharon Cregar. Bill Cregar has volunteered many hours to help with the program, and will appear as guest director.



Roehm fashions

NEW YORK — Models show fashions from Carolyn Roehm's spring/summer 1991 collection in New York. The model on the left wears a cocktail dress with a short chiffon skirt featuring an off-the-shoulder lace bodice. Model on right sports a white, open-backed sun dress.

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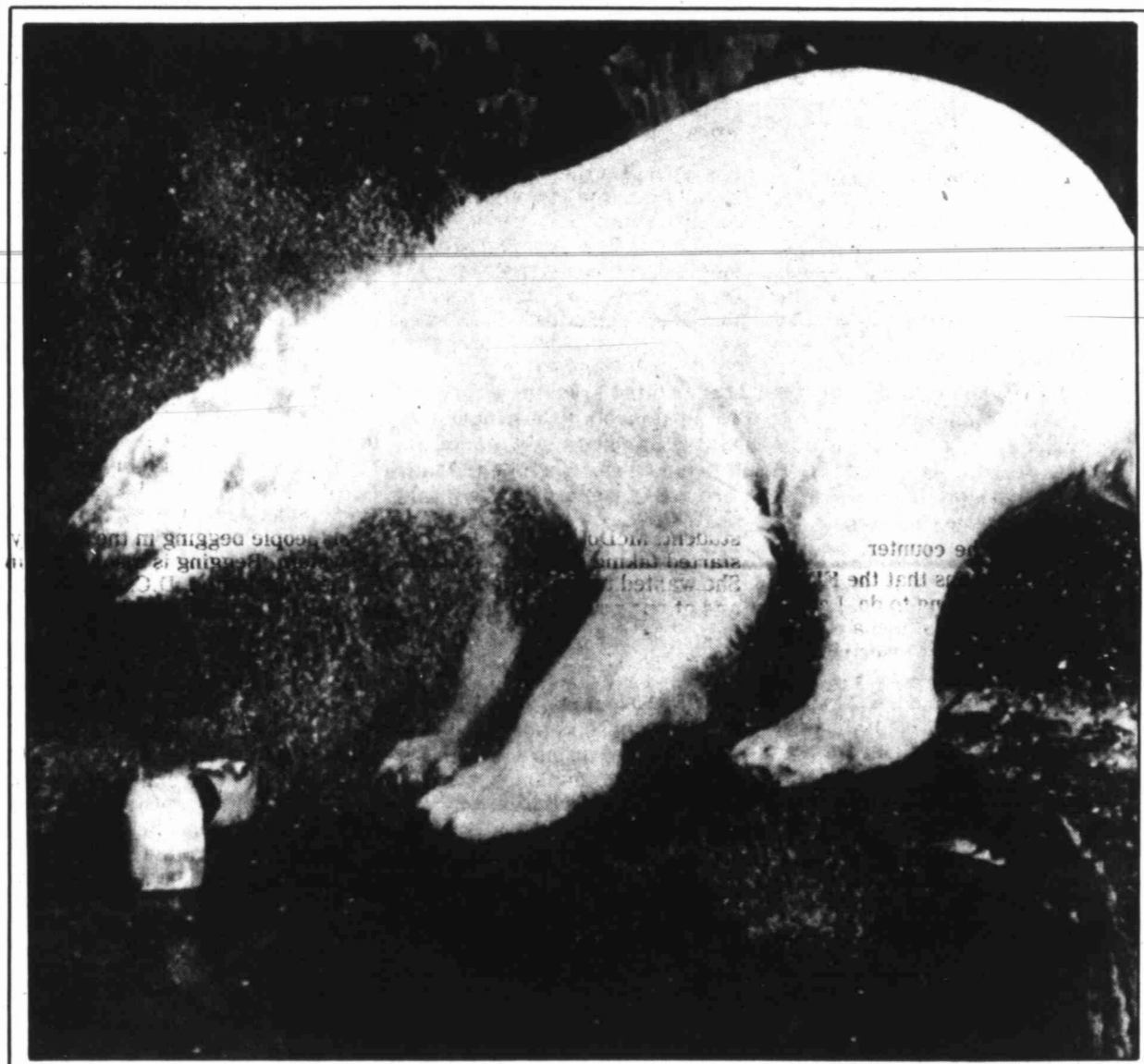
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Calendar

TODAY
 • AMAC (Adults Molested As Children) will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Clinic. Anyone interested must call first — Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson at 267-8216 ext 287.
 • The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m., followed by the American Legion meeting at 7 p.m.
 • Marcy Elementary PTA will meet at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a Christmas program.
 • The Winter Band Concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the B.S.H.S. auditorium; all bands will play. The Band Boosters will sponsor a raffle for a Lane recliner, and a Christmas bazaar will be set up in the lobby.
WEDNESDAY
 • The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care is available. Enter at back entrance at Gregg Street parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.
 • Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.
THURSDAY
 • There will be a Kentwood Country-Western Program at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. Public invited. No dancing.

Tops on TV

• **Grammy Legends.** Among the Grammy-winning musicians honored this year are Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel and Quincy Jones. 8 p.m. Channel 7.
 • **Rescue 911.** 7 p.m. Channel 7.
 • **Law & Order.** 9 p.m. Channel 9.

Oil/markets

January crude oil \$26.65, down 1.25, and March cotton futures 74.02 cents a pound, down 22; cash hog \$1.00 higher at 49.50; slaughter steers today at 50 cents higher at \$1.50; December live hog futures 50.10, up 15; December live cattle futures 80.57, down 13 at 11:15 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incident:
 • Alvin Rocha, 24, County Road 61 Box 128, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

Police beat

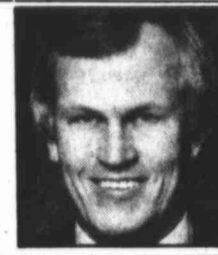
Big Spring Police officers responded to a reported hostage situation in the 1200 block of Mesquite Street Monday about 3 p.m. Upon arrival, according to reports, officers found the three persons inside were unharmed. It had been reported to police that the male resident was armed, but officers found no weapon. No arrests were made.
 The police reported the following additional incidents:
 • Daniel Lee Noggler, 19, Route 1 Box 533-A, was arrested for failure to appear before a judge.
 • Michael Lee Huff, 27, Route 1 Box 491-A, was arrested for failure to appear on a public intoxication warrant.
 • The theft of a carton of Marlboro cigarettes and two "Batman" hats was reported by a business in the 300 block of Owens Street. The value of the items was listed as \$34.
 • A microwave and TV were reported stolen from a residence in the 1400 block of Harding Street. The value of the property was estimated as \$530.
 • A vehicle traveling near the intersection of North San Antonio and NW Seventh streets reportedly sustained damage when it fell into a hole in the street. The hole was believed to have been caused by a broken water pipe.

Stenholm lobbies for committee appointment

Herald Washington Bureau
 WASHINGTON— Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, is lobbying the Democratic leadership to appoint him to the House Budget Committee, a key panel that sets spending targets for the federal budget each year.
 Stenholm, just elected to his seventh term from the 17th District, has been pushing for several years to get the House to endorse a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. A seat on the budget panel would put him in a stronger position to work toward spending cuts.
 The Stamford lawmaker currently serves on the House Agriculture Committee, where he chairs the important dairy and livestock sub-

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Hoping to prevent conservative Democrats like Stenholm from breaking ranks on spending issues, House Speaker Tom Foley and the House leadership made Stenholm part of the leadership as deputy whip.

That promotion has had several effects. While Stenholm has kept in step with the leadership on several tough issues, such as the initial budget and tax plan last year, the leadership has also given him some opportunities he has wanted, such as last year's narrow vote on the balanced budget amendment.

The proposed amendment fell just seven votes short of the two-thirds majority needed last July 17.

committee. He is also a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Stenholm said he would temporarily give up the veterans committee if appointed to the budget panel.
 "The last budget agreement attempted to set some real spending ceilings and Congress now has to determine its priorities," Stenholm

said Monday. "The budget committee is going to do a lot of that work."

Stenholm, an informal leader of the Conservative Democratic Caucus, typically opposes new spending programs. During the last session of Congress, when Senate Democrats had crafted a \$5 billion program of child care

benefits for families, Stenholm countered with a scaled down, \$2.5 billion alternative.

When the Bush administration and the Democratic leadership agreed to the five-year budget plan last October that raised \$140 billion in new taxes, Stenholm was quietly arguing for a multi-year budget freeze instead.

Costs

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 double the deployment, the administration has not publicly estimated the additional cost.
 Congressional aides said they were unsure whether the costs would double if the number of troops also doubled.
 Pentagon spending is increasing because of reservists who have been called up and because Desert Shield troops are receiving \$110 per month in hazardous-duty pay, they said.

However, they noted, many of the new troops are being sent to the Middle East from bases in Europe, a shorter and cheaper trip than the journey from the United States many of the first soldiers made. In addition, the Pentagon is not hurrying the extra troops to the Gulf as it did the first wave.

"If there's no rush to get there, you can put them on ships that will take two weeks to get there but cost a lot less money than flying them," one aide said.

Last week, Robert Reischauer, director of the Congressional Budget Office, told lawmakers that it would cost about \$12 billion for the 400,000-troop force to remain in the gulf for a year — excluding contributions from allies.

House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif., has said war with Iraq could cost \$1 billion to \$2 billion daily.

But Republican congressional aides have said they believe that figure is too high. At a hearing last week, Reischauer told Panetta that a \$1-billion-per-day price tag was "wildly too high."



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Bridge work

Strickland and Knight employee Juan Gaytan smooths a concrete guardrail that was recently poured on the rebuilt eastbound Interstate 20 bridge over North Birdwell Lane. Once work on the bridge is complete, renovation will begin on the westbound lanes, with the bridge being widened to bring it in accordance with the latest highway standards.

Hostages

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 Frankfurt, Germany, before coming to the United States. Last week, the Iraqi parliament voted to allow the 8,000 American, European and Japanese hostages to go free.

U.S. officials said they expected a second planeload of Americans to leave Iraq today. They had no details about the flight.

"We've got one plane here and another on the way," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. Monday's plane carried 156 people, including four Canadians. Fitzwater refused to say how many Americans remained in Iraq and Kuwait.

Ivan Selin, the State Department's undersecretary for management, greeted the evacuees. They then were whisked away — out of sight of hordes of reporters — for private reunions with their families.

The ex-hostages spent the night in the capital, and some said they expected to be debriefed by U.S. officials.

Rinehart, an electrical engineer who was on a sales trip to Kuwait when Iraqi troops invaded the country Aug. 2, was holed up at the embassy compound for his entire stay.

"I was the camp plumber," said Rinehart, explaining how the embassy staff and the private citizens inside kept themselves occupied during the siege. Some people cooked, cleaned and guarded the complex. Rinehart said he helped dig a 14-foot water well.

President Bush has announced that all Americans soon will leave the embassy in Kuwait.

"For the most part, it was boring," said Gale Rogers, a consular officer at the Kuwait embassy.

Life at the embassy also was uncomfortable. Without fresh water and electricity, the Americans were without air conditioning in the summer. The air was "hot with flies" in the summer and "cold with flies" in the winter, Rogers said.

The Americans ate mainly rice and tuna fish with different sauces, a diet that caused Rinehart to lose 25 pounds, he said.

Rogers, of Arlington, Va., said the Americans were afraid at times, particularly right after the invasion. "The threat is there all the time if you can't go home and you can't leave," he said.

Council discusses cost of drilling at landfill site

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
 Staff Writer

STANTON — It could cost an estimated \$20,000 to bore three more test holes on a proposed city-county municipal landfill site, city councilmembers learned at their regular meeting Monday night.

The drillings will be done following the discovery of sand in one of five holes already drilled, an indication that underground water could possibly be present.

"Out of that, one of these three holes or others, we could find water," said city-retained engineer Gary Parker of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., of Midland. It is believed now by city and county officials that there is no groundwater under the proposed site.

"Hopefully these will all be done and we can prove our point and we can get on with getting our permit," Parker said. No groundwater at the site could possibly result in cost-saving exceptions to proposed stringent federal landfill regulations expected to be passed in 1991.

Taxes

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beer. Specifically, the federal tax on one quart of beer on Jan. 1 will be 7 cents. If the brewer adds another 7 cents, then the quart of beer will cost the consumer at least 14 cents more than it does now.

All the rate increases are based on "proof" or percentage of alcohol content. The rate for distilled spirits is for 100 proof; for 80-proof whiskey, the rate is 80 percent or 80 cents per gallon.

Hill said the new tax is the second tax increase this fall for local buyers, since a local tax went into effect on Oct. 1. He and other liquor store owners indicated that the unusual number of tax increases in a short period of time have led to price increases because of the paperwork and inventory check involved in the taxation.

The new sales tax which went into effect in October added 1 percent. The distributors are still reeling from the paperwork involved in that increase and must necessarily pass on the administrative costs to consumers, Hill said.

Stanford says the government changed in recent years to the metric system in measuring distilled spirits, although beer is still

measured in quarts, gallons or barrels. The person who once bought a "fifth" of Scotch now buys 750 milliliters (ml) which is approximately the same size. The federal tax on the 750 ml bottle will be 18 cents. If the distiller increases his cost to the wholesaler, then the cost of a 750 ml bottle or fifth will increase about 35 or 40 cents.

Most of the liquor store owners polled said they have lists of the new tax rates and are certain that prices will increase. Beyond that, they are not sure how much it will mean to the average drinker or smoker.

Owner Johnnie Tatum at Big Mike's Liquor Store said she expects the cost of a package of cigarettes to increase only about \$0.40. No price increase on cigarettes from the distributor is anticipated at this time.

