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## Black tide drifts toward water plants

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DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — On the gulf's newest war front, the U.S.-led allies searched for a way Saturday to halt the colossal "black tide" drifting toward Saudi water plants. Some of the oil spill was ablaze, but a military spokesman said, "A solution is close."

High above, in sunny skies, allied bombers kept up a furious bombardment of Iraqi positions in Kuwait and southern Iraq, described by returning pilots as a devastated landscape of shattered bridges and fires beyond number.

The U.S. command said Desert Storm aircraft shot down three Iraqi warplanes in the latest air-to-air action.

The Pentagon also said about two dozen Iraqi planes recently flew to neighboring Iran. They apparently were seeking refuge either from American air attack or from Sad-

dam Hussein's government. Along the northern front lines, Iraqi forces and troops of the U.S.-led coalition exchanged harassing fire.

Marines unloaded their heaviest barrage yet on forward Iraqi positions, from a battalion of 155mm howitzers, and the Iraqis fired off short-range missiles that fell harmlessly in the desert, allied officers reported.

But it looked more and more like a ground offensive to drive the Iraqis from Kuwait will be on hold until well into February. For one thing, American armored forces are at least two weeks from full

strength. The gigantic oil spill at the head of the Persian Gulf, first reported Friday as 10 miles long, was washing up on Saudi beaches 70 miles away on Saturday.

The allies said the Iraqis on Tuesday had opened the valves at the main Kuwaiti supertanker loading station, 10 miles offshore from the Al-Ahmadi refinery complex, and also fed the spill from five loaded tanker ships.

The spill's volume was not precisely calculated, but the U.S. military said the tankers held about 125 million gallons, and specialists said the terminal can

pump out more than 100 million gallons a day.

The Iraqis' objective was unclear. Drifting oil could present difficulties, probably surmountable, to an allied amphibious landing in Kuwait. But if the Iraqis somehow manage to ignite the crude — a task experts say would be extremely difficult — the military problem could be much more serious.

The Iraqis also might intend to fill the skies with a black smokescreen to confound allied fliers, and to foul the intake water at the desalination plants that provide much of Saudi Arabia's

potable water. Whatever the motive, the drifting oil was already devastating the northern gulf's environment. Cormorants and other seabirds coated with oil were dying on Saudi beaches. Environmentalists expressed fears for the dolphins, turtles and other marine life that thrive in the gulf's warm waters.

The allies cannot "allow these... hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil to keep pouring out into the gulf. So a solution is close," a British military spokesman, air force Group Capt. Niall Irving, told reporters in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

He did not elaborate. In Washington, Pentagon officers said an air attack — presumably to knock out the pumps dumping oil into the sea — was one option. The White House announced it was sen-

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VICTIM OF WAR

## Residents keenly follow war news

By DEBBIE LINCEUM Staff Writer

A war more than 8,000 miles away has hit the homefront: Local residents are talking about it, reading about it and watching it on TV.

"I'll watch (television reports) until two or three o'clock in the morning," said Tommy Sullivan, a volunteer with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Sullivan's nephew is serving with the U.S. forces.

"I follow the news a lot," agreed Kristen Wallace. "I always want to know what's happening."

With plenty of media-generated food for thought, area residents have formed varied opinions about our country's role in Operation Desert Storm.

"We should be there," Sullivan said. "That's what we stand for. We're leaders."

"I can't understand protesters," he added. "We have to support the troops. You've got to be patriotic."

Martha Caffey, mother of an Air Force "troubleshooter," said she

does not understand why Americans must fight.

"I feel like this should have been handled a long time ago," Caffey said. "I think our (soldiers) are going to come back wondering why they were there... Something has to be done, but I think we should start taking care of our own business."

Wallace said she had not been aware of many anti-Desert Storm views.

"Maybe there's not a whole lot of dissent. We're all worried about the people we know over there."

Nancy Patrick said she supports the troops as "peace-makers."

"I'm behind them with my prayers and my interest," she said. "But I hope there can be a settlement that will bring a new day when people will abide by peaceful means of solving problems."

Some people were reluctant to discuss their views on the subject. A woman who asked that her name not be used said, "We don't like to

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### A ducky way to spend an afternoon

Chris, left, and Chad Overman spend a quiet Thursday afternoon at Comanche Trail Lake feeding leftover bread to the resident ducks and geese.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## Grand jury determines youth will be tried in district court

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

A 17-year-old boy accused of the June murder of Richard Lauderdale, 52, will be tried as a juvenile under determinate sentencing, which means he could face up to 30 years incarceration, a district court grand jury decided Friday.

The youth will be tried in 118th Judicial District Court sitting as a juvenile court, as set forth in a 1987 state law. A conviction could send him to the Texas Youth Commission with a later transfer to the penitentiary.

Without the grand jury certification of the determinate sentencing petition, the boy would have been tried in County Court and would have faced possible incarceration by the TYC, where he could be held at the discretion of TYC officials until he was 21 years old.

It is unknown by court officials and a lawyer involved in the case whether the boy's name can now be publicly released. However, the

trial may be open to the public. "I don't know how (District Judge Bob Moore) wants to treat this matter," said County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who presented the petition to the grand jury. "Come Monday I should know what I can say and can't."

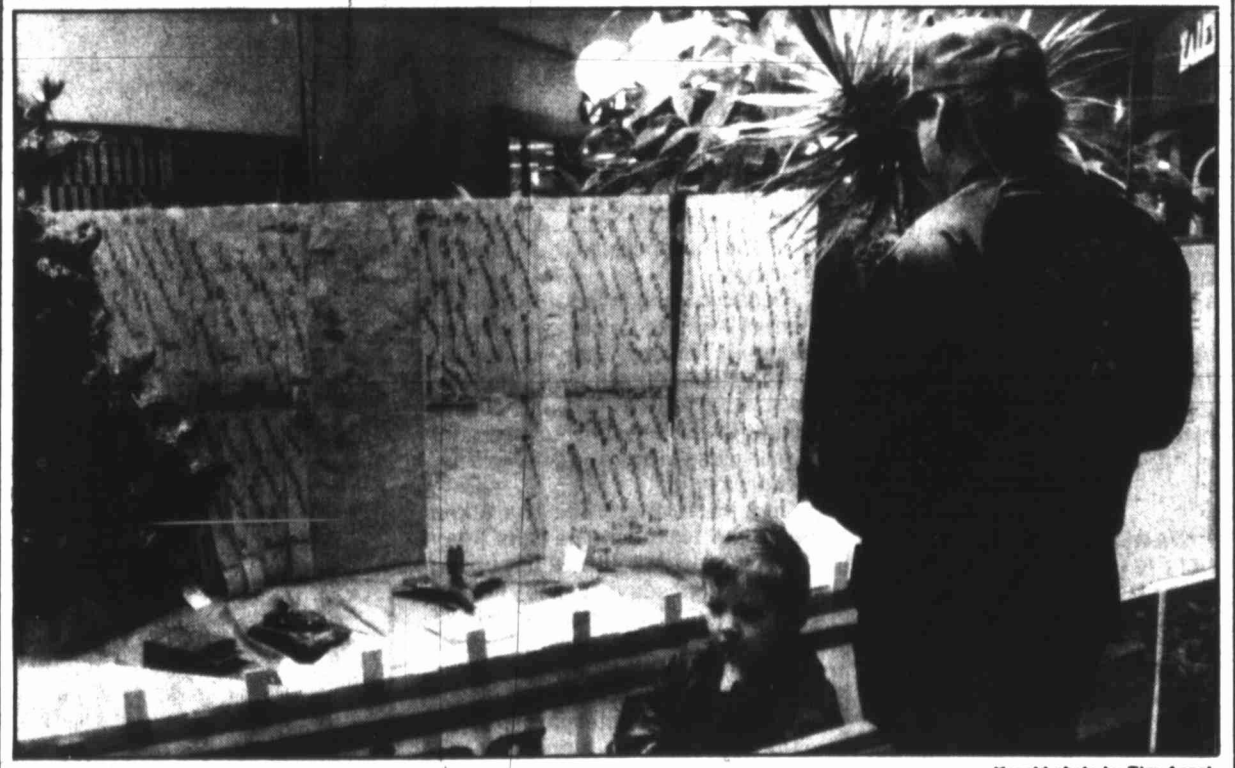
A lawyer representing the youth said the grand jury's decision has taken him by surprise and he will now have to check up on what state law stipulates. "I'll have to regroup and do some research on it," he said.

Section 54.08 of the Texas Penal Code states, "Except for any hear-

ing on a petition that has been approved by the grand jury under Section 53.045 (which includes murder) of this code and in which the child is subject to a determinate sentence, the general public may be excluded from hearings under this title."

Lauderdale, who was found dead June 13 near the southeast shore of Comanche Trail Lake, died of a single stab wound to the heart, according to a preliminary autopsy report. The youth was arrested three days later and a search of his house uncovered a knife which police suspect is the murder weapon. Information has not been released as to whether blood found on the knife was Lauderdale's.

Wilkerson said last month he would present the case to the grand jury in an effort to explore all legal options to ensure that justice is served. He had filed a petition in August to have the boy tried as an adult but County Judge John Coffee



### Reminder of war

Tommy Sullivan, a volunteer with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, with son Joshua, 4, looks at a display of yellow ribbons at

Big Spring Mall. The ribbons represent local residents serving in all four branches of the military with Operation Desert Storm.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Winners announced in PTA's Cultural Arts Contest. See page 1-C for story.



New smoking policy met with resentment by patients. Details on page 6-A.



Lady Steers take a beating against Monahans. Story on page 1-B.

## Sidelines

### Lawmaker files bill against punishment

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker has filed a bill that would censure the Bastrop school board and superintendent for isolating Zachariah Toungate, the third-grade student punished for his ponytail.

"Schools should be teaching kids, not penalizing them for their hair length," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. "Their actions fly in the face of First Amendment rights."

Zachariah, an 8-year-old who lives in Cedar Creek, has been in isolation at school since Oct. 5 for refusing to cut his 7-inch ponytail. He eats and studies in a small, boxlike room with windows covered by brown paper, and is kept away from other students.

His parents filed suit in an effort to have their son returned to his regular classes, but a state district judge ruled in the school district's favor. The Toungates have appealed.

### IRS auction fails to draw any bidders

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An IRS auction of country singer Willie Nelson's recording studio, golf course, movie set and even his hilltop cabin failed to draw a single bid from any of the 17 bargain hunters who came to the event.

Nelson's Travis County property was seized in November to settle a disputed \$16.7 million debt to the Internal Revenue Service. It was offered for auction Friday at the Pedernales Country Club, about 30 miles west of Austin.

On the auction block were the recording studio and nine-hole golf course at a minimum bid of \$575,478.16; a fishing camp set at \$84,442.80; 688 acres including the movie set and cabin for \$341,640.21; as well as several condominiums, townhomes and lots.

"Everything was just too high," said Bill Kanetzky of Briarcliff, who was interested in some townhomes and lots.

"They should've done away with the minimum bid."

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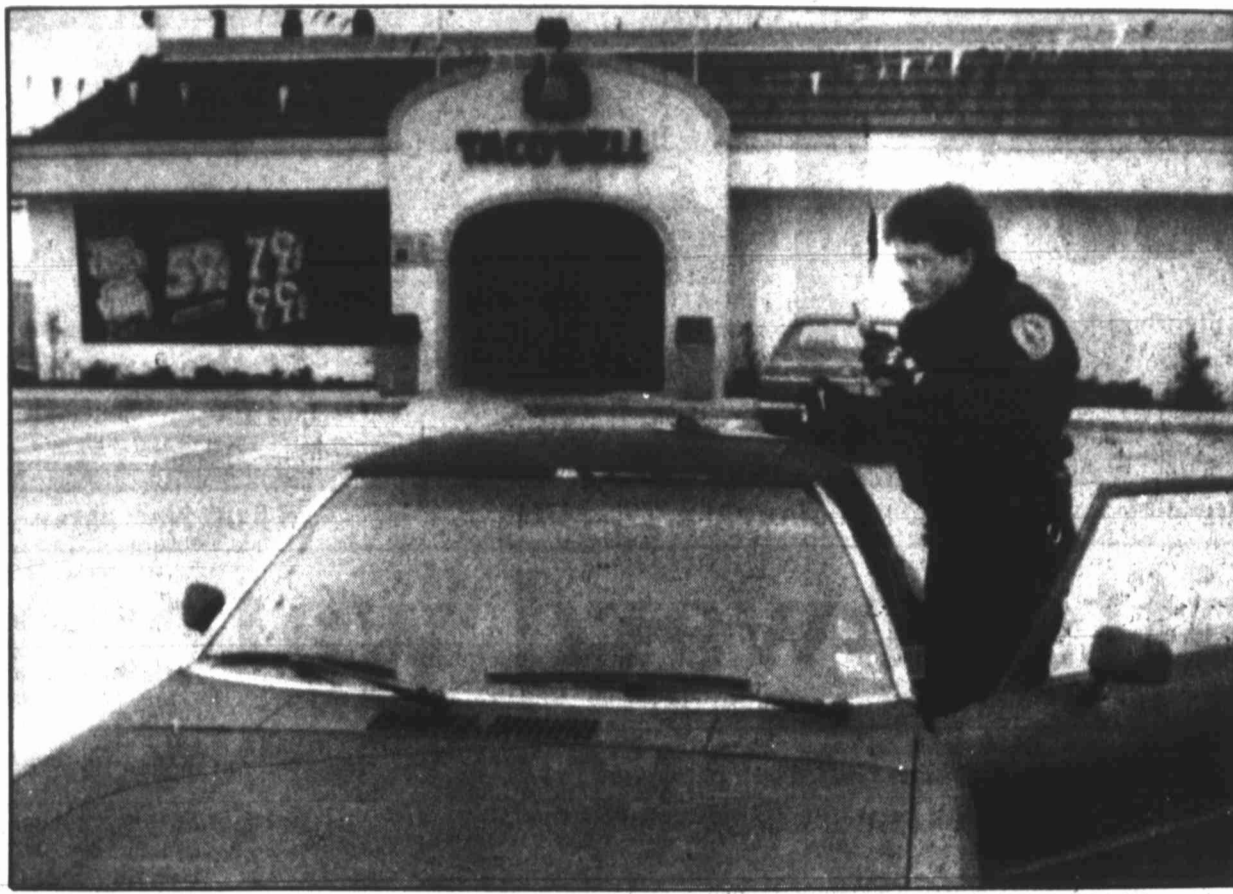
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IRVING — Police officer David Blasingame investigates at the site where the slaying of four people were discovered early Saturday morning at an Irving restaurant.

## Four found dead in restaurant

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Grisly slayings of four people, including three fast food workers, were discovered early Saturday inside a restaurant freezer after police recovered a take-out bag filled with cash during a routine traffic stop.

Both the 19-year-old driver, Jessy Carlos San Miguel and his 17-year-old passenger, Jerome Mike Green, an employee at the Taco Bell restaurant, were arraigned on capital murder charges Saturday.

Bond was denied for both men, who face formal charges Monday, said Irving Police Capt. T.J. Hall.

Hall said Green had not reported to work in about a week.

San Miguel, is out on bond in connection with three burglary cases, Hall said.

"The motive was robbery," Hall said.

Police in this Austin suburb stopped the car on investigation of drunken driving around 5 a.m. Authorities found an undetermined

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**Jerry Koch**  
Taco Bell regional vice president

amount of money inside a Taco Bell bag and arrested the driver and passenger after a search of area restaurants turned up the slayings.

Police identified the victims as Theresa Fraga, 16, of Irving, her cousin, Frank Fraga, 23, of Dallas, Taco Bell manager Michael J. Phelan, 28, of Fort Worth and Son Trong Nyugen. Neither an age nor a residence was released for Nyugen, who was a friend of one of the slain employees.

"Irving officers had been at the restaurant at 1:45 a.m.," Hall said. "They had eaten there and talked

with the employees."

Police checked several Taco Bell restaurants in the area after the arrests, before discovering the gunshot victims inside the freezer shortly after 5 a.m.

"The Taco Bell family is in total shock at this totally heinous crime," said Jerry Koch, Taco Bell regional vice president. "We're doing everything to assist the families."

A company fund has been set up to help pay for funeral arrangements, Koch said. Public contributions were not being solicited.



AUSTIN — Akua Furlow, Black Americans for Life activist, speaks at a statewide anti-abortion rally Saturday on the steps of the State Capitol.

## Advocate may face problems with resources

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer groups say Gov. Ann Richards' effort to put a human face on state government by appointing the state's first "citizen's advocate" could be hampered by a lack of resources.

Richards announced the appointment of Annette LoVoi as state ombudsman during her inaugural speech. The creation of the ombudsman's office is part of her pledge to make state government more responsive to Texans, Richards said.

Since then, the office has taken more than 100 telephone calls a day on its statewide toll-free hot line.

But Wednesday, citing budget constraints, Richards' chief of staff, Mary Beth Rogers, announced the Ms. LoVoi would have to run her office with volunteers.

Ms. LoVoi's counterpart in Louisiana, Inspector General Bill Lynch, has 12 staff members, including several investigators, auditors, a lawyer and a paralegal, said spokesman Stephen Upton. In Illinois, 25 people work in the Governor's Citizens Assistance Office.

## Public records

**MARRIAGE LICENSES:**  
Thomas Mendez, 21, 2504 Fairchild and Ramona Angelica Arenivaz, 21, 1203 Barnes.  
Donny Lede Hull, 33, 2609 Wasson #4 and Deborah Louise Stevens, 32, same.  
Marcelino Bazaldua, 24, Lewisville and Elizabeth Lopez, 19, 503 Nolan.  
**DISTRICT COURT FILINGS:**  
Owen K. Smiley and Florence M. Smiley, divorce.  
Joseph C. Woods and Edith J. Woods, divorce.  
Marie Griffin and Hartford Griffin vs. Donny Ray King and Alverto Rios, personal injury auto.  
Marjorie Lynn Risner and David Allen Risner vs. Ector Guerra, personal injury auto.  
Patricio Nieto vs. William K. Armstead, auto personal injury.  
In the matter of the marriage of Tammy Reanea Ryan and Michael Anthony Ryan, annulment.  
Marcos Mendez and Olivia Cervantes Mendez, divorce.  
Danya Atkinson vs. Geraldine Lopez, auto personal injury.  
Cherrie Casbeer and Kenneth Casbeer, divorce.  
Gina Martinez vs. John Pierce and Robert Walker, personal injury auto.  
**DISTRICT COURT RULINGS:**  
Susan Claudene Buchanan and Sam Melvin Buchanan, final decree of divorce.  
Gary Ray Turner and Tamara Feeler Turner, decree of divorce.  
Bethel Laverne Chrane and Billy Theodore Chrane, final decree of divorce.  
Glen James Ferguson and Tracy Gwen Ferguson, final decree of divorce.  
Irene Pitcock and Delma Graham vs. Edgar Mack Payne and Illinois Farmers Insurance Company, judgment for defendant.  
Bob Brock, Inc. vs. Gregory Aguilar, Jr., judgment for plaintiff.  
Jeffery Don Richards and Viola Dee Richards, decree of divorce.  
Sharon Walker, et al Shayna Walker vs.

## March draws thousands

AUSTIN (AP) — Under the theme "Abortion stops a beating heart," an estimated 4,000 anti-abortion demonstrators marched on the Capitol and held a rally Saturday afternoon.

The group of protesters from around the state listened to speakers and singers who called for a halt to legal abortion.

Organizers said the rally was intended to initiate a Texas chapter of Black Americans for Life, an arm of the National Right to Life Committee.

"We believe that as African-Americans and descendants of slaves, who would be better to champion the cause of those who are oppressed than those who have been oppressed?" said Akua Furlow of Black Americans for Life.

"As a black woman, I see no right preserved for any people of we fail to give it to the most defenseless, the unborn," said keynote speaker Maria Crawford of Chicago.

"Perhaps some of you out there are asking the question that I am asked so often: 'How can I, as a black woman, be against any group achieving their rights?'" Ms. Crawford said. "I'm against the right of anyone to kill a defenseless human being."

The demonstration also included a relay run by Texas Collegians for Life that began Friday night at the Alamo in San Antonio and reached the Capitol during the rally.

An evening vigil also was held at the county jail for Laura Teller of Dallas.

## Pay raise among suggestions offered

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school teachers and administrators on Saturday gave Gov. Ann Richards several suggestions for improving education, including limiting "no-pass, no-play" probation and raising school employees' pay.

About 250 school teachers and officials met in Austin at Richards' invitation. She said their recommendations will be used to create legislative priorities.

"I thought it was great," Richards said of the daylong meeting. "I'm going to take all of these recommendations and we're going to look at them."

"I think the most important thing is that not only did we get an opportunity to hear exactly what the needs are, but we also said to the teachers of Texas that they are important to the system."

One of the suggestions was that students who fail a class should be re-evaluated in three weeks, instead of being barred from extracurricular activities for six weeks, as mandated by state law.

"Very simply, the six-week eligibility program is too long," said Gordon Wood, retired athletic director at Brownwood High School.

Some also concluded that student eligibility should hinge in part on overall GPA, instead of just one grade.

The group seemed most enthusiastic about sponsoring a statewide health insurance plan for all school employees and increasing teacher salaries. The goal is to have teacher salaries peak above \$50,000 a year.

Most also wanted changes to the career ladder, the system for assessing teachers and giving them performance-based pay raises.

