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Weather

Tonight, mostly clear and colder. Low in the 20s. Tuesday, sunny and mild. High in the 50s.

Sunday's high temperature	42
Sunday's low temperature	40
Average high	58
Average low	29
Record high	77 in 1946
Record low	15 in 1925
Rainfall Sunday	0.65
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	21.27
Normal for year	18.24

Santa available to receive calls

This holiday season residents of the Nursing Home Care Unit of the Big Spring VA Medical Center will host a Santa-Line. "Children are encouraged to phone Santa, who will be available between the hours of 2 and 7 p.m.," said Conrad Alexander, Medical Center Director. Alexander stated the Santa-Line will be operational today through Dec. 22. Children who wish to talk to Santa can do so by calling 264-4838.

Stockholders urged to vote

Stockholders of the Big Spring Industrial Foundation are reminded they should vote for directors by Jan. 7, according to a recent release from the group. Each member may vote for two directors. Candidates are Don Reynolds and Bob Brock; write-ins are accepted. The Foundation will meet Monday, Jan. 14 in the conference room at the Chamber of Commerce office.

College seeking local participants

Howard College has invited local businesses and industries to participate in a Career Day for area residents and students. The event is set for March 6, to take place on the HC campus in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Local businesses are encouraged to sign up now to attend. For more information, call the counseling center at 264-5085.

Drug under fire from specialists

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A drug commonly used as a sedative for children — chloral hydrate — may cause cancer in humans, state scientists said. In a letter sent last week to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, state health director Kenneth Kizer also urged the federal government to issue a warning, and to conduct a study of the drug's effects in children who have already received it.

Ex-'macho man' in the brig

(AP) When Eric Hayes joined the Marine Reserves four years ago he thought it was the macho thing to do. Now he's in the brig for refusing to join his anti-tank unit when it was called up for Operation Desert Shield. The lance corporal didn't report because he filed for discharge as a conscientious objector, one of a number of reservists and military personnel to take that step since the Persian Gulf crisis began in August.

NATO to stand firm against Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner today emphasized the European allies' willingness to go to war with Iraq if peaceful efforts to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis fail.

"The brutal aggression and violation of international law committed by Saddam Hussein ... will not be allowed to stand," the NATO chief said in a speech opening a two-day foreign ministers meeting. "The solidarity of all allies and their determination to implement in full the (U.N.) Security Council resolutions against Iraq remain firm," he said, reiterating NATO's position regarding the gulf crisis. Woerner did not say anything about increasing North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in the gulf. Such a decision would be up to

the 16 individual NATO countries. All of them except Iceland, Luxembourg, Germany and Turkey have troops, naval units or warplanes in the gulf region.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, flying to Brussels for the meeting, said Sunday night he still hopes to speak with Saddam to settle the crisis.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was to have met with President Bush in Washington today, but the meeting was scuttled by a

disagreement over when Baker would hold the subsequent meeting with Saddam.

Bush has said he won't send Baker to Baghdad any later than Jan. 3; Saddam says the meeting should occur on Jan. 12, three days before the U.N.-imposed deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face possible attack.

Bush has said that is too late. "We hope something can be arranged," Baker told reporters. He did not elaborate and gave no in-

dication that Saddam was ready to agree to any of the earlier dates Bush has proposed for the Baghdad meeting.

The Iraqi ambassador to France said today Iraq would make no concessions without negotiations on the gulf crisis. If no talks are held by Jan. 15, Iraq will "wait and see" what happens, Ambassador Abdul Razak al Hachimi said.

President Bush has the ability to start a war, "but ending it will not be his decision," said Hachimi, a

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NATO Secretary-General

close associate of Saddam's. "Iraq has the capability to make everybody pay a heavy price."

Hachimi, speaking at a Franco-Arab Chamber of Commerce meeting in Paris, said if war occurs "Europe is going to be the loser. The U.S. is controlling oil and oil will go to \$100 a barrel and no one can do anything about it."

In Baghdad, a government newspaper quoted the leader of a radical Palestinian group as saying special squads have been prepared to strike American targets worldwide if war breaks out in the gulf.

Mohammed Abbas, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, was quoted in today's editions of the government-run Al Jomhuriya newspaper as saying

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Selection of juries underway

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
 Staff Writer

Two 118th District Court juries were to be selected today, one to pass judgment in a competency hearing involving a rape case and the other a civil trial.

A jury was selected this morning to hear a civil trial concerning injuries and damages in an incident involving an automobile. That case is scheduled to go to trial either Tuesday or Wednesday, according to the district clerk.

The suit was filed October 1989 by Shelly Riley and Ricky Cadenhead against Melissa Mae Moore.

Selection was scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. to pick a jury to decide if John Michael Martinez, 40, who was arrested April 4 and charged with the aggravated sexual assault of an 81-year-old woman, is competent to stand trial, said Assistant District Attorney William Dupree. The hearing is scheduled im-

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A sign from Heaven

Jim Pope, Bill Burchett and John Doll, dressed from the drive-thru Nativity scene at the Church of the Nazarene. The Nativity begins Tuesday, while looking at the Christmas star in a scene

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Gorbachev calls for national referendum

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today called for a national referendum to decide whether to hold the 15 Soviet republics together on the basis of his proposed Union Treaty.

In a state of the union message to the Congress of People's Deputies, Gorbachev also said the nation's economic and political "crisis has us by the throat," and it is necessary to streamline the presidency without returning to the dictatorial rule of the past.

By working together, the Soviet people can overcome the crisis within 18 months, he said. "We have learned a lesson, but we should not be panic-stricken," Gorbachev said.

Gorbachev urged the congress to approve proposed constitutional amendments to strengthen the presidency, adding the post of vice president and replacing the 89-member Council of Ministers

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Cost: a big factor in improving water quality

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
 Staff Writer

Is better-tasting water worth the price?

A committee of Leadership Big Spring Alumni has been considering that question. The group has met several times since March with engineers, water-treatment experts and city officials in an attempt to determine what improvements are available and at what cost.

Members said the committee

was formed after Leadership Alumni sponsored a public forum on the water issue. Questions arose, and the group decided to take a closer look.

"The committee has gone into just about every source (for water improvements)," said chairperson Joyce Crooker. "We wanted to give every option a chance."

Their conclusion: good-tasting, desalinated water will be costly. A Fina engineer who has worked with industrial water treatment said he

estimates that a reverse-osmosis treatment of all city water would double or triple current water bills.

"There have got to be other ways to go than treating every drop of water," said engineer Dennis McBride. He admits the high sodium level in the local water supply concerns him.

"If we look at this from a medical standpoint," he said, "sodium affects your body. There's no doubt that it has a negative affect on people with high blood

pressure and heart problems." McBride said the question in his mind is whether city water has too much salt to be healthy.

He said according to his calculations, about a ton of salt every three hours would be processed out of city water by the reverse osmosis method.

Local and government health officials apparently do not consider the water dangerous.

In a letter to Assistant City Manager Tom Decell, a represen-

tative of the Environmental Protection Agency deemed local water "not detrimental to health." Texas Department of Health officials have passed similar judgments.

James Luck, sanitarian for the Big Spring-Howard County Health Department, said the water does not pose direct threats to the health of citizens, even those who suffer from heart ailments and high blood pressure.

"The water is sampled every six

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Waste: is there a better way to handle it?

Too much trash

Editor's note: This is the second of two stories on the increasing problem of waste disposal.

By BILL AYRES
 City Editor

The problem of solid waste disposal is becoming an important issue facing communities seeking alternative methods of waste control.

Mayor Max Green said he would like to see Big Spring become a regional recycling center, but financing the operation is the biggest problem. He added that a recycling operation would be something the Moore Development Board might investigate.

Public Works Director Tom Decell said the cost of replacing the current system of garbage collection with a segregated collection system would be very expensive, considering the fact the city operates seven trucks and has thousands of dumpsters. He said the possibility of separating recyclable or compostable items at the landfill is one option. Bill Carter of the Texas Depart-



A bale system of solid waste disposal, like the one used by the city of Big Spring, helps extend the life of existing landfills by compacting solid waste. Items considered recyclable are baled with all other items.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

ment of Agriculture said cities with dumpster collection systems might consider having drop-off stations instead of a curb-side system to save cost.

He added buy-back centers are becoming popular, but market limitations determine what items are purchased.

Decell said there is no organized effort in Big Spring, except for some private groups who organize

collection drives as fund raisers. There are two companies in the city which buy aluminum cans and scrap metals, but do not accept plastic, glass, paper or cloth. They are Big Spring Iron and Metal on Highway 350 and Westexas Metals on North Birdwell Lane.

In addition, Odessa Metals currently leases space at the Big Spring Permian Distributing opera-

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Over the top

Firefighters Steve Hedges, top, and Kerry Horton assist Drive Chairman Murray Murphy in placing the final total on the United Way thermometer. The United Way surpassed its goal of \$20,000 by \$7,000. Pictured are Auriel LaFond of GAMCO, Sherrie Bordske, executive director of United Way, and Bob McKaig of Fina.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Sidelines

Warrants issued for ticket-fixer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio attorney and key figure in a police ticket-fixing scheme is wanted for outstanding speeding tickets, the Texas Department of Public Safety says.

State troopers ticketed Edwin "Eddie" Matias for speeding July 4 in Fayette County. Matias never paid the ticket and failed to appear for his July 16 court date, according to DPS records.

Matias was fined \$102 for driving 77 mph in a 65-mph speed zone and \$152.50 for failing to appear for court. Two warrants were issued for his arrest and bonds totaling \$400 were set.

DPS officials say the warrants are outstanding and can be served anywhere in Texas.

The San Antonio Light has reported that Matias, the leading candidate for a municipal court judge, has fixed dozens of traffic tickets for police, their friends and relatives.

Vandals topple 20-foot Santa

DALLAS (AP) — The vandals who toppled the 20-foot tall Santa Claus a Dallas company has displayed for the past 10 Christmas seasons left behind a "pitiful" scene.

They left Santa face down in the mud outside Marshal Moody Display. The vandalism was discovered Sunday.

"That's like taking a Bible from a motel room," Mickey Moriarity Sr., operator of the display firm. "It's pitiful." "Somebody just unscrewed the turnbuckle," Moriarity said. "We've had some vandalism before but not like this."

Moriarity said the company, which sells retail display materials and decorations, uses the bigger-than-life Santa to advertise to drivers on the highway.

"It's kind of a trademark out here," he added.

Foreign students fill campus void

HOUSTON (AP) — A growing number of foreign students attending U.S. graduate programs are helping American colleges keep their doors open. But observers say the trend could be hazardous to the nation's technological community.

"The U.S. technological lead is disappearing, and I can't help but think this will show up in the economic situation in the next few years," said Graham Glass, director of graduate studies at Rice University in Houston.

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Investigators seek cause for copter crash

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — An Army safety team today is continuing to sift through the rubble of a helicopter crash that killed three members of the Missouri National Guard.

"There are still people they need to talk with and things they need to look at," said Maj. Mike Milner, Army spokesman for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "I'm not sure how long a process it could take."

Reporters and photographers got their first look at the site Sunday. Journalists trudged through thick underbrush about 500 yards behind the Tarkington Volunteer Fire Department in a hazy rainstorm to see debris spread over a 50-yard area.

The site was closed on Saturday while investigators from the U.S. Army Safety Center in Fort Rucker, Ala., made their preliminary observations of the area.

The UH-1 "Huey" helicopter slammed into the heavily wooded area some six miles north of Cleveland late Friday, killing all three crew members.

The crew was part of a 12-helicopter convoy from Fort Leonard Wood traveling to Ellington Field in Houston. The helicopters, which traveled in groups of four with three-member crews, were to be shipped through the Port of Houston to Saudi Arabia for deployment in Operation Desert Shield.



CLEVELAND, Texas — Fort Hood Military Police Specialist A. Goehring inspects the wreckage Sunday of a helicopter crash. The UH-1

ington Field in Houston. The helicopters, which traveled in groups of four with three-member crews, were to be shipped through the Port of Houston to Saudi Arabia for deployment in Operation Desert Shield.

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, Milner said.

All three were members of the 1267th Medical Company, a National Guard unit based near Jefferson City, Mo., which includes a Nebraska Army National Guard detachment.

Nolen Everitt, chief of the Tarkington Volunteer Fire Department, said the crash occurred about 9:15 p.m. Friday, sparking a flurry of calls from local residents in the unincorporated town some 45 miles north of Houston.

"A lot of people heard it and felt it," Everitt said Sunday. "We had calls coming in for hours."

Fred Richard owns the property near a catfish farm where the crash occurred. Richard heard the helicopter fly over his house.

"He was having engine problems, it was cutting out on him," Richard said. "I thought he was going to land on my house."

Everitt said a team of up to 200 neighbors, military personnel, law enforcement officials and other volunteers immediately began searching the area for survivors.

Zach, school standoff continues

BASTROP (AP) — Zachariah Toungate's refusal to get a haircut, and the 8-year-old's banishment to his own private classroom, has turned him into a national celebrity.

For more than 2½ months, Zach has been kept apart from his third grade classmates while at school, and taught in a small room by order of school officials, who say his 7-inch ponytail violates the dress code.

The plight of Zach and his ponytail has appeared nationally, in print, on television and on radio.

A Denver radio station heard in 38 states has encouraged listeners to write the school in a "Free Zach" campaign, and KOA talk show host George Weber has promised to attend a school board meeting Tuesday to lobby for Zach's release.

He has also received cards and letters from supporters across the country.

A first-grade class in Albany, N.Y. wrote Zach a letter, saying, "We feel you should have your hair anyway you want it. It's not fair that you should be locked in a room by yourself."

But the standoff continues. Every school day, Zach gets off the bus and says goodbye to his friends before entering the 11-by-13-foot room dubbed "an alternative education setting" by school officials.

He eats by himself, plays by himself, and, for \$35 a day, is provided a substitute teacher. He has no physical education or music classes.

School officials say Zach's grades haven't suffered because he is receiving individual instruction and is not distracted easily.

But the isolation is wearing on him, his mother said.

"He's still in the room. It's getting real hard on him now," his mother, September Toungate, said. "He's real frustrated, but he says, 'I want to keep my tail.'"

Two weeks ago, about 15 students from the University of Texas at Austin protested in front of the elementary school and submitted a petition with about 1,000 signatures in support of Zach.

But Bastrop school superintendent Paul Flemming said Friday that Zach will be separated from his classmates indefinitely.

"The question is not hair. The question is, are you going to allow a student to willfully violate a rule," Flemming said.

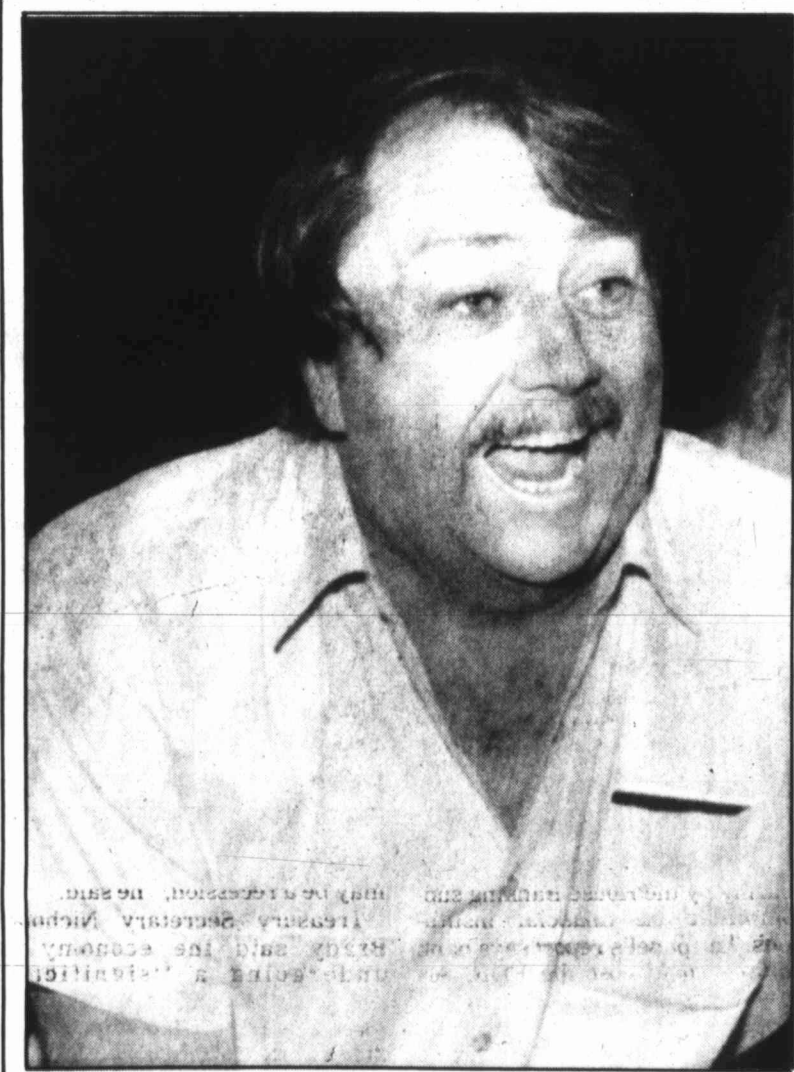
He said most of the criticism of the school comes from out-of-state. He said his office has received 228 letters from outside Texas and all but 10 supported Zach.

From inside Texas, he said the mail is running about half in favor of Zach and half in favor of school officials.

But in Bastrop, he said, "I have not had one citizen come up to me personally and say, 'We are opposed to the rule.' I have had numerous people say, 'We think you're right.'"

The issue of Zach's hair also is the subject of a lawsuit by the Toungates. The lawsuit claims the school's hair policy discriminates because it doesn't apply to females.

A state district court judge has denied a temporary injunction that would have allowed Zach back into class. On Tuesday, that court has scheduled a hearing in which the school district attorneys seek to have the entire case dismissed.



Hostage returns

HOUSTON — The latest of the hostages from Iraq returned to Houston Saturday. Gary O'Conner was greeted by family and friends at Houston Intercontinental Airport upon his return home.

American buys TWA routes

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines gained a gateway to London by agreeing to pay \$445 million for six of Trans World Airlines' seven U.S. routes there.

The seventh route, not included in the deal, is being negotiated separately, American spokesman Al Becker said Sunday.

At the same time, TWA Chairman Carl Icahn renewed his effort to acquire Pan American World Airways, which agreed last month to sell its London routes to United Airlines for \$400 million.

