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C-City seeking manager

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — The City Council, gutted by the resignation of the city manager and two councilmembers within a month, voted last week to hold a workshop Tuesday to begin looking over applications of 48 people wanting the manager's job.

Also, with Wednesday the last day to file as a candidate in a special election Jan. 19 to fill the vacant City Council seats, four people have filed so far. Two filed in the only minority-designated district of the six single-member districts formed in an out-of-court agreement reached in a voting rights suit filed last year by the League of United Latin American Citizens.

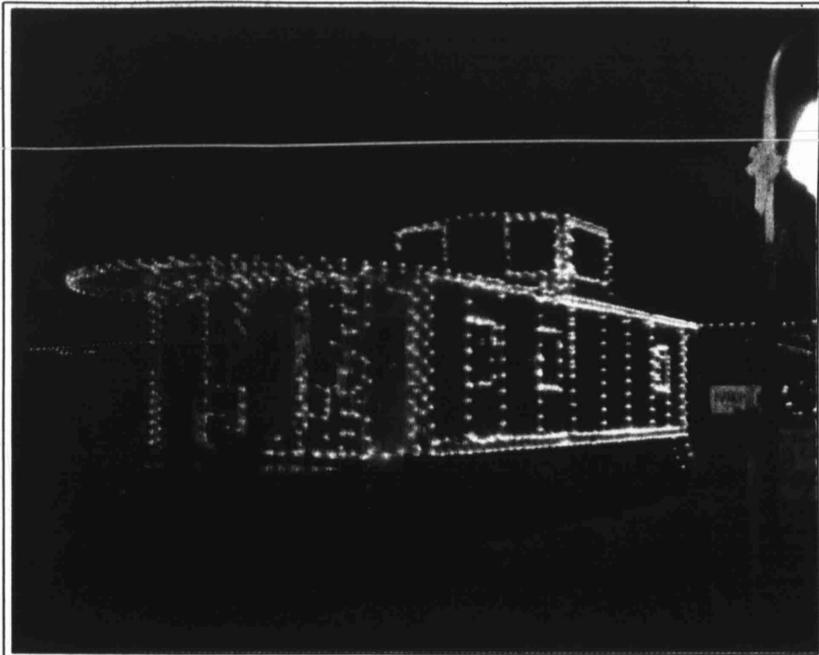
Councilmembers at a Dec. 12 meeting discussed waiting until after the January election to make a final decision on a new city manager so that the two new councilmembers can participate. They will begin paring down the list of applicants at next week's workshop, which begins at 5 p.m., but no interviews will be scheduled and applications will be kept on file.

The session is open to the public but the Council reserves the right to call an executive session at any time, said Mayor Jim Baum. The names of the applicants will be withheld.

City Manager Brenda Hammond, whose resignation was effective Dec. 13, cited unspecified problems between the city staff and City Council members as reasons why she was stepping down. At the Nov. 13 meeting when she made the announcement, councilmembers were scheduled to begin an evaluation process of her job performance.

Having a bearing on her resignation, Hammond said, were the resignations of councilmembers Eric White and Dee Hearn, who

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The lights of town

The downtown Railroad Plaza takes on an air of the holidays as hundreds of Christmas lights decorate the caboose and red ribbons adorn the street lights. The string of lights on the caboose were donated by Bill and Joyce Crooker.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Iraq insists on right to set date of Baghdad talks

(AP) Iraq insisted Saturday that it alone will set the date for direct U.S.-Iraqi talks in Baghdad, and it accused President Bush of lying about the issue. The White House said the dispute shows Iraq is not serious about peace.

One month before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to give up Kuwait, Iraq gave no hint it was ready to consider a pullout.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said he did not rule out reconciliation, but repeated that the emirate is irrevocably "part of Iraq." He also said Iraq would rather plunge into "pools of blood up to our chests" than retreat from its principles.

European allies, meanwhile, lined up behind President Bush in a strong warning to Iraq to get out of Kuwait or face the consequences.

Iraq has an estimated 500,000 troops massed in Kuwait and southern Iraq, facing about 350,000 soldiers in the multinational force, including about 250,000 Americans. The U.S. contingent is expected to number about 420,000 by mid-January.

Some Democratic senators visiting American troops in the Saudi desert expressed worry that the two sides are moving closer to war, now that U.S.-Iraqi talks have been sidetracked by the dispute over dates.

"My sense is that the prospects of war are greater than they were two weeks ago in large part because of the way in which (Saddam) is using the meeting as a form of manipulation rather than serious discussion," said Sen. Bob Graham of Florida.

Washington has rejected the Iraqi-proposed date of Jan. 12 for a meeting between Saddam and Secretary of State James A. Baker III in Baghdad. The United States says that is too close to the Jan. 15 Security Council deadline, and has suggested other dates.

But Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council declared in a statement Saturday that "Iraq alone has the right to fix dates for foreign officials to meet its president."

The statement came one day

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Christmas in April volunteers already at work

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Christmas will extend after December for many elderly and handicapped people needing help to keep their homes warm, dry, and with adequate utilities.

The Christmas in April program has been underway since September to identify houses which need fixing, seeking volunteers to help fix them, and soliciting the more than \$30,000 needed in donations for materials. Needed now are people with knowledge of construction who can provide project

estimates.

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extent of the repairs needed, determine if they can be done, draw floor plans and make a list of needed materials, Noyes said. They would not have to attend any board meetings or make any fund requests.

Their services will be needed

mostly in January and February, he said. "Hopefully if we can attract some people with that knowledge, we'll do it on a yearlong basis."

With as many as 60 applications for assistance submitted each year in 1988 and 1989, volunteers were

able to get to only about half of them, Noyes said. Requests from last year are still pending and Noyes estimates they have gotten another 35 requests this year, with more expected. About 600 volunteers pitch in each year.

The program, founded in Midland 15 years ago, began in Big Spring in 1987. Shortly thereafter, a national program was started, Noyes said.

It is operated in Big Spring solely with local donations and volunteers working on Big Spring homes. "It's

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Waste: Is there a better way to handle it?

Too much trash

Editor's note: The probability of stringent EPA regulations is forcing communities to re-evaluate their waste management operations. In this two-part series, the Herald examines the problem and possible alternative solutions.

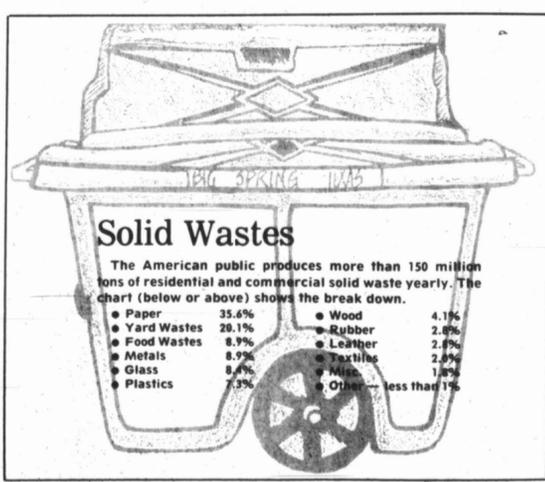
By BILL AYRES
City Editor

The threat of stringent EPA regulations has forced cities to re-evaluate their landfill operations. Even West Texas, with its abundance of land, is faced with seeking alternatives to the increasing solid waste problem.

"We've got to stop adding to the problem and begin looking for solutions," said T. Barret Lyne, a biologist and doctoral graduate student specializing in Waste Management at Texas A&M University.

Lyne said recycling and composting are the most environmentally safe ways to handle the growing garbage problem in Texas and the nation, during a recent telephone interview.

Lyne recently completed a study, released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, concerning the disposal of solid waste and options available.



In the report, Lyne states Americans generate more waste than any nation in the world, with 80 percent being buried in landfills. The landfills are filling up rapidly and proposed EPA regulations may force the closing of a number of landfills.

"West Texas, with its abundance of land, is very attractive to commercial landfill operators," said Lyne. "It is their hope to purchase large amounts of land and make West Texas the nation's dump ground."

The Mitchell County commissioners recently entered into a host agreement with National Waste and Energy Development of Pittsburgh. The company is considering building a landfill and incinerator operation near Westbrook.

According to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower Lubock, Monahans, New Braunfels, Pecos, Midlothian, Loving County, Ft. Stockton, Alpine, Kermit, Levelland, Sanderson, and Channelview are among sites also

being considered for commercial landfill and incinerator operations.

Citizens in Mitchell County have organized to protest having an incinerator operation in their county.

When asked about the advantages of incinerator operations, Lyne said the idea "was not a good concept at all." He added more research is needed to insure the protection of the environment.

Lyne stated a waste management program that used alternative technologies, in addition to landfills, can decrease the amount of solid waste being placed in landfills by 95 percent.

Approximately four years ago, the city of Big Spring initiated a baling system at the landfill. According to Mayor Maxwell Green, "Big Spring is a leader in the bale field type of solid waste disposal."

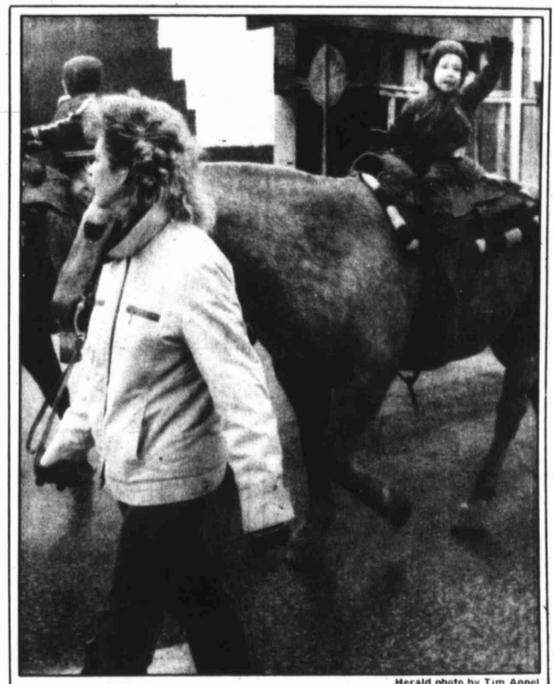
The system the city uses is similar to a trash compactor used in the home. Solid waste delivered to the landfill is compacted into bales, stacked and buried.

Tom Decell, assistant city manager, added that by compacting the solid waste, the life of the landfill has been extended 30 years.

According to Lyne, the concern of possible pollution from landfills has prompted the federal government and the EPA to begin a revision of the criteria for landfill operation.

Decell said that the new rules have not been released so determining how much more it will cost

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Inaugural parade

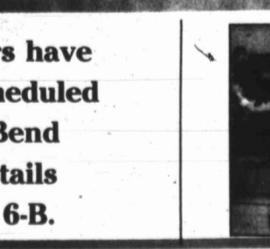
Taylor Scott waves to the crowd atop a horse as mother Debbie Scott leads the horse along the parade route during the inaugural Coahoma Christmas Parade Saturday afternoon. Despite a light rain which fell as the parade started, the route was lined with people who came to watch.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

A Big Spring collector shares her home with 4,000 dolls. Story on page 1-C.



Bus tours have been scheduled for Big Bend area. Details on page 6-B.



Forsan Buffaloes defeated the Tahoka Bulldogs in a close game. Story, page 1-B.

Sidelines

Man survives fall from bridge

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A Louisiana man who was knocked off a bridge by a cement truck was in stable condition today following surgery for multiple injuries suffered in a 93-foot fall.

Carole Wendell Stanley of Vinton, La., underwent surgery late Friday at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont for multiple leg fractures in the fall near Port Arthur, said Carol Cash, a nursing supervisor.

Stanley, 24, was knocked from the Rainbow Bridge Friday morning while placing flares to warn motorists of a five-car traffic accident ahead. The chain-reaction accident was caused by dense fog, authorities said.

LCRA to research trash-burning idea

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lower Colorado River Authority chose an engineering consulting company to study the possibility of burning processed trash with coal and lignite at Fayette Power Project east of La Grange.

National Ecology-Babcock & Wilcox of Houston is to complete the project by June. The LCRA approved the \$90,000 study at a meeting on Thursday. Its results will be considered in drawing up a regional solid waste management plan.

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Helicopter crash kills three during flight to Houston

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Army helicopter flying as part of a convoy from Jefferson City, Mo., to Houston for deployment to Saudi Arabia crashed in a wooded area about six miles north of here, killing all three passengers aboard.

The UH-1 "Huey" helicopter apparently went down about 9 p.m. Friday night in Liberty County as it traveled with three other helicopters through heavy fog near the Cleveland Airport, Army officials said. Cleveland is 40 miles north of Houston.

Master Sgt. Ron Staszuck, spokesman for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., said the helicopter group was part of a dozen UH-1s scheduled to land at Ellington Field in Houston, with eventual deployment through the Port of Houston en route to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield.

"They were pretty close to the Cleveland Airport," Staszuck said. "The pilot of the lead aircraft of that chalk (group of four helicopters) turned around and, seeing it go down, he landed at the Cleveland Airport."

Search crews from the Cleveland Police Department, the Tarkenton Volunteer Fire Department, the Liberty County Sheriff's Department and the Army were hampered in their efforts to the fog for several hours. The wreckage was located about 4 a.m.

Killed in the crash were 1st Lt. Peter J. Rose, 26, of Lincoln, Neb., the pilot; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Carol L. McKinney, 36, of Leslie, Mo., the co-pilot; and Staff Sgt. Dallas R. Cooper, 35, of Russellville, Mo., the crew chief, said Maj. Mike Milner, spokesman at Fort Leonard Wood.

"There were three different chalks of four aircraft each that were deployed Friday morning," Staszuck said. "There usually were four crew members assigned to each aircraft, but the medics did not fly on this trip."

The crews were to drop off the helicopters for packaging for the trip to Saudi Arabia. But the crews were to return to Fort Leonard Wood to continue training for at least 17 more days, Staszuck said.

The helicopters left Jefferson City between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for the 6 1/2-hour flight, Staszuck said, adding the aircraft would have had to make at least three refueling stops along the way.

Commissioner may have probation revoked

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors say they will seek the revocation of Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price's probation in the wake of his most recent confrontation with authorities.

Price was free on \$200 bond after police filed a misdemeanor count of criminal mischief against him Friday for allegedly damaging a van's windshield wiper.

It was business as usual for the controversial commissioner, who hosted his regular radio talk show Friday night, occasionally commenting about his most recent scrape with the law.

During a banquet in his honor Friday, Price did not address his legal troubles, but spoke instead of his commitment to racial parity in Dallas.

"I don't plan on dying by slipping and falling on ice. I don't even plan on dying from a heart attack. I plan to die for the liberation of our people," Price said.

At the same banquet, Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Diane Ragsdale hinted at possible

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John Wiley Price

violence during her tribute to Price.

"We have not made it this far without strong leaders," she said. "There has always been attempts to knock off our leadership."

She said there is a pattern of activity "leading toward the potential assassination of our brother."

Ragsdale left the auditorium quickly, declining to answer questions about her reference to assassination.

Assistant District Attorney Ted Steinke said police were seeking the commissioner's arrest as the first step in revoking Price's probation in an earlier case.

One of Price's aides was allowed to post bond for the commissioner Friday night, officials said.



Christmas tire tree

EL PASO — Carlos Villalobos admires a tree fashioned from plentiful merchandise found at El Paso Tire Co. in the city's Lower Valley area.

"It has been accepted for prosecution, and the DA's office has filed a motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt" on Price's probation, Steinke said.

If Price's probation is revoked, he could face up to a year in jail and \$2,000 in fines. Conviction on the criminal mischief charge could bring up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Price is accused of bending the windshield wiper on Dec. 7 during a protest outside the Dallas offices of KXAS-TV. The commissioner and several others were protesting the station's coverage of racial issues and its minority hiring practices.

Stephani Barnes of Plano said she was attempting to edge her vehicle through the crowd of protesters when Price attempted to block her path. Damage to the van was assessed at \$102, she said.

Ms. Barnes filed a criminal mischief complaint against Price on Monday.

Price, in turn, filed an aggravated assault complaint against Ms. Barnes, alleging that she tried to run over him.

Police said they would not pursue charges against Ms. Barnes.

Assistant Chief Les Sweet said there was inadequate evidence for a case against Ms. Barnes.

"I think we've talked to an adequate number of witnesses to know what happened," Sweet said. "The elements of an assault were not present to substantiate the allegation. I'm sure he saw it from a different point of view than the other people out there."

Price was placed on probation after a March protest involving at least a dozen people who whitewashed billboards in a predominantly black neighborhood. Price, who is black, said then that minorities were victimized by the alcohol and tobacco advertising.

MCI lowers some rates

AUSTIN (AP) — MCI Communications Corp. will reduce rates for calls within Texas by 2 percent to 9 percent beginning in early January.

The Friday announcement on Friday followed an announcement by AT&T last week that it was cutting its rates.

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Sidelines

Twins born to Richard's daughter

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards has two more grandbabies to share Christmas with. Her oldest daughter gave birth Saturday to a boy and a girl.

"I am thrilled to death and their big sister, Lily, is very excited," Richards said of the new arrivals.

The twins and their mother, Cecile Richards, are doing well, Seton Medical Center spokeswoman M.A. Bengtson said. The babies were delivered by Caesarean section.

Cecile Richards, 33, is married to Kirk Adams, 40. They live in Austin.

Richards has one other grandchild, Jennifer, 2. She is the daughter of Richards' son, Clark, of Kerrville.

"We're planning a wonderful, big family Christmas," Richards said.

Dr. Donna Hurley, who delivered the twins, said mother and children probably will be released from the hospital Wednesday.

Winter tourism concerns officials

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Persian Gulf conflict is creating uncertainty over Mexico's winter tourism season, a top official said Saturday.

The increase in fuel and air fares caused by the conflict has made foreigners, especially Europeans, opt to vacation closer to home, Tourism Secretary Pedro Joaquín Colwell said. He was quoted by the government news agency Notimex.

He said that since the season is just beginning, it is too early to tell how much tourism will be affected.

Coldwell spoke on his return from Spain, where he was promoting investment in the Mexican tourism industry. He said the largest investments are expected to be made by businessmen in Catalonia.

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Evangelist buys Heritage USA

FORT MILL, S.C. (AP) — Two foreign companies helped a California evangelist buy Jim Bakker's bankrupt PTL retreat with hopes of a reopening next summer.

Morris Cerullo announced Saturday that M.U.I. Corp. of Malaysia and the Seraphim Corp. of Canada are partners in the \$42.5 million purchase of Heritage USA.

Cerullo, an evangelist based in San Diego, said he plans to expand a water park and build a

new golf course on the 2,200-acre site about 10 miles south of Charlotte, N.C.

Signature Hospitality Corp. of Denver will manage the hotels and eateries, he said.

"I can't say enough to thank the many supporters of my ministry and other ministries in the Carolinas and around the world who have sacrificially come forward during these past several months," Cerullo said.

Judge orders feeding tube removed

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP) — Health officials obeyed a judge's order and removed a feeding tube that has kept a comatose woman alive for seven years, a spokeswoman said today.

Doctors say 33-year-old Nancy Cruzan, whose case has sparked a landmark legal battle since she was injured in a 1983 traffic accident, will die in a couple of weeks.

Lester and Joyce Cruzan were at their daughter's side when Jasper County Probate Judge Charles Teel's ruling was announced Friday. They had fought since 1987 to have the tube removed, taking the case all the way to

the U.S. Supreme Court.

Barbara Shoun, a spokeswoman at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon where Ms. Cruzan is being cared for, said the tube was removed only a couple of hours after the judge's decision was issued, but the Cruzan family asked that that fact not be announced immediately.

"I think they wanted us never to say when it happened," she said. "But I feel that we have to let people know that we did comply with the court order."

Drilling platform catches fire

GLOUCESTER, Mass. (AP) — An offshore drilling platform caught fire and a fuel tank aboard exploded Saturday, and authorities said they would just have to let the blaze burn itself out. There were no injuries.

The initial fire broke out about 4:15 a.m., said Coast Guard Petty Officer Elizabeth Brannan. Then, about four hours later, a fuel tank on board the platform exploded, forcing two groups of firefighters off the deck.



PLATFORM FIRE

The firefighters were not hurt, and neither were the two workers on the platform at the time the original fire broke out, she said. There was no evidence any of the fuel spilled into the ocean, she said.

The platform, about two miles off the Gloucester coast north of Boston, is used to drill pipelines to dispose of sewage at sea.

After the explosion, Coast Guardsmen and firefighters tried battling the blaze from the water before deciding to let it burn out, Brannan said. Rainstorms were helping dampen the fire, she said.

A sheriff for two deputies

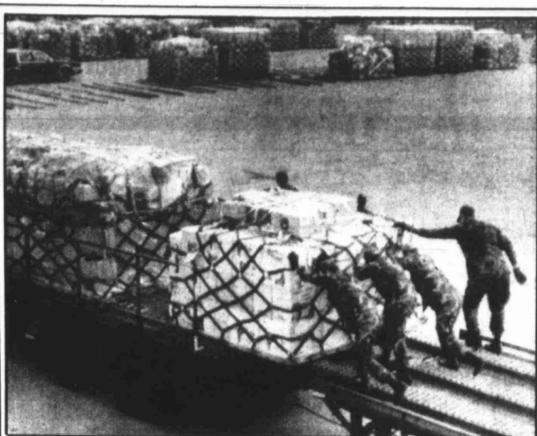
SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — Forget the rookie Darryl Strawberry in his old New York Mets uniform. Youngsters now have another kind of card to swap — the Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies trading cards.

A complete set of 138 cards features photos of deputies and station employees, mini-biographies and personal

messages to kids. The sheriff's department and City Council split the cost of printing 288,000 cards.

The deputies will hand out the cards to children on the streets, during school visits and while on patrol.

"What we're trying to do is open up a dialogue," said Capt. Robert Spierer.



Associated Press photo

Mail for Desert Shield

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. — Airmen at McGuire Air Force Base push a pallet of fruit onto a "K" loader with four pallets of mail to be shipped to troops in Saudi Arabia. Shipping hundreds of tons of mail more than 6,000 miles to the Persian Gulf every day is no easy task, but 200 airmen and Army soldiers seem to have it licked.

More money needed from America's allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Money to help pay for Operation Desert Shield is coming in at "an astonishingly low rate" from U.S. allies, and the Bush administration is doing little to solicit more support, two House Democrats said Saturday.

"We're putting up a red flag today," House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt said, warning the president he must be more aggressive in securing financial backing from America's allies if he wants Congress to approve additional spending.

Gephardt told a news conference the administration will seek another \$20 billion in funds for the Persian Gulf operation early next year.

"One of the criteria upon which Congress and the country will judge the president's request is the level of commitment of our allies, both in manpower and money," the Missouri Democrat said.

Gephardt, along with Rep.

Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., presented figures estimating the costs of Desert Shield in fiscal year 1991 at \$36.85 billion.

They said America's main allies in the anti-Iraq coalition — Japan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Germany and Korea — have pledged only \$10.62 billion, or 29 percent, leaving the United States to pay the other 71 percent.

The lawmakers said that of Germany's \$1 billion pledge, more than 43 percent is in old East German military equipment that is no longer of use to them. Saudi Arabia has promised \$4 billion while earning an estimated \$43.8 billion in windfall profits from rising oil profits during the fiscal year beginning in October, Gephardt and Schumer said.

They said Japan gets 64 percent of its oil from the gulf, but is bearing only 5 percent, \$2 billion, of the cost of the U.S. military operation.

World

U.S. to offer medicine to Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is preparing to organize shipments of medicine to the Soviet Union as pressure increases for Western nations to go to the aid of the beleaguered Gorbachev regime.

A U.S. study of the seriousness of the Soviets' consumer goods shortage has confirmed there is no widespread hunger in the country and that adequate food is available if authorities can get it distributed, said an administra-

tion official.

"The medical supply problem is deeper, and we're looking at working with private groups to help relieve that situation," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

AmeriCares, a private relief agency, recently announced it was dispatching 40 tons of medical supplies to the Soviet Union. Japan also has promised medical assistance.

Family planning and contraception

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Just because the Roman Catholic Church allows natural ways of family planning doesn't mean people should consider the methods a "legitimate variation" of contraception, says Pope John Paul II.

The pope said Friday that an accepting attitude toward childbirth "saves (sex) from the risk of falling to the level of mere utilitarian pleasure-seeking."

Expressing his strict attitudes on sex and contraception, the pontiff told participants in a sym-

posium on family planning that the church's teaching on birth control "often is misunderstood."

"One stops, in fact, at the judgment on the moral negativity of contraception, an always intrinsically dishonest act" instead of viewing the teaching "in the context of the responsibility for love and for life," the pope said.

The Vatican forbids Catholics to practice artificial birth control but allows family planning based on abstaining from sex during a woman's fertile periods.

Rebel leader challenges president

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The two-layer cake had a fake stick of dynamite for a candle, a yellow hammer and sickle painted on the red wax. The words on the cake said: "Long Life, Mr. President."



BIRTHDAY PARTY

It was a birthday party for the leader of Peru's Shining Path, the most dogmatic and dangerous guerrilla group in South America.

He wasn't there. Abimael Guzman, known to his followers as "Presidente Gonzalo" and the "Fourth Sword of Marxism" — after Marx, Lenin and Mao — has not been seen in public since 1979.

Guzman's 56th birthday was Dec. 3. About 30 rebel inmates of Lurigancho prison on Lima's slum-ridden eastern outskirts gathered the day before to wish him a long life.

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What is news? We think it's information about anything that you, our readers, might be interested in. Now we aren't naive enough to think that each reader will be equally interested in each article in our paper. Nor do we expect every reader to agree with our choices. But we try to give you a broad selection of the happenings in our town, our county, our state, our nation, our world and our universe.

When it comes to the state, the nation, the world and the universe, we have a lot of help. We have two news services that contribute to our paper. We have unlimited access to the telephone and, when we ask questions, most people are willing to give us information.

Where we sometimes bog down is in our local coverage. With only a few reporters to cover five counties, 10 or 12 towns and communities, approximately 40,000 people, it's easy to miss a good story.

That's why we count on you, our readers, to keep us informed. We welcome your press releases, your letters, your photos and your phone calls. Even if we're not able to respond everytime, we appreciate it when you make the effort to keep us informed of what's happening.

And the next time you're thinking, "well, such and such happened near my house and the newspaper didn't even bother with a story," you might also think, "I should have let them know."

If it's news to you, it may be news to a lot of other people, too.