Richards said several options were being considered for revising the career ladder.

"I don't think that as it's presently constituted it works, and no one thinks that," she said. "The whole question is, are you

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**Gov. Ann Richards**

going to be able to establish a system where you reward teachers for doing a good job."

The teachers also said standardized testing must take the diversity of the Texas students into consideration.

"Too many standardized tests cause strangulation of curriculum," said George Briston of Austin. His group suggested using a variety of means to assess students and limiting standardized tests to one per year.

Pam Wheeler of Crosbyton also urged adapting testing to the students' environment, especially for those at risk of dropping out.

Also attending the conference were Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin; House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Port Worth; Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, chairman of the Senate Education Committee; and Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice, chairwoman of the House Committee on Public Education.

"We want you to tell us, how do we make it possible for you to make the magic to happen with the children of this state," Ms. Glossbrenner told the educators. "It seems to me sometimes that we spend so much time funding schools that we forget about the quality."

She also said, Richards said she did not "feel wedded" to the statewide property tax that has been suggested as a way to revise the school finance system.

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## Nation

### USSR battling economic crime

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Saturday granted the KGB and Interior Ministry sweeping search-and-seizure powers to combat economic crime.

Gorbachev said he was taking the latest measures "to combat economic sabotage and other crimes in the economic sphere, and to preserve order in providing the population with food and other goods."

His decree grants authorities virtually unrestricted access to

documents, bank accounts, and offices of businesses suspected of economic crime.

Hard-liners have accused the tens of thousands of cooperatives that have flourished recently of being run by organized crime.

In October, the KGB and Interior Ministry began cracking down on black marketeers. In a bid to stop the pilfering of food supplies, Gorbachev also ordered the KGB to monitor the state distribution system for private and farmers' markets.

### Czechs bid on businesses

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — An auctioneer's gavel began hammering out changes in the state-run economy Saturday as the first of an estimated 100,000 businesses went to the highest bidder.

About 200 prospective buyers bid for 17 properties, mostly grocery shops and electronics stores. The event was so unusual that people paid admission to watch.

Privatization is a cornerstone of Finance Minister Vaclav Klaus' plan to transform a system of central planning into Western-style capitalism. The nation's industry was nationalized

after the Communist takeover in 1948, nearly abolishing the private sector.

Officials of the government, now non-Communist, say the auction of about 100,000 small businesses should be completed by the end of the year.

In the first-round of the auction, only Czechs and emigres who left after 1948 were allowed to participate. Foreigners can bid in a second round for shops left over.

The first grocery store auctioned off Saturday was sold for \$20,700. The sum is beyond the means of ordinary citizens, whose average monthly income is \$121.

### Bombing called Gulf-related

PARIS (AP) — A bomb ripped apart the entrance of the leftist newspaper Liberation before dawn Saturday in what police called France's first terrorist attack related to the Persian Gulf war. No one was hurt.

The blast tore through a metal shutter that seals the entrance at night, shattered glass lining the hallway into the newspaper offices, and broke windows across the street. The bomb was left in a container against the shutter, police said.

Authorities said they concluded the attack was related to the war, although a note found at the scene apparently did not mention it. Iraq has called for its supporters to attack Western interests worldwide.



BOMB INVESTIGATION



Associated Press photo

### Dissident sentenced

CHINA — Student pro-democracy leader Wang Dan, who led rallies in 1989, was sentenced Saturday to four years in prison for his role in the pro-democracy movement before China's violent crackdown.

## Rationing proposed as economy worsens

MOSCOW (AP) — Officials announced Friday the Soviet capital will ration meat, grain, vodka and wine in a stark acknowledgement that they expect the local economy of nearly worthless money and empty stores to worsen this winter.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's decree taking 50- and 100-ruble notes out of circulation disrupted banks and commerce for a third day, and rumors swept the government of impending in-

Moscow City Council decided to introduce coupons for meat, lard, sausage, grain, vodka and wine," said the report, which quoted council chairman Yuri Luzhkov.

Rationing will begin March 1, and the city will decide before the beginning of every month how much of each rationed item it can offer to its 9 million citizens, the report said.

Tobacco and sugar long have been rationed in Moscow. Nearly all food items are rationed in the country's second-largest city, Leningrad, and in many other cities of this nation of 290 million residents.

The news report quoted Luzhkov as guaranteeing consumers that the rationed goods actually will appear on store shelves.

In a gloomy interview with the Tass news agency, Leonid Abalkin, formerly Gorbachev's top economic adviser, said Soviet citizens were not prepared for a market economy.

"People's mentality is based on myths," Abalkin said. "People expect a miracle from the market, or at least an extremely rapid improvement of the situation."

Many elderly Soviets do not trust banks and keep thousands of rubles at home, often saving for their own funerals.

## World

### Report alleges police brutality

CHICAGO (AP) — City police may have engaged in the systematic torture of suspects from 1972 to 1984, an Amnesty International report says.

The report stems from a convicted murderer's allegations he was beaten, burned, shocked electrically and threatened with death in 1982, the human rights group said Friday.

Police spokeswoman Tina Vicini said the department was familiar with allegations of torture in the case of convicted murderer Andrew Wilson but couldn't comment on the report. "No one here has seen a copy of

the report," she said.

A report on the allegations was issued at Amnesty International world headquarters in London in December. The group is to release the report in Chicago on Monday.

The Task Force to Confront Police Violence, a Chicago group investigating brutality claims, said it had obtained a copy of Amnesty International's report on the Chicago Police Department and also would release it in Chicago on Monday.

The report centers on allegations Wilson made in a 1989 civil lawsuit.

### Transplant survival improving

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ninety-two percent of those who undergo the most common organ transplant procedure—receiving a kidney from a cadaver—live at least one year after their operations, a new study shows.

The head of the survey by the United Network for Organ Sharing said the study shows markedly higher one-year survival rates for transplant donors than those shown by earlier studies, which included fewer patients.

In the study of all 12,735 transplants of five major organs performed in 1988, the United Network for Organ Sharing said the survival rate for those who received kidneys taken from living donors was 97 percent. Kidneys taken from both cadavers and living donors comprised nearly 71 percent of all transplants.

It showed the one-year survival rate for those who received a pancreas was 89 percent.

### Shows answer war questions

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC and NBC pre-empted their Saturday morning cartoons to let children ask questions about the war with Iraq.

ABC led with a 90-minute "War in the Gulf: Answering Children's Questions," staged on its giant map set. With a studio audience of children, host and anchor Peter Jennings greeted the children in the TV audience.

NBC, in a two-hour, version of its "Today" show with anchors Garrick Utley and Mary Alice Williams, originally set 30 minutes for a children's call-in segment.

ABC led into its commercials with children's art. And it showed children speaking about the war, including the children of U.S. personnel in the gulf, children in Jordan and Israel, and American children of Arab descent.



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### Firefighting is issue for debate

If you're a typical resident, your thoughts wander toward firefighters very infrequently. You'd think of them, and bless them, if you ever need them. The rest of the time, they tend to be an afterthought in daily lives. Suddenly, thanks to some attention from the State Board of Insurance, you may be thinking about your fire protection more often — such as when you pay your insurance bill.

According to a recent report by the board, the Big Spring fire department doesn't measure up, and one result may be higher insurance rates.

It is not a problem that's impossible to resolve, particularly since the primary culprit cited by the insurance board is a deficiency in manpower. A problem long-claimed by firefighters who devote their lives to protecting the lives, homes and interests of Big Spring residents, it appears fairly black-and-white in the eyes of the board's inspection team.

This should prompt some intense and swift discussion on the part of the City Council, since there is obviously more than dollars and cents involved in this problem. The danger of a short-staffed firefighting crew is potential loss of life and injury to a human being; a home and possessions can be replaced, but a life that's lost is gone forever.

Also at issue is the question of continuity of coverage as a result of overlap by fire stations two, three and four that, if properly manned, would eliminate the need for the Central Fire Station — station one — located at Fourth and Nolan. The value of its existence has often been raised, but only quietly.

It's obviously time for that discussion to be conducted earnestly.

At the same time, the issue of the need for greater coverage in the western part of the city could be addressed, along with more efficient use of existing equipment it would seem, if a fire station was created at the city's industrial airpark.

Several advantages are possible in this regard. The growth of the federal prison system and the city-run correctional center, as well as both existing and potential industry at the location speak loudly for adequate fire protection, as does the entire west area.

In addition, the airpark is in relatively fine financial shape. Since such money can be spent only at the airpark, there seems a great deal of logic in financing a fire station there and re-directing the tax dollars currently used for the Central Fire Station location.

The city's management and elected leaders should waste no time in addressing these issues.

### Time for next stage in economic progress

Another stage has been reached in this community's effort at publicly-financed economic development.

With the hiring of a full-time professional to direct the city's efforts, Big Spring is on the verge of another important step on the path to improving its economic situation.

The Moore Development for Big Spring board's efforts in this regard have resulted in the hiring of Ted St. Clair, who will bring his years of industrial and economic development to work when he reports Monday morning. The board, designed to serve the City Council by supervising and guiding the efforts of a professional staff to assist both existing businesses and potential industry, is following the same course as other communities that voted in favor of tax-financed economic development efforts in Texas.

Now, with Tuesday evening's public forum, the Moore Board and St. Clair will provide the tax-paying public with an opportunity to discuss possibilities and viewpoints in regard to the investment of the funds.

The 7 p.m. session — designed to inform the public during the first hour and allow for discussion during the second — will be valuable to the board, St. Clair, and anyone willing to invest two hours of their time in helping Big Spring help itself.

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



"WE GO NOW TO DHAHRAN FOR AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT ABOUT AN UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR REGARDING A POSSIBLE IRAQI ATTACK ON AN UNSPECIFIED TARGET..."

Just my type



### Will your ideas be silenced?

By ROBERT WERNSMAN  
Publisher

Garry Trudeau's at it again, and this time he has an accomplice.

The creator and perpetrator of the occasionally controversial, frequently thought-provoking cartoon strip "Doonesbury" has stirred a hornets' nest with some black humor by an amateur cartoonist on the scene of Operation Desert Storm.

The cartoon causing a storm of its own appears on page three of our comics section today.

There are going to be folks, here and elsewhere, who read the strip and are outraged, indignant, perhaps even incensed. Those who are open-minded will likely consider the messages it weighs them against personal beliefs and understandings of the war and deal with them rationally.

Unfortunately, that's not been the case so far.

Some have reacted much more strongly — including at least one editor who yanked the "Living in Purgatory" comic; another would have pulled it if editors had reviewed the strip before its Sunday comics went to print.

"I saw it and was offended," said Alan Horton, editor of the *Naples (Fla.) Daily News*, which replaced the strip with a drawing of an American flag.

Except for the opening panel, the cartoons were drawn by an American airman in the Persian Gulf, with whom Trudeau has corresponded, said Alan McDermott, managing editor of Universal Press Syndicate, which distributes "Doonesbury." He was quoted in an Associated Press account of this mess.

The *Cincinnati Enquirer* will add four temporary clerks to field anticipated complaints. They will be asked to tell readers: "I am sorry you found today's 'Doonesbury' strip offensive. Almost everyone at the *Enquirer* feels the same way. Our comics are purchased and printed from an outside company, and we do not have the opportunity to view them in advance. Had we seen this before the printing, we would not have allowed it to run. We are taking steps to change this procedure and stop this from happening again."

Please don't confuse that graph with my own opinion, which differs dramatically. At the risk of appearing terribly out of step, and there will be those who think so, we editors are not brothers-in-arms on this issue.

Truth be known, I'm incensed and I'm offended — not at the cartoon strip, but at these editors. They appear to have lost their sense of direction and responsibility to their readers. For whom is Alan Horton working — the military or his readers?

One of the problems of this war is that it's being conducted on your television sets each day and night, not all that much different from a slickly-produced mini-series on the war between the states or Vietnam. But these aren't actors, folks; it's happening, it's real, and a crucial element in it has got to be — as usual — a free press.

Does Horton think no soldier will be killed in this war? Or that no one should discuss that possibility? Could that tarnish a gung-ho attitude toward this war?

The four people to whom I showed the cartoon strip before today's distribution are not particularly well-schooled in the "freedom of the press" philosophy. So, how did they react? By reasoning that it shows another real side of a very serious situation.

Silencing it does not remove its truth and printing a U.S. flag in its place broadens no one's thinking.

Among the lessons to be learned from Vietnam was a journalistic lesson: never jump too quickly on the war bandwagon; that's not the job of the free press. Our job is to provide a forum for all ideas, in war and in peace.

Your letters on the subject are welcome; let's hope they are directed at the ideas and not blind rage that another person's ideas were allowed to be seen.

### Mailbag

#### Staying in touch with local soldier

To the editor:

I have a younger brother who was recently sent to Saudi Arabia. We both grew up in Big Spring. I graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971, and Dave graduated in 1973. Dave is serving in the United States Army as a Military Intelligence Analyst. His address:

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#### A job done well, Coach Thompson

To the editor:

As parents of a former Big Spring Steer player and as avid Steer fans we want to say thank you to Coach David Thompson and his staff for a job well done.

Under your leadership we have seen a program with a losing record and a defeated spirit emerge as champions with renewed self esteem. Our city has rallied behind the Steers with a new sense of pride in our team, our school and our town.

During your tenure you brought a balance between winning and losing; realizing that being a champion doesn't make a boy a man. In all areas you and your staff have exemplified a standard by which we were proud for our son to have been a part.

You leave behind a group of very capable men to carry on the program and leadership that began a few years ago. We are in complete agreement with you and a host of other Big Spring fans who believe that Coach Dwight Butler would be a very qualified successor; one who has earned the right to be given the opportunity to continue in the tradition that you began.

Best wishes to you and your family. It is a privilege to call you our friend.

KARAN AND GARY PHILLIPS  
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#### Regardless of position, peace is in your best interest

To the editor:

What would the believing oilfield worker pray for?

The Lenten Fast is less than three weeks away. When we reflect on events of recent months, there's a lot to think about.

Toward the end of last year there was not much talk about Peace on Earth, but oil prices were high. It began to look as though oilfield service companies would return to profitability, and jobs looked more secure than in any recent years.

Then came the first reports of air raids in Iraq. The future's market responded immediately to what investors believed U.S. intentions to be. Oil prices fell over \$10 in a single trading session. Had our hopes for recovery simply been bombed away?



Praying for your own financial ruin is difficult, even for the most pious. So what should the oilfield worker pray for? Certainly for the safe return of his brother, friend, or son. Certainly that the soldier would bear a good witness to his faith. And also for Peace.

Peace that rests on broad-based justice for the whole Middle East. Peace that addresses more than just one issue. Peace that is negotiated and not just a pause in hostilities because the Arab side

has been bombed into humiliation one more time. Peace that looks beyond political boundaries drawn by Europeans at the end of WWI.

Hostility in the Middle East may sometimes seem to drive up oil prices. In reality though, all that it produces is short-lived price spikes. Over any longer period of time, suspicion and fear cause oil to be sold at liquidation prices in order to pay for military protection and to re-build war-torn economies. Particularly during the last 10 years we have

utilized poverty and injustice to pit one regime against another to achieve low oil prices, and we have managed to recover a large portion of the proceeds of the oil we bought by selling horrendously expensive arms.

Texas oilfield worker, royalty owner, working interest investor, Texas school teacher or other state employee, pray for peace. It's in your own best interest.

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## War is prompting new assumptions

In but two days' time, the country's mood changed to sober reality from exhilaration. Despite the swing from optimism to moderation, the war in Iraq has shot holes through some assumptions being made in the political discourse of the nation before the war began, and it has changed other realities.

Watching from afar, most people have been awed by the technological wizardry that has allowed the multi-nation alliance to press its case against Saddam Hussein successfully. The third and fourth days of the war, in retrospect, will be seen as a pivotal moment in the nation's defense spending because, aside from the initial war fever that swept the country, the nation has been impressed by weapons that work. The first assumption unpeeled has been that defense spending in the post-communist era will probably remain the same, or even increase.

Some observers have written that the so-called peace dividend has been eaten by the war. That is only partly true: the defense in-

Jesse Trevino

dustry will now argue, correctly, that the world is not safe and that it needs more money to develop and produce more effective weapons in order to save American lives in the next war.

The second assumption undone by this week-plus-two-days-old war was that everything would be over quickly. Implicit in that assumption was the belief that the United States would win the war. Many people must have thought Iraq was a souped-up Grenada.

The war has crossed several important psychological boundaries and public support remains intact. But come February, public support will soften and any event — even sappy Valentine's Day — will provide this television war-watching country another national moment, the kind in which time is

compressed and in which a three-week war will seem three years old.

If the Mideastern sands become our Napoleonic snow when the duststorms arrive in mid to late February, then not only is the assumption that the war would be over soon in doubt, but an allied victory would no longer be assured.

That is why President Bush must prosecute the war quickly, fully and effectively. Vietnam proved that a war need not be lost on the field to be lost.

The third assumption is not so much an assumption as an expectation.

And that is that the developed world, after the war ends, will demand that the proliferation of arms and technology to the Third World and nations with unstable regimes such as Iraq be seriously regulated.

The United Nations, re-invigorated and daily growing in importance as the world shrinks, will serve as the forum to bring into line a munitions industry run amok.

A fourth expectation is that this country after the war and its untold losses will finally demand a national energy policy that lessens the need for military involvement in the Mideast.

Although the country gets only a quarter of its oil from that violence-ridden region, the perception that the Mideast is our main source of energy will persuade the Congress to revitalize the energy conservation programs Ronald Reagan foolishly decimated.

Another expectation is that the proud old Columbia Broadcasting System, which for two generations set the standard for news reporting on television, has seen its golden days pass.

CBS' demise is important because it set the standard. Without it, television news — an already superficial industry — will have lost the same kind of psychological victory that the U.S. armed forces might if the war is not pressed fully.

Jesse Trevino, formerly of Big Spring, is editorial page editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*.

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# As U.S. pilots fly off to war, chaplains pray for safe return

IN CENTRAL SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — As U.S. pilots fly off to war, military chaplains often stand on the flightline clasp their hands in prayer and giving them a thumbs up for a safe return.

"It may be the last picture that they see... and sometimes (leaves) a positive feeling that makes the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful mission," said Capt. Michael Thornton, a Protestant chaplain at the largest U.S. airbase in Saudi Arabia.

Although the U.S. military has taken pains to bar coverage of religious activities to avoid offending this Islamic country, chaplains have been deeply involved in preparing for war. Many believe they can play a vital role in the conflict itself.

For years as a Protestant chaplain in the Air Force, Maj. Raymond Hart gave pilots only a brief thumbs up as they were about to take off from bases at home.

"But here, it's very firm, strong, steady," he said. "When I do it I'm saying, 'You're coming back, I have faith that you're going to get out there and do it, and you will be back, that God's going to take care of you.'"

Hart, a 46-year-old African Methodist Episcopal minister from Marlton, N.J., added: "We all need God, now. Of course, we always needed him, but some people — they may sense it a little more now."

Thornton said he likes to stand with the crew chief as he directs a fighter out of the parking bay so he can look directly at the pilot.

"I'll give him the thumbs up to have a good flight," he said.

**"It may be the last picture that they see... and sometimes (leaves) a positive feeling that makes the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful mission."** Capt. Michael Thornton

"Sometimes I may clasp my hands together to indicate to him that I'm keeping him in my prayers — just everything that I can do... to give them that extra boost, because they're going to leave there with that picture in their mind."

The five chaplains at the desert base, called morale officers, removed crosses from their uniforms for Saudi sensibilities. But the base is American, and there is little contact. Services last Sunday, the first since the war started, were well-attended.

The chaplains move unobtrusively among officers and enlisted men, taking the pulse. But the pilots hold a special place in prayers because of their almost daily brushes with death.

When the first F-15E fighter-bombers took off for Iraq and Kuwait in the early morning hours of Jan. 16, chaplains and flight crew members were on the flightline.

"You realize that the pilots are undergoing an experience that is new to them," Thornton said. "They've done a lot of training for war. But to actually step into it in reality for the first time indeed can

create a variety of emotional responses."

Thornton, 35, is a Church of Christ minister from Kansas City, based at Spangdahlen Air Base in Germany.

"Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives and children can't be there," he said. "So the next best individual that they feel they can depend on for some types of consolation is the chaplain."

Normally, pilots joke a lot before a flight, but Hart said they were more serious as they prepared for the first strikes against Iraq and Kuwait.

As the war passed its first week, the mood of the troops changed.

"Morale was sky-high when it started," Hart said. "They realize now that they're doing what they came to do... It's not practice."

But donning gas masks after repeated alerts for attacks from Iraqi Scud missiles has cast a sobering pall over the base.

"A lot of people realize that it's not something that's going to be resolved overnight," he said.

The war has inexorably raised questions of death, loss and grief. "This is probably the only part of our society where 18-, 20-, 25- and 30-year-olds have to come to grips with death, with mortality," Hart said.

Thornton said he tries to get the troops to view death as an integral part of life. "It's not something that's accepted with 'a degree of faith,'" he said. "But he said most don't want to face it."

"Our society is built on... enjoying life... and doing all that we can to see that we live as long as we can."



Associated Press photo

## Keep those letters coming

SAUDI ARABIA — A soldier of the U.S. Marine Corps Force Service Support Group jumps across pellets of mail from the United States for

American troops in Saudi Arabia Saturday. More than 50 tons of mail arrive at the facility each day.