If the route sales are approved by the federal government, Pan Am and TWA, which built their reputations through overseas travel, will no longer fly to London; United and American, the strongest U.S. carriers, will compete.

The routes TWA is selling are between London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports and six U.S. cities: New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Icahn said TWA has lost money

on the London routes for two years.

"Our current agreements with American will generate additional cash liquidity, which will enable us to position ourselves for growth despite these extremely difficult times," he said in a statement Sunday.

In its renewed bid for Pan Am, TWA offered \$1.50 a share in cash and \$1 a share in either preferred stock or notes for Pan Am's 150 million shares outstanding. In November, TWA offered \$1 a share in cash and \$2 in notes.

American already flies to many foreign destinations, including cities in Europe, the Far East, South America and Central America. It hopes to serve Heathrow by May and Gatwick by November.

"This transaction will enable American to become a leading U.S. carrier to London and will add tremendous synergy to both the U.S. and the U.K. with many more carrier and destination choices," American Chairman Robert L. Crandall said in a statement.

Racial tensions rise after police shooting

DALLAS (AP) — The racial tension between Dallas police and minorities is rising again following the fatal shooting of a black florist by a white rookie policeman responding to a burglary call.

Some community leaders say Friday's slaying of R.L. "Gunny" Rose is too reminiscent of two other Dallas police killings that ignited racial strife and prompted calls for massive department reforms.

Police said 25-year-old Officer Vincent Reetz mistakenly believed Rose, owner of Veteran's Florist on Dallas' south side, was an assailant.

Black leader Roy Williams said the fatal shooting supports his earlier request for an investigation of the Dallas Police Department.

"This is not just an African-American or Latino problem," Williams told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Sunday's editions. "This crosses all races and socioeconomic levels. ... The system is broken and we must fix it. But we must act now."

And City Council member Al Lipscomb, who's black, said he wants an investigation into Rose's shooting and the department's deadly force policy.

But police and their supporters say the shooting is just another tragic mistake, unjustly shaded with racial undertones.

"This could have happened to anybody on the department," said Sgt. Mike Black, who coordinates field training for rookies.

Police officials said Reetz did not

hear the 53-year-old man identify himself as the flower shop's owner.

"It was dark out there, and there's a fine line between doing the right thing and doing the wrong thing," Black said. "It's all reaction."

"It's not like on TV when the music is climaxing and then you go to commercial. There, you have a couple of minutes to think about the situation and come up with a solution. This is the real world, and things don't happen that way."

Rose's store had been broken into twice in the last month. When the alarm went off a third time, at 1:30 a.m. Friday, he arrived at the store before police.

He was shot in the chest when he turned, revolver in hand, when he heard Reetz utter a command.

"Mr. Rose's reaction to the command from a police officer was not unreasonable," said Deputy Chief Ray Hawkins. "Unfortunately, when you turn, you bring the weapon to bear. That's the concern we have with people arming themselves."

Joan Smotzer, co-chairwoman of the Unified Coalition for Police Reform, noted that Rose had identified himself to Reetz's partner moments before the shooting.

If Reetz was unaware of the exchange, as he has told authorities, then it points up the need for better training, Ms. Smotzer said.

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Drug-related convictions rising

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people convicted in state courts of drug-related felonies leaped by 69 percent over two years, according to Justice Department research.

About one-third of the 667,400 people convicted of felonies in state courts two years ago — about 227,000 people — were found guilty of drug trafficking or possession, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics report released Sunday.

In 1986, just under one-fourth of the 582,800 felony convicts, or about 134,000 people, had been found guilty of drug-related of-

fenses, according to information provided by bureau statistician Patrick A. Langan.

"It's certainly what one would expect these days," said Langan, who wrote the report with fellow bureau statistician John M. Dawson.

The states apparently were cracking down on drug offenders long before the Bush administration began exhorting them to do so, the report indicates.

Felony convictions for drug trafficking increased from 13 percent to 17 percent of the total felony convictions from 1986 to 1988, the report found.

Some stores cheat on food stamps

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new report to Congress says about 25 percent of the nation's grocery stores authorized to accept food stamps may be accepting them for forbidden items — such as beer and cigarettes — and cash.

The Agriculture Department's Office of Inspector General said most of the violations apparently involve small and medium-size establishments among the 220,000 stores nationwide that participate in the program.

"Supermarkets make up about 15 percent of the stores authorized to accept food stamps but handle about 74 percent of all food stamps redeemed," the report said. "Our studies have shown

that these large retailers general have adequate controls and systems in place to prevent program abuse."

The report said the department's Food and Nutrition Service, which administers the program, estimated that 53,000 of the 220,000 stores may be selling non-food items for stamps and that more than 3,200 retailers may be exchanging food stamps for cash.

The semiannual report, as required by law, covered audit and investigative activities for the last half of the 1990 fiscal year.

A special look at food stamps was included as "an area of particular interest to Congress and USDA management."

Needles could be more available

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Fresh syringes would be just a phone call away under a dial-a-needle plan proposed by a pioneering AIDS-prevention program.

Under a plan that program founder David Purchase hopes to start next month, intravenous drug users could call a telephone number and, within minutes, meet a needle-exchange van at a major street intersection anywhere in Pierce County.

"We don't need to know ad-

resses. It's a question of their paranoia and the fact we're using radio phones," Purchase said, noting that third parties can sometimes pick up portable-telephone conversations.

For 2½ years Purchase and public health workers have run their AIDS-prevention program from the street. In addition to trading needles, which can spread the AIDS virus, they hand out bleach kits that junkies can use to clean their dirty needles.

Cabinet posts are filled for now

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today chose former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who has been active in education reform, to fill the post of education secretary vacated last week when Lauro Cavazos was forced to resign.

Bush made the Alexander announcement at a morning meeting with reporters at which he also introduced his new labor secretary, outgoing Rep. Lynn Martin. Bush announced the Martin choice Friday, while she was home in Illinois.

The Martin and Alexander appointments are all but certain to win confirmation on Capitol Hill.

The moves also fill the Cabinet, for now.



LYNN MARTIN



Associated Press photo

Refugee fire

SITE 2, Thailand — A boy carried a sibling among the ruins of a fire that destroyed 770 bamboo houses and left more than 3,000 people homeless at the Cambodian refugee camp of site 2. The cause of the December 12 fire, which caused no injuries, has not yet been determined. This picture was taken a couple of days after the blaze.

FDIC chairman says more money is needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the nation's economy in a big slump, the government fund that insures bank deposits is "under stress" and needs more money to cope with bank failures, the chairman says.

L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, said the fund is expected to pay out \$4 billion in 1990 to cover bank losses.

A new forecast for 1991 "looks like another \$5 billion loss," he said. That would push the FDIC's reserves down to \$4 billion, he said.

Seidman also said a report being released at a congressional hearing today is useful because it underscores the problems in the troubled banking system.

But he said some of the report's dire conclusions are based on forecasts that may prove to be wrong.

"It shows that, as our numbers show, that we're under stress and that we need more funds," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday.

Seidman was to testify at today's hearing by the House Banking subcommittee on financial institutions. The panel's report says bank failures could cost the FDIC \$63 billion over three years if there is a severe recession.

Even a mild downturn would leave the fund short of cash, said the report, which was written by three economists. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the economists' summary last week.

Seidman said the \$63 billion figure was at the high end of the scale of potential outcomes. "Our own figures show that even if we took their highest number... with the recapitalization we'll have over \$50 billion in hand to meet that. So

at worst there would be a small additional amount needed to be borrowed from the Treasury," he said.

The bankers will recapitalize the FDIC by paying more premiums into it, Seidman said. "We think they have plenty of resources to do that and we expect that they will agree that that's the way it ought to be done."

A banking industry official said in a televised interview today that banks are committed to making sure the fund remains solvent.

"If it needs to be recapitalized, the banks are willing to put the necessary money into the fund," Donald Ogilvie, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association, said during an appearance on NBC-TV's "Today" show.

The economists' report suggests the insurance fund be cushioned with a loan from the Treasury.

Meantime, Seidman said he agreed with other Bush administration officials that the economy is in a downturn.

"We're in the beginning of what may be a recession," he said.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said the economy is undergoing a "significant slowdown" that is likely to persist through early 1991 before turning around later next year.

"I have been a little slow to declare national recession day," Brady said.

Asked why he was reluctant to use the word recession, Brady said Sunday he did not have all the figures for the quarter.

"Let's watch and see," Brady said. "Maybe it will be. I don't think it's the end of the world even if we have a recession. We'll pull back out of it again. No big deal."

World

Sudanese people seek food, shelter

EL-OBEID, Sudan (AP) — Like thousands of others suffering the effects of a worsening drought and threatened by famine, Awadalla Bakheit and his family struggled across western Sudan seeking help.

Yet, like other refugees streaming into this regional capital, they may merely be given some food and money and shipped back to the countryside.

The government is trying to discourage a large permanent camp in el-Obeid, which is proving to be an uphill battle.

"I walked four days to reach here. We're just waiting for the

will of God and what the government will decide," said 35-year-old Bakheit at the Rukub camp for displaced persons 10 miles north of the city.

Wearily-looking men, women and children cluster under the few trees, seeking shade. Tents are not provided, a tactic by the military government to prevent settlement.

Across Sudan, Africa's largest nation, two consecutive years of drought conditions have led to fears a serious famine may loom.

Famine has struck most of the country, affecting up to 7 million of its 25 million people.

Western dress is a capital offense

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) — After killing thousands of people in a seven-year separatist insurrection, Sikh extremists in Punjab state are now telling people what they to wear.

The extremists, fighting to set up a theocratic nation in the rich farming state, have threatened to kill Punjabi women unless they stop wearing jeans and other Western clothing.

Sikh men have been told not to trim their beards and women have been warned not to pluck their eyebrows or use makeup.

The dress code was announced Dec. 10 by the Panthic Committee, an umbrella group for five militant Sikh organizations.

About 54 percent of Punjab's 17 million people are Sikhs. Most of the rest are Hindus.

Failure to comply with the "dress code" will mean death, the Panthic Committee said in its decree.

The threat has had considerable impact.

A survey Friday of colleges and other public haunts of the young in the state capital of Chandigarh found no girl or woman wearing jeans, skirts or other Western dress.

Most were clad in salwar kameez, the traditional knee-length tunic worn over voluminous trousers. Their heads were covered with flowing scarves called dupattas.

Police block entry of Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police blocked thousands of Palestinians from entering Jerusalem today and barred Arab youths from the historic mosques on the city's Temple Mount.

The heightened security was aimed at heading off clashes with Jewish extremists and to prevent protests over Israel's decision to deport four Moslem fundamentalist leaders from the occupied Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, students at

the closed Bir Zeit University held a march and stoned police to protest the planned deportations of the four activists, members of the fundamentalist movement Hamas, Israel radio reported.

Officials anticipated angry reaction to the expulsions since Palestinians, many of whom were driven out of Israel with the founding of the state in 1948, consider deportation from the occupied lands the worst possible punishment.

Atistide supporters expect victory

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Supporters of the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide danced in the streets early today in anticipation of a big victory for the charismatic leftist priest they hail as Haiti's "prophet."

People turned out in large numbers in this poor Caribbean nation Sunday to cast ballots for what could be the first free elected government in Haiti's turbulent 186-year history.

The elections were peaceful, though hampered by delays in the delivery of ballots and the opening of poll booths that kept hundreds of voters simmering in long lines under the sun, and leading some to charge fraud.

More than 800 international observers were on hand, seeking to assure violence-free balloting.



DANCING IN THE STREETS

Quake injures 21

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A strong earthquake early today injured 21 people in southern Iran, damaged houses and sent some panicked residents rushing into the streets, Iran's official news agency reported.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said the quake struck at 1:50 a.m. and registered 6.5 on the Richter scale. The Geophysics Institute of Tehran University said it was centered about 500 miles south of Tehran.

The agency said 20 people were injured in Dashtestan, about 40 miles from the Persian Gulf city of Bushehr, where panicked residents poured into the streets.

IRNA said one person was injured in the village of Aabad near Dashtestan and five houses were damaged in the village of Kalameh. IRNA said the road to Kalameh was blocked by a landslide.

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Opinion

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

Opinions from across the U.S.

Expandable resources

Ten years ago an ecologist and an economist took the unusual step of submitting their opposite theories to a reality test: They made a bet. The result was written up in (the) influential *New York Times Magazine*.

The more famous lost. He is Paul Erlich, Stanford University's butterfly expert and the mass media's favorite ecologist. His 1968 best-seller "The Population Bomb" is among the environmental movement's founding texts. In 1980, Erlich took up the gauntlet thrown down by University of Maryland economist Julian Simon: To demonstrate the point that, far from becoming scarcer as population grows, natural resources actually become more available thanks to human innovation, Simon offered a challenge to predictors of overpopulation. Pick any natural resource, Simon said, and he would bet that its price would decline by any stipulated date.

Erlich and two colleagues bet \$1,000 on five metals — chrome, copper, nickel, tin and tungsten. The 10 years Erlich stipulated ended in October. World population grew by 800 million in the decade — but all five metals declined in real price. Together they declined by almost 40 percent.

This adds one more thing to the long list of Erlich's predictions that have proven false, notably mass starvation in the 1970s and near-depletion of "many key minerals" before 1985. Yet Erlich retains his standing with the mass media as an authority on the planet's future.

Biologists think in terms of closed ecosystems. But market economies are flexible and responsive. Instead of disparaging the economists, ecologists should incorporate the obvious truth that resources are not static but rather depend on man's power to adapt and invent.

Florence (S.C.) Morning News

No good reason for war

Let's all say it together real loud. George Bush is not a wimp. Nor is he a weenie. He is the biggest, baddest critter in the whole forest. Maybe he'll hear and we can skip getting carloads of people killed. This public relations effort to convince us that we should sacrifice American young people may be one of the most cynical exercises since Lyndon Johnson told us all how heavy his heart was.

Moments after the polls say we won't back a war in the Persian Gulf except to stop nuclear proliferation, the Bush administration changes its reasoning. "It's to stop Saddam Hussein from getting the bomb. Yeah, that's the ticket."

Worst of all, though, we continue trying to back ourselves into a corner. Just as it appears that 400,000 troops and a blockade may have created a climate for cutting a deal, Secretary of State James Baker tells us that all he's going to do is lecture and threaten Saddam.

None of the rationales for war makes sense, at least not yet.

Philadelphia Daily News

Some benefits from NASA

It has not been a stellar year for space astronomy. First there was the monstrously expensive disappointment of the Hubble Space Telescope, that \$1.5 billion eye-in-the-sky that can't quite get things in focus. Now the \$150 million Astro observatory, ... plagued by computer trouble. ... More than 100 planned observations, out of about 250, had to be scrubbed.

Yet, not all is gloomy out there. Hubble, in spite of its optical flaws, is enabling astronomers to do some serious science and is returning some spectacular images from the Solar System and the realm of distant galaxies. The Magellan probe is currently assembling a remarkable detailed map of the planet Venus. And the Astro observatory, glitches and all, helped astronauts make a significant and poignant bit of history.

Columbia's astronauts beamed a lesson from space, just as New Hampshire schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe had wanted to do nearly five years ago when she won a place on the disastrous Challenger mission.

Teaching is probably the most useful thing (along with its usual national security work, launching spy satellites and such) that NASA can do for the country right now.

So it is good finally to see someone teaching from orbit, answering questions from kids on the ground. (The) lesson from the shuttle Columbia was a modest comeback for a project that has been stalled far too long — the project of bringing space down to earth.

Los Angeles Daily News



Bush probably needs a respite

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush retreated to Camp David for the weekend, perhaps gratefully, following a week that saw one domestic policy calamity after another.

He left behind two awkward departures: the forced resignation of Lauro Cavazos as Education secretary and the rejection by William Bennett of the Republican Party chairmanship.

And he had an embarrassing civil rights flap on his hands because of a college scholarship decision.

Finally, on Friday, in an attempt to end the week on an upbeat note, the White House rushed out an announcement that Rep. Lynn Martin of Illinois was Bush's choice for Labor secretary.

The announcement of Martin to succeed Elizabeth Dole, who resigned in October to head the Red Cross, tentatively had been planned for Monday. But the paperwork was pushed through at the last minute by Bush's chief of staff, John Sununu.

Bush himself announced the decision on the South Lawn of the White House as he prepared to board his helicopter for the trip to the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md. It was the first time Bush has announced a major appointment without the nominee at his side in a formal setting.

Martin, back home in Illinois, could not have gotten to Washington in time. Bush called to tell her the job was hers just an hour before he announced it to the world.

Bush can only hope the coming week is less bumpy. But the decisions awaiting him are not easy.

White House aides said they expect the president to act quickly, perhaps as early as Monday, in announcing his choices for Education secretary and for the chairmanship of the Republican Na-



Capitol report

tional Committee. Domestic policy never has been viewed as Bush's strong suit. And after being on the road for three weeks visiting Europe, the Middle East and Latin America, Bush walked into a hornet's nest in his first full week back in Washington.

First there was the abrupt resignation of Cavazos, the first Hispanic to serve in any Cabinet. After being virtually fired by Sununu, Cavazos submitted a terse resignation letter to Bush and was not even in town when it was announced.

White House aides conceded that Cavazos's departure could have been handled better.

And even presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater seemed to be straining to pronounce the official line that Cavazos had resigned. "I am not going to characterize this any way other than the way he would have wanted it, which was that he resigned," Fitzwater said.

Even more clumsy was the decision by Bennett, the former drug control director, to turn down Bush's offer of the chairmanship of the RNC — just two weeks after he had accepted it.

Bennett was told by White House counsel C. Boyden Gray that he'd have to give up a lucrative book contract and forgo outside paid speaking engagements for one year to avoid running afoul of ethics laws.

Bennett decided to shove the job instead. He left with a parting swipe at Gray for allegedly changing his advice — something Gray denies.

His exit in a huff held the White House up to ridicule and drew glee from Democrats. Democratic Chairman Ron Brown said Bennett's tenure "lasted about as long as most of President Bush's campaign promises."

"Clearly, it didn't come out the way any of us would have wanted," one senior White House official said.

Meanwhile, if the White House was snubbed by Cavazos and embarrassed by Bennett, it was really caught off guard by a ruling by the Education Department.

Without checking with the White House, the agency ruled that colleges and universities could have federal funds revoked if they offered minority scholarships.

The opinion, by an assistant secretary of Education, was denounced soundly by civil rights, education and business groups.

"We're looking at it right now," Bush said on Friday. "I've asked our staff here to give me a quick readout on that so we can make a determination."