Mailbag

Employee has some questions

To the editor:
(In response to the letter Dec. 9 by Jack Watkins) Jack apparently you have not considered the pay of the city employee and the higher cost of living in today's society.

We (city employees) are only asking for a little assistance in trying to make ends meet, whether it be now or for the future for retirement.

Now in reference to the \$50 raise in '88-'89 the raise was from a lawsuit settlement in which the city agreed to give the raise, the 9-30-90 raise of 3 percent was needed but Jack, I ask you because I know that my bills (housing, insurance, utilities) have risen more than 3 percent this year, have yours and you compensate for them in different ways?

And the insurance area, yes, the city supplies ours but the group plan for the family is extremely high, so we have to go elsewhere to get a policy at a lower cost.

In closing Jack if you did not have your business or your rent property as income and you worked for someone else would you not try to increase your pay or benefits to help support your family, because that is all we are trying to do.

KEN HENSON
Firefighter
City of Big Spring
Rt. 3 Box 398

course, we also applaud the time and the work the parents and leaders put into this wonderful project.

MARIANNE BROWN
Executive Director

Group's help is appreciated

To the editor:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Chicano Golf Association, the Hispanic Women For Progress and the staff of the Comanche Trail Golf Course for the recent gold tournament held on my behalf. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude my family and I have for your caring and generosity.

May God bless you all.
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I know of no better time to be reminded of the goodness of man than during this holiday season. While we have gone through a terrible experience it is difficult to stay focused on tragedy when so many surround you with their prayers and their love.

You have given us a special gift and my family and I feel we have much to be joyful and thankful for this Christmas. Dad is alive and the doctors are confident his arm can be saved and useful in the future.

To Dr. Hayes and the staff at Scenic Mountain, we again express our gratitude. Dad is at the University Medical Center, P.O. Box 5982, Lubbock, TX 79417. I know a card or note from his friends would help keep his spirits up. Again thank you for all your help.

LARRY DON SHAW
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, TX 78714

Family grows past bloodlines

To the editor:
My family and I want to thank the people of Knott and the surrounding communities for their assistance in harvesting our cotton crop.

Since my father's accident we have been reminded of the special people who share our lives. Helping neighbors may be commonplace to some in West Texas, however, the unique feeling of receiving this kindness is very special. Your love and support has eased our worries and given us strength to carry on.

Our family is large and strong. It comes together to support one another in good times and bad. Yet we have found our family goes beyond bloodlines and extends to those we simply call friend and neighbor who have given us much more than you may know and we are most grateful.

To our family we say thanks as well. We have been blessed to have so many who are so willing to give. Day or night you are always there ready to do anything to help.

Scout drive was appreciated

To the editor:
Today we would like to thank the Boy Scouts of America for the food drive they conducted last month. The food was divided between the Salvation Army and the Northside Community Center.

These young boys must be recognized for their effort to help those who are needy and for their support to our agencies. Of

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Guerro appointment signals political arrival

Austin, being as it is the state's capital, views any move an elected official makes through jaundiced eyes. Thus in this town of skeptics, Gov. elect Ann Richards' appointment of Austin State Rep. Lena Guerrero to the Railroad Commission seems to be stock political payback.

Richards is probably thankful she had the support of the erstwhile three-term state legislator when the going got tough with Attorney General Jim Mattox in the race. He had staked out the Hispanic vote in the Democratic primary and had some important Hispanic political names behind him. But the Hispanic vote ended up, like Guerrero, in the Richards camp.

Now, Guerrero all of a sudden is a statewide official, the first woman to sit on the powerful Railroad Commission that regulates the state's oil and gas, and transportation industries and a comer in Hispanic national political circles — like the recently elected attorney general, Dan Morales, and the perennial Henry Cisneros. Naturally, people would think she is being rewarded politically.

But Guerrero's appointment also suggests Richards understands

something else: that Hispanic appointments are critical to how the state goes about planning for the future because in lobbying for the political interests of the Hispanic community, these new appointees will positively affect how the state chooses to develop itself.

When word leaked of Guerrero's appointment to fill the seat John Sharp is vacating, many Hispanic politicians were relieved. Since her election, Richards had remained in seclusion. Some Latino leaders were beginning to believe the candidate who had received more than 80 percent of the Hispanic vote in the November general election was going to do to them what other winning Democratic candidates had done in the past: take their vote and leave them to appreciate good government.

The early testiness of these Hispanics is understandable. For one thing, Hispanics have been used repeatedly. Only in the past four years have they had anything to show for their generations-long Democratic loyalty. If the Democratic Party this time around promised to be no better than it had been in the past, it might soon have seen a repeat of 1986, when large



Jesse Trevino

numbers of Hispanics flocked to Roy Barrera Jr. and the Republicans.

The testiness is accentuated by how far Hispanics have to go to make up their disproportionately small share of political power in the state. They are under-represented in the Texas Legislature, especially in the House of Representatives — a political fact of life that has more to do with where Hispanics live than anything else.

The day has not come when Hispanics in Texas are going to demand that their numbers be reflected in precise numbers in the Legislature. While their number of representatives in the House might rise to as high as 38 from their current 20 in that case, most Hispanics do not make such an unreasonable

demand. To make up for that inequity, however, they seek more representation on the state boards and commissions that make up the bulk of state government. If Hispanics can bring to these boards and commissions an agenda that helps their communities, it will help Texas in the long run.

Two examples come to mind. With the absorption of several mostly Hispanic South Texas colleges and universities into the University of Texas and University of Texas A&M systems, the UT and A&M boards of regents must include more than token members. If neither board does well by the schools they took over and only adopted them to boost the two systems' minority enrollment figures, they will be undermining Texas' future. Failure to improve those schools and expand their budgets and programs will lead to future failures in the Texas economy.

Another example of how minority appointments can help the state in the long term is the Texas Highway Commission, which has had neither a female nor a minority member. A

Hispanic from South or West Texas on the three-member commission advocating the needs of his or her region would be naturally taking care of what the state needs to do in its booming border region if it is going to take advantage of the proposed free trade pact between the United States and Mexico.

Thus, Guerrero's appointment fits. Guerrero is a hard worker with excellent political skills, and will learn the oil and gas industry more quickly than most people think. She is also smart enough to explore what role, if any, the Railroad Commission might play in the developing free trade agreement negotiations with Mexico on the crucial issue of oil and gas development — hardly an unimportant issue.

Her appointment, and those that must follow, embody the faith and confidence Texas must have in its Hispanic population, and it signals the political arrival of Texas Hispanics in their home state. As it happens in this day and age in Texas, Hispanic appointments can be more than political payola.

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Just my type

The facts ma'am, but no more fax

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

It's difficult to predict what will result when passions and technology collide.

Telefax messages are becoming almost old hat these days; it's even possible to send and receive fax messages from your automobile, as though any of us really need another distraction during the automotive process. Can you just imagine the legal defense someone will present in the course of a collision lawsuit: "You see Judge, I was driving down Gregg Street when both my accountant and attorney — who's not here at the moment, called away by a fax message on his briefcase telephone — sent fax messages with conflicting advice. I was so distraught, I never noticed this sweet little lady pulling out with her 1964 Ford Falcon."

"In fact, judge, you could almost consider it her fault. She saw that I had a telephone, and if she'd had the foresight to install a phone of her own — well, she could have sent me a message before our collision mangled her cherished auto."

Anyway, enough with the imaginary lawsuit, since fact is often more entertaining than fiction.

Such is the case for an acquaintance who's got technology at his disposal — he's just not sure whether it's on his side or her's. The 'her' in this case is his former wife, who is doing what she can to make his life miserable these days, nearly four years after they formally untied the knot and parted ways. There are still some details that bind however, thanks to their joint ventures (namely, children). Holiday visits and child support payments are among those binds.

It's possible you know this guy, but for the sake of privacy we'll leave their names out of this, since the story's about as good without names. You may be able to supply your own.

Anyway, our friend and his children have made plans to spend several days together immediately after Christmas Eve. It's become customary since the split that the kids and their family unit (she's remarried) stay together through Christmas Day and then he and the kids get together.

So, the former couple's agreement calls for notice three days before he arrives at the time of arrival and subsequent departure. This, apparently, is not enough for his ex-wife, and that's where technology came in.

Just this week, she decided to send him a fax at work — she refuses to accept his telephone calls. Her message: "Send by mail or fax your plans for visitation over Christmas. Include the time and day you wish to pick up the children, where you will be taking them and a phone number where they can be reached. I will also need to know the day and time you will be bringing them back home."

Why is this a problem? Among other things, my friend prefers not to have his entire office getting his personal messages, and this is a business fax, not one in his auto, for instance. And besides, he wonders, does his ex really need to know where he'll be taking their teenage children and a phone number where they can be reached? She never provides such information any time she leaves town with the kids.

He tells me that she's had trouble from the start understanding that the divorce decree provided the rules that are to be followed.

Now, he wonders if she'll get the message.

He provided her a fax machine message (the only one he'll ever send her, he swears) with a fairly succinct message: It specifically spelled out the Christmas plans, and then added: "Do not send telefax messages to this office. My address is . . . Any future fax messages will not be treated as correspondence from you."

Did she get the message? Maybe so; his fax machine was quiet the rest of the afternoon.

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WASHINGTON weeks, the p drug used to tion in wom by as much begin to st counter sales The expe Gyne-Lotrim \$25 now for a by prescripti the same pa ducts when t a doctor's pr Industry analysts say the price w sold over th mand will ge is cheaper t larger quant The phar fee" also is the-counter showed the \$1.50 to \$15 Steve Grote, chasing for vices Inc. The comp roach also directly to than to the p "It's the physician's ed. It becom promoted o sumer," said pharmacist PaineWebbe The avera tion drug is cost of an ov around \$4, spokesman Drug Manuf But Sidney Public Citi Group, a group found Nader, said prescription of them still "Whether prescription drugs, peopl ly ripped off The lower tion drugs fact that th higher than

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Women's drug to be sold over the counter

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a few weeks, the price of a prescription drug used to treat a common infection in women is expected to drop by as much as a third as stores begin to stock it for over-the-counter sales.

The expected price drop for Gyne-Lotrimin — from about \$21 to \$25 now for a seven-day treatment by prescription to \$17-\$18 — follows the same pattern as for most products when they no longer require a doctor's prescription.

Industry representatives and analysts say companies can lower the price when a product can be sold over the counter because demand will generally increase and it is cheaper to produce the drug in larger quantities.

The pharmacy's "dispensing fee" also is eliminated with over-the-counter drugs. One survey showed these fees ranged from \$1.50 to \$15 per prescription, said Steve Grote, vice president for purchasing for Retired Persons Services Inc.

The company's marketing approach also changes, as it appeals directly to the consumer rather than to the physician.

"It's the same drug, but the physician's prescription isn't needed. It becomes a product that is promoted directly to the consumer," said Ronald Nordmann, a pharmaceutical analyst for PaineWebber Inc.

The average price of a prescription drug is \$17, while the average cost of an over-the-counter drug is around \$4, said Jack Walden, a spokesman for the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association.

But Sidney Wolfe, director of the Public Citizen Health Research Group, a consumer advocacy group founded by activist Ralph Nader, said that even though non-prescription prices are lower, most of them still are too high.

"Whether you're talking about prescription or over-the-counter drugs, people are getting massively ripped off," Wolfe said.

The lower price for nonprescription drugs "is neutralized by the fact that the price of the drug is higher than it need be," he said.

"It's the same drug, but the physician's prescription isn't needed. It becomes a product that is promoted directly to the consumer."

Ronald Nordmann

"They figure they'll charge whatever the traffic will bear. It's still cheaper than going to the doctor, but it could be much, much lower."

In the case of Gyne-Lotrimin, its manufacturer expects a significant increase in sales, as this drug will be the first product available without a prescription to treat vaginal yeast infections.

Three-fourths of all women get this kind of infection at least once in their lifetimes, and 22 million cases are reported each year, according to Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, maker of Gyne-Lotrimin.

Prescription sales of the product now total \$21 million annually, said company spokesman Lewis Nolan.

"We expect a significant increase in sales," he said, but he declined to discuss the amount.

The company plans to begin shipping its over-the-counter product Jan. 2 and to have it in stores nationwide by the beginning of February, officials said.

Though the price of the drug will be lower, out-of-pocket costs for some women will be higher, since most health insurance policies don't cover nonprescription drug costs.

But for many women, the overall price for treatment will be lower, since they would not have to see a physician to get a prescription.

First-time sufferers are advised by the company to see a doctor so they can get an accurate diagnosis, but for subsequent infections, women can diagnose and treat themselves, the Food and Drug Administration said in approving the switch for Gyne-Lotrimin last week.



D-FY-IT project

Cara A. Statham and Marge Clanton spend the beginning of their Christmas vacations by sweeping the parking lot in front of The Box Friday afternoon. The D-FY-IT members were sweeping broken glass from the lot, which is a popular hangout for the Gregg Street cruisers.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Ulysses spacecraft is wobbling

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Ulysses spacecraft is wobbling like an off-balance washing machine, threatening to cripple the \$750 million U.S.-European mission to study the sun's poles.

Ulysses, launched from space shuttle Discovery on Oct. 6, started gyrating on Nov. 4. The Associated Press learned.

Officials this week confirmed the problem's existence, and said they hope they can work around the malfunction so it doesn't significantly harm Ulysses' five-year mission.

The wobble will leave the spacecraft's main dish-shaped antenna unable to point at Earth continuously.

"If we can't do anything about it, it's very serious," said Edgar Page, Ulysses science coordinator for the European Space Agency. The loss of data could range from 20 percent to 90 percent, he said.

The data is to be transmitted to Earth during 1994-1995, when the spacecraft would be the first to orbit the sun's polar regions.

Engineers hope to minimize the wobble during critical periods by repeatedly firing the spacecraft's thrusters.

"Gloom is something I don't feel," said Willis Meeks, Ulysses project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "I'm sure that somehow during the next four years we'll find a way to learn to live with this problem."

Page said that for several tense days late last month, mission officials worried that they might permanently lose contact with the \$250 million spacecraft.

Ulysses' trouble is yet another in

a series of problems for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Others include a flawed mirror on the Hubble Space Telescope, space shuttle fuel leaks and a malfunctioning Astro observatory on the most recent shuttle flight.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory here has successfully handled balky spacecraft, including a stuck camera platform on one of the Voyagers and Magellan's radio blackouts.

Ulysses is a joint mission of the European Space Agency, which supplied the spacecraft and half its science instruments, and NASA, which built the remaining instruments, launched the spacecraft and is tracking it.

On Friday, it was 40.6 million miles from Earth, flying toward a 1992 encounter with Jupiter.

The planet's gravity will act like

a slingshot to hurl Ulysses toward solar orbit. Ulysses is supposed to loop around the sun's south pole during May-September 1994 and over its north pole during May-September 1995.

The slow wobble, technically called "nutation," suddenly developed Nov. 4 when Ulysses extended a 24 1/2-foot-long antenna boom. The boom, designed to study radio signals in space and waves in the solar wind, may have become bent.

"It is a very big wobble. We were all amazed," Page told AP Network News.

The wobble diminished in recent days as Ulysses moved farther from the sun and the antenna is shaded by the spacecraft, Meeks said.

Because of that, the leading suspected culprit is that heat from the sun bent the boom.

Company sponsors cosmonaut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expect to read one day soon that a U.S. company will pay millions of dollars to the Soviet Union for the privilege of having an American ride to the space station Mir.

The deal has been made, say two officials of Space Commerce Corp. in Houston, which markets Soviet space services in the United States. But they won't identify the company, or how much was paid, or why.

The contract and its purpose — and the name of the American cosmonaut-to-be — wasn't supposed to be revealed until January. But the weekly newspaper Space News printed sketchy details Monday.

Space News said only that the unknown company's cost will be more than the \$12 million paid by the Tokyo Broadcasting Service to the Glavkosmos space agency for Japanese journalist Toyohiro Akiyama's ride.

"We executed a contract with NPO Energia, which is the manned part of the Soviet space program," said Art Dula, one of the Space Commerce Corp. officials. But, he said, the contract forbids him from saying any more.

The Soviets — for a hefty price — have transported passengers of a variety of nationalities to their space station for stays of varying duration. They have included a Frenchman, a Cuban, an East German, and Japan's Akiyama.

But there's never been an American.

Dula's associate, Bill Wirin of Colorado Springs, Colo., said Space Commerce Corp. signed the deal in Moscow on Nov. 30.

"Our company policy is that we never discuss what we are doing without approval from our partners," he said.

Wirin called the contract "another sign of the warming relationship between the Soviets and the United States on a commercial basis, at a time when the U.S. is talking about giving them food."



Herald photo by Marsha Sturdivant

Santa comes early

Santa Claus stopped by the Westside Community Day Care Center Thursday, and gave presents to the 67 children who attend. The Big Spring Kiwanas sponsored the treat, and were guests for lunch at the center. This is the 15th year the Kiwanas have presented the program to the day care center. Pictured with Santa is Brittany Hartman, 2.

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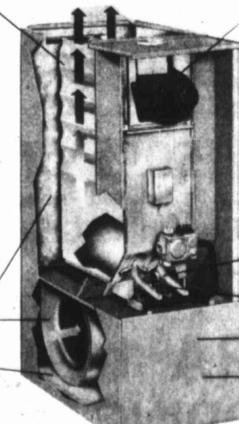


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Ozone hole over South Pole now easing back to normal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The layer of protective ozone over the South Pole is easing back toward normal after nearly reaching a record low this year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported today.

The filling of the so-called ozone hole is occurring late this year because of persistent winds circling Antarctica, which have prevented air over that continent from mixing with the atmosphere in other regions, according to Samuel B. Oltmans of NOAA's Climate Monitoring and Diagnostics Laboratory in Boulder, Colo.

Ozone levels over Antarctica finally climbed to 220 dobson units on Dec. 6 and to 270 units by Dec. 10, according to measurements made by instruments sent aloft in balloons.

Ozone over the South Pole reached a low of 130 dobson units in early October, only marginally above the record low measured in 1987.

That thinning of the layer is sometimes referred to a hole, although it amounts to somewhat less than half of the normal ozone level or over 300 units in that part of the world.

A reduction in ozone could lead to damage to crops and animal life and an increase in skin cancer among humans, some scientists warn.

Researchers are concerned that loss of ozone over the Antarctic could indicate a reduction in other areas also, although evidence has yet to be found of such a reduction.

The ozone reduction occurs as chemicals react with that gas in the extreme cold of the upper atmosphere in winter. Now that summer is returning to Antarctica — the seasons are reversed there — warmer temperatures inhibit those chemical reactions and the ozone hole begins to fill in again.

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Shrinking economy hurts state charities

DALLAS (AP) — The shrinking economy and deployment of thousands of troops from Texas military bases are contributing to a decline in contributions to charities in the state.

One sign of the problem is that Elf Louise, the popular holiday charity in San Antonio, had to make an emergency appeal for help for the first time in 21 years.

The Elf Louise Christmas Project, which provides two toys per child for thousands of low-income families, was \$60,000 in the red last week. Two business leaders contributed more than half the amount and the city responded.

"They do come through. They are now," said Linda Tippett, spokeswoman for Elf Louise. The all-volunteer group expects to serve 12,000 children in 3,900 families.

That's still below the service Elf Louise has given the last two years — to 6,200 families in 1989 and a record 7,000 families in 1988.

Ms. Tippett said contributions to Elf Louise have suffered some from the loss of thousands of San Antonio-based military personnel who have been sent to the Persian Gulf.

The deployment of troops from Fort Bliss near El Paso has contributed to a 20 percent decline in store kettle collections of the Salvation Army there.

"We're not having the military personnel out there shopping," said Capt. Brian Aird, coordinator of the Salvation Army in El Paso County.

Donations are off about 5 percent at the store kettles of the Salvation Army in the Houston area, said area commander Maj. Rolan Chambless. "One day is up and the next day is down," Chambless said.

"As we get in closer to Christmas, people are going to get a little more into the giving spirit," he said.

Nationally, donations to the Salvation Army are running about 8 percent above the same time a year ago.

Last year's Christmas freeze destroyed citrus trees in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and will take several years for them to recover, leaving the region without a major source of winter income.



Herald photo by Perry Hall

Christmas at Fiberflex

Employees of Fiberflex Inc., located in the Industrial Park, are justifiably proud of their office Christmas tree. The tree features pink dolls, poinsettias and tear-shaped balls.

Lost church money returned

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — A department store sales clerk proved to be the main ingredient to a heartwarming recipe when he found a money bag containing proceeds from a church bake sale and luncheon.

Donald Lavoie, 39, was driving Thursday when he spotted it.

"I picked up the bag and it jingled," said Lavoie. "I saw that it was a bank bag and immediately took it to the police department. I didn't even open it, but I knew there had to be a lot of money in there."

Police discovered a bank deposit slip inside.

It turned out that Carol Chapman had placed the bag on her car's roof when she went to run errands — which were supposed to include the bank deposit — and it fell off.

She wasn't aware the bag was missing until she reached the bank.

"That was when panic set in," Chapman said. "I called the police and lo and behold, this wonderful man had picked it up and turned it in."

Police said the bag contained \$547 in cash and \$249 in checks raised at the First Congregational Church of Christ.

States blame latest budget woes on federal government

By PAUL FURIGA
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — In the 1980s, states complained that Uncle Sam bought on credit and stuck them with the bill.

In the 1990s, states say the federal government is not only sticking them with the check, but raiding their piggy banks as well.

At the annual state-federal assembly of the National Conference of State Legislatures here this week, leaders complained that the federal government is making budgets worse for states already buffeted by a slowing economy.

In NCSL's annual survey of the states, two-thirds said tax increases or budget cuts will be necessary to balance state budgets in 1991. Only one state — Vermont — is not required to have a balanced budget.

The survey revealed that several states face budget shortfalls of at least \$1 billion, including California, Florida, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas.

"Part of what is happening... is caused by what took place in Washington in October with the new federal budget," said John Martin, speaker of the Maine House of Representatives and NCSL's new president.

He said the \$484 billion federal budget deal is "taking over some tax sources that previously were pretty much left to the states," such as excise taxes on gasoline, beer, tobacco and wine, "and at the same time, passing some unfunded mandates on the states."

"Unfunded mandates" is the practice of the federal government, requiring states to provide services without giving them the money to pay for them. States have criticized several administrations for this practice.

Now, Martin said, the federal government has decided to increase excise taxes that have traditionally supported state budgets — rather than boost the federal income tax — to pay off the federal deficit.

The result, he said, is a potential loss of \$3.58 billion in revenue that states would otherwise have collected for their own needs (see chart).

"This is a significant concern to legislative leaders around this

WASHINGTON — Here are state-by-state projected losses in state excise taxes for the next five years because of increases in federal taxes on gasoline, tobacco, beer, wine and alcohol. Estimates come from the National Conference of State Legislatures, a nonpartisan advocacy group for state legislatures. Figures are given in millions of dollars.

ALABAMA	\$51.5	NEBRASKA	29.3
ALASKA	4.6	NEVADA	21.9
ARIZONA	59.3	NEW HAMPSHIRE	15.6
ARKANSAS	36.7	NEW JERSEY	94.3
CALIFORNIA	408.0	NEW MEXICO	22.6
COLORADO	54.5	NEW YORK	131.5
CONNECTICUT	51.3	NORTH CAROLINA	99.0
DELAWARE	13.4	NORTH DAKOTA	11.3
FLORIDA	250.4	OHIO	138.2
GEORGIA	71.5	OKLAHOMA	56.1
HAWAII	11.0	OREGON	39.4
IDAH0	14.8	PENNSYLVANIA	170.4
ILLINOIS	139.2	RHODE ISLAND	13.4
INDIANA	94.8	SOUTH CAROLINA	52.7
IOWA	50.9	SOUTH DAKOTA	12.1
KANSAS	37.0	TENNESSEE	78.2
KENTUCKY	53.2	TEXAS	276.0
LOUISIANA	65.8	UTAH	25.2
MAINE	21.1	VERMONT	7.0
MARYLAND	69.1	VIRGINIA	95.6
MASSACHUSETTS	108.6	WASHINGTON	84.4
MICHIGAN	133.1	WEST VIRGINIA	19.6
MINNESOTA	76.0	WISCONSIN	87.1
MISSISSIPPI	41.8	WYOMING	6.1
MISSOURI	65.5		
MONTANA	16.7	TOTAL:	\$3,578

country and will continue to be, as the Congress in Washington attempts to deal with issues without money, and simply (passes) on the funding or the carrying out of the mandates to state governments," Martin said.

State leaders point to the fall elections, in which several incumbent governors were voted out of office, as evidence that voters are removing from office state leaders who were forced to increase taxes for new federal mandates in the 1980s.

With the nation apparently sliding towards recession, Martin said Northeastern states are hardest hit by budget shortfalls, but 25 states have already reported they are more than one percent behind projected tax revenue collections for the year.

At another time, he said, states could turn to their usual sources of revenue to make up for the deficits. That's not possible now, he said, because of the federal budget deal.

"There's no question that with

the federal government raising some of the excise taxes themselves... that it creates... a feeling among state legislators that it's really (too) difficult to raise them any more," Martin said.

As in the last decade, state leaders say they're the victim in the worsening economic climate, and Uncle Sam is responsible not only for the problem, but devising the solution.

"We went through seven or eight years, where I really believe the public was convinced, because of President Reagan's position, that you could continue to spend money" without paying for it, Martin said. "... All of a sudden now, some of these costs are coming home to roost. ... Some of the states are now paying a price for that."

In Martin's view, "we've to stop making platitudes... unless somebody's willing to pay for it. We've got to tell people the complete truth about what it's going to cost."

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Grants aid junior college students

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ford Foundation has awarded \$2.5 million in grants to help community college students successfully transfer to four-year schools granting bachelor's degrees.

Some of the money will also support efforts to increase the number of minority and female administrators at community colleges, said Franklin A. Thomas, the foundation's president announced Thursday. Among those receiving grants of about \$50,000 for that purpose were Texas A&M University and the National Community College Hispanic Council in Fort Worth.

Only about 15 percent of community college students successfully transfer to four-year institutions, Thomas said, adding the grants are aimed especially at increasing the number of minority students who do so.

The bulk of the Ford grant, \$2 million, will go to the American Council on Education's National Center for Academic Achievement and Transfer. It will distribute the funds to pairs of two- and four-year institutions to establish joint curricula and take other steps to smooth the transition for students.