All price increases at this time are only educated guesses, the owners said, but based on the history of tax increases, consumers can look for some good sales toward the end of the month, as local liquor merchants decrease floor stock and consumers flock to take advantage of pre-tax increase prices.

Policies updated to comply with state law

By DEBBIE LINCÉCUM
 Staff Writer

The Colorado Independent School District updated several policies to comply with new state laws at its meeting Monday.

A policy dealing with the transportation of students outside the district was considered, and more legal advice will be sought in the matter, said superintendent Don Nimmo.

State law would require that students be transported only in federally approved vehicles, creating the need for a policy change on the issue, he said.

An advisory committee for the "district-level decision process" was established, also to comply with new laws. The committee will hear reports on the status of the district, and make its concerns known to the board, Nimmo said.

The school policy for payment of "extra-duty hour" wages for teachers was updated at the meeting. Teachers who work on Saturday activities and other "extra" hours will be paid according-

ly, Nimmo said.

In other business, the board appointed Deborah Leigh Shaw as a teacher in the Chapter I program at the Hutchison campus. Shaw's appointment leaves the program fully staffed after the transfer of one teacher to work with dyslexic students, Nimmo said.

In an executive session, trustees completed an evaluation of Nimmo, who became superintendent in August. His contract will be re-evaluated in January.

Susan Farr, a teacher who is working on mid-management level certification, reported on the concept of "site-based management." Nimmo said the phrase has become the "buzzword" around the state.

"We're ahead on that," he said. "We started using it... three years ago on our campuses." Farr's report was designed to re-familiarize trustees with the idea, and to introduce it to new board members, he added.

The board will meet again Monday, Jan. 14.

Journalist missed beer and cigarettes in space

TOKYO (AP) — After eight days as the first journalist in space, Toyohiro Akiyama safely touched down yesterday with down-to-Earth cravings for beer, good food and a smoke.

"It seems like I came back as a mass of desire," Akiyama, 48, said after emerging from the Soyuz space capsule that landed on the frozen tundra in Kazakhstan, the Soviet republic in Central Asia.

Akiyama, a news director for the Tokyo Broadcasting System, was the first Japanese in space. He returned with cosmonauts Gennady Manakov and Gennady Strekalov, who were concluding a four-month stay aboard the Mir space station.

TBS paid the Soviets \$12 million for Akiyama's rocket fare and spent an additional \$25 million on the project.

As soon as Akiyama emerged from the capsule, waving and smiling, he was mobbed by TBS reporters who had raced to the landing site to beam live to Japan his first words back on terra firma.

"Yes, it's very beautiful," he said when asked how it felt to be

back on Earth. TBS then arranged for Akiyama to say a few words to his wife, Kyoko, who had watched the landing from the company's Tokyo studios.

"I'm back," said Akiyama, wrapped in a parka and with his space helmet still in place. "I worried a bit," replied his wife.

"Did the kids do all right on their exams?" he asked.

"Why ask such things now?" she shot back.

"I want to eat something good," "I've prepared it," his wife reassured him.

The saturation coverage by TBS of Akiyama's mission reached a crescendo with an all-day live broadcast of the landing, which came at about 3:05 p.m. local time.

Reporters were at the landing site less than 10 minutes after touchdown, and repeatedly mentioned how charred the capsule looked. When asked by an anchorman whether the capsule was still hot, a journalist at the scene touched the side and reported back: "I can't tell because I have gloves on."

Election

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The Dec. 17 hearing is scheduled to begin in the afternoon with retired visiting Judge Barbara Culvert Clack, of Andrews, presiding. She was a former Texas

Supreme Court judge as well as a district and county judge in Midland. She was called in because no district judge can preside over a contest election suit filed in their court, according to the Election Code.

Death

Verdie DeVaney

Verdie H. DeVaney, 75, Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 1990, in a local hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. James H. Janney, of Coronado Christian Church in El Paso, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 23, 1915, in Granbury. She married Walter Noble DeVaney April 23, 1934, in Stanton. He preceded her in death March 29, 1969. She was a member of Coronado Christian Church in El Paso. She had lived in Dallas and El Paso for a number of years, and had recently returned to Big Spring. She worked for Trinity

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Portland Cement in Dallas for a number of years before retiring.

Survivors include two daughters and one son-in-law: Barbara Cave, El Paso; and Donna D. and Jack Garbe, Beeville; two brothers: Marvin Hayworth, Big Spring; and Mike Hayworth, Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters: Leola Davidson, Big Spring; and Dorothy Faye Hayworth, El Centro, Calif.; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one granddaughter.

Pallbearers will be Stewart Dearing, Greg Garbe, Franklin Kirby, Mark Hayworth, Jimmy Hayworth, and J.D. Rowland.

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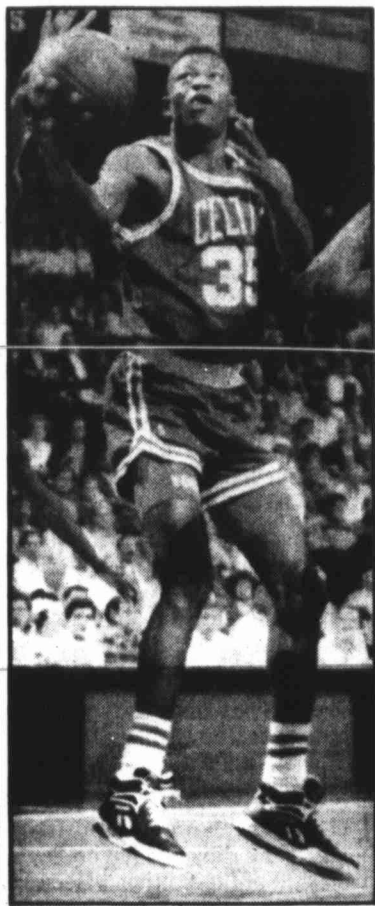
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Up and away

HOUSTON — Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis (35) drives toward the basket during first-quarter action against the Houston Rockets Monday night. The Celtics rallied to defeat the Rockets.

Steers at home tonight

The Big Spring Steers will be in action tonight when they host the Lamesa Tornados at 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym.

This will be the third meeting between the two teams this season. Lamesa, 10-1 for the season, defeated Big Spring, 91-63 and 74-50, in the previous games.

The 2-10 Steers are coming off losses to Odessa Permian, Lamesa and Snyder in the Lamesa Cotton Classic this weekend.

Freshman action starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by junior varsity play at 6.

Lady Steers hit the road

The Big Spring Lady Steers, 1-11 for the season, will be in action tonight when they travel to Midland to take on the Midland Lee Lady Rebels.

The Lady Steers are coming off three losses at the Polk-Key City tournament in Abilene last weekend.

Action tonight begins at 6 p.m. with the junior varsity contest. The varsity squads will tangle at 7:30.

YMCA site for hoops league

The Big Spring YMCA is having signups until Dec. 21 for its Youth Basketball League. The league is open to youth in grades 1-6.

Entry fee is \$22 for members and \$32 for non-members. There will be a \$5 late fee for registrations after Dec. 21.

There will be no tryouts; each player will play every game. Boys competition begins Jan. 5, while girls play begins March 23.

Coahoma sweeps Sweetwater

COAHOMA — The Coahoma ninth-graders swept their counterparts from Sweetwater in basketball action here Monday.

In girls' action, Rhonda Thompson scored 12 points and Vanessa King nine to lead Coahoma past Sweetwater, 43-22. The win improved the Bulldogettes' record to 2-2.

Juan Ruiz scored 33 points and Jason Harmon added 17 to lead the Coahoma boys to a 66-59 win in the nightcap. The win gives Coahoma a 3-1 mark for the season.

The Coahoma girls will return to action this weekend when they participate in the Greenwood tournament, while the boys will be in tournament action in Crane.

Raiders rally past Detroit

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Los Angeles Raiders, unflappable in the face of Detroit's high-tech offense, just used old-fashioned speed and power to beat the Lions.

Jay Schroeder passed for 195 yards and three touchdowns and Bo Jackson started a dramatic comeback with a 55-yard TD sprint Monday night as the Raiders beat the Lions 38-31.

It was a must-win game for the Raiders (9-4), who overcame a 24-14 second-quarter deficit. The Raiders needed the victory to keep pace with Kansas City atop the AFC West because the Chiefs have swept the season series between the two clubs.

The teams combined for 35 points in the first quarter, second-highest in NFL history. The record was set Nov. 12, 1967, when Green Bay led Cleveland 35-7 after one quarter.

"We knew coming in they were going to make big plays, so we just gave the defense time to settle down and eventually they got going," Schroeder said. "They made some big plays. I'm just happy with the win and we're going to get ready for next week."

Barry Sanders of Detroit gained 176 yards on 25 carries, becoming only the 10th back to rush for 1,000 yards in each of his first two NFL seasons. Bobby Humphrey of Denver became the ninth when he went over 1,000 Sunday. Sanders now has 1,081 yards with three games remaining for Detroit (4-9).

"Barry plays super," Detroit coach Wayne Fontes said. "The more we give Barry the ball, the better off we are."

Jackson, in his seventh game since finishing up with baseball, gained 129 yards on 18 carries, including a 55-yard TD burst for Los Angeles. He now has 488 rushing yards.



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PONTIAC, Mich. — Detroit running back Barry Sanders (20) gets past the tackle of Los Angeles Raiders safety Mike Harden (45) en route to a

35-yard touchdown run during first-quarter action Monday night in the Pontiac Silverdome. Los Angeles defeated the Lions, 38-31.

The Raiders, trailing 24-21 at halftime, took control with two touchdowns in the third quarter. Schroeder tossed a 10-yard touchdown to Mervyn Fernandez on the Raiders' first possession of the period and found Tim Brown

from 3 yards out on the Raiders next drive for a 35-24 lead with 4:21 left in the quarter.

"It was a fun game," said Schroeder, who completed 12 of 19 passes. "It was nerve-racking at times, but it was still a fun game."

Rodney Peete, who completed 11 of 24 for 178 yards, scored on a 6-yard keeper for Detroit with 8:36 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Lions within four points.

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Seniors lead 'Heels past Wildcats, 84-81

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Pete Chilcutt says North Carolina's freshmen will get their day in the sun, but not before the senior class of 1991 has its turn first.

With all the talk about Coach Dean Smith's five blue-chip recruits, the seniors have assumed their customary leadership roles. Chilcutt scored the game-winning dunk with 62 seconds left to spark a 7-0 run and lead the ninth-ranked Tar Heels to an 84-81 victory over No. 18 Kentucky.

The victory snapped Kentucky's unbeaten streak at four and it also gave North Carolina temporary control of first place for all-time college basketball victories with 1,484. The two were tied before their battle in Chapel Hill.

In other games involving ranked teams Monday, No. 13 Oklahoma beat Coppin State 98-79 and No. 17 South Carolina defeated Charleston Southern 69-51.

"These guys are still coming along and they definitely have talent and they're definitely help-

College roundup

ing this team," Chilcutt said of the five newcomers. "They're helping right now."

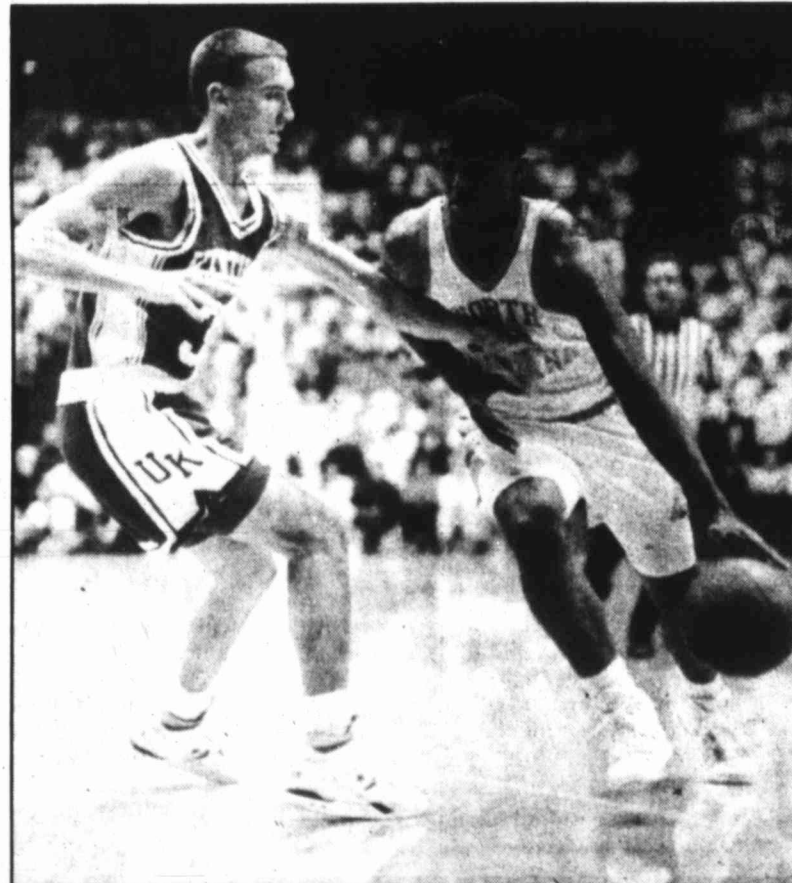
"But this team has three great seniors that are really going to lead this team. In the second half of games, we've been in trouble and looked to Rick (Fox) and King (Rice) and myself for leadership, and we were able to get it."

That leadership was necessary in the final 13 minutes, when the Tar Heels (5-1) had to mount a comeback after John Pelphrey's 3-pointer gave the Wildcats their biggest lead at 63-51.

First, North Carolina got the gap down to 69-62 with a three-point play by Fox at 8:19.