Fitzwater said the White House was caught completely by surprise by the decision. "Obviously, we like to know in advance of decisions that have wide repercussions. But we didn't. That's the way it happened."

Add to the list of vacancies a critical opening on the Federal Reserve Board. Manuel Johnson left six months ago, and the White House has indicated it wants to fill the position by Christmas.

Even on foreign policy, Bush had a spotty week.

Although he won hearty, bipartisan praise for his decision to extend \$1 billion in agricultural credits to Moscow to help the Soviet Union through the winter, his efforts to nail down a date for Secretary of State James A. Baker III's mission to Baghdad continued to be resisted by Iraq.

All in all, Camp David must have looked to Bush like a respite from the combat zone.



A lesson I'm glad I learned

By BETTY JOHANSEN
Copy Editor

I don't remember if that stupid airplane flew or not, but I sure remember what it looked like. It was powder blue, made of paper stretched across a balsa wood frame. It had a rubber band, wind-up propeller. I remember it, because I had to make it.

Granted, it was my own idea to begin taking those model airplane classes at the Y.M.C.A., but I was only eight or nine then. A parent should expect a kid to make a few errors in judgment at that age.

The class sounded like a lot of fun at first, a good way to while away the long, hot summer. But after the first few sessions, the true nature of the class emerged. Boring!

I went home and informed my mother I was going to be a Y.M.C.A. dropout. My mother informed me I was going to be a model airplane building graduate. When you begin something, she said, you finish it.

It was not my favorite rule, but at that age your options are strictly limited. I finished the class.

And I have vague memories of bringing that baby-blue model airplane home with some degree of pride. It was a pride I disowned. I couldn't afford to let on that anything about the situation pleased me, not after all the griping, whining and nagging I had done to be permitted to quit the class.

Strangely enough, that rule about finishing what you start doesn't seem so annoying today. It's nice that someone built it into my makeup when I was young and moldable, because I would hate to have to cram it into my systems at this late date.

And I think it's a trait worth having. Granted, I've failed to finish some things I should have completed. And I've finished a few things that should have been abandoned shortly after starting them.

But it's comforting to know that somewhere in the circuits of my gray matter is a recording of my mother's voice saying, "When you start something, you're going to finish it. Period."

Once I heard a speaker tell about finding a butterfly as it was about to leave its cocoon. The creature was on a woodland path, struggling and straining to get out of its silken prison.

The speaker was fascinated with the scene and watched for what seemed like a very long time. Finally, he could bear the butterfly's trial no longer. He leaned over and gently cut the cocoon open.

The butterfly was beautiful and perfectly formed in the front, where it had freed itself. But the back half, which had been "mercifully" liberated, was white and feeble.

The speaker watched horrified as the creature lay in the path and died. Without the whole struggle to strengthen its butterfly muscles, it was too weak to fly.

I'm afraid the United States is becoming a nation of quitters. From school assignments to pregnancies to marriages, we can't wait to bail out of tough situations.

I know that some things don't deserve to be finished. But when our quitting destroys someone else's life or health, or when we quit because of laziness or inconvenience, we weaken ourselves and our culture.

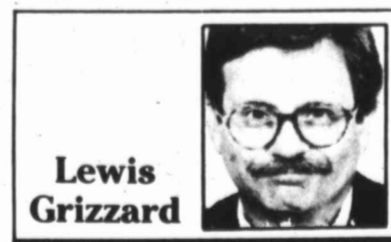
And our nation could end up like that crippled butterfly, expiring on a woodland path, killed by kindness. It is time for us to become nonconformists, to make decisions on the basis of wisdom and decency instead of comfort and pleasure.

Robert Frost expressed it this way in "The Road Not Taken":

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference."

If enough people will take the road less traveled, it could make all the difference for our nation. And our town.

Kids lead to nose-y confrontations



Lewis Grizzard

I went into one of those movie rental places the other day and the young woman who waited on me — she looked about 17 — had a small piece of jewelry implanted on the right half of her nose.

I'm always the last to know about trends, so I asked her if decorating one's nose was some sort of latest thing.

"I'm making a statement," she answered.

"What are you trying to say?" I asked. "It's my nose and I'll do with it what I want?"

"Something like that," she replied. "My dad said I couldn't have it, and I wanted to show him I was old enough to make my own decisions."

I don't have any children. Sometimes I think I would like to have children. Then, I see a young woman with a bejeweled nose, and the feeling passes.

How would I handle it if I had a teenage daughter who came home with such an adornment on her nose?

ME: What's that on your nose?
HER: I'm making a statement.
ME: I'm giving an order. Get whatever that is off your nose right this minute. No daughter of mine is going to walk around with her nose looking like a hood ornament on a 1952 DeSoto.

HER: What's a DeSoto?
ME: Never mind. Just do what I say.

Her: But Kiki Swarthmeyer did

her nose like this and her dad didn't say anything.

ME: If Kiki Swarthmeyer decided to jump off a cliff, would you want to do the same thing?
HER: That's not fair.
ME: I don't have to be fair. Besides, Kiki Swarthmeyer's dad is a drug dealer.

There would be lots of crying after that, and my daughter not only wouldn't take the jewel out of her nose, she probably also would run off with Kiki Swarthmeyer's brother, who wants to be a rock star if his acne ever clears up.

My generation's parents weren't afraid to have children like I am. That's because kids in those days would never think of decorating their noses.

The most outrageous thing I did was grow a ducktail haircut. My father, a military man, ordered me to have a haircut by 12-hundred hours.

"No son of mine is going to walk around looking like he's wearing a raccoon coat on his head," he said.

"What's a raccoon coat?" I asked.

"Never mind," he said. "Just do what I say."

I thought of running away with Delores Farnsworth, but her father was a barber so it seemed pointless.

Parents today aren't that lucky. They not only have to worry about what their children might come home wearing on their noses, but they must also be concerned about drugs, teenaged pregnancy, rock music sung by Satan worshippers and Kiki Swarthmeyer's brother, who calls everybody "dude" and has a ponytail.

I suppose what I'll do is content raising my dog Catfish, the black Lab. The worst thing he does is whine and drool while I'm eating.

A whining, drooling dog isn't all that bad when you consider one of the possible alternatives — a teenage daughter walking around looking like Yvonne DeCarlo as a pagan woman in an old biblical movie, which is what I wanted to rent at the movie store.

"Who's Yvonne DeCarlo?" said the young woman behind the counter.

"Never mind," I answered, leaving the store.

I don't have any children around to show me how to work my VCR anyway.

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Lifestyle



Phallon Crawford, left, Hamilton Hartford, Heidi Robinson and Michael Lewis, students at St. Mary's Episcopal School, read about their fellow classmates in the "Sounds of Saint Mary's," a newsletter printed to share activities, objectives and comments by the children.

'Sounds of Saint Mary's' Newsletter features sounds of children

By JEAN WARREN
For the Herald

In the fall of 1977, the headmaster and staff at St. Mary's Episcopal School decided to publish a monthly newsletter; their purpose was to share with parents news of classroom activities, objectives of the school, and comments by the children.

According to Bebe McCasland, administrator at St. Mary's, the publication's title, "Sounds of Saint Mary's," was selected by a contest among students.

I visited St. Mary's recently, going through some back issues of the newsletter. Mrs. McCasland shared a comment heard in a first grade room that morning. The teacher asked the class which animals have antlers. One youngster confidently replied, "Deer, elk, and cantaloupe." Doubtless he has been singing, "Home on the range where the deer and the cantaloupe play."

Children often misunderstand words, sometimes with amusing results, as found in the column, "Why Teachers Are Gray," in the

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newsletter. Here are some examples: The class was singing, "We Wish you a Merry Christmas," and the teacher sang "... to you and your kin." Immediately a boy said, "Oh, I thought it was to you and your kid!"

When asked to write a story about a place the third grade students wanted to visit, one girl wrote, "I would like to go to which a tall falls."

The teacher announced that the story was about a stampede. "What is a stampede?" she asked. "A dance place," (referring to a

local dance hall) replied a boy from the back of the room.

Science class also brings some interesting observations:

After studying the circulatory system, and impressed with her new knowledge, a fifth grade student announced to her mother, "If you don't stay in circulation, you'll die."

The teacher told the class the moon was full last night. "Full of what?" asked an inquiring student.

Even theology gets a little sticky at times.

Reviewing the first miracle of

Jesus, the teacher asked what did Jesus do? One youngster answered, "He turned the water into champagne."

The kindergarten asked his teacher if it took God a long time to make him? "Yes, Andrew, it did." The child pondered a moment, then replied, "I thought so, probably two weeks."

And there is no doubting the sincerity of one child's prayer request during chapel. "Please pray that my little brother won't flush Daddy's new watch down the toilet like he did the last one."

During this Christmas season, Mrs. McCasland and her staff will not be surprised by exuberant spirits and any youthful comment. This item appeared in one holiday issue of "Sounds of Saint Mary's."

The pre-kindergartener could hardly contain his excitement in telling his teacher he would be playing Gabriel in the school's Christmas pageant. "I'm going to be Gabriel. I bring the good news. Will they hang me from the ceiling?"

Clubs collecting food for The Salvation Army

Garden City

By JULIE McKINNON



The National Honor Society and Beta Club are collecting food for The Salvation Army this Christmas season. The top two classes in kindergarten through sixth grade bringing in the most food will be given a Coke and ice cream party. For every item of food that the junior and high school students collect, they will be able to enter a drawing for the following three prizes:

- \$25 gift certificate to Pizza Hut;
- \$25 gift certificate for tapes and CD's;
- \$25 gift certificate to the movies at the Big Spring Mall.

Please bring food items to the National Honor Society or Beta Club members as soon as possible. The last day to enter is Friday. If anyone has clothing they would like to donate, the National Honor Society and Beta Club members will take them to the Big Spring State Hospital.

holidays Friday at 2:30 and will resume Jan. 2 at the regular time.

Schraeder receives 1,000 scholarship

Garden City resident Chris Schraeder, 16, has received a \$1,000 educational scholarship for his work in the national 4-H gardening and horticulture program, according to Brodrick Hill, manager, Consumer Affairs, Chevron Chemical Company, Ortho Consumer Products Division.



CHRIS SCHRAEDER

Schraeder was one of five 4-H'ers to receive national 4-H gardening and horticulture scholarships, courtesy of Chevron Chemical Company, Ortho Consumer Products Division. The winners were selected Dec. 15 by the Cooperative Extension System and presented with their awards during the 69th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Awards are arranged by the National 4-H Council.

Schraeder received the award for progressive personal and skill development in the program. As part of his 4-H work, he is responsible for marketing the produce from his family's five-acre garden. The produce is sold through farmers' markets in several cities.

Food show results

The following are the results from the District Food Show for Glasscock County:

Kaci Kohls — Blue ribbon and trophy for second place in Junior Snacks and Desserts;

Paula Braden — Blue ribbon and \$100 savings bond for Overall Pork Award;

Michael Schraeder — Blue ribbon and trophy for third, Intermediate Breads and Cereals.

Christmas parties

School Christmas parties for kindergarten through sixth grade will be Thursday at 12:30. School will dismiss for the Christmas

Band concert

A band concert will be conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Ruth Cook Auditorium.

Olague graduates Texas Tech

Jimmy Olague, son of Thomas and Elvira Olague, Big Spring, graduated Dec. 15 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in music education.



JIMMY OLAGUE

he has specialized as a percussionist. He won outstanding percussionist for the Texas Tech band, where he was a member for five years while attending school, and he also won the "Crank It! Award" for being an outstanding musician in the band.

A reception in Olague's honor is planned for Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Drive carefully.

Children don't always tell the truth

DEAR ABBY: Some months ago, you published a letter from "Anonymous, Please" regarding her 4-year-old child's experience with child molestation. She said she had taught her daughter about her private parts at age 4, and "within five months she was molested."

That letter was not the first you have published on the "horror stories" of child molestation. I have been waiting for some letter giving balance to the near hysteria that is gripping our society on the subject.

As a lawyer who has handled many cases involving children who were said to have been sexually abused, may I share the following observations:

Children do lie. They don't call it lying — they call it "making up stories." And with encouragement from a parent and "professionals," these children will eventually believe their own stories. On the basis of an accusation alone, the accused parent may be denied access to his child for months — or even years.

For years children have been sexually abused by neighbors, baby sitters, trusted friends and relatives. Teaching them to scream, kick, hit and run will not protect them. The best protection is to watch your children closely and keep the lines of communication open.

I was in court recently on a child molestation case. The judge stated that more than 80 percent of such cases that had come before him had been frivolous — the accusation has been made for the purpose of gaining an advantage in other



Dear Abby

actions. I have every reason to believe that what the judge said was true.

One prospective divorce client said to me, "My husband is a sexual deviate — a pervert — and I want you to see to it that he has no unsupervised contact with our children!"

When I pressed her for an example of her husband's perverted sexual behavior, she replied, "He hides Playboy magazines in his underwear drawer." — A WOMAN LAWYER FROM MISSOURI

DEAR LAWYER: Thank you for an excellent letter to illustrate the other side of the story.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter on behalf of my father who died last week of lung cancer. He was very smart about so many things, but he wasn't smart enough to quit smoking before it killed him.

I want you to know that my father loved you and your column for as long as you've been writing it. I used to tell him that I always read Dear Abby last because I wanted to save the best for the last, then he'd say, "I can't wait that long, I read her first."

My father loved *The Houston Post* and he taught his children to

love it, too. Anyway, Abby, I just want you to know that you brought a lot of joy into the life of a wonderful man whose name was Charles Elton. We buried him with his beloved newspaper — your section being on top. He would have wanted it that way. With love — ERICA ELTON NEHLS, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

DEAR ERICA: My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of a loving father. Thank you for giving me permission (on the telephone) to publish your name. You said you "knew" your father would have loved seeing your letter in *The Houston Post*. Who knows? Perhaps he can.

DEAR ABBY: Shame on that postal clerk who assumed that the person who mailed 100 wedding invitations stamped by a postage meter was stealing from her boss. For crying out loud, didn't it occur to that postal clerk that it might save a lot of time and saliva to run 100 envelopes through a postal meter instead of licking 100 postage stamps?

Why do some people always assume the worst? — BURNED UP IN DETROIT

DEAR BURNED UP: In answer to your question, I quote an old French saying: "Nobody looks under a bed unless he himself has once hidden there." Case closed.

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Military

Spec. John E. Reitzer has been deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield.

Operation Desert Shield is the largest deployment of U.S. military forces since Vietnam. The

operation is in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and threat to Saudi Arabia.

"It is the presence of dedicated military people like Reitzer that brings America's principles to life and gives them strength and meaning," President George Bush said. "The soldier is a wheel vehicle mechanic at Fort Sill, Okla.

He is the brother of Leonard H. Reitzer, Big Spring, and Randy C. Reitzer, Chapman, Kan.



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Ranchers found guilty of 1988 murder of Chico Mendes

XAPURI, Brazil (AP) — A cattle rancher and his son were found guilty Saturday of first-degree murder for the killing of Chico Mendes, the rain forest defender whose death focused global attention on Amazon.

The defendants were each sentenced to 19 years in prison, less than the maximum 30-year sentence urged by prosecutors at the end of the four-day trial.

The seven-member jury decided Darly Alves da Silva planned the Dec. 22, 1988, slaying and that his son Darci Alves Pereira fired the shotgun that killed Mendes.

Scores of Mendes' supporters and relatives who jammed the tiny wooden courthouse burst into applause when the verdict was read. Judge Adair Longhini and the jury had met behind closed doors for more than three hours.

In closing statements, prosecutors said the defendants "stained the forest with (Mendes') blood."

The trial in this Amazon river town 2,650 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro opened Wednesday with the surprise murder confession of 23-year-old Alves Pereira, who claimed he had acted alone. His father had fought the charges.

The trial has caused a sensation in this nation of 150 million, where Mendes, 44, is seen as an ecological martyr who died defending the vast Amazon rain forest from slash-and-burn destruction by ranchers and farmers.

The Amazon, the world's largest rain forest, is the only habitat for many plant and animal species. Rubber tappers and others depend on the forest for their livelihood, but once the jungle is cleared it

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becomes barren of most vegetation within a few years.

A Texas-sized chunk of the forest already has been cut down.

Earlier Saturday, the 54-year-old Alves da Silva slumped in his chair in the tiny Xapuri courthouse and pressed a white handkerchief to his face during the prosecution's closing statements.

"You killed him, you!" declared prosecutor Marcio Thomaz Bastos, pointing a finger at the defendants. Bastos said a verdict of guilty

would end an "atmosphere of terror" in this far western Amazon state of Acre, where rich landowners often use hired gunmen to eliminate their opponents.

In a three-hour rebuttal, defense attorney Ruben Lopes Torres said Alves Pereira was so perturbed by the mounting legal pressure Mendes was applying against his father that he was pushed into committing the murder.

Mendes in 1988 led local rubber tappers and their families to stand

in front of bulldozers ready to clear virgin forest owned by Alves da Silva.

Earlier Saturday, about 150 people attended a dawn vigil at the tomb of Mendes.

The group of relatives, rubber tappers and foreign visitors then walked to Mendes' humble wooden house near the town square for a memorial ceremony in memory of his birthday.

"It was two years ago that Chico told me he would be spending his last birthday with me," said a weeping Ilzamar Mendes, the slain ecologist's widow. "He still lives within the people that are carrying on his work."

On a small wooden table in front of the house, now converted into a museum, and headquarters of the Chico Mendes Foundation, lay the United Nations Global 500 award

Mendes earned in 1987. An elderly rubber tapper stepped forward and silently placed a small metal rubber tapping knife on the table.

Osmarino Rodrigues, Mendes' successor who is under police protection because of death threats, unfolded a map of the Chico Mendes Extractivist Reserve created by the government last year. The reserve allows rubber tappers to commercially harvest latex, nuts and other forest products — a dream of Mendes'.

A 2-by-2 foot block of fresh concrete was laid on the muddy ground beside the back door of the house, where Mendes was hit by the shotgun blast.

With a wooden stick, a rubber tapper traced the words: "Here they killed Chico Mendes. The fight continues."

Munchies help save rain forest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everybody and his dog can now munch tropical treats being pitched to consumers as the new way to save shrinking rain forests.

Sales of such products as ice cream, mixed nuts and peanut brittle for pooches are beginning to channel money from environmentally conscious customers in the United States to the impoverished inhabitants of the distant forests.

So far, the products are heavily dependent on nuts for snacks. But promoters are hoping to expand to a broader range of consumer goods like soaps, cosmetics and furniture polish.