The Washington-based council, which represents some 1,800 colleges and other institutions, will name the schools getting grants in April. Four pairs will receive \$200,000 each to create joint core curricula to ensure community college students are prepared to transfer. Ten other pairs will get \$25,000 grants to help them establish partnerships aimed at fostering the skills necessary for minority youngsters to advance from community colleges to four-year schools.

The rest of the grant to ACE will be used to collect information on transfer rates, to produce publications on those rates and to support the center.

"This initiative will encourage two- and four-year institutions to work together so more community college students can earn the credits necessary to transfer," Thomas said.

The remaining \$500,000 will go to nine institutions to help more women and minorities gain administrative jobs in higher education.

Other institutions getting the administrative job grants of approximately \$50,000, are: North Carolina State University; the Michigan Community College Consortium; the Association of California Community College Administrators, in Cupertino, Calif.; the Maricopa (Ariz.) Community College District; Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management; Salish Kootenai Community College in Pablo, Mont.; and the American Council on Education.

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Walmart gives helping hand
Wal Mart manager Don Sanford shows Mrs. Jimmy Morehead how the store bundles cardboard for later recycling Friday afternoon. On behalf of Wal Mart, Sanford presented Morehead, a representative of the Clean Big Spring committee, a \$1,000 check for the Clean Big Spring campaign.

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Cancer report delayed

White House fears of unduly alarming the public have delayed until next week the release of an Environmental Protection Agency report linking electromagnetic fields to leukemia and brain cancer in children, the EPA says.

The report, which was to have been released last month, suggests, but does not prove, that electromagnetic fields can cause cancer, EPA officials said Thursday.

D. Allan Bromley, a White House science adviser, and James O. Mason, assistant secretary of health and human services, told EPA officials they were concerned the public would misinterpret the report's conclusions.

"They were concerned not about the accuracy of the report," said Robert McGaughey, who supervised the report's preparation. "They were concerned about how people would react to the news. There is a concern that people will take too seriously the suggestions that there may be some connection with cancer."

Neither Bromley nor Mason were available for interviews Thursday, their offices said.

Some EPA scientists were angry about the delay, said David Bayliss, one of the report's authors. It initially was scheduled for release Nov. 27, he said.

"What is the use of having an Environmental Protection Agency if you're going to withhold information from the public?" Bayliss said. "I thought the EPA was for letting people know about health problems, or possible health problems."

The report looked at all kinds of electromagnetic fields, from those produced by high-power electrical transmission lines to those produced by household appliances.

Virtually everyone is exposed to such fields every day.

Epidemiological, or statistical, studies have linked residential exposures to childhood cancer, and studies have linked occupational exposures to cancer in adults, said David Savitz of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, the author of one of the most important of those studies.

Laboratory experiments have suggested that living cells can respond to electromagnetic fields. And researchers have hypotheses as to why the fields might cause cancer, Savitz said.

"There are credible scientific suggestions of adverse health effects from these exposures, but the overall body of evidence is not conclusive," he said.

In an earlier version, prepared last spring, the agency tentatively proposed classifying electromagnetic fields as a "class B1" carcinogen, meaning that they are a probable source of human cancer.

"But when it went through the peer review inside the agency, that recommendation was taken out — some say with malice, and some say without," said David Janes, a now-retired EPA administrator who commissioned the study. Janes said he thought the EPA report would have a great impact, because of the nature of the risk. "I think it will create a lot of apprehension among folks, especially since this is one of those 'you can't see it, feel it or taste it.' And an individual's exposure is not under an individual's control."

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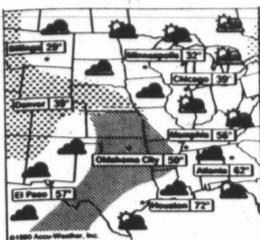
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Weather
Mostly cloudy Sunday with light rain moving across West Texas. Cooler today with highs in the low to mid 50s.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. Are any Big Spring restaurants going to be open to serve Christmas dinner?
A. Denny's, 1710 E. Third St. and Country Fare, 1-20, will both be open on Christmas day, as will Pizza Inn and Domino's Pizza.

Calendar

MONDAY
• The Salvation Army will be distributing Christmas food and toys at the former Don Newsom's store at 19th and Gregg Streets from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
• Survivors of Suicide, a support group for the family and friends of suicide victims, will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital. A panel of local church leaders will discuss "Preparing for the Holidays".
TUESDAY
• The water will be off from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on State Street from Howell to Ridgela, on Howell from State to Ridgeroad, and on Manor from Ridgeroad to Settles in order to change out a valve and a fire hydrant.
• 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.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:
• David Gibbons, 19, Snyder, was arrested Friday and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. He was released on bonds of \$2,500 and \$500.
• Billy Robert McElvaney, 45, HC 76, Box 302, was arrested Thursday and charged with DWI. He was released on a \$2,500 bond.
• An \$180 television was reported stolen from a residence on the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. It occurred Friday at 1:30 p.m.
• A 1985 Mercury Lynx sustained \$700 damage in scratches in a 1 p.m. incident at Pollard Chevrolet Friday, it was reported.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incident:
• Javier Chavez Luna, 39, Northcrest Apartments, No. 26, was arrested on a warrant for revocation of probation of driving while intoxicated.

Christmas

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the largest service project of Big Spring, for Big Spring," Noyes said.
So far this year they have collected about \$12,000, including \$1,500 from a Thanksgiving fundraising push. Other donations come in the form of materials and work.
Noyes said volunteers since September have been checking applications, identifying needs and verifying income eligibility. "The extent of our programs will be stepped up after the first of the year," he said.
Besides fixing roofs and making sure heat and electricity is provided, they also repair floors, level homes and fix structural damage, Noyes said.
"The giving of your money and your time to make someone else's home warm, dry, with adequate utilities is a lot better than anything else you can buy and put under the Christmas tree," Noyes said.

Development board to receive first check

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

The board of directors of the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. will receive the first installment of economic development funds at the City Council meeting Monday, 5:30 p.m. at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.
The check, one-fourth of the city sales tax revenue collected in the month of October, totals \$45,257. The money was generated by a half-cent sales tax increase that began Oct. 1.
Mayor Max Green said the check presentation "needs to be recorded as a historical event for the city of Big Spring."

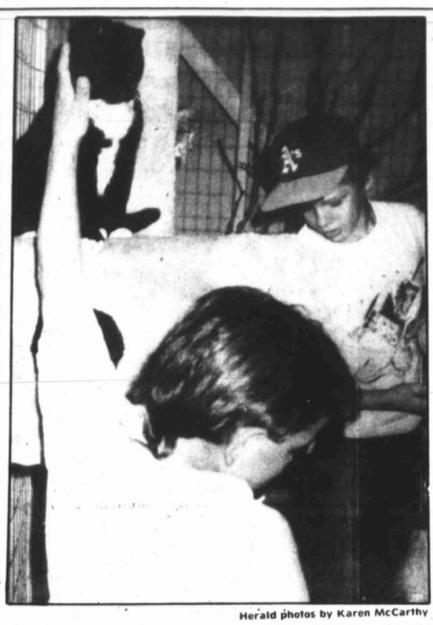
"This represents a contribution by the citizens of Big Spring to help with economic development in their community," Green said. "It is the citizens of Big Spring who deserve the credit for making this contribution to create jobs and prosperity for our city."

In other business, the City Council will consider:

- The advance refunding of the 1981 bond series, and awarding the bid for the sale of those bonds.
- On second reading, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$1,430,000 in general obligation bonds, as part of the advance-refunding action.
- The by-laws of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. The board of directors has amended the laws in accordance with council recommendations.
- Awarding the bid for dishwashing equipment and food service line for the Big Spring Correction Center II.
- On second reading, a resolution authorizing a lease purchase agreement for a motor grader to be used in public works projects.
- A previously-tabled list of bid specifications for computers to be purchased for the city-county health department.



Open for business
James Perez, 13, left, plays with the a few of the residents of the new Humane Society Adoption Center while Tommy Chavarria, 10, and Felix Chavarria, 13, stroke a couple of the cats during Sunday's open house. The new shelter, which took two years to complete, is on 10 acres of land donated by Stan and Sue Partee about a mile west of Big Spring.



Herald photos by Karen McCarthy



Herald photos by Tim Appel

Christmas sharing

Saturday was a special day for several area children, as the Inmate Camp Volunteers of the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute conducted their fourth annual Needy Children's Christmas Party at the Salvation Army. Over \$4,000 in toys and clothes were bought with proceeds from fund raising projects at the institution. Curtis Harwell, left, sorts through the packages before the party began and Santa, inset, tries to coax a smile from tiny Jeanette Vierra. Fifty children were adopted by the inmates this year.

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both had been on a personnel committee appointed to oversee the evaluation. White left to take a job with an oil company in Quitman while Hearn needed more time to take care of the 3-year-old child of her son, presently serving in Saudia Arabia with U.S. armed forces.
Following the resignations, the City Council last month voted to have the special election and converted the vacant at-large Council seats to single-member districts, a decision which met with approval from LULAC attorneys. The terms will last until May, when all six Council seats and the mayor will be up for election May 4. Elections this year were postponed because

of the suit.
Filing in District 1 on the westside, the minority district, are: Sammy Contreras, 42, an employee of Valley Fair Lodge and Sam Crenshaw, 50, a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Filing in District 6 on the eastside are: Duff Chesney, 69, a retired worker from Shell Pipeline and Coleen Palmer, 56, a homemaker.
The deadline for filing is 5 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall, said City Secretary Glenna Garrett. The last day for those living in districts 1 and 2 to register to vote is Dec. 20, said an official with the tax collector-assessor's office. Absentee voting by personal appearance at City Hall is from Dec. 31 to Jan. 15.

Meanwhile, Baum said they have received a lot more applications for city manager than they had anticipated and more are expected to come in.
"It's very gratifying to see that kind of response," he said. "If we had to choose from what we have right now, I'm sure we could find someone pretty qualified."
Councilmembers, who created a checklist of qualities they want in a new manager, said they will be looking for someone who will be highly visible in the community, has ability to help in economic development, can maintain good public relations, can simplify complicated issues, is receptive to current needs and can provide direction.

Waste

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to operate the Big Spring landfill is impossible. He added that preliminary regulations indicated cities will have to establish a closure fund and post closure maintenance fund.
He said the Texas Municipal League has estimated the closure fund would cost \$250,000 per acre. That would mean the city of Big Spring would need \$20 million to close the landfill, plus the expense of monitoring the site for the 30 years required by the EPA.

Miller said because of the abundance of land in West Texas the landfill problem has not become severe in this area.

Lynne suggested communities investigate the possibility of creating regional landfill operations and establishing criteria to protect the local environment. This way, if commercial landfill operators do decide to relocate in West Texas, they will have to follow the established guidelines.
He added recycling and composting should be important aspects of any waste management plan. By removing all items that can be recycled or composted, he said, a landfill's life could be extended considerably.
In tomorrow's Big Spring Herald alternatives will be examined.

Mideast

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after Bush told reporters in Washington he had offered Iraq a choice of 15 dates in the next three weeks for high-level talks and Sad-

dam "ought to take one of them."
He also said if Saddam had time to meet with private envoys such as boxer Muhammad Ali or former attorney general Ramsey Clark,

surely he had time for Baker.
The Iraqi News Agency quoted a spokesman for the Revolutionary Command Council as saying Bush lied about having proposed 15 dates.

Deaths

Ray Reasonover

Ray Reasonover, 70, Lubbock, whose wife was born and raised in Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990.
Services were 2 p.m. Saturday at the Resthaven Chapel. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.
He was born Aug. 9, 1920, in Petersburg. He married Joy Minchew Sept. 1, 1951, in Lubbock. He was a longtime employee of Southwestern Public Service in Lubbock. An accident forced him to retire in 1974.
Survivors include his wife, Joy Reasonover, Lubbock; one daughter, Susie Tannery, Grand Junction, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

Alejandro Gusman

Alejandro (Alex) Gusman, 58, Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990, at a local hospital after a lengthy illness.
Rosary will be 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ismael Bihl, pastor of Templo Belen, officiating. Burial will be in the Coahoma Cemetery under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
He was born June 8, 1932, in Ozone. He married Emma Rodriguez Oct. 22, 1976, in San Antonio. He lived most of his life in the

Big Spring area. He was a Catholic and a retired farm hand.
Survivors include his wife, Emma Gusman, Big Spring; one son, Alex Gusman Jr., Big Spring; one daughter, Sandra Gusman, Big Spring; three brothers: Felix and Gilberto Gusman, both of Big Spring; and Rosendo Gusman, Calif.; six sisters: Felipa Lopez, Fort Worth; Sulema Galindo, San Angelo; Adella Rezio, Eden; Oralia DeLeon, Ariz.; Olivia Gusman and Lucia Ruiz, both of Big Spring. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister.
Pallbearers will be Richard Ruiz, Fernando Ruiz, Felipe Gusman, Tom Gusman, Henry Gusman, and Gilbert Gusman Jr.

Elizabeth Moore

Mrs. R.L. (Elizabeth) Moore, 75, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990, in El Paso.
Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Manhattan Presbyterian Church in El Paso with Dr. Taft Lyon officiating, under the direction of Furell Funeral Home.
She was born July 25, 1915, in Howard County. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Hanson. She graduated from Big Spring High School, then moved to El Paso, where she married Dr. R.L. Moore Sr. They were active members of Manhattan Presbyterian Church for as long as their health permitted.
Survivors include her husband, Dr. R.L. Moore Sr., El Paso; two sons and daughters-in-law: Dr. R.L. and Peg Moore Jr., Greensboro, N.C.; and Dr. M.H. and Mary Moore, El Paso; three sisters: Mary Schulte, Waco; Katharine Monroe, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Bernice Davis, Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Mary Hanson, Big Spring; five grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by one son, and one brother.

The family will be at the Moore home, 921 Blanchard, El Paso.

Bill Williams

William A. (Bill) Williams, 88, Katy, formerly of Big Spring, died Dec. 7, 1990, in Katy.
Graveside services were Dec. 8, 1990, in Corsicana.
He was born Dec. 14, 1901. He married Sue Eliot in 1929, in Corsicana. He was a former employee of Shell Oil Co. and Murray-Brooke Oil Field Supply. He was owner and operator of Williams County Korner in Sand Springs for 19 years before retiring to Katy. He was a 32nd degree Mason with Lodge #1340 in Big Spring. He was recently honored by receiving an award for 50 years in the Texas Freemasonry. He was also a member of the Suez Shrine Temple, San Angelo.
Survivors include his wife, Sue E. Williams, Katy; one son, Eliot Williams, Katy; three grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Edna Worrell

Edna Worrell, 80, Muskogee, Okla.; mother of a Big Spring woman, died Friday, Dec. 14, 1990.
Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Calvary Baptist Church in Muskogee. Burial will be in Muskogee Green Hills Cemetery under the direction of Chapel of the Flowers Funeral Home in Oklahoma City, Okla.
She was born Aug. 15, 1910, in Muskogee, Okla. She married W.G. Worrell in Muskogee. He preceded her in death.
Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. Joe (Virginia) Whitten, Big Spring; and Marilyn Damet, Muskogee, Okla.; and four grandchildren.
The family suggests memorials

to Joe Whitten Prison Ministries, Box 1407, Big Spring, Texas, 79721.

Jo Jon Cox

Jo Jon Cox, 55, Stanton, died Friday, Dec. 14, 1990, in Permian General Hospital in Andrews after a short illness.
Services will be 10 a.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Milton Jochetz, pastor, and the Rev. J.B. Shewmake, of Tarzan, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.
She was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Stanton and was a lifetime resident there. She graduated from Stanton High School in 1953. She married Bob Cox July 4, 1953, in Stanton. She had worked at a florist in Stanton for the past 20 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and had served as past local and district president of United Methodist Women. She was a charter member of Texas Rural Electric Association and had served as past president. She had held numerous offices in Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Rho Xi and Xi Theta Nu Chapters and Order of the Roses. She was a past officer of the Texas Hereford Auxilliary, was past sponsor of Texas Jr. Hereford Association, and was the Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1980. She was also a member of the Martin County Historical Commission and a Museum volunteer. She had served as secretary of Martin County Old Settlers Reunion for 14 years, and was a member of Martin County Convent Foundation Support Group. She was the Democratic Party Precinct Chairman, a 4-H teacher, and a reporter of the Lunch & Learn Extension Homemakers

Club. She was a delegate to the Annual Conference for the First United Methodist Church.

Joe Wetsel

Joe Neal Wetsel, 39, Tarzan, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1990, at his residence.
Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday in Evergreen Cemetery with Dr. James Johnson, pastor of Church of Christ in Stanton, officiating, under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.
He was born July 10, 1951, in Big Spring. He married Barbara Stark in 1982, in Tarzan. He was a farmer.
Survivors include his wife, Barbara Wetsel, Tarzan; one son, Danny Neal Wetsel, Tarzan; one daughter, May Marie Wetsel, Tarzan; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Wetsel Jr., Tarzan.

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Crossroads Country Honor Roll



The Crossroads Country Honor Roll first team offense is: first row, left to right, Richard Morales, Mike Knowles, Santos Martinez, Jon Downey, Brian Scoggins, Wesley Glass and Neal Mayfield; second row, left



The Crossroads Country Honor Roll first team defense is: first row, left to right, John Young, Sam Justiss, Scott Roman and Frank Garza; second row, left to right, Robbie Smith, Felipe Saiz and Eric Seidenberger; third row, left to right, Pat Chavarria, Freddy Rodriguez, Rusty Ginnetti and Allen Hoelscher. Not pictured is Danny Valle.



OFFENSIVE MVP
JAMES SOLES

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The 1990 Crossroads Country Honor Roll is full of familiar faces. The Roll, now in its seventh year, features six returning members from last year's first teams.

Heading the list of fine gridders are Garden City running back James Soles and Sands linebacker Eric Herm. Both are juniors and both were the best in their line of work this season: Soles is the Offensive Player of the Year and Herm is the Defensive Player of the Year.

The coach of this year's glamour team is a newcomer to the Crossroads Country area. Bobby Avery, a veteran six-man coach, came to Borden County from Loop this season. Despite having to adjust to new surroundings, Avery took the Coyotes to the District 6A championship and a 7-4 record.

The Coyotes lost in the first round of the playoffs to Grady (20-20) on penetrations. It was

Borden County's first playoff appearance since 1972.

Now to the MVPs, both of which were first team selections last year:

• Soles, a 5-foot-11, 157-pounder, got off to a late start rushing because he spent the first few games this season mostly playing middle linebacker. He's one of the main reasons Garden City went 11-2 before bowing out to Valley Mills in the quarterfinals.

What Soles did in the nine games he started at tailback is amazing. The junior finished the season with 254 carries for 2,174 yards, an 8.6 yards per-carry average. He scored 26 touchdowns on the ground, and caught an additional 10 passes for 291 yards and three TDs.

Garden City coach Sam Scott, who's coached in the 5A ranks, said he hasn't seen many better than Soles. "In 5A or 4A ball, I've seen some better, but not anybody in Class A ball," Scott said. "He's a fierce competitor; no

matter if he's carrying the ball or tackling, he's got all the tools. He's got great instinct," adding "That's something you don't teach."

• The 5-foot-10, 155-pound Herm was the main cog in a Sands defense that allowed only nine points and 184 yards per game, stats almost unheard of in six-man football. The Mustangs, 11-2, were beaten by McLean in the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

Herm finished the season with 59 unassisted and 161 assisted tackles for 220 total tackles. He also forced two fumbles, scored a safety and intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown.

Sands coach Randy Roemisch said Herm is a fierce competitor. "He's got a lot of drive, he doesn't settle for anything less than what he can get out of himself," Roemisch said. "He doesn't like to lose, that's his biggest asset. He doesn't say no; he gets after it. He gets the most out of his 155-pound body."

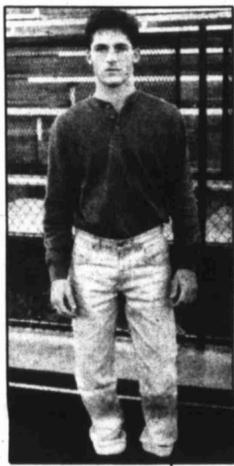
Besides Soles, there are two repeaters from last year's first offensive unit. They are wide receiver Neal Mayfield of Big Spring and kicker Stephen East of Forsan.

Big Spring's Jermaine Miller, a linebacker on last year's first team, makes this year's squad at running back.

There are three returning defensive starters from last year's team. Linebackers Felipe Saiz of Big Spring and Eric Seidenberger of Garden City return, as does Big Spring defensive back Freddy Rodriguez.

Two years ago, Grady's Danny Valle made the first defensive unit as a sophomore defensive back. After a year's absence he returns at linebacker.

Joining Soles in the offensive backfield are teammate Shae Scott at quarterback and running backs Jimmy Rios of Borden County, Shane Walker of Coahoma and Miller of Big Spring.
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DEFENSIVE MVP
ERIC HERM

Third and long



Signs of life from the 'Pokes

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Random notes while dreaming of a white Christmas:

More proof that this is indeed a funny ol' world will be on display this afternoon when the Dallas Cowboys try to enhance their playoff hopes with a win over the Phoenix Cardinals.

That's right, folks, I actually used Dallas and playoffs in the same sentence (in a positive sense). What makes all this even more weird is that the 'Pokes actually have a good chance of making the playoffs. I told you this is a funny ol' world.

Why, it was only last year that the Cowboys were about as far removed from the Super Bowl as I am from the Pulitzer Prize. The '89 Dallas squad finished with a 1-15 record, the most losses in one season in the team's history.

Long-time Cowboy fans were absolutely dismayed by the turn of events last year. First, Mr. Coach (Tom Landry) gets the ax from new owner Jerry Jones, then the Cowboys do their best impression of the Keystone Kops during the regular season.

It was revolting, it was. But times are a-changin', everybody.

The 'Pokes are currently sporting a 6-7 record. While that mark may not compare to what, say, San Francisco or the New York Giants have posted this season, it still is more than enough cause for celebration in these parts.

And the really peculiar thing is that Dallas' record could be even better. The Cowboys

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Defense leads Washington to victory

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Washington Redskins got nine points before their offense got the ball, and Earnest Byner ran for 149 yards through a driving rain and the sinking New England Patriots for a 25-10 victory and an NFL playoff berth Saturday.

The Redskins (9-5) scored on Kurt Gouveia's 39-yard fumble return and a safety in the first three minutes. Byner, who had 39 carries and a touchdown, kept them ahead as Washington won its third straight game and first postseason spot since winning the 1988 Super Bowl.

The Patriots (1-13) extended their club record to 12 straight

losses. They also set a mark for the lowest attendance in their 20 years at Foxboro Stadium, 22,286. The previous low was 22,383 on Dec. 16, 1984 against the Indianapolis Colts. The Patriots have played before the four smallest crowds in the NFL this year.

New England, usually out of contention by the fourth quarter, chipped away at a 19-0 halftime deficit on John Stephens' 4-yard scoring run in the third quarter and Jason Staurovsky's 42-yard field goal with 11:08 left in the game.

Despite the game-long downpour, Byner rushed for more than 100 yards for the third straight

game. He is the eighth back in eight weeks to ramble through the Patriot defense for more than 100. New England is last in the NFL in rushing defense.

Byner scored on a 5-yard run 2:14 into the second quarter, capping a 12-play, 68-yard drive on which he ran 10 times for 29 yards. His touchdown made the score 16-0.

The Patriots punted on the next series, and the Redskins came right back with an 11-play, 59-yard march. They had a first down at the New England 9-yard line, but settled for Chip Lohmiller's 19-yard field goal after Mark Rypien's third-down incompletion in the end zone. Lohmiller added a

38-yarder with 4:42 to play and, following a New England turnover, kicked a 26-yarder with 2:30 left.

Stephens' touchdown with 5:30 left in the third quarter was New England's first in eight quarters. It came one play after Tommy Hodson's 23-yard completion to Hart Lee Dykes and three after Byner's fumble was recovered by Andre Tippett at the Washington 26-yard line.

The first half was filled with mistakes for the Patriots. They were penalized nine times for 90 yards, and Hodson was sacked three times.

Then there were the first two scoring plays.

Buffalo, minus QB, wins, 17-13

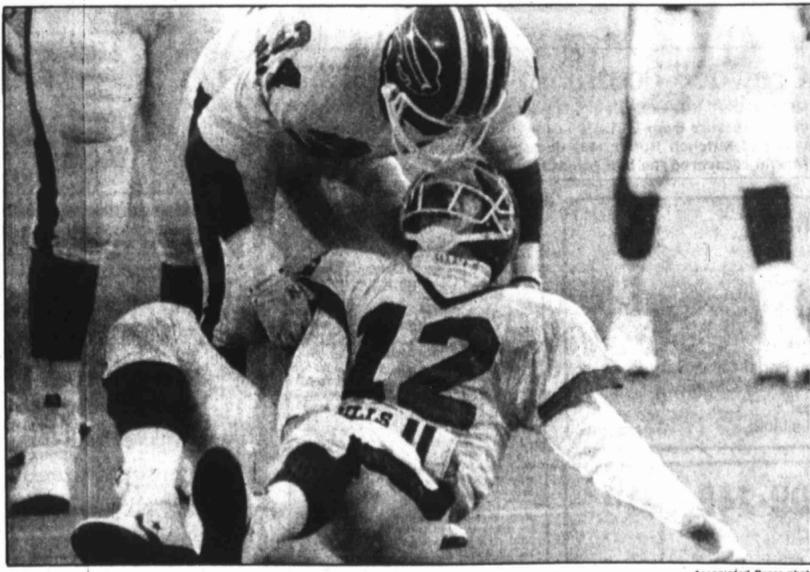
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jim Kelly directed long touchdown drives on Buffalo's first two possessions, then was knocked out of the game with a sprained knee, as the Bills beat the New York Giants 17-13 Saturday.

The win was the Bills' 12th in 14 games and ensured that they will hold first place in the AFC East for their critical meeting with Miami next Sunday. The Giants have lost three of their last four.

But they may have to do it without Kelly, the league's leading passer, who injured his left knee with 5:12 left in the half. Bills left tackle Will Wolford was pushed into Kelly by the Giants' Carl Banks and was taken from the field on a cart. He had completed 7 of 11 passes for 115 yards and a 6-yard first-quarter touchdown to Andre Reed at the time.

The other score came on a 2-yard run by Thurman Thomas at the end of a 78-yard drive after the Giants, who fell to 11-3, had scored on their first possession on Otis Anderson's 1-yard fourth-down touchdown run.