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# A war of words on U.S. streets

(AP) Thousands of demonstrators marched and chanted in American cities and towns on a winter Saturday in the home front battle over whether to support the war effort or to demand an end to the fighting in the Persian Gulf.

In San Francisco, 15,000 people took to the streets to protest the war; in several small towns hundreds of people came out to stand up for the troops who have been at war since Jan. 16. Both sides said they wanted peace.

As a large anti-war protest began on one side of the U.S. Capitol, about three dozen people rallied on the opposite side in support of President Bush's policy.

"Nobody wants war, but I think we're doing what we have to do," said Brian Minnich, a Senate staffer among those who organized demonstration but who agreed not to say who they work for.

Anne Weir, among a group of 120 people who came by bus from St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church in Germantown, Pa., said, "Our church has been talking about just war principles, and we feel this war does not meet any of them. We are against the war but not the warriors."

Peace groups, labor unions and AIDS activists converged near the waterfront in San Francisco, site of some of the largest gulf war demonstrations — and hundreds of



Associated Press photo

WASHINGTON — Thousands of anti-war demonstrators march down Pennsylvania Avenue Saturday in Washington protesting the Persian Gulf War.

arrests. Flatbed trucks arrived with bongos, loudspeakers and platforms. Sales of peace T-shirts and buttons were brisk. A parade downtown was to end with performances by singers Joan Baez, Holly Near, Country Joe McDonald and speeches by environmentalists, union organizers and feminist leaders.

A rally in support of U.S. troops in the Middle East also was scheduled.

By mid-afternoon, official crowd estimates were unavailable in

Washington, D.C. But the overall mood was calm as thousands of demonstrators marched from the Capitol to a park near the White House. People beat drums and carried other music makers, oversized paper mache puppets and balloons.

Opinion polls have consistently shown a majority of Americans in support of President Bush's decision to attack Iraq on Jan. 16. In a Time Magazine-Cable News Network poll of 1,000 people released Saturday, however, only 32 percent of people polled Thursday favored initiating a ground war.



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**On the home front**

**Bridge director pushes for big fines**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The operators of the Golden Gate Bridge want demonstrators fined up to \$10,000 for disrupting traffic on all San Francisco Bay area toll bridges.

Fines now are left up to a judge's discretion once bridge managers persuade county district attorneys to file charges.

The legislation proposed Friday covers only the Golden Gate Bridge, but it is likely that the area's seven state-run bridges will be included by the time the measure comes before lawmakers, said Gary Giacomini, a Marin County supervisor and member of the Golden Gate Bridge district board.

Peaceful demonstrators would not be subject to fines. "But we cannot countenance the closure of this vital artery," Giacomini said.

The sidewalk-lined Golden Gate Bridge has been an easy target for demonstrators, and the span has been closed three times in the past few years because of protests.

Traffic on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge was stopped twice last week by anti-war protesters, who walked up freeway ramps to block the span.

The proposed legislation would also penalize people who climb bridge cables to hang banners.

Fines would range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and could be levied against individuals, partnerships, corporations or organizations.

**Class pours over soldier's letter**

**FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)** — Snapshots from a soldier sent to an 11-year-old boy in Mary Cofer's class made her do a double take. Then they made her cry.

Like school children throughout the country, Cofer's Denali Elementary School class sent letters to U.S. troops stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Her brother, 30-year-old Army Sgt. Charlie Crawford Jr., wrote back.

"It's such a coincidence I just don't believe it," she said last week. "It's a great surprise. I haven't been able to calm down all day."

Student Paul Aguilar addressed his letter to any soldier in the Persian Gulf. He received an answer from one soldier, who may have passed the letter on after hearing Crawford talk about his sister in Alaska.

In his letter, Crawford noted that his sister worked as a teacher at Fort Wainwright, which is in Fairbanks. Cofer worked there before joining Denali.

**No smoking policy at VAMC met with resentment**

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

The no-smoking policy at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center went into effect Jan. 7, and was met with resentment and silent protest by the patients at the hospital.

According to Russell Long, Vietnam veteran and recently released patient from the Alcohol and Drug unit at the VA, debris was scattered at the front entrance of the hospital and the newly-posted no-smoking signs were altered by the patients. He said veterans are not allowed to openly protest on government property.

"So we had our own silent protest. We left cigarette butts laying out at the front entrance, maybe 150, so the administrator would see them when he walked in the next morning.

"The signs were larger, but after they were put up, graffiti was written on the signs that's not for print," Long said.

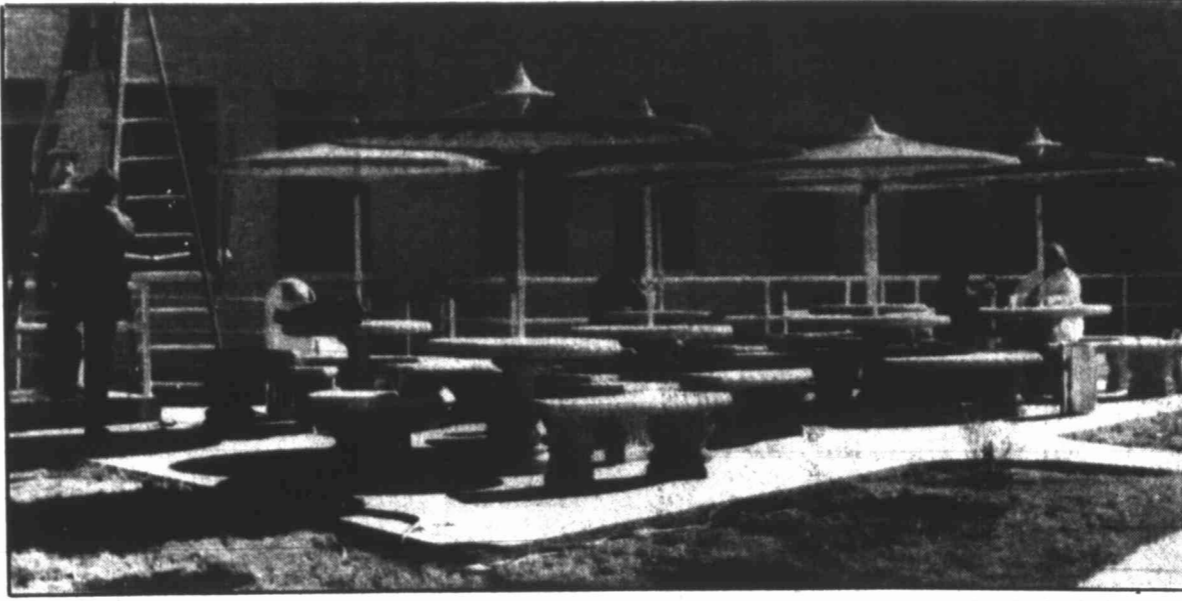
Long's objection, he said, is that adequate shelters were not in place for the veterans before the policy went into effect. He said the first morning of the policy, the temperature was 28 degrees and there was no shelter from the wind.

"Alexander had known in advance and he had adequate time to provide some kind of shelter. The umbrellas on the patio were in the warehouse for five months," Long said.

Conrad Alexander, VA Medical Center director, said, "Well over a year ago, (the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs) announced their intent, but we didn't get the directive until just before the effective date."

Long said because of the treatment program in the ADT unit, these patients do not have free access to the hospital during the day, and may only take breaks at designated times.

These times are scheduled around classes and meals. The



Patients and staff use this outside area, with its umbrella-shaded concrete tables and benches, as a smoking area at the VA Medical Center.

breaks are given about every two hours, but the patients must meet the schedule of their classes and meals before taking a break.

"We're not allowed a cigarette until 7 (a.m.), when they wake us up at 6. We can drink coffee, but most guys want a cigarette with their coffee," said Long, adding that the patients must travel down four flights of stairs to reach the outside. He said at first the patients were not allowed off the floor after 9 p.m., but now they are allowed a break at 10:30 p.m.

Other changes made included drop-cloth plastic placed around one smoking area to provide shelter from the wind and freezing temperatures, coats were put on a rack near the exit for the patient's use and umbrellas were put on the patio furniture outside the hospital cafeteria.

But there remains problems with complying with the schedule of treatment and the scheduled breaks, Long said. A routine strip search, done for the patients pro-

tection, was conducted during one scheduled break, he said.

The only place in the hospital where smoking is permitted is on the sixth floor nursing home, but only those residents may use the area. Other patients are not allowed to smoke there.

The patients in observation and evaluation on the psychiatric ward, 4-W, are not allowed any smoking breaks, and Long said one patient wanted a cigarette so badly, he "bolted for the door and ran." The man was caught.

The only exception to the no-smoking policy requires a doctor's order stating that for a patient's health, he may be allowed to smoke.

Alexander said, "The one possible exception is done on an individual, case by case basis. If a physician feels that a patient's health will be adversely affected, he can recommend the patient be permitted to smoke. This requires a review, it's very rare and would be looked at very closely."

Alexander said there has been

discontent among the patients, but that it "seems to have settled down."

He said he was unaware of the signs being vandalized or the litter strewn on the front steps, but that those actions would not surprise him.

"Being an ex-smoker, I am very sensitive to the concerns of the veterans. They feel it's part of their right to be able to smoke, and the opposition to that are the rights of the non-smoker to not inhale that secondary smoke. Nicotine is one of the most addictive substances we have, that's why we've coupled this with a smoking cessation program," said Alexander. He said the gum used in this program had been received by the pharmacy, but is available only for patients who enter the program, not just for anyone asking for it.

Long said, "We had no choice about this. This argument is not about the right to smoke, or the smoker versus the non-smoker. This is about adequate shelter for the veterans," Long said.

John McFadden, associate director for the hospital, said the problem was created because the policy went into effect and patients in the facility were prohibited from smoking in the building.

"Now patients sign an agreement to adhere to our smoking policy when they enter the hospital. But there were several people caught in the middle," McFadden said.

He said Long's statement that patients caught smoking in the building pay a \$40 fine is essentially true.

"I talked with our chief of security, and he said a payable citation is a \$40 figure if issued. But not even one courtesy citation, and very few verbal warnings have been given."

McFadden said a first offender receives a verbal warning, a courtesy citation is issued for the second offense, and the third offense carries the \$40 fine.

"Basically, we're trying to ease into this and not come on too strong. Our focus is getting people into the smoking cessation program," he said.

Richard Dodds, president of the American Federal Government Employees Union at the VA Medical Center, said, "Negotiations at the national level are not finalized yet."

But speaking as adjutant for the Disabled American Veterans Organization, he said, "We found the impact on the patients really extensive. We immediately took our concerns to the medical center director, and he immediately met with us and heard our proposals. (We discussed) a smoking area not subject to the inclement weather conditions and he's in the process of complying with this area."

McFadden said the shelters built meet the requirements and specifications outlined for smoking areas, but the local hospital, working with veteran's volunteer organizations, is attempting to enclose one area to the weather.

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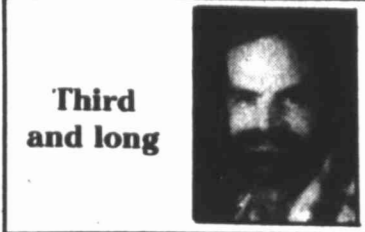
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Super Bowl time to pay the Bills

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer Random thoughts while preparing for Super Sunday: With the Super Bowl now just a matter of hours away, the predominant thought in my mind is football season is almost, blessedly, over. Don't get me wrong, football is a great sport, and this year's Super Bowl looks like it'll be one of the best ever, but it's time to go on to other things. Basketball season is in full swing, baseball training camps will be opening in a few weeks, Somewhere up north, hockey fans are velling themselves hoarse and the NCAA season has begun. But the sports world, it seems, still has its mind on football. Well, there's no use complaining about it, so let's take a look at this year's edition of the Ultimate Game and see what might happen.

For the first time since 1983, the AFC entry has a realistic chance of winning the Super Bowl. Granted, Cincinnati almost upset San Francisco two years ago, but that was an aberration. This year, Buffalo has been established as the favorite.

The reason everyone points to as to why the Bills should win is their outstanding offense. Led by quarterback Jim Kelly, the Buffalo attack amassed more than 30 points in its playoff wins over Miami and Los Angeles.

Challenging this high-powered offense will be the New York Giants' defense, rated the stingiest in the NFL. The prospect of Kelly and his mates matching wits with Lawrence Taylor, Pepper Johnson and the Giants' defenders is what has everybody so enraptured with this year's game.

What everybody seems to have overlooked is the matchup between the Giants' offense and the Bills' defense, and that is what I think will be the deciding factor today.

The experts seem to agree that Buffalo will be able to score some points; the question is whether it'll be enough to win. Well, folks, if the Bills' defense plays anywhere near its potential, Kelly and the offense won't have to light up the scoreboard.

People seem to forget that Buffalo has a highly respectable defense of its own.

While most of the attention is on Taylor and the Giants' linebackers, Buffalo has an a mean group of defenders as well. Bruce Smith, the NFL's defensive player of the year, anchors a very fine defensive line and Pro Bowlers Cornelius Bennett and Darryl Talley provide solid play at linebackers.

These folks will be lined up against New York's offense, which is at best mediocre. Granted, the Giants beat San Francisco last week, but it took five Matt Bahr field goals to do the job — the offense did not score a single touchdown.

New York's ground game, led by Otis Anderson, is very good, but the passing game, ranked 22nd in the NFL this season, is suspect. Quarterback Jeff Hostetler, who has blossomed since replacing injured starter Phil Simms, has received more attention for his running than passing.

If the Giants are not able to effectively pass against Buffalo, this game could be over in a hurry. No matter how good Anderson and the New York runners are, if you don't have a legitimate pass threat to soften the defense, you might as well warm up the bus.

Hostetler will have to have a monster game for the Giants to win, and I just don't see it happening. Buffalo won't score 51 points this time around, but they won't need to, either.

Swami Steve's prediction: Buffalo 23, New York, 13.



Bill, Giants ready to go



TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — This 25th Super Bowl was supposed to make history in so many ways.

The New York Giants took care of one piece of that history when they ended the threepeat dream of the San Francisco 49ers. A war half a world away squelched the silver anniversary celebration and put the fantasy world of football's most lavish extravaganza into perspective.

"I always thought it would be a big deal to get to the Super Bowl," said Leonard Smith, the strong safety of the Buffalo Bills, who will meet the Giants at Tampa Stadium on Sunday.

"But when you think about what's going on in the Persian Gulf, you know that this is only a game."

In fact, the war is present everywhere — in the 24-hour security at the stadium, in the increased security at the press center, even in the television viewing choices. Instead of being tuned 24 hours a day to ESPN, all sets are now tuned to news shows.

And on the field, it's just another Super Bowl rather than an historic one.

That's because the Giants knocked off the San Francisco 49ers 15-13 for the NFC championship last Sunday on Matt Bahr's 49-yard field goal as time ran out. That prevented the 49ers from a shot at becoming the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and five overall.

Potentially, however, it's an almost ideal matchup, this New York-New York Super Bowl. It matches Buffalo, which scored the most points in the league (428) against a New York defense that allowed the fewest (211).

It matches two teams that finished the regular season 13-3, second only to San Francisco's 14-2. But they are drastically different in



TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Stadium will be the site of Super Bowl XXV, to be played today, beginning at 5:18 p.m. Big Spring time. The game, matching the Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants, will be shown locally on Channel 2.

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Loboettes batter Big Spring, 59-41

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers' dwindling hopes for a fifth straight trip to the state playoffs were dealt perhaps a fatal blow Friday night, as Big Spring was steamrolled, 59-41, by the Monahans Loboettes at Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers were ice cold during the game, shooting only 25 percent from the field and 50 percent from the free throw line. The Monahans took full advantage to post its first victory in the series since Big Spring dropped to 4A in 1986.

Heather Hughes led a balanced Monahans attack with 15 points. Cindy Carrell scored 14 points, Veronica Valenzuela added 11 and Susan Molina 10 for the Loboettes, now 2-7 in the District 3-4A standings.

Big Spring, which fell to 5-17 overall and 4-4 in league play, was led by Amber Grisham and Kerry Burdette, who each scored eight points.

According to Monahans coach Raydene Drennan, the Loboettes' victory was simply a matter of them finally putting a complete game together.

"We've been real close several times," Drennan said. "We've not been out of any game; we just couldn't put anybody away. Tonight, we finally didn't let the other team come back on us."

BSHS coach George Martin also had a simple explanation for the game result. "We just got outplayed," he said. "We let them get aggressive. They came down and hit shots that were high-percentage shots. We didn't move the ball well, we had some mental lapses and we didn't cover the boards."

Steers down Loboets by 14

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Steers used a strong first quarter to their best advantage, cruising to a 69-55 win over the Monahans Loboets in District 3-4A action Friday night.

Rod White scored 20 points, Ricky Rodriguez 16 and Louis Soldan 14 to lead the Steers, now 10-15 overall, 5-2 in district play. Sal Sanchez and Leland Day scored 17 and 12 points, respectively, for the Loboets, now 2-5 in the league standings.

The win propelled the Steers into a second-place tie with San Angelo Lake View.

The Steers gained control of the game early, outscoring Monahans 26-11 in the first quarter, and maintained that edge the rest of the way.

"We came out pretty strong, and I think we played pretty good defense in the other three quarters — especially under the circumstances," BSHS coach Tommy Washington said.

The circumstances Washington was referring to was the loss of forward Mike Williams to grades and guard Pat Chavarria to a twisted ankle. Chavarria's status is day-to-day.



Big Spring Lady Steer Kayla Roberts, left, brings the ball downcourt under heavy pressure from an unidentified Monahans Loboette Friday night. The Lady Steers suffered their fourth loss in district play, dropping a 59-41 decision to Monahans.

Monahans never trailed, and scored the game's first eight points before the Lady Steers rallied to make the game close in the first

MONAHANS (59) — Erica Ortiz 0-2 0-0 0; Susan Molina 4-11 2-2 10; Veronica Valenzuela 2-5 7-8 11; Cindy Carrell 6-7 2-2 14; Tamra Vecchi 0-3 1-3 1; Tina Hix 0-1 0-0 0; Kelli Rost 2-8 1-5; Chelsea Jessie 3-7 1-2 7; Heather Hughes 3-7 9-13 15; Totals 18-51 23-31 59. BIG SPRING (41) — Amber Grisham 2-12 4-7 8; Leslie Fryar 1-4 0-0 3; Vernice Ross 3-10 0-5 6; Kerry Burdette 1-2 6-4 8; Shawn Settles 0-2 1-5 1; Jamie Haas 1-1 0-0 2; Bernice Vailles 1-10 3-6 5; Amber Fanning 0-2 0-0 0; Kayla Roberts 1-2 0-0 2; Cassie Underwood 2-3 2-3 6; Totals 12-48 16-32 41. SCORE BY QUARTERS: Monahans 18-14-17-10 59; Big Spring 11-10-9-11 41. THREE-POINT GOALS — Fryar, TOTAL FOULS — Monahans 27, Big Spring 26; FOULED OUT — Jessie, Ross.

DISTRICT STANDINGS table with columns for team, wins, losses, and games played.

Friday Monahans 59, Big Spring 41; Sweetwater 45, Pecos 41; Lake View 62, Fort Stockton 38.

Big Spring's first points came when Grisham scored inside off a feed from Burdette with 4:20 left in the first quarter. After Carrell answered with a basket, Grisham added a pair of free throws, launching a 9-4 run that ended when Kayla Roberts hit an 18-footer with one second left in the quarter to cut Monahans' lead to 14-11.

The Lady Steers tied the game twice in the second period, the last time on a pair of Cassie Underwood free throws that made the score 18-18 with 5:12 left in the half. Molina answered with a pair of free throws, however, and the Loboettes were off to the races, outscoring Big Spring 13-3 to take a 30-21 lead.

LADY STEERS page 2-B

Seles nabs Australian Open title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Monica Seles eats her spinach and fights to the finish, but she looks more like Olive Oyl than Popeye the Sailor Man.

All legs and arms, grunts and giggles, Seles is still growing, learning and changing her game.

She's 17, a two-time Grand Slam champ, and she's just beginning to find out what she can do with all her talent — screaming double-fisted groundstrokes, mental intensity, physical stamina.

Seles shed a label she never wanted and didn't deserve when she beat Jana Novotna 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 Saturday to become the youngest Australian Open women's champion in history.

On the hot, hard center court at the National Tennis Center, Seles proved she's far more than the clay court clouter she was dubbed after she captured the French Open title last year.

She may play from the baseline and rely on her groundstrokes like the best of the clay specialists, but Seles showed she has the quickness and athletic ability to win anywhere.

At 5-foot-9 — four inches taller than a year ago and still shooting up — Seles has the potential to be a threat at the net and add a new dimension to her game. She didn't charge in behind her serve in this tournament, but picked her spots, moved in and volleyed superbly.

Her strength is deceptive, considering her slender body and pipestem limbs. She stuffs herself with spinach, piles on the pasta, gulps down shakes, but can't push the scale past 118 pounds. As she matures over the next few years, the power of her serve will increase and she'll probably develop greater control on all her shots.

"I'm excited, no question," she said after winning the Australian. "But I know there are things I have to work on. I can get a lot better. I have to."

Seles, four months younger than Margaret Court when she won the Australian in 1960, is within reach of the No. 1 ranking Steffi Graf grabbed at 18 in 1987 and has held for 180 consecutive weeks. The youngest No. 1 since the start of the Virginia Slims tour was Tracy Austin, who took over the top spot for 4 1/2 months in 1980 at 17 years, 2 months, the same age Seles is now.