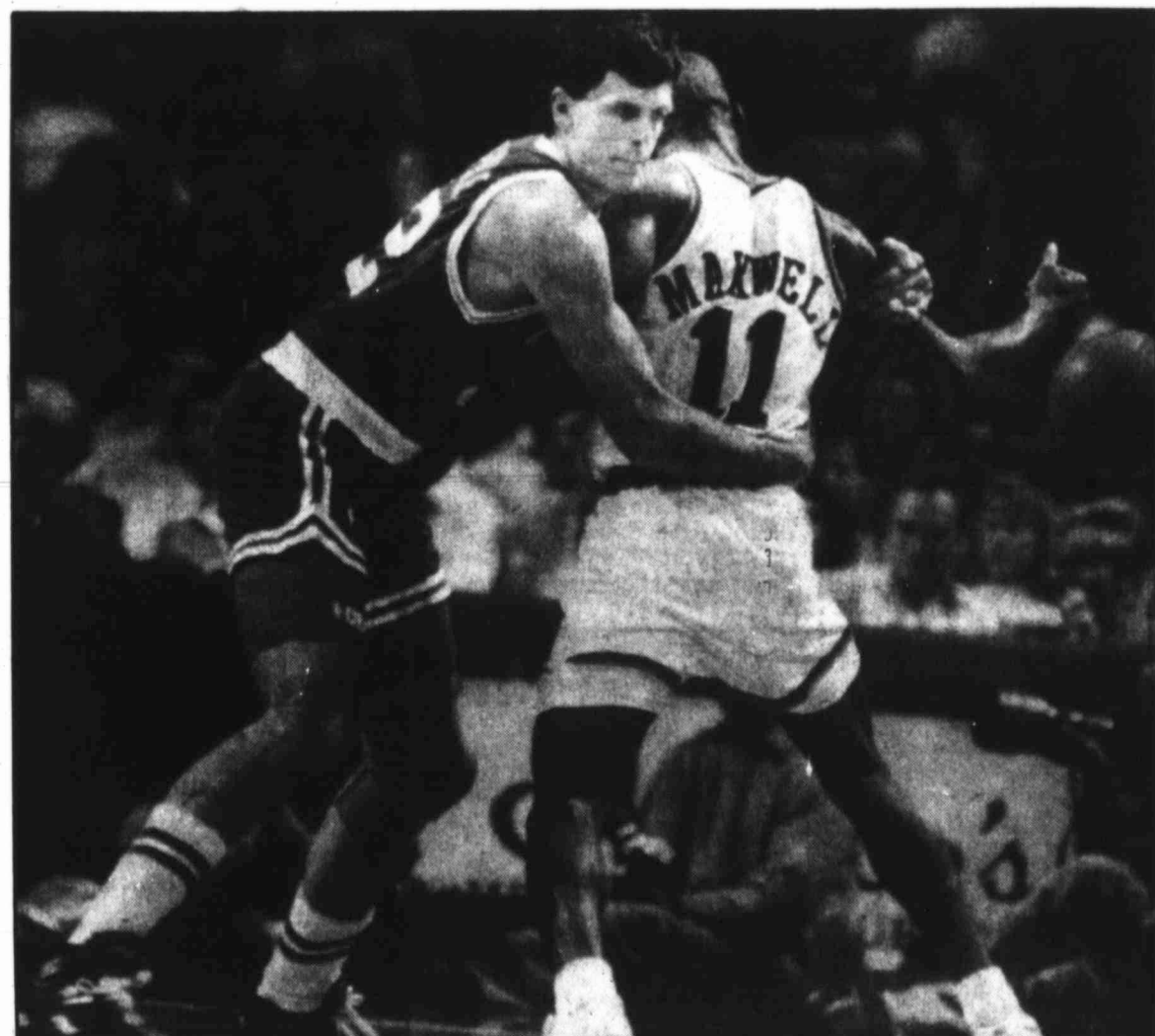
George Lynch, a sophomore who earned a starting spot in the preseason, scored on a breakaway to narrow Kentucky's lead to 74-68 with 5:45 left. Chilcutt scored on a

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Associated Press photo

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina's Rick Fox, right, attempts to drive to the basket against Kentucky's John Pelphrey during first-half action Monday night.



Associated Press photo

Shall we dance?

HOUSTON — Boston Celtics' Kevin McHale (32) stops Houston's Vernon Maxwell from going to

the basket in the first half Monday night. The Celtics won the game, 107-95.

Dream team named

NEW YORK (AP) — Quarterback Joe Montana and 12 Pro Football Hall of Famers, five of them from the Pittsburgh Steelers, were named to the silver anniversary Super Bowl team, elected in nationwide fan balloting and announced by the NFL.

Nine Steelers — all members of the team that won four Super Bowls in six years during the 1970s — dominated the squad. The Hall of Fame Steelers elected were defensive tackle Joe Greene, linebackers Jack Lambert and Jack Ham, cornerback Mel Blount and running back Franco Harris.

The other Steelers elected were wide receiver Lynn Swann, center Mike Webster, defensive end L.C. Greenwood and safety Donnie Shell. Another Pittsburgh Hall of Famer, Terry Bradshaw, finished a distant second at quarterback to Montana, one of four San Francisco players selected. Also picked from the 49ers were cornerback Ronnie Lott, wide receiver Jerry Rice and kick returner John Taylor.

The four 49ers and Webster, now with Kansas City, are the only members of the team still active.

Besides the five Steelers, the Hall of Famers elected were Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi; running back Larry Csonka of Miami; tackles Art Shell of the Raiders and Forrest Gregg of Green Bay and Dallas; guard Gene Upshaw of the Raider; linebacker Ted Hendricks of Baltimore and the Raiders; and safety Willie Wood of Green Bay.

Also elected to the offensive unit were tight end Dave Casper of the Raiders and guard Jerry Kramer of Green Bay. Dallas teammates Ed "Too Tall" Jones at end and Randy White at tackle and inside linebacker Mike Singletary of Chicago completed the defense.

Ray Guy of the Raiders was picked at the punter and Jan Stenerud of Kansas City was named the placekicker.

The team, selected from 105 players and coaches nominated by a committee of media and NFL officials who have seen all 24 Super Bowls, will be honored at the silver anniversary game in Tampa Jan. 27.

The closest vote was at defensive end where Jones beat Chicago's Richard Dent for the second spot by just over 20,000 votes of the 1.1 million ballots cast. Kramer beat Randy Cross of San Francisco by about 50,000 votes for the second guard position. Wood was about 75,000 votes ahead of Cliff Harris of Dallas for the second safety spot.

Douglas looking for 'meaningful' fight

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A year ago, James "Buster" Douglas was lifting weights, running and sparring in preparation for a heavyweight title fight with Mike Tyson.

This year, Douglas is attending Lamaze classes with his wife in preparation for an impending addition to the family.

There isn't much doubt which he prefers.

"I feel like I'm the luckiest man in the world," Douglas said Monday.

Douglas, an off-the-board underdog, shocked Tyson with a 10th-round knockout Feb. 10 in Tokyo to win the heavyweight champion.

For 8½ months, Douglas was the king of the heavyweight division. Everyone said nice things about him, boxers paid him homage and the public adored his rags-to-riches story.

Then came Oct. 25. Douglas rolled into his first title defense against Evander Holyfield at 246 pounds — 16 pounds heavier than against Tyson. And Douglas was humiliated in a third-round knockout.

Now he said he spends his days in the office of James Buster Douglas, Inc., setting up a charitable foundation in memory of his mother who died shortly

before the Tyson fight. At home, he and wife Bertha are getting ready for their first child.

And in Douglas' mind, he's laying the groundwork for clearing his name in boxing.

"I consider myself still a fighter," Douglas said. "At this point, though, I don't know what's on the horizon. It's just a thing where after the first of the year I'll start training again because I enjoy fighting. It's something I can still do and do well. Because what they saw Oct. 25 wasn't the best James Douglas can offer, that's for sure."

Douglas blames fitful training and a shorter period of preparation for his lack of conditioning. When he stepped on the scales, he said he was shocked when his weight was announced. He said it had a profound impact on the fight.

"I felt I was going to come in at 236, to be honest with you," said Douglas, who weighs between 250 and 260 pounds today. "I tried to not let it affect me, to go out there and go to work. But it was surprising."

After a miserable performance, he was lampooned by columnists and comedians, mocked by Tyson and Holyfield's handlers. In one

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Sidelines

Court may decide on free agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department, supporting pro football players in a legal fight for free agency, recommended that the Supreme Court hear the appeal of players who are suing the National Football League.

The NFL Players Association called the advice from the government's top lawyer a victory in the courtroom battle it has waged with the league since the players' strike in 1987.

In his recommendation to the Supreme Court, Solicitor General Kenneth Starr said a lower court had gone too far in ruling that the NFL was exempt from anti-trust laws indefinitely after an impasse in collective bargaining talks.

Assault suspects to stand trial

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Three men accused of severely beating San Diego Chargers nose tackle Joe Phillips were ordered to stand trial in Superior Court on assault charges.

Municipal Court Judge E. Mac Amos Jr. bound the three men over for trial following a 2½-hour preliminary hearing in which two eyewitnesses placed at least one of the defendants at the site of the beating. Charged in the attack are Scott Stewart, 24, of Santee, Calif.; David Hanna, 22, of San Diego; and Brett Dost, 21, of San Diego. All three men are currently free on bail.

The three will be arraigned in Superior Court on Dec. 27 on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, battery with serious bodily injury and vandalism.

Sutton signs on at West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Bob Sutton, Army's defensive coordinator for the past eight years, signed a multiyear contract to succeed Jim Young as head football coach. Young retired following the Cadets' 30-20 victory over Navy on Saturday.

Sutton was an assistant at Michigan, Syracuse, Western Michigan and Illinois before coming to West Point in 1983.

Two Buckeyes to miss bowl

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Two Ohio State football players, including starting defensive end Alonzo Spellman, were suspended and will miss the Liberty Bowl against Air Force on Dec. 27.

Ohio State defensive coordinator Bill Young refused to comment on the reasons behind the suspensions and referred questions to Ohio State head coach John Cooper. Young described the other player as a red-shirt player he would not identify.

LSU moves up in AP poll

Louisiana State got a boost from Shaquille O'Neal and a boot up in the polls. While UNLV retained the No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press poll, LSU moved from No. 18 to No. 12 with a 92-82 victory over Arizona.

O'Neal, a 7-foot, 1-inch sophomore, had 29 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Tigers and proclaimed: "I tried to dominate the game."

The loss dropped Arizona from second to fourth. Arkansas moved from third to second and Syracuse moved up a spot to third.

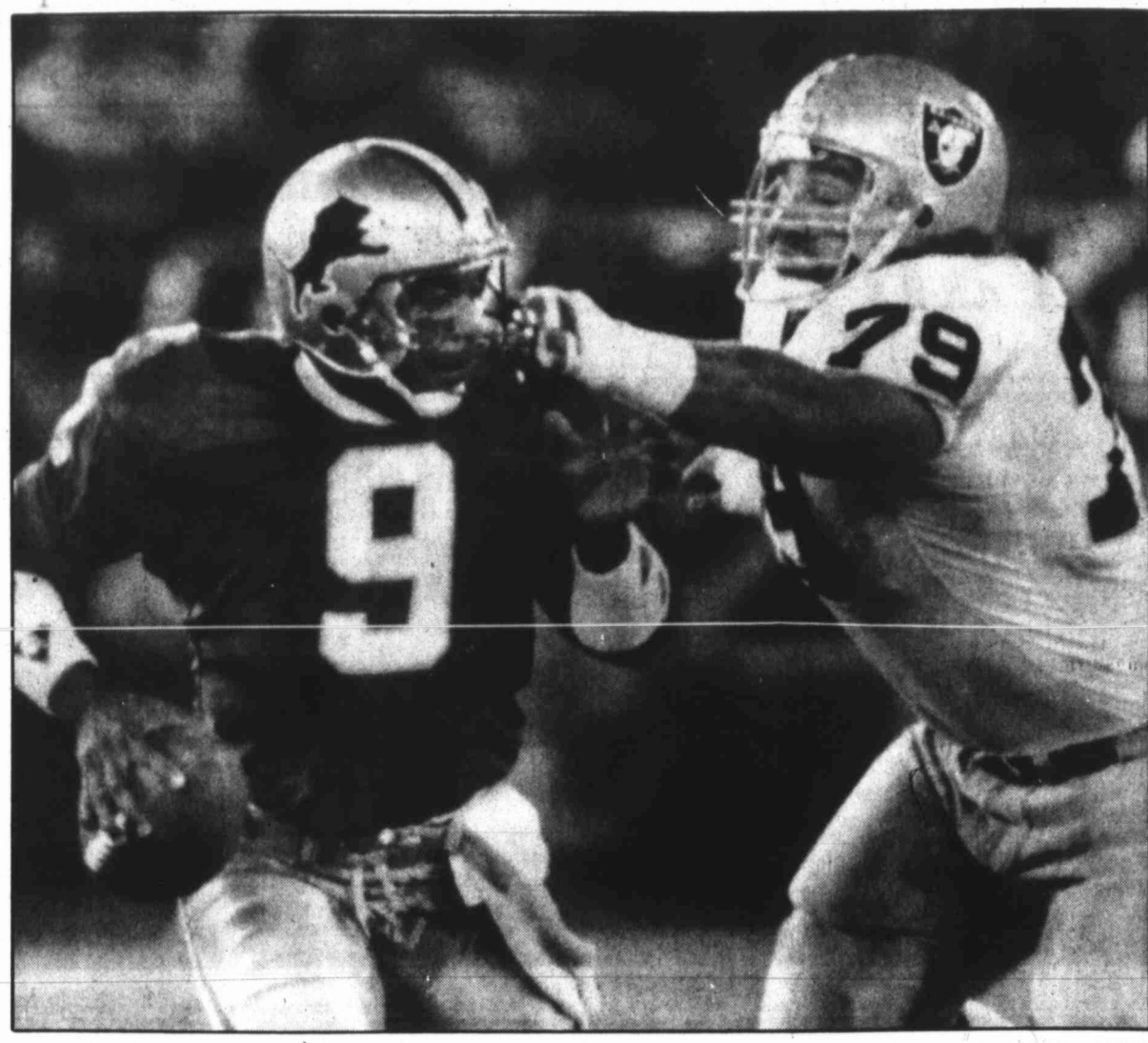
UNLV (2-0) received 63 of 65 first-place votes and 1,623 points in balloting by a nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters.

