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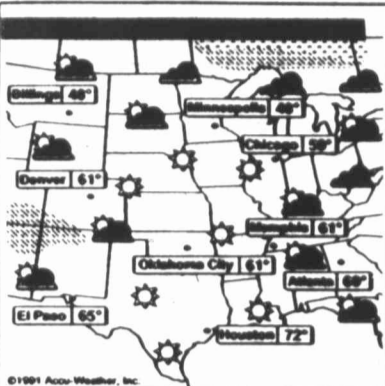
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Weather
Fair tonight and sunny Wednesday. Low tonight around 40; high tomorrow around 70.

Monday's high temperature	45
Monday's low temperature	46
Average high	40
Average low	31
Record high	86 in 1916
Record low	10 in 1981
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.05
Normal for Month	0.67
Year to date	01.79
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Sidelines

RSVP plans orientation

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is having an orientation meeting Thursday, 10:30 a.m., at the conference room of the Senior Citizen Center, building 487 in the Industrial Park.

During the meeting, refreshments will be served, and the film "What You Do Speaks So Loud" will be viewed.

"RSVP is not just nationwide, it's in other countries too," said Joy Decker, the RSVP project director. "It's for people 60 and older, who are retired," said Decker.

The RSVP offers seniors a way to do volunteer work in the community. "We have 29 volunteer stations, and some of them need people," said Decker.

The orientation meeting is for recently enrolled RSVP members, but anyone wishing to, may attend, guests are welcome.

Call 267-2589 for more information.

Area Masons urged to attend meeting

Area Masons are urged to attend as the Masonic Service Team makes an official visit to present the Texas Grand Master's plan for this year.

The team of district officers include: Stanton White, district deputy grand master; Herman Ledbetter, district education officer; Alfred Tidwell, district instructor; Richard Knous, district masonic relations officer.

The Masonic relations officer is the new member of the district officers and, according to George Colvin, a past area master who will play a vital role in the special events scheduled for this Masonic year.

The meeting will be at the Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, at 219 Main, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Colvin said, "The grand master wants every lodge and every Masonic-affiliated organization to participate in the events."

Antacid makers battle over ads

NEW YORK (AP) — A recent Tums' television advertising campaign was designed to draw customers away from Mylanta by falsely promising that Tums is safer than antacids such as Mylanta, a lawsuit says.

Johnson & Johnson-Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals Co. of Fort Washington, Pa., filed the lawsuit in federal court Friday against Tums' manufacturer, Pittsburgh-based Smithkline Beecham Corp.

The complaint said the ads falsely implied that Tums is more nutritional.

Allies blast Iraqi convoy

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Allied warplanes blasted an Iraqi convoy of armored vehicles and trucks in Kuwait overnight, and demolished a government ministry in Baghdad today that is led by Saddam Hussein's cousin.

American pilots on "Scud patrol" claimed they destroyed up to four Iraqi missile launchers in western Iraq, U.S. officials said today. Nevertheless, Israel was hit with one missile early today launched from that region.

In an unusual step, Iraq also disclosed nearly 100 air raids on military targets in southern Iraq and Kuwait. Normally, such attacks are not mentioned in the daily military communiqués read on Baghdad radio.

Soviet envoy Yevgeny Primakov, in Baghdad for a meeting with Saddam, today toured damaged areas of the capital with Iraqi escorts. He was expected to discuss with Saddam a Kremlin initiative aimed at ending the war.

Back home in Moscow, a commentator for the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* today criticized U.S. war policy, saying



WASHINGTON — President George Bush, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, left, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Colin Powell, right, walk from the presidential residence to the Oval Office at the White House on Monday. Cheney and Powell returned to Washington from Saudi Arabia Sunday night.

American tactics "could help the corpse of the Cold War scramble out of its grave."

A French newspaper suggested today that Soviet military advisers remain in Iraq and may be helping Baghdad. Moscow has denied any role in helping the Iraqis but recently said the allies may be going beyond the U.N. resolutions by attacking Iraq, rather than simply trying to recapture Kuwait.

President Bush said Monday that the allies will continue the air assault, taking "whatever time is

Condray honored for role in rescue

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Chuck Condray, a Big Spring city councilman, received an award from the Rotary Club for his efforts in rendering aid to a man involved in a motor vehicle accident.

Condray, Tom Decell, and Sidney Clark were returning from Austin Friday when they saw the vehicle in front of them drop off the roadway and into a steep, heavily-wooded ravine.