Seles won't beat that record, but could catch Graf by late spring or at the French Open if she wins there again.

Regardless of the rankings, Novotna said Graf should be regarded as the best in women's tennis.



Baseball tips Big Spring High School Baseball Coach John Velasquez, left, talks to his players about strategy during a Friday practice. The Steers will open preseason with an 100-inning marathon scrimmage next Saturday, and will open the season Feb. 19 against Snyder.



Sidelines

English paces

Mavs to win

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Alex English came off the bench to score 22 points, including four in a pivotal 13-2 run early in the fourth quarter, as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Washington Bullets 99-96 Saturday night.

English, playing as a reserve for the second straight night after 16 straight starts, scored 14 points in the second half to help the Mavericks win for only the second time in nine games.

The Bullets, who trailed by eight with 8:15 left, got within one and had the ball with 16 seconds left, but Ledell Eackles shot an air ball with three seconds remaining.

Pistons roar

past Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — James Edwards scored 23 points and Joe Dumars continued to adjust to his role as Detroit's starting point guard with 21 points and eight assists Saturday night, leading the Detroit Pistons to a 121-81 rout of the Orlando Magic.

The victory was the 14th in 16 games for the Pistons, who pulled into a virtual tie for first place in the Central Division with Chicago. Detroit improved to 30-13 for a .698 winning percentage, nine percentage points behind the Bulls' .707 (29-12).

Dumars scored 13 points in the first quarter, and the Pistons closed the period with a 21-4 run for a 29-14 lead. It was 59-35 at halftime.

Detroit led 95-51 after three quarters but never let up defensively. The Pistons blocked nine shots in the final quarter to finish with 14 and the Magic made only 29 of 99 shots in the game.

Theus leads Nets to road win

MIAMI (AP) — Reggie Theus scored 15 of his 35 points in the third quarter and the New Jersey Nets outscored Miami 70-40 in the second half to defeat the Heat 127-105 Saturday night.

The Nets came into the game averaging 98.3 points, but with seven players scoring in double figures, New Jersey surpassed its previous season high of 121 points despite coming off a tough overtime loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night. The Nets previously scored 121 points against Charlotte on Dec. 10.

Miami enjoyed its biggest lead, 79-69, in the third quarter after a basket by rookie center Alec Kessler, who scored a season-high 18 points. But Theus and backcourt partner Mookie Blaylock took over.

Blaylock, who had 10 assists, scored six points in a 14-4 spurt that tied the game 81-81. Theus, who had five assists in the quarter, then scored the final seven of the period, giving the Nets a 91-84 lead.

Former UT star given probation

AUSTIN (AP) — A former star football player for the University of Texas and the New England Patriots has been sentenced to three years' probation and fined \$2,000 for possession of cocaine.

Kenneth Sims was sentenced Friday by state District Judge Wilford Flowers. Sims pleaded guilty to the charge, a second-degree felony punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

"We are going to take our jumps, get up off the ground, dust ourselves off and forge onward," Sims, 31, told the Austin American-Statesman after the sentencing.

The eight-year pro was the first player taken in the 1982 NFL draft. He was cut by the Patriots last June, two weeks after his arrest by Austin police.

Runnin' Rebs 'squeak' past Cardinals

College Roundup

(AP) How good is UNLV? Saturday's 97-85 decision over Louisville matched the narrowest victory margin of the season for the Runnin' Rebs.

"The first half we played terrible," said guard Anderson Hunt, who made four 3-pointers and finished with 20 points. "The second was one of our best of the year. We played terrible, but we were still up by nine (at halftime)."

UNLV (15-0) has won 26 consecutive games. The Rebels converted six Louisville turnovers into 10 points to take control.

"They came at you with continuous pressure," said Louisville forward Everick Sullivan, who had 18 points. "They have size and knowledge. They know what to do."

Louisville (7-9) closed to 35-26 on James Brewer's 3-pointer with 6:29 remaining in the first half, but could get no closer.

"They are capable of getting beat," Sullivan said. "At halftime we were in the game and had everything in our favor. They hit a couple of 3's and the momentum swung that quick."

In other games, No. 3 Indiana beat No. 22 Michigan State 97-63, Alabama beat No. 8 Kentucky 88-83, No. 9 Duke beat Clemson 99-70, No. 10 St. John's beat Villanova 58-55, No. 11 UCLA beat Oregon 90-83, No. 12 East Tennessee State beat VMI 97-66, Cincinnati beat No. 15 Southern Mississippi 76-69, No. 18 Virginia beat Notre Dame 68-67 and Seton Hall beat No. 20 Ohio State 76-62.

In later games, it was No. 2 Arkansas at Baylor, No. 5 Arizona at California, No. 6 Syracuse at Providence, No. 14 Nebraska at No. 13 Oklahoma, Florida at No. 16 Louisiana State, Air Force at No. 20 Utah, Utah State at No. 23 New Mexico State and No. 25 South Carolina at Memphis State.

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Duke (16-4, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which outrebounded Clemson 48-27. Laettner was one of six players in double figures for the Blue Devils.

Clemson (9-9, 0-6), which was 15-0 at this time last year, lost its third straight and seventh in eight games.

No. 10 St. John's 58, Villanova 55. Jason Buchanan scored on a fadeaway jumper with 16 seconds remaining for the Redmen (15-2, 6-2 Big East), who won their fifth straight.

Villanova (10-8, 3-4) rallied from an 11-point second-half deficit to go ahead for the first time at 55-54 on Chris Walker's basket with 1:34 left.

Walker's 3-point attempt was partially blocked by Malik Sealy with five seconds remaining and Billy Singleton sealed the victory with two free throws.

No. 11 UCLA 90, Oregon 83. Darrick Martin sank two free throws and had a crucial steal in the final 33 seconds and Don MacLean scored 30 points.

Tracy Murray added 22 points for the Bruins (15-4, 4-3 Pacific-10). MacLean and Murray each had 14 rebounds as UCLA commanded the backboards 50-31.

The Bruins, who had lost three of their previous four games, never trailed but had to fight off several rallies in the second half by the Ducks (8-9, 3-4).

No. 12 E. Tennessee St. 97, VMI 66. The Buccaneers (15-2, 5-1 Southern Conference) sent the Keydets (7-11, 2-4) to their worst home loss since a 38-point defeat against Marshall in 1983-84.

Keith Jennings scored 28 points for East Tennessee, playing its first game since having its 13-game winning streak stopped by Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Cincinnati 76, No. 15 S. Mississippi 69. Herbert Casey scored 24 points and Cincinnati (11-6, 4-2 Metro Conference) used a 19-3 second-half run to end the Golden Eagles' 10-game winning streak.

Southern Miss (12-2, 6-1) led 50-46 with about 10 minutes remaining before the run by the Bearcats.

Bryant Stith scored Virginia's last 19 points, including two free throws with seven seconds to play, as the Cavaliers (12-4) overcame a 12-point deficit.

Notre Dame (7-11) led 49-37 with 11:48 to play and 65-57 with 1:40 remaining.

Kick gives West win

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Robbie Keen of California kicked a 24-yard field goal with 2:17 remaining Saturday and the West defeated the East 24-21 in the 66th annual East-West Shrine game.

The East team trailed from the opening minutes until Henry Jones of Illinois intercepted a pass by San Diego State's Dan McGwire and ran 39 yards for a touchdown, tying the score 21-21 with 2:32 left in the third quarter.

Roman Phifer, a linebacker from UCLA, intercepted a halfback pass by Louisiana State's Harvey Williams at the East 41 to set up the West's final drive.

The West moved to the 5 on an 11-yard pass from Bill Musgrave of Oregon to Stanford's Ed McCaffrey, setting up a first-and-goal situation. However, the East stuffed three running plays, and the West settled for Keen's deciding field goal.

Musgrave and McGwire each threw touchdown passes and Aaron Craver ran for a score as the West won for the fourth time in the last five Shrine games. McGwire was intercepted three times and Musgrave once.

Brett Favre of Southern Mississippi completed 15 of 26 passes for 218 yards and one touchdown, with one interception. He also ran for a touchdown.

Favre and McCaffrey, who caught six passes for 110 yards and a touchdown, were named the co-offensive players of the game.

McGwire completed 13 of 21 attempts for 156 yards and one touchdown, and Musgrave hit 11 of 19 for 130 yards.

Rob Thomson of Syracuse, named the game's outstanding defensive player, had two interceptions and Louis Riddick of Pittsburgh had another for the East.

Lynell Mayo, a linebacker from San Jose State, recovered a first-quarter fumble and blocked a punt midway through the third quarter for the West.

The West took a 21-7 lead when Musgrave connected with McCaffrey for a 41-yard touchdown with 7:19 left in the second quarter. McCaffrey made a leaping catch at the 2-yard line down the left sideline and fell over the flag at the goal line for the score.

Favre got the East within 21-14 with a 7-yard touchdown run with 13 seconds left in the first half. Favre faked a handoff, rolled to his right, and pump-faked once before reaching the end zone untouched.

Favre had pulled the East within 14-7 with a 54-yard touchdown pass to Lamonde Russell of Alabama. Russell caught the ball at the West's 10, had it wrestled away by Washington's Chuckie Mincy, but recovered the ball in the end zone for the score.

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### Banquet announced by foundation

The West Texas Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has announced its fourth annual banquet and auction will be Saturday, Feb. 2 at Ranchland Hills Country Club in Midland.

The foundation is a non-profit wildlife organization dedicated to the conservation of elk, other wildlife and their habitat.

Tickets, which are \$40 for single or \$60 for couples, includes the buffet dinner, a foundation one-year membership and subscription to *BUGLE* magazine.

For more information, contact Joyce Phipps at 915-943-7458.

### Running better than swimming for dieting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Running may be better than swimming at making you look good in a bathing suit — studies indicate that swimmers retain more fat than runners do.

"The swimmers lost less body fat than the runners," said Randall L. Smith, an assistant professor of physical therapy at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

All exercisers worked out 30 to 45 minutes, five days a week for 10 weeks, and kept detailed diaries of what they ate and drank. The goal was to have everyone lose 500 calories a week, either by exercise alone, or by splitting the loss between diet and exercise.

The run-only group lost an average of 366 calories, while the swim-only group lost a mere 81. The run-and-diet exercisers cut 462 calories per week, while the swim-and-diet exercisers ate 317 calories less.

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### Big cats being moved

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — A study of mountain lions that began in the San Andres Mountains has prompted researchers to try to move a dozen of the big cats from White Sands Missile Range to a more rugged environment near Raton.

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Logan said the study is providing much previously unknown information that will benefit the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, which is footing the \$1 million bill.

The study is being done by the Wildlife Research Institute of Moscow, Idaho, in cooperation with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and White Sands Missile Range.

### Program lands big donation

An estimated 2,000 contestants competed for more than \$1,000,000 in cash and prizes during the 4th Annual Big Bass Classic that raised \$14,000 for the Ronald McDonald House of the Permian Basin.

"We are excited about the success of this year's tournament and I thank everyone who donated and participated in the competition," said Ted Tongson, owneroperator of the McDonald House.

Of the top 50 fish caught, first place winner Otto Bright of Mesquite received a 1990 Custom Chevrolet S-10 Blazer for his 10.91 pound bass. Second place went to Russell Marcum of Denison and Hutch Huie of Euless placed third.

This year's Big Bass Classic is scheduled for September 21 and 22. Ronald McDonald Houses provide a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. There are more than 136 of the houses in the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe.

## Good boating skills important any season

By MARK WEAVER

When the rain stops falling and the current slows, do you adjust your boating methods to match the present conditions? Many casual bass fishermen remember the simple things about winter bass, but the experienced angler will consider boat control when it comes to winter bass fishing.

Let's talk about boat handling and fishing areas where bass are holding. Remember, boat control can make a difference in having a successful day of fishing... or just a cold day fishing!

One of the most important things to consider in maneuvering the boat is the clarity of the water. Naturally, in clearer water and with a slower current, the more distance is needed from where the bass are holding and the boat, so one can fish the area without frightening the bass away. Depending on the depth, select a lure that will cover as much of the area as possible from that distance. Remember, accuracy in casting and placement will decrease the further away one is from the holding spot... but the clearness of the water should make up for much of this inaccuracy.

In cloudy or muddy water, and especially when fishing deeper holding areas, it's safer maintaining a closer proximity to the bass. In fact, for deep holding bass, maneuver the boat right over the spot and maintain that location (a skill which will take time to develop in faster currents!), using a jig or a spoon.

Next — after mastering boating skills — try fishing a fallen tree, or more complex cover which often hold bass. Again, depending on water clarity, maneuver the boat

### Fishing with Mark



at about 15 — 20 foot intervals all around the tree. Naturally, get as close as possible for greater accuracy around a fallen tree. But be sure to change location to cover all the area around the cover. As we've mentioned in other articles, bass fishermen have to find winter bass. Often he's lethargic, but the fisherman can get a strike once he finds out where the bass are holding! This takes a lot of patience in the winter. But the rewards of working an area thoroughly and increasing boating skills in relation to fishing will pay great dividends not only during the winter months, but also when it comes to Spring and Summer bass fishing!

Perhaps the most difficult boating skill, but one needing to be developed, is maintaining the location around a prime bass fishing spot in a strong current. Start on the low side, keeping the motor just high enough to hold a position while thoroughly fishing the cover... and then move up another 15 to 20 feet and hold again.

Together with proper lure selection, and cover location, boating methods may be the determining factor as to whether or not you'll have a great day fishing this winter. So don't forget to work on your boating skills this winter for successful bass fishing!



**Bugs for bass**  
The bugs pictured are made from deer hair and frog with legs that wiggle to resemble other soft materials and range from a simulated

## Wilderness being crushed by love

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Wilderness buffs worried about losing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain to oil drilling have been visiting it in record numbers — and may pose a threat of their own to the fragile area.

Environmentalists fear the traffic is straining resources along the refuge's major rivers.

Commercial operators worry that hundreds of rafters, hikers and photographers who come to see grizzlies, caribou and untrampled tundra each summer are running into other people, too.

"Rivers like the Hulahula and the Kongakut have lost some of their wilderness character," said George Heim of Anchorage-based Alaska River Adventures.

"You're not getting what you go up there for if you end up sharing the river with 20 other people and jockeying for campsites."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has received complaints of crowding and litter from river users, has started working on river management plans for the arctic refuge.

It took public comment through Dec. 15 on several plans. Phil Garrett, the assistant refuge manager, said Monday that a draft report on the agency's proposal should be done in several months, and a final report should be issued by the end of September 1991.

"It's a complicated issue," Garrett said. "There are several different alternatives and a whole host of choices for each alternative. They range from no regulation to no access by motorized

"I haven't seen any documentation that shows damage to wildlife at this point, but it's one of the things that we'll be looking at."

**Tom Edgerton**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

creased more than 500 percent, from 355 visitors to 1,794 in 1989. The number of visitors on private backpacking, fishing or hunting trips isn't known, Edgerton said.

Although those numbers are tiny compared to those at many national parks and refuges, they have a stronger impact in this sensitive region of tundra and short growing seasons.

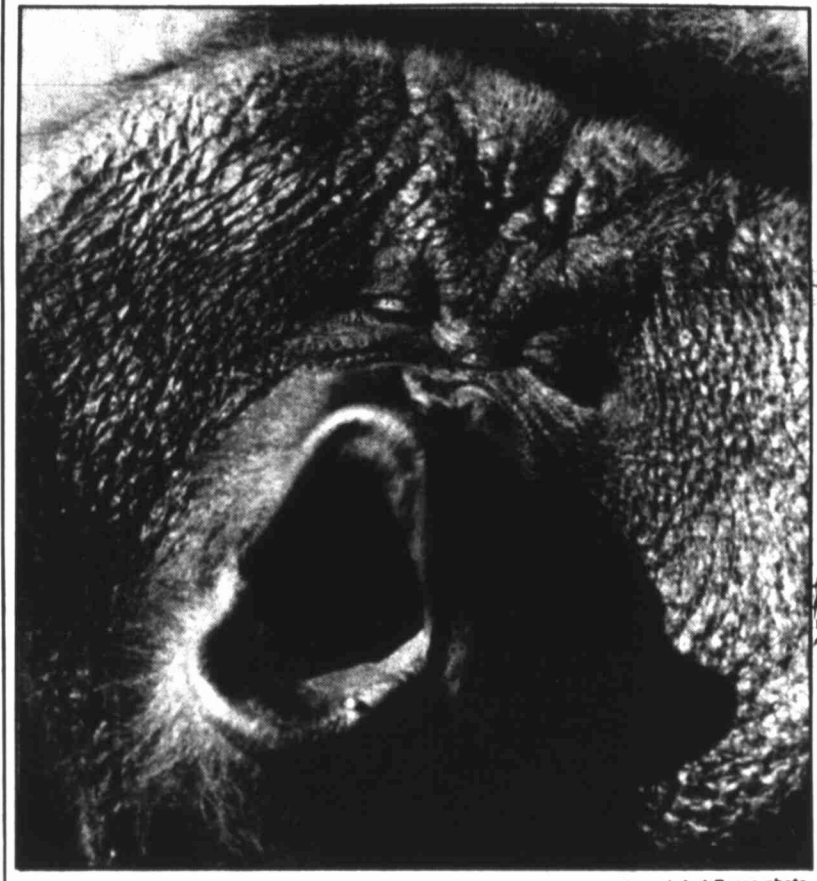
"The farther north you go, the slower it takes to recover," Edgerton said.

Many of the environmental groups that oppose drilling on the coastal plain also are calling for greater recreational restrictions, such as keeping group sizes to six and the number of river trips to one a week.

"You certainly want people to be able to get out and enjoy their wilderness, but the downside is people can love a place to death," said Sharon Sturges of the environmental group Trustees for Alaska.

Some of the plans, however, would restrict access and activities not just by commercial recreationalists but by hunters, trappers and others who use the arctic refuge.

Ed Grasser, a hunting guide who visits the refuge in the off-peak months of August and September, agreed river rafters perhaps should be restricted to ease crowding. But he said his business shouldn't be limited unless wildlife populations are shown to have suffered.



**Take five**  
TAMPA — Nobody's sure if "Skinny", a Borneo orangutan at Bush Gardens, is yawning or giving the Tampa version of a Bronx Cheer. Skinny managed to create this expression when he stretched out to catch some rays recently.

## Large bass caught at Lake Spence

By JOE PICKLE

Lake O.H. Ivie continues to rise slowly on the strength of winter rains and snow, and striped bass fishermen have found the cold weather a boon to results.

Monday morning Lake Ivie had climbed to Elevation 1513.20 and now has 104820 acre feet covering 8.4 square miles.

Lake Superintendent Richard Halfmann has added to the list of businesses selling recreational permits in the area. The list now includes Field and Stream and the Outdoorsman in San Angelo; Armor Hardware and Auto Parts and McDonald Hardware in Eden; One-Stop Grocery, Ballinger; L.E. Stephens Hardware, Coleman; Hoffman Grocery, Paint Rock; Voss Grocery, Voss (on FM 503); Nick's Bait and Ridge Rock Grocery, both on FM 1929 near the Concho concession. Others will be added, said Halfmann.

After several weeks of mild activity, Lake Spence suddenly erupted with a number of striped bass being caught, one over the 30-lb. mark, four over 20 lbs., and nine from 15-19 lbs. In addition there were several black bass caught in the 5 to 7 1/2-lb. range.

Daniel Justice, Odessa, had the biggest striped bass weighing in at 31 lb., 6-oz. Willy Denton and Bart Goodman, Robert Lee, reeled in a 7 1/2-lb. black bass. Results from various concessionaries according to Supt. Royce Hood included:

WILDCAT FISH-A-RAMA — Cindy Daniel, Midland, 5-lb.

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striper; Bill Williamson and Bill Dement, Lubbock, two 6-lb., 9-lb. and 12-lb. stripers; Kristin Upchurch, Midland, 7-lb. striper; Chuck Pearson, Midland, seven stripers up to 18 lbs.

HILLSIDE GROCERY — Charles Sherill, Abilene, 12-lb. 6 oz. blue catfish; Garland Tiner, Odessa, 6 1/4-lb. black bass; Neta Tiner, Odessa, 5-lb. black bass.

PAINT CREEK MARINA — Charles Hollis and Herb Hill, Amarillo, 6 1/2-lb., 9-lb., 6 oz., 14 1/2-lb. stripers on live bait; Charles Hollis 16-lb., 5-oz. striper; Wally Lanier, 13 3/4-lb. striper; Rick Sanders, Robert Francis and Mike Ames eight stripers to 20-lbs., 2-oz.; Barry Stormer and Ron Johnson, 16 and 22 3/4-lb. stripers, trolling; Bill Barfield, Robert Lee, 13 3/4, 19 1/4 and 21 1/4-lb. stripers trolling;

Dan Wells, Midland and Bill Barfield, Robert Lee, 16 and 20-lb., 7 oz. stripers trolling; W.E. Barfield, Sweetwater, 16 1/4-lb. striper trolling; Terry Goodman, San Angelo 12-lb., 1-oz., 9-lb., 12-oz. and 9-lb., 10-oz. stripers; Gladys and Troy Young, two stripers to 10-lb., 10-oz.; Robert Jones, Amarillo, 18 1/2-lb. striper on shiner; Bill Maye, Midland, 9 1/2, 10 and 11-lb. stripers; Doyle Story and Wayne Workman, six up to 21-lb., 5-oz., aggregate 79 lbs. 10 oz.; Willy Denton, Bart Goodman Robert Lee, 7 1/2-lb. black bass; Kelly Mone, Ballinger, 15 3/4-lb. striper trolling; Jim Mills, Lubbock, 14-lb. striper down rigging; Daniel Phillips, 9 1/2-lb. striper; Gayland Hurst, Little Rock Ark., 12-lb. striper; C.V. Venable, Clovis, N.M., 10-lb. striper; Barry Stanner, 7 3/4 and 11 3/4-lbs., stripers; Harry Havins and Bob Wisdom, Robert Lee, nine stripers aggregating 72-lbs., trolling, also a 7-lb. black bass; Dan Hitchcock and Scott Deckers, San Angelo, five stripers up to 18 3/4-lbs. Katherine and John Wurster and Bobby Adair, Midland, nine stripers to 12-lb. 7-oz.; and Daniel Justis, Odessa, 31-lb., 6-oz. striper caught on downrigger and white jig.