BC names Gladchuk to AD position

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Boston College has named Chet S. Gladchuk, a 1973 graduate, to succeed William J. Flynn as athletic director. Flynn announced his retirement earlier this year.

Gladchuk, athletic director at Tulane University since 1988, will immediately begin the search for a head football coach to succeed Jack Bicknell, who was fired after the 1990 season.

Gladchuk, 40, previously served as associate athletic director at Syracuse University.



Hand-to-face

PONTIAC, Mich. — Los Angeles defender Bob Golic, right, gets his hand in the face of Detroit quarterback Rodney Peete during first quarter action Monday night. Peete escaped the attempted tackle and completed a pass, setting up the Lions' first touchdown.

Bulldogs impressed with Sherrill so far

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi State players say their first impression of new Bulldog coach Jackie Sherrill was a good one.

"He already seems like he'd be a father to us," said Tony James, a sophomore running back-kick returner from Clinton. "I like him. He says he doesn't have many rules. Just be on time."

The Bulldogs, who first met with Sherrill for about 20 minutes late Sunday afternoon, repeated words like "straightforward," "businesslike" and "confident" in describing the 13-year coaching veteran.

"I was real impressed," junior wide receiver Chris Firlie of Collins said. "I think we're all just real happy a decision has been made and we can go in the direction we all want to go."

"Coach Sherrill was real straightforward. He told us what he expected of us and asked us if

we had any questions of him." Firlie, like most of his teammates, had little knowledge of Sherrill beforehand.

"I haven't heard a lot about him," Firlie said. "I know he won at Pitt and at Texas A&M. But like he said, coaches don't win games, players do. It's his job to put the players in a position to win. He seems real confident he can do that."

Pascagoula sophomore linebacker Keith Joseph had done some research on Sherrill. Two of his hometown friends, Chris Osgood and Cornelius Patterson of Moss Point, played for Sherrill at Texas A&M.

"They say he's fun to play for," Joseph said. "They said he has a way of making you want to play hard. They say he's a motivator."

Joseph said Sherrill told the team "he was going to turn things around. He said that's what he came here for."

Buster

Continued from page 1-B week, Douglas went from champ to chump in the public eye.

Despite being the butt of jokes, he said he didn't have problems recovering from the loss. He said he understood how fickle people can be. He said he has a low tolerance for those jumping on or off his bandwagon.

"I never got caught up in believing that they always loved me," he said of some followers. "I knew they were there for the moment, or however long the moment lasts. That's why I stayed away from it."

"I was intimidated in a sense because I didn't want to ever be around that — the situation where everybody was smiling in my face, knowing they've got their big knives behind their backs waiting to put them in my back."

He said he regrets saying after the Holyfield fight that he would fight anybody if the money was right. Now he says money doesn't enter into the decision, just the opportunity to make people forget Oct. 25.

"I need something to show that I'm back. A major fight. Not just a fight, but a fight with some credibility. I see that as being a Tyson-Douglas fight," Douglas said.

He said Tyson needs him as much as he needs Tyson.

"I feel Mike wants to redeem himself. He wants an opportunity to fight James Douglas again. And I'm more than willing to give him the opportunity because we're two of the best heavyweights out there," he said. "And I feel when I'm right, there's no one who can compete with me. When I fight Mike Tyson, the winner should get a mandatory title shot."

Even though he has abruptly dropped out of the headlines, Douglas said it doesn't matter.

"I'm really at peace within myself because I know many thought it could never happen," he said of his reign as champion. "I still feel, given the right opportunity, it could happen for me again."

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College

Continued from page 1-B follow-up at 3:23 and the deficit was down to 76-73. Lynch scored again at 2:09 and North Carolina was within 78-77.

The Wildcats, meanwhile, were trying to cope with foul trouble that forced Coach Rick Pitino to go to his bench.

"Tonight, it wasn't from the press," Pitino said when asked if the pressure defense led to the fouls. "We didn't do a good job inside. We were fouling not on the press, but we were fouling with interior defense."

In the second half, North Carolina took the ball inside to move within striking distance. But that work looked like it was in vain when Pelphrey completed a three-

Raiders

Continued from page 1-B Jeff Jaeger kicked a 37-yard field goal for the Raiders with 1:55 remaining.

The game turned into a track meet on the opening kickoff as Mel Gray of Detroit went 49 yards to put the Lions at midfield for their first snap.

Each team had scored two touchdowns in the first 8:28 and the Lions led 21-14 at the end of the first quarter — in sharp contest to the Monday night game of a week ago when the San Francisco 49ers beat the New York Giants 7-3.

Things settled down in the second

Oilers expect tougher fight from KC

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers don't expect to give Kansas City the same kind of treatment they gave to the Cleveland Browns.

"We just put the boot to them (Browns) for a change but Kansas City will present the real test for us," offensive tackle Bruce Matthews said.

The Oilers beat the Browns 58-14 in record fashion Sunday to get back into the AFC Central Division race with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, all tied for the lead with 7-6 records.

But manhandling the Chiefs (9-4), who beat the Oilers 34-0 last year, will be another matter.

"They have a great pass rush and they can cover the pass as well as anybody," Matthews said.

Houston's hopes of returning to the NFL playoffs for the fourth straight year depend on their production in the next three games, beginning Sunday in Kansas City, where they've compiled a series record of 5-14.

Celtics' defense defuses Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry Bird says he likes the challenge the Boston Celtics gave him when they switched him from small forward to power forward.

"I like the challenge of playing a new role," Bird said after leading the Celtics in a 15-0 run late in the fourth quarter as Boston defeated the Houston Rockets 107-95 Monday night.

"There are new matchups and defensive assignments," Bird said after he highlighted the five-minute run with two 3-point baskets.

"I really didn't want to shoot that far out, but 3-pointers have a way of demoralizing teams. We tried for better shots, but the 3-pointers were open," said Bird, who finished with 21 points.

"We played good defense, we were scrappy, and we made some shots."

"He steps up and takes the big shots when they have to be taken," Celtics coach Chris Ford said of Bird. "Even though he has been struggling with his shot, he has to take them in that situation."

In the only other NBA game Monday night, the New Jersey Nets handed the Charlotte Hornets their fourth straight loss, 121-115.

The Boston-Houston game was tight for 43 minutes until the Celtics made a change in defensive strategy.

The Celtics held Houston center Akeem Olujuwon in check most of

the game by doubling up on him whenever he got the ball. This left the Rockets guards with wide-open shots, and Vernon Maxwell and Kenny Smith made Boston pay.

Maxwell scored 24 points, including four 3-pointers, and Smith had 14.

In the last five minutes, the Celtics went to a man-to-man defense and the Rockets fell apart.

"Maxwell made us pay when we cheated on Akeem," said Celtics forward Kevin McHale, who had 23 points coming off the bench. "We tried to play more head-up defense, and then Larry hit some humongous threes."

Maxwell gave Houston a 91-90 lead with five minutes left on his fourth 3-pointer of the game, but the Rockets didn't score again until only 18 seconds remained and they trailed 105-91.

"Down the stretch, we played them straight up and were able to contain them and force them into a few turnovers," said guard Brian Shaw, who led Boston with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

"We played one-on-five basketball too much down the stretch and were not aggressive. We stood around too much," Smith said.

"That is a championship team. They are like they used to be," Olujuwon said of the Celtics. "Because of their experience you just can't make mistakes against them."

"Getting Cleveland behind us without overlooking them was very important. They're still a good team but they've had their problems this year."

Jack Pardee

Pardee realizes the challenge of the Chiefs is greater than that of the Browns.

"We weren't overlooking Cleveland but Kansas City was the next good team we played," Pardee said. "Getting Cleveland behind us without overlooking them was very important. They're still a good team but they've had their problems this year."

Houston's 58 points against the Browns was a franchise record and it was also the most points the

Browns have yielded in regular season.

The Oilers have had to contend with inconsistency this season. Pardee said his defense had its best game of the season against the Browns but putting good games together has been a problem.

The Oilers haven't reached 'great' status as a team, Pardee said.

"It's a team that's not great yet but it shows possibilities of being that at times," Pardee said. "It's hard to be in a position to be 7-6 and then get to the next step. It probably involves one or two players stepping up."

Lorenzo White and Terry Kinard gave Pardee what he was looking for in Sunday's blowout.

White had the first four-touchdown performance since Earl Campbell's Monday night performance in 1978 and Kinard returned a fumble 72 yards for a touchdown and had a 47-yard interception return that set up another score.

Smith said. "We're going to be good, but we're sure not good right now."

And what about his freshmen? "When I played them, they didn't respond. It's hard to play for a few minutes," Smith said. "We've got to step back and look at it."

Pitino was disappointed, too, but primarily because his team nearly stole a victory at Chapel Hill.

"They did it with a makeshift lineup for most of the game. It's a very bitter pill to swallow because we should have won this game. But it's another lesson learned for this basketball team and we'll grow from it," Pitino said.

Lynch and Hubert Davis scored 13 points apiece for North Carolina. Pelphrey scored 24 points.

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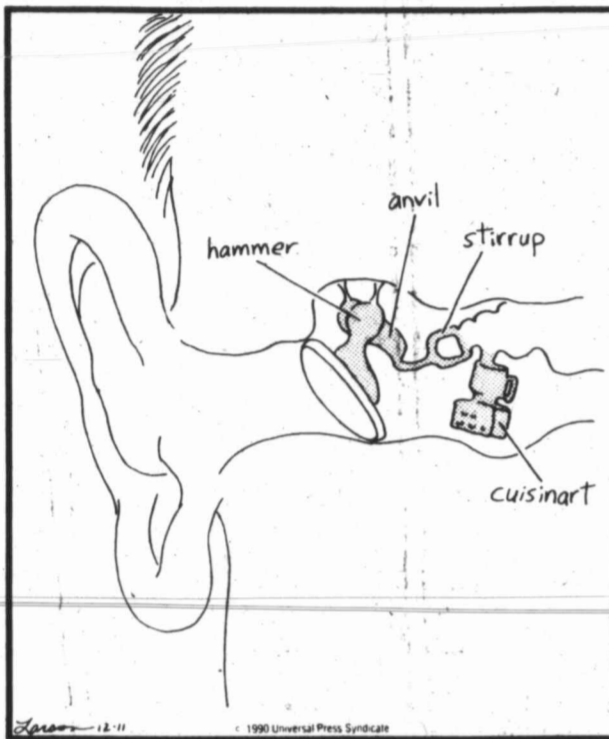
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WANTED SHOP and yard hand, must have good mechanical ability and commercial drivers license. Salary depends on experience. Apply at Hughes Fertilizer, 100 S. St. Peter, Stanton, (915)756-2888.

Jobs Wanted 299

CLEAN YARDS and alleys, haul trash, trim trees, clean storage sheds, odd jobs. Call 263-4672.

Loans 325

\$5,000 CREDIT CARD. Guaranteed! No deposit! Rush for Christmas! Also no deposit Visa! No credit check. Personal loans made. 1-(800) 800-5246, anytime.

Farm Equipment 420

5 BOTTOM BROWN Brothers breaking plow with packer. Used on 600 acres. Like new. 267-7735, evenings.

Antiques 503

Antiques, collectibles, primitives, old fashioned lye soap, hand dipped hollow candles, homemade candy. For a gift that lasts and an investment for the future, come see us. OLD ANTIKS, ROBY TEXAS. Open 8 to 5 Monday thru Saturday. Call 915-776-2846.

Auctions 505

SPRING CITY AUCTION - Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

SPRING CITY AUCTION
Thursday, Dec. 13
7:00 p.m.
2000 W. 4th

One large lot of new jewelry, coins, glassware, new toys, Indian blankets, cases of soda, bicycles, bedroom furniture, livingroom furniture, dinette sets, recliners, tires and wheels, rolling clothes rack, baby bed, stroller, car seat, barbecue pits.
6x10, 5' enclosed steel trailer
New Items Arriving Daily!
Robert Pruitt, Auctioneer
TXS-7759 263-1831

Pet Grooming 515

IRIS' POODLE Parlor. Grooming, indoor kennels heated and air, supplies, coats, etc. 2112 West 3rd, 263-2409 263-7900.

Lost-Pets 516

LOST: BLACK, female Labrador and Boykin Spaniel, red curly hair. Vicinity Bryon Road in Tubb's Addition. Childrens pets. 267-6655.

Household Goods 531

Refrigerator, range, freezer, sofa, coffee table, Dearborne heater, table, chairs, washer/dryer, TV, microwave, Secretary. 267-6558.

Garage Sale 535

2 FAMILY GARAGE sale. Furniture, small appliances, and lots of good miscellaneous items. Thursday and Friday only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1610 E 3rd in front of A to Z Welding Shop.

INDOOR MOVING sale, Friday & Saturday, 9 till 7. Electronic equipment, TV, VCR, furniture, kitchen items, bedding, luggage, art supplies, yarn. 115 East 18th. 79721.

Produce 536

U-PICK PECANS for 1/2 or 50 lb. Whole, shelled, cracked pecans. Honey, Bennie's Pecans, 267-8090.