The idea is to make sure that the world's rain forests are worth more standing — and producing sustainable harvests — than cut for timber or cleared for pasture.

"This by itself is not going to save the world's rain forests," said Jason Clay, an anthropologist who has become an importer of forest nuts, oils and fruits. "But this can become an important part of saving the rain forests and other fragile ecosystems."

Clay is research director of Cultural Survival Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., a non-profit group set up in 1972 to promote land rights and alternative development schemes for indigenous peoples in the Third World.

The World Resources Institute estimated recently that 40 million to 50 million acres of tropical forests are vanishing each year, a pace that could wipe them out by the end of the century. Environmentalists say this is likely to accelerate global warming, because the forests soak up some of the world's production of carbon dioxide.

Scientists say the rain forests also are valuable as a home to an abundance of plant, animal and insect species that live nowhere else, some of which could prove useful in ways no one today can imagine. Many are likely to become extinct as their habitat shrinks.

In 1989, Cultural Survival got into the business of promoting trade in forest products as a way to get money into the hands of the people they were trying to help.

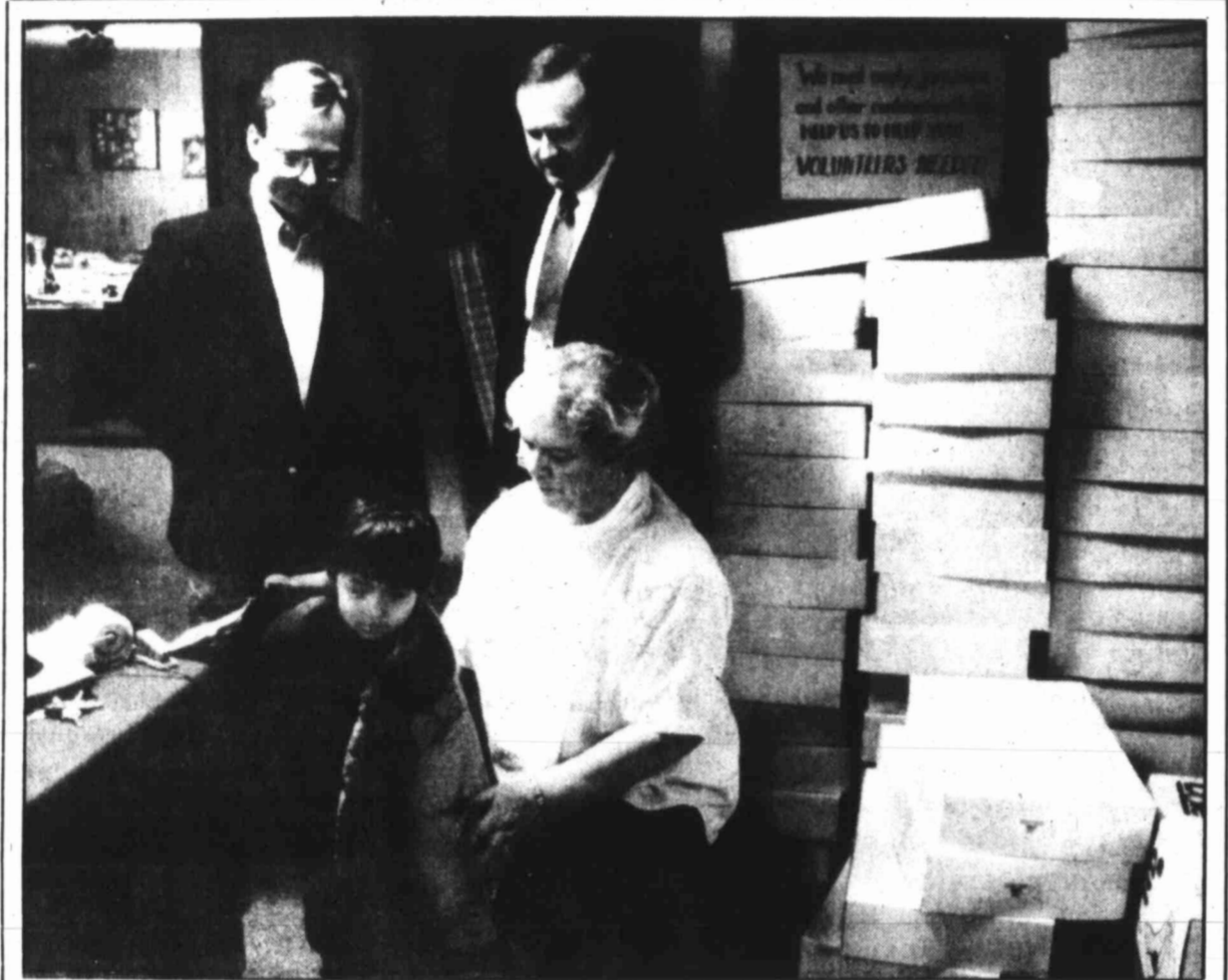
It is now selling imports, mostly Brazil nuts and cashews, to 17 companies currently marketing products in the United States — including Rainforest Crunch and Bowser Brittle. It also has provided samples to 75 companies for product development.

"In hand, we have about \$4.1 million in orders for 1991," Clay said. "We estimate that within five years we're going to be doing more than \$50 million worth of business."

Besides creating new income for people living in the forest, Cultural Survival is plowing its profits back into projects to strengthen native groups, producer co-ops and other local organizations, including rubber tappers.

So far, most of its work has been in Brazil, but it is expanding into Bolivia and Peru and has bought some dried fruit from Honduras and Belize, honey and beeswax from Zambia, jams and jellies from the Philippines and other products from Ecuador, Colombia and Botswana.

"The concept is a really powerful one," said Martha Broad, co-manager of Community Products, which is based in Montpelier, Vt. Customers like the taste, but "they're also excited that we're helping the people in the rain forest."



A helping hand
John Yater, left, and Jim Weaver, president of the Tuesday Big Spring Rotary Club, watch as Northside Community Center director Marianne Brown tries a coat on Edward Martinez at the facility Friday afternoon. The Rotary Club collected \$1,900 and purchased 67 coats which will be distributed to needy area children for Christmas.

Homeless pet owner fights for dog

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Behind the gray bars of doggie death row sits a pit bull named Spot, tried and convicted of biting people, but granted a stay of execution while his homeless owner appeals.

Spot, 35 pounds of muscle, fur and nervous energy, was found guilty of biting two people in a late-night scuffle under a fig tree where owner Ed Mannon sometimes sleeps.

Spot was impounded and sentenced to die unless Mannon gives the dog a proper home with a fence — something Mannon says he can't even give himself.

"This wouldn't happen if I had a house," said Mannon, 38, homeless for 10 years. "I don't know how to be nice about this anymore. This is just one of the many interruptions the city has made into my life."

Police see it as a public safety matter and say Spot earlier bit

another man. "I think it's a little bit ludicrous," said police spokesman Lt. Richard Glaus. "We're not in the dog killing business, per se. We do have an obligation to maintain public safety. This guy habitually keeps his dog not even on a leash."

Spot was sent to the pound after a midnight clash in March in an area between the freeway and the train tracks where the city's homeless gather.

Two people were bitten but not seriously hurt. Mannon contends they were attacked after they tried to steal a radio and one of 12 puppies fathered by Spot. The puppies' mother, Tina, another pit bull, did some of the biting, but Spot got all the blame, Mannon claims.

Tina does not belong to Mannon. Mannon bought Spot for \$100 in 1987 and says the dog protects him from street thugs and once helped him beat a marijuana rap by

eating the evidence.

At a hearing, a police lieutenant heard anti-Spot testimony from fellow officers and animal-control authorities. Mannon's defense included character witnesses and a videotape of him playing with Spot at the county kennel.

The lieutenant decided Spot should be killed or kept at the pound permanently unless he is kept in a fenced yard or on a leash.

Mannon appealed to Superior Court. He called the proper-home option a thinly veiled effort to deny homeless people the right to own dogs. The court upheld the ruling but granted a stay of execution while the case is under appeal.

Will Hastings, an attorney with the non-profit Legal Defense Center, took over Spot's case. "Ed would not have been in this situation and neither would the dog if Ed had not been homeless," said Hastings.

McGovern says he may seek presidency in 1992

BOSTON (AP) — Former Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern said he was considering a run for the White House in 1992.

McGovern, 68, told the Boston Herald that he'll decide by February whether to make a bid for the Democratic nomination.

"I think it's possibly a doable campaign," he said. McGovern lost the 1972 presidential race to Richard Nixon and briefly entered the 1984 campaign but dropped out after finishing third in the Massachusetts primary.

This time, he said he has support from major Democratic fundraisers.

"I've had more people in more states talk to me about running

again than any time in my life," McGovern told the newspaper in a story published Friday.

"I've been around long enough to know the difference between just a sporadic comment and the kind of sustained encouragement I've gotten in the last couple of years," he said.

McGovern said he lost the election 20 years ago because he concentrated too much on the Vietnam War and not enough on the day-to-day troubles of the typical American household.

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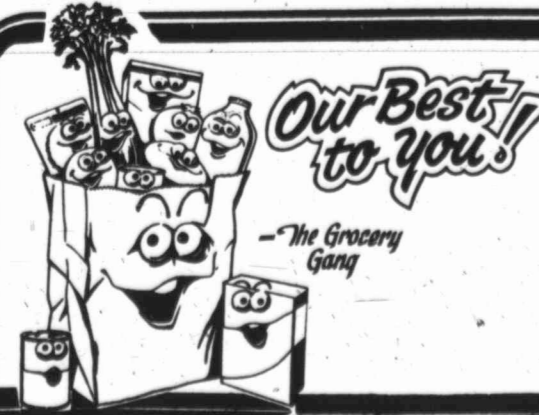
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Spring board

How's that?

Q. What is the origin of Bingo?
A. Edwin S. Lowe was the innovator and first manufacturer of the game of Bingo in 1929, according to the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*.

Calendar

TODAY
 • 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".

Soviet

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 with a Cabinet of about 15 people. Such a move would in effect dismiss Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who heads the Council of Ministers.
 Before the congress opened in the Kremlin today, Gorbachev's aides indicated the Soviet leader wanted the body to endorse his proposed Union Treaty to preserve the union of 15 Soviet republics.
 However, delegates from the republics of Lithuania and Armenia were boycotting the meeting, and lawmakers from Estonia and Latvia said they would not take part in discussions of the Union Treaty.

Allies

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 that Western targets have already been selected for attack.
 "If war flares up it will not go the same direction as planned by the American administration. The United States does not have the final decision to confine it to a limited area," Abbas said.
 Abbas, who is also known as Abul Abbas, is the leader of the Baghdad-based Palestinian group that hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in October 1985 and killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer.
 Britain's ambassador to Kuwait and his consul flew out to Baghdad and were returning to London today, the last two Western diplomats to leave the Iraqi-occupied emirate, British diplomats said.
 The U.S. Embassy in Kuwait was evacuated last week upon completion of a blanket hostage release.
 Both countries said they would close down their missions after the departure of all their citizens who wanted to leave Kuwait and Iraq.

Oilfield injury puts Chambers in hospital

Kenneth Chambers, 62, Wasson and Howard streets, remains in stable condition in the intensive care unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following an oilfield accident Dec. 12, said hospital officials.
 After being admitted to the hospital, he underwent surgery for a crushed artery and upper muscles in his left arm, said his wife Bobby. In addition, Chambers, who works as a production foreman in an oilfield crew, suffered nine cracked ribs and a punctured left lung after getting caught in a pump jack about five miles northeast of Coahoma.
 "They say that he is improving. His condition is stable," Bobby said Saturday evening. He may be released sometime this week, she said.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:
 • Marcelino Olivarez, 34, 710 Johnson Street, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
 • Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of 11th Place. Four tires worth a total of \$300 were reported damaged.
 • A theft was reported by a business in the 900 block of Willia, Food, alcoholic beverages and birthday candles taken were valued at \$21.24.
 • An unattended death was reported in the 1200 block of East 17th Street.
 • Curtis-DeWayne Moreland, 34, 2502 Ent Drive, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
 • Shots were reportedly fired in the area of State Street late Saturday.

Christmas decoration winners are announced

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Local businesses and residents have been showing their Christmas spirit lately with colorful, cheery holiday decorations. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of a contest to recognize the best of the decorators.
 The contest was co-sponsored by the Chamber Clean Big Spring Committee and the Big Spring Council of Garden Clubs.
 Linda Roger of the Chamber said the entrants have shown a much-needed pride in their property and the entire city.

"There is a lot of lighting and decorating going on, and not all of them entered our contest," she said. "But we appreciate them all."
 First place winners are: Arnold Collins, 806 San Antonio Way; Inland Port, 213 Main Street; Jessie

Mince, 1408 S. Nolan Street; Charlotte McAdams, 1502 Tucson Road; Weldon Tibbs, 2615 Central Drive; Faye's Flowers, 1013 Gregg Street; Big Spring Main Street, Railroad Plaza; County offices, Howard County Courthouse; SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Industrial Park; Circuit Electronics, 2605 Wasson Road; Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 2400 Gregg Street; Lusk Paint and Frame, 1601 Scurry Street; Miss Royale, 1509 Gregg Street; Errol Porter, 1602 Runnels Street; Robert L. Noyes, 2402 Cheyenne Drive; Freddy and Sue Ward, 2610 Albrook Drive; Andy Chalker, 3204 Fordham Avenue; Randy and Paulette Mason, 3200 Duke Avenue; Randy and Katy McKinney, 1314 Monmouth Avenue; Stan Partee, 711 Belvedere Road; Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, IH-20 East Refinery Road; Blum's

Jewelers, Highland Mall; Johnny Moore, 2108 Cecilia; the Wheeler home, 1800 Grafa Drive; Robert Langford, 1607 Vines Avenue; Justin and Stacy Lloyd, 1601 Wood Street; Harold Davis, 701 Capri Street; Jimmy Morehead, 704 Highland Drive; Kay Morehead, 807 Highland Drive.

Second place winners are: Doug and Kim Randell, 406 Dallas; Gabriel and Cody Rubio, 2106 Cecilia; and Highland Mall, 2505 Gregg Street.
 Honorable Mention status was awarded to: RV Park of Big Spring, 1001 Hearn Street; Premiere Video, College Park Shopping Center; Greg Simmons, 3914 Hamilton Avenue; Dawn and David Pappajohn, 2512 Chanute Drive; Dorothy Garrett, 715 Edwards Boulevard; Taco Villa, 1501 S. Gregg Street; and Faye and Bill Reed, 1500 Pennsylvania.



Big Spring's Christmas decorations contest, sponsored by the Chamber Clean Big Spring Committee and the Big Spring Council of Garden Clubs, has announced a number of first place, second place and honorable mention winners. One of the first place winners is this entry by Johnny Moore at 2108 Cecilia.

Water

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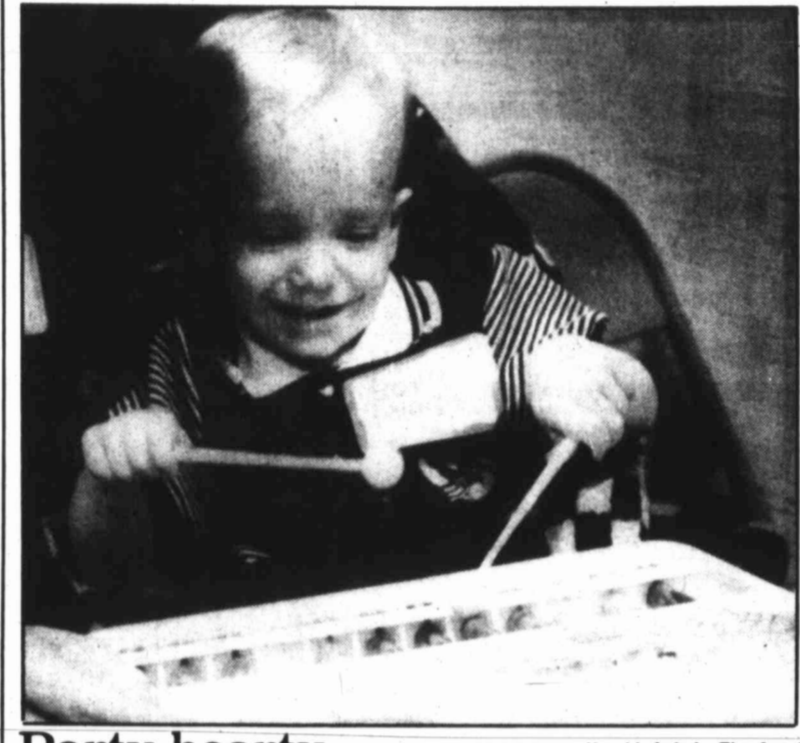
months chemically and every week bacteriologically," he said. "While it is somewhat over federal drinking water standards, it would take many, many gallons daily to have a detrimental effect on the public."
 Luck said heart and blood pressure patients should, as with any health issue, consult a doctor about the type of water treatment they use. Some softening devices actually add to the salt in water, he noted.
 McBride and Crooker agreed that, because "bottled" water is so readily available, treating all city water is probably not necessary. Nor would it be practical from the standpoint of economic development, McBride added.

"Industries coming into town would prefer cheaper water to expensive, treated water," he said.
 McBride noted other problems inherent in the treatment of all city water. With reverse osmosis, he explained, total city water use would necessarily increase by 20 to 30 percent.
 "A portion of the water has to be used to carry the salt (and other minerals) away," he said. "What do we do with that 'sea water'?"

Several options were discussed, including the sale of the salty waste water to oil drilling companies — which could use it for "flooding" of wells, a technique to increase pressure underground. But there are problems with every option considered.
 "When it comes right down to it," McBride wondered, "do we need treated water for everything? Do we need to treat all city water? That's something we need to consider."

Although committee members have discussed the idea that the city could treat a small amount of the total water used daily and sell it at a profit, Decell said he does not consider the move a viable option. "We believe it is not the role of the city to go into competition with businesses," he said.
 Improvements to the city's water treatment plant are beginning phase III. Decell recently told the City Council that the work would not improve water taste.
 "Our goal is just to get it (the plant) to meet primary standards," he said later. "We presently don't have the ability to provide adequate reserves. We don't want an industry to decide against locating here because we can't provide the volume of water they need."