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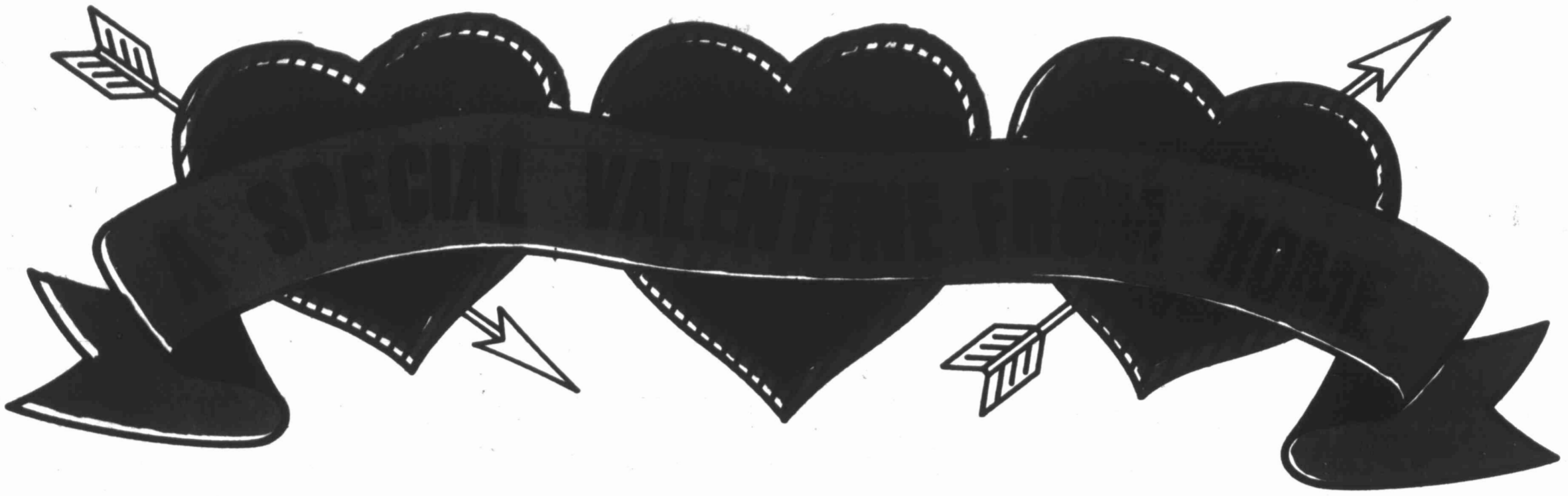
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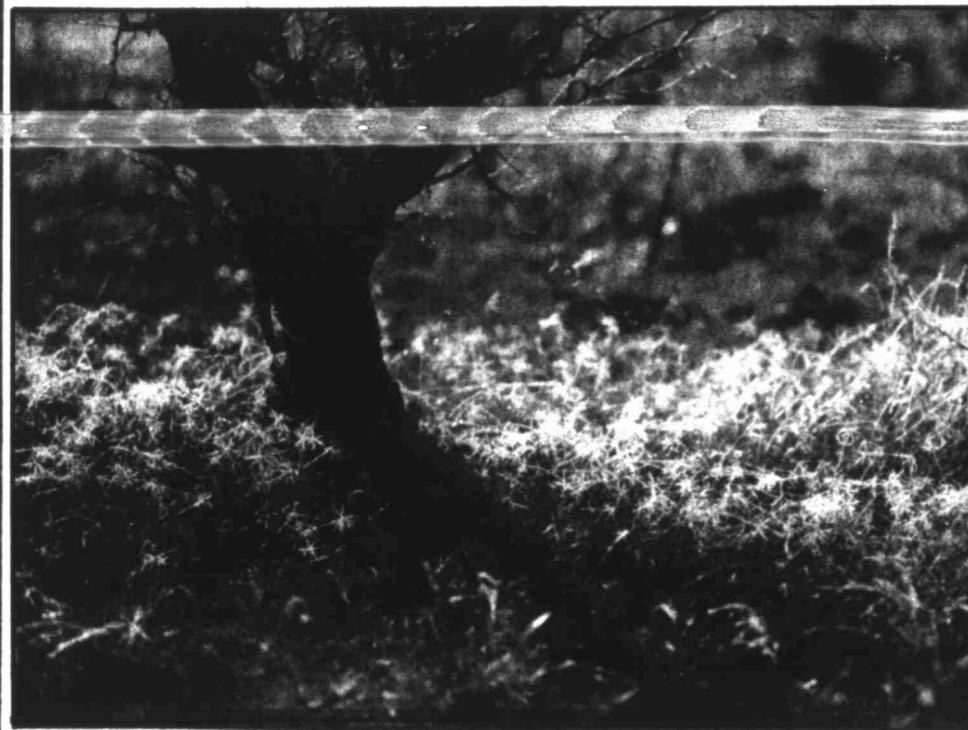
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## If I had a wish...



By Dorothy J. Graves, 4th grade, Bauer Elementary



By David B. Gunn, 4th grade, Bauer Elementary

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

The Parent-Teachers Association Cultural Arts Contest announced the city-wide winners from the area elementary school's student winners. The entries will now be sent for district competition, and then on to state, according to PTA Council President Maureen Haddad.

"This is done every year as an extra-curricular activity for the children to exhibit their talents," said Haddad, adding that the contest has taken place for at least the last 10 years.

The contest is divided into two age groups, primary and intermediate. Grades 1 through 3 compete against each other, and grades 4 and 5 are another age group. Both age groups may enter original work in any of four divisions: photography, visual arts,

literature and music.

They sign a statement on the entry form that says it's all their own work," Haddad said.

The contest is held state-wide every year, and all the works must center around the same theme. This year's theme, chosen by the state PTA council, is "If I Had A Wish." The students earn ribbons from their school, ribbons at the city level, and certificates and ribbons at the district level. If the work wins a state award, ribbons and medals are given as prizes.

"We were very, very pleased with the number of entries we received this year," Haddad said.

Cultural Arts winners city-wide are: Photography Primary: Linsey Robertson, first place; Jay Kuykendall, second place; Alex Edgeman, third place. Intermediate: David Gunn, first place; Angela Sturm, second place; Kayne Stroup, third place.

Visual Arts Primary: Trey Tubb, first place; Dorothy Graves, second place; Lauren Hillman, third place.

Literature Primary: Matthew Josefy, first place; Hedd Wigington, second place; Chandra McBee, third place.

Intermediate: Nicole Truhe, first place; Juanita Valdez, second place; Farrah Scholer, third place.

Music Primary: Jason Thomas, first place. Intermediate: Erin Schwertner, first place; Monica Villarreal, second place; D.J. Graves, third place.

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Intermediate: Music: Erin Schwertner, first place; D.J. Graves, second place; Alicia Woods, third place. Photography: David Gunn, first place; Stefanie Waggoner, second place; Justin Robertson, third place. Literature: Sterling Hillman, first place; Alicia Wood, second place; Juanita Valdez, third place. Visual Arts: Ramnath Subbaraman, first place; D.J. Graves, second place; Lauren Hillman, third place.

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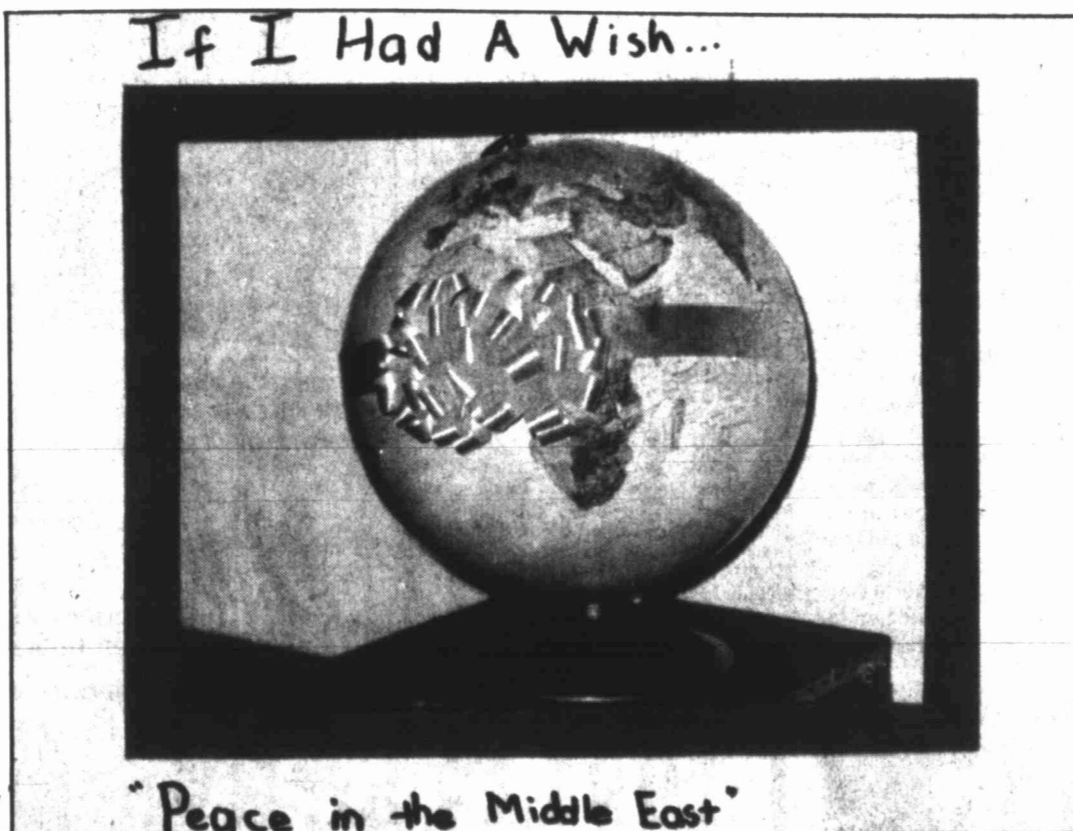
*If I had a wish there would be peace in every family. All children would be loved and cared for. No children would be abused or hurt. All families would love each other and be friends.*

*Every child should be lucky enough to have someone to care for them when they are sick, hurt or lonely. It would be nice if every kid was as happy as I am.*

By Hedd Wigington, 3rd grade, Moss Elementary

If I had a wish  
I would wish that  
This world so fishy  
Would have an idea  
To clean the air.  
So that every time I breath  
I won't cough or sneeze  
And I could feel the lovely  
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Without getting trash all over  
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Wouldn't it be grand  
If we could stand  
On nice soil with sand  
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And if the bubbling seas  
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And it wouldn't have a dish  
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Wouldn't it be grand if we  
could stand  
On a world like that?

By Matthew A. Josefy,  
3rd grade, Marcy Elementary



By Jay Tom Kuykendall, 3rd grade, Marcy Elementary



By Alex Edgeman, 1st grade, Bauer Elementary

*If I had a wish, it would be for all of the people in Saudi Arabia to get home safe and for us not to have war. I wish that all of the people could get home safely to see their families, and friends and to find out all of the events that happened in their home towns. It is not fair for children to be without their fathers while they are fighting for our country. I am hoping that President Bush will come to a compromise with Hussein over Kuwait and there would not be a war.*

*I wish all of the other countries in the world could have the freedom that I have as a citizen of the United States.*

God Bless America.

By Chandra McBee, 3rd grade, Bauer Elementary

## Christmas dilemma: 'Here, buy something for yourself'

Early in December my husband said, "I have no idea what to buy you for Christmas." I could understand his dilemma. What do you get for the person who has absolutely nothing?

He pressed some cash into my hands, "Buy something for yourself," he said. "And don't go spending it on stuff for the house either. Get something that's just for you alone."

Now I was the one with the dilemma. I put the money in my desk drawer and there it stayed. When he persisted, I protested. I didn't see anything in the stores I wanted. I didn't want to buy my own gift. I didn't have time to shop for myself. I'd wait for the after-Christmas sales. I had to

**Christina Ferchalk**



make up excuses. I didn't want to tell him the awful truth. On Dec. 22nd, he marched me into the mall, determined that I would pick out something for myself. I saw a toaster and some bath towels I really liked, but he'd have none of it. It had to be something personal. A pair of mint green pajamas caught my eye. I even stopped to finger the

silky material. My husband motioned to the saleslady. Then I saw the price tag.

"I'm sorry," I told him, "but I do not wear \$42 pajamas."

For that much money I could afford the toaster, the bath towels and still have enough left to pay a whole year's rent on the post office box. I knew he was disappointed, but I couldn't sleep at night wearing something that expensive.

I thought he'd argue with me, but he just sighed and said, "You never used to be this way."

He was right of course. Sometimes he remembers me as the frivolous little girl he married. Oh, once in awhile I covet some

feminine dainty I see in a store, but when I check the price I think of how many boxes of cereal it would buy — especially if I was using double-off coupons — and I walk away.

With the exception of underwear and pantyhose I've made only two personal purchases in the past two years. In 1989, I bought a pair of black polyester pull-on slacks (K-Mart, \$11.98). Those slacks are still the staple of my wardrobe. On July 4, 1990, I went into a department store to buy a gallon of white exterior latex paint. Instead I bought myself a \$9 Bart Simpson tank top. (To the devil with the paint.)

My kids were impressed. Not

only did I buy something for myself, impetuous fool that I am, but I bought something that was in their words, "like actually cool, you know." I got to wear the top twice before one of the kids borrowed it and it was gone from my life forever. That top was the last thing I bought for myself.

The awful truth I was trying to hide from my husband was that I couldn't shop for myself. I don't remember how.

In spite of my stick-in-the-mud attitude, my husband bought me some lovely gifts. The earrings were beautiful. Too bad they vanished before I got a chance to wear them. Apparently one of my daughters has sticky fingers. The

disappearance is still under investigation. But of all the gifts he gave me, none is as appreciated as the set of headphones. I plug the cord into the stereo, wrap them around my ears and all I hear is the music. I can see the kids mauling each other, see them running to answer the door and the phone, see them standing in front of me flapping their jaws, but all I can hear is the music.

It's beautiful. What better gift for a mother of five? If the man never gives me another gift as long as I live this is enough.

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

## Wedding

### Batson-Montgomery

Janice Batson, Lamesa, and Randy Montgomery, Big Spring, were united in marriage Jan. 5 in Lamesa.

The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's sister, Vickie, and Dennis Leatherwood. The Rev. Keith Carter, brother of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Alton and Lorene Carter, Lamesa.

The bridegroom's parents are Clyde and LaBeth Montgomery, Big Spring.

The bride chose a southwest theme for decorations for the ceremony and reception following. She wore a two-piece beige dress and carried a bridal bouquet of cotton bolls, tied in southwest colors. Cactus and wooden coyotes marked the altar and reception table. The table, covered with a hand-made quilt in southwest colors, was centered with an adobe house-shaped cake.

The bride's sons, Adam and B.J. Batson, served as ring bearers.



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Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple is residing in Big Spring.

## Engaged



**WEDDING DATE SET** — Don and Regina Shipman, Amarillo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christi Michele, to Shane Salyer, son of Harry and Elaine Salyer, Lubbock. Shane is the grandson of Jean Langley and the late Vernon Langley, Big Spring. The couple will be married March 16 at Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo. Both the bride-elect and the bridegroom-elect are graduates of Texas Tech University.

## Newcomers

**Ralph and Claribel Terry** from Memphis, Tenn. Ralph is retired from the Union & Pacific railroad. Hobbies are senior citizens and reading.

**Rudy and Brenda Torres** from Lamesa. Rudy is employed with Sterling Drilling. Hobbies are reading and fishing.

**Emilia**, 20 months, from Brownwood. Alan does general contracting work. Hobbies are fishing, hunting and reading.

**Michael and Lesli McBride** from Dallas, are joined by their daughters, Sara, 2½, and Katie, 1. Michael is the assistant administrator at Scenic Mountain

Medical Center. Hobbies include cooking, sewing and golf.

**Lomesia Whitehead** from Apache Junction, Ariz., and her son, Alvin, 30. Lomesia is retired. Hobbies are sports.

**Paul and Gunda Romesburg** from El Reno, Okla., and their sons, Michael, 17, and Stephen, 7.

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**Thomas and Deanna Nelson** from DeQueen, Ark., and their son, James, 20 months. Thomas is employed with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Hobbies are reading, golf and fishing.

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**Alamogordo, N.M. Hershel** is retired from the civil service. Hobbies include reading, gardening and collecting rocks.

**Ronnie and Shirley Mims** from Charleston, S.C., and their son, Joshua, 2, and daughter, Jessica, 5. Ronnie is an engineer. Hobbies are fishing, water skiing and reading.

**Tracy Coleman** from Meadow, is employed with Gamco Industries, Inc. as a marketing assistant. Hobbies are reading, horses, and water

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## War fashions

**NEW YORK** — Models Kristi Lockett, right, and Stacy Oriente wear the latest military fashions by designer Andre Van Pier. Inspired by the Gulf

War, Lockett sports a camouflage jean suit with a gold stretch bodysuit while Oriente wears a florescent camouflage dress and oversized coat.

## Stork

• Born to Annalisa and Johnny Gonzales, 120 Air Base Rd. B4A5, a daughter, Danja Ann, on Jan. 22, 1991 at 6:35 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 6¼ ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Emil and Clara Szabo, Big Spring; and Lenda Garcia, Sterling City. Danja is the baby sister of Johnny Jr., 1.

• Born to Helen L. Threats, 1708 S. Main St., a daughter, Crystal Jean, on Jan. 22, 1991 at 12:27 a.m., weighing 5 pounds ¾ ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandmother is Helen J. Threats, 1708 S. Main St.

• Born to Pam Barraza, 408 N.W. 10th, and Chris Lopez, 510 N.E. 9th, a daughter, Erin Macy, on Jan. 19, 1991 at 1:20 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 8¼ ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barraza, 408 N.W. 10th; and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lopez, 510 N.E. 9th.

• Born to Armando and Suzanne Salgado, a daughter, Zoie Josielyn, on Jan. 20, 1991 at 2:43 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Armando and Josie

Salgado Sr., 511 E. 17th; and Mr. and Linda Sarinana, 1617 Harding. Zoie is the baby sister of Amanda, 10.

• Born to Billy King and Yolanda Escalanti, Big Spring, a daughter, Jeana Monique, on Jan. 17, 1991 at 8:32 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Tommie Jo Massey, Calif.; and Della Escalanti, Oklahoma City, Okla. Jeana is the baby sister of Samuel Rua III, 7, and Jamie Rua, 6.

### ELSEWHERE

• Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williams, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, at Midland Memorial Hospital, on Jan. 14, 1991 at 2:47 p.m., weighing 8 pounds. Grandparents are Frank and Ruth Salazar, Big Spring; and Larry and Kathy Williams, Medina.

## Program matches special kids, special families

### Dear Abby



By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
**DEAR ABBY:** The letter signed "One Plus Seven" caught my eye. It was from a woman with seven children whose philandering husband kept telling her, "You can't leave me — who'd want a woman with seven kids?" It certainly hit home with me.

In 1963, my father died, leaving my mother with seven children under 15. (I'm the eldest.) Mom then adopted two war-wounded paraplegic Vietnamese boys. Then there were nine. In 1970, Mom married the handsome Bob DeBolt, who had a daughter from a previous marriage. Then there were 10.

Mom and Bob then adopted 10 more children — most were multihandicapped. Then there were 20. All have been raised to be totally self-sufficient. (A 16th grandchild is on the way!)

But that's not the end of the story. Mom and Dad also founded and still head a national non-profit adoption program called AASK America (Aid to Adoption of Special Kids), which places so-called "unadoptable" children with loving permanent families and charges the parents NO FEES! Thus, many drug-addicted children, fetal alcohol syndrome infants, children with

AIDS, and scores of older abused, abandoned children throughout this country were able to celebrate the Christmas holidays with their forever families.

The "one plus seven" beginnings of our family have currently resulted in approximately "one plus 7,000" adoptions of children with special needs.

Our family received national publicity in 1978 through the Oscar-winning documentary, "Who Are the DeBolts?" We have been honored in countless ways, but nothing would honor us more than to hear from people who want to adopt "special kids" and, I hope, from those whose generosity can continue to make this happen.

Thank you, Abby, and God bless you. — MICHELE ATWOOD, AASK-AMERICA, 657 MISSION ST., SUITE 601, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94105.