New York also lost its quarterback when Phil Simms left the early in the third quarter with a sprained right foot. Jeff Hostetler replaced him and directed four drives. One resulted only in a field goal, the second was aborted by a holding penalty and bad third-down



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly (12) grabs his knee as he is consoling by running back Thurman Thomas after Kelly

snap, and the third was stopped by offensive pass interference.

A final drive reached the Bills 26 but Hostetler's fourth-down pass fell incomplete in the end zone.

The Giants, who have already clinched the NFC East, can wrap up a first-round playoff bye by winning their final two games, at Phoenix and New England. The Giants started off the way

they wanted to, driving 71 yards in 11 plays for the first score.

All but 4 yards of the drive were on the ground, with Rodney Hampton, who gained 105 yards in 21 carries, racing 41 yards to the Buffalo 8 to set up the TD and Anderson taking it in on fourth down from the 1.

But the Bills, using a no-huddle offense, took only 1:28 to tie it on

Kelly's 6-yard TD pass to Reed over the middle. It was set up by a 48-yard play on which Thomas took a short pass burst through three Giants to take the ball to the New York 26.

Then Buffalo came right back, going 78 yards in 11 plays to score on Thomas' 2 yard sweep on the second play of the second quarter.

Gophers targeted by committee

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA has taken its shot at the University of Minnesota, firing 21 allegations at the school, its current football and basketball coaches and former football coach Lou Holtz.

Minnesota will respond to the charges and get a hearing Feb. 1-3 before the NCAA Infractions Committee. The committee's judgments and possible penalties will be announced in the weeks after the hearing.

David Berst, the NCAA's assistant executive director for enforcement, said he did not believe the school was a candidate for the death penalty. But the long-awaited letter of inquiry had little else to encourage optimism.

"This case appears to be major in nature," Berst said in the letter. "It appears reasonable to expect that the NCAA Committee on Infractions will find violations of NCAA legislation."

Under the "death penalty," the NCAA can shut down an athletic team for a year or more. It can be invoked when a school is placed on probation twice within five years. Minnesota's basketball team was placed on probation in February 1988.

Law School Dean Robert Stein, the university's faculty representative for athletics, expressed optimism.

"In my judgment, the death penalty is not a candidate at all," Stein said.

Among the NCAA allegations were claims that athletes and recruits received cash, loans, entertainment, money for parking tickets and other benefits in violation of NCAA rules.

Stein said he hopes the NCAA views the latest allegations as a continuation of the 1988 case, which would soften possible penalties.

Stein also denied that institutional control over the athletic program was lacking — a prerequisite for the death penalty and one of the charges levied in the letter of inquiry.

Reagan

Continued from page 1-B played just horribly against Phoenix in the team's first meeting, and they let Philadelphia steal a game from them earlier this season.

Why have the Cowboys suddenly become a playoff contender? Basically, there are three main reasons: defense, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

The Dallas defense, which was fairly decent last year, has become absolutely salty this season. Eugene Lockhart now has plenty of good company in trying to stop opposing offenses. The Cowboys' defenders include such possible Pro Bowlers as Isaac Holt, Jim Jeffcoat, Danny Noonan and Ken Norton Jr.

Everybody knew Aikman would eventually become a top-level NFL quarterback, but the UCLA graduate is coming along faster than expected.

If he does become an "elite" quarterback (whatever that means), he'll probably point to the Thanksgiving Day game against Washington as the turning point of his career.

In that game, where Dallas rallied in the fourth quarter to win, Aikman twice brought the Cowboys from behind to grab the lead.

In all fairness, however, one reason Aikman is becoming a better quarterback is the emergence of Smith as a first-rate running back.

Example No. 1 of Smith's value to Dallas came against the Los Angeles Rams, when he accounted for 171 total yards in the Cowboys' 24-21 win.

Example No. 2 was the Thanksgiving Day win over the Redskins, when Smith rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns — including the game-clincher late in the fourth quarter.

Example No. 3 was an 85-yard, one-touchdown performance against New Orleans, a game Dallas won 17-13.

Those three examples, by the way, came in Dallas' last three games, the first time the Cowboys have won three straight since 1985.

Dallas may or may not qualify for the playoffs. They have three games remaining, and probably have to win all three to get into post-season competition.

The Cowboys probably will beat Phoenix today and Atlanta in the season finale. In between those games, however, is a return date against the Eagles in Philadelphia, and that will be tough for the Cowboys to win.

Regardless of whether they make the playoffs, however, the Cowboys have given their fans plenty to cheer about this season and look forward to next year.

No one's exactly calling them America's Team — but no one's wearing bags over their heads, either.

Rossley named Mustangs' coach

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Rossley, the quarterback coach for the Atlanta Falcons, was named Southern Methodist's football coach Saturday, and said he thought he could win, despite possible recruiting obstacles because of the school's high academic requirements.

Rossley, 44, returned to the school where he was offensive coordinator after the Mustangs' two-year NCAA death penalty.

Forrest Gregg stepped down as head coach in November so he could concentrate on being athletic director.

Honor Roll

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Scott, only a sophomore, completed 58 percent of his passes (115 of 200). He passed for 1,968 yards, 19 touchdowns and 20 interceptions. Eight of the interceptions came in the quarterfinals loss to Valley Mills.

Rios, a senior, missed four games with injuries. He still rushed for 1,097 yards in 112 carries (a 9.8 average) and 19 TDs. He also completed 32 of 70 passes for 411 yards, four TDs and one interception.

Walker, a senior, spent the first three games of the season playing quarterback and wingback. After moving to running back, he finished the year with 1,284 yards in 239 carries; a 5.4 average. He also caught eight passes for 130 yards, finishing the season with 13 TDs.

Miller, a senior, missed two games. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry, gaining 1,282 yards in 250 carries. He scored 15 TDs.

Although he didn't have the year he had in 1989, Mayfield was an instrumental part of Big Spring's offense. The 218-pound senior caught 24 passes for 755 yards, a 31.4 per-catch average. He also carried the ball 115 times for 471 yards, giving him 1,226 yards total offense. He also kicked 16 of 21 extra points and was perfect on six field goal attempts, scoring 108 points.

The tight end spot is manned by Klondike's Cody Vogler, a senior. Vogler was termed an "excellent blocker" by his coach Tom Ham, and caught 26 passes for 407 yards and five scores. He averaged 15.6 yards per catch.

Although he didn't play for a team that scored a lot of points, kicker East was good when he got a chance. The senior kicked two of three field goals, his longest being a 42-yarder. He was also good on seven of nine extra point tries.

He didn't return a kickoff or punt back for a touchdown, but Sands junior Charles Rhodes was

a big-play returner. He returned 17 kickoffs back for a 30.5 average, and averaged 25.3 yards per try on 45 punt returns.

Last but not least are the linemen, who make every offensive unit go. First there is junior center Jon Downey of Big Spring, a two-time first team all-district performer. The guards are Coahoma's Brian Scoggins and Big Spring's Santos Martinez, both seniors.

The tackles are the big and small of high school football, but they both had the same good results. Coahoma's Mike "Tiny" Knowles weighs 275 pounds, while Garden City's Wesley Glass weighs 156.

Heading the defense at linebacker are returners Saiz and Seidenberger.

Saiz, a 180-pound senior, was Big Spring's leading tackler for the second consecutive year. He finished the season with 130 tackles and two quarterback sacks.

Seidenberger is a 235-pound junior who spent the early part of the season playing defensive tackle. He returned to his old spot at linebacker four games into the season and finished with 118 tackles and one interception, even though he missed two games with a knee injury.

Rounding out the linebacking crew is Valle, a 147-pound senior. He was Grady's leading tackler for the third consecutive year, finishing with 159 tackles. He also recovered five fumbles and intercepted four passes.

The front wall of the defensive unit is a small, quick unit. The largest member is Big Spring senior defensive end Frank Garza, a 190-pounder. Garza made 92 tackles and sacked the quarterback six times. The other end is Sands senior John Young, who made 120 tackles, blocked one kick and recorded a safety.

One defensive tackle is



COACH OF THE YEAR BOBBY AVERY

Coahoma's Sam Justiss. The senior made 107 tackles — six behind the line of scrimmage — and three quarterback sacks.

The smallest member of the front four is Forsan's defensive tackle Scott Roman (5-9, 155). The senior made 85 tackles and registered two quarterback sacks.

Diminutive seniors Rodriguez, Rusty Ginnett and Allen Hoelscher illustrate the secondary.

Ginnett (5-7, 140), made 89 tackles and intercepted three passes. He was just as sharp in the books, carrying a 97.2 grade-point average.

Opponents neglected to test Rodriguez (5-10, 145) very often after he picked off 10 passes last year. This season he made 71 tackles and picked off two passes.

Hoelscher, (5-6, 130), was described by Garden City football



CODY VOGLER



DANNY VALLE

coach Sam Scott as "my best player on both sides of the ball." He was Garden City's leading tackler with 126 stops. He also picked off four passes.

Pat Chavarria (5-10, 160), was the "big man" in the Steer defensive backfield. The Big Spring junior intercepted six passes and made 65 tackles.

The punter for the squad is Colorado City "jack-of-all trades" senior Robbie Smith. The quarterback-running back-safety-punter-kicker averaged 43 yards on 34 punts. His longest was a 71-yarder.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Coach of Year — Bobby Avery, Borden County.

Off. MVP — James Soles, 5-11, 157, Jr., Garden City.

C — Jon Downey, 5-8, 175, Jr., Big Spring.

T — Wesley Glass, 5-10, 156, Jr., Garden City.

T — Mike Knowles 6-1, 275, Jr., Coahoma.

G — Brian Scoggins, 5-8, 165, Sr., Coahoma.

G — Santos Martinez, 5-9, 185, Sr., Big Spring.

TE — Cody Vogler, 6-2, 190, Sr., Klondike.

QB — Shaq Scott, 6-1, 165, Soph., Garden City.

RB — Jermiane Miller, 6-2, 208, Sr., Big Spring.

RB — Jimmy Rios, 5-9, 160, Sr., Borden County.

RB — Shane Walker 5-11, 170, Sr., Coahoma.

WR — Richard Morales, 6-7, 145, Jr., Garden City.

WR — Neal Mayfield, 6-2, 218, Sr., Big Spring.

KB — Charles Rhodes, 6-0, 145, Jr., Coahoma.

K — Stephen East, 5-8, 170, Sr., Forsan.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

MVP — Eric Herm, 155, Jr., Sands.

E — Frank Garza, 6-0, 190, Sr., Big Spring.

E — John Young, 5-9, 140, Sr., Sands.

T — Scott Roman, 5-9, 155, Sr., Forsan.

T — Sam Justiss, 5-11, 175, Sr., Coahoma.

LB — Eric Seidenberger, 5-11, 235, Jr., Garden City.

LB — Danny Valle, 5-11, 147, Sr., Grady.

LB — Felipe Saiz, 5-6, 180, Sr., Big Spring.

DB — Freddy Rodriguez, 5-10, 145, Sr., Big Spring.

DB — Allen Hoelscher, 5-6, 130, Sr., Garden City.

DB — Pat Chavarria, 5-10, 160, Jr., Big Spring.

DB — Rusty Ginnett, 5-7, 140, Sr., Coahoma.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

C — Michael Jones, 5-11, 165, Sr., Garden City.

C — Avon Cebellos, 5-10, 170, Sr., Colorado City.

LM — Rocky Ortega, 5-10, 180, Jr., Big Spring.

LM — Alfredo Madrid, 5-10, 160, Jr., Garden City.

TE — Jim Bob Scott, 6-2, 180, Jr., Garden City.

WR — Kenny McCalister, 6-0, 165, Jr., Stanton.

WR — Danny Valle, 5-11, 147, Sr., Grady.

QB — Gerald Cobos, 5-9, 150, Jr., Big Spring.

QB — George Ramsey, 5-7, 150, Sr., Colorado City.

QB — Len Garza, 5-11, 155, Sr., Grady.

RB — Kevin Green, 5-11, 165, Jr., Colorado City.

RB — Eric Herm, 5-9, 155, Jr., Sands.

RB — Gary Don Thompson, 5-11, 165, Sr., Stanton.

K — Neal Mayfield, 6-2, 218, Sr., Big Spring.

K — Jody Bradford, 5-9, 150, Soph., Garden City.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

E — Fernando Alvarez, 5-10, 145, Jr., Big Spring.

E — Brandon Riddle, 5-11, 150, Sr., Sands.

E — Cole Vestal, 6-0, 175, Sr., Borden County.

T — Freddy Williams, 5-11, 220, Jr., Big Spring.

T — Bobby Silva, 5-9, 190, Jr., Colorado City.

LB — John Paul Barry, 5-10, 170, Sr., Stanton.

LB — Kevin Rodgers, 6-0, 175, Jr., Big Spring.

LB — Matt Coates, 6-1, 180, Jr., Coahoma.

LB — Andy Guerra, 5-10, 175, Sr., Klondike.

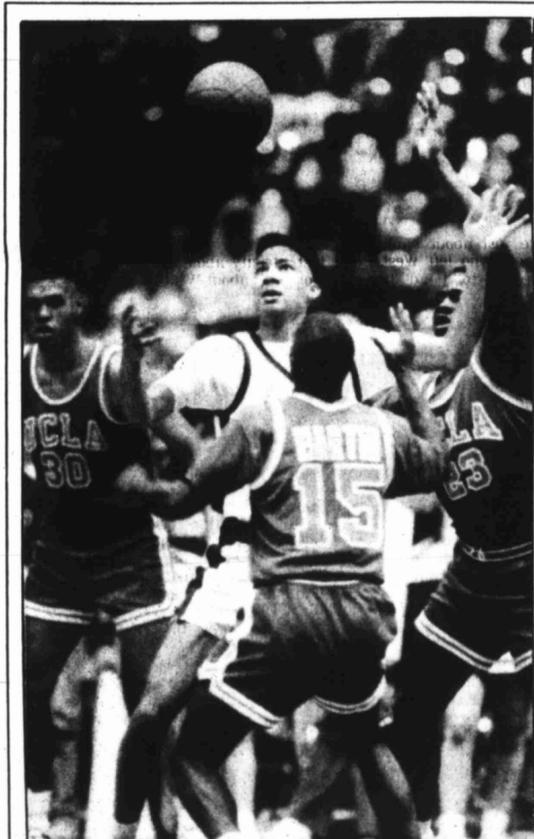
DB — Nick Roberson, 6-0, 160, Jr., Big Spring.

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P — Pank Grigg, 6-0, 170, Jr., Sands.



Crowded booth
ROSEMONT, III. — DePaul's David Booth, center, loses the ball under pressure from UCLA's Tracy Murray (30), Derrick Martin (15) and Mitchell Butler (23) during first half action Saturday. Martin recovered the ball for UCLA.

Bufs win; Queens drop heartbreaker

FORSAN — The Forsan Queens fell short to the Eldorado Lady Eagles in their second game of District 6-2A action, dropping a close 37-36 decision Friday night.

After the two teams fought to a 12-12 tie after one quarter, Jenny Conaway hit two baskets, Kara Evans added another and Casey Cook canned a pair of free throws to put the Queens up 20-12 in the second.

Eldorado, however, launched a 10-4 run before halftime to close the score to 24-22 at intermission.

The teams traded baskets in the third quarter, and Eldorado's Crissi McCormick hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 29-all with 54 seconds left in the stanza. Forsan regained the lead when Cook sank a basket and Barbara Mitchell drained a three-pointer to put

Forsan up by five heading into the final eight minutes.

The Queens were able to score only two more points in the game, while Eldorado gradually fought its way back into contention.

With 43 seconds left, Eldorado's Katie Hardy sank a basket to tie the game at 35-35. Ten seconds later, Mickie McAdams sank a free throw to put the Queens back on top, but Hardy scored the game-winning basket with 10 seconds left to give the Lady Eagles the win.

Leading scorers for the Queens were Mitchell, Conaway and Cook with nine points apiece. Claudia Martinez led Eldorado with 11 points.

BUFFS RALLY FOR WIN

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes came from behind to down the Tahoka Bulldogs, 59-55, Friday

night. The teams traded points in the first quarter, but a late three-pointer gave Tahoka a 20-18 lead, heading into the second stanza.

It was more of the same in the second, as the two teams traded baskets almost on an even basis. Joey Conaway scored six points during the quarter to keep the Buffs close, and Dave Rundle's basket gave Forsan the lead for the first time with three minutes left. But another Tahoka three-pointer before the buzzer gave the Bulldogs a 32-31 lead at intermission.

Stephen East hit a three-pointer and Conaway added a basket to give Forsan a 36-32 lead early in the third. The Buffs maintained that edge and led, 49-43, heading into the final quarter.

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Playoff results

Here are results of Texas high school football playoff games Friday and Saturday:

Class 5A (Big School) Semifinals
 Marshall 21, Arlington Sam Houston 0
 Converse Judson 51, Humble Kingwood 22

Class 5A (Regular) State Championship
 Aldine 27, Arlington Lamar 10

Class 4A Semifinals
 Wilmer-Hutchins 35, Stephenville 18
 Austin Westlake 24, A&M Consolidated 14

Class 3A Semifinals
 Vernon 11, Southlake Carroll 6
 Crockett 15, Sinton 14

Class 2A Semifinals
 DeLeon 9, Pilot Point 7
 Groveton 41, Schulenburg 36

Class A Semifinals
 Munday 28, Valley Mills 10
 Bartlett 17, Oakwood 14

Six-Man State Championship
 Fort Hancock 66, Christoval 17

Robinson leads

Spurs past Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — David Robinson had 26 points and 17 rebounds and Terry Cummings keyed a fourth-quarter rally Saturday night as San Antonio won their fourth consecutive road game and fifth straight overall with a 90-74 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Spurs trailed 63-61 at the start of the final quarter, but Reggie Williams' 3-pointer started a 15-3 Spurs run. Willie Anderson's dunk ended the spree and left the score 76-66.

Cummings, held to two points in the first half, finished with 14, including five straight to give the Spurs a 69-64 lead.

The Timberwolves shot 31 percent from the field and were held under 80 points for the fifth time in their last seven games. Pooh Richardson topped Minnesota with 16 points.

Late layup lifts

Rockets to win

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Akeem Oluajun's layup with 37 seconds left lifted the Houston Rockets to a 100-97 victory over Charlotte on Saturday night, the Hornets' sixth consecutive loss.

Oluajun finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds as the Rockets, who led by as many as 21 points in the second half, held on to win.

The Hornets got back into the game with a 18-4 run in the fourth quarter, making the score 95-92 with 2:12 left. Rex Chapman sparked the rally with 11 of his 28 points, including two 3-pointers.

Chapman tied the game at 97 with a midcourt steal and slam dunk with 49 seconds left.

After Oluajun gave the Rockets the lead, Vernon Maxwell added a free throw with 7.2 seconds remaining. Chapman's desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer bounced off the front rim.

UTEP upsets

Georgetown

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Texas-El Paso didn't think it was an upset and No. 5 Georgetown didn't think it was a setback.

The Miners handed the Hoyas their first nonconference loss at home since 1982, beating Georgetown 71-60 behind 11 second-half points by guard Mark McCall.

"I thought coming in here, some people would be surprised at our players, but we took it to them and played with poise and patience," said Texas-El Paso coach Don Haskins. "We're a young team, but no one should be surprised."

Haskins called it a big victory for the Western Athletic Conference, adding: "We're looked upon as not as good as some of the other conferences."
 Georgetown had won six in a row at the Capital Centre. Their last home loss outside of the Big East was 62-61 to American University in December 1982. They are 119-12 at the building since moving there permanently for their home games in the 1981-82 season.

Rebs, Johnson more than Michigan St. can handle

(AP) Larry Johnson and UNLV were a smash hit at The Palace.

Johnson, an All-American senior forward, scored a career-high 35 points and had 14 rebounds to lead the top-ranked Runnin' Rebels to a 95-75 win over No. 21 Michigan State on Saturday at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.

"Larry Johnson was a man almost against boys in there," Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote said. "He was just more than we could handle."

Michigan State (3-3) opened the second half with an 18-9 spurt to take a 60-59 lead with 13:26 remaining. But UNLV (3-0) outscored the Spartans 20-6 over the next 8:07 to put the game away. Johnson had four baskets — including a 3-pointer.

"Our backs were against the wall," Johnson said. "We were down there. We were scrapping and it felt good. We love to play in front of big crowds, especially big, noisy ones that are against us."

Stacey Augmon had 20 points and Anderson Hunt 15 for the Runnin' Rebels.

Steve Smith led Michigan State with 23 points and Matt Steigenga added 14 for the Spartans, who have struggled after being ranked No. 4 in the preseason poll.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 3 Syracuse 94,

College roundup

Long Beach State 79; Texas El Paso 71, No. 5 Georgetown 60; No. 6 UCLA 92, DePaul 90; No. 7 Indiana 97, Western Michigan 68; No. 8 Ohio State 109, American 73; No. 9 North Carolina 95, No. 20 Alabama 79; No. 14 St. John's 78, Howard University 65; No. 15 Pittsburgh 98, Robert Morris 74; No. 18 Kentucky 86, Tennessee-Chattanooga 70, No. 22 Southern Mississippi 84, Northeast Louisiana 72 and Temple 69, No. 23 Georgia Tech 67.

UNLV's victory gave coach Jerry Tarkanian the best winning percentage in major college history.

Tarkanian's record is 568-119 in 22-plus seasons at the major college level and his .8267 winning percentage surpasses the .8266 posted by Clair Bee, who coached at Rider College (1929-31) and Long Island University (1932-51).

"Obviously, I'm very happy with the way we played," Tarkanian said. "They came out and took the lead in the second half. We broke down a little bit."

"Except for a few situations where we rushed shots, overall I thought we played pretty smart and the effort was really good."

"That streak was just Larry. We

got him the ball and he took over." No. 3 Syracuse 94, Long Beach St. 79

Billy Owens had 19 points as Syracuse put six players in double figures and rolled over visiting Long Beach State.

Syracuse (9-0) led 55-35 at halftime, then outscored the 49ers (2-5) 26-14 in the first 11 1/2 minutes of the second half for an 81-49 lead.

Long Beach State (2-5), led by Lucious Harris' 24 points, closed the game with a 22-6 run against the Orangemen's reserves. Owens did not play in the final 9 1/2 minutes.

LeRon Ellis added 17 for Syracuse and freshman reserve Scott McCorkle had a career-high 14 points.

Texas-El Paso 71, No. 5 Georgetown 60

Mark McCall led two scoring runs in the second half as Texas-El Paso handed Georgetown its first loss of the season and its first Big East loss at the Capital Centre in eight years.

"I don't like to lose, but I think it was a good experience for our kids," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "It's more important that we become a better team. ... A couple of losses now are good for the soul. You need some bruises."



AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — UNLV guard George Ackles, right, stops Michigan State guard Steve Smith (21) from driving to the basket down the baseline during first half action Saturday.

Young retires after restoring Army football glory

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Jim Young was lucky. He got hit with a bucket of water as his last game as Army coach drew to its happy close.

The water may have helped Young, a master at masking his emotions, hide a tear or two in the final minute of Army's 30-20 victory over Navy last week.

It is impossible, however, to hide what the 55-year-old Young has accomplished in eight years at West Point.

Before Young took over in 1983, Army football was "a disaster," as former athletic director Carl Ullrich not-so-fondly remembers.

The record speaks for itself. The 10 years before Young took over were the bleakest in the football program's storied history. The team, once a terror, was simply terrible.

The 1973 Cadets lost all 10 of their

"He came to us with an enthusiasm and commitment to the job that no one else would have. There was almost an electricity about him and the way he felt about West Point."

Carl Ullrich

games. Army had failed to win a game only one other time — in 1890. But that was the team's first season and the Cadets played only one game, losing 24-0 to Navy.

From 1973-82, Army won only 33 games, lost 72 and tied four, and had but one winning season. Worst of all, the Cadets lost to Navy eight times, won once and tied another.

Three of those losses were shutouts, including a 51-0 rout in 1973, the most lopsided loss in the history of the series. Aside from their 17-14 victory in 1977, the Cadets scored a meager 39 points in the nine other games against the

Middies.

As the 1970s drew to a close, the coaching job became a revolving door. After just one winning season in five, Homer Smith left in 1978, Lou Saban came and went in 1979, and Ed Cavanaugh began an unsuccessful three-year stint in 1980.

Army football was at a very low level, and not only on the field. "When I came here in 1980 we were just about bankrupt," said Ullrich, who left West Point last summer to head the Patriot League.

Enter Young, who already had resurrected programs at Arizona

and Purdue.

Young had given up coaching in 1982 to become associate athletic director at Purdue, but he missed those football Saturdays on the sidelines. Then the Army job opened.

"He came to us with an enthusiasm and commitment to the job that no one else would have," said Ullrich, who decided to hire Young. "There was almost an electricity about him and the way he felt about West Point."

Young expected to step right in and win. He didn't.

The team won only two of 11

games in his first year and lost 42-13 to Navy before 81,000 in Pasadena. The alumni weren't pleased, even though the Army program pocketed almost \$1.5 million from the telecast of the game.

"After Jim was 2-9, some of the alumni said, 'God, Ullrich, you really did it!' But I believed in Jim with all my heart," Ullrich said. "I thought I knew a winner."

Ullrich introduced Young to Earl "Red" Blaik, the famed Army coach who had transformed the Cadets from a patsy into a powerhouse in the 1940s. Blaik's teams were an incredible 57-3-4 from 1944-50 and won national championships in 1944 and 1945.

Blaik desperately wanted to see the program recover. Young obliged, calling on the past for inspiration.

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SCOREBOARD

Area hoops

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Coahoma 72, Reagan Co. 51
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Leading scorers — Reagan Co.: Avalos 18, Dodd 13, Morris 12; Coahoma: Ezell 16, Ginnett 13, Arguello 11, Coates 10; Records — Coahoma 8-5, Reagan Co. 4-7.

GIRLS

C-City 57, Rotan 34
C-City 8 17 18 14-57
Rotan 9 6 9 10-34
Leading scorers — C-City: Richburg 12, McKnight 11; Rotan: Connor 14.

BOYS

C-City 86, Roscoe 37
Roscoe 10 9 7 11-37
C-City 27 15 16 28-86
Leading scorers — Roscoe: Etheredge 16; C-City: Garley 16, Raschke 14, Blessingham 11, R. Smith 18.

GIRLS

Bronte 49, C-City 47
Bronte 13 17 7 12-49
C-City 11 8 9 19-47
Leading scorers — Bronte: Scott 17, Morrow 14; C-City: Hoover 19.