SHELLED PECANS, \$3.50 and up. Come by 600 Bell or call 267-7156.

Misc. For Sale 537

ALL SIZES of good used tires also 10.00x20 truck tires. Big Spring Tire, 601 Gregg.

LOCAL BIG Spring family handling oak firewood this year. Deliver or you pick-up. 263-0408.

HAVE SOMETHING to sell for less than \$100? Put a "BIG 3 AD" in the Big Spring Herald Classified!! Requirements: One item per ad, 15 words or less, 3 days for \$3.00! NO GARAGE SALES - EMPLOYMENT OR COMMERCIAL. Come by and see Debby!!

HAVE SANTA send your child a letter! Just \$2.00, special gift included. Send child's name, age, address, special interest (football, baseball, scouts, ballet, etc.), and grade information to "Santa Letter", P.O. Box 964, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

YEAR-END CLEARANCE

CAR & TRUCK...

We are overstocked with clean low mileage vans/cars & trucks.

"25 of West Texas' Finest Prowned Cars/Trucks/Vans" ★ Prowned Cars ★

1989 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS 4-DR. — White with cloth, fully loaded local one owner with 26,000 miles. ... \$12,995

1989 MERCURY SABLE G.S. — White with cloth, fully loaded local one owner with 29,000 miles. ... \$9,995

1989 FORD THUNDERBIRD — White with cloth, off lease unit with 35,000 miles. Loaded. ... \$9,995

1988 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS — Dark red with cloth, fully loaded one owner with 29,000 miles. ... \$10,495

1988 LINCOLN TOWN CAR CARTIER EDITION — Tutone silver, leather/cloth interior, fully loaded, computer dash, 44,000 miles. ... \$13,995

1988 MERCURY SABLE STATION WAGON L.S. — Dark gray metallic, leather, digital dash, tinted windows, fully loaded local one owner. ... \$7,995

1988 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS L.S. — Red with cloth, fully loaded local one owner with 44,000 miles. ... \$10,495

1988 OLDSMOBILE DELTA 88 ROYALE BROUGHAM 4-DR. — White with gray velour, fully loaded local one owner. \$9,495

1986 FORD TEMPO GL SPORT 4-DR. — Blue with gray cloth, fully loaded local one owner. ... \$3,995

1985 BUICK RIVIERA — Tutone champagne with leather, fully loaded with only 30,000 miles. ... \$7,995

1985 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS L.S. — Gray with matching leather, extra clean. ... \$6,995

1984 NISSAN SENTRA HATCHBACK 4-DR. — Red, local one owner with 41,000 miles. ... \$3,995

1984 NISSAN 200 SX SE — Blue, extra clean with 61,000 miles. ... \$4,995

★ Prowned Trucks & Vans ★

1989 FORD F150 SUPERCAB LARIAT — Short/wheelbase, cabernet red, red captain chairs, 351 fuel injected, fully loaded one owner with 26,000 miles. ... \$13,995

1989 DODGE DAKOTA SPORT — Red with matching interior, V-6, automatic, loaded, one owner with 22,000 miles. \$9,995

1989 FORD F150 SUPERCAB LARIAT — Long wheelbase, brown/white tutone, cloth bench, 302 fuel injected, automatic overdrive, fully loaded one owner with 14,000 miles. \$13,995

1989 FORD F150 SUPERCAB CUSTOM — Tan, automatic, 351 fuel injected, extra clean with 42,000 miles. ... \$8,995

TWO 1989 FORD CONVERSION VANS — Mark III with 25,000 miles, Premiere Conversion with 18,000 miles. Your choice. ... \$15,995

1988 FORD F250 SUPERCAB 4X4 DIESEL LARIAT — Brown/white tutone, fully loaded one owner, 61,000 miles. New paint and tires. ... \$11,995

1986 FORD F150 SUPERCAB XLT LARIAT — Long wheelbase, black with red cloth, 351 H.O. Extra clean one owner with 55,000 miles. ... \$8,995

1985 FORD F150 LARIAT — Shortwheel base, black, running boards, tinted windows, teneau cover, extra clean, one owner. ... \$5,995

1985 TOYOTA GOODTIMES CONVERSION VAN — Red, extra clean, local one owner. ... \$5,995

1985 FORD F150 SUPERCAB LARIAT — Short wheelbase, red & white, red captain chairs, 351 H.O., loaded 41,000 miles. ... \$7,995

1983 DODGE CONVERSION VAN — Extra clean, one owner with TV & all. ... \$6,995

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Misc. For Sale 537

WANTED, OLD Coca-Cola machine. Call 1-362-0583, Odessa.

ALL KINDS of new and used furniture. Also new oak china cabinet. Branham Furniture, 2004 West 4th, 263-1469.

WEAVER PLUMBING - Licensed Master Plumber. New or repair. Gas line, potable water systems, sewer. 267-5920.

SMALL FREEZER, \$75; electric stove, \$125. Call 394-4371.

FOR SALE, Remington model 870-12 gauge. Lifestyler, dual action exercise bike. Alvarez acoustic guitar. Chocolate brown love seat. Call 267-6943.

KING WATERBED, headboard, drawers complete. New condition. Paid \$550 will take \$300 or offer. 1-457-2258.

WAVELESS WATERBED regular king size sheets will fit! Excellent condition, great buy. Must sell. 263-1156.

8" STEEL STOCK tank, \$125. Girls 20" bicycle, needs tubes, \$35. Call 263-5774 or 267-6983.

TWO BLUE Heeler puppies for sale. Pecans whole or shelled. 263-1050.

BUY LIVE rattlesnakes. We pay top prices. 915-737-2403.

CARRIBEAN BLOWOUT! Bahama cruise. We over bought, 25 left. \$109 dollars. 504-542-8583.

ELECTRIC WATERHEATER, 2 dinette sets, bedroom set, sofa and chair, Tandy Color II computer with printer. 267-3890.

Lost & Found Misc. 539

CHRISTMAS ELECTRIC and acoustic guitars arriving soon. McKiski's, 1702 E. Marcy. 264-0201.

Telephone Service 549

TELEPHONES, JACKS, install. \$22.50. Business and Residential sales and services. J. Dean Communications, 267-5478.

COM SHOP HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Buy novelty phone, regular price, jack installed 1/2 price. 267-2423.

Houses For Sale 601

BY OWNER, three bedroom, two bath, large fenced yard, garage workshop. Moss Elementary. 1-573-8048.

HOUSE FOR sale in Coahoma, across from new school on Ramsey, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double carport, chain-link fence, waterwell, large equipment barn, corner lot. Must sell. Reasonably priced. Day, 512-598-5092; nights, 512-598-6492.

OWNER REDUCED, 3-1/2, steel siding, storm windows, large den, fireplace, fenced backyard. 30's. 267-1036.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, 1 acre of land, 2.2 miles Northwest of Stanton on FM 3113. For appointment call Dan or Pam Yates, (915)758-2017.

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath with backhouse and garage. \$250 month for 14 years, nothing down. Also three bedroom, fenced yard on contract for deed. \$250 month. 600 Aylford. 264-0159.

BRICK 2 BEDROOM. Refrigerated air, carport, pretty decor. Owner ready to sell at a sacrifice. Call ERA Reeder Realty, 267-8266, Loyce, 263-1738.

TAKEUP PAYMENT! Very neat, pretty 2 bedroom with refrigerated air, garage, fenced. Call ERA Reeder Realty, 267-8266 or Loyce, 263-1738.

PONDEROSA APARTMENTS
1425 E. 6th

- 3 Bedroom - 2 Bath
- 2 Bedroom - 2 Bath
- 2 Bedroom - 1 Bath
- 1 Bedroom - 1 Bath

Furnished & Unfurnished
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"A Nice Place For Nice People"
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Houses For Sale 601

CLASSIC CARED for comfortable 2 bedroom older home in great condition. Separate dining, updated kitchen, low price! Call ERA Reeder Realty, 267-8266 or Loyce, 263-1738.

SELLER PAYS closing costs for buyer! Spend cozy evenings in front of the fireplace in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Tastefully decorated, lots of storage, excellent condition, choice neighborhood! Fifties. Call Marjorie Dodson, South Mountain Agency, 263-8419, or home, 267-7760.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath brick home. Fireplace, central heat and air, double garage, sprinkler system. New roof. 267-7570.

Acreage For Sale 605

THREE ACRE tracts, no qualifying. \$200 down. \$98 monthly. Elbow Road and Garden City Hwy. 1-512-994-1080.

37 TEXAS ACRES for sale - \$75.00 per acre. Call 267-6801, day, 267-6457 after 6 p.m.

Farms & Ranches 607

CRP PROGRAM, 160 acres. Southwest of Ackerly. 131.5 acres in program at \$40. Call Bryan Adams (512)261-4497.

GARDEN CITY Ponderosa! Beautiful, rustic ranch land! Reduced! \$77,530 acres plus 440 acres adjoining. Call ERA Reeder Realty, 267-8266 or Marva Dean Willis, 267-8747.

FINE WIGGINS farm, 129.5 acres at \$475 west of Ackerly. Will carry note, 25% down. Ova Wiggins, Paul Alexander, 263-3927.

Out of Town Property 610

LAKE THOMAS, three bedroom, two bath with one bedroom, one bath house. South side. Borden schools. 1-573-8048.

Manufactured Housing For Sale 611

1984 BROADMORE 14x80, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, lots of extras. Assume note, pick-up payments. 1-756-2941 or 1-409-776-0620.

1977 MOBILE HOME. 2 bedroom, front kitchen. Must be moved. Sacrifice. Call 263-6819.

1987 MODEL Tiffany/Rose Creek, to be moved. 16x44, 2, central air and gas heater. FHA loan quality and take over payments of less than \$250 month. 263-1349.

Misc. Real Estate 626

TIRED OF renting? We'll show you how to buy the home of your dreams. Amazing recorded message reveals details. (1) 617-695-7077 Ext. TX3.

Furnished Apartments 651

\$99 MOVE IN. No deposit. Electric water paid. Nice 1, 2, 3, bedrooms. Some furnished. HUD approved. 263-7811.

NICE, CLEAN apartments. Right price. 3304 W. Hwy 80 or 267-6561.

SANDRA GALE Apartments. Nice clean apartments. The price is still the best in town. Call 263-0908.

HOUSES APARTMENTS Duplexes. 1-2-3 and 4 bedroom. Furnished, unfurnished. Call Ventura Company, 267-2655.

NICE ONE bedroom apartment, \$245-\$150 deposit. Also one, two bedroom mobile homes. \$195-\$225. No children or pets preferred. 263-6944/263-2341.

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BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD
Swimming Pool - Private Patios - Carports - Built-in Appliances - Most Utilities Paid. Senior Citizen Disc.
24 hr. on premises Manager
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Newly Remodeled
24 hour on premises Manager
Kentwood Apartments
1904 East 25th
267-5444 263-5000

FURNISHED EFFICIENCY apartment, bills paid. Rent by week or month. 267-2400.

Unfurnished Apartments 655

1,2,3 or 4 bedrooms with 1,2,3 or 4 bath. Attached carport, washer/dryer connections, private patios, beautiful courtyard with pool. Heated by gas and gas is paid. Furnished or unfurnished. Lease or daily/monthly rentals.
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"You Deserve The Best"
Coronado Hills Apartments
801 Marcy Dr.
267-6500

ONE, TWO and three bedroom apartments. Washer/dryer connections, ceiling fans, mini-blinds. Rent starts at \$260 month. Quail Run Apartments, 2609 Wason Road, 263-1781.

ALL BILLS PAID Two Bedroom - \$279

Rent based on income
Stove, Refrigerator, Ref. Air
Carpeted, Laundry Facility
Adjacent To School
Park Village Apartments
1905 Wason
267-6421

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CLEAN ONE bedroom duplex. Appliances, good location, \$175 a month, no bills paid. Call 267-3271.

Furnished Houses 657

UNFURNISHED, THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, woodburning stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, disposal, fenced-in yard, refrigerated air, lots of trees. \$259 Gunter Circle. \$325. Call 817-932-5342 or 932-5577.

TWO BEDROOM, one bath. No bills paid. \$185 plus deposit. 1505-A Lexington. 263-6569 or 264-7006.

NEWLY REMODELED, two bedroom, one bath, all bills paid. \$300 plus deposit. 1604 Lincoln. 263-6569 or 263-7006.

BILLS PAID - Low Rent. Two/ three bedroom, furnished/unfurnished, drapes, fenced yard. HUD approved. 267-5546, 263-0746.

NICE, TWO bedroom with appliances. \$275 deposit. No children or pets preferred. 263-6944 or 263-2341.

TWO BEDROOM furnished on the Westside, \$175 month plus bills. Deposit is required. HUD approved. Call 267-4629.

Unfurnished Houses 659

ALL KINDS of houses available for rent. For more information call R. Gage Lloyd, 267-8372.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath. 1807 Nolan, \$225. 263-7038 or 267-4292.

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath in Sand Springs area. 8:00-5:00, 263-0522; after 5:00, 263-6062 or 267-3841 or 263-7536.

TWO BEDROOM, carpeted, stove, refrigerator hook-ups. Deposit, \$235 month. 2400 Main. Call 1-235-3505.

SUNDANCE: ENJOY your own yard, patio, spacious home and carport with all the conveniences of apartment living. Two and three bedrooms from \$275. Call 263-2703.

RENT TO Own, nothing down, 2 story, 2 bath, 2 bedroom. \$150 month for 15 years. Also rent 3 bedroom and a 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 264-0159.

FOR RENT. Clean, 1 bedroom house. Good location. \$150 a month, \$50 deposit. 267-1543.