**DEAR MICHELE:** The beautiful DeBolts who founded Aid to Adoption of Special Kids deserve more credit and kudos than I have space to give them. Those who are interested in further information may address their letters to AASK-AMERICA at the above address, or call 1-800-232-2751.

**DEAR ABBY:** The college girl who usually sits with my 11-month-old baby was unavailable on New Year's Eve, so she sent her friend, "Marge," another college student, to substitute. Marge made an excellent impression — clean, well-mannered and self-assured. Just as my husband and I were about

to leave, I was floored when Marge said, "I want you to know up front that if your baby soils her diaper, I will not change it."

I thought I must have misheard her. Abby, who overheard of a sitter refusing to change a baby's diaper? I asked her why, and she said, "With all the talk of child abuse — you know, child molestation — I can't take a chance of being wrongfully accused."

What is this world coming to, Abby? Have you ever heard of anything so ridiculous? Please print my letter and ask your readers if they have. — SHOCKED IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.

**DEAR SHOCKED:** This is a "first" for me, too, but I can understand Marge's dilemma and apprehensiveness. However, allowing a baby to lie in its own waste for an entire evening can also be considered "child abuse" — so perhaps Marge should find another line of work.

**DEAR ABBY:** Are things so slow around your office that you decided to give an incredibly stupid answer just to see if we, your faithful readers, were paying attention, or were you typing with your eyes (and mind) closed that day? I'm referring to your response to "On the Fence," the bride-to-be who wanted to "disinvite" one of her bridesmaids who was rumored to be involved with a married man. This sent poor "On the Fence" into a tizzy — after all, it would be a "slap in the face to the institution of marriage" to have such a person in her wedding party.

Your advice was to disinvite her as a bridesmaid, but permit her to attend as a guest — wearing a

scarlet "A" on her chest, I presume. At least you tempered your advice by suggesting she give the woman a chance to confirm or deny the rumor, but the Abby I had grown to love would not have said, "Get off the fence"; she would have said, "Get off your high horse, Sister."

What makes "Fence" so sure that all her other bridesmaids live up to her moral code? Besides, I thought bridesmaids were selected on the basis of friendship, not because they were sin-free.

As for the risk of having the institution of marriage slapped in the face by the presence of one wayward bridesmaid, the only people who can wound that institution are the two who are entering it. — ATLANTA

**DEAR ATLANTA:** To answer your question, I didn't give an "incredibly stupid answer" just to see if my faithful readers were paying attention; neither was I typing with my eyes (or mind) closed. (It was just one of my rare puritanical, holier-than-thou days.)

But, if it will make you feel any better, you weren't the only faithful reader who let me have it — pow, right in the kisser!

Thanks, Atlanta, I needed that to keep me human and humble.

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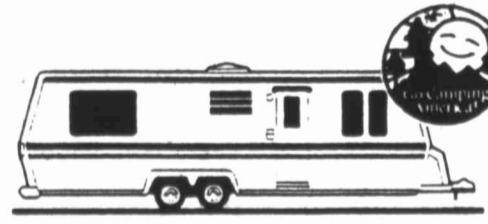
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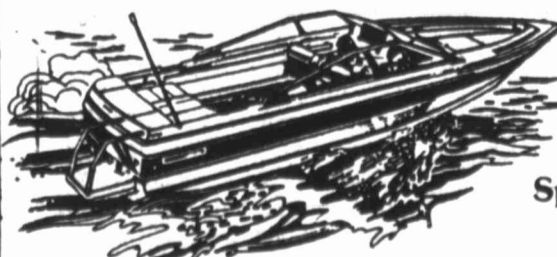
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# Blushing: a distinctively human characteristic

By LEA WHITEHEAD  
For the Herald

"Man is the only animal that blushes, or needs to," wrote Mark Twain.

Diogenes philosophized on the subject way back in the 4th century B. C., when he declared "Blushing is the color of virtue."

Even Shakespeare got dramatic about it. "Oh shame! Where is thy blush?" asked Hamlet in Act III, Scene 4.

The scientific explanation for blushing is not just skin deep, says Dr. Walter P. Smith, Estee Lauder's senior vice president for research and development. "Emotional pressures release adrenaline into the blood stream. Then tiny blood vessels in the skin quickly dilate, causing blood to flow into the skin's subsurface region, thus producing color."

Because the color of a blush has long been considered fetching, women for centuries have depended upon external applications of color when nature didn't provide it. Actress Marilyn Monroe may have personified "lost innocence," but the blush of pink remained her favorite color.

Merle Oberon, Hollywood beauty of the 40s and 50s, didn't have to blush. It was said that her temperature always ran a few degrees above normal, giving her a perpetual rosy glow.

Southern belles — on screen, at



**JOHNNIE LOU AVERY** — "Just about everything makes me blush! I blush at compliments and kind words. Or when I'm angry or extremely happy. I blush when I tell a fib or say something mean. Blushing is a characteristic of a redhead."

least — knew how to blush on cue. Vivien Leigh, as Scarlett O'Hara, pinched her cheeks pink to get set to see Rhett in "Gone With the Wind." In "Jezebel," an antebellum Bette Davis made her cheeks blush for her beau by smacking them lightly with her hairbrush!

And of course, brides have been "blushing" since the first "I do" was uttered. As poet John Milton waxed in "Paradise Lost": "To the nuptial bowe, I led her blushing like the morn."

Even naturalist Charles Darwin ruminated on this natural phenomenon. He once mused "Blushing is the most peculiar, and most human of all expressions."

There are as many causes for blushing as there are shades of blushing colors.

"Hearing people argue in public makes me blush," says actress Marisa Berenson.

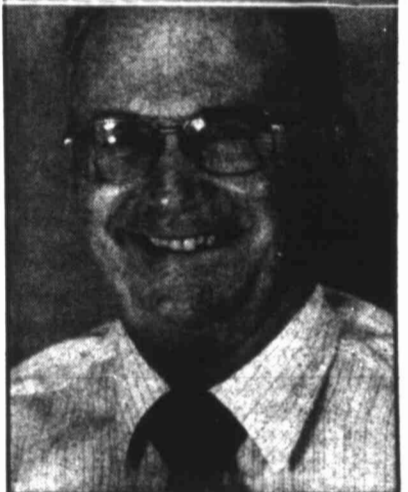
Jacqueline Bisset says she turns a shade of russet, "when people tell you things about themselves you know they'll regret the next day."

Men blush, too, of course. But since they are usually less a slave to their emotions than women, they don't blush as often — or as readily ("red-ily"?). The greats of literature apparently paid little attention to the red faces of their



**BOB NOYES** — "I used to always blush when I spoke before groups, but a Dale Carnegie course helped that. I still do blush speaking in public if I'm not sure of my subject. Or if somebody asks me a question I should have the answer to, but don't."

fellows. So if Mother Nature doesn't furnish that tantalizing blush, women can turn to their dressing tables and conjure up one of their own. Men will just have to do what comes naturally.



**MAX GREEN** — "I've been blushing all my life! But now I can control it better. I blush when I do or say something stupid. Sometimes I just let it go by, but if I can I try to make something funny out of it."



**ANNIE MATT ANGEL** — "I always blush when I confuse someone's name with someone else's face — and call a person by the wrong name. I don't know if it's my memory — or my eyesight — that's at fault!"

## Cultural arts

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**Primary**  
Photography: Linsey Robertson, first place; Alex Edgerman, second place; Sandra Gaine, third place. Literature: Chandra McBee, first place; Lori Smoot, second place; Julie Adams, third place. Visual Arts: Lori Smoot, first place; Trey Tubb, second place; Matt Lawdermilk, third place.

**KENTWOOD WINNERS**  
Intermediate:  
Photography: Angela Sturm, first place; Kim Long, second place; Kayne Stroup, third place. Music: Monica Villereal, first place. Literature: Nicole Truhe, first place; Anna Jones, second place; Sunni Smith, third place. Visual Arts: Jen-

nifer Wallace, first place; Tonya Tabor, second place; Tarence Tabor, third place.

**Primary**  
Visual Arts: Greg Grawunder, first place; Sarah Smith, second place; Patrick Rood, third place. Literature: Aber Bedell, first place; Elizabeth Psilas, second place; Jearlyn Holland, third place.

Literature: Nickole Knous, first place. Visual Arts: Nickole Knous, first place; Allison Thomas, second place; John Bovee, third place.

**Primary**  
Literature: Mathew Josefy, first place; Heather Harris, second place; Patrick Matthews, third place. Music: Jason Thomas, first place; Patrick Matthews, second place; Jay Kuykendall, first place.

**MOSS ELEMENTARY WINNERS**

**Intermediate**  
Literature: Farrah Schooler, first place; Sha'Keesha Lott, second place; Zara Zuniga, third place. Visual Arts: Crystal Flynn, first place; Justin Langston, second place; Christina Martinez, third place. Photography: Drew McKimmey, first place.

**Primary**  
Literature: Heddy Wigington, first place. Visual Arts: Jerod Johnston, first place; Willis Morrison III, second place; Shandria Scott, third place.

**COLLEGE HEIGHTS WINNERS**  
Kamaron Horn, Phillip Anguiano, first place; Tobias Molina, second place; Morgan Lopez, third place.

## Diabetes: A major health concern

By NAOMI HUNT  
County Extension Agent-Home Economics

### Focus on family



According to recent figures from the Texas Department of Health and Human Resources, over 800,000 Texans have diabetes, half of them undiagnosed.

One person in 20 develops diabetes, indicating 1600 persons in Howard County have it and 800 do not know it. Approximately 90 percent of all Texans with diabetes have the non-insulin-dependent diabetes, formerly known as the adult onset type.

In most cases, symptoms can be controlled by weight loss, good diet and exercise.

Mexican Americans are three to five times more likely to develop diabetes than Anglos, while Blacks experience a 33 percent higher rate of diabetes than Anglos. The majority of these high-risk populations have non-insulin diabetes, possibly caused through heredity as well as ethnic dietary habits.

Adult onset diabetes, also known as Type II, generally occurs in persons over 40 and overweight. Some common symptoms of diabetes are the "three polys":

- Polyphasia — excessive appetite
- Polyurea — excessive urination

However some persons with diabetes show no symptoms at all. Persons of high risk or those who suspect they have symptoms of diabetes should consult their physician for an accurate diagnosis or to see if they need to lose extra pounds. Carrying around extra weight can lead to a host of problems. It can drain a person's energy, cause heart and lung problems, and even cause loss of self-esteem.

According to the American Dietetics Association — Texas Affiliate, people without diabetes stand a greater chance of developing the disease if they are overweight. On the other hand, people with diabetes who are

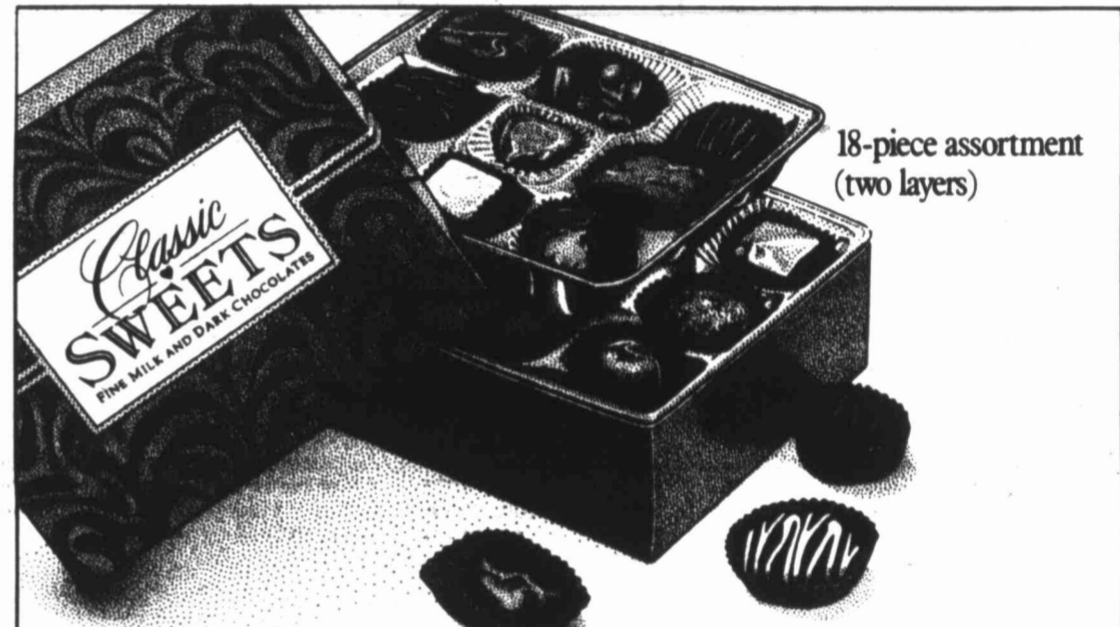
overweight may be able to improve their diabetes control, prevent or delay complications — even increase life expectancy — if they lose weight.

The best way to lose weight or avoid gaining excess weight is to pay attention to your balance of food and activity. As people get older, their calorie requirements go down and often so does their activity level, which leads to unwanted pounds in many middle-aged adults.

Support Groups have been organized for persons with diabetes and their families. Two sessions are scheduled to accommodate different schedules. The February meetings will be: afternoon session — 2 p.m. Thursday, February 14 at the Senior Citizens Center; evening session — 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 12 in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church 8th and Runnels.

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# Raising show animals requires family effort

By DON RICHARDSON  
County Extension Agent - Agriculture

I had intended to discuss in detail the success of our recent county junior livestock show in last week's column, but I got a little wound up discussing the outstanding accomplishments in animal breeding that I ran out of space to complete what I had started!

I hope you found that bit of information interesting because it is one of those behind the scenes operations that does not get nearly as much credit as it deserves. We must always remember to appreciate these producers for making the United States the foremost leader in advanced livestock breeding technology and helping insure an abundant supply of high quality agricultural products for our food supply. It really makes you appreciate them when you hear of long food lines and poor quality of produce so many other people must face each day in many parts of the world today.

The winners of our recent livestock show have been discussed in other articles. I want to offer my congratulations to all of the youngsters for their hard work, achievements and recognition they received during this event. I would like to expound a little more on just what it took most of them to reach the winners circle.

In the case of steers and heifers, let's start with the selection process. This began over a year ago and all the animals selected for projects, for one reason or another,

young exhibitor. This, of course, is a big cost factor. Top show prospects can be purchased for market price, but this is fast becoming a thing of the past. Breeders spend a lot of money and time in producing top quality animals and the demand for them far exceeds the supply. The upper limits on price, sadly to say, is now unlimited. This high cost factor prohibits many youngsters from selecting this program. Add another \$600 or more for feed costs and a young feeder has some real bucks tied up. It has often been said that this is not a money making program and, strictly speaking, it may not be. Most feeders and their families have taken the position this is an educational experience, somewhat similar to sporting events, or an activity that the whole family can become actively involved in. Junior Rodeos, biking and camping activities, tennis tournaments and other such activities are similar programs other families choose to undertake... so it just boils down to what that youngster and his or her family are interested in and how much time and expense they want to involve in it. Those who succeed in show programs usually get out of it what they put in to it.

Some tough choices must be made. It might mean that some school athletic programs must be given up or they might have to miss that special ski trip or spring dance formal. Such things must be thought out before a family under-

## Ask the agent



takes the costs and time involved for a long term feeding program. Fortunately, there are alternatives. For families wanting to spend less time and money, swine and poultry projects are available. Young swine prospects are becoming more expensive each year. Top prospects are selling for \$75 to several hundred or more. The feeding program is roughly about 90-120 days for this program. The management and care still requires dedication and support by all family members for it to be successful.

Lambs projects may be a little less expensive than beef cattle, but top prospects now run anywhere from \$150 up to several hundred or more. No less time, however, is required for this program. Lambs are very delicate when it comes to monitoring finish and muscle tone. Balancing and changing rations is very critical and proper exercise is vital. This all involves time on the part of someone and families choosing this program must be willing to spend a lot in the lamb pens and barns throughout the feeding period, usually from about June or July through January caring for the lambs. Shearing

amount of fat) on the animals becomes a very routine program. Capons are also time consuming. The young birds must be ordered in May and put on feed in September. They consume considerable amounts of feed and each bird costs about \$7.50 in the beginning. Watching their weight gains and keeping them free of mud, drafty conditions and from overheating in the summertime requires a lot of attention.

I might sound a little discouraging to some of you considering becoming involved in the stock show program, but I don't intend to. I just want everyone to know how much work is involved and what sacrifices these families make each year to successfully participate in these programs. All this time and effort is not fully understood by the public and rewards are sometime pretty meager. When a youngster and his family looks a little discouraged or when a judge does not find that animal to be his top selection, try to understand a little just why they feel that way. A lot of time, effort and expense goes into an animal that only has a few minutes to be evaluated. In most cases this moment of discouragement fades fast and these families gear up for the next show season.

Your County Extension Agents are available to assist you and your youngster in these programs and we encourage your visit to discuss these programs in more detail.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

At a recent Midland UIL invitational practice meet, three Goliad students placed first, third and fifth overall out of over 200 students. Pictured are the sixth grade science team winners, left to right, Mathew Glass, first place; Blake Wright, third place; Josh Cox, fifth place.

## Goliad 6th grader wins UIL competition

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Recently students from Goliad and Runnels schools attended an invitational University Interscholastic League practice meet in Midland. A Goliad sixth-grader won the overall science competition over 200 students.

Mathew Glass placed first in the science contest, competing against sixth graders from 22 schools, according to science teachers from the schools from Tarrant County to El Paso were invited to compete.

The sixth grade science team placed first in the overall competition, and team members Blake Wright placed third and Josh Cox placed fifth.

Guy Griffin, a math teacher and team sponsor at Goliad, said, "This is the first experience any of these students have had at UIL competition, and we're very pleased with their performance."

The sixth grade calculator team placed fourth out of 16 schools. The top winners at Goliad are: Blake Wright, first; Josna Adusumilli, second; Jeff Moss, third.

The sixth grade numbers sense team placed eighth out of 16 schools. The top Goliad students are: Melissa Mouton, first; Stephanie Talbot, second; Chad Harris, third.

The seventh grade numbers sense team placed 13th out of 22 schools. The top three students from Goliad are: Suman Reddy, Jacob Quisenberry and Shanna Donica.

The seventh grade calculator team won ninth out of 22 schools. The Goliad top students are Claire Miller, Matt Adams and Kassi Shockey.

Jan Whitehead, the seventh grade math coach, said, "We're very, very pleased. They did real well. It was a large meet and the tests weren't exactly what we had been working toward. But they adapted very well."

The seventh grade science team placed fourth overall out of 22 schools. The top winners from the seventh grade team are Jeffery Suggs, Matt Adams and Ami Vasanawala.

Science teacher and UIL sponsor Zandra Basham said, "They did great considering the test was earth science, life science and physical science and we study life science."

The students are tested each

week or every other week, and the total combined points from these school tests and the invitational meet tests will determine who attends the official competition, said Basham about the science competition.

The eighth grade team from Runnels didn't place at the competition, but learned from the experience.

Ned Crandall, the UIL sponsor at Runnels, said, "This was the first time we had a Goliad student. We had a good time, and now we'll know what to expect."

The Runnels math team includes Amanda Herrera, Sylvia Flores, Elvia Yanez, Carla Timmerman, April Parnall, Jennifer Brown and Christina Hamblin.

Goliad 6th grade UIL team: math — Josna Adusumilli, Candy Arellano, Charlotte Bumbulis, Jennifer Cohn, Kyle Coker, Diana Dawson, Paul Foresyth, Matt Glass, Amador Gonzales, Paul Haney, Chad Harris, Nickie Hinklin, Jeff Moss, Melissa Mouton, Tyler Murphy, Gabe Rubio, Phillip Salazar, Tisa Sevey, Stephanie Talbot, Chris Weaver, and Blake Wright; science — Josna Adusumilli, Shawn Arms, Charlotte Bumbulis, Jennifer Cohn, Lane Corley, Josh Cox, Dale Cunningham, Diana Dawson, Shanna Dickens, Melissa Diltmore, Andrew Fraser, Matt Glass, Paul Haney, Chad Harris, Lacy Lewis, Jeff Moss, Melissa Mouton, Tyler Murphy, Tyson Seibly, Tisa Sevey, Dianne Thompson, Cori Wilbanks, Keagan Welch, and Blake Wright.

Goliad 7th grade UIL team: math — Matt Adams, Cory Elliott, Clairs Miller, Jessica Sanchez, Kassi Shockey, Neiman Talbot, Matt Viscaino, Leighanna Price, Keely Williams, Robin Wise, Melissa Cantu, Clint Caudell, Shanna Donica, Riley Dorton, Tony Everet, Damian Puentes, Jacob Quisenberry, Suman Reddy, Jeff Suggs, and Kendall Davis; science — Matt Adams, Richard Balcazar, Molly Balthrop, Danielle Bruns, Clint Caudell, Kendall Davis, Alyson Duncan, Michael Galaviz, Jennifer Green, Melissa Harrison, Jeff Johnston, Minday Mason, Conor McCarty, Cliff McWherter, Thad Miracle, Sarah Rowan, Stacy Slaten, Molly Smith, Jeffery Suggs, Amanda Taylor, Ami Vasanawala, Charles Wilson, Jeremy Yeats and Sandy Cornelius.