BOYS

Bronte 82, C-City 55
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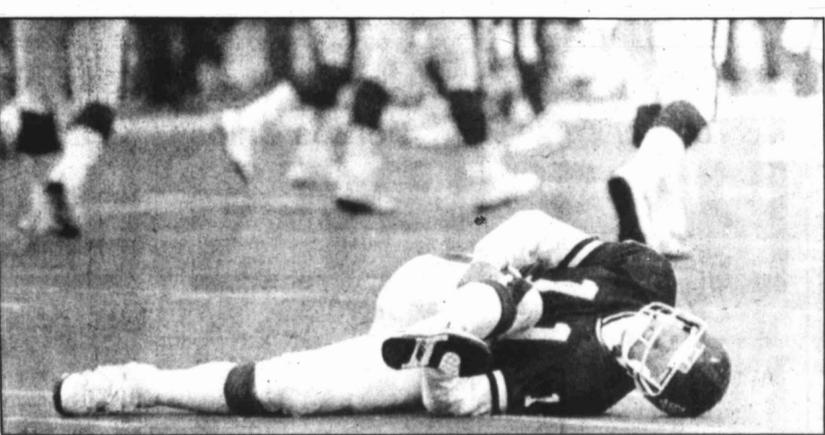
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GIRLS

Coahoma 48, Ozona 38
Coahoma 6 16 11 15-48
Ozona 9 14 9 6-38
Leading scorers — Coahoma: Willborn 14, Anderson 12, Walling 11; Ozona: Coy 15, Carson 11; Records — Coahoma 11-4, 2-9; JV score — Ozona 28, Coahoma 21.

NFL standings

All Times EST AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East					West					
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	
y-Buffalo	12	2	0	.857	390	220	12	2	0	.857
y-Miami	10	3	0	.769	275	184	10	3	0	.769
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	200	281	5	8	0	.385
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	214	295	4	9	0	.308
New England	1	12	0	.071	164	391	1	12	0	.071
Central					West					
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.538	292	294	7	4	0	.538
Houston	7	4	0	.538	324	243	7	4	0	.538
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.538	234	200	7	4	0	.538
Cleveland	2	11	0	.154	201	396	2	11	0	.154
Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	234	199	9	4	0	.692
L.A. Raiders	9	4	0	.692	248	225	9	4	0	.692
Seattle	7	4	0	.538	242	240	7	4	0	.538
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	272	220	6	7	0	.462
Denver	3	10	0	.231	277	334	3	10	0	.231



In pain EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New York quarterback Phil Simms grimaces with pain after injuring his leg in the third quarter against the Buffalo Bills at Giants Stadium Saturday. Sims was unable to complete the game, which the Bills won, 17-13.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					West					
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	
x-N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	298	180	11	3	0	.786
y-Washington	9	5	0	.643	324	252	9	5	0	.643
Philadelphia	7	6	0	.538	252	275	7	6	0	.538
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	193	255	6	7	0	.462
Phoenix	5	8	0	.385	206	308	5	8	0	.385
Central					West					
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	290	207	10	3	0	.769
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	241	270	6	7	0	.462
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	297	252	6	7	0	.462
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	210	311	5	8	0	.385
Detroit	4	9	0	.308	301	345	4	9	0	.308
x-San Francisco	12	1	0	.923	297	199	12	1	0	.923
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	235	239	6	7	0	.462
L.A. Rams	5	8	0	.385	305	346	5	8	0	.385
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	292	332	3	10	0	.231

Detroit at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles Raiders at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
 Washington at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 23
 Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 New England at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
 Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at San Diego, 4 p.m.
 New Orleans at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
 New York Giants at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
 Denver at Seattle, 8 p.m.

College scores

EAST

Adelphi 102, N.Y. Tech 78
Bloomfield 62, Caldwell 46
Brooklyn Col. 91, Liberty 65
C.W. Post 90, Sacred Heart 69
Cornell 103, Binghamton 51
Daemen 99, Point Park 94
East Stroudsburg 90, Southampton 63
FDU-Madison 70, Upsala 57
Fordham 75, Manhattan 58
Giassboro St. 95, Rutgers-Camden 62
Harford 49, Boston U. 59
Harvard 90, Dartmouth 73
Husson 82, Maine-Machias 79
James Madison 72, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 71
Maine 71, E. Illinois 68
N. Adams 51, Mass.-Boston 52
New Haven 102, Dowling 101
Ohio St. 109, American U. 73
Phila. Textile 62, Queens Coll. 43

Pittsburgh 98, Robert Morris 74
 Princeton 58, Rutgers 45
 Ramapo 66, Rutgers-Newark 57
 Stockton St. 66, Montclair St. 57
 Stonehill 96, Keene St. 87
 Temple 49, Georgia Tech 67
 Texas-El Paso 71, Georgetown 60
 York, Pa. 74, Catholic U. 65

FAR WEST

E. Montana 70, Denver 60
La Salle 87, Baylor 82
UC Santa Barbara 65, St. Mary's, Cal. 55

SOUTH

Auburn 99, Florida St. 96
Christopher Newport 90, Marymount, Va. 73
Coppin St. 78, Coll. of Charleston 60
E. Kentucky 84, Bellarmine 77
East Carolina 86, Campbell 55
Florida 82, Augusta 43
Florida Tech 90, Florida Atlantic 77
Jacksonville 96, Bethune-Cookman 84
Kentucky 86, Tr. Chattanooga 70
Lane 92, Bethel, Tenn. 92
Munc. Olive 79, Georgia Coll. 66
N.C. Charlotte 108, Clemson 100
North Carolina 95, Alabama 79
Old Dominion 88, Long Island U. 62
Pembroke St. 94, Wingate 68
Randolph-Macon 71, Lynchburg 62
Southern Miss. 84, NE Louisiana 72
Thomas More 85, Bluffton 84, OT
Wayne, Mich. 85, Kentucky St. 83, OT

MIDWEST

Aquinas 94, Siena Heights 83
Ashland 72, Hillsdale 46
Augustana, Ill. 98, Carroll, Wis. 90
Butler 94, Wisconsin 88, 2OT
Capital 66, Muskingum 63
Cincinnati 58, Evansville 48

Denison 77, Wilmington, Ohio 67
 Grace 105, Cent. St., Ohio 98, OT

Cowboys take on Phoenix

(AP) It seems like forever since the Dallas Cowboys played an important game in December.

It was only five years ago. Now comes another, one that Jimmy Johnson is calling the most important the Cowboys have played in his two seasons as their coach. He's not overstating it.

If the Cowboys beat Phoenix at Texas Stadium Sunday, it evens their record at 7-7 and puts them in the middle of the race for the final two NFC wild-card playoff spots, a remarkable turnaround from last season's 1-15.

"We have an outside shot if we don't win, but we don't want to get caught up in all the different scenarios," said Johnson, who had some big late-season games in college but never in the pros.

Phoenix, which beat Dallas 20-3 in October, comes in with three straight wins and a 5-8 record, which in the new, watered-down format, still gives it an outside chance at the playoffs. In fact, while all three NFC divisions have been clinched and Washington could wrap up a wild-card spot this week, only Atlanta in the NFC has been eliminated officially.

The Cowboys are coming off their off-week following three straight wins — against the Rams, Redskins and Saints.

The Cards have beaten the Patriots, Colts and Falcons — not exactly top-drawer teams.

Dallas hasn't defeated Phoenix since 1988 and hasn't beaten the Cardinals in Texas Stadium since 1987.

"We played as poorly as what I've seen in our first game against them," Johnson said. "That game was a major disappointment. We underestimated the talent Phoenix has."

In other Sunday games, Atlanta will be at Cleveland, Houston at Kansas City, Indianapolis at the New York Jets, Minnesota at Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh at New Orleans, Seattle at Miami, Green Bay at Philadelphia, Cincinnati at the Los Angeles Raiders, San Diego at Denver and Chicago at Detroit.

The Monday night game pits San Francisco against the Los Angeles Rams at Anaheim.

Houston (7-6) at Kansas City (9-4)

Cincinnati (7-6) at Raiders (9-4)

Complimentary games that will have a major effect on the AFC Central and West races.

Houston was stomped 34-0 by the Chiefs last season and Warren Moon got into a fight with Derrick Thomas, an incident that still rankles Houston. But more important is the division race, where the Oilers, Bengals and Steelers are all 7-6.

In the West, Kansas City can win the division by winning its last three — at San Diego and Chicago after this one. That's because the Chiefs swept the Raiders, who finish at Minnesota and at home with San Diego.

And both the Chiefs and Raiders can clinch a wild-card playoff spot with a victory this week.

Strangely enough, the Houston-Kansas City game is a quarterback duel. Warren Moon, yes, but Steve DeBerg? DeBerg has thrown only three interceptions all season and has shed his reputation as a quarterback just good enough to lose.

"It's the way he prepares," coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

The Bengals have a problem going into the Coliseum — Boomer Esiason has a groin injury and may not play. If he doesn't, Erik Wilhelm will start.

Their other problem is the league's 26th-rated defense, 23rd against the run, which is what Marcus Allen and Bo Jackson do best. Green Bay (6-7) at Philadelphia (7-6)

What's interesting here is that if the Packers win, they tie the Eagles for a playoff spot and gain a head-to-head tiebreaker.

It's probably not likely, not with Anthony Dilweg at quarterback facing Reggie White and his friends. Moreover, this is one of those weeks the up-and-down Eagles should be up after losses in Buffalo and Miami that both could have been wins.

Unless... Randall Cunningham didn't practice Monday or Tuesday because he has a sore knee. He'll probably play but if he doesn't, the Packers get to see their old friend Jim McMahon.

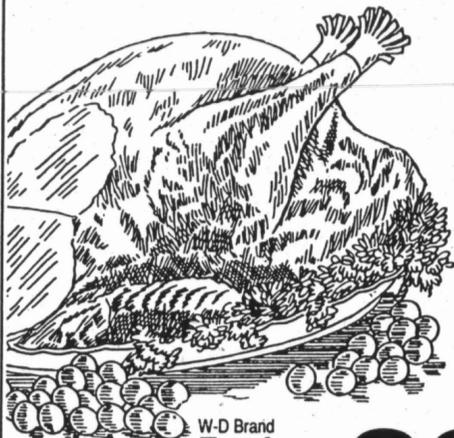
San Francisco (12-1) at Los Angeles Rams (5-8) (Monday night)

Revenge time in a series where the home team is at a disadvantage.

The Rams have beaten the 49ers in four of the last six regular-season games at Candlestick Park, including the 28-17 decision three weeks ago that is San Francisco's only loss. But the 49ers have won nine of the last 10 at Anaheim and their last 17 on the road, and the revenge factor should avoid any letdown here.

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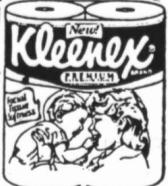
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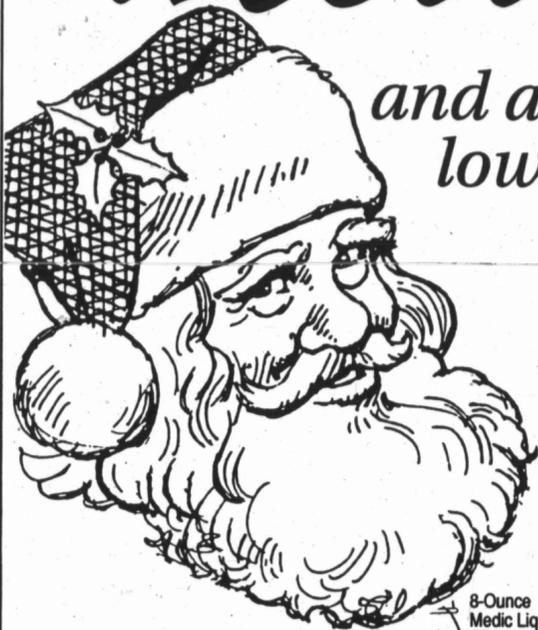
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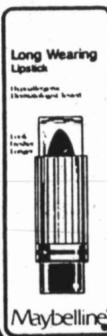
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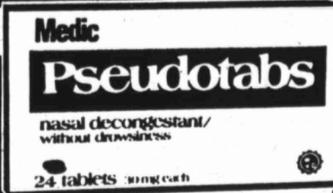
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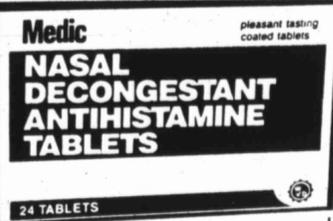
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Outdoors

Sidelines

Wildlife program aimed at the youth

AUSTIN — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced an educational campaign to acquaint young people with protected wildlife and how illegal trade threatens many of them with extinction.

The program, "Suitcase for Survival," involves the loan of suitcases filled with confiscated wildlife products to zoos for use in their education programs and in local schools.

Early next year a dozen kits will be sent to major zoos across the country. Ultimately, USFWS would like to get the materials into the hands of teachers who will be trained by the participating zoo to use the kits in the local school system.

The program is supported by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the World Wildlife Fund, "Take Pride in America," and USFWS.

Downward trend seen in fur market

AUSTIN — Texas' trappers and hunters will continue to have difficulties this year as the fur market continues its downward trend, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department official said.

The harvest of wild furs the past three years has resulted in too many on the market, said Jose Cano, wildlife biologist from Clifton. Commercial fur farms have continued to add large numbers of furs on the market.

"The supply continues to exceed the demand and that is where the problem lies," he said.

Prices depend on where the fur was taken, Cano said, and demand for some pelts may not exist in some areas.

The trapping season for fur-bearing animals is Dec. 1 to Jan. 31, except for muskrat (Nov. 15-March 15) and nutria (no closed season). A valid trappers license (\$10.75) is needed to take fur-bearing animals in Texas.

Bus tours planned at state park

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has planned a series of bus tours through the recently-acquired Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area.

Tom Palmer, public information officer for the department, said the area, acquired three years ago, is a "tremendous thing to see."

"The size alone is incredible," Palmer said. "It's over 270,000 acres of just a geological dream, an architectural treasure. You will see something different every time."

The area's "flora and fauna" is typical of the Chihuahuan Desert land, Palmer noted.

The tours, which start Jan. 19, will be offered every other Saturday. Two varieties, both guided by a knowledgeable department official, will be available, both featuring a "chuckwagon" lunch.

The first tour will begin at Lajitas, a small town that borders the park, at the Barton-Warlock Environmental Education Center. The 136-mile round trip will take visitors into the interior of the ranch with two stops to view the scenery.

The second available tour begins from Presidio's Fort Leaton. The 76-mile trip is more "in-depth" in its look at archeological formations, Palmer said. The tour will include a look at the Solitario, an up-thrust formation created during the Volcanic Age, he noted.

Interested persons should make reservations after Sunday. Schedule early: each bus seats only 24 persons. The fee is \$30 per person; children who can be held on the lap of an adult will be allowed to ride free, but will be charged a nominal lunch fee.

Half of the payment should be mailed in advance, and the balance is due on the tour date. Palmer said cancellations made within 24 hours of the tour would receive a full refund.

The state-owned bus will have air conditioning and restroom facilities, he noted. Water will be provided during the trip. Tours will begin at 8 a.m. and finish by about 6:30 p.m.



The top fishermen for 1990 were honored by the Bass Club. Pictured are: Jerry Dudley, left, Joyce Wilson, Mike Spivey and Johnny Mills.

Bass Club meeting honors top fishermen

An awards banquet was conducted Dec. 4 by the Big Spring Bass Club to honor the top fishermen of the year. There were approximately 46 people in attendance.

The following awards were presented:

Angler of the year —

● Jerry Dudley, Men's Division, 663 points, 67 lbs.

● Joyce Wilson, Women's Division, 425 points, 17 lbs.

● Mike Spivey, Youth Division, 157 points, 7 lbs.

Big Bass of the year —

● Johnny Mills, Men's Division, 7 lbs.

● Joyce Wilson, Women's Division, 3 lbs. 15 ozs.

● Mike Spivey, Youth Division, 3 lbs. 4 ozs.

Following the presentation of awards, new officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Marty Whetsel, President; Johnny Christian, Vice President; Joyce Wilson, Secretary/treasurer; James White and Glenn Berry, Co-program Chairman; Pam Christian, Reporter.

Serving on the Board of Directors will be: Blane Dyess, Jerry Dudley, Terry Denton and Jim Wilson.

The club will have a meeting January 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Ag. Department. The purpose of the meeting will be to begin setting guidelines, rules and dates for the next series of tournaments.

For more information, contact Jim or Joyce Wilson, 263-0062.

Hot tips for cold water action

By MARK WEAVER

If there is one single key to successful winter fishing, it would have to be fishing slow.

While slowing everything down, from the fall of the lure to the actual retrieve, will not guarantee success, it is almost certain that fishing too fast will make for a very long day.

Bass are extremely inactive in cold water and do not roam about during the cold winter months. Once you have located a group of fish, chances are they will be there the next day as well.

While fishermen seem to be fairly divided on the subject of the size of the lure to use during winter, I prefer to use a very large bait. My theory is that bass will not feed very often during the cold months and when they do, they'll be looking for a rather large meal. For this reason I like large jigs, one-half to three-quarters of an ounce, with a big chunk of Uncle Josh pork attached.

While a very slow retrieve is needed, you will also need to have your lure fall as slow as possible through the water.

Grubs are another excellent choice for winter bass. Best results will come with using a very light weight jig head. A one-quarter ounce size works well, as it allows the bait to fall slowly.

Fishing with Mark



While I will generally use a small three inch grub in the spring, I have found the large four or five inch size is a better producer in the dead of winter. However, it is best to try a variety of sizes from three to five inches to see what works best.

The proper color selection is vital to winter success too. For jigs, I prefer combinations of black and brown or black and blue.

Grubs are a different story. I have never found a color that will out-produce the smoke color. I know a lot of fishermen who find chautreause to be productive also, but my success with grub fishing has been fairly limited to using the smoke color.

As I have mentioned in previous articles, metal spoons are an excellent choice for winter angling as well. These are especially good for deep water conditions where it can be effectively "jiggled" over submerged timber.

Indian vows to keep fighting

COOKS LANDING, Wash. (AP) — The old fishing platform sags, held up by ropes, a few rotting boards and perhaps the ghosts of fishermen who lived at a time when Indians pulled as many salmon as they wanted from the Columbia River.

David Sohapp, Yakima Indian, religious leader and rebel, believes that is a right worth a lifelong fight. "I want to go fishing whenever I feel like it. With no strings attached whatsoever," Sohapp says.

It is an idea as dated as the old-fashioned platform, long since supplanted by powerboats. But for Sohapp, there is no compromise on his belief that Indians have the right to fish when and where they want, guaranteed by the Yakima Indian Nation's Treaty of 1855.

Despite a 20-month prison term, a stroke and the threat of eviction from his ramshackle home, he refuses to give up.

In 1984, U.S. District Judge George Boldt of Tacoma issued a ruling limiting Indian rights to half the harvestable salmon and steelhead in the Puget Sound region. That decision arose in part from protests Sohapp and other Indian fishermen began in 1968 over the state's restrictions on their fishing.

But for all the fuss he has created, Sohapp rarely fishes, preferring to spend his time watching soap operas and news. A frail 65-year-old man with one arm crippled by the stroke, he speaks bare-

ly above a mumble and must lean on an old golf putter to walk. "I speak softly but carry a big stick," he joked, brandishing the putter.

In the latest chapter of this rebel's saga, Sen. Brock Adams, D-Wash., and Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, are asking the government to stop eviction efforts against Sohapp.

The government argues that the Cooks Landing fishing site where Sohapp lives with his wife and some of his seven children is supposed to be a river access point for all Indians, not a dwelling site.

Sohapp built a longhouse — a communal dwelling that also serves as a church — on this spit of land on the shore of the mile-wide Columbia east of Vancouver, Wash., in the early 1960s.

The longhouse was a protest over the 40 homes and 37 fishing sites of Indians that were flooded by construction of Bonneville Dam in 1937. The government agreed in 1945 to replace those homes and fishing sites, but has made little progress.

Sohapp says he has a historic right to live and fish on the river, and he vows never to leave the



Robo Buck. GREEN BOTTOM, W. Va. - Division of Natural Resources conservation officers Mike Weiler, left, and Kenny Painter prepare "RoboDeer," the DNR's newest deer decoy, for an afternoon of undercover police work. The DNR uses the decoys to nab hunters who shoot from highways.

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Safety project nearing completion at Possum Kingdom

PALO PINTO, Texas (AP) — The dam at Possum Kingdom Lake stands like a vanguard on the upper stretch of the Brazos River Basin, a drainage area roughly the size of Tennessee.

But, deep inside the 189½-foot-tall structure, crews have been working for four years to repair weakness that created big cracks in the concrete, causing the 49-year-old dam to slip as much as 4½ inches downstream.

At one time, as much as 900 gallons of water was pouring through the dam each minute.

The damage, discovered during a 1987 inspection, included a fissure 200 feet long and up to about 2 inches wide in an upstream wall. Concrete beams and other supports also cracked.

"When the structure moved, it broke an upstream toe wall or cutoff wall" of the dam, lake supervisor Weldon Newman said. "Water then entered the rock formations under the wall and the foundation footing."

The resulting water pressure tried to force the Morris Sheppard dam upward and out of its foundations, threatening for a time residences and businesses downstream along the Brazos.

It's costing almost four times the dam's 1941 price tag of \$8.7 million to make the necessary repairs, scheduled to be completed by the end of next year, the Brazos River Authority said.

The lake, a popular fishing and diving spot, has been lowered 13 feet to protect the dam. The river authority says the dam is not in danger of failing, although the level has remained down for two years.

"I personally never worried about the dam cracking and breaking and all the water whooshing out," said Mary Davis, who owns Scuba Point, a diving shop on the lake. "But I can't imagine anyone living below the dam and having that to worry about."

She said some businesses along Possum Kingdom, named for a

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Weldon Newman
Lake Supervisor

bend in the river, suffered financially when the lake level was lowered during dam repairs.

"We have been here 30 years, and the water has been 25 to 30 feet low way back," said Ms. Davis. "But we did not get panicked when they dropped the level ... 13 feet. We built a swimming pool right on the lake when it dropped."

The 1,655-foot-long structure is the highest flat slab buttress dam in the country, according to Freese and Nichols Inc., project engineers.

During a five-year inspection, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission had discovered the signs of movement and structural distress.

Since the inspectors' 1987 report, the Fort Worth-based engineers have been working in a \$34 million project to repair and strengthen the dam.

"We are just beginning the final phase of the fix for the structure," Newman said.

The work involves placing some 80,000 cubic yards of additional concrete inside the dam as ballast, said Mike Bukala, the river authority's administrative assistant in Waco.

That's in addition to 80,000 cubic yards of crushed rock placed inside the dam earlier. The increased weight holds the structure in place against the lake's hydrostatic pressure, Bukala said.

Newman said 144 relief wells were drilled below the dam to reduce water pressure. Equipment to measure the structure's downstream movement also was installed, while work began on a second spillway and new gates.

To get inside the dam for repairs, construction crews had to drill 8-foot holes through the 9-foot-thick concrete buttresses. It took five days of around-the-clock work to drill through each one, Newman said.

The dam, about 25 miles northwest of Mineral Wells and 75 miles west of Fort Worth, contains 24 such buttresses.

"The principal work remaining is to put concrete ballast inside the dam, to put more weight in the structure," said Bukala. "That will be the final fix."



Weldon Newman, lake supervisor, examines the work being done at the Morris Sheppard Dam near Palo Pinto.



David Sohapp stands on the bank of the Columbia river in front of an old fishing platform at Cooks Landing, Wash. He believes Indians should be able to catch as much fish as they want, when they want, from the Columbia River.

federal court in Los Angeles in 1983 and sentenced to five years in prison. They served 20 months each and remain on probation.

A Yakima Tribal Court jury in 1987 acquitted them of tribal poaching charges. That trial, labeled "Tradition on Trial," won international attention from human rights groups.

Some members were angry when the tribe prosecuted Sohapp in the "Salmonscam" case, tribal prosecutor Jack Fiander said. Others

were fishing laws was on trial.

The tribe for 25 years has set fishing seasons for its members and regulated the type of equipment they could use, Fiander said. They insisted on prosecuting Sohapp to protect tribal sovereignty in such matters, he said.

"David Sohapp, like any human being, is neither all good nor all bad," Fiander said. "Sometimes, he was both."

Christina Ferchalk



Choosing the right present

My husband was almost asleep. "I don't know what you think," I said, "but I think the kids should have to earn the money to buy Christmas presents. It's not right that we just hand them money the way we do."

My husband mumbled, "Do whatever you think is best." I grabbed the remote control from his hands (he sleeps with it.) That brought him around.

"You're their parent too," I said. "Don't tell me to do whatever I think is best. Tell me I'm absolutely right! They could earn the money doing odd jobs around the house and keeping their bedrooms clean."

"But," my husband said, "do you think it's right for us to pay them for cleaning their own bedrooms?"

"Heck yes," I said. "It's worth it to me. I've tried punishment and intimidation. Maybe cold, hard cash will do the trick."

Christmas was almost over when I realized his real present was still under the tree. Poor Daddy thought all I gave him was a box of junk. The man was delighted. So how am I going to top that this year?

The kids liked the idea of earning their money. I must be doing something right. Eventually the time came when they asked me what I'd like for Christmas. I told them I could use a new typewriter ribbon and some good quality typing paper. They just sighed.

What had I been thinking of? Kids don't want to give their mother a typewriter ribbon for Christmas. I've always wanted a nice brooch. I could drop a few subtle hints and turn them loose in a store that sold inexpensive jewelry. But I knew, as sure as God made little green apples, I'd end up with a brooch from Hell that I'd have to wear in public.

I formulated a plan: I'd find a brooch in the right price range, stick it under their noses and say, "I'll just step over here with my back turned and you can look around and see if there's anything here you'd like to buy."

I make gift selections as easy as possible for my kids, unlike my own parents.

My mom isn't a problem. I could give her a four-roll pack of unscented toilet paper for Christmas. She'd throw her hands to her cheeks and say, "You know, honey, you're not going to believe this, but I was saying to your father, just the other day, wasn't I, Ed, that we were down to our last eight rolls of toilet paper, and I heard it was going up in price."