FOR RENT 3 bedroom with refrigerated air & heat. Stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, garbage disposal, fenced back yard. Located at 2504 N. Chanute. Call 263-8323 or 394-4559.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, carport, fenced yard. \$295 month, 4210 Parkway. 267-4950 after 5:00.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick house. Kitchen has built-in cook to and oven! \$350 per month plus deposit. Call 267-5555.

Business Buildings 678

FOR RENT, car lot 810 E. 4th, \$150 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-5000.

WAREHOUSE WITH offices on 5 acres fenced land on Snyder Hwy. \$500 month plus deposit. Call 263-5000.

FOR LEASE: Office and showroom, 1307 S. Gregg. Excellent location for retail business. Call Westex Auto Parts, 263-5000.

Office Space 680

OFFICE SPACE for lease. Remodel to suit, 2 year minimum lease. 1308 Scurry after 3:00p.m. or 264-ROCK/267-3165 for appointment.

1510-1512 SCURRY, ONE large office and large office with computer room available. UTILITIES paid Suite B. One professional Suite C. Four private offices, large reception area, all offices have phone system, coffee bar, refrigerator, off-street parking. 263-2318.

12 ROOM OFFICE building with large shop and fenced acre on US-87 South. Call 267-7900.

Lodges 686

STATED MEETING, Big Spring Lodge #1340, AF & A.M. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 2102 Lancaster, Chris Christopher, W.M., Richard Knous, Sec.

STATED MEETING Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30 p.m., 219 Main, Howard Stewart W.M., T.R. Morris, Sec.

Special Notices 688

IMPORTANT NOTICE For Your Information

The Herald reserves the right to reject, edit, or properly classify all advertising submitted for publication. We will not knowingly accept an advertisement that might be considered misleading, fraudulent, illegal, unfair, suggestive, in bad taste, or discriminatory.

The Herald will be responsible for only one incorrect insertion of an advertisement, and we will adjust the one incorrect publication. Advertisers should make claims for such adjustments within 30 days of invoice. In event of an error, please call 263-7331, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to correct for next insertion.

ACCEPTING BIDS for built-up hot top roofing repair on local apartment complex. 806-763-5323.

Happy Ads 691

WISH YOUR favorite person a Happy Birthday, Anniversary, or Just say "Hi" by putting a HAPPY AD in the Big Spring Herald Classified Section. For more information call Debye, 263-7331.

Personal 692

ADOPTION - NURSERY Rhymes, Special times. We offer a wonderful home filled with love, laughter, lots of relatives. Financially secure counselor/lawyer, long to be full-time mom, devoted dad to newborn. Expenses paid. Call collect Joan/Peter, 212-532-3266.

Too Late To Classify 800

ATTENTION ALL Garage Sale Customers, let's keep Big Spring Beautiful by removing garage sale signs after your sale. Thank you!

YEAR AND Half old, neutered, female house cat, needs home. Sweet, gentle disposition. Mouser. 267-3800.

SCHOOL'S OPEN

DRIVE CAREFULLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO. 11,353
ESTATE OF FRANCES SHANK, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Frances Shank, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 29th day of November, 1990, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold said Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me, respectfully, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

My post office address is 419 Sunset, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

DATED this 29th day of November, 1990.
EARL SHANK, JR.,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Frances Shank, Deceased, In the County Court of Howard County, Texas
7023 December 11, 1990

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Buckle Up!

Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE - REAL ESTATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD

By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the 358th District Court of Ector County, Texas on a judgment rendered in said Court on December 27, 1989, in favor of Cal Wright and against Rusco Equipment, Inc. and Sam Chaney, Individually, in the case of Cal Wright v. Rusco Equipment, Inc. and Sam Chaney, Individually, No. D-78,457 in said Court the undersigned did on NOVEMBER 30, 1990, at 3:05 o'clock P.M., levy upon the following real estate lying and being situated in Howard County, Texas, as the property of Sam Chaney, a/k/a S.R. Chaney, d/b/a Rusco Equipment, Inc. All rights, title and interest of above-named Defendant in that a 0.94 acre tract:

BEING a tract of land out of SE/4 of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/4" I.P. in the West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 87 in the SE/4 section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, for the NE corner of said tract; from thence the NE corner of said Section 13 bears N. 75 degrees 12'30" E. 1435.0';

THENCE S. 5 degrees 19' E. along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 87, at 15.0' pass a 3/4" I.P. in the North right-of-way line of a 20' wide Reserved Roadway, 35.3' in all to a 3/4" I.P. in the South line of said 20' Reserved Roadway, the NE corner of a 5.6 Acre Tract and for the SE corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 74 degrees 37' W. along the North line of said 5.6 acre tract and South line of said 20' wide Reserved Roadway 616.96' to a 1/2" I.P. in the East line of a 3.0 Acre Tract, the NW corner of said 5.6 Acre Tract and for the SW corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 14 degrees 48' W. at 20' pass the North line of said 20' wide Reserved Roadway, at 40.99' pass the North line of said Section 24 and the South line of said Section 13, 97.4' in all to a 1/2" I.P. in the South line of a 1.93 Acre Tract of the NW corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 80 degrees 22'30" E. 624.4 to the place of beginning, containing 40,993 square feet of 0.94 acres of land.

and:

Being a 5.6 acre tract of land out of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section No. Twenty fourth (24), Block 33, Township 1-South T&P R.R. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/4" I.P. in the West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 87 from which a 2" I.P. the N.E. corner of Section 24, Block 33, Tsp. 1-South, T&P R.R. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas bears N. 5 degrees 17' W. 20.0 ft. and N. 74 degrees 44' E. 1437.5 ft. Said 3/4" I.P. being the N.E. corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 5 degrees 17' E. along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway No. 87, 423.9 feet to a 3/4" I.P. for the S.E. corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 74 degrees 44' W. parallel to the North line of said Section 24 and along the North line of a 30 ft. private roadway, 547.9 ft. to a 3/4" I.P. for the S.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 15 degrees 16' W. 417.0 ft. to a 3/4" I.P. in the South line of a 20 ft. reserved roadway for the N.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 74 degrees 44' E. parallel with and 20 ft. South of the North line of said Section 24 and along the South line of said 20 ft. reserved roadway, 619.7 ft. to the place of beginning containing 5.6 acres of land.

You are further notified that on JANUARY 1, 1991, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours at 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the north courthouse door of said county, all the right, title, and interest of said above named judgment debtors in and to the above-described property will be offered for sale and sold at public auction, for cash.

WITNESS MY HAND this 30th day of November, 1990.
SHERIFF, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
by: Robert Puente
Chief Deputy
7018 December 4, 11 & 18, 1990

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Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	11	2	0	.846	373	207
Miami	10	3	0	.769	275	184
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	200	281
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	216	295
New England	1	12	0	.077	154	346

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	292	294
Houston	7	6	0	.538	324	243
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	234	200
Cleveland	2	11	0	.154	201	396

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	314	199
LA Raiders	9	4	0	.692	268	225
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	242	240
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	272	220
Denver	3	10	0	.231	277	334

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East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	11	2	0	.846	285	163
Washington	8	5	0	.615	299	242
Philadelphia	7	6	0	.538	325	275
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	192	255
Phoenix	5	8	0	.385	206	308

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	290	207
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	241	270
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	297	252
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	210	311
Detroit	4	9	0	.308	301	345

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	12	1	0	.923	297	199
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	235	239
LA Rams	5	8	0	.385	305	346
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	292	332

Monday's Game
Los Angeles Raiders 38, Detroit 31
Saturday, Dec. 15
Buffalo at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16
Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Phoenix at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 17
San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams, 9 p.m.

Raiders-Lions

LA Raiders 14 7 14 3-38
Detroit 21 3 0 7-31

First Quarter
Det.—Sanders 35 run (Murray kick), 2:09.
LAR—Gault 48 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 2:35.
Det.—Allen 2 run (Jaeger kick), 8:23.
LAR—Campbell 11 pass from Peete (Murray kick), 12:17.

Second Quarter
Det.—FG Murray 47, 5:45.
LAR—Jackson 55 run (Jaeger kick), 7:21.

Third Quarter
LAR—Fernandez 10 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 6:49.
LAR—Brown 3 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 13:09.

Fourth Quarter
Det.—Peete 6 run (Murray kick), 6:24.
LAR—FG Jaeger 37, 13:05.
A-72,190.

college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's rankings:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs.
1.	Colorado (42)	10-1	1,474	2
2.	Georgia Tech (16)	10-0-1	1,397	2
3.	Texas (2)	10-1	1,338	5
4.	Miami, Fla.	9-2-0	1,303	3
5.	Notre Dame	9-2-0	1,252	7
6.	Florida St.	9-2-0	1,196	8
7.	Penn St.	9-2-0	1,125	10
8.	Washington	9-2-0	1,117	9
9.	Houston	10-1-0	945	11
10.	Tennessee	8-2-2	944	12
11.	Florida	9-2-0	905	4
12.	Michigan	8-3-0	833	13
13.	Brigham Young	10-2-0	786	4
14.	Clemson	9-2-0	737	14
15.	Mississippi	9-2-0	535	15
16.	Illinois	8-3-0	500	16
17.	Iowa	8-3-0	461	18
18.	Louisville	9-1-1	450	17
19.	Nebraska	9-2-0	406	19
20.	Oklahoma	8-3-0	364	22
21.	Southern Cal	8-3-1	352	21
22.	Michigan St.	7-3-1	260	23
23.	Southern Miss.	8-3-0	226	24
24.	Ohio St.	7-3-1	197	25
25.	Alabama	7-4-0	115	-

Other receiving votes: Texas A&M 94, Virginia 61, Auburn 47, Oregon 24, San Jose St. 23, California & Arizona 7, Colorado St. 4, Virginia Tech 3, Central Michigan 2, Hawaii 2, Louisiana Tech 2, North Carolina 2, Wyoming 2, Temple 1.

Playoff pairings

Here are Texas high school football playoff pairings for Dec. 14-15:

CLASS 5A (Big School) Semifinals:
Arlington Sam Houston (10-4) vs. Marshall (12-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
Humble Kingwood (11-1-2) vs. Converse Judson (13-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.

CLASS 5A (Regular) Championship:
Arlington Lamar (14-0) vs. Aldine (13-0), noon Saturday, AstroDome, Houston.

CLASS 4A Semifinals:
Stephenville (13-1) vs. Wilmer Hutchins (12-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
A&M Consolidated (14-0) vs. Austin Westlake (12-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, College Station.

CLASS 3A Semifinals:
Vernon 14-0 vs. Southlake Carroll (14-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls.
Crockett (14-0) vs. Sinton (13-0), 7 p.m.

Football top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1990 final regular season

Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.

CLASS 2A Semifinals
DeLeon (13-0-1) vs. Pilot Point (14-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.
Groveton (14-0) vs. Schulenburg (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston.

CLASS A Semifinals
Munday (14-0) vs. Valley Mills (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Mineral Wells.
Oakwood (13-0) vs. Bartlett (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Viking Stadium, Bryan.

Six-Man Championship
Fort Hancock (12-0) vs. Christoval (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Monahans.

NBA standings

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	16	4	.800	-
Philadelphia	13	6	.684	2 1/2
New Jersey	8	11	.421	7 1/2
New York	7	11	.389	8
Washington	6	13	.316	9 1/2
Miami	5	12	.294	9 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	14	6	.700	-
Milwaukee	14	6	.700	-
Chicago	12	7	.632	1 1/2
Cleveland	10	10	.500	4
Charlotte	8	11	.421	5 1/2
Indiana	8	12	.400	6
Atlanta	7	11	.389	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	10	5	.667	-
Utah	12	7	.632	-
Houston	11	9	.550	1 1/2
Dallas	6	11	.353	5
Minnesota	6	12	.333	5 1/2
Orlando	5	15	.250	7 1/2
Denver	4	15	.211	8

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	18	1	.947	-
LA Lakers	11	6	.647	6
Golden State	12	7	.632	6
Phoenix	10	7	.588	7
LA Clippers	9	9	.500	8 1/2
Seattle	5	12	.294	12
Sacramento	3	14	.176	14

Monday's Games
New Jersey 121, Charlotte 115
Boston 107, Houston 95

Tuesday's Games
San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
LA Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Indian at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NBA boxes

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CHARLOTTE 2 (115) 19, Gilliam 7-14 4-5 18, Reid 4-13 6-18, Bogues 8-9 0-0 16, Chapman 8-16 8-9 24, Curry 4-10 1-29, Tripucka 2-3 4-7, Gattison 1-2 2-2 4, Gill 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 42-85 30-40 115.

NEW JERSEY (121) Morris 5-8 7-8 17, Maley 7-13 4-4 18, Bowie 7-18 8-9 22, Blaylock 7-15 2-2 16, Theus 9-18 8-8 26, Gervin 5-9 2-12, Dudley 1-2 0-4 2, George 0-0 0-0 0, Conner 3-4 2-3 8. Totals 44-87 33-40 121.

3-Point goals—Charlotte 1-6 (Newman)
New Jersey 0-2 (Morris 0-2). Fouled out—Newman. Rebounds—Charlotte 42 (Reid 8), New Jersey 61 (Maley 18). Assists—Charlotte 23 (Bogues 11), New Jersey 19 (Blaylock, Theus 5). Total fouls—Charlotte 31, New Jersey 28. Technicals—New Jersey coach Fitch 2, Morris. Ejections—New Jersey coach Fitch. A-6,012.

AT HOUSTON
BOSTON (107) Bird 8-23 3-21, Gamble 4-9 4-4 16, Parish 2-3 3-7, Lewis 4-14 0-0 8, Shaw 10-16 4-9 26, McHale 9-16 5-7 23, Kleine 0-1 1-2 1, Brown 2-6 1-2 5. Totals 41-88 23-31 107.