Decell noted that Big Spring's water system is in effect four separate systems serving different areas of the city. Average water use is four to six million gallons a day in winter, peaking at 13 million in summer.
 Committee members will present the findings of their study to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors at its noon meeting Wednesday.
 Although the findings may not be considered optimistic, Crooker said she thinks the committee served a valuable purpose — educating members and others about the options for city water treatment.
 She noted the summation presented by committee member Bill Fry.
 "He said it looks like a choice between cheap, bad water and expensive, good water," Crooker said. "I think that pretty well says it."



Party hearty
 John Poyner practices on his xylophone after receiving it as a gift at the Christmas party given Thursday afternoon by Texaco Inc. employees for 20 of the younger patients of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The party featured presents and goodies and was visited by Santa Claus who arrived on a fire truck at the new Texaco facility on West Interstate 20.

Trash

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tion to purchase aluminum cans. That is all they now purchase.
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When completely in operation, Waste Watch will distribute plastic stackable containers for people to separate items considered recyclable. Currently people can bring items to the Lubbock Food Bank, one of the founders of Waste Watch.
 There is no newsprint recycling program in Texas today. However, Phil Berkebile of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association said a task force made up of 17 newspaper publishers is taking action to speed efforts to deal with the problem. He added that there is currently no market for used products.
 He said a recycling mill is being built near Houston, but won't be operational until late 1992 or 1993. He said the parent company, Champion International, will begin stockpiling newsprint beginning next year.
 Nationwide there are 25 paper mills, of which 8 use secondary fiber to produce recyclable newsprint. There are 48 mills in Canada, one of which uses secondary fiber. The mills do produce recycled newsprint, but not enough to meet the demand.
 "An organized effort will be needed by citizens, local and state governments in order to solve the problem," said Miller. "It takes a big commitment."

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Workshop offered to help with holiday blues

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

He's divorced now, and rarely sees his 15-year-old daughter. The holidays, and his feelings about them, have changed.
 "My 'ex' was very serious about Christmas, and I would be caught up in her enthusiasm," said a member of the Big Spring Divorce Support Group. "But now, there is no tree, no lights, no shining children's faces or rolling in the snow."
 Others in the group have similar feelings, said Bryan Fink, facilitator. The support group is sponsoring a two-hour workshop to confront holiday loneliness and stress.

"One thing we hear a lot about is that holidays are often the most depressing time of the year," Fink said. "An awful lot of these people may be going through their first Christmas without their spouse."
 A young man, divorced for six months, described his first Christmas as an unmarried member of the family.
 "There I was, sitting around the fireplace with my brothers and sisters, their wives and husbands, and my children next to me at the home of my parents. And I felt like the black sheep of the family because I was the only one divorced."

Emily Ward, who has worked with the support group, said the feelings expressed by the young man are not uncommon. Situations that once seemed warm and inviting can become stressful, she said.
 "You want to be with your family but you can't stay there, you feel out of place," Ward said. "And our families think we're acting weird because we don't want to be there."
 She said part of the answer may be "stability zones," a phrase coined by Alvin Toffler, author of "Future Shock."
 According to Toffler, stability zones are the elements of our lives which lend needed comfort — home, family, friends and jobs.
 "These people going through this stress need to nourish their own stability zones," Ward said. She added that the seminar might be helpful for anyone who is going through some type of stress during the holiday season.

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 Pierce plans to use both music and counseling therapy as part of the workshop.
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Juries

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mediately after jury selection and is expected to conclude this evening, Dupree said. "They have to determine: 'Will he be reasonably competent in the foreseeable future?' If he's not competent, he won't go to trial," Dupree said.
 If he is determined to be competent, a trial will probably be scheduled in January, since a second jury would be required. "We don't have enough jurors to do it (now)," Dupree said.
 Explaining the criteria of competency, Durpee said a person must at least have the ability to

assist their lawyer in their defense. It does not concern whether the defendant was psychologically stable at the time of the alleged crime.

"You're not talking about the issue of insanity," Dupree said. Insanity can be used as a defense, whereas incompetency means they do not have the ability — at the current time — to defend themselves.

Martinez has been held on a \$50,000 bond in the Howard County Jail since his arrest Nov. 21 in Dumas, where he was living. He was indicted by a Howard County grand jury June 16.

Deaths

Fred Davis

Fred Davis, 59, Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 1990. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Philip Monard

Philip F. Monard, 70, Clyde, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 1990. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth Harrison

Ruth E. Harrison, 72, Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 1990, at her residence.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Stephen Grace, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction



RUTH HARRISON

of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born April 16, 1918, in Conroe. She married Clinton H. Harrison Nov. 21, 1942. She was an active member of First Assembly of God Church, and had been a Sunday school worker for many years. She was involved in the Howard County Youth Horseman Club and was currently serving as Treasurer. She came to Big Spring in 1941, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Clinton H. Harrison, Big Spring; two sons: Gerald Harrison, Big Spring; and Richard Harrison, Palm Bay, Fla.; two brothers: Dewey Carr, Houston; and J.D. Carr, Newport, Ark.; one sister, Josephine Carr Huett, Abilene; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jim Ryals, Bill Phelps, Burl Dennis, Ernest Lillard, Don Fite, and Ed Luhmann.

The family suggests memorials to the First Assembly of God Church.

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Oil/markets

January crude oil \$27.25, up 7¢, and March cotton futures 75.75 cents a pound, down 43¢; cash hog today at 51 cents, up 75¢; slaughter steers today at 82 cents even; December live hog futures 51.20, up 53¢; December live cattle futures 80.70, down 7¢ at 10:15 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Index	Volume	Current	Change
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American Petroleum	80	+1/2	-
Amoco	507	+1/2	-

Atlantic Richfield	126 1/2	+2 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	13 1/2	-1/2
Cabot	28 1/2	-1/2
Chevron	49 1/2	-1/2
Chrysler	12 1/2	-1/2
Coca-Cola	47 1/2	-1/2
De Beers	19 1/2	nc
DuPont	36 1/2	-1/2
El Paso Electric	35 1/2	-1/2
Exxon	51	+1/2
Ford Motors	25 1/2	nc
GTE	29 1/2	-1/2
Halliburton	45 1/2	nc
IBM	111 1/2	nc
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JC Penney	43	nc
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Mobil	37 1/2	-1/2
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Sidelines

G-City's Hoelscher two-way all-stater

Garden City senior Allen Hoelscher was a popular man in the first ever Associated Press Sports Editors Class A All-State football team.

Hoelscher, a 5-6, 130-pound senior, was a first team selection at wide receiver and defensive back.

Hoelscher and Gunter's Sean Terry were the only players to make the first teams both offensively and defensively.

Terry was the kicker and punter on the squad. Garden City had several players to make the honorable mention all-state team.

Offensively it was running back James Soles, wide receiver Richard Morales, tight end Jim Bob Scott, quarterback Shae Scott and kicker Jody Bradford.

Morales, whose stats were left off in the *Herald's* Crossroads Country football team in Sunday's paper, is a 5-foot-7, 145-pound junior. He caught 25 passes for 461 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Making the defensive honor mention unit for Garden City were linebacker Eric Seidenberger and defensive back Jim Bob Scott.

Steers in tourney action Thursday

The Big Spring Steers will be in tournament action Thursday through Saturday in Seminole. The tournament format is round-robin.

Big Spring, 3-11 for the season, is coming off a 57-55 win over Levelland Friday night. The Steers came from a 44-37 fourth quarter deficit to win. Junior guard Pat Chavarria led Big Spring with 19 points. Senior post Louis Saldan added 12 points.

Big Spring will begin Thursday's tournament action against Morton at 4:30 p.m. Friday Big Spring will play Artesia, N.M. at 1:30 p.m. Saturday the Steers will play Lubbock Coronado junior varsity at 1:30 p.m., and then Seminole at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Steers start district Tuesday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will begin District 3-4 basketball play Tuesday night when they host the Fort Stockton Prowlers at Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers, 1-13 for the season, are coming off a 79-21 loss to Levelland Friday. Senior guard Vernice Ross scored nine points for the Lady Steers.

Action gets underway Tuesday with the Lady Steers freshmen playing Fort Stockton at 6 p.m. at Runnels gym. At 6 in Steer Gym, the Lady Steers junior varsity will play Fort Stockton. At 7:30 the varsity teams will play.

DISTRICT STANDINGS	
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Fort Stockton	1-0
Pecos	1-0
Big Spring	0-0
Andrews	0-1
Lake View	0-1
Monahans	0-1
Friday	
Levelland 79, Big Spring 21; Fort Stockton 34, Andrews 34; Sweetwater 64, San Angelo Lake View 54; Pecos 63, Monahans 41.	
Tuesday	
Fort Stockton at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Monahans; Andrews at San Angelo Lake View; Crane at Pecos.	

State football playoff pairings

Here are state championship high school football playoff pairings for next week:

CLASS 5A (Big School) State Championship
Marshall (13-2) vs. Converse Judson (14-1), Noon Saturday, Astro dome

CLASS 4A State Championship
Wilmer-Hutchins (13-1) vs. Austin Westlake (13-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco.

CLASS 3A State Championship
Vernon (15-0) vs. Crockett (15-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

CLASS 2A State Championship
De Leon (14-0-1) vs. Groveton (15-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco.

CLASS A State Championship
Munday (14-0) vs. Bartlett (14-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

Oilers blast Chiefs to the Moon

Houston does it in the air

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It seemed insignificant at the time — seemingly a bad call that went against the Houston Oilers early in the game as sometimes happens in every NFL game.

But it might have made the difference in setting an NFL record for Oilers quarterback Warren Moon.

Throwing several perfect passes to pick apart the Kansas City backfield, Moon piled up 527 yards, falling just 27 yards short of the all-time NFL record set by Norm Van Brocklin as the Oilers beat the Chiefs 27-10 Sunday.

It was a pass that was called back that may have made the difference. Moon apparently completed a long pass to Haywood Jeffries, who appeared to catch the ball and get both feet in bounds as he was wrestled down. But the replay official ruled Jeffries had not caught the ball and the play was called back.

"I thought they took a couple of catches away from us," Jeffries said. "Warren's not going to throw every ball perfectly, but he was perfect today."

"In the run-and-shoot, sometimes you catch the cornerbacks on their day. Today it was our day. Warren has kind of brought me into my own. Because of this, I can go home tonight and brag a little for awhile."

Jeffries was Moon's favorite target, catching nine passes for 245 yards and an 87-yard touchdown.

Moon still could have broken the record late in the game by passing, but the Oilers chose to run out the clock by keeping the ball on the ground.

"Records are not important," Moon said. "I was close, but I was not going to throw for just records. The key is winning. I've



KANSAS CITY — Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon (11) scrambles for yardage against the Kansas City Chiefs in Sunday afternoon NFL action.

been more accurate before. I missed some balls that I probably could have hit, but I made some good throws, too.

"I am very proud of myself,"

added Moon, who initially played in the Canadian Football League after being ignored by the NFL. "To hear what people were saying about me as a quarterback

coming out of high school and college, I really feel good about where I've gotten."

The Oiler receivers seemed well-defended at times, but Moon was able to get the ball exactly where it had to be for the catch as the Oilers denied Kansas City's bid to lock up at least a wild-card berth. He had 11 completions of 20 yards or more in falling just short of the record Van Brocklin set in 1951.

"I'm tired of playing these great quarterbacks," Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas said. "What a great quarterback. You can't question his greatness today. He hit the right man, the man who was open. They had everything go right for them today, and just as many things did not go right for us."

Moon, who said the Chiefs began tipping their defenses after failing to keep up with the Oilers wideouts, most often seemed to victimize cornerback Stan Petry.

"So far, of the quarterbacks I've played against, Moon is the best," Petry said. "He was on all cylinders. There was no denying him today. I put myself in some losing situations at times and got burned. I got burned for that. I have no excuses. I just didn't play like Stan Petry today. I can get over this. I'll be back."

Jeffries put the Oilers up 17-7 in the third quarter when he hauled in Moon's pass at the Kansas City 37, twisted around Petry and went untouched into the end zone.

Nick Lowery kicked a 37-yard field goal for the Chiefs, but Moon hit Drew Hill on a 57-yard pass play to set up a 16-yard field goal by Teddy Garcia.

Moon then drove the Oilers again, putting the game out of reach with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Tony Jones midway through the fourth quarter. Jones also had a 24-yard touchdown pass on Houston's first possession of the game.

Plan B big help

HOUSTON (AP) — The prospects for NFL veterans Terry Kinard and Ezra Johnson looked bleak last season.

But this year, the former Giants free safety and ex-Colts defensive tackle have launched the attack of the 'Killer Bs' — the Plan B free agents — for the Houston Oilers.

"The Giants tried to say I had lost a step, but I'm no slower now than I was when I first came into the league. Besides, I think last year was my best year," Kinard told The Houston Post.

Kinard, 30, and Johnson, 35, have become key players in the NFL's eighth-ranked defense. Kinard is starting for the Oilers at free safety, while Johnson has played most of the last four games for the injured Doug Smith at defensive tackle.

"What Plan B does is put pressure on you to be active in it — or else you lose ground," said Oilers Coach Jack Pardee about the NFL's restricted free-agency plan.

Teammate Gerald McNeil, 28, a Plan B wide receiver and punt returner from Cleveland, also has made strides, gaining 172 yards in returns and receptions in the past two weeks. Other Plan B Oilers are Leander Knight, a former New York Jets safety, and Bernard Ford, a former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver.

"I benefited from it, so it was good for me," Kinard said.

The Giants' 1983 first-round draft choice was a starter each of his seven seasons in New York. When he left, he was ranked seventh on the team's all-time interception list with 27-time interceptions in 1989.

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Smith runs wild; Cowboys win big

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are only two victories away from the NFL's most amazing reversal since the 1975 Baltimore Colts.

Emmitt Smith tied a Dallas record with four touchdown runs in a 41-10 victory over the Phoenix Cardinals on Sunday in what coach Jimmy Johnson called "our most important victory."

"Now we are in a position to make the playoffs," Johnson said. "We knew we had to win this game. We've done better than I ever imagined."

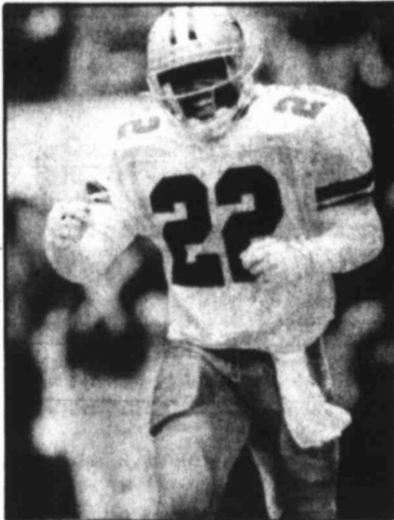
The Cowboys can win their last two games against Philadelphia and Atlanta and get into the playoffs for the first time since 1985.

If they do, they'll become the first team since 1975 to qualify for the playoffs one year after posting the NFL's worst record.

Dallas won its fourth consecutive game to even its record at 7-7 while the Cardinals dropped to 5-9 with their first loss in four games. The Cowboys currently own the NFL's longest winning streak.

Dallas is a full game ahead of Green Bay, Minnesota, Tampa Bay and New Orleans for the remaining NFC wild card berth. Washington and Philadelphia have already clinched the other two berths.

"Great teams overcome adversity and mistakes and right now we



IRVING — Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (22) celebrates after scoring one of his four touchdowns against the Phoenix Cardinals Sunday.

are trying to get there," Smith said. "The San Francisco 49er make mistakes but they overcome them."

Dallas hadn't won four straight games since 1985.

"The Cowboys are vastly improved," said Phoenix coach Joe Bugel. "Emmitt Smith is just tremendous. When you've got a good quarterback like Troy Aikman and a good running back

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Jeff George pushes a screen pass while under pressure from New York Jets defensive tackle Scott Merereau in fourth quarter action Sunday.

Raiders clinch playoff spot

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Raiders and Dallas Cowboys, the NFL's most successful teams from 1965-85, are back in the playoff picture for the first time since the end of their dominant era.

The Raiders got three touchdown passes from Jay Schroeder on Sunday, two of them to Tim Brown, to clinch their first playoff berth since 1985 with a 24-7 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. The Raiders (10-4) had 16 straight winning

seasons from 1965-80 and made the playoffs 15 times from 1967-85.

"The first step is to qualify for the playoffs, and we did that in grand style," said Raiders coach Art Shell, a Hall of Fame offensive lineman during the glory years. "Our team understands what has to be done in order to win."

In Sunday's other's games, it was Tampa Bay 26, Minnesota 13; Cleveland 13, Atlanta 10; Miami 24, Seattle 17; Pittsburgh 9, New Orleans 6; Indianapolis 29, the New York Jets 21; Philadelphia 31,

NFL Roundup

Green Bay 0; Houston 27, Kansas City 10; Denver 20, San Diego 10; and Detroit 38, Chicago 21.

Tonight, San Francisco is at the Los Angeles Rams.

In two Saturday games, Buffalo beat the New York Giants 17-13 and Washington defeated New England

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Aldine, Fort Hancock win state championships

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

All roads lead to Houston. Waco and the Fort Worth suburb of Bedford for the five remaining Texas high school football championship battles.

Aldine, considered by many to have the nation's best high school team, captured the inaugural Class 5A small-school championship by whipping Arlington Lamar, 27-10, at the Astro dome on Saturday in a match-up of the teams that finished 1-2 in the Associated Press 5-A poll.

Aldine avenged its loss to Odessa Permian in the 1989 championship game.

Fort Hancock won its fourth six-man football title in five years, routing Christoval 66-17 in Monahans Saturday evening for

Football playoffs

its 42nd consecutive victory. After falling behind 8-0, Fort Hancock scored on nine straight possessions, plus an 80-yard kickoff return, and the game was halted early in the fourth quarter because of the 45-point rule.

Here's the championship lineup next Saturday:

5A—Converse Judson (14-1) vs. Marshall (13-2) at noon in the Astro dome.

4A—Wilmer-Hutchins (13-1) vs.

Austin Westlake (13-2) at 1 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.

3A—Vernon (15-0) vs. Crockett (15-0) at 2 p.m. at Pennington Field in Bedford.

2A—Groveton (15-0) vs. De Leon (14-0-1) at 6 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.

1A—Munday (14-0) vs. Bartlett (14-1) at 6 p.m. at Pennington Field in Bedford.

Judson ended the season ranked No. 6 in the AP poll, and Marshall was No. 9. Judson made it to the championship game by beating Humble Kingwood 51-22, and Marshall eliminated Arlington Sam Houston 21-0.

Neither Wilmer-Hutchins and Austin Westlake was expected to still be playing. Wilmer-Hutchins finished the season ranked No. 9,

and Austin Westlake was unranked, failing to win its own district.