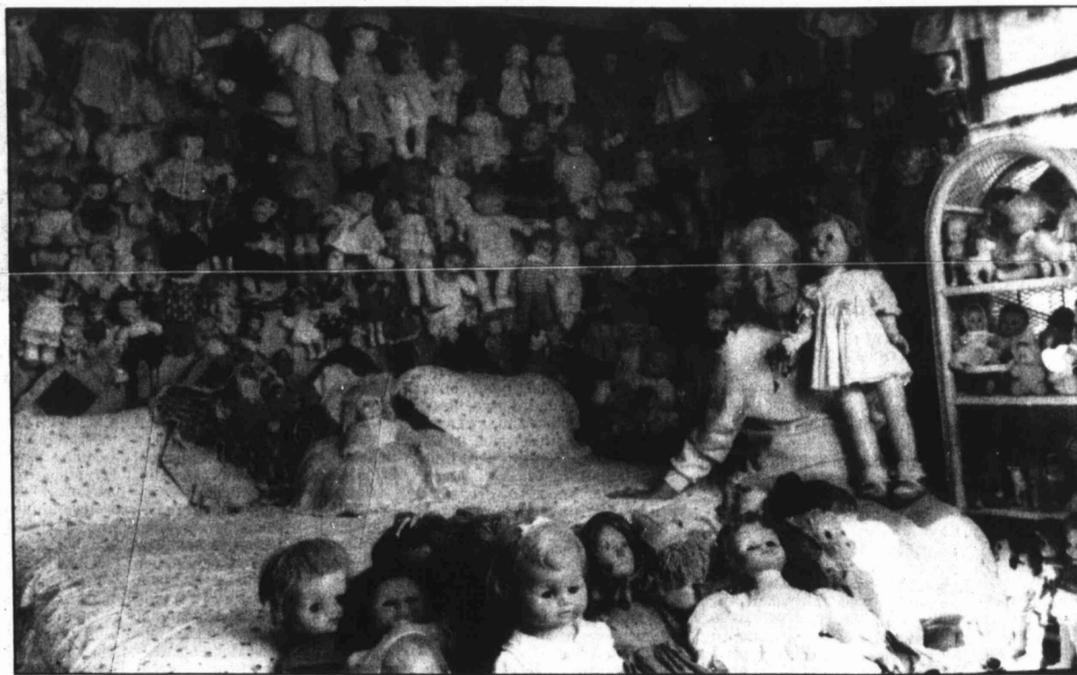
"I always wanted to try the unscented kind too, but it costs a bit more and I didn't know if it would be worth it. Oh, thank you sweet heart. I'll get a lot of good use out of this."

Now, my dad's another story. Every family has one member impossible to buy for, and dad is ours. My old man's a classic. He walks several miles every day. On his walks, he keeps his eyes on the ground looking for cast-off bolts, screws, nuts, dual-ended thingamajigs, and three-pronged whatchamacallits. He collects what falls out of people's pockets and is never missed. It drives Mom crazy.

Last year, as a joke, I searched the whatnot drawers in my house hunting for weird junk. You know, the stuff you don't throw away because you don't know what it is and it might come in handy someday. I threw it all in a fancy gift-wrapped box and gave it to Dad as a Christmas present. Christmas was almost over when I realized his real present was still under the tree. Poor Daddy thought all I gave him was a box of junk. The man was delighted.

So how am I going to top that this year?

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



Ednae Bassett sits among hundreds of dolls she's collected over the past 20 years. The 73-year-old Big Spring woman's collection has grown to nearly 4,000.



Ednae Bassett looks at the dolls that adorn her bedroom wall.



Ednae Bassett cuddles a life-like baby doll at her home. The doll is one of nearly 4,000 Ednae has collected throughout the years.

A doll's world, after all

By LYNN HAYES
Lifestyle Editor

Ednae Bassett lives in a doll house. She shares her home with nearly 4,000 cuddly, stuffed, painted and definitely cherished dolls.

The 73-year-old Big Spring woman began collecting the toys 20 years ago. Since then she has collected just about every doll available, including a rare Campbell's Soup doll.

"Just name it, I've got it," Ednae said as she pointed to dolls made in the images of Lucille Ball; Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York; Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

Her living room furniture is stacked with every doll imaginable, including Barbie, Cabbage Patch and 1-inch tall Little Kiddles.

Some are in cradles, some sit at tables, and some just stand in the corners.

In her bedroom, thousands more hang from the walls, sit on dressers and in the corners.

"It's my hobby. I enjoy every minute I work with them," she said.

Most of Ednae's dolls are castaways that have been saved from the trash pile. She shops garage sales in search of unwanted treasures.

Her passion for dolls began as a child, and because her family couldn't afford a new doll every year, Ednae found a way to construct one of her beloved toys.

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Ednae purchases China dolls from various mints, including Danbury and Ashton Drake.

Her most recent and expensive order is a John Wayne doll, which has a pricetag of more than \$400, she noted.

Dolls purchased at garage sales or retrieved from trash piles usually need repair and clothing. Ednae spends her time painting, repairing and sewing clothes for her prized possessions.

"Most have been given to me over the years," she said as she opened a package revealing the newest addition to her family, a doll named Victoria Anne.

"I don't remember ordering this one, but she's pretty and that's my niece's name," she said as she straightened the doll's dress and hair.

Neighborhood children flock to her home to marvel at her collection.

"I tell them they can look, but they know they can't touch," she said.

Ednae said she makes dolls for children in her neighborhood. "I'm dressing some now to give them for Christmas."

Ednae also enjoys dressing dolls for The Salvation Army's annual Doll Dressing Campaign.

This year, she dressed 20 dolls that will be given to area children.

Ednae loves each and every one of her dolls and says she'd never think of parting with any of them.

"They're my babies," she said. "I love them all."

and begged for a doll for Christmas, so Santa Claus brought me one," she recalled.

However, her baby doll met with an untimely fate.

"My little brother put it in a wagon and it turned over and broke my doll, and I cried and cried."

Most of the dolls are categorized in her home. There's a corner for storybook dolls, including Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella; China dolls; dolls representing movie stars and first ladies. Even Elvis has a home with Ednae.

"I imagine I've got 3,000 or 4,000 dolls, maybe more," Ednae said looking at her collection.

Because each doll is in a designated place, Ednae notices if one is missing.

"I've got one missing now," she said. "I don't know what happened to her," she said as she looked at the collection again.



Dolls from nearly every country adorn the shelves in Ednae Bassett's home.

Weddings

Solis-Sommer

Martina Solis, 704 N.W. 10th St., and Christopher Sommer, 538 Westover, were united in marriage Nov. 10, 1990 at a 3 p.m. ceremony at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with Father Michael Dwyer officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vicente R. Solis, 704 N.W. 10th St.

Bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Sommer, Hallettsville.

The couple stood before an altar decorated with two sets of candelabra decorated with white and royal blue bows. A unity candle and two kneeling cushions completed the setting.

Pianist and organist was Eva Garcia. Guitarist was Steve Chavez.

Vocalists were Hilda Lara, Eva Garcia and Steve Chavez.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length white satin gown with hand-sewn pearls and sequins. The gown also featured puffy sleeves and a neckline bodice.

She also wore a pearl headpiece and a long lace veil.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white silk flowers accented with beads.

Maid of honor was Belinda Quintero, Big Spring.

Matron of honor was Shannon Hitt, Dallas.

Bridesmaids were Lisa Porras, Grace Moreno, Danelle Castillo, Sandra Puente and Debbie Ybarra, all of Big Spring.

Flower girl was Gracie Nicole Acosta, bride's niece, Odessa.

Best man was Stephen Sommer, bridegroom's brother, Hallettsville.

Groomsmen were Larry Carlson, San Marcos; Vince Solis, Arnold Solis and Stan Solis, bride's brothers, Big Spring; Martin Solis, bride's brother, Missouri; Mark Hitt, Dallas.



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER SOMMER

Ushers were Abel Solis, bride's brother, Abilene; Phil Ricks, San Antonio.

Ringbearer was Pete Acosta Jr., bride's nephew, Odessa.

After the wedding, a reception was hosted at the Howard County Fairbarn. The bride's table, draped with a white cloth with royal blue ribbon, featured a three-tier wedding cake with white icing trimmed with blue flowers. The cake was situated over a lighted chandelier display.

The bridegroom's table, draped with a white cloth with royal blue ribbon, featured a horseshoe-shaped cake with chocolate icing.

The bride, a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School, attended Howard College. She is a booth clerk at Furr's at College Park.

The bridegroom is a 1985 graduate of Hallettsville High School, Hallettsville, and a 1989 graduate of Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. He is news director at KBST.

After a wedding trip to Port Aransas, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Reid-Lingnau

Angela Reid and James Lingnau, Lubbock, were united in marriage Dec. 15, 1990 at a 3 p.m. ceremony at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Phillip and Shyrlee Reid, Coahoma.

The bridegroom's parents are Alfred and Jean Lingnau, Lubbock. The couple stood before an altar decorated with two spiral candelabra, two urns of assorted, fresh white flowers and a unity candle.

Organist was Angela Connor. Pianist was Roy Hughes.

Vocalists were Suzanne Haney and Ned Crandall.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long sheath gown with a wedding band collar, illusioned yoke and a sweetheart neckline. The bodice and skirt were adorned with scattered lace, iridescent sequins and seed pearls. Rolls of crystalline organza were attached at the knee to create a cathedral-length train.

She carried a white rose accented with peach and teal ribbon.

Maid of honor was Shele Reid, bride's sister, Coahoma.

Bridesmaids were LeeAnn Reid, bride's sister, Coahoma; Karen Freeman, San Marcos; Sonceia Scott, San Angelo.

Flower girls were Kyzandre Harper, bridegroom's cousin, Post; Rebecca McEndree, Coahoma.

Best man was Jason Lingnau, bridegroom's brother, Lubbock.

Groomsmen were Jonathan Lingnau, bridegroom's brother, Lubbock; Allen Kalbas, bridegroom's cousin, Farwell; and Mark Habbinga, Lubbock.

Ushers were John Overton, bride's cousin, Coahoma; Phillip Anderson, bride's cousin, Coahoma; and Kirk Lingnau, bridegroom's cousin, Farwell.

Candlelighters were John Lingnau, bridegroom's cousin, Littlefield; and TaNeal Anderson, bride's cousin, Coahoma.

Ringbearer was Richard Overton, bride's cousin, Coahoma.

After the wedding, a reception was hosted in the parish hall. The bride's table featured a three-tier cake decorated with peach roses and topped with a Precious Moments bride and bridegroom figurine. The bridegroom's table featured a Precious Moments wedding couple in a car. Peach and teal balloons completed the setting.

The bride, a 1987 graduate of Coahoma High School, is a senior at Texas Tech University, where she is majoring in home economics.

The bridegroom, a 1986 graduate of Monterey High School, is a senior mechanical engineering student at Texas Tech University.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.



MRS. ANGELA LINGNAU

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Anniversary



50 years ago



MR. AND MRS. D.D. JOHNSTON

The Dalton Johnstons

Dalton (D.D.) and Lois Johnston, 600 E. 16th St., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 9 at a reception, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

Hosting the event were Mr. and Mrs. James D. Johnston, and the couple's grandchildren.

Johnston was born in Dunn, Mrs. Johnston, the former Lois Ingram, was born in Rizel.

The couple met Sept. 6, 1940 while visiting relatives in Crane. They married Dec. 8, 1940 at the parsonage of First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Wilson Akins officiating.

The Johnstons have one son, James D. Johnston, 2512 Fisher St., and six grandchildren.

During their marriage they have lived in Crane; Lovington, N.M.; Amarillo; San Leandro, Calif., and Big Spring.

Johnston, who is semi-retired, co-owns D.D. Johnston and James Johnston Construction & Painting

Co. The Johnstons are members of First Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon.

Johnston is a member of the Kiwanis; serves on the County Tax Board; and is a life member of P.D.C.A. of America.

Mrs. Johnston is a member of the Questers Sunday School Class, Kiwanis Queens, City Home Extension Club, and the Eager Beaver Sewing Club.

When asked to comment about their marriage, they said, "We have seen bad times and good times, but our love and faith always sustained us."

Hobbies and interests include church, travel, fishing, games, Scouts, and enjoying their grandchildren.

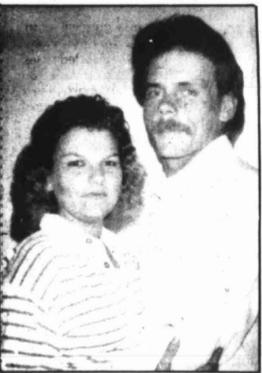
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DATE SET — Charles and Carol Fields, Lubbock, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brenda Munns, 1203 Barnes, to Jason Golleher, 1203 Barnes, son of Pat and Kay Copeland, 1203 Barnes. The couple will wed Dec. 29 at First Christian Church, with the Rev. Steve Comstock officiating.



COUPLE TO WED — Sherry Voigt, Lubbock, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Wendy Kay Voigt, Irving, to Lt. Douglas J. Cligrow, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cligrow, London, Ohio, formerly of Big Spring. The couple will wed Jan. 19 at Reese Air Force Base Chapel, Lubbock.

Anniversary

The Edgar Herms

Edgar and Oma Herm, Ackerly, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 9 with a buffet luncheon at the Midland Hilton.

The event was hosted by their children, Phil and Kay Wallace, Seminole; Eddy and Don Nell Herm, Ackerly; Steve and Teresa Herm, Stanton.

Also attending were the couple's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A total of 24 people attended.

The couple married Dec. 10, 1940 in Loraine. In 1949 they moved to the Ackerly community, where Herm farmed until his retirement in 1978.

Their children plan to present the couple with a photo album of their special day.



MR. AND MRS. EDGAR HERM

Extension club hosts meeting

The Elbow Home Extension Club of Big Spring met Dec. 6 at the home of Mrs. Jo Jo Reynolds.

Naomi Hunt gave the program on the "Changing Family Patterns from 1985 to 2020 in Texas."

Technology, mobility of careers and divorce will change the extended family; but the family will survive because of these characteristics: Appreciation and emotional support, stability, economy, discipline, transmission of cultural values, and good communication.

Mrs. A.A. Kelley, president, gave a devotional on the family using acronyms that are in the word of the Latin language, meaning to make or develop, "Facere". She emphasized child development as the chief purpose of family. "F" stands for "faith" in God and each other, "A" stands for "attitudes" copied from parent models, "C" stands for commitment to character building, emotional support and to duty, "E" stands for efficiency and economy, "R" for responsibility, and the final "E" stands for eternal values parents

transmit to children through daily behavior.

The Council of Extension Clubs will meet Jan. 3 at First Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

Zula Rhodes will install newly elected officers at the Dec. 20 Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Sybil Duffer. Officers for 1991 are Lou Vincent, president; Muriel Prokschl, vice-president; Secretary, Gloria Kappas; Winifred Milwee, treasurer; and Dot Blackwell, council delegate.



DATE SET — Patricia Burley, Big Spring, and James Labrew Jr., Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows Dec. 21. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late JoAnn Palmer and Harvey D. Evans. The prospective bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Labrew Sr.

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Newcomers

Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service welcomed several new residents to Big Spring.

Gene and Lois Morrison from Vernon, and their daughter, Tina, 17. Gene does maintenance work. Hobbies are bicycles, reading and fishing.

David and Maxine Crawford from Hillsboro, are joined by their sons, Charles Jr., 8, and Robert, 4. David is a truck driver. Hobbies are fishing and reading.

Rodney Buxkemper from San

Angelo, is employed with Halliburton Services as a pump truck operator. Hobbies are fishing, reading and sports.

Richard and Barbara Dunmyer from Hot Springs, S.D. Richard is a laboratory technologist at the V.A. Medical Center. Hobbies are ham radio, primitive weapon hunting, and square dancing.

Charles and Kristen Carroll from Abilene. Charles is a truck driver with West Tex Drilling. Hobbies are fishing, camping and sports.

Rodger and Sherry Couch from Harlingen, are joined by their daughter, Sarah, 4, and son, Hunter, 2. Rodger is an agriculture engineer with U.S.D.A. S.C.S. Hobbies include antiques, woodwork-

ing and photography.

Anthony Porter from Wellington, is an electronic technician with Permco. Hobbies are music, art, and car mechanics.

Stephanie Nelson from Las Vegas, Nev., is a R.N. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Hobbies include reading, horses, and aerobics.

Karen Blatchesord from Phoenix, Ariz., is a secretary with Ramirez Plumbing. Hobbies include sports, reading and sewing.

Chris and Julie Lagourney from Dallas. Chris owns and operates Chris's Performance Center. Julie is employed in the drug department at Scaggs in Midland.

Homeowners and tax exemptions

By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension Agent

Recent tax rate hikes in various parts of the state serve as a timely reminder of how important it is for Texas homeowners to know about and obtain any tax exemptions available to them.

Exemptions at varying levels are available in most areas. Tax exemptions affect the value at which property is appraised, which subsequently determines the amount of tax paid.

Appraisals are performed by local appraisal district offices. Applications for exemptions are obtained and submitted through these offices. It is possible for property to be appraised by more than one appraisal district; in that case, an application must be filed with each district. Applications for tax exemptions must meet strict deadlines.



Focus on family

that residence qualifies for a homestead exemption of \$5,000 reduction in appraisal for school tax purposes. Some areas may offer additional exemptions for county taxes.

• Exemption for age 65 or older: For homeowners age 65 or over on Jan. 1, a residence homestead qualifies for at least one additional exemption. Homesteads for persons age 65 or over qualify for a \$10,000 reduction of appraisal for school tax purposes, in addition to the \$5,000 homestead exemption mentioned above. Some areas may offer other exemption programs. Tax ceilings, which "freeze" the amount of school tax paid, or tax deferral alternatives may also be available to persons 65 and up.

• Exemptions for disabled homeowners: If a homeowner meets the definitions of a disabled person under state law on Jan. 1, the residence of that person qualifies for at least one additional homeowner exemption. Some areas may offer other optional exemption programs for disabled homeowners. Special exemptions may be available for disabled veterans.

• Exemptions for solar or wind-powered energy devices: If a homeowner uses solar or wind power to produce or distribute energy, the residence may qualify for additional tax exemptions. These exemptions must be reapplied for on an annual basis.

Local appraisal districts can answer questions about property values, exemptions, the exemption application process, productivity valuation, and protests to the appraisal review board. County tax offices can provide specific information concerning tax rates and can provide a number of publications about the Texas tax system and answers tax-related questions.

Home decorated for holidays

By LEA WHITEHEAD
For the Herald

With a snowman beckoning from the front lawn, Santa Claus and his reindeer poised for flight at the gazebo, luminaries marking the driveway, and six lavishly decorated Christmas trees scattered through the house, the Jimmy Morehead home is once again decked out for the couple's annual round of holiday parties — five at last count!

Paul and Lona Hood, and Doug and Gwen Morris joined Jimmy and Charlsie in hosting their 17th annual traditional Christmas dinner for the widows and widowers from 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Guests included Wanda Rose Fox, Sarah West, Barbara McWhorter, Doris Pennington, Blanche Lilly, Ola Mae Griffin, Florence Rhoten, Frankie Walker, Eva Nall, Marguerite Wooten, Louise Havins, J. B. Cushing, Lawrence Snively, R. V. Fyar, Inez Samples, Marge Hollingsworth, Estelle Howard, Violet Read, Ila Herrin, Thelma Morehead (Jimmy's mother) and so many more.

Former resident, Congressman J.J. (Jake) Pickle, Austin, has been named the 1991 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He joins such other past Texas recipients as Sam Rayburn (1973), W.R. Poage (1973) and Kika de la Garza (1985).

Pickle, who represents the 10th Congressional district, "has taken a great personal interest in matters pertaining to energy costs to Central Texas consumers," said Bennie Fuelberg, Johnson City, general manager of Pedernales Electric Cooperative, at the presentation.

Jake is the brother of Joe Pickle.

Felicia Ford, daughter of Preston and Jerri Dunbar, will have a busy holiday season.

Tidbits

The former Big Spring actress-dancer-model is booked to sing at the Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas, Dec. 27, and she'll perform at the Cotton Bowl official party on New Year's Day.

To top it all off, Felicia has been invited by Governor-elect Ann Richards to sing at her inaugural festivities Jan. 13 and 14 at the State Capitol.

Tim and Alice Haynes were in Dallas this weekend to take in a performance of "Tru," a play based on Truman Capote's life, at the Majestic Theatre.

Starring in the title role was Robert Morse, who won a Tony Award for his Broadway performance.

A former Big Spring resident made news in the Dallas Morning News.

Veterinarian Lon Legg, son of Lonnie, Sr., and Gail Legg, was credited with saving the ninth life of an abused kitten, according to popular columnist Larry Powell.

"Kitty was in shock for five days with burns on his face, ears, head, neck, back and parts of his legs. But he's reported to be almost all healed and his hair is starting to grow back. He may even be ready for adoption by Christmas at the Dallas Animal Adoption Center," the columnist wrote.

Lon operates three vet clinics in Dallas, according to Gail. "He is a very compassionate vet!"

Former residents Richard and Terry Patterson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend with a trip to California to

see their children, Jim and Joanna Darwin, Camarillo; Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Patterson, and sons Jim and John, Pleasant Hill.

Terry, a well-known artist, graduated from BSBS in 1939 and was inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame for arts and entertainment this year.

The Pattersons were married Dec. 16, 1940, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Terry, at 1401 Nolan. They moved to Elgin several years ago.

Richard is retired after 28 years with Del Tex Co., Odessa, but Terry stresses that she is still active in the art world!

It was such fun last year that five Big Spring couples decided to do it again — throw a holiday party at the Big Spring Country Club.

Host couples were Tommy and Laurie Churchwell, Johnny and Donna Palmer, Gary and Leslie Williams, Randy and Mary Walls, and Tim and Dr. Alice Haynes.

"We just wanted to get good friends together and have a dress-up party," Alice explained.

Laurie turned the ballroom into a "Star Gazing" scene in black and silver with glitter all over.

Dancing to DJ entertainment by Amachron, Amarillo, were Rip and Claudia Patterson, Dr. David and Judy Rickey, Cinda Stanley (Dickie was out of town), Guy and Paula Talbot, Cliffa and Wally Slate, Katie and Jerry Grimes, Joe and Patti Horton, Janelle and Harold Davis, Murray and Diane Murphy, the Kent Bowermans, Terri and Mike Thomas, Stan and Sue Partee, Mike and Sue Robertson, and scores of others.



Some of the specific exemptions for which many homeowners qualify are noted below:

• Homestead exemption: If a taxpayer owns a homestead, used as a principal residence, on Jan. 1,

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Stock show kids have the 'right stuff'

By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent

The next few weeks will usher in the junior livestock show season for many boys and girls across Texas, Howard County included.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show will be conducted Jan. 17-19. Fort Worth is the traditional kick-off major show of the year, granted, however, that Odessa has the official first show of the season, even though it is actually held the last weekend of the previous year. That doesn't count to the real dedicated traditional stock show crowd, however... the season begins in Cow Town.

It's kind of like the Paris fashion showings each season — no one acknowledges the trends until the Paris designers present their offerings. This is the same way for the stock show crowds, nothing is considered as what will be presented in the way of trends in beef cattle production until Fort Worth kicks off. Call it traditional or whatever, but that is the way it is.

Fort Worth recognizes this fact and has improved and enlarged its facilities to compliment this tradition. These improvements



Ask the agent

have created a demand for the use of them throughout the year and now all kinds of livestock events occur there and bring revenue the Fort Worth economy as a result.

There is something to say for such forward thinking. I have degressed a little from how I was beginning this article but I thought I would throw in that little bit about stock shows and tradition in Texas. It is a factor to contend with and our own local young 4-H and FFA showman recognize this and want to be a part of this tradition and participate in this event each year. About this time each year I get on my soapbox and expound on the virtues of stock shows and the kids associated with them. A lot of unfavorable publicity is generated each year from some folks who, in most instances, have really very little information

to base their comments on, run down these activities.

True, there are some undesirable elements associated with this activity, but name me one that doesn't! It's up to the rest of us to try to minimize these problems and look at it for what it is — an outstanding tool to help prepare our youngsters for life later on. Responsibility, sportsmanship, teamwork, and exposure to new places and people are just a few of the merits of this program and they prove more challenging each year as competition becomes stiffer and stiffer. Much time and effort goes into this program, not to mention the expense, in searching for quality animals, then the feeding and management of them throughout the year.

The criticizing public never sees those families as they endure the problems, and bruises, as they halter break a young, wild steer right off the pasture. Doctor him through the illnesses, balance his rations to please his finicky nature, check his weight gains and hip height growth throughout the year, train him to set and show and do the best you can and still never get him to set up right for

you and then at the last minute before showday, develop an illness or lameness that disallows him from showing, or in the case of a young exhibitor this year, dies the week before the county show.

The criticizing public never sees this or acknowledges this character development phase of the program when they jump up and expound upon some unethical exhibitor's exposure on misuse of drugs or some other factor. All these challenges, and more, to our young livestock exhibitors and their families would prove too discouraging to most people, but this is where it shows if that youngster is made of the "Right Stuff." Our youngsters are made of the "Right Stuff" and this is proven as we look at many of our community leaders today who are "alumni" of the junior livestock programs.

Several of our school board members are such past exhibitors — Ronnie Wood, Bruce Griffith, Lloyd Robinson, Gin Board members such as Marty Brooks and Bob Nichols, bankers like Jimmy Taylor, Bruce Griffith, Lynn Simmons, Delbert Donelson, Fair Board President Skipper Driver and a host of others.

Hotel's bellman spoils guests with good service

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

C.J. Kemp is bell captain at the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Guests get spoiled quickly to his brand of service.

When we arrived at the hotel, C.J. was there to assist with our bags. "Welcome to Austin, Mr. Smith," he said as he was unloading the trunk. "I understand you're going to be speaking to the Heritage Tourism group. We're glad to have you staying with us."

Well, calling me by name, especially out of town, made me feel 10 feet tall. I wondered how he knew who I was and that I was there to make a speech.

By the time we completed the short trip from the hotel entrance to our room we were old friends. C.J. seemed genuinely interested in learning about our family and the work we do. We told him we were about to become grandparents for the first time, that in fact the baby was due that very day.

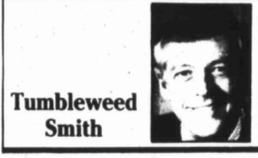
When we returned from a short walk, we discovered a basket of fruit and cheese in our room and a note from C.J. telling us to call him or his staff if we needed anything. When we saw him around the hotel during our stay, he would call us by name and ask us if we had any news yet about the baby.

Right after my speech he came up and asked if I had a good audience. I told him I did indeed.

While he was loading our stuff after we checked out, I asked C.J. a few questions about tricks of his trade.