HOUSTON (95) Johnson 8-15 1-1 17, Thorpe 4-10 2-4 10, Olajuwon 7-21 4-4 18, Maxwell 10-19 0-0 24, K.Smith 6-15 2-2 14, Fall 1-3 2-2 4, Floyd 2-9 0-0 4, Winchester 1-2 0-0 2, Wood 0-1 0-0 0, L.Smith 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 40-97 11-15 95.

3-Point goals—Boston 2-4 (Bird 2-1), Houston 4-15 (Maxwell 4-11, Floyd 2-1, Wood 0-1, K.Smith 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 48 (Shaw 12), Houston 48 (Olajuwon 13). Assists—Boston 23 (Bird, Shaw 7), Houston 30 (K.Smith 14). Total fouls—Boston 16, Houston 22. Technical—Olajuwon. A-14,001.

Hoops top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1990-91 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last week's rankings:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs.
1.	UNLV (43)	2-0	1,623	1
2.	Arkansas	7-1	1,491	3
3.	Syracuse (1)	7-0	1,430	4
4.	Arizona	7-1	1,346	2
5.	Georgetown	5-0	1,323	6
6.	UCLA (1)	6-0	1,237	8
7.	Indiana	7-1	1,199	7
8.	Ohio St.	4-0	1,097	9
9.	North Carolina	4-1	1,073	10
10.	Duke	6-2	1,071	5
11.	Georgia	5-0	949	13
12.	LSU	4-1	907	18
13.	Oklahoma	6-1	794	16
14.	St. John's	6-0	785	17
15.	Pittsburgh	6-1	741	11
16.	Connecticut	4-1	594	14
17.	South Carolina	5-1	534	21
18.	Kentucky	4-0	383	25
19.	Virginia	5-2	356	21
20.	Alabama	2-2	322	12
21.	Michigan St.	2-2	320	19
22.	Southern Miss.	2-1	259	15
23.	Georgia Tech	3-2	243	20
24.	E. Tennessee St.	4-1	119	-
25.	Texas	3-2	116	23

Other receiving votes: Villanova 100, DePaul 95, Rutgers 72, Nebraska 65, New Mexico 51, Oklahoma St. 39, Minnesota 34, New Mexico St. 35, Houston 32, North Carolina St. 27, Bowling Green 26, Temple 22, Kansas 19, South Florida 17, Purdue 15, Louisiana Tech 14, Princeton 13, Baylor 12, Clemson 12, Murray St. 11, Mississippi St. 10, New Orleans 9, Louisville 6, Penn St. 6, Ball St. 6, Iowa 6, Seton Hall 6, Cincinnati 5, Notre Dame 4, Wyoming 4, Santa Clara 3, Memphis St. 2, Southern Cal 2, Washington 2, Boston College 1, Miami, Ohio 1, Michigan 1, SW Louisiana 1, Utah 1.

College scores

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Cabrini 87, York, Pa. 80
California, Pa. 101, Daemen 67
Delaware Val. 81, Albright 73
FDU-Madison 82, Centenary, N.J. 61
Fairmont St. 92, West Liberty 71
Lafayette 71, Drexel 68
Phila. Pharmacy 102, Val. Forge Christian 63
St. Michael's 97, Lowell 88
Upsala 78, Coast Guard 51
West Chester 87, Eastern 72
Yeshiva 86, St. Joseph's, N.Y. 57

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5	PM ABC News	Highway to Heaven	Sesame Street	Our House	Jeopardy!	News	News	Hillbillie	Marie Nadi	Movie: Phantom		Movie: Rooftops	Supermarket E.R.	Can't on TV	Movie: Big Blue	Cartoon Express	(15) Loverboy	Avengers	Beyond 2000	Gilligan Bugs Bunny	Body, Janis Moment in	NBA Today SportsLook
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12	AM (35) into	Five-0	Bredshaw (CC)	Night Program	Street 8	(35) CBS	Bob Costas	Magnificen I Seven	Movie: Sol de	(15) A	Hobo's	Twisted	Self-	Room/Daddy Mr. Ed	DeepStar	New Mike Hammer	History of the NBA	Susan Lake	WHL Prof. Nature	(15) Moonfoot	Kremlin Cup	Triathlon

Names in the news

Abdul treated for injuries

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paula Abdul was banged up but not seriously hurt in a three-car accident involving her Jaguar. The pop singer was treated Sunday at Medical Center of North Hollywood after complaining of pains in her head, neck and upper body, authorities said. Miss Abdul rear-ended a car, which then rammed a third car, said police Sgt. Al Zardeneta. No charges were immediately filed. "We don't know how it happened," Zardeneta said. "There are two options — either she was speeding or she was following too



PAULA ABDUL

Sinatra is going home for his 75th birthday

Ol' Blue Eyes returns today, the eve of his birthday, to an arena near his New Jersey hometown of Hoboken to begin a yearlong world tour. He plans to fulfill a lifetime dream of performing in the Soviet Union and possibly China. As Sinatra grows older — his light baritone has gotten deeper and richer — he exudes vitality. Still, Sinatra may be thinking about his age. During a toast on an upcoming TV special, he lifts his glass and says, "May you all live to be 400 years old, and may the last voice you hear be mine."

Happy birthday Frank

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank

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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The financial picture is rosy now. Look for ways to limit your work load without reducing your income. Changing your image could mean swifter career progress. Put a romantic relationship on hold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Something you say or do today inspires others. Business partners are supportive. Pay your debts before buying more holiday gifts. Entertaining business associates at home proves rewarding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With your strong powers of persuasion, you will be able to put on an amazing display today. You uncover bargains and drum up new support. Romance should sparkle tonight. Be very attentive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your finances merit closer scrutiny. Any frustration you feel at work today should be kept under wraps. A relationship is in a period of transition. Relax! Time is on your side.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be conservative today. Steer clear of something that is not your style. Your intuition is unusually silent. Postpone making long-range decisions. You may change your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Review your debts and make partial or full payment. Your financial plans have real potential. Take this afternoon to strengthen an understanding. Romance is a source of delight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have always been savvy where money is concerned. Take advantage of an unexpected financial opportunity. Return phone calls and answer letters promptly. An intimate gathering of friends will be pleasant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Turn your attention to projects and situations that will let you promote yourself. A streak of good luck may follow! Pool ideas with a creative co-worker in order to improve the bottom line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sign contracts and negotiate settlements this morning. You need to call as many business contacts as you can before the holidays. The attentions of a new suitor will have you purring!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A new relationship may not be all it could be until you put away memories of a past love. A whirl of social activity will suit you fine tonight. Dress to impress!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Invigorating physical activities provide a pleasant boost today. If you travel, be certain to take extra funds along. A platonic relationship inten-

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Coach Ruth ready to begin new life

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

"I appreciate the (school) system for giving me the privilege of coaching and being part of this school for 12 years," said Dale Ruth, Stanton Athletic Director and Head Coach.

"I, and all the high school coaches, was summoned to the special school board meeting last week and was informed that they (board) would not renew my contract. The next day, I turned in my resignation. My family and I are ready to go on. I have had fun. We have gone through good times as well as bad times. We will miss all the friends we have made during the years we have been living in

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Coach Dale Ruth



director and head coach. I am very happy and appreciate the opportunity they gave me. I leave here with no regrets and look forward for another fresh start," Ruth added.

Asked if he had one thing that will always stick in his mind, Ruth replied, "I had one kid who is stationed in Saudi Arabia. He wrote me a letter about a month ago. He said that the one thing that he would never forget was that I taught him to be a winner and not to quit. This kid was always in trouble and wanted to quit school. If that is all that I can do, is reach one kid, then it is worth the trouble to be coaching out there."

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Ruth has been in involved in coaching for 22 years. His career has taken him and his family to places like Crane, Fort Worth Castleberry, White Settlement, and

Keller high school. He is trying to find a place that he and his family will like.

"My family is the most important thing on my mind right now. I want to find a school that is compatible for my kids' education and athletics, with a community to

match. Much like we had here," he said.

Ruth began his career in Stanton as an assistant to Steve Park. Park is now the AD and head football coach at Coahoma. "After Steve Park left, the board gave me the opportunity to become the athletic



Weather

Fair through Wednesday. Low tonight near 40; high Wednesday in the mid to upper 60s.

Monday's high temperature	49
Monday's low temperature	32
Average high	56
Average low	31
Record high	83 in 1933
Record low	14 in 1917
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	20.42
Normal for year	18.14

Sands ISD board to discuss personnel

The Sands Consolidated School District board of trustees will meet Thursday at 8 a.m. in the board room.

Included on the agenda are consideration of the audit report, the annual performance report and discussion of personnel issues. Trustees will be asked to make amendments to the budget and accept bids for food service supplies.

Fund established for JoJon Cox

A fund at First Bankers Trust and Savings Association of Stanton has been established for JoJon Cox, who is critically ill at Permian Basin General hospital in Andrews.

For more information contact Helen Thraikill at 208 North St. Peter, or call 756-2805.

Open house planned by museum

The Martin County Historical Museum is planning an open house at 201 East Broadway, Saturday Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum officials are also planning to honor special guests Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stone, Mr. and Mrs. John Connell and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Connell at the Connell Home, across the street from the convent.

The special reception will be held at the home where John and Maurice were born. The reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. and everyone is invited, according to museum officials.

No unusual rules for flag in Gulf

When it comes to flying Old Glory, U.S. troops in the Mideast are subject to regulations of their service branch, but no additional restrictions, an aide to Rep. Charles Stenholm said.

Stenholm aide Denise Crenwelle said troops are allowed to wear whatever is a part of their uniform, which does not routinely include the U.S. flag. They may not, however, add anything to their uniform, as a unit in a recent CBS news story had apparently done, she said.

Soldiers below the corporal level, those who will face combat, may, in certain circumstances, be allowed to wear the flag on their uniforms, Crenwelle added.

The flag may not be flown over encampments in a camouflaged situation, as they are in Saudi Arabia, she said. The flag is hung over each canteen or mess hall, however.

"All of these (requirements) are U.S. Army regulations and have nothing to do with the sensitivities of the host country, in this case Saudi Arabia," Crenwelle said.



SAUDI ARABIA — Troops from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, storm a simulated enemy position during exercises in the Saudi Arabian desert Monday. Troop deployments to the area continue.

SISD reviews annual performance report

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

The resignation of Dale Ruth, Athletic Director and Head Football, was officially accepted by the Stanton Independent School Trustees at last night's meeting. Coach Ruth tendered his resignation last week.

SISD board president Mike Hall called the meeting to order and opened the floor for discussion. The meeting continued with approval of the minutes of the last two sessions and payment of school bills.

Morris W. Williamson, SHS Director of Curriculum, presented the Annual Performance Report concerning the status of students taking the aptitude tests and a discussion of the number of students in the system.

"For the past three years, our students have been confronted with three different tests. Sometimes students get overburdened with tests, our scores tend to drop slightly and will keep dropping the more tests we take," Williamson said.

"I feel very good about our kids and our faculty members, because we have been able to enter all the UIL academic events with our middle school and elementary. Some school don't have the students to be able to compete in all UIL events. On that note, I feel we are fortunate to have that many students participating at these academic levels. I feel that the teachers and the administration have been doing a good job and we are moving in a right direction," Williamson added.

The report also included teacher performance and the faculty career ladder status, as required by the state.

Williamson stated the money the state sent to the school system had to be broken down into amount per student. The cost to the district in Stanton is about \$2511 per student, per year.

Update 38 was also reviewed by the board. "The update is legal terminology that the state and federal law requires of a school district. It was passed by Senate Bill 1 and it consists of laws regulating career ladder,

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workman's compensation and immunization record keeping. It is to see that we are following the regulations set down by these agencies," SISD Superintendent Wayne Mitchell said.

The board approved two bids. One, from Computer Works of Odessa, was for computer equipment valued at \$18,557.

"The equipment is to be bought before the Christmas holidays and to be installed while the students are on vacation. It should not cause any trouble with our existing lab. Some equipment may have to be completed after the holidays, but they assured us that our service would not be interrupted," SISD business manager Rob Roberson said.

The second bid the Board approved was from White Motor for the purchase of a new van for \$19,909, according to Roberson. The 15 passenger van will be used by the district.

The Board announced Mrs. Robinette, who has taught for over 25 years, will be retiring at the end of the semester. She has been teaching 11 years in the Martin County area.

The Board hired Debbie Averitte. Her positions with the district to be assigned by the superintendent.

A screening committee, recommended by SHS principal Johnny McGregor, elementary principal Jim White and Mitchell, was set up by the board to select the top candidates for the AD job.

Tax increase not indicated to fund troop deployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush does not plan to raise taxes to pay for Operation Desert Shield, and will ask Congress next month for \$12 to \$20 billion to cover the troop deployment, congressional officials say.

Bush believes the overall costs of keeping more than 400,000 U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf area for a possible confrontation with Iraq will be as much as \$30 billion in fiscal 1991, which runs through next Sept. 30, the officials said Monday.

But the administration is counting on receiving at least \$7 billion from U.S. allies to defray those ex-

penses, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Those figures would not cover the dramatically more expensive costs that would be incurred should war break out. By one estimate, fighting could cost \$1 billion to \$2 billion a day.

One congressional aide said the administration planned to send the detailed request to Congress in late January.

Under the five-year budget bill enacted last month, possible expenditures for Desert Shield were left unlimited. The government also was authorized to pay the ex-

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Joyful captives home for holidays

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of joyful Americans are home for the holidays today, relieved to be free after more than four frightening, boring and unpleasant months as captives in Iraq and Kuwait.

"It feels absolutely great," Jack Rinehart, 37, of Stover, Mo., said several hours after he and more than 150 Americans landed at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on a chartered Pan Am jumbo jet Monday.

"It's great to be back," said Dwight Durmon of Fayetteville, Tenn., as he clutched the hand of his wife, Cathy.