But Wilmer-Hutchins knocked off Stephenville, 35-18, and Westlake pulled off a 24-14 upset of previously unbeaten and No. 1-ranked A&M Consolidated, which was hampered because of injuries that sidelined receiver Mike Pearce and slowed quarterback Tommy Preston and running back Cliff Groce.

In 3A, top-ranked Vernon and No. 2-ranked Southlake Carroll clashed in the semifinals, with Vernon prevailing, 11-6. Crockett, which finished No. 5 in the polls, beat No. 10 Sinton, but only after Eric Garza's 23-yard field goal try banged off the left upright with 7 seconds left in the game.

Groveton goes after its second straight perfect season in the 2A title match. Groveton, ranked No. 1, edged Schulenburg in a shootout in the Astro dome, 41-36, but No. 2-ranked Pilot Point was ousted from the playoffs by De Leon, 9-7.

De Leon, which shut out 11 of its opponents this season, stopped two Pilot Point drives inside the 10 in the fourth quarter. One was a pass play that fell inches short after a bad snap messed up a field goal try.

The 1A title game will pair No. 1-ranked Munday and No. 8-ranked Bartlett. Munday knocked off No. 7-ranked Valley Mills, 28-10, while Bartlett beat unranked Oakwood, 17-14.

Sidelines

Georgia Southern wins I-AA crown

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — One month into the 1990 season, Georgia Southern gave no indication it was going to reach the Division I-AA playoffs, let alone successfully defend its national championship.

"After a 1-3 start, I never imagined that I would be in this spot," coach Tim Stowers said while puffing on a victory cigar after the Eagles claimed their fourth title in six years by beating Nevada 36-13 on Saturday.

The victory capped a 12-3 season in which the Eagles won their last 11 games and continued their playoff mastery of opposition on their home field, Paulson Stadium.

Against Nevada, the Eagles never trailed, driving 43 yards for a touchdown on the opening series of the game after Karl Miller returned the kickoff 51 yards. Joe Ross scored on a 14-yard run.

Quarterback Raymond Gross, who had two 10-yard runs in the first drive, scored on an 8-yard run in the second quarter, while Darryl Hopkins had second-half scoring runs of 3 and 18 yards.

Gross finished with 145 yards on 31 carries. He also completed 2 of 5 passes for another 69 yards.

The Eagles scored twice in the final 66 seconds — a 41-yard field goal by Mike Dows and a 15-yard interception return by freshman Alex Mash.

Nevada (13-2) got its lone touchdown in the final quarter when Chris Vargas hit Ross Ortega on a 3-yard pass to cap an 85-yard drive. The Wolf Pack's other scores came on field goals of 37 and 44 yards by Kevin McKelvie.

Sampras wins bundle for Grand Slam title
MUNICH, Germany (AP) — For a teen-ager playing for \$2 million, Pete Sampras was incredibly cool. He was just as cool when he collected it.

Sampras, 19, beat Brad Gilbert 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in just one hour, 43 minutes to collect the \$2 million offered to the winner of the inaugural Grand Slam Cup Sunday. Gilbert pocketed \$1 million of the record \$6 million purse.

"He's got ice water in his veins," Gilbert said. "It's always nice to be making a lot of money, but for me the bigger thrill is to win, especially against the top guys," Sampras said.

Sampras said he was donating \$250,000 to a cerebral palsy foundation. His father Sam's two sisters died of the disease.

"It's the least I could do when I win \$2 million," he said. Gilbert said his million was going straight to his bank to pay off a loan on a new house.

Sampras, who became the youngest male winner of the U.S. Open this summer, said he felt he won "an exhibition with a lot of money," and that it could not compare to his U.S. Open victory.

Serving powerfully and hitting tremendous ground strokes, Sampras was never threatened. He served 15 aces and broke Gilbert once in each of the first two sets and then twice more in the third.

Blazers hold off Magic

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Orlando coach Matt Goukas says the Magic gambled away a close game with the Portland Trail Blazers.

The Blazers built an 18-point lead, but they had to overcome a fourth-quarter rally by Orlando to beat the Magic 126-107 Sunday night.

Scott Skiles, who led Orlando with 21 points, converted a three-point play with 8:16 in the fourth quarter, capping a 14-0 run that gave Orlando a 99-95 lead.

"We gambled, and what should have been a 3- or 4-point game turns into a 19-point game," Goukas said. "We usually lose the lead at the end of the game because we play stupidly."

The Trail Blazers led 95-85 at the end of the third period but missed their first 10 shots of the fourth quarter. They then followed Orlando's 14-0 run with a 15-0 spurt of their own.

The Magic closed to 111-105 on a layup by Nick Anderson with 2:18 left, but Portland (21-2) pulled away for its 13th victory in 14 home games.

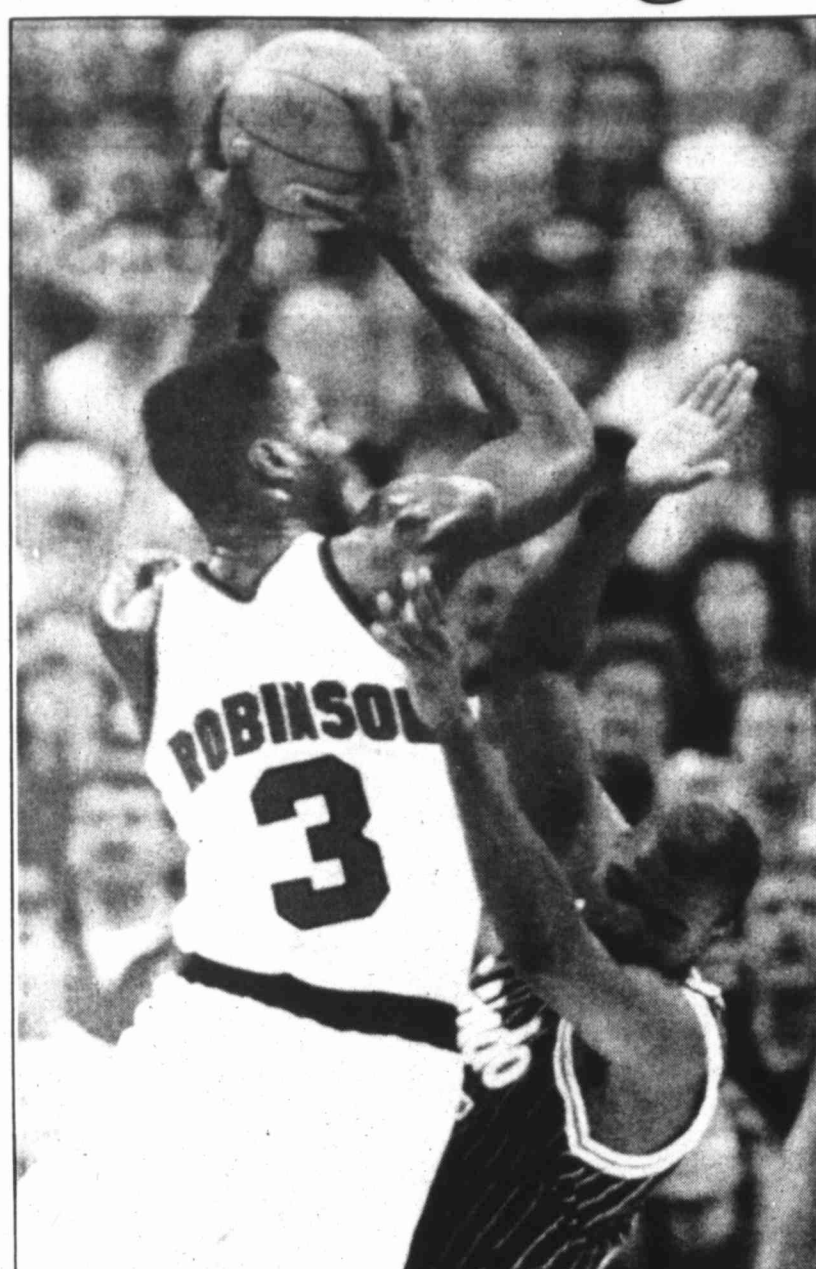
In the only other NBA game on Sunday night, the Los Angeles Lakers edged Indiana 115-112. Clyde Drexler led Portland with 31 points.

Cliff Robinson's free throw with 7:16 left started the 15-0 run and Drexler followed with a free throw at the 6:33 mark and a 3-pointer with 5:54 left, putting the Trail Blazers in front to stay at 100-99.

With 3:42 left, a pair of free throws by Terry Porter made it 110-99. Williams' 20 rebounds was his high in two seasons with Portland. His career high was 27 with New Jersey.

"This team gives me the ball in such fantastic position that you could be a blind man with one leg and still score," said Williams, who leads the NBA in field goal percentage and was 9-for-11 Sunday.

Lakers 115, Pacers 112
Indiana won for the 11th time in 13 games and handed Indiana its 12th loss in 13 road games this season behind Magic Johnson's season-high 29 points and 21 assists.



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No surprise; Houston bests cross-town rival

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The wait is over for cross-town rivals Houston and Texas Southern — they've finally played a basketball game against each other.

And like many much anticipated sporting events, Saturday night's contest didn't quite live up to the pre-game hype, as the Cougars prevailed 90-78.

In other games involving Southwest Conference teams Saturday, LaSalle beat Baylor 87-82 in a game played in Tokyo; Portland defeated Texas Tech 74-72; and Texas Christian downed Centenary 89-82.

Byron Smith led Houston with 26 points, including 7 of the Cougars last 13, in the first ever meeting between the two schools. Houston (6-1) also had 21 points, 11 rebounds and 3 blocked shots from center Alvaro Teheran.

Roger Fernandes chipped in 14 points. Ray Younger led all scorers with 27 points for Texas Southern (2-7) including three of four 3-pointers that brought the Tigers within 71-67 with 9:20 remaining.

Houston scored only 2 points over a 6-minute stretch before Smith hit a 10-foot jumper with

5:52 left in the game for a 75-69 edge.

The taller Cougars simply had Texas Southern outmanned inside, as Teheran scored 9 of Houston's first 15 points.

Baylor (6-1) absorbed its first loss of the season, as Doug Overton scored 24 points and Jack Hurd added 23 for LaSalle (5-1).

LaSalle led by 11, 50-39, at halftime and had little trouble keeping the Bears at bay after intermission. The Explorers made 11 of 32 three-pointers, with Hurd leading the way with three.

Melvin Hunt made five of six 3-point shots and led the Bears with 26 points. TCU (7-1) relied on guards Albert Thomas and Michael Strickland, who combined for 43 points, in their victory Centenary. The Horned Frogs have won seven straight.

Patrick Greer scored 22 points and kept the Gentlemen (4-4) close throughout the game. Centenary trailed by one, 42-41, at halftime.

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Green Bay as Randall Cunningham huddled five yards for one touchdown and passed for another.

The Eagles led 17-0 at halftime and let their defense take over in the second half. Cunningham gave way to Jim McMahon in the fourth quarter and he set up a touchdown with a completion on his first pass of the season.

Dolphins 24, Seahawks 17
Miami (11-3) stayed a game behind first-place Buffalo in the AFC East, and a victory over the Bills next Sunday would give the Dolphins a two-game sweep and a tie for the lead.

The Dolphins dodged four scoring threats by Seattle (7-7) inside the 30 in the second half and scored touchdowns with a fumble recovery at the Seattle 9 and a 45-yard pass from Dan Marino to Tony Martin.

Steelers 9, Saints 6
Pittsburgh's Gary Anderson won a battle of field goals against

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Morten Andersen of New Orleans. Anderson, who had a 29-yard field goal in the second period, kicked a 42-yard field goal to tie the score and a 43-yarder to win it with 1:44 left. Andersen had a 50-yarder and a 43-yarder.

The Saints (6-8) are now one of the teams chasing the Cowboys for the NFC's final playoff spot.

Lions 38, Bears 21
Chicago's chances of getting a bye in the first round of the playoffs were hurt by Rodney Peete's career-high 316 passing yards and four touchdowns for Detroit.

The Bears (10-4) now trail the Giants by a game in the NFC and will have to play a wild-card team in the first round unless Chicago wins twice and the Giants lose twice.

Peete threw scoring passes of 20 yards to Robert Clark, 44 yards to Richard Johnson and 1 yard to Clark — all in the second quarter — for a 21-7 halftime lead. Peete con-

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tinued with Terry Greer for a 68-yard scoring play in the third quarter.

Broncos 20, Chargers 10
John Elway threw two touchdown passes to Michael Young as Denver snapped a six-game losing streak by defeating San Diego (6-8).

The Broncos (4-10) contained the NFL's leading rusher, Marion Butts, and got two field goals and a goal-line interception in the fourth quarter.

Elway hit Young on a 25-yarder with 15 seconds left in the first half and connected with him again on a 3-yarder midway through the third quarter, giving the Broncos a 14-3 lead.

Bucs 26, Vikings 13
Vinny Testaverde scrambled for 105 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown in the first quarter, as Tampa Bay beat Minnesota in Richard Williamson's debut as interim coach.

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Testaverde also threw a 25-yard TD pass to Mark Carrier for a 23-0 halftime lead, and Steve Christie kicked four field goals as the Bucs (6-8) took advantage of eight turnovers by Minnesota (6-8).

Browns 13, Falcons 10
Cleveland snapped an eight-game losing streak, while Atlanta lost its seventh straight and 18th in a row on the road.

The win was Jim Shofner's first in five games since replacing fired Bud Carson as Cleveland's coach on Nov. 5.

The Browns took the lead for good on Kevin Mack's 5-yard scoring run in the second quarter.

Colts 29, Jets 21
Eric Dickerson rushed for 117 yards and two short touchdowns, one of them set up by a successful fake punt.

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"It was the fourth straight victory for Indianapolis (6-8) over New York (4-10). Dickerson now has 89 touchdowns in his eight-year career, and he has rushed for 100 or more yards 60 times.

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"On that last touchdown run I reminded myself I wasn't in college anymore," Smith said. "This isn't college ball."

Smith tied the club mark of four rushing touchdowns set by Calvin Hill in 1971 against Buffalo. Dan Reeves, Bob Hayes, and Duane

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Thomas also have scored four touchdowns in a game for the Cowboys.

"The record means a lot and I guess I've surprised myself this year," he said. "But I really expect to perform like this every week."

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Smith said "Emmitt just ran wild. He opened up the passing game."

Smith is only one rushing touchdown short of the Dallas rookie record of 12 by Tony Dorsett.

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"This was a big day for the team, the coaching staff and the city of Dallas," Smith said. "And I think we can get better."

The Cowboys avenged a 20-3 whipping by Phoenix on Oct. 14. "It's like two different teams," said Cardinals defensive back Lonnie Young of the Cowboys turnaround.

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Johnson similarly had 8½ sacks for the Colts last season.

The Irsays (Robert and Jimmy) and (Coach) Ron Meyer didn't think anyone would be interested in me because I was coming into my 14th year," Johnson said. "They told me they were rolling the dice with me."

"And it came up snake eyes." For the Oilers, the second year of the Plan B system has been as much of a success as it was a failure the first year.

In 1989, Houston was hit hardest among NFL teams, losing 15 of 21 unprotected players and signing only seven, none of whom are still

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on the roster. In 1990, the Oilers lost seven unprotected players, including starters Jeff Donaldson and Bob Mrosko. But General Manager Mike Holovak became more aggressive in the Plan B market, signing eight such free-agents, five of whom remain on the team.

Plan B has had an adverse effect psychologically on some players. Unprotected means unwanted. But Kinard and Johnson weren't offended in being set free by their old teams.

"This is a business. I got a chance to go somewhere I was wanted. It was a true blessing to me. I'm glad it happened," Johnson said.

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Johnson has added 2½ sacks this season, raising his career total to 100, and has 28 tackles and a pass deflection.

Kinard this season has chalked up four interceptions, 68 tackles, a deflected pass and a fumble return for a touchdown.

McNeil jumped at a chance to rejoin Pardee, who was his coach with the Houston Gamblers. "It wasn't a blow to be left unprotected in Cleveland," McNeil recalled. "In fact, it was personal to me to come back to Houston. When the Browns drafted Lawyer Tillman in 1989, I felt my days were numbered there. This is where I wanted to be."

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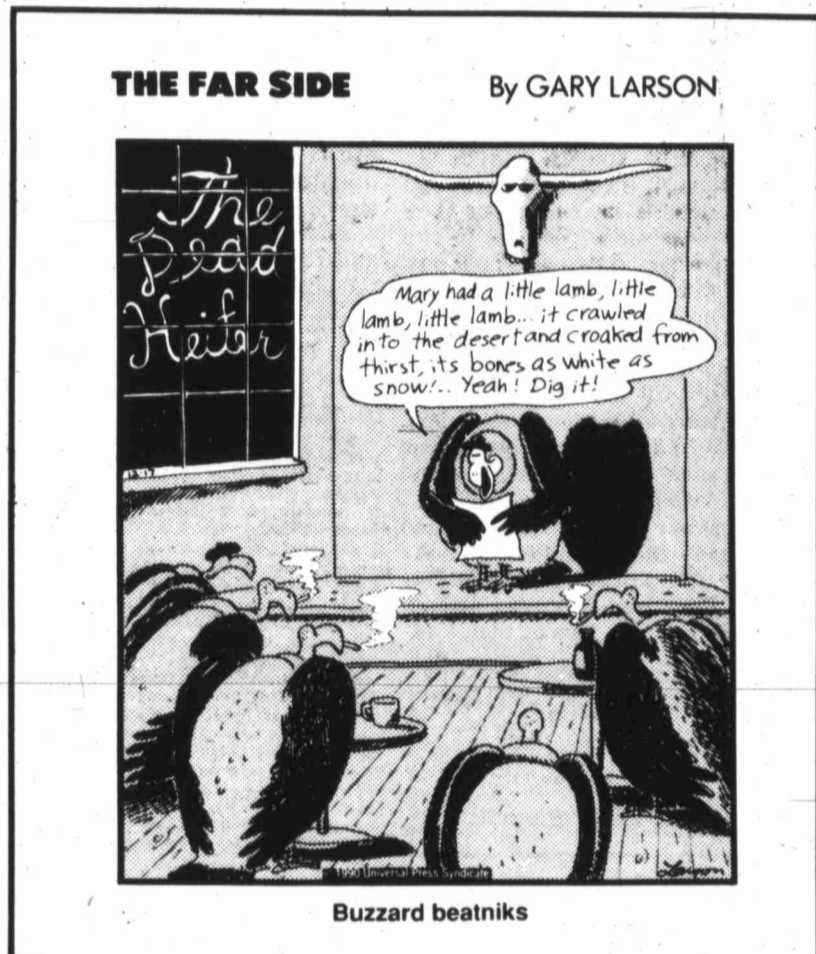
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Maryland, Louisiana Tech tie in Independence Bowl

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Maryland was not able to accomplish in the Independence Bowl what coach Joe Krivak had hoped for his Terrapins.