"Ninety percent of the traveling public has his or her name on their luggage somewhere," he told me. "Yours was on your briefcase. Calling people by their name is the best thing you could do. I knew you were going to be making a speech because I spend a good amount of time finding out about events here at the hotel. Your name was on the Heritage Tourism group's printed program."

C.J. thinks bellmen are the eyes



Tumbleweed Smith

and ears of any hotel. "We know more about what's going on in the hotel than the general manager or security."

When he's loading a trunk for a couple, he always puts the lady's hanging bag on top so her clothes won't get wrinkled.

"Bellmen make the first and last impressions of the hotel. Around here, you don't see any bellmen chewing gum, smoking or standing around with their hands in their pockets. We try to be friendly to our guests. After all, bellmen are the only hotel staff members they get to know."

His brother is a bellman. So was his stepfather. C.J. has been a bellman since 1961, when he was 17 years old.

The first morning on the job he earned \$27 in tips. There was a dental convention in town and all the bellmen were busy. His career was launched. "That was good money back in those days," says C.J. "The biggest tip I've ever had was \$50. One guest paid me my tip with a check. His cash had been stolen and I loaned him some money. The check he sent covered the loan plus a \$15 tip."

Kemp is an Austin born ex-Marine who married a girl from the hotel's auditing department. They live on a six-acre tract of land south of town and enjoy gardening.

He has worked as a bellman for all the major hotel chains in different parts of the country.

I gave C.J. the biggest tip I've ever given a bellman because I've never had better service. I've also sent him a picture of my new grandson.

Stork club

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- Born to Manuel and Yolanda Gonzales, 1101 Grafa, a son, Alonzo Gonzales, on Dec. 8, 1990 at 3:33 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Faquhar. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Gonzales, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Martinez, Coahoma. Alonzo is the baby brother of Monica, 6, Cindy, 3, and Manuel Jr., 23 months.

- Born to Bertha and Ricardo Balcazar Jr., 607 Holbert, a daughter, Crystal Teresa, on Dec. 9, 1990 at 2 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Crystal is the baby sister of Ricardo III, 13, Marty, 11, and Lisa, 8.

- Born to A.J. and Sherrie

Stanley, HC 77 Box T-82-C, a daughter, Charlene Javell, on Dec. 6, 1990 at 2:11 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Alfred and Dona Stanley, Big Spring; Mary Ann Parks, Dallas; the late Jimmy Parks. Charlene is the baby sister of Clinton, 2.

- Born to Brian Scott and Sandra Robertson, a daughter, Joni Nicole, on Dec. 6, 1990 at 2:52 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Tim and Mary Ann Allen, Big Spring; E.H. and Vera Robertson, Big Spring. Joni is the baby sister of Cassandra, 12.

ELSEWHERE

- Born to Damian and Peggy Kuster, Lubbock, a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, at Southpark Medical Center in Lubbock, on Dec. 8, 1990 at 4:09 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces, delivered by Dr. Botros. Grandparents are Wayne

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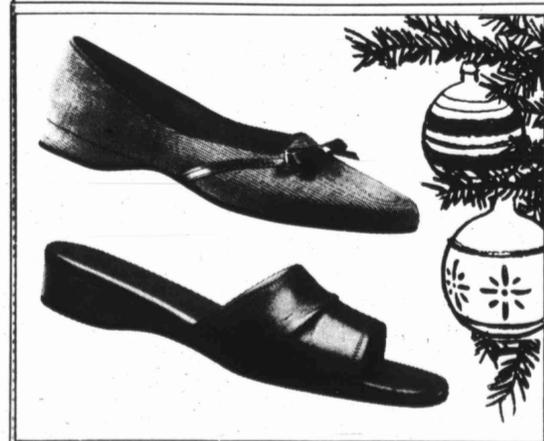
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HOWARD COUNTY COURT FILINGS

Othell Tyrone Fullbright, 35, Rt. 1, charged with theft over \$200, under \$750.
Jerry Paul Winn, 38, Hurst, charged with driving while intoxicated.

Vernon Charles Abram, 31, Lamesa, charged with DWI-subsequent.
Luan Taylor Steele, 34, 105 E. 23rd, charged with DWI.

Susie H. Broughton, 35, 1321 Elm St., charged with DWI.
Darrell Bruce Thomas, 42, P.O. Box 2503, charged with DWI.

Henry Friesen, 32, Garden City, charged with DWI.
Sidney Jacob Copeland, 35, Gail Rt., Box 162, charged with DWI.

Jesus Elias Perez, 23, Brownfield, charged with DWI.
Stephen Daniel Foster, 35, 611 Steakley, charged with DWI.

Hermenejildo Orosco III, 25, 1011 N. Bell, charged with DWI-subsequent.
Ernesto Moreno, 24, 114 N.E. 11th, charged with DWI.

Emil De la Rosa, Jr., 19, H.C. 76, charged with DWI.
Patrick Robert Klein, 38, 3705 Calvin, charged with DWI.

Billie Joe Boden, 54, charged with criminal trespass.

HOWARD COUNTY COURT RULINGS
Carmen Duarte, guilty of not buckling in a child who is more than 2 and under 4 years old. Fined \$50, \$87.50 court costs.

Jose Huerta, guilty of violation of probation. Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence.

Corena Paiz Buendia, guilty of driving while license suspended, fined \$200, \$227.50 court costs, and three days jail.

Audrey Dean Montgomery, guilty of violation of probation; revocation of probation and imposition of sentence.

Oswaldo Martinez, guilty of DWI. Fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program and 8 hours community service.

Pablo Garcia Cano, guilty of violation of probation; revocation of probation and im-

position of sentence.

Audrey Dean Montgomery, guilty of carrying a prohibited weapon; \$232.50 court costs, 165 days jail.

Pablo Garcia Cano, guilty of DWI, second offense; fined \$600, \$164.50 court costs, 90 days jail, and suspended driving privileges for 365 days.

Audrey Dean Montgomery, guilty of DWI, second offense; fined \$300, \$267.50 court costs, 165 days jail, and suspended driving privileges for 365 days.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Pedro Chavarria, 20, 809 N. Runnels, and Melissa Ann Martinez, 19, same.

Jerry Craig Jones, 34, 4202 Muir, and Roetta Elaine Thomas, 40, same.

Granville Wayne Southwood, 47, 1105 Pickens, and Reatha Mae Combs, 50, HC 61 Box 22.

Jason Jaquien Galleher, 25, 1203 Barnes, and Brenda S. Munns, 26, same.

John Joe Sanchez, 37, 2603 S. Chanute, and Amalia Yharrá Munoz, 31, same.

Sam Melvin Buchanan, 44, HC 61 Box 413, and Linda Ruggles Patterson, 38, 2401 Morrison.

William Gordon Fuller, 19, 1500 Runnels, and Charlotte Marie Reid, 19, Coahoma.

John Charles Leach, Jr., 55, 3707 Hamilton, and Joy Burdette Meyer, 56, Rt. 3 Box 108.

Wayne Owen Wilson, 27, Forsan, and Dena Bomar, 29, 2609 Winal Rd. Apt. 198.

118th DISTRICT COURT FILINGS
Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs Alfred Paradez, contract.

Sir Lloyds Insurance Co. vs Jimmy Don Pack, workmen's comp.

Steven Paul Murphy vs Danetta Lynn Murphy, divorce.

Anne Marie Sawyers vs Terry Williams Sawyers, divorce.

Loretta Baker vs Sharon Sims McGowan and Gary Sims, auto personal injury.

Robert E. Brunk Jr. vs Diane C. Brunk, divorce.

Gary L. Martin vs Harold Gainey, auto personal injury.

Discover Financial Services vs Billy White, contract.

Texas, State of vs Guillermo G. Franco, other.

118th DISTRICT COURT RULINGS
Rosemary Garcia Moreno and Hijinio Cortez Moreno Jr., final decree of divorce.

Dorothy Eckert vs Eldon Lewis Hull, judgement for defendant.

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Man's 'best friend' needs helping hand

DEAR ABBY: Will you please reprint a request from a dog to its owner, beseeching the owner to put him to sleep when life ceases to be a happy experience?

It has been several years since I read it in your column, but I hope you will print it again, as it will be a great help to a member of my family who is having a hard time accepting the inevitable end to a 15-year relationship between himself and his "best friend." — **EVA A. MICHAUD, BANGOR, MAINE**

DEAR EVA: With pleasure. Here it is:

A Dog's Prayer
by Beth Norman Harris
Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the



Dear Abby

hearth. Though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest. . . . and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

DEAR ABBY: Are there any children who have wanted to thank

their parents for separating?

In my recent months of separation from my husband, I've watched my children transform before my very eyes! As the tension left our home, so has it left them. The boys are no longer confused about the inconsistencies in discipline, scheduling, rules, etc. Mealtime is now an occasion for family conversation and laughter. In former years, it was Dad's opportunity to criticize and one of the children would usually leave the table in tears.

I know there will be scars, but sometimes good things come from removing the tension from the home. And best of all, I now feel free from the guilt others are trying to put on me with comments such as, "You really should stay together for the sake of the children."

Are there other families like ours? Sign me — **FROM THE TALL CORN STATE**

DEAR FROM: My mail tells me that there are many. Every separation or divorce is not necessarily an indication of failure. It is frequently a victory.

CONFIDENTIAL: TO J.J.G. IN EUGENE, ORE.: Reforms usually come from those who got the short end of the stick. No one with four aces ever asks for a new deal.

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I read the letter from Dan in Chula Vista. He told how he had made a tape recording of his neighbor's barking dog, then played it for the neighbor the next day.

A friend of mine did the same thing. Only he recorded his neighbor's shouting and cursing with his wife in the wee hours of the morning. Then he played it back under their bedroom window at 6 a.m.!

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Dance of the decades

LONDON — Several hundred guests attended a ball at Buckingham Palace Wednesday to commemorate four royal birthdays. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, center, 90, Princess Margaret, 60, Prince Andrew, 30, and Princess Anne the Princess Royal, pose for a family photo.

Menus

BIG SPRING SR. CITIZENS

MONDAY — Chicken fried steak; creamed corn; cabbage wedge; pineapple rings; bread pudding; milk.

TUESDAY — Fried fish; tartar sauce; potato salad; spinach; brownies with nuts; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Enchiladas; pinto beans; cabbage and carrot salad; spanish rice; gelatin; milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey and dressing; cranberry sauce; green beans; whole kernel corn; fruit salad; pumpkin pie; milk.

FRIDAY — Ham, cheese and macaroni casserole; harvard beets; lettuce and tomato salad; sheet cake; milk.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Biscuit with gravy; sausage; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY — Donuts; ham; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon roll; peanuts; juice; milk.

THURSDAY — Pancakes; syrup; sausage; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Holiday.
COAHOMA LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburger steak; gravy; mashed potatoes; spinach; fruit; finger rolls; milk.

TUESDAY — Homemade burrito.

picante sauce; red beans; salad; cherry cobbler; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Steak fingers; gravy; macaroni and cheese; green beans; pull apart bread; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY — Barbecue on a bun; french fries; salad; Christmas cookie; milk.

FRIDAY — Holiday.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY LUNCH
MONDAY — Pigs in a blanket; macaroni and cheese; green peas; chilled pears; milk.

TUESDAY — Beef and bean chaulupas; tossed salad; spanish rice; peach cobbler; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pepperoni pizza; buttered corn; salad; mixed fruit; milk.

THURSDAY — Roast turkey with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; cranberry sauce; cheesecake; hot rolls; milk.

FRIDAY — Soup; sandwiches (tuna salad, pimento cheese and peanut butter); chips; pickles; fresh fruit; milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Hash browns; biscuit; cat-soup; jelly; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Bacon and biscuits; jelly; butter; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Doughnuts; juice; milk.

FORSAN LUNCH
MONDAY — Steak and gravy; french

fries; salad; hot rolls; sliced pineapple; milk.

TUESDAY — Stuffed weiners; creamed potatoes; fried okra; sliced bread; fruit cocktail cake; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Potluck.

SANDS BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Hot oatmeal; cinnamon toast; milk; juice.

TUESDAY — Muffins; fruit; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk; cheese sticks.

SANDS LUNCH
MONDAY — Barbecue on a bun; pork and beans; french fries; pickles; cake; milk or tea.

TUESDAY — Chicken flautas; salad; spanish rice; ranch style beans; fruit; milk or tea.

WEDNESDAY — Frito pie; pinto beans; salad; corn bread; cobbler; milk or tea.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal; milk; juice.

TUESDAY — Pigs in a blanket; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; juice.

WESTBROOK LUNCH
MONDAY — Smoked brisket; augratin potatoes; green beans; biscuits; butter; syrup; honey; milk.

TUESDAY — Rotini with meat sauce; blackeyed peas; corn; half an apple; sliced bread; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Assorted sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; french fries; ice cream cups; milk.

ELBOW BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Pancakes; syrup; bacon; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Oatmeal; cinnamon toast; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; fruit; juice.

ELBOW LUNCH
MONDAY — Bean chaulupa; corn; salad; chocolate cake; milk.

TUESDAY — Turkey pot pie; carrot coins; fruit; hot rolls; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza; salad; green beans; apple; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Cereal; milk; juice.

WEDNESDAY — Peanut butter; syrup; biscuit; juice; milk.

STANTON LUNCH
MONDAY — Barbecue on a bun; french fries; ranch style beans; pineapple pudding; milk.

TUESDAY — Turkey and dressing; giblet gravy; cranberry sauce; green beans; pumpkin pie with whipped topping; sliced bread; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Bologna and cheese sandwiches; vegetable soup; ice cream; milk.

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and Wanda Johnson, Big Spring; Joe and Dorothy Kuster, Dalhart.

Born to Todd and Vinda Anderson, a son, James Brice, at Midland Memorial Hospital, on Dec. 3, 1990 at 7:16 p.m., weighing 9 pounds, delivered by Dr. Madden. Grandparents are Jan Huff, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Anderson, Coahoma; Shanna Davis, Richardson.

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Lighting contest

Part of the festive feeling of Christmas is the lights. The Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring a lighting contest. The deadline for entering is Monday. Prizes this year are: 1st place — \$75; 2nd — \$50; 3rd — \$25.

A good cause

If you have been to Fuller Foods or E-Z Way Superette lately, no doubt you have noticed the Christmas food collection boxes at the checkout stands. Anyone interested in helping the needy may place a canned food item in the box before you leave. The food collected will be donated to needy families in our community.

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by Barbie Lelek
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tractions" for next week: The First United Methodist Church will be hosting the traditional Community Choir Christmas Contata today at 6 p.m., under the direction of Alex Martinez. "The Joyous News of Christmas", by Joe E. Parks, is the contata to be performed. It will include solos by Nell Holman, Marie Jackson, and Margie Martinez. The public is invited to attend.

A Christmas play, written and directed by a local mother-daughter pair, will be performed at the Plainview Baptist Church today at 7 p.m. Lana Atwood wrote the Nativity play with her mother, Modell Shurtleff, directing the actors and choir, as well as playing the piano. Everyone is invited to attend.

Group parties

Christmas fun is in full swing in

Colorado City, with parties and church and civic functions planned for almost every day of this festive month.

Several groups around town combined a Christmas party and a Secret Sister-revealing party to make the evening more special. The Christian Temple Women's Night Out was hosted Dec. 6. Everyone who attended had fun playing a game helping Santa fill Christmas stockings with things from their purses. A Christmas card was made for a former member who now lives in California, with each woman drawing a different character in the Nativity scene.

The First Baptist singles gathered in the First National Bank party room to reveal secret pals and have fun. A Mexican supper was enjoyed and afterward, everyone shared their most memorable Christmas. Thirteen

people were in attendance.

Another group revealing Secret Sisters was the First Baptist BYW group. These young women traveled to Sweetwater to eat dinner at the Cross Tie Restaurant. Each one brought a gift and a poem about their Secret Sister, and everyone tried to guess who the Secret Sister was.

Parade winners

The annual Christmas parade was conducted Dec. 8, with the theme "A Classic Christmas". The winning entries were:

1st — Cub Scout Troup — Their float was "dancing" with Walt Disney characters.

2nd — Brownie Troup No. 148 — The girls were gathered around a fireplace while a woman read to them from "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

3rd — Westbrook Drama and FHA Clubs — The float was decorated with cactus and cowboys.

4th — Optimist Club — The Snow Dome (the toy you shake and it snows) was their entry. A slight complication kept it from "snowing".

5th — Brownie Troup No. 235;

held. A donation was made to The Salvation Army, and gifts were sent to the Big Spring State Hospital.

Roberts gave a skin care talk, demonstrating Mary Kay products.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. Each member brought Christmas "goodies".

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Norma Murdock's home Jan. 9 at 3 p.m.

Humane society

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

Pet of the week — "Sparky", a Cairn terrier mix, with beige, wirey hair and a small body. Her ears stand up, and she is very outgoing and affectionate.

Adorable chow-mix male and female puppies with black muzzles, curly tails, black-spotted tongues and fluffy coats. They are about 8 weeks old and come with their parvo-distemper and corona shots.

"Moses" is one of the largest German Shepherds we have ever had. He is brown with a black saddle and markings. He is very affectionate and well disciplined.

This dachshund is a small, adorable dog, and of course, is long-bodied.

"Smokey" appears to be a full-blood miniature schnauzer, with a smokey gray coat and wirey hair, docked tail and a beard.

"Lady" is a liver and white Australian shepherd with with one blue eye. This spayed, adult female is very sweet and responsive.

"Bernard", a St. Bernard mix, is a larger dog with black, brown and white markings. He has a square muzzle and a smooth coat. This male is about 10 to 11 months old.

"Romeo" will serenade you with his beautiful, strong voice. He is a very large, ash-gray, neutered tom and has been declawed for indoor

living. This cat was saved from the pound because he is so sweet and affectionate. Romeo would make a wonderful Christmas gift.

"Buttons" is a full-blood manx with spotted gray tabby markings and a long, sleek body. She loves to be indoors.

"Snickers" is a beautiful chocolate point Siamese that appears to be full-blood. He is a neutered tom with striking blue eyes and dark chocolate-brown markings. He loves being indoors and is very mild-mannered and affectionate.

All cats and kittens at the shelter can be adopted for a \$15 donation. This includes spaying/neutering, vaccinations, feline leukemia test, and worming. All the cats are litter box trained.

Spayed or neutered dogs at the shelter are \$30; "unfixed" dogs and puppies are \$20. They have had their vaccinations and have been wormed.

Shelter hours are 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays. The shelter is closed Saturdays. The Humane Society is now located on the west I-20 frontage road. The exit is located across from Halliburton.

At other homes: Three nine-week-old kittens, two males with Siamese markings and blue eyes, and one white female manx; please call 267-9694.

Three-month-old, white female, Siamese-mix kitten with blue eyes; please call 267-1037 or 267-8566.

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Sew and Chatter Club meets for Christmas party

The Sew and Chatter Club met at the home of Louise Porter for a Christmas party. Thirteen members were entertained with a musical program presented by Annette Roberts and Vanessa

Burchett.

They sang several hymns, stressing the Christian theme of love, not just for the Christmas season but all the time.

A short business meeting was

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Crisis effect: good, bad

By JOHN PAYNE

Question: How will the Middle East crisis affect the Texas economy? Brenda H.

Dear Brenda: The standard answer to your question is the increase in oil prices, nothing but good things will happen with the Texas economy. That answer is probably too simplistic since higher oil prices have both a positive and a negative effect on our economy.

A recent issue of *Fiscal Notes*, published by the Economic Analysis Center of the Texas Controller of Public Accounts, shows the overall effect of the Mid East crisis in the short run will be breakeven to slightly negative.

In the long run though, (1991 and beyond) the effect should be very positive. The Mid East crisis effect on our Texas economy has three components: the slowdown in the U.S. economy; positive effects of higher oil prices; and delayed defense cuts.

Nationally, higher oil prices over a long period are likely to push the unstable U.S. economy into a mild recession. A national recession will negatively affect Texas through reduced manufacturing production, says *Fiscal Notes*.

The positive effects of higher oil prices will probably begin to be felt in Texas in 1991 and will be in the form of an increase in drilling activity...

The major cause of the U.S. downturn will be a sharp drop in business confidence due to the oil price hike and fear of an impending war. The result will be lower consumer spending.

Many Texans believe higher oil prices will cause oil and gas companies to gear up which will help the Texas economy. But it will take time for the oil and gas industry to get started since it has been burned in the past by volatility in oil prices.

Consequently, the industry will likely be slow to make new investments based on temporary high prices.

The positive effects of higher oil prices will probably begin to be felt in Texas in 1991 and will be in the form of an increase in drilling activity, an increase in oil employment, followed by an increase in oilfield equipment and related manufacturing industries.

"Any increase in drilling activities will lag an increase in oil prices because of the time needed for drillers to be assured the price increase will last," says *Fiscal Notes*.

In regard to defense, there were supposed to be significant defense cuts, some of them occurring at Fort Hood in Killeen. But the reduction of 8,500 troops in 1990 has been put on hold due to the Mid East crisis.

This will continue to benefit Killeen's economy which is positive for the Texas economy. The same applies to defense contractors in the Dallas and Austin areas.

Brenda, I think although this is a broad view, it is in my opinion accurate. The slower growth in the U.S. economy should serve to dampen the Texas economy short term, but as higher oil prices begin to take effect, and the defense build-up continues to fuel the Texas economy, 1991 should show a good economy for Texas.

There are two pitfalls to watch for. If the Mid East crisis is settled quickly, the price of oil may drop drastically and invalidate the conclusions above.

Board rejects tender offer

NEW YORK (AP) — Directors of NCR Corp. unanimously rejected American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s \$90-a-share cash tender offer for the computer maker, NCR said Friday.

"Clearly, AT&T is attempting, for its own purposes, to take advantage of NCR's artificially and temporarily depressed stock price," NCR Chairman Charles E. Exley Jr. said in a statement.

"We cannot and will not permit them to seize for themselves the enormous values that are building steadily within NCR," Exley said. "Having just said no to this grossly inadequate offer, we are focused on implementing the business strategy that will continue to build very real and very significant value for NCR shareholders, customers and employees."

NCR's board met Thursday in New York, the company said. It was the board's first meeting since AT&T launched the \$6.1 billion tender offer Dec. 5.

AT&T said today it was disappointed by NCR's rejection.

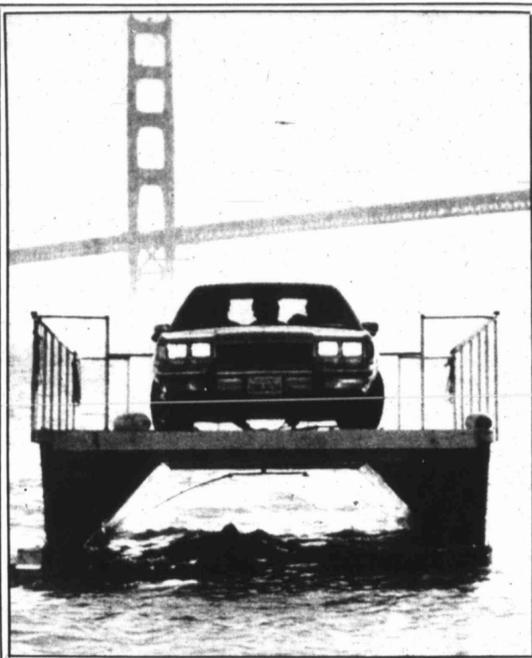
"Our \$90-per-share price is a full, fair offer, as we believe NCR shareholders, if given the opportunity to decide, would agree," the phone company said in a statement.

The statement said AT&T is examining its options and "is determined to conclude the merger with NCR. We still would much prefer to reach a negotiated agreement."

Industry analysts say the most likely next step for AT&T would be to launch a proxy battle to try to unseat NCR's directors.

Exley has said he would be willing to enter into negotiations with AT&T if it raised its offer to \$125 a share, or a total of about \$8.5 billion. AT&T rejected the higher offer.

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New creature

SAUSALITO, Calif. — The brainchild of Sausalito's Forbes Kiddoo and Vic Stadter of Rio Frio, Texas, this prototype car-carrying semi-submersible catamaran cruises San Francisco Bay recently. The vehicle is powered and steered by the car.

Earnings slump for media companies

NEW YORK (AP) — The chorus of media companies singing the earnings blues because of the advertising slump is growing louder every day.

Gannett Co. Inc., which publishes *USA Today* and 81 other daily newspapers, said Thursday the slump will drag down revenues and possibly earnings in 1990.

The declines would be the first such year-to-year drops at Gannett since the company went public 22 years ago and reflect what experts say has been the slowest annual growth in overall ad spending since 1975.

The Arlington, Va.-based media concern was among a half-dozen media companies that described

for securities analysts the toll that the weak advertising environment is taking on their earnings expectations.

"The only question to ask is: how much worse are things going to get?" Richard D. Simmons, president of The Washington Post Co., told the annual PaineWebber media outlook conference.

To varying degrees, the slump also was cited for expectations of either earnings declines or slower growth at The New York Times Co., Affiliated Publications Inc. and Dow Jones & Co. A.H. Belo Corp. said the ad slump would mean lower earnings at least in the first part of 1991.

Gannett, which also has interests

S&L chances tied to slump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Savings and loans associations could begin recovering by late next year if the nation's economic slump is mild and brief, but the industry would bleed red ink for years if the downturn is sharp and long, economists say.

Timothy Ryan, director of the government's Office of Thrift Supervision, blamed a near-doubling of losses at privately held S&Ls on slumping real estate markets in many areas of the country.

S&Ls lost \$631 million in the July-September quarter, compared with \$302 million in the second quarter and \$373 million in the first, the thrift office said Thursday.

"As long as the real estate slump continues, the thrift industry will have a tough time improving performance," Ryan said.

Analyst Donald Crowley of Keefe, Bruyette & Woods in New York said the industry's losses could begin to decline as early as late next year.

"If projections for a short and shallow recession prove true, we will probably see the worst of the thrift numbers sometime in 1991," he said. "If the recession is deeper

than that, the losses will accelerate over the next couple years."

"We will have at least two quarters of fairly disheartening numbers before we see anything better," said Martin Regalia, chief economist for the National Council of Savings Institutions.

"If we get into a steep recession, then we have a whole different set of problems," he said.

The third-quarter deterioration among solvent institutions occurred even though the government has been closing down the worst institutions. At the end of September, there were 2,389 privately run S&Ls.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the House Banking Committee, said the report shows the cost of the savings and loan crisis, estimated by the Bush administration at \$90 billion to \$130 billion, is still increasing.