The former hostages — some of whom had been held as "human shields" at strategic sites in Iraq — left Baghdad on Sunday.

They spent the night in Frankfurt, Germany, before coming to the United States. Last week, the Iraqi parliament voted to allow the 8,000 American, European and Japanese hostages to go free.

U.S. officials said they expected a second planeload of Americans to leave Iraq today. They had no details about the flight.

"We've got one plane here and

another on the way," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. Monday's plane carried 156 people, including four Canadians. Fitzwater refused to say how many Americans remained in Iraq and Kuwait.

Ivan Selin, the State Department's undersecretary for management, greeted the evacuees. They then were whisked away — out of sight of hordes of reporters — for private reunions with their families.

The ex-hostages spent the night in the capital, and some said they expected to be debriefed by U.S. officials.

Rinehart, an electrical engineer who was on a sales trip to Kuwait when Iraqi troops invaded the country Aug. 2, was holed up at the embassy compound for his entire stay.

"I was the camp plumber," said Rinehart, explaining how the embassy staff and the private citizens inside kept themselves occupied during the siege. Some people cooked, cleaned and guarded the complex. Rinehart said he helped dig a 14-foot water well.

President Bush has announced that all Americans soon will leave the embassy in Kuwait.

"For the most part, it was boring," said Gale Rogers, a consular officer at the Kuwait embassy.

Life at the embassy also was uncomfortable. Without fresh water and electricity, the Americans were without air conditioning in the summer. The air was "hot with flies" in the summer and "cold with flies" in the winter, Rogers said.

The Americans ate mainly rice and tuna fish with different sauces, a diet that caused Rinehart to lose 25 pounds, he said.

Rogers, of Arlington, Va., said the Americans were afraid at times, particularly right after the invasion. "The threat is there all the time if you can't go home and you can't leave," he said.

But private citizens hiding in Kuwait were even more frightened because they were subject to arrest and could be picked up in house-to-house searches. "Many are afraid to sleep at night," Rogers said.

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ANDREWS AIR BASE, Md. — Friends and relatives of some of the 150 hostages who were released from Iraq hold signs Monday at Andrews Air Base to welcome home the group who arrived by chartered airliner.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. What are some 'odor eaters' that can be used to keep a refrigerator smelling sweet?
 A. A few of them are charcoal, dried used coffee grounds, a piece of vanilla bean or vanilla-soaked cotton, baking soda or a wad of crumpled newspaper, according to North American Precis Syndicate, Inc.

Calendar

Basketball

- TODAY**
- Hospice of West Texas meeting at 5:30 p.m. at 100 N. St. Peter.
 - Stanton Study Club meeting at 7 p.m.
 - Masonic Lodge #951 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 506 N. Hwy 137.
 - Stanton vs El Dorado; varsity and j.v. girls — away at 6 p.m.
 - Stanton vs Regan County; varsity and j.v. boys — home at 6:30 p.m.
 - Grady vs Loop; away; 5 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Senior Citizen Game Night at The Depot at 6 p.m.
 - Eastern Star #409 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 506 N. Hwy 137.
- FRIDAY**
- Stanton vs Iraan; j.v. and varsity girls — home at 5 p.m.
 - Stanton vs Seagraves; varsity and j.v. boys — home at 6:30 p.m.

Tops on TV

- Special**
- Grammy Legends.** Among the Grammy-winning musicians honored this year are Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel and Quincy Jones. 8 p.m. Channel 7.
 - Rescue:911.** 7 p.m. Channel 7.
 - Law & Order.** 9 p.m. Channel 9.

Hostages

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Durmon said that in Iraq, people are afraid of the secret police. "The secret police there are surveilling you," he said.

Durmon said he was in Kuwait but later was moved to Iraq. He declined to say what his job was.

Those who left Kuwait on Sunday said the country is in chaos with roads destroyed, street lights knocked out and wrecked cars everywhere. "Everything is broken," Rogers said.

Several hundred people gathered at the air base to welcome home their loved ones. They waved banners and cheered as the flight touched down at dusk on a chilly afternoon.

"This is the best Christmas present I'll ever receive," said Gary Royer of Harrisonburg, Va., who came to greet his son, Mark, 20, a Marine guard at the Kuwait embassy.

Satellite cause of unusual light

A Russian satellite re-entered the atmosphere early Sunday morning creating a light show visible from north of Dallas to south Texas, according to Sgt. Lynn Gasaway, public affairs office Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene.

Gasaway stated there were no reports of any debris or damage from around the area.

The light from the burning satellite was seen in the Big Spring area by several citizens shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday. Gasaway stated her department has received reports ranging from a possible plane crash to a comet.

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Extension notes

4-H district food show winners



TARAH SCHUELKE



JODY BROOKS

By KATHRYN BURCH
 s1120Extension Agent

Two Martin County 4-H'ers took top honors at the District Food Show Saturday, Dec. 1 in McCamey. Tarah Schuelke won second place in the Intermediate main dish category. Jody Brooks placed third in Intermediate fruits and vegetables division.

The district food show is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Morrison Milling Company, West Texas Utilities, and Extension Homemakers Association.

Other participants from the county were Shauna Butler, red ribbon; Sherra Wells, white ribbon; Stephanie Wood, red ribbon; Amanda Riley, blue ribbon; Shanna Wells, white ribbon; Belinda Riley, red ribbon and David Butler, white ribbon.

Tarah and Jody's winning recipes are as follows:

Tarah - Schuelke - Minestrone soup

1/4 cup onion, chopped	1/2 tsp. salt
1 small potato, cubed	pinch of pepper
1 small carrot, sliced	1 cup zucchini, sliced
1 Tablespoon oil	1 cup kidney beans,
2 cups water	(canned), drained

1/2 tsp. oregano 1 cup canned tomatoes

1/2 tsp. basil (optional) 1 oz. vermicelli,

1/4 tsp. garlic powder spaghetti or elbow macaroni

1 lb. sausage, sliced venison, or ham, (optional)

Saute onion, potato and carrot in oil in large saucepan until onion is golden brown and tender. Add water, oregano, basil, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Boil gently for 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and boil 12 minutes longer, until pasta is tender. Serve sprinkled with grated parmesan cheese, if desired. Makes 6 servings, about 1 cup each.

Jody Brooks - Broccoli salad

Wash and cut into small pieces:

- 1 bunch broccoli
- 1 head cauliflower
- 2 bunches green onions

Set this aside.

Mix: 1 cup real mayonnaise
 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
 1 tablespoon sugar
 salt and pepper to taste

Mix until smooth, then pour over vegetables.

Add to this:

- 8 oz. cubed Monterrey cheese
- 4 oz. grated, sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 small jar stuffed olives — cut in half

Toss well, refrigerate for 24 hours.



SPRINGFIELD, Va. — U.T. Brown and his son Scott, right, look at the landscaping around his gas station. The landscaping includes a Japanese rock garden with stone dragons and pagodas, a life-size ninja turtle and a miniature putting green surrounded by sand traps.

Gas station offers customers amusements

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — Incredible motorists who pull into U.T. Brown's filling station might wonder if they hadn't taken the wrong turn and wandered into an amusement park by mistake.

The landscaping around Cardinal Plaza Shell's gasoline pumps includes a Japanese rock garden with stone dragons and pagodas, a five-foot fiberglass Ninja Turtle and a miniature putting green surrounded by sand traps.

To help his customers fill 'er up with the Christmas spirit, Brown has scattered his gardens with nine welded-wire reindeer and a sleigh, all blinking with hundreds of tiny white lights. And, of course, a red-nosed Rudolph stands watch over his herd from a perch above the garage.

There's a 25-foot illuminated Christmas tree on the roof of the gas pump bays, 500 red and white lamps bordering the immaculate lawn, and a giant candy cane decorating the tire racks.

A model train whistles as it clickety-clacks around a circular track atop the cashier's booth throughout the day, to the delight of small children.

A tape of Bing Crosby crooning "White Christmas" is even piped into the restrooms.

Let he forget his Jewish customers, Brown has installed a lighted menorah in his window for Hanukkah, the eight-day



Strange supermarket
 CRETEIL, France — A woman looks at coffins in such as tombstones, coffins and artificial flowers a "death supermarket" in Creteil, suburban Paris. The shop specializes in funeral articles.

Next year will be delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wait just a second.

The start of next year will be delayed by circumstances beyond our control.

The authorities in charge of time — yes, there are such people — have declared that a "leap second" will occur at the end of 1990, extending the year ever so slightly.

Why? Because clocks have become just too darn accurate in recent years.

Today's atomic clocks are accurate to within a billionth of a second a day, according to the U.S. Naval Observatory, the government office in charge of keeping track of what time it is.

The good old earth, on the other hand, isn't nearly that consistent. It speeds up a bit sometimes, slows down other times. The earth is consistent to only about one-thousandth of a second a day, reports the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the agency in charge of measuring units of time.

This year's leap second will occur at 23:59:59 universal coordinated time. That's 6:59 p.m. and 59 seconds, EST.

Normally, 6:59:59 p.m. is followed by 7:00:00. But on Dec. 31 it will be followed by 6:59:60, and that will be followed by 7 p.m.

Cap Rock Connection

Powell, Adams spotlighted employees

By PEGGY LUXTON
 Communications Advisor Cap Rock Electric, Inc.

Boyce Powell is a first-class lineman for Cap Rock Electric. He joined the co-op three years ago, working with the construction department. He gained lineman experience working at K & C Line Construction Company before joining the co-op.

Born in McKinney, Boyce has lived in Stanton for four years. He is the son of Charlie Powell and Sandra Stevens. Powell is married the former Rita Pinkerton.

Boyce is responsible for operating the Hi-Ranger bucket truck. The truck can reach heights of 54 feet and is capable of a 20-foot side reach. Conventional bucket trucks have a much shorter reach and much less side reach, according to Powell. The co-op has owned the bucket truck for about a



BOYCE POWELL

year and a half.

"For the work we do," Boyce says, "the Hi-Ranger is the perfect vehicle. It can reach higher and farther than other bucket trucks and gives us a freedom of movement around the lines that we never had before."

Leatrice Adams is employed as a billing clerk. Her responsibilities include keying into the computer all meter readings, new connections, disconnects, adjustments and address changes.

Married to Stanton's Chief of Police, Michael Adams, the Adams have four daughters; Joy 15, Michelle 11, Julie 10 and Misty 6. Leatrice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Glaze of Stanton.

Before being employed by Cap Rock, Leatrice worked for Larry's Insurance and TexPak in Stanton. She has been at Cap Rock for three years. She says the biggest changes in the cooperative she has seen has been computerizing the system.



LEATRICE ADAMS

Troops

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month in hazardous-duty pay, they said.

However, they noted, many of the new troops are being sent to the Middle East from bases in Europe, a shorter and cheaper trip than the journey from the United States many of the first soldiers made. In addition, the Pentagon is not hurrying the extra troops to the Gulf as it did the first wave.

"If there's no rush to get there, you can put them on ships that will take two weeks to get there, but cost a lot less money than flying them," one aide said.

Last week, Robert Reischauer, director of the Congressional Budget Office, told lawmakers that it would cost about \$12 billion for the 400,000-troop force to remain in the gulf for a year — excluding contributions from allies.

House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif., has said war with Iraq could cost \$1 billion to \$2 billion daily.

But Republican congressional aides have said they believe that figure is too high. At a hearing last week, Reischauer told Panetta that a \$1-billion-per-day price tag was

"wildly too high."

penses by simply borrowing the money.

Some Democrats in Congress have said a temporary surcharge on income taxes might be necessary if fighting breaks out and costs soar.

According to the Defense Department, Kuwait has committed itself to contribute \$2.5 billion, the United Arab Emirates \$1 billion, Japan \$2 billion, Germany \$1.1 billion, South Korea \$95 million, and Saudi Arabia an unspecified amount of food, fuel, water facilities and transportation assistance.

In September, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said he expected the year's bill for keeping just more than 200,000 troops in the gulf to not exceed \$15 billion. Since Bush's Nov. 8 announcement that he would double the deployment, the administration has not publicly estimated the additional cost.

Congressional aides said they were unsure whether the costs would double if the number of troops also doubled.

Pentagon spending is increasing because of reservists who have been called up and because Desert Shield troops are receiving \$110 per

Council discusses test hole expenses

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
 Staff Writer

STANTON — It could cost an estimated \$20,000 to bore three more test holes on a proposed city-county municipal landfill site, city councilmembers learned at their regular meeting Monday night.

The drillings will be done following the discovery of sand in one of five holes already drilled, indicating underground water could possibly be present.

"Out of that, one of these three holes or others, we could find water," said city retained engineer Gary Parker of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., of Midland. It is believed now by city and county officials that there is no groundwater under the proposed site.

"Hopefully these will all be done and we can prove our point and we can get on with getting our permit," Parker said. No groundwater at the site could possibly result in cost-saving exceptions to proposed stringent federal landfill regulations expected to be passed in 1991.

Meanwhile, the city and county have gotten permission from Texas Department of Health officials to use a 50-foot buffer zone on the old landfill, which could extend its life up to 10 months, Parker said. Getting the TDH permit for the new landfill could take three to six months, he said.

"I think our concern right now is having a place to dump without going to Midland," said Mayor Danny Fryar.

In other business Monday, the City Council:

- Awarded a bid to David Dunn to mow and control weeds at the city airport. Dunn will charge \$1,900 to mow the grass four times over one year and \$850 to apply a herbicide to weeds growing through asphalt.
- Agreed to lease a road grader from Air Master Equipment Company.
- Discussed a city parks improvement grant which will need to be applied for in January. It would be a 50-50 matching Texas Parks and Wildlife grant. Plans so far call for \$84,000 in improvements.

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