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## A woody feeling

PARIS — Anna and Larry model silk, lace and spangle outfits — pants, vest, shirt and tie for him, tutu, tights and double-breasted jacket for her — from the 1991 Spring and Summer collection by Jean-Paul Gaultier.

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## Reception planned for 90th birthday

Ethel Bartlett will be honored Sat. Feb. 2 with a reception to mark her 90th birthday. Friends and relatives are invited to the event from 2 to 4 p. m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, hosted by her sons, the Rev. H. W. Bartlett, Hereford; and Wayne Bartlett, Big Spring. Mrs. Bartlett was born in 1901 in Indian Territory before it became the state of Oklahoma. She worked as a nurse at Malone-Hogan Hospital for 25 years before retiring in 1974. She requests no gifts.



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# Trapped in a web of guilt and anxiety

By **TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

I went out to San Francisco to conduct a seminar on how to interview people. Folks from Alaska to Florida had gathered out there to hear different speakers talk about different things.

Wanting to experience a variety of transportation, I flew into Los Angeles and took the train up to San Francisco. It left LA at 10 a.m. and discharged its passengers in San Francisco at 10 p.m. It was a fabulous ride.

On a train, you never see a stranger. Passengers walk around, go to the observation car, the club car, dining car and generally are an outgoing, gregarious bunch.

You can't beat the scenery. The Pacific is on the left, the mountains and vineyards are on the right.

In San Francisco, during the practicum portion of the session, a young man from Louisiana and I were interviewing Philip Johnson, the architect. I felt a little queasy, but thought it was the San Francisco humidity. I went to bed early. During the night I sweated a bucketful.

The next day at lunch I had no appetite and was extremely weak. I had trouble standing. I went to a doctor in San Francisco and he told me I was OK, nothing was the matter, take a couple of aspirins. I

**Tumbleweed Smith**



thought he was crazy. This was the first time in my life I had been really sick. I left the seminar and decided to head home.

But there was one thing I had to do. A friend of mine wanted me to bring back a spider web machine. He was getting a spook house ready and he needed some spider webs.

Feeling worse than I've ever felt, I went to a movie store in downtown San Francisco. There were rows and rows of spider web machines. They look like small electric fans. You put some type of substance that smells like a combination of gasoline and glue into an opening on the fan and it shoots out spider webs. I bought a fan and a can of the glue/gas stuff.

It wasn't that large, so I put it in my carry-on luggage. By the time I got to the airport, I was so sick I was hallucinating. I was very relieved to get on the plane.

About halfway to Dallas I began to smell that chemical stuff that

was in my bag in the overhead compartment. I had terrible thoughts of what might happen. I just knew it was going to blow up and all the people on the plane would be killed. I didn't know what high altitudes would do to that substance.

Along with feeling horrible, I now felt guilty. I just wanted the time to pass quickly so I could get home. When the stewardess came by with cards to join the frequent flyer club, I took one and filled it out. When she came by to pick it up, she told me she couldn't read it and asked me to tell her my name and address, etc., so she could write it down. I just knew it was a trap to keep an eye on me while they called airport security and when the plane landed would arrest me for taking a dangerous, explosive device aboard an aircraft. I took my good slow time in giving her the answers.

Sure enough, the plane landed in Dallas without my being arrested. I was hallucinating more and more. I tried to call home and couldn't remember my number. Finally I got my wife on the line. I explained my situation to her. She promised to meet me at the airport with our van.

On the flight from Dallas to Midland, I again smelled the

chemical stuff in my bag. It seemed to permeate the entire cabin of the airplane. I wanted the flight to land safely and be over and everyone on the plane to get out alive before the stuff in my bag exploded. This seemed like the longest flight in the world.

When the plane began to descend, I almost jumped for joy. Just before it stopped, I heard my name called over the plane's loud speaker system. I was asked to come to the front of the plane and be the first one off. I knew the sheriff was waiting for me and wanted to see the stuff in my bag. I hoped he would believe it was for making spider webs for an eccentric friend of mine.

But there was no sheriff. It was my wife and our two sons, waiting for me with a wheel chair and two airline attendants. They fussed at me for not telling them I was not feeling well.

My wife had made a bed in the back of the van. I crawled into it and went right to sleep. I woke up the next morning in the hospital. Seems I had a kidney infection. I took sulfa drugs for three days and was cured. I hope I never have to go through that again. If I do, I'll be sure not to fool around with a spider web machine. At least not on an airplane.

## Club news

### DAR elects delegates to convention

Mrs. Stanley Reid and Mrs. Charles Cummings were elected to serve as delegates to the Daughters of the American Revolution state convention in College Station in March, at the January meeting of the Captain Elisha Mack Chapter DAR at the Big Spring Country Club. Mrs. John Cobean will serve as alternate delegate.

The December meeting given by Mrs. Jack Alexander. Mrs. John Damron gave the treasurer's report.

The organization's patriotic Christmas wreath, arranged by Mrs. Damron and Mrs. John Lawson, won first place in the Christmas Wreath Contest at the Heritage Museum.

Mrs. John Key and Mrs. Walter Wheat were co-hostesses for the business meeting.

Members heard the report on

The February meeting will coincide with the Annual George Washington Tea at the country home of Mrs. H. D. Cowden, who will serve as hostess.

## Ammonia is an old but useful chemical

By **Tony Wedig**

Many times I continue to hear the phrase, "Keep it simple." This also applies to chemicals.

Many chemical systems work just as well today as they did long ago. A prime example of this is household ammonia. The first known record of ammonia use dates back to the Egyptians in 400 B.C. in the temple of Ammon from which it got its name. Americans were introduced to household ammonia in 1876 by Charles Chauncy Parson. He bottled his new household ammonia in some bottles that he had been using for laundry blueing. Little did Charles Chauncy Parsons realize that these same shaped bottles would set a tradition in style for all ammonia bottles for at least the next hundred years.

Parsons' original household ammonia remained virtually unchanged until shortly after World War II, when synthetic detergents were added. This resulted in the current sudsy household ammonia. This product has numerous uses.

One common use is as a soaking agent. Dilute one-half or one cup of ammonia with one gallon of warm water. Place pans, glass ware, burner tops and/or other tableware into this solution to soak for fifteen to thirty minutes. This will greatly reduce the effort needed to clean the items. Slightly stronger solutions can be used in a like manner to help clean brass and copper objects.

Equal parts of ammonia and water will clean diamond rings if

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allowed to soak for several minutes. When a small amount of oil, grease and/or dirt attaches itself to the diamond then the brilliance of the stone is lost. Simply soak and rub dry with a soft material to restore the brilliance of the diamond.

One of the simplest and most useful cleaners uses sudsy household ammonia. This cleaner can be used for windows and appliances, stove tops and many other places. It is made by mixing 5 fluid ounces tap water, 4 fluid ounce sudsy household ammonia and 2 fluid ounces rubbing alcohol. Mix together and place into a trigger sprayer. If color is desired, add a drop of food color or blueing. Use the mixture as you would any other multi-purpose spray cleaner.

There is one very strong CAUTION which should never be ignored. *Never mix ammonia with liquid bleach.* This warning appears on the bleach bottles. Bleach contains chlorine which is a strong oxidizer. Do not use or mix with other household chemicals, such as toilet bowl cleaners, rust removers, acids or products containing ammonia. To do so will release hazardous gases.

## Club notes

### Fashion focus of ABWA meeting

Michelle McCusker is the recipient of the American Business Women's Association's annual scholarship, it was announced at the January meeting at the Golden Corral.

Marianne Brown-Esquelin was introduced as a new member.

Fashion consultant Roberta Shive, guest speaker, presented a

preview of spring colors and accessories.

The speaker demonstrated the art of tying scarfs, and showed new belts and jewelry from the Casual Shop.

Upcoming club activities include Woman of the Year banquet in February; Business Associate of the Year in March, and the membership drive in April.

### 1948 Hyperions hear book review

Mrs. Hank Thompson reviewed "Search for the Twelve Apostles," a book by William Stewart McBurney, at the January 17 meeting of the 1948 Hyperion Club at the home of Mrs. Merle Wasson.

Her review covered the account of the lives, travels and deaths of

the 12 apostles.

Mrs. Dean Forrest, president, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Robert Hill, secretary read minutes and correspondence.

Refreshments were served to 19 members. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Jerry Foresyth Feb. 21.

### Art show and workshop planned

Big Spring artists will have an opportunity to enter their work in the Midland Arts Association spring show at the Museum of the Southwest, and to attend an arts workshop.

The show date is March 14-April 21, with an awards reception scheduled for Mar. 15. Entries will be accepted in The Stables Mar. 2 and 3, according to Doris Spires, show chairman, with judging March 3. Unaccepted works should be picked up at The Stables Mar. 9.

Show judge Ted Goerschner, California artist, will conduct a workshop at the museum Mar. 4-8.

For information on the show or workshop, contact Spires at 682-8401.

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"Sparky" — Cairn terrier mix. She has blonde wirey hair and is very short and small, young, playful and happy, spayed female.

"Tarmajen" — solid black basset hound, full blood. He is short and chubby with long ears and a sad face, neutered male, very young adult.

"Snowball" — large white samoyed. He is solid white and has a fluffy coat with a curly tail, very beautiful male.

"Cissy" — striking doberman pincher. She is black with tan markings. She is full blood but has not had her ears or tail done. Around 4 years of age, spayed female.

"Audrey" — solid white Persian. Absolutely full blood. She has a beautiful coat with large eyes and a smashed nose. Very friendly. She is indoors and litterbox trained, spayed female.

"Ennett" — long haired chocolate point Siamese. She has a beige coat with brown markings. Big blue eyes, very loving, spayed female, litterbox trained.

"Trish" — long haired calico. She is white with black and orange spots.

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## Best of Big Spring

## Congratulations, Karen!

Karen Wingert, Cashier at Winn-Dixie was January, 1991 Best of Big Spring award recipient. Karen has lived in Big Spring the past seven years and has been employed by Winn-Dixie since Oct. 1990. Karen's husband, Chris Wingert is employed by Colorado River Municipal Water District. The Wingerts have three children, Brian, Crystal and Kelly. Karen is a dedicated employee striving to improve customer service in the Big Spring area.

The Business Committee will continue to accept nominations at the Chamber of Commerce office from anyone who feels they have found that "extra special employee."

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# Harrington receives award from council

Volunteer Gene Harrington was the recipient of the Jack Y. Smith Award presented by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Council at its annual luncheon meeting.

New Volunteer Council officers installed at the luncheon are Dr. Charles Rainwater, chairman; Hooper Sanders, vice chairman; Betty Miller, secretary; and Robin Hallman, treasurer.

Johnnie Lou Avery gave the luncheon address.

Harrington, as outstanding volunteer of the year, has contributed 1,283 hours at BSHS since 1979. Her volunteer service has included working in the patient library, preparing homemade delicacies for the annual arts and crafts sales, and participation in special activities at holidays. Harrington served on the original planning committee to establish The Chalet Resale Shop, an outgrowth of the annual rummage sales. She is currently serving as public responsibility representative on the Substance Abuse Unit. A former secretary at Big Spring High School, Harrington is a member of Friends of the Library and active in her church work.

Service bars for volunteerism were given to Doris Day, 12,222

hours; Murlene Williams, 10,310 hours; Faye Wallace, 5,556 hours; Hazel Duggan, 4,506 hours; Laurel Parker, 4,307 hours; Betty Miller, 3,545 hours; Covie Williams, 3,046 hours; Bill Wallace, 2,279 hours; Lou Vincent, 1,548 hours and Edna James, 1,300.

Receiving pins designating 100 hours of volunteer work were Helen Ainslie, 109; Lana Clark, 299; Clare DeRyke, 197; Jen Davidson, 107; Wanda Rose Fox, 113; Deborah Freestone, 338; Laura Hamilton, 450; Judy Hill, 467; Mary Hughes 107; Angela Kohl, 155; Lucy Knox, 101; and Linda Lauderdale, 122.

Eligible for 500-hour bars were Gypsy Gulley, 608; Polly Mays, 693; Charles Rainwater, 501; Betty Wrinkle, 750; and Pauline Haynes, 540.

Reports indicated that 30 local volunteer groups helped with BSSH Christmas activities; approximately 150 patients did their Christmas shopping at Mott's; volunteers wrapped and delivered approximately 350 gifts to patients; and arts and crafts sales and cash donations totaled \$4,834. In addition, merchandise valued at \$7,974 was donated in response to Christmas appeal letters.

## Menus

**BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS**

**MONDAY** — Baked pork cutlet; buttered squash; blackeyed peas; cornbread and fruit whip.

**TUESDAY** — Pepper steak; w/riced peas & carrots; tossed salad and granola bars.

**WEDNESDAY** — Chicken nuggets; potatoes au gratin; cabbage slaw and lemon pie.

**THURSDAY** — Spaghetti w/meat sauce & cheese; vegetable salad; garlic bread and cookies.

**FRIDAY** — Chicken fried steak; mashed potatoes; spinach and fruited gelatin.

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**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Frosted flakes; blueberry muffin; apple wedge and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Sugar & spice donut; peanut butter and honey; pink applesauce and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Waffle; syrup & butter; sausage patty; apple juice and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Choco-cake; cereal; orange juice and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Biscuit & sausage; fruit punch and milk.

**LUNCH (Elementary)**

**MONDAY** — Corn dog, mustard; whipped potatoes; spinach; hot rolls; chocolate pudding and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Turkey & noodles; buttered corn; English peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin/whipped topping and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Corn chip pie; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; peach cobbler and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Fried chicken, gravy; escalloped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; brownie and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Fish fillet; French fries; catsup; pinto beans; cornbread; peanut butter cookie and milk.

**LUNCH (Secondary)**

**MONDAY** — Corn dog, mustard or char-broiled meat balls; gravy; whipped potatoes; spinach; carrot sticks; hot rolls; chocolate pudding and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Turkey & noodles or country sausage; buttered corn; English peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin/whipped topping and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Corn chip pie or hamburger steak, gravy; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; celery sticks; hot rolls; peach cobbler and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Fried chicken, gravy or stuffed pepper; escalloped potatoes; blackeyed peas; tossed green salad; hot rolls; brownie and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Fish fillet or green enchiladas; French fries, catsup; pinto beans; coleslaw; cornbread; peanut butter cookie and milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Oatmeal and cinnamon toast; juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Ham and egg on a bun; juice and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Muffins and butter; juice and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Pizza; corn on the cob; salad; cookies and cream and milk.

**TUESDAY** — German sausage; pinto beans; macaroni salad; sliced bread; fresh fruit and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Sloppy Jo; tater tots; salad; pickles and onions; cookies; peaches and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Chili and beans; corn; salad; c. crackers; graham crackers with peanut butter; pinesapple chunks and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Steak and gravy; baked potato; green beans; hot rolls and butter; lemon pudding and milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Buttered oats; toast; juice and milk.

**TUESDAY** — French toast; syrup; juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Peanutbutter toast; pears and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Cereal; fruit; juice and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Pancakes; syrup; juice and milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Salisbury steak w/gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; fruit; hot rolls and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Green enchiladas; pinto beans; tossed salad; fruit cobbler; cornbread and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Chili mac; carrot & pineapple salad; buttered corn; lime jello; cornbread and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Oven fried chicken w/gravy; cream potatoes; blackeyed peas; coconut pudding; sliced bread and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Corn dog w/mustard; oven fried potatoes; buttered spinach; buttered cookies and milk.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Peanut butter jelly sandwich; juice and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Donut; peanuts; juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Scrambled eggs with sausage & biscuit; jelly and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Blueberry pancakes; ham and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Cereal w/banana; toast and milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Chicken nuggets with catsup; macaroni & cheese; bickeye peas; hot rolls; fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Soft tacos; red beans; salad; apricot cobbler and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Pork patty with gravy; creamed potatoes; vegetarian beans; finger rolls; fruit and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Oven baked chicken; California mix vegetables; corn; milk; pull-a-part bread; jello w/fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Canoe dog with chili; French fries; salad; fruit and milk.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Beef ravioli w/meat sauce; English peas; salad; batter bread; roasted peanuts and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Steak fingers w/gravy; mashed potatoes; blackeyed peas; honey; hot rolls and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Pig in blanket; macaroni w/cheese; coleslaw; cherry cobbler and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Beef & beans chaluapas; Spanish rice; tossed salad; fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Hamburgers; French fries; lettuce, tomato, pickles & onions; cookie and milk.

**ELBOW SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Waffles/syrup; sausage; juice and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Ham & cheese omelette; toast; juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Cereal; cinnamon toast; juice and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Pop tarts; juice and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Ravioli & meat sauce; cheese wedge; corn; crackers; fruit cocktail and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Enchiladas; Spanish rice; pinto beans; salad; peaches and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — German sausage; potato salad; pork & beans; cherry cobbler; hot rolls and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Tomato soup; grilled cheese sandwich; celery sticks; grape cake and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Western burger; alphabet fries; lettuce & tomato salad; jello fruit salad and milk.

**SANDS SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Grilled cheese sandwiches; milk and juice.

**TUESDAY** — Muffin; fruit and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Cereal; fruit; milk and juice.

**THURSDAY** — Hot cakes; syrup; sausage; milk and juice.

**FRIDAY** — Cinnamon rolls; milk and juice.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Barbeque on a bun; ranch style beans; French fries; pickles; wacky cake; milk or tea.

**TUESDAY** — Chicken strips; green beans; mashed potatoes with gravy; hot rolls; fruit; milk or tea.

**WEDNESDAY** — Frito pie; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; cobbler; milk or tea.

**THURSDAY** — Steak fingers with gravy; sliced potatoes; June peas with carrots; hot rolls; jello; milk or tea.

**FRIDAY** — Pizza; salad; corn; cookies; fruit; milk or tea.

**WESTBROOK SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY** — Pancakes; little sizzlers; juice and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Sausage; biscuits; juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Donut; juice and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Pancake pups; syrup; juice and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Cereal; juice and milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY** — Minute steaks, gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; butter, syrup; honey and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Rotini w/meat sauce; fried okra; blackeye peas; garlic bread; goodie bar and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Barbeque chicken; potato wedge; pork & beans; sliced bread; raisins and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Enchiladas; Mexican salad; corn on cob; fruit bar and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Chili beans; French fries; tossed salad; crackers; banana pudding and milk.



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## Who pays the most in taxes?

Question: You wrote that the top 1 percent of income-earners pay 25 percent of the total federal income tax. What about us middle-class people? We seem to pay more and more taxes ourselves. Ben C.

Dear Ben, I hate to break the bad news to you, but you are wrong about paying more in taxes. At least, based on Treasury Department numbers you are wrong. I know you feel you are paying more taxes, but the U.S. Treasury Department shows that the greatest percentage of taxes you paid in 1981 versus the percentage you paid in 1988 actually dropped.

In 1981, Treasury Department numbers show that the top 1 percent of income-earners paid 35.4 percent of the total federal income tax burden. The lowest 50 percent of taxpayers paid 7.4 percent of the total federal income tax burden. By subtraction, the 45 percent between the bottom 50 percent and the top 5 percent (the "middle class") paid 57.2 percent of the total income tax burden in 1981.

By 1988 things had changed drastically. The top 5 percent of income earners now pay 45.6 percent of all federal income taxes. The bottom 59 percent has dropped to 5.7 percent of all federal income taxes. Here's the bad news. Even though it feels as if you pay more than your fair share of taxes, you actually are paying less than you paid in 1981. The amount of taxes the middle-class paid was 48.7 percent of the total burden. Your share of the tax burden actually dropped by 8.5 percent.

Ben, it appears the largest tax burden continues to shift more toward high wage earners. In fact, after the recent tax law changes, the percentage of taxes paid by high earners should again go up. Although no one likes to pay taxes, once again the public's attention has been misdirected by our friends in Washington. The public ought to be asking how their tax money is being spent instead of asking who is paying more.

Only when we stop focusing on who pays more taxes and begin to concentrate on how Congress wastes our tax dollars, will there be changes. The next tax laws show little in budget cuts and once again, more taxes. When will it end?

John Payne is a Certified Financial Planner and has been in practice for ten years. If you have a financial question you wish to ask in this column or confidentially, please write him at: John Payne, "Texas: Your Money," 1800 West Loop South #980, Houston, Texas 77027.

## Moore board taps St. Clair as director

By DEBBIE LINCECUM  
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring board members are eager to begin working with Ted St. Clair, newly-hired executive director of the economic development corporation.

"We're all very anxious for his arrival," said chairman Owen Ivie Friday afternoon. St. Clair was expected to arrive Friday or Saturday and find temporary housing until his wife, Polly, joins him.

In a telephone interview from Fort Worth, St. Clair said Friday that he is ready to get to know Big Spring.

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do my homework," St. Clair said Friday. "I'll need to get my feet on the ground and begin to know what Big Spring is all about."

He said he would work closely with the Moore Development board of directors.

Most recently employed as Senior Vice President and Principal of the Centra Group, a Fort

Worth commercial real estate firm, St. Clair is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and did graduate work at Texas Christian University.

A native of Seymour, Texas, he worked for 12 years with TU Electric (Texas Electric Service Company at the time) and was associated with the Georgia In-

stitute of Technology. He spent two years on the staff of the governor of Virginia working with economic development issues.

St. Clair also worked with economic development for the Fort Worth and Lubbock chambers of commerce for 11 and four years, respectively. He begins work here officially Monday.

"Of course he'll be in completely new surroundings," Ivie said, "but we are confident that he will start immediately to get acquainted with the local business community."