"We made a lot of mistakes and that was the difference between winning and losing," Krivak said. "I thought we might pull one out of the hat. It just wasn't meant to be."

Krivak's squad, which streaked to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, was forced to settle for a 34-34 tie with Louisiana Tech (8-3-1) as the Terrapins equaled an Independence Bowl record with three interceptions and also fumbled once.

Terp quarterback Scott Zolak had brought his squad back from a 31-20 deficit with two fourth-quarter touchdown passes. His 15-yard scoring pass to Bobby Johnson with 52 seconds remaining put Maryland back in front 34-31 for the first time since the second quarter.

"I thought we had it won. We competed hard and never gave up," said Zolak, who completed 17-of-28 passes for 215 yards. "We got away from our game after we led 14-0 and it took us a while to settle down."

Maryland (6-5-1) scored on its opening two possessions of the game, but came up with a missed field goal, a fumble and an interception in three other first-half possessions. The final four Terpin possessions resulted in two touchdowns and two interceptions, but Krivak said that wasn't the difference.

"I don't think there was a turning point in the game. The important thing is that we were down and could have rolled over and died, but we didn't," the fourth-year coach said. "It was going to come down to whoever had the ball last."

Louisiana Tech, which regained Division I status in 1989, had the ball last and drove to the Terp 11 with four seconds remaining. Freshman Chris Bonial then kicked a 29-yard field goal on the final play of the game.

The setup for the Bulldogs' six-play, 28-yard drive was a 41-yard kickoff return by the Lorenza Baker, the defensive player of the game with 10 tackles. A bowl record 63-yard return by Jason Davis in the third quarter had set up another Tech touchdown drive.

Maryland had pulled within 21-20 with 7:44 remaining in the third quarter as Troy Jackson scored his bowl-record third rushing touchdown — an 11-yard scamper. But junior Dan DeArmas missed what could have been the margin of victory when he was wide right on the extra point attempt.

The Terrapins have not missed a regular season PAT since 1984. Its Atlantic Coast Conference record string is 165 straight, including 47 by DeArmas over the past two seasons.

"Nothing is automatic in this game," Krivak said. "I don't want to dwell on the negative aspects. We kept fighting and battling back (like we have all year), and that is what I want to remember."

The Terrapins completed their first winning season since 1985, a feat accomplished with a schedule that included six Top 25 teams. Four of Maryland's six victories were decided in the final two minutes, while the 35-30 victory over then-No. 8 Virginia in the final week was earned in the fourth quarter.

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Boston	15	7	.682 3 1/2
Philadelphia	10	11	.476 8
New York	8	13	.381 10
New Jersey	7	15	.318 11 1/2
Washington	5	16	.238 13
Miami	1	20	.091 17 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	16	7	.696 —
Chicago	14	8	.636 1 1/2
Detroit	14	8	.636 1 1/2
Atlanta	10	11	.476 8
Cleveland	10	13	.438 10
Charlotte	8	13	.381 12
Indiana	9	15	.375 12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	14	5	.737 —
Utah	16	8	.686 1 1/2
Houston	14	8	.636 1 1/2
Dallas	7	13	.350 7 1/2
Minnesota	7	14	.333 8
Denver	5	17	.227 10 1/2
Orlando	5	19	.208 11 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	21	2	.913 —
LA Lakers	13	7	.650 6 1/2
Phoenix	13	7	.650 6 1/2
Golden State	13	9	.591 7 1/2
LA Clippers	10	12	.455 10 1/2
Seattle	7	13	.350 12 1/2
Sacramento	5	15	.250 14 1/2

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 125, Washington 113
Houston 106, Charlotte 97
Boston 114, Miami 100
New York 125, New Jersey 104
San Antonio 90, Minnesota 74
Chicago 116, Cleveland 98
Milwaukee 98, LA Clippers 92
Phoenix 142, Denver 134
Indiana 124, Utah 116
Seattle 106, Dallas 105
LA Lakers 111, Golden State 109
Sacramento 117, Orlando 108

Sunday's Games

Portland 126, Orlando 107
LA Lakers 115, Indiana 112

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Utah at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at New York, 8 p.m.
LA Lakers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NFL Standings

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	12	2	.857	299	220
Miami	11	3	.786	299	201
Indianapolis	6	8	.429	229	302
N.Y. Jets	4	10	.286	237	324
New England	1	13	.071	164	391

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	6	.571	243	206
Houston	8	6	.571	251	253
Cincinnati	7	7	.500	299	318
Cleveland	3	11	.214	214	406

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
LA Raiders	10	4	.714	292	232
San Diego	9	5	.643	324	226
Seattle	7	7	.500	259	264
San Diego	6	8	.429	282	240
Denver	4	10	.286	297	344

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	11	3	.786	298	180
Washington	9	5	.643	324	252
Philadelphia	8	6	.571	351	253
Dallas	7	7	.500	234	245
Phoenix	5	9	.357	239	346

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	10	4	.714	311	245
Tampa Bay	6	8	.429	236	324
Green Bay	6	8	.429	241	301
Minnesota	6	8	.429	310	278
Detroit	5	9	.357	239	366

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	12	1	.923	297	199
New Orleans	6	8	.429	241	248
LA Rams	5	8	.385	305	346
Atlanta	3	11	.214	302	345

Saturday's Games

Buffalo 17, New York Giants 13
Washington 25, New England 10

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 13, Atlanta 10
Houston 27, Kansas City 10
Indianapolis 17, New York Jets 21
Tampa Bay 26, Minnesota 13
Dallas 41, Phoenix 16
Pittsburgh 9, New Orleans 6
Miami 24, Seattle 17
Philadelphia 31, Green Bay 0
Los Angeles Raiders 24, Cincinnati 7

NHL Standings

All Times EST

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
NY Rangers	19	11	5	43	135	106
Philadelphia	19	15	3	41	126	119
New Jersey	16	13	5	37	130	117
Washington	18	16	0	36	114	103
Pittsburgh	15	16	3	33	137	130
NY Islanders	11	17	3	25	87	112

Adams Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	18	10	5	41	111	101
Montreal	16	15	3	35	107	107
Hartford	14	15	4	32	94	109
Buffalo	10	15	7	27	98	108
Quebec	7	21	6	20	94	149

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	23	11	2	48	122	91
St. Louis	20	9	4	44	116	90
Detroit	16	14	4	36	125	123
Minnesota	10	19	6	26	101	116
Toronto	8	25	1	17	90	144

Smythe Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	20	10	4	44	143	104
Los Angeles	17	9	5	39	130	102
Vancouver	14	13	3	31	104	118
Winnipeg	10	19	7	27	118	129
Edmonton	12	16	2	26	94	96

Saturday's Games

Detroit 3, Philadelphia 1
Minnesota 5, Chicago 1
New Jersey 1, Boston 1, tie
N.Y. Islanders 7, Quebec 2
Hartford 3, Washington 2
St. Louis 4, Toronto 2
Winnipeg 4, Montreal 2
Los Angeles 8, Edmonton 3

Sunday's Games

Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
Calgary 5, Vancouver 2
St. Louis 5, Buffalo 3
Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1

HS Playoffs

Here are results of Texas high school football playoff games last weekend:

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, Schultenburg 36

Class A Semifinals

Munday 28, Valley Mills 10
Bartlett 17, Oakwood 14

Six-Man State Championship

Fort Hancock 66, Christovot 17

All-State

Here is the Class A All-State high school football team as voted by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

OL Don Belknap, Italy, 6-1, 205.
OL Brett Bruce, Munday, 6-2, 210.
OL Danny Janeka, Flatonia, 5-11, 195.
OL Randy Parker, Anton, 6-3, 260.
C Alan Speer, Frost, 6-1, 218.
E Allen Hoetscher, Garden City, 5-8, 130.
E Johnny Walker, Bartlett, 5-11, 140.
QB Kevin Cavanaugh, Bartlett, 6-2, 200.

DEFENSE

LB Deshond Henderson, Coolidge, 6-1, 170; 5 interceptions, 6 tackles per game.
DB Allen Hoetscher, Garden City, 5-8, 130; 95 tackles, 3 interceptions.
DB Stephen Scitern, Gorman, 6-2, 165; 83 tackles, including 46 solo, 6 interceptions.
P Sean Terry, Gunter, 6-2, 200; 25-40-6, 15-18 on PATs, 2-3 on FGs.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Stephen Scitern, Gorman.

HONORABLE MENTION

OFFENSE

Linemen
James Brown, Fannin; David Burkhalter, Italy; Larry Hollis, Rising Star; Ernest Key, Flatonia; Carson Latham, Spur; Tony Lozano, Eden; Russell Marshall, Spur; Shawn Nanny, Center Point; Dwane Talley, Plains.

Centers
Terry Harlin, Coolidge; Justin Underwood, Gorman.

Ends
Bryant Cockran, Italy; Patrick Corcoran, Lindsay; Dain Gueterloh, Plains; Darren Haseloff, Farwell; Shane Lowrey, Plains; Richard Morales, Garden City; Jim Bob Scott, Garden City.

Quarterbacks
Greg Atkinson, Farwell; Bobby Dockins, Munday; Juan Garza, Ben Bol; Heath Givens, Spur; Scott Hermes, Lindsay; Kevin Hirst, Gorman; Kirk Kennedy, Rankin; Michael Odum, Burkeville; Monte Pierce, Plains; Allen Richards, Italy; Shaee Scott, Garden City; Allen Stevens, Oakwood.

Running backs
Eddie Akins, Ladonia Fannin; Donny

Cowboys-Cards

Phoenix	3	0	0	7-10
Dallas	13	7	7	14-41

First Quarter

Pho—FG Del Greco 38, 7:11
Dal—Smith 1 run (kick failed), 11:12
Dal—Smith 11 run (Willis kick), 14:53

Second Quarter

Dal—Irvin 8 pass from Aikman (Willis kick), 9:37

Third Quarter

Dal—Smith 1 run (Willis kick), 11:31

Fourth Quarter

Dal—Smith 6 run (Willis kick), :05
Pho—J. Johnson 1 run (Del Greco kick), 6:24
Dal—Johnston 6 run (Willis kick), 13:36
A—60, 190

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Names in the news

Food for the Soviets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Yakov Smirnoff, the Soviet-born comedian who built his career on jokes about his homeland, is serious about doing what he can to ease the food shortage gripping the Soviet Union.

Smirnoff joined with members of the CARE charity organization Thursday in putting together a package of tuna fish, chicken, soap and other necessities for Soviet people.

The naturalized American citizen said that although his homeland has more freedom now than when he left in 1978, the economy has declined.

"The Soviet people are inspired by the freedoms they are getting, but unfortunately, the food shortages



YAKOV SMIRNOFF



DUDLEY MOORE

Helping the poor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Dudley Moore, best known as the free-spendng millionaire in the 1981 movie "Arthur," has gone on another spending spree, to benefit the poor and homeless.

On Thursday, Moore dropped by The WORX, a gift shop owned by the Venice Family Clinic, of which Moore is a member of the board of directors. The shop's proceeds go to help pay for medical services for poor and homeless people.

During his visit, Moore picked up a picture frame with images of cats on it, catnip and a wooden cow.

"Everything I bought has animals on it," he said. "I have an obsession, it seems."

have gotten worse," Smirnoff said. "We used to stay in lines all the time. Now they don't because there's no food."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHY DON'T I EVER GET TWO WEEKS OFF LIKE THE KIDS THAT GO TO SCHOOL?"

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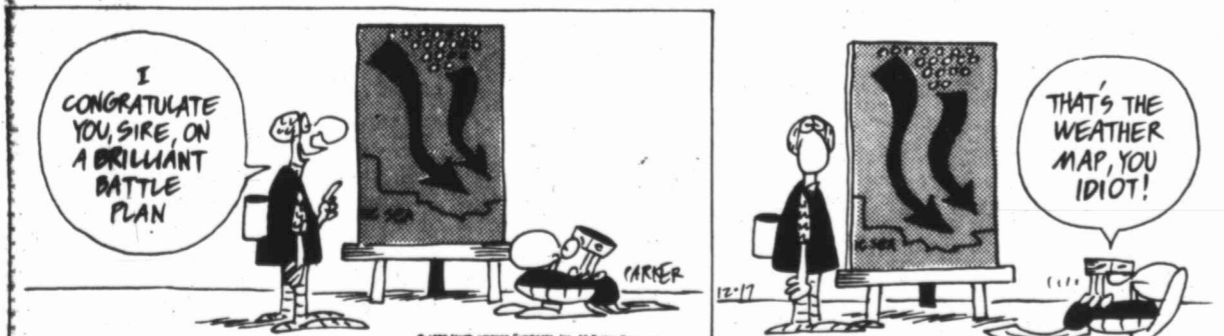
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PEANUTS



WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE FALL COLORS?

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THAT'S THE WEATHER MAP, YOU IDIOT!

BLONDIE



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET YOUR MOTHER FOR CHRISTMAS

DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S SOMETHING SHE'D REALLY LIKE?

YES, THERE IS SOMETHING, BUT IT'S OUT OF YOUR REACH

IT MIGHT NOT BE! WHAT IS IT?

SHE'D LIKE FOR YOU TO GET UP TEN MINUTES EARLIER EVERY DAY

THAT MIGHT BE OUT OF MY REACH

BEETLE BAILEY



I'M COMING DOWN WITH A BAD COLD...

ID BETTER LEAVE SO YOU ALL DON'T CATCH IT

NOPE, WALKER

DARN!

SNUFFY SMITH



WAA

HERE'S YORE BOTTLE, TATER!! TH' SQUEAKY WHEEL GITS TH' GREASE!!

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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Patience should be your watchword now. Take more time when reaching important decisions and you will make better choices. Lady Luck favors you in money matters next month. You start the new year on a high note! Your desire to mix comfort with style will be in the spotlight next March. A trip to the altar is favored in October. Curb your impulsive nature and business gains will multiply before next Thanksgiving rolls around. Choosing the right business allies is crucial.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: baseball legend Ty Cobb, artist Paul Klee, guitarist Keith Richards, director Steven Spielberg.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can now pursue your plans more aggressively without jeopardizing a personal relationship. Making a commitment to a team effort brightens your day and fattens your bank account.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A special phone call, meeting or letter sends your spirits soaring! Someone who has played a major role in your life is trying to tell you something. Be more solicitous of older people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Strong emotional undercurrents could lead to a rewarding union. You may have an opportunity to date someone you have long admired. Use the evening hours for holiday preparations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): VIPs may not be as helpful as you had hoped. Realize that you are setting the stage for better things to come. Be certain your script is polished before making a presentation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Any endeavors that involve creativity as well as skill should bring pleasure today. Business travel is also fruitful. Avoid piling up a stack of debts. Pay in cash whenever you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A hard-sell approach can be most effective now. Push harder to increase profits. Do not postpone a business trip; change in your routine will bring many benefits. Contact friends at a distance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get an early start today if still doing your Christmas shopping. Putting your

personal plans into operation will give your spirits a lift. Have more confidence in your abilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Write newsy letters to relatives or friends who live overseas. New profits may ensue from longtime investments. Buy yourself a present. Be receptive to mate's suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A family or property-related crisis may arise this morning. Use greater tact when offering suggestions to your co-workers. A lonely older person will receive good news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Routine assignments demand special attention. An associate could be argumentative. Unexpected good news offsets any disappointment. Romance develops new momentum.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A fortuitous event has considerable impact on a partnership. A major household purchase will bring greater domestic comfort. Love soars. You feel like popping the question.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Give free rein to your imagination. An influential person's interest in your talents could mean additional income. A loved one's unexpected actions give you some delightful moments.

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I'll go fetch th' jug! Holler if we needs mo' paint t'mix!

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NATO to stand firm against Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner today emphasized the European allies' willingness to go to war with Iraq if peaceful efforts to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis fail.

"The brutal aggression and violation of international law committed by Saddam Hussein... will not be allowed to stand," the NATO chief said in a speech opening a two-day foreign ministers meeting. "The solidarity of all allies and their determination to implement in full the (U.N.) Security Council resolutions against Iraq remain firm," he said, reiterating NATO's position regarding the gulf crisis.

Woerner did not say anything about increasing North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in the gulf. Such a decision would be up to the 16 individual NATO countries. All of them except Iceland, Luxembourg, Germany and Turkey have troops, naval units or warplanes in the gulf region.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, flying to Brussels for the meeting, said Sunday night he still hopes to speak with Saddam to settle the crisis.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was to have met with President Bush in Washington today, but the meeting was scuttled by a disagreement over when Baker would hold the subsequent meeting with Saddam.

Bush has said he won't send



AYER, Mass. — Army infantryman Jeb Cornelius of Amarillo, stationed at Fort Devens Army Base in Ayer, embraces his son Alston, 4, and holds son Levin, 2, on his knee as he prepares to leave early Monday for assignment in the Persian Gulf with the 514th Army Ambulance Company.

Baker to Baghdad any later than Jan. 3; Saddam says the meeting should occur on Jan. 12, three days before the U.N.-imposed deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait

or face possible attack. Bush has said that is too late. "We hope something can be arranged," Baker told reporters. He did not elaborate and gave no in-

dication that Saddam was ready to agree to any of the earlier dates Bush has proposed for the Baghdad meeting.

The Iraqi ambassador to France

said today Iraq would make no concessions without negotiations on the gulf crisis. If no talks are held by Jan. 15, Iraq will "wait and see" what happens, Ambassador Abdul Razak al Hachimi said.

President Bush has the ability to start a war, "but ending it will not be his decision," said Hachimi, a close associate of Saddam's. "Iraq has the capability to make everybody pay a heavy price."

Hachimi, speaking at a Franco-Arab Chamber of Commerce meeting in Paris, said if war occurs "Europe is going to be the loser. The U.S. is controlling oil and oil will go to \$100 a barrel and no one can do anything about it."

In Baghdad, a government newspaper quoted the leader of a radical Palestinian group as saying special squads have been prepared to strike American targets worldwide if war breaks out in the gulf.

Mohammed Abbas, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, was quoted in today's editions of the government-run Al Jounhuriya newspaper as saying that Western targets have already been selected for attack.