The accident happened on Highway 29, a winding road that cuts through the hill country outside Austin. Rescue crews were dispatched from Burnett to extricate the victim, according to sources at the Burnett County Sheriff's Department.

"Tom was the real hero," said Condray. "He reacted quickly, stopped a truck and had him call for assistance, then he and Sidney slid down the hill to check on the guy." Condray rerouted traffic until the road cleared, then joined Decell and Clark.

"I think that guy would have still been there today if we had not seen him go off that cliff," said Condray. He explained that the vehicle was completely out of sight from the road, and was further obscured by heavy foliage.

The driver of the vehicle was semi-conscious, having received

an injury to the head as the vehicle rolled down the embankment, said Condray. "There were about a dozen rescue workers on that hill," Condray said. "They had to use ropes to bring the stretcher up."

Calvin Boyd, one of the DPS troopers on the scene, said, "We don't know at this time if the man went to sleep or if he was intoxicated. He was able to go home from the hospital that evening, and that's surprising after seeing that accident. It looked pretty bad."

"If he hadn't been wearing his seat belt, I think he would have died," added Boyd.

Decell activated a strobe light to warn traffic as there was no room to get his car off the road. When the three men reached the vehicle they found the engine running and shut it off. After checking his pulse and determining the extent of his injuries, they urged the man to remain still, trying to calm him until the emergency crew arrived.

"It's a good thing they saw him, I don't think he'd have ever made it up that hill if they hadn't," said Boyd.

Condray is a charter member of the Rotary Club. "Service above self, is our motto," said Phillip Welch of the Rotary Club, "so we thought he should get some type of recognition."

Locally-produced tape could take gulf by storm



Rick Johnson, left, Mayor Max Green, Tommy Lucas, Mike Speck and Jerold Cox joined forces Monday night at Cajon Recording Studio to help produce a tape to be sent to the troops in the Middle East.

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

A group of area residents has created a project to lift the spirits of soldiers in the Persian Gulf. With Operation Spirit Lift, troops will receive cassette tapes of music and humor performed by local talent.

"We wanted to think of some way to show our support (for the troops)," said Howard Higgins, an organizer. "We knew we had the talent and this was something we could do."

Organizer Tommy Lucas described the tapes as "down-home humor and music with down-home folks."

"We've been so busy taking care of ourselves over the last few years, we kind of got away from doing something for somebody else," he said. "Now we're trying to get back to that."

Operation Spirit Lift has already recorded some local talents — Mayor Max Green playing his

violin, Ryan Toomire singing patriotic songs and Keith Ross playing the piano. Local bands such as the Desperados, the Rodeo Cowboys and the Jones Valley Boys will participate, as will local favorites Jody and Cindy Nix.

Organizers say they will include something for every musical taste, and Mr. Pat Porter, tape emcee, will provide between-song humor.

Gospel music, however, will not be allowed, because of censorship the tape must undergo in the Saudi Arabia area, Higgins noted.

Cajon Studio of Big Spring has donated recording equipment and time to the project. Once a sufficient amount of music has been recorded, 60 minutes of entertainment will be recorded onto 250 cassettes and sent to Saudi Arabia.

Higgins and Lucas admit their project will require substantial funding. Estimates total about \$680 for tape duplication, printing and mailing of the first round of tapes.

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Group seeks action on Settles building

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

It is time to do something about the vacant landmark Settles Hotel, Big Spring Main Street Association members say.

This month the group is asking four taxing entities to take over ownership of the building for non-payment of taxes by owner Gil Cuadra, who owes \$151,056.77 in taxes since 1978. In addition, the municipal judge fined Cuadra \$30,000 for safety violations. The decision is now on appeal in Howard County Court.

In response to a request Monday by Main Street Chairman Richard Atkins, Commissioners Court on Monday appointed County Judge Ben Lockhart to the tax liaison committee, which is comprised of appointees from all taxing entities and overlooks delinquent taxes. Main Street members want to get representatives from each of the taxing entities on the committee to begin looking at the problem.

"We feel like the taxing entities need to take the lead on this," said Main Street Secretary Pat Porter, who was unable to make the commissioners meeting.

Whether the building, which

West side needs fire coverage



Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series that examines existing deficiencies in Big Spring fire protection, and looks at what action, if any, is planned to correct the problems.