Member Jeff Morris said he, too, was looking forward to beginning work with St. Clair.

"He knows the ins and outs of economic development... (he has) years of experience, and he has been able to make many contacts," Morris said.

The executive's attitude and self-confidence are assets as well, he added.

"I believe he would be as comfortable making a presentation to a

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## Business beat

### Anthony offers military discount

The C.R. Anthony Company has announced its intention to extend a special 10 percent discount privilege to the immediate family of members of reserve personnel called to active duty as a result of the conflict in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

"We know these families are suffering a hardship and burden by having loved ones over there," said David Weaver, manager of the Big Spring C.R. Anthony store.

"This is one way to show our support," he said.

Weaver stated families need only to show proper identification, like dependent ID cards, Service Medical Cards or copies of recent orders for call up to active duty, to receive the discount.

"We will take 10 percent off all prices, including sale merchandise," Weaver said.

Glenn Smith, Vice President of Marketing for C.R. Anthony, said in a press release, "There are no strings attached. Whatever the current price is on any item we'll take an additional 10 percent off at the customer service desk, including advertised specials and what we call Yellow Tag Clearance merchandise."

Company Chairman, John J. Wiesner, called on other businesses to do the same. "We at C.R. Anthony want to do our part during this difficult time period and we encourage other businesses to do the same especially those that sell vital commodities like clothing and food."

### HC officials attend seminar

Howard College President Bob Riley, Assistant to the President Cheri Sparks and Associate Vice President for Instruction Gary Sims took part in the 95th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 9-12.

More than 4,000 participants attended workshops and seminars on more than 100 topics and took action on accreditation issues, setting policy for the regional ac-

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## Franklin and Son marks anniversary

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

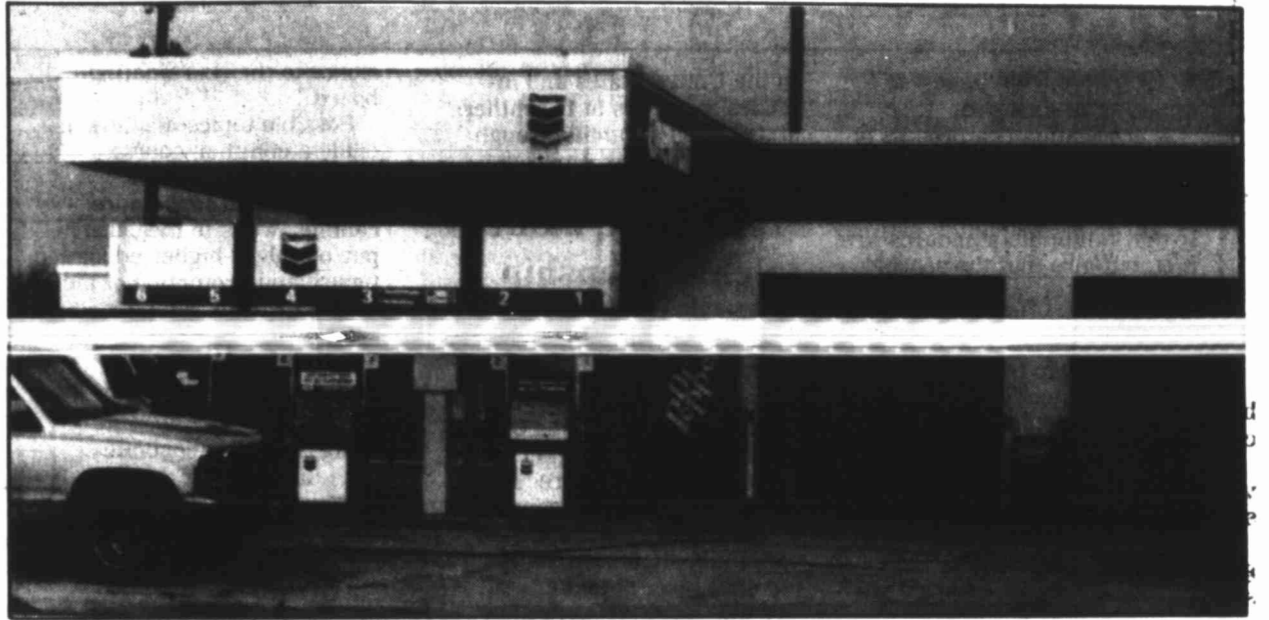
STANTON — Franklin and Son is celebrating 30 years of service in the Stanton community and moved its main headquarters to the new location on Lamesa Highway Saturday, according to Terry Franklin, the owner of the family business.

"My dad started at this location back in 1961. What dad started on was service, and we're proud and excited to be starting our 30th year in Stanton," Franklin said.

The new location was purchased from Blocker Oil Co. in April. The main headquarters will move to the Lamesa Highway building because it has more space, Franklin said.

"What we're doing is to better serve the community. The facility on Lamesa Highway is better for the customer. It has larger work areas, larger customer waiting areas, the general offices are bigger," said Franklin, adding that the larger working space will provide quicker service for the customers.

The business sells fuel for vehicle and home use, including gasoline,



STANTON — Franklin and Son, which has moved from this location on Highway 80 to one on Lamesa Highway, recently operated in Stanton for the past 30 years.

diesel and propane, for both retail and wholesale customers. Delivery trucks are available for customers, he said.

The store sells tires for all types of vehicles, and has a full time

mechanic who provides minor car repairs and automobile maintenance work, like front end alignments and tune-ups, he said.

Franklin served on the Martin County School Board for 14 1/2

years, and was also a member of the board for the Chamber of Commerce. He said he resigned from the school board when he bought the second building, due to contract

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### Super duper floppy copy

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Shown is the control panel of Eastman Kodak Co.'s 2100 series copier, one of three new copy products announced by the company recently. The machine will turn out 110

pages per minute and can read a mailing list from either MS-DOS or Macintosh format floppy disks for adding addresses to each page.

## Treasurer: State must lower debt

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas must curb its habit of doubling the state debt every three years or face a future emergency, state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said.

"We are not in a crisis right now. If we don't do something, we will be in a crisis within the next eight years," Ms. Hutchison told the Texas Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

She said the state now is \$3 billion in debt and has another \$7.2 billion in general obligation debt that has been authorized but not issued. That is up from \$45 million in 1950, she said.

"A lot of people think that Texas is a pay-as-you-go state. That is not true," she said.

Ms. Hutchison said one of her main concerns during the next four years will be trying to cut debt growth. "We can do that responsibly, I think, without draconian cuts in the things that we expect," she said.



### Keeping with the times

HOUSTON — Storekeeper Ben Klifinger takes an imprint of customer Ginny St. John Guin's credit card in Houston recently. Small stores like Klifinger's are accepting credit cards in an effort to keep up with larger stores.

## Chevron reports soaring profits

NEW YORK (AP) — Two of the nation's biggest oil companies reported stunning rises in 1990 earnings, with much of the gain linked to higher energy prices that resulted from the Persian Gulf conflict.

Chevron Corp. said Thursday its annual earnings increased by about 860 percent.

Exxon Corp. reported earnings rose 8 percent. But if 1989 oil-cleanup expenses and a one-time accounting change are included, then Exxon's earnings rose 43 percent over a year earlier. Fourth-quarter earnings at Exxon tripled.

### Brewer files bankruptcy

MILWAUKEE (AP) — G. Heileman Brewing Co. Inc., one of the nation's largest beer makers, filed for bankruptcy court protection, another legacy of the debt-financed takeover era of the late 1980s.

Heileman said Thursday's move, which had been anticipated by industry observers, would help get it out from under the mammoth debt it incurred during a 1987 takeover by Australia's Bond Corp.

Heileman, which employs about 2,000, said the filing won't affect

### Business highlights

production or employment at any of its plants, but analysts had their doubts about the brewer's optimistic predictions.

### Troops get tax break

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has completed congressional action on a bill giving troops in the Persian Gulf war more time to file their tax returns.

The Senate also Thursday approved a House-passed bill assuring a 5.4 percent cost-of-living benefit increase this year for 2.6 million disabled veterans and their survivors.

Both bills, passed on votes of 99-0, now go to President Bush for his signature. The bills were the first passed by the 102nd Congress.

### Lloyds cuts rates

LONDON (AP) — The Lloyd's of London insurance market has cut insurance rates sharply for sea and air cargoes traveling to several Middle East locations. The move reflects optimism about the risks to

commercial shipping during the Persian Gulf war, officials said.

However, insurance rates likely will spiral upward again if a commercial vessel is attacked, strikes a mine, or if a commercial airplane is shot down.

### Court to hear lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP) — In a case closely watched by the newspaper industry, an appeals court refused to throw out a lawsuit that accuses The New York Times Co. of violating a federal law by featuring mostly white models in its real estate advertising.

The ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals means the case can proceed to trial.

The lawsuit, filed in January 1989, claims the real estate advertising published in the Times over the past 20 years has sent a message of racial preference because the ads contained almost exclusively white models.

### Chain buys HBJ

BOSTON (AP) — Itching to use some of its \$1.6 billion in cash, General Cinema Corp. has agreed to buy HBJ.

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# Experts say recession likely to shrink work force

NEW YORK (AP) — Your job is secure, your family well-fed and recession just something you read about in the paper. But misery in a different guise is invading your life.

It stands in front of you in long lines at the checkout counter. It rings in your ears when busy store clerks take more time to answer the phone. It slams the door in your face when your bank closes its local office.

Businessmen, management consultants and consumer specialists say the economic recession is likely to further erode the quality of service across the board as shrinking sales prompt many companies to cut corners. They predict more layoffs and store closings, shorter business hours and testier, overworked salespeople.

In New York alone, the city consumer affairs department already is hearing more complaints from the public. In November, the office

said it registered 888 complaints, 17 percent higher than the 761 complaints in 1989.

Among the gripes: rude salespeople, delivery problems and poor workmanship.

"I think it's a good bet in a recessionary environment, the quality of service will go down," said William H. Davidow, a Californian venture capitalist who co-wrote the 1989 book, "Total Customer Service, the Ultimate Weapon."

Robert H. Waterman Jr., co-author of the 1982 book "In Search of Excellence," agreed: "With the slowdown, there's a tendency to cut back on staff and staff expenses and things like that, and I think there's no way of giving great service without doing things to keep your employees pretty happy."

Some experts predict that companies that consider good service as lip service, smiles and glib commercials will be the first to make layoffs and other reductions that

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pinch customers.

"They are going to keep cranking up the expectations of customers higher and higher, and keep delivering less and less," Davidow said.

At the same time, experts say, a separate corps of elite companies — service leaders who believe that outstanding treatment of customers on the front line brings results on the bottom line — will try to seize the moment.

"Companies with a high level of service do better financially, so the companies with even a modicum of vision will keep investing in service during recessionary times," Waterman said.

Federal Express Corp. spokesman Dan Copp said fierce competition will keep the quality of service the same at the Memphis, Tenn., overnight delivery company. He conceded, though, that his company is more resistant to a withering economy than a lot of other businesses.

In more vulnerable industries, he said, service is bound to suffer in some cases.

"I think that inevitably when the cash flow turns sharply downward, companies have to consider operating in a different way, and in some cases, I think that change in operations will result in a lower quality of service," he said.

In banking, where sour real estate loans and managerial missteps have led to failures, layoffs and other cutbacks, the recession is even more threatening.

"The natural reaction is to trim back, trim back either the number of offices or personnel, and that can result in less convenience ... and less service," said John Medlin, chairman of First Wachovia Corp., which has banks in North Carolina and Georgia.

First Wachovia has 500 less people on its payroll, mostly in non-service areas, as a result of a 1989 cost-evaluation project, Medlin said. In addition, he said, the com-

pany's automated bank-by-phone service does the work of about 100 employees.

Some experts say they expect an increasingly large gap between the best and the worst service providers as the recession continues. "We may find we've got two real extremes: where it's mediocre, it's really bad; where it's good, it's going to be even better," says Ron Zemke, author of the 1988 book "The Service Edge."

What should consumers do in the interim? "I think customers ought to be a little more vigorous in their attempts to define good service and not patronize other companies that are not in that category," Waterman said.

Management consultant Tom Peters, who co-authored "In Search of Excellence" with Waterman, added, "I would argue that you should continue to be as loud and demanding of good service in bad times as you are in good times."

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# Tattoos are gaining respectability

**NEW YORK (AP)** — They lurk beneath the threads of respectability, hidden under crisp Brooks Brothers suits and trendy Donna Karan dresses.

Call them a declaration of independence from the status quo or a permanent needlepoint counterpoint to the demands of conformity. Tattoos, no longer just a mark of rebellion among the biker set, criminals and sailors, are making their way into corporate settings.

"Typies," tattooed young professionals, don't go in for the usual brightly colored, whimsical depictions of tigers, dragons, unicorns and other images that recall late 1960s poster art. Instead, they're big on ethnic themes: Maori armbands, Celtic symbols and Egyptian fertility signs.

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wouldn't know have tattoos," said the studio's owner, Jill Jordan. (Don't call them "parlors" anymore. Tattoo artists prefer "studio" over "parlor," which they feel carries more tawdry connotations.)

Most of Jordan's clients are discreet and want their tattoos on their upper arms or other spots rarely bared in office attire, she said.

Shotsie Gorman, a former art instructor who now owns a tattoo studio in Haledon, N.J., and publishes the high-gloss, semiannual "Tattoo Advocate," agrees: Typies are everywhere.

"I've tattooed a number of professional people — from surgeons to people involved in arbitrage and multimillion dollar-deals who once they take their business suits off are virtually covered," Gorman said. "They lead a very schizophrenic life."

But if tattoos signify rebellion and a certain degree of recklessness, can a surgeon be trusted with a knife? A stockbroker with someone's life savings?

One Wall Street broker with elaborate tattoos on both shoulders

says he never considers his arm art a handicap.

"If you're making the person money, they don't care if you have a third eye in the middle of your forehead," said the broker, whose firm requested that he not be identified. "Greed will overcome any stigma. I once told a guy, 'Oh, I made you \$500,000 and, oh, by the way, I got a new tattoo.' He just said, 'Great.'"

Those who once embraced life in the fast lane are looking for safer kicks, and breaking the tattoo taboo offers a cautious stride on the wild side.

"It's not like a biker thing at all now," said Regina Casagrande, an agent who represents high-fashion stylist Sante D'Oranzio and fashion photographer Patti Wilson. "Once you get one, you feel special. You're not just a naked body anymore, you're distinct. It proves to me that I'm different."

Just what motivates people to spend up to \$100 an hour to have an original piece of artwork implanted on their bodies?

Dr. Gerald Grumet, director of Psychiatric Emergency Services at Rochester General Hospital, in

Rochester, N.Y., speculates that tattoos help define identity.

"Of all the various motives for bearing a tattoo, the quest for personal identity is central," Grumet wrote in an article.

Tattooing also is an effective rite-of-passage ritual, said Gorman, the studio owner. Many people come to him after overcoming an especially rough or stressful time in their lives.

"Tattoos are like an 'X' for those who look at their lives in a linear way," Gorman said. "That 'X' marks the spot in their lives when they have made some passage. And a tattoo, unlike other things, can't be denied by memory or time."

Tattoos, however, can be denied by lasers. A treatment developed in 1989 uses a ruby laser to blast away the color beneath the skin, apparently without leaving a telltale scar.

Although many in the twentysomething generation may not have a problem with tattoos, telling the fiftysomething generation — their parents — can be more prickly than getting the tattoo.

Carolyn Sanderson, a 28-year-old graphic designer, literally lost sleep while preparing to tell her parents about the Celtic triangle tattooed on the upper crest of her right arm.

"It means you're in the Navy," her father told her after he got the news. "No, it's like artwork now," Sanderson replied.



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**NEW YORK** — New York City Police detectives escort some of the 21 registered security brokers who were charged Wednesday with taking part in a massive stock-rigging scheme. District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said this was the first time New York state's Organized Crime Control Act has been used in connection with financial markets fraud.

## Price-rigging scheme leads to fraud charges

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Three securities firms and 21 brokers have been charged with fraud in an alleged price-rigging scheme that caused thousands of stock market investors to lose more than \$10 million, authorities said.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Wednesday that from September 1987 through February 1990 a group of "market makers" manipulated prices of over-the-counter stocks in certain companies by buying or selling them over and over again within the group.

Apparent demand for a stock drives up its price, allowing members of the alleged conspiracy to sell for an artificially high price. Similarly, lack of demand drives down the price, allowing an artificially low purchase price.

Unsuspecting investors were defrauded high and low, Morgenthau said.

In one case, he said, the defendants rigged the price of a group of securities so that their price doubled within the first three hours of trading. The group made a profit of more than \$1 million for the Wakefield Financial

Corp.

Assistant District Attorney Michael-Cherkasky, who headed the three-year investigation, said the scheme bilked investors out of more than \$10 million.

"There was no way an investor could know he was a victim in a scheme such as this," said Assistant District Attorney Rubie Mages, prosecutor in the case. "Investors should deal only with brokers they trust completely."

She said there is little defrauded investors can do to get their money back in this case except sue the defendants.

The 21 individuals, named in a total of four indictments, were charged with enterprise corruption, punishable by up to 25 years in prison. The three firms and 13 of the people were charged with grand larceny, scheming to defraud, falsifying business records and violating the state's general business law.

Besides Wakefield Financial, which had offices around the state, the companies indicted were Kelly Trading Co. of Manhattan, and G.K. Scott & Co., which had offices in Florida and Tennessee.

Cher graced the cover of November's *Vanity Fair* baring her latest tattoo at the top of her left arm, a snaking silver chain with three dangling ornaments. At the Red Devil Studios in Los Angeles, Cher's favorite tattoo spot, the clientele are "lots of people in professional jobs that you

## Pizza: latest crisis indicator

**SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP)** — For a quick read on the state of world affairs, one need only look at pizza deliveries to the Pentagon, the White House and the CIA.

"The news media doesn't always know when something big is going to happen because they're in bed, but our deliverers are out there at 2 in the morning," said Frank Meeks, owner of the 43 Domino's outlets in the Washington area.

This month, late-night deliveries to the Pentagon have increased steadily, from three to 20 in one night, he said. At the White House, 28 pizzas were delivered one night between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., Meeks said.

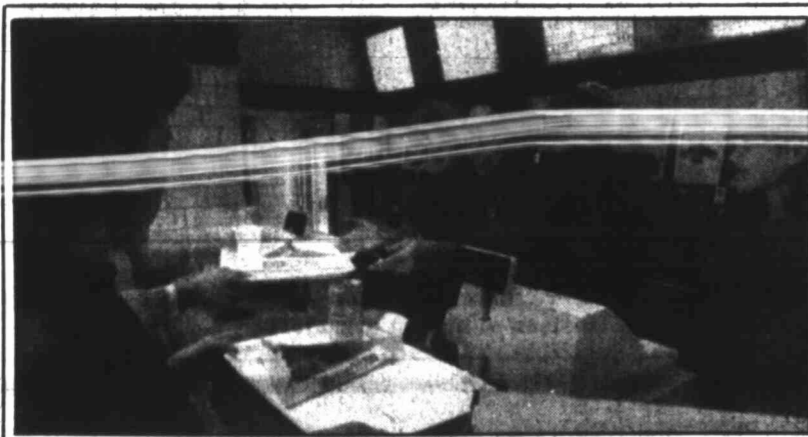
Meeks said the demand for pizzas coincided with the build-up in tensions as the deadline was ap-

proaching for Iraqi troops to withdraw from Kuwait.

He said he has traced the trend through the invasions of Panama and Grenada, the fall of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines and previous Persian Gulf crises. In every case, pizza orders to the three government buildings soared.

The one-night record for late-night deliveries at the CIA — 21 pizzas — was set Aug. 1, the night before Iraq invaded Kuwait, Meeks said. However, deliveries after 10 p.m. have dropped since Jan. 9, when they reached 15.

"That certainly doesn't indicate that we're not keeping busy," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield. "I want to make clear that we're working very hard here."



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## Beijing pizza joint

**BEIJING** — New Yorker Richard Rosenzweig, center, demonstrates to his Chinese staff the proper way to hand over pizza slices to customers earlier this month at his New York Pizza restaurant which opened the first week of January in Beijing.

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## Third Coast Water Company

Edited by Linda Choate

"Our delivery service is free to our customers, they pay only for the water," says Maury Smith, owner of Third Coast Water Company.

Smith has been in the water business for many years. He started Third Coast by buying bulk water on the premise of bringing the product to the customer.

"I stress that our responsibility is that our customers never run out of water."

Third Coast offers regular home and business water delivery (in five gallon plastic bottles, and 3 gallons to come soon) from its reverse osmosis plant in the Industrial Park.

"Water delivery is our primary business. With all the errands people have to run today — to the grocery store, dry cleaners, etc., there's no need to have to add water store to that list," the Big Spring native said.

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The firm is especially proud of its delivery service to senior citizens (62 and over). "We deliver five gallons to their homes for only \$3.00."

Third Coast also owns and operates reverse osmosis systems at Don's Fiesta in Big Spring and Lamesa, Dominguez #1, Wes-T-Go Stop (Greenwood), Kay's Fina Mart, Vier Convenience Store in Garden City and a system at Canterbury and also Red Mesa Grill with others in the works. Water samples are regularly taken at these locations.

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In addition to Smith, the staff includes Teresa Thompson, bookkeeper; James Balios, plant manager; and Alan White, route sales manager.

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