"If war flares up it will not go the same direction as planned by the American administration. The United States does not have the final decision to confine it to a limited area," Abbas said.

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Weather

Tonight, mostly clear and colder. Low in the 20s. Tuesday, sunny and mild. High in the 50s.

Sunday's high temperature	62
Sunday's low temperature	40
Average high	58
Average low	29
Record high	77 in 1946
Record low	15 in 1925
Rainfall Sunday	0.65
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	21.27
Normal for year	18.26

FDIC fund

'under stress'

WASHINGTON — With the nation's economy in a big slump, the government fund that insures bank deposits is "under stress" and needs more money to cope with bank failures, the chairman says. L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, said the fund is expected to pay out \$4 billion in 1990 to cover bank losses.

A new forecast for 1991 "looks like another \$5 billion loss," he said. That would push the FDIC's reserves down to \$4 billion, he said.

Seidman also said a report being released at a congressional hearing today is useful because it underscores the problems in the troubled banking system.

Ex-'macho man' in the brig

(AP) When Eric Hayes joined the Marine Reserves four years ago he thought it was the macho thing to do. Now he's in the brig for refusing to join his anti-tank unit when it was called up for Operation Desert Shield.

The lance corporal didn't report because he filed for discharge as a conscientious objector, one of a number of reservists and military personnel to take that step since the Persian Gulf crisis began in August.

"If you would have caught me in 1986 right after boot camp, I'd have probably been in Saudi Arabia right now," Hayes, 24, said in an interview hours before his arrest early Thursday at Southern Illinois University.

But Hayes, a psychology student from St. Louis, said he now believes "there are really no just wars." He said he tried, and failed, to get a transfer to a unit that wouldn't be involved in combat.

Drug under fire from specialists

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A drug commonly used as a sedative for children — chloral hydrate — may cause cancer in humans, state scientists said.

In a letter sent last week to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, state health director Kenneth Kizer also urged the federal government to issue a warning, and to conduct a study of the drug's effects in children who have already received it.

Federal authorities said they would study the issue. Details of the problem were reported Sunday by The Sacramento Bee.

Kizer, in the letter to FDA Commissioner David Kessler, said more than 20 animal and laboratory studies show evidence of chloral hydrate's ability to alter genetic material and cause cancer in mice following a single oral dose.

Stores may cheat on stamps

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new report to Congress says about 25 percent of the nation's grocery stores authorized to accept food stamps may be accepting them for forbidden items — such as beer and cigarettes — and cash.

The Agriculture Department's Office of Inspector General said most of the violations apparently involve small and medium-size establishments among the 220,000 stores nationwide that participate in the program.

"Supermarkets make up about 15 percent of the stores authorized to accept food stamps but handle about 74 percent of all food stamps redeemed," the report said. "Our studies have shown that these large retailers general have adequate controls and systems in place to prevent program abuse."

The report said the department's Food and Nutrition Service, which administers the program, estimated that 53,000 of the 220,000 stores may be selling non-food items for stamps and that more than 3,200 retailers may be exchanging food stamps for cash.

The semiannual report, as required by law, covered audit and investigative activities for

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Gorbachev calls for referendum

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today called for a national referendum to decide whether to hold the 15 Soviet republics together on the basis of his proposed Union Treaty.

In a state of the union message to the Congress of People's Deputies, Gorbachev also said the nation's economic and political "crisis has us by the throat," and it is necessary to streamline the presidency without returning to the dictatorial rule of the past.

By working together, the Soviet people can overcome the crisis within 18 months, he said. "We have learned a lesson, but we should not be panic-stricken," Gorbachev said.

Gorbachev urged the congress to approve proposed constitutional amendments to strengthen the presidency, adding the post of vice president and replacing the 89-member Council of Ministers with a Cabinet of about 15 people.

Such a move would in effect dismiss Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who heads the Council of Ministers.

Before the congress opened in the Kremlin today, Gorbachev's aides indicated the Soviet leader wanted the body to endorse his proposed Union Treaty to preserve the union of 15 Soviet republics.

However, delegates from the republics of Lithuania and Armenia were boycotting the meeting, and lawmakers from Estonia and Latvia said they would not take part in discussions of the Union Treaty.



MOSCOW — Protestors in favor of Ukrainian independence wave Ukrainian flags and one from the European Economic Community at delegates as they arrive for the first session of the Congress of Peoples Deputies Monday.

"The results of the referendum in every republic will be a final verdict," Gorbachev said, but it was not clear when the referendum would be held or how it would be administered.

The congress has the right to ap-

prove the proposed constitutional changes, but only the republics have the power to approve the Union Treaty.

Gorbachev apparently sought to remove the decision-making power from separatist republics in favor of a direct vote.

Just after the Congress of People's Deputies, the country's highest lawmaking body, convened for its fourth session today, a deputy ashamed that her country is accepting foreign food aid took to the podium and issued an emotional call for Gorbachev's resignation.

Killeen's children wish: Send our parents home

KILLEEN (AP) — For thousands of children who live in military households at the nation's largest military post, war is not so far away.

So far, 20,000 of Fort Hood's 38,500 soldiers have been sent to Saudi Arabia. But their children stay behind and worry like 9-year-old Ben Munyon, a third grader.

Both of Ben's parents are in Saudi Arabia. He now lives with a baby-sitter and keeps pictures of his mother in his school locker and at home, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday. In one, Ben's mother is in her tent in the desert. In another, she holds a machine gun.

"It sometimes gets sad and lonely," Ben said. "I just write them. I get my picture off the wall and hold it. Sometimes I fall asleep like that."

To cope with the stress of having a warrior parent, counseling has been set up for Killeen elementary school children. Some meet after

school in a room decorated with a map of Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Tacked up beside it are the names of their fathers and mothers.

Loneliness is not the only fear for these children.

One child, recently transferred with his family to Killeen. He had never lived in a military community before, according to Sugar Loaf Elementary staffer Sharon Reid.

"He's afraid Killeen might be bombed and everyone will die," Ms. Reid said.

Teachers in this military town lend ears and sympathy to the children, especially as Christmas approaches.

Discipline problems are surfacing and tensions are high.

The recent Middle East crisis causes additional problems for some children like Danish Siddiqui, 11.

When the crisis first broke, other kids began calling him Saddam Hussein and punching him.



Cabinet choices

WASHINGTON — President Bush meets with his choices for two Cabinet positions Monday. Lamar Alexander, left, is the president's pick for

education secretary, while Lynn Martin, center, former representative from Illinois, is the choice for labor secretary.

Spring board

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Basketball

- TODAY**
- Stanton Jr. High vs McCamey; boys A & B away at 5 p.m.; girls A & B home at 5 p.m.
 - Stanton Evening Lions will meet at Bonnie's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.
 - Grady Elementary Christmas music program will be at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
 - Stanton Elementary Christmas program will be at 7 p.m. at the SHS auditorium.
- TUESDAY**
- Stanton Noon Lions will meet at the community center.
 - Stanton varsity vs McCamey, away.
 - Grady varsity vs Garden City; away; girls — 6:30 p.m.; boys — 8 p.m.
 - Friends of the Martin County Museum will meet at 3 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Stanton Elementary 5th grade Christmas play from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the music room.
 - All Stanton schools dismissed at 1:25 p.m.
 - All Grady schools dismissed at 1 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Senior Citizen Game Night at 6 p.m. at The Depot.
- FRIDAY**
- Grady teachers' In-Service Day.

Tops on TV

MOVIE

- A Mom for Christmas NBC Monday Night at the Movies. Olivia Newton-John, Juliet Sorcey. A department store mannequin comes to life after a motherless girl wishes for a mother for Christmas. 8 p.m. Channel 9.
- Mickey's Christmas Carol. 7 p.m. Channel 9.
- ABC Monday Night Football — 49ers at Rams. 8 p.m. Channel 2.

Mounds of mail heading overseas

DALLAS (AP) — The sudden deployment of 250,000 Americans in the Persian Gulf is presenting an interesting challenge to the U.S. Postal Service.

From Dallas alone, 85,000 pounds of packages are mailed daily to the troops. The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

To help with the deluge of mail addressed to soldiers participating in Operation Desert Shield, a special facility costing \$100,000 a week has been set up in Dallas.

Persian Gulf-bound packages from the southern half of the nation are processed here, one of six separate facilities set up for mail to American troops in the Middle East.

From Dallas they are trucked to Tinker Air Force base near Oklahoma City and then flown to the Middle East.

Other processing centers are in Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York City, San Francisco and Jersey City, N.J.

According to Art Shealy, spokesman for the Postal Service, unlike the Vietnam War, the military buildup occurred almost overnight. For post office workers it was like setting up an address the size of San Diego in the blink of an eye.

"We're not strangers to having mail dumped on our docks," Shealy said. "But I can't think of any time in our history when we've had this influx of mail over such a short period of time."

But Shealy says there's no need to worry. With the buildup comes a unique challenge for the beleaguered agency to show what its made of, especially as Christmas nears.

Most of the 120 workers who staff the leased warehouse are temporary hires. But their efforts will enable the postal service to process the usual Christmas rush efficiently, Shealy said.

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Stamps

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the last half of the 1990 fiscal year, April 1 through Sept. 30.

A special look at food stamps was included as "an area of particular interest to Congress and USDA management."

Although the report was not distributed generally, a copy was provided to The Associated Press upon request.

The report said about 28 million people received food stamp benefits at some time during fiscal 1989. On average, 18.8 million people in more than 7 million households received assistance each month.

Overall, more than \$11.7 billion worth of food stamps were issued in fiscal 1989, the report said. Administrative costs added \$1.2 billion to the federal bill.

By law, food stamps can be used to buy only food in

authorized stores. In practice, the coupons sometimes are illegally sold or traded.

"Of particular concern in recent months has been the use of food stamps as a second currency to purchase drugs, weapons, stolen property and other illegal items, the report said. "As a result of these transactions, family members who should receive food through the program do not."

In the 1990 fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, compliance officers of the Food and Nutrition Service reviewed 5,447 retailers. Of those, 1,395 were found to be in violation.

Food stamps are issued to eligible recipients through state welfare agencies. The recipients "spend" the stamps at stores for groceries, and the stores deposit the stamps at banks, which credit the stores

with the full face values of the coupons.

The banks send the redeemed stamps to a Federal Reserve bank, which credits the account of the local food store's bank. The federal bank then bills the U.S. Treasury for the face value of the stamps and then destroys them.

Errors in food stamp certification often result with some households getting more or less than they are supposed to. Outright "recipient fraud" sometimes exists on the part of householders.

States are responsible for certification and issuance of stamps, and therefore state agencies conduct the majority of investigations of recipient fraud, the report said. In return, USDA reimburses the states for 75 percent of their investigative expenses.

The report said that in fiscal 1989, the states conducted more than 360,000 recipient fraud investigations which produced nearly 16,000 criminal convictions and 24,000 recipient disqualifications.

Food stamp buying and selling — trafficking — have attracted news media attention in recent months, especially when stamps are traded for drugs.

Often this involves non-authorized retailers, the report said. Therefore, it's difficult to estimate the volume of dealings, except that investigators say it's widespread.

"For example, local welfare officials in a large metropolitan area estimated that at certain issuance points where trafficking was believed to be most widespread, about 50 percent of recipients were approached by individuals who offered to buy

their food stamps for cash," the report said.

"It was further estimated that about 50 percent of those approached appeared to sell at least some of their food stamps."

The report added that "it is not uncommon for food stamp trafficking to be part of larger criminal enterprises, such as theft and fencing rings, or drug trafficking operations."

Department investigators said they "strongly support" a number of initiatives under consideration that would reduce food stamp abuse. One system being tested is electronic benefits transfer, or EBT, which would be an alternative.

States also are being urged to upgrade specific criminal statutes so food stamp traffickers can be prosecuted more effectively, the report said.

Allies

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Abbas, who is also known as Abul Abbas, is the leader of the Baghdad-based Palestinian group that hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in October 1985 and killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer.

Britain's ambassador to Kuwait and his consul flew out to Baghdad and were returning to London today, the last two Western diplomats to leave the Iraqi-occupied emirate, British diplomats said.

The U.S. Embassy in Kuwait was evacuated last week upon completion of a blanket hostage release initiated by Saddam.

Both countries said they would close down their missions after the departure of all their citizens who wanted to leave Kuwait and Iraq.

Baker said during the flight to Brussels that he would ask the allies to help ship and fly more U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf. By the middle of next month, Washington will have deployed more than 400,000 troops in the region, including 100,000 from bases in Europe.

The allies have committed smaller forces to the gulf. Britain with 30,000 troops and France with 10,000 have the largest European contingents in the 27-member anti-Iraq coalition.

Woerner said the allies were looking back on "one of the most momentous years in the entire history" of the 41-year-old NATO alliance.

In the wake of the East-West thaw, NATO must help build a new security order for Europe, broker more East-West arms control accords and be prepared for new security threats, notably from the turbulent Middle East, Woerner said.

"Our alliance remains as much the political as the military instrument of collective security for our member nations on both sides of the Atlantic," Woerner said.

In addition to Iceland, Luxembourg, Germany and Turkey, NATO includes Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United States.

Bullock to work as counselor

AUSTIN (AP) — State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced today that he will work with a privately owned alcohol and drug abuse program while serving as lieutenant governor.

Bullock, a recovering alcoholic, said he was joining the ViewPoint Recovery Centers as time permits outside his elected job. Viewpoint operates programs in seven Texas cities, including a treatment center in Bullock's hometown of Hillsboro.

"I feel I have something to contribute by helping people who are

trying to turn their lives around, and this is the kind of work that can be done as time permits," Bullock said.

Bullock was elected lieutenant governor in November balloting. He takes office Jan. 15.

Joe Allgood, executive vice president of ViewPoint in Arlington, Texas, said the program was pleased to have Bullock join its staff.

"We're proud and fortunate to have a person of Bob Bullock's character and commitment affiliate with ViewPoint."

Deaths

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 Jochev, pastor, and the Rev. J.B. Shewmake, 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. She graduated from Stanton High School in 1953 and 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 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 a Democratic Party Precinct Chairman, a 4-H teacher and a reporter of the Lunch & Learn Extension Homemakers Club. She was a delegate to the First

United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Cox, Stanton; two sons: Morgan Cox, Tarzan; and Robert Cox, Spur; one daughter, Jonoma Cox, Tahoka; her mother, Mrs. Beulah Mae Hall, Stanton; one brother, Jerry Hall, Austin; and one grandchild.

Pallbearers will be George W. Knox, Danny Fryar, Don McMorries, Jim Epley, Eldon Welch, Kevin Shoemaker, Mark Cook and Richard Lewis.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church in Stanton; or to the Martin County Convent Foundation.

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.

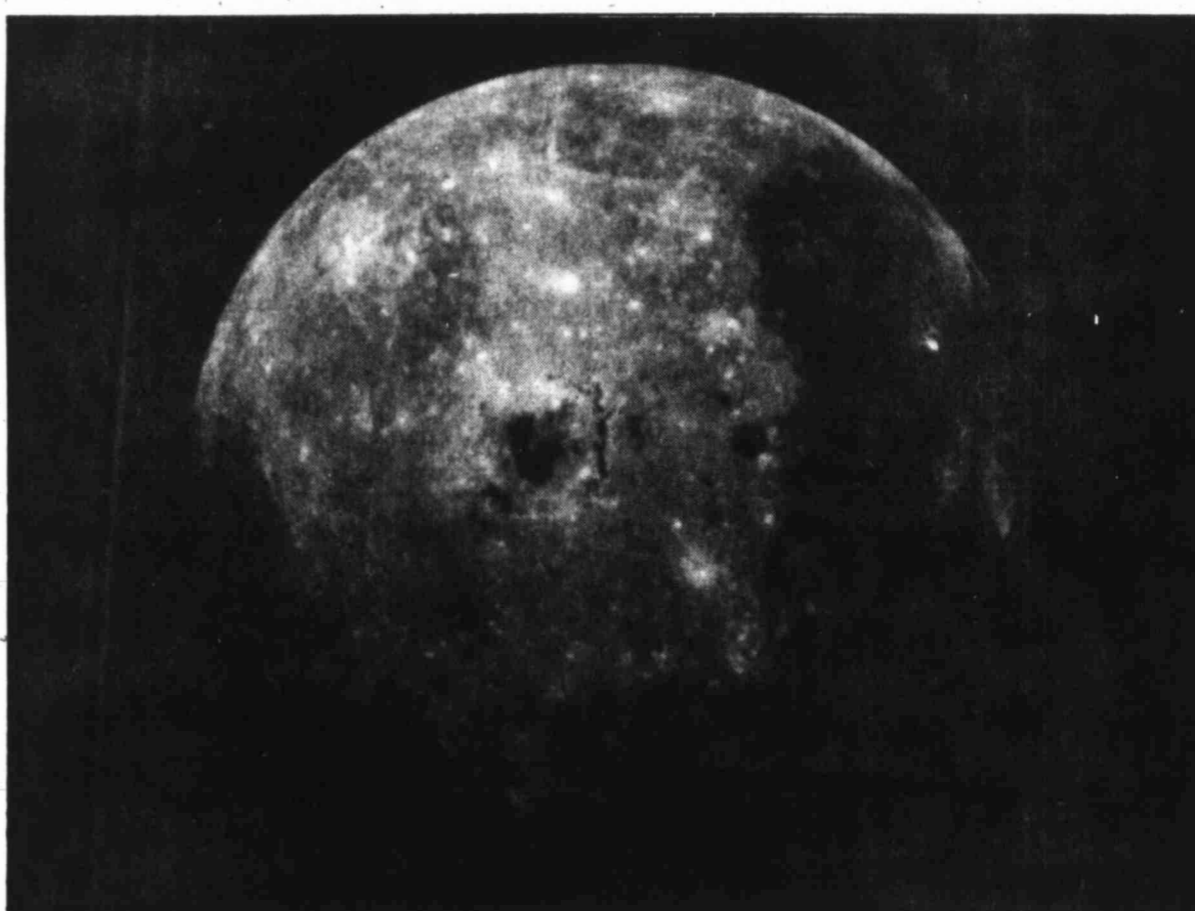
He was born July 10, 1951, in Big Spring and married Barbara Stark in 1982, in Tarzan. He was a farmer.

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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Ruth E. Harrison, 72, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 A.M. Tuesday at First Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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The dark side
The far side of the moon, last photographed by Apollo astronauts two decades ago, was captured on film again by the Galileo spacecraft. This photo was taken Dec. 8 by the Galileo Solid State Imaging System.

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