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Big Spring Fire Department suffers from insufficient staffing and insufficient equipment, but citizens may be suffering as well — from insufficient protection in the western part of town.

City officials, firefighters and regulatory agencies agree that the central fire station, located at Fourth and Nolan streets adjacent to City Hall, is probably no longer necessary.

The State Board of Insurance

has determined that the downtown area would be sufficiently protected by "overlap" from other stations' coverage areas. Station 2, at 18th and Main streets; 3, at 11th Place and Birdwell Lane; and 4, at 100 NE Eighth; would be able to serve the area, board inspectors determined.

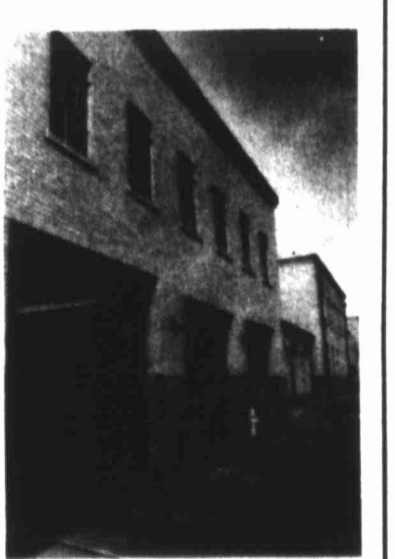
The west side of town, however, lacks fire department coverage under State Board of Insurance guidelines, and has for several years.

The insurance board recently assessed a one-cent key rate charge for deficient west end coverage. In an August 1989 memo to City Manager Hal Boyd, Fire Chief Frank Anderson said he had been in touch with board officials, who confirmed that the west side coverage was deficient.

"My recommendation is that we close (the) central (fire station) at the earliest possible date and open a station on the west side to have fire protection evenly distributed within the city limits," Anderson's memo says.

Boyd told the *Herald* that fire station relocation "has been in our minds for a long time." He said he will propose several relocation options to the city council when consideration of the 1991-92 budget begins.

"I'm hoping to have a briefing



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of alternate plans prior to and during budget (hearings)," he said.

Boyd and Fire Chief Frank Anderson declined to discuss specific proposals currently under consideration. Boyd said no concrete plans had been prepared, and it is "too soon" to

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Nation

Abortion protesters fined \$2 million

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An abortion clinic that was the target of repeated sit-ins was awarded \$2 million in damages against an anti-abortion group and three protest leaders.

Another 31 protesters were ordered to pay fines of \$6.2 million.

A Multnomah County Circuit Court jury on Monday ordered punitive damages of \$500,000 each to be paid by Advocates for Life Inc. and three protest leaders, Andrew A. Burnett, Catherine Ramey and Dawn M. Stover.

Twenty-one other protesters were fined \$200,000 each for trespassing and creating a con-

tinuing nuisance at the Lovejoy Surgicenter between 1985 and 1991.

Judge James R. Ellis also said he would fine each of 10 other defendants \$200,000 for failing to comply with pretrial rulings.

The protesters were accused of blocking doors and harassing patients at the clinic.

It was not immediately known if there would be an appeal. But some defendants said they would never pay the judgments.

"We don't have the money, and even if we did we wouldn't," said Brian Clowes. "We are not going to support the child killers."

Earthquake fatalities rose in 1990

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earthquakes killed nearly as many people last year as in all the 1980s, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

More than 52,000 fatalities were reported in earthquakes around the world in 1990, the agency said Monday. Quakes claimed 57,500 lives during the 80s.

Boosting the 1990 total was a tremor in western Iran on June 21 that killed about 50,000 people, the survey said.

The death total for 1990 was the highest since 1976, when a quake in China killed several hundred thousand people. The exact total is in dispute.

There were 68 significant earthquakes recorded around the world last year, eight more than in 1989 and six more than the annual average in the 1980s.

Forty of the significant quakes occurred on the so-called Ring of Fire, the long line of volcano and earthquake prone regions encircling the Pacific Ocean.

Just three quakes ranked as significant occurred in the United States last year. There were no deaths.

Last year's strongest quake measured 7.8 on the Richter scale. It claimed 1,600 lives July 16 in the Philippines.

City is scene of wild street party

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It's Fat Tuesday in New Orleans and that can mean but one thing: It's time for the loudest, booziest and, some say, raucous, street party in the country, otherwise known as Mardi Gras.