"The recession has clearly snuffed out whatever light there was at the end of the S&L tunnel," he said. "It is still going to be a long, hard haul before the taxpayer emerges from this deep hole."

Regalia called on regulators to more quickly eliminate insolvent S&Ls.

volume fell 7.5 percent while ad revenue edged up 1.4 percent.

Nonetheless, John J. Curley, chairman, president and chief executive, said *USA Today* will decide by yearend on starting a weekly sports tabloid.

At *The Washington Post*, Simmons said earnings per share will drop to \$14.25 in 1990 from \$15.50 in 1989 and decline again in 1991.

He said the soft advertising market produced double-digit declines in classified and retail advertising volume in the flagship *Washington Post* and that three of the company's four TV stations would have lower results.

Priddy: Where kisses are conceived

PRIDDY, Texas (AP) — This out-of-the-way little town is the place where an untold number of couples get their start. Where the makings of romance are ripe for the picking. Where kisses are conceived.

This ranching community about 100 miles northwest of Austin is home to unsuspecting matchmakers and one of the nation's biggest stashes of mistletoe.

In what has become an annual rite, many people who live in Priddy and the surrounding area trudge out to the countryside each fall to clip the mistletoe that grows wild and abundant on mesquite trees.

Then they load it into baskets, the back of trucks and horse trailers and bring it to a red-brick building on the main street, where they sell it to Robert Tiemann and his Holiday Mistletoe Co.

The company, run by Tiemann and his wife Carolyn, is one of a handful left that deals in the yuletide greenery, and the Tiemanns estimate they provide about 90 percent of the fresh mistletoe sold in the country.

The couple also deals in preserved mistletoe, which is treated with chemicals to prevent spoilage.

The Texas Agriculture Department does not track mistletoe sales, and the Tiemanns keep exact production figures a tightly guarded secret. But on a busy day last week, they processed about 5,000 pounds of the evergreen.

"At any given time we probably have a hundred people out there gathering," says the 47-year-old rancher. "We have kids, grand-



PRIDDY — Hilma Ivy packages mistletoe at Tiemann's here recently. The small Texas town of Priddy proves lucrative during the holiday season, with friends and relatives pitching in to help gather the greenery.

parents, people out of work and farmers who go out and gather.

"And we have people here who drop whatever they're doing every day at this time to go out and get some mistletoe for us," he says. "I guess the season gets in your blood. I know it's in mine."

Tiemann's father, who raises goats, sheep and cattle on a ranch near here, founded the company in the 1950s when a severe drought

struck the region, bringing financial hardships to the ranching industry.

"We were looking for another way to make money, and we didn't want to have to move to the city for work," recalls Raymond Tiemann, 68. "Mistletoe was something that was out there for the taking. It's been good to us."

Not everyone here is enamored with it.

Said one woman who works for the Tiemanns: "Why would anyone care about mistletoe? I really don't see what's so special about it. It's like a weed. I mean, it's all over the place."

Tiemann says the romantic side effects of the mistletoe business have been lost on many Priddy residents because they have work-

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Disney, Henson firm break off negotiations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Walt Disney Co. and Jim Henson Productions broke off talks after failing to reach an agreement on Disney's plans to acquire rights to Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and the other Muppet characters.

The proposed deal to acquire Henson Associates Inc. was valued at \$100 million to \$150 million. Disney had sought an exclusive production agreement with Jim Henson Productions in the talks, which began in August 1989 and continued after the puppeteer's death in May.

Disney officials did not cite

Business highlights

reasons for the deal's collapse Thursday.

Ministers make pledge

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ministers pledged to keep their oil taps wide open during the Persian Gulf crisis — and turn them down

once it ends. The agreement Thursday by the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries caused little stir in the oil markets, which have been skittish for months over tensions in the oil-rich gulf.

Retail sales dip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales declined 0.1 percent last month, the government said in a report analysts said pointed to a bleak holiday shopping season. Sales totaled a seasonally ad-

justed \$151.6 billion, down from \$151.8 billion in October and the first decline since a 0.1 percent drop in May, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Car sales post rise

DETROIT (AP) — Early-December sales of North American-made vehicles rose 2.3 percent, but the increase came against a weak period last year and doesn't reflect the true softness in the market, automakers and

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Jobs for 1991 grads less than '90

CHICAGO (AP) — Most college graduates should have a slightly harder time landing a job in 1991 than their counterparts did this year, according to an annual survey of the nation's businesses.

But engineers will be in demand, and people with master's degrees will be hired at a 25 percent higher rate than 1990, according to the 45th annual Lindquist-Endicott Report released Thursday.

The report found that businesses plan to hire 1 percent fewer graduates overall because of concerns over the recession, inflation, the federal budget deficit and the Persian Gulf crisis.

The report also found that a job applicant's lack of knowledge about the company is the biggest "turnoff" for recruiters.

"The market is going to be more competitive. The students are going to have to work harder and be more creative and imaginative, but the jobs are going to be there. They're just going to be more difficult to uncover," said Victor R. Lindquist, director of placement at Northwestern University.

Accountants, teachers and health care professionals will be in great demand in a few years, Lindquist said at a news conference.

The highest average starting salary — \$43,200 — will go to job applicants with MBA degrees, the report said.

Employers plan to increase starting salaries at a rate averaging 4.4 percent, the same as last year's increase but below the yearly inflation rate, the report said.

Lindquist said 61 percent of the 320 surveyed companies, covering a wide range of industries, expect business to stay the same or decline. He said 39 percent believe business will improve. Also, nearly one-third of the companies did worse in 1990 than in 1989, he indicated.

Lozenges sell in spite of marketing

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — His product tastes horrible, the package is all wrong, and the name sounds funny. Still, Greg Blazik has managed to build Fisherman's Friend into one of the leading cough lozenges in America.

"I had commission sales reps who were terrified of the product," Blazik said. "I'd tell them, 'You have to make the buyer taste the product,' and they say, 'You're nuts! I was just getting in the door!'"

"But so many of these drugstore chains make decisions by committee, and if a buyer went to committee with these and somebody else tasted it first, he wouldn't have a comeback when they said, 'This tastes lousy!'"

They look like flattened doggie treats, and the powerful taste of menthol, eucalyptus, licorice and pepper can leave you rolling your eyes and gasping for breath.

But people keep buying their Fisherman's Friends.

"The reaction is, it tastes terrible, but it's unique because it's effective," said John Zarbatany, president and CEO of Peter P. Dennis Inc., a wholesale distributor in northwestern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. "People either love it or hate it,

and the people who love it swear by it," Zarbatany said. "They've built a nice trade out among the consumer public, and they seem to be coming back from year to year. They've got a niche in the marketplace that they're going to maintain."

In seven years since he started importing them, Blazik has managed to carve out increasing shares of the cough lozenge market, ranking third behind Sucrets and Chloraseptic with a sales volume of more than \$6 million.

The 125-year-old formula first was sold to English cod fishermen trying to cope with colds caught in the North Atlantic and hasn't been changed much since pharmacist James Lofthouse developed it.

Lofthouse sold the lozenges, 19 at a time, in little paper envelopes, still the way his family markets them. The family takes an old-fashioned approach to the export market, too, appointing one distributor for each country they target.

Two distributors failed to catch on in the U.S. before him, Blazik said.

"They tried to sell them as candy," he said. In the U.S. market, Blazik thinks the strong taste and

the old-fashioned packaging work for him.

"When you were growing up, wasn't it a belief of your grandmother that no medicine works unless it tastes bad? I think there's a psychology about that, for something to really work you have to pay your dues."

Selling at 19 for 99 cents, the lozenges are among the cheapest on the market.

"So it's a good value, and it's got a name that easy to remember. You know, the recall factor is tremendously high, and anybody who's ever tasted one of these just forms an opinion, and they always remember it."

Blazik & Associates was incorporated in January 1983, after the conglomerate he worked for decided to sell off its candy companies. He went into business with his savings and severance and an agreement from his wife.

"She'd support me for two years, and by the third year if the company had a 50-50 chance of making it, she'd give me another year. But she wouldn't have anything to do with the business at all, because it had to survive on its own."

Surviving isn't easy in the world of big drug store chains, Blazik found out. If a product isn't sell-

ing, it's taking up valuable space that could be used to stock something that will make money.

He had to convince some very tough buyers for drugstore chains. "I was thrown out of so many places in the early years, it was incredible," he said. "But the funny thing about this product is that nobody ever forgets."

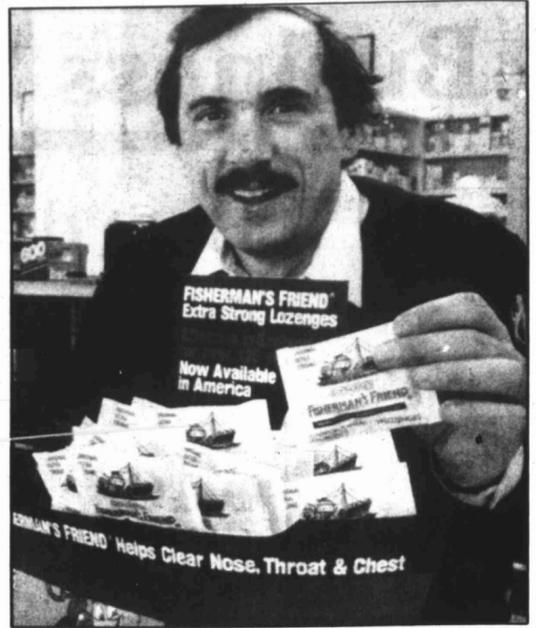
"You call up and you only get one shot a year with a buyer for a chain. So I'd get shot down, and I'd know I can't come back for a year. So I call back a year later, and the guy would say, 'Are you still trying to sell that stuff?'"

Blazik started with a novel marketing idea: Put the packages in a plastic boat on a pedestal at the store's counter. The gimmick worked, although Blazik admits "People bought because of the boat, not because of the product. The boat was cute."

His company now has 14 employees, but Blazik estimates he still works 70 to 80 hours a week.

Someday, Blazik's daughter may join the business — on one condition.

"She told me, 'You know, Daddy, when I get older, I want to sell Fisherman's Friends like you do, but I don't have to eat them, do I?'"



FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, Pa. — Greg Blazik, who has managed to build Fisherman's Friend into one of the nation's leading cough lozenges, poses with his product at a Fairview Village, Pa., drug store earlier this year. In spite of its unusual taste, consumers are sold on its effectiveness.

Highlights

Continued from page 1-D analysts said.

The 10 major companies making cars and light trucks in North America said Thursday that sales during the Dec. 1-10 period this year averaged 27,624 a day, compared with an average of 22,589 during the same time last year.

Car sales were up 27.8 percent and truck sales rose 14.3 percent from last year, the weakest selling period of 1989.

Thrift losses double

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the government's crash program to shut down failed savings and loans, losses at the surviving solvent institutions more than doubled in the July-September quarter, regulators said.

Thrifts lost \$631 million in the third quarter, compared with a revised \$302 million in the second quarter and \$373 million in the first, the Office of Thrift Supervision said Thursday. The second quarter loss had originally been reported as \$196 million.

The decline was blamed on the real estate slump afflicting many regions and said the industry's performance likely will not improve until those markets improve.

DJ&C rejects move

NEW YORK (AP) — Dow Jones & Co. employees rejected a move to affiliate with a big communications workers' union, despite recent cutbacks and uncertainty at the publisher of The Wall Street Journal, results showed.

Reporters, technicians, clerical workers and other personnel voted 61 percent to 39 percent against affiliating with the Communications Workers of America, which staged four strikes last year. The results were announced Thursday.

Brokers charged

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal regulators charged 10 brokers with bilking investors of about \$1.4 million through fraudulent penny stock sales, in a case that names only the securities salesmen and not their firms.

A civil lawsuit filed Thursday in federal court said the brokers conducted illegal trading at several firms using techniques that included pressuring investors



Deck the malls

BALTIMORE — Gordon Becker of The Becker Group, the country's largest seasonal decorator, installed new displays in 145 shopping malls this year at an average cost of \$100,000. Revenue is expected to be \$13 million.

Priddy

Continued from page 1-D ed around it so long. "It's sort of taken for granted right here," he says.

For all its popularity and lip-locking connotations, the evergreen shrub is actually a parasitic plant that grows on several types of trees, such as oak, hackberry, elm and mesquite. Birds spread its seeds from tree to tree.

It is the mesquite that flourishes near this town of about 75 that lies on the edge of West Texas.

"Where we are in Texas, right here, is basically the only place in the world where there is enough mistletoe to do this kind of thing,"

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Continued from page 1-D price as "outrageous and totally unjustified."

Analysts said they believe Exley is exploring several options to fight the takeover bid, which he has called

Robert Tiemann says. "But even so, the weather has to cooperate.

"It's not a gold mine on the ground," he adds. "If the weather isn't right and we have a couple of weeks of rain or sleet or snow around this time, there goes our business."

With Christmas around the corner, production has been in full swing for the past month, but will wind down this week. The Tiemanns pay 30 cents a pound for mistletoe and hire townspeople to sort and box it.

To meet demand and deliver the mistletoe before it spoils, they've been working round the clock. Loads of mistletoe are taken to

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and flown to their final destinations.

Robert Tiemann says some of his biggest customers are suppliers in northern cities such as Boston, New York and Chicago, where sprigs of mistletoe bring anywhere from \$1.50 to \$3 at Christmas.

After nearly 40 years in the business, the Tiemanns say they have only had one complaint.

"One time, two girls wrote us a note and asked us for their money back," says Raymond. "They claimed the mistletoe didn't work. They said that they hung it up and still didn't get any kisses."

ed an attempt by AT&T to rescue its own unprofitable computer line. "I think Exley's trying to find somebody who will bail him out of this predicament without taking control of the company," said John

Jones of Montgomery Securities Inc. in San Francisco.

Jones said Exley may seek another company that would buy a major stake in NCR but allow the company to pursue its own course.

Pre-payment of debt is the best investment

RED HOOK, N.Y. (AP) — Marc Eisenson has an important message for Americans: Do yourself, your country and your grandchildren a big favor and pay a few more dollars on your monthly bills. Make it a habit.

The withering industrial base, the federal deficit, the savings and loan crisis and even Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait make it more imperative than ever that Americans get out of debt, Eisenson says.

"It just makes it clear that future stability is not assured," Eisenson said of world events. "If I am out of debt I can weather a lot of storms."

Americans owe \$2.4 trillion in mortgage debt and another \$729 billion in consumer credit bills, Federal Reserve figures show.

Ironically, those big mortgages provide many people with their greatest opportunity to save money.

According to Eisenson, no investment — not Treasury bonds, not the stock market — is more lucrative in the long run than simply spending money to retire debts. That allows people to avoid interest payments that run around 20 per-

cent on many credit cards.

"If you were to bring your balance down it's like earning 20 percent with your money," said Eisenson. "Twenty percent is more than Donald Trump can earn safely. It is absolutely guaranteed, risk-free. And it is available to only those who are, unfortunately or fortunately, in debt."

Eisenson calls his system debt management, and insists it holds the key to happiness and financial security for millions of Americans.

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By paying just \$25 a month extra, a person can save \$34,000 and take five years off the mortgage, according to Eisenson's formula. Pay \$100 a month extra and save \$78,000 and 12 years off the same mortgage.

"Get in the habit of debt management. I don't care how strapped you are, you can pay some money, even an extra five or 10 dollars," said Eisenson. "You can start the process to free yourself of debt with very little money, the kind of money everybody has got."

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Household Goods 531

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A 142.78 acre tract of land described as a 174.67 acre tract of land out of the East 1/2 of Section No. 24, Block No. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas more particularly described by metes and bounds in Deed dated April 17, 1974, recorded in Volume 438, Page 765, in the Deed Records of Howard County, Texas, from June McDonald, et al., to Oliver Benjamin Nichols, Jr., et al.

SAVE AND EXCEPT a 31.89 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Section No. 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Deed dated November 30, 1978, recorded in Volume 478, Page 44, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas, from Oliver B. Nichols, Jr. to Edna Fae Nichols. PRESENT OWNER: OLIVER B. NICHOLS, JR.

DATE OF SALE: JANUARY 1, 1991
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Boll weevil weapon tested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Take one broomstick, one ordinary aluminum pan and a few drops of what Agriculture Department researchers call "sex attractant."

What have you got? Well, just add insecticide, a plastic cap and a lime-green coating and you come out with what researchers call a lethal new weapon in agriculture's long-running war against the boll weevil.

It may not look like much, but developers say their new broomhandle bait stick will deliver a lopsided kill ratio in the fight against the hated arch-enemy of America's cotton producers.

"It's a simple concept, really, but represents putting together findings from 30 years of research on boll weevil behavior," says USDA research scientist Gerald H. McKibben.

In Mississippi fields where the device is being tested for the se-

cond year, scientists are finding 70 percent fewer weevils, he says.

And one of the glories being claimed is that the homely looking implement uses just one gram of insecticide an acre, 100 times less than usual. Backers say it could gain support from consumerists who wince at hosing down farm fields with chemicals in the fight against insects and other pests.

"It's possible that the bait stick idea could be used for other insect pests on other crops in the future," McKibben says. "But we have to test that further."

McKibben developed the stick at the Agricultural Research Service Boll Weevil Laboratory in Starkville, Miss. Testing is also in progress in Texas.

McKibben says his agency has signed contracts with two private firms to improve the device for commercial use.

It is made by thrusting the

broomstick through the center of a foil-like aluminum pie pan and driving one end of the stick into the ground. The pan, with its interior facing up, rides halfway up the stick.

The stick is topped with a lime-green plastic cap covered with insecticide, a feeding stimulant and a chemical called grandlure.

Scientists say grandlure is highly effective as a sex attractant for weevils. And for some reason lime green seems to be their favorite color. But when the critters pay a visit to the cap they get a nasty dose of insecticide and fall dead into the pan.

Since the insecticide is on the cap, it stays out of the soil and ground water.

A lime-green compound that kills weevils has also been painted on the side of the stick. A patent has been filed for both the coating and the cap.

Satellites may help farmers fertilize fields

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Researchers are trying to harness space-age technology for a down-to-earth job: to help farmers spread manure and chemicals over their fields.

"There's no joking about this. This is serious business," said agricultural engineer Thomas Colvin, who is conducting the studies. "This is a high-tech approach to a low-tech problem."

The aim is to cut costs and reduce harm to the environment by taking the guesswork out of how much animal waste and chemicals to use and where to use them, Colvin said.

Rather than treat an entire field with the same concentration of chemicals, a satellite navigational system would enable farmers to accurately tailor distribution to take into account differences in soil

characteristics.

The cost of satellite communication equipment and computer software to track farm equipment across fields is around \$50,000. There would be additional expenses for equipment on tractors to enable farmers to increase or decrease the release of fertilizers as they move from one area to another. That gear already is available and not as costly.

Colvin said he is hopeful mass application of the technology will be practical by the turn of the century.

"The question is when and how much it will cost," said Colvin, who works at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Soil Tilth Laboratory at Iowa State University. "The goal is to get the cost down to around that of a pickup truck, to \$10,000 to \$20,000."

Oil/gas

A new producer has been brought on line in Howard County's East Howard-latan Field with American Exploration Co. as the operator.

Located 10 miles southeast of Coahoma, it is designated as the No. 20 L.C. Denman "B".

The well pumped 18 barrels of waste water. Production is from Clear Fork perforations at 2,610 to 3,033 feet into the hole.

Pumping 27 barrels of 29-gravity oil daily, the No. 39 Douthitt was involved in a successful recompletion in the Howard-Glasscock Field, eight miles east of Forsan.

Conoco, Inc. is the operator. Conoco shot new perforations in the Seven Rivers and the San Andres Formations for production at 1,423 to 1,581 and 2,211 to 2,407 feet into the hole.

Martin County Two new producers with combined ability to pump over 120 barrels of oil per day have been completed in the North Periwinkle Field by Jet Oil Co. The wells are designated as the No. 1 Phillips and No. 1 John "A", with drillstems 4.5 miles south of Ackery for both wells.

The Phillips well pumped 59 barrels of oil and 135,000 CF gas per day, while the Johnson made 66 BOPD plus 103,000 CF

gas daily. The Phillips will produce from the Canyon Sand at 9,638 to 9,660 feet. The Johnson will produce from the Cisco Sand at 9,510 to 9,526 feet.

Pumping 47 barrels of oil per day, the No. 1 McHargue has been completed in the Spraberry Field, Martin County, nine miles northeast of Stanton.

Henry Petroleum, Inc. is the operator. The well probed to an 8,325-ft. bottom and will produce from a set of perforations in the Jo Mill-Dean Formation, 7,593 to 8,188 feet into the hole.

Besides oil, the well made 44,000 CF gas and 52 barrels of waste water daily.

Parker and Parsley has posted first production figures for two new oilers in the Spraberry Field, Martin County. The wells include the No. 2 Dove "T", located ten miles west of Tarzan, and the No. 1 Orson, seven miles west of Tarzan.

The Dove well pumped 62 barrels of oil per day, along with 48,000 CF gas and 166 barrels of brine. It will produce from Spraberry perforations at 8,034 to 9,592 feet into the wellbore.

The Orson potentiated at 48 BOPD plus 42,000 CF gas and 144 barrels of salt water. It will produce a 7,947 to 9,547 feet in the Spraberry Formation.

Glasscock County

First production figures have been filed following a successful plugback for extended well life in Glasscock County's portion of the Spraberry Field. Involved in the venture was the No. 15 R.S. Davenport, located about 22 miles southwest of Garden City.

Tex-Con Oil and Gas is the operator. The well showed it can pump 18 barrels of 40-gravity oil and 41,000 CF casinghead gas per day from new perforations in the Clear Fork Formation 6,375 to 6,541 feet into the wellbore.

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Labor and management cooperate for survival

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Each Monday, two guys named Mike get together to talk about their future. Their jobs seemingly make them rivals, but, in fact, they share a goal: survival.

Mike O'Brien is a union leader. Mike Spitzley is a company man. But in their meetings here at the General Motors plant, the two talk costs, labor, quality — topics workers wouldn't have been privy to years ago.

"Most of the things we talk about, it's 'we.' It's not us vs. them. We've pretty much recognized our goals are the same," said Spitzley, manager of GM's 5,300-worker car-truck plant. "We make decisions together. . . I don't think there's anything I know I wouldn't tell them if they asked me."

"There's something different going on," said O'Brien, president of UAW Local 95. "Years ago, it wasn't any of our business what went on in the business."

Like two boxers bloodied and bruised, union and management in a small number of industries — mostly auto and steel — have stopped fighting. Instead, they're joining forces, sharing ideas and working together in ways they never would have before.

Nowadays, blue and white collar, company and union, travel, lobby and meet customers together. In perhaps the most revolutionary example, Saturn Corp., both parties share all big decisions, from choosing suppliers to the advertising agency for the new auto company.

"An adversarial relationship cannot be compatible with today's market. We're part of a world trade. We're no longer king this

and king that," said John Smith, administrative assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers of America.

"Survival is probably not too strong a word for what drives the two parties together," said Steelworkers' president Lynn Williams.

Though there's a growing alliance, conflict remains, as evidenced by bitter strikes against the New York Daily News, Eastern Airlines and Pittston Co.

Some labor officials also contend unions' acceptance of concessions in the '80s didn't ensure job security. And cooperation, they say, really is co-opting.

"The largest loss is the union's autonomy. We become one with the corporate agenda. It's an unnatural place for the union to be," said Jerry Tucker of the New Directions Movement, a dissident autoworkers group.

Even so, a survey released this year found at least half of 350 unionized manufacturers had some formal joint activities, most begun in the 1980s.

"We've never seen anything as widespread in our own history," said William Cooke, a professor and associate dean at Wayne State University, who conducted the survey and wrote a book on the topic. "In every case, it's come out of the same, 'If we don't change, we're out of the market. The old way doesn't work well.'"

The biggest test of cooperation may be the layoffs and idling of plants in the current economic downturn. Hard times, Cooke said, could have a demoralizing effect and, perhaps, even crush the more

fragile partnerships.

"If (workers) perceive management as doing this without due consideration for the welfare of employees . . . it will have the potential of destroying the efforts altogether," Cooke said. "If employees have information shared with them about the market . . . then employees, generally speaking, are able to accept management decision-making."

Cooke's survey found partnerships in almost all industries — including trucking, mining and public utilities — but they tend to be most common in autos and steel, both battered by foreign competition, plant closings and job losses.

In the steel industry, the workforce shrank from 453,200 in 1979 to 168,900 in 1989, the American Iron and Steel Institute said. The average annual employment in the auto industry dropped from 990,000 to 857,000 in the same period, the government said.

Union ranks have shrunk, too. Nationwide, 17 percent of workers were represented by a union in 1989, compared with 20 percent six years earlier.

For partnerships to make their businesses more competitive, experts say, both sides must adapt: Managers must relinquish some authority and give workers more responsibility, while unions must become more flexible to increase competitiveness.

The auto industry has been in the vanguard of this movement, with joint training, health and safety, education and quality programs, some since the 1970s.

"The 'I'm your pal, you're my



JANESVILLE, Wis. — Plant manager Mike Spitzley, left, and union leader Mike O'Brien pose last month at the General Motors assembly plant in Janesville, Wis., where they meet weekly to discuss costs, labor and quality. In some industries, union and management have stopped fighting and joined forces, sharing ideas and working together.

pal" — it's almost a California New Age philosophy implanted in the industrial heartland," said Harley Shaiken, professor of work and technology at the University of California-San Diego. "It raises expectations about participatory

democracy. If those expectations aren't met, then the situation can become very conflict-ridden very early."

At Janesville, cooperation has grown through the years, ranging from abolishing separate worker-

manager parking lots to more drastic changes.

GM brought in consultants to talk with workers about on-the-job problems and sent rank-and-file employees to Michigan to help on truck prototypes.

Business beat

November Fina refinery highlights

During November, the Big Spring Fina refinery managed to fill all customer orders, despite a narrow margin period.

In other refinery news, the cat cracker was idled for a week to install new equipment as part of the refinery's modernization project. The new equipment will allow the unit to operate more safely and efficiently, officials say.

New business opens doors

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Oryx completes 1st subsea well

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pany today announced the completion of its first subsea gas well, with initial production of 5.2 million cubic feet per day at the company's Gulf of Mexico site.

The wellhead is on the Gulf floor about 375 feet below the surface and produces from the Pleistocene sandstone through an adjustable choke at a flowing tubing pressure of 1,400 pounds per square inch.

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