Revelers, street musicians and even evangelists in search of lost souls began jamming the city's French Quarter on Monday in anticipation of the finale to a month of street parties, music and parades.

"People certainly get a little looser at Mardi Gras, especially in the French Quarter," said Gretchen Bosworth, who was handing out free condoms on behalf of the No AIDS Task Force. "We are going to try to remind them that they still need to take precautions."



MARDI GRAS FLOAT

Man was looking for happy ending

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man accused of trying to hijack an airliner to Cuba said in an interview he hoped to get away with \$13 million "and live happily ever after."

Curley Lee Compton, 54, of Oakland was arrested Sunday at San Diego's Lindbergh Field. FBI officials said Compton threatened to blow up a Southwest Airlines jetliner unless he was flown to Cuba and given \$13 million.

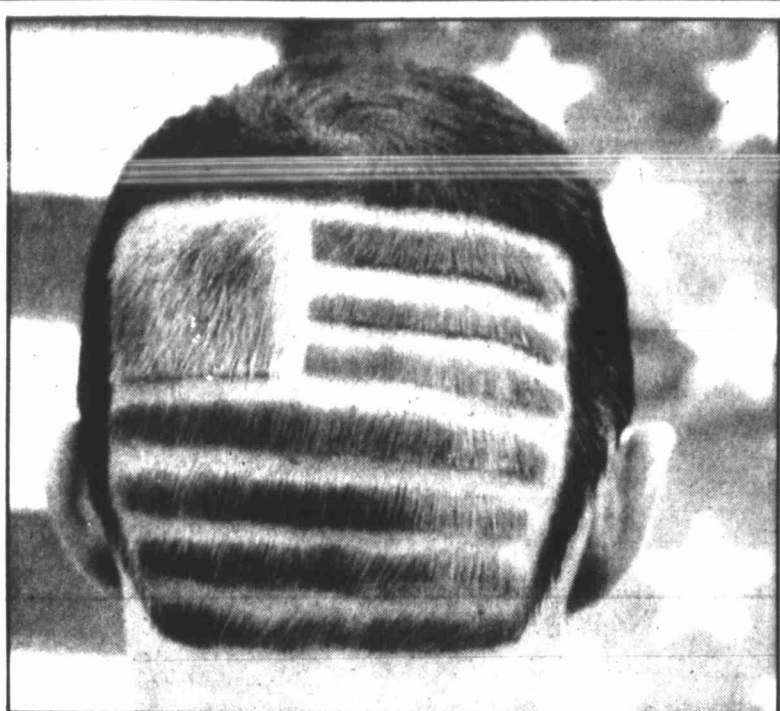
"I thought I'd get off and try to get permission to live in Cuba and go off in the woods somewhere and live happily ever after," Compton said Monday in a telephone interview from the Metropolitan Correctional Center

where he was being held without bail.

"It was probably something that came to me when I was drinking and just didn't go away," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Larry Burns said Compton handed a note to a flight attendant that read in part: "Have nitro in my hand and bomb in luggage."

He was arrested when the flight from Oakland to Austin, Texas, made a scheduled stop in San Diego. Authorities said other passengers were unaware of the alleged threat, and the plane continued on its flight after a check by bomb-sniffing dogs.



Flag head

UNION CITY, Calif. — When city officials ordered firefighters to remove flags from their fire engines and helmets, Capt. Mike Brown of the Union City, Calif., fire department had his hair shaved into the shape of the flag and dyed red, white and blue.

U.S. consulate will open in the Ukraine

KIEV, U.S.S.R. (AP) — After 15 years, the United States is opening a consulate this month in the Ukrainian capital, drawing cheers from independence activists who are courting Western support.

U.S. officials, wary of stirring trouble for President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, say the consulate's opening does not mean diplomatic recognition or support for an independent Ukraine, the second most populous of the 15 Soviet republics.

"It's not our policy to confer recognition if the matter hasn't been resolved by the Soviets themselves," said a Western diplomat in Moscow who spoke on condition he not be identified.

U.S. officials note that if the Soviet Union had not invaded Afghanistan in 1979, the building might have opened a decade ago, when few people could conceive of Ukrainian secession.

France and Germany, which already have consulates in Kiev, also have remained neutral in the fray over independence.

Behind the diplomatic tiptoeing, however, is a clear U.S. recognition that the Ukraine is an industrial and agricultural powerhouse of 52 million people whose future is important to the West.

If it breaks away from the Soviet Union, it will be Europe's largest country in territory and fifth-largest in population, after Germany, Italy, Britain and France.

Ukrainian independence activists welcome the opening of Western missions.

"Without question, we need Western contacts," said poet Ivan Drach, chairman of the Rukh independence movement. "We particularly need people who are here permanently, who can see and understand what is going on, because truth and knowledge are our only weapons."

The U.S. State Department originally decided to open the consulate in the 1970s in an exchange

that involved opening a Soviet consulate in New York. It sent a 15-person advance team to Kiev and invested about \$1 million in renovations to three buildings for offices and housing.

When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in December 1979, however, President Carter retaliated by cutting off government-sponsored exchanges, boycotting the Moscow Olympics and canceling plans for the consulate.

After Gorbachev came to power in 1985 and U.S.-Soviet relations warmed, plans for the consulate were renewed. But the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident, security concerns heightened by the alleged bugging of the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow, and reciprocal limits on U.S. and Soviet diplomatic staff delayed the project.

In the last year, as the Ukrainian independence movement has grown, the United States has been pushing again to open the consulate.

Its legislature declared sovereignty from Moscow in July and called for a new constitution, an independent banking system and a separate currency. Lawmakers also approved legislation to exempt conscripted Ukrainians from serving in the Soviet Armed Forces outside the Ukraine, and to create its own military formations. That step has not actually been taken.

All of the major political groups in the republic, from the Communist Party to the greens movement, have endorsed the sovereignty claim.

World

Military role in pact to be scrapped

MOSCOW (AP) — The military structure of the Warsaw Pact will be scrapped by April 1 but the Soviet Union plans to maintain bilateral defense treaties with its allies, the presidential spokesman said today.

"We expect some reaction from the NATO countries," Vitaly Ignatenko, spokesman for Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, said without elaborating.

Czechoslovakian officials said Monday in Prague that President Vaclav Havel had received a letter from Gorbachev agreeing to dissolve the Kremlin-led pact. They said pact officials were to meet in Budapest, Hungary, on Feb. 25 to formalize the bloc's action.

Soviet officials have been calling for the transformation of the Warsaw Pact and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

from military into political organizations since the collapse of Communist regimes in Poland, East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in 1989.

"Our countries came to the conclusion to dismantle the military structure of the Warsaw Pact and to finish this process by April 1," Ignatenko told a briefing in Moscow.

"We hope this will reduce military confrontation," he said, adding that the Soviets expect to continue some form of defense treaties with the individual pact members.

The Warsaw Pact was formed in 1955 in response to the creation of NATO. The original members were the Soviet Union, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania and Albania. Albania left the pact in 1962.

Philippines makes rental proposal

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines told the United States today how much it wants Washington to pay to use six military bases here after their lease expires in September.

Both sides also reported progress on such issues as military cooperation, cultural exchanges and legal procedures for the 40,000 U.S. troops. Defense Department civilians and military dependents at the installations.

Acting Philippine spokesman Raul Rabe said Manila submitted its proposals on compensation one day after the United States presented its own offer for use of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay naval base and four smaller facilities.

"We have submitted proposals based on the perceived needs in this country and on our desire to have as much as possible from these talks to help us in our

economic recovery programs, to enable us to get back on our feet," Rabe said.

Neither side has released any figures. U.S. spokesman Stanley Schragar said the Philippine proposal was taken under advisement.

"In general, let me say that both sides are approaching this particular issue on a higher plane than might ordinarily be the case," Schragar said.

Rabe said differences still remained on an unspecified number of issues but he refused to elaborate.

Philippine negotiators have said they want the bases converted to commercial use. The United States has proposed a 10- to 12-year transition to full Philippine control. Philippine negotiators have proposed a between five and seven year phaseout.

Cholera epidemic might spread

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A cholera epidemic that has claimed 66 lives since late January is slowly being brought under control, a Health Ministry spokesman has said.

But there were growing fears Monday the highly contagious disease might spread to neighboring countries. Peru's neighbors were taking precautions against the disease and many nations sent emergency medical supplies.

Public awareness and the transport of medicines and personnel to affected areas — mostly along the Peruvian coast — has brought down the death rate from last week's apparent high, the Health Ministry spokesman, Raul Fernandez said.



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Names in the news

Acting like any other job

NEW YORK (AP) — Sure, the pay's better, but movie-making has a lot more in common with many people's workaday jobs than you'd think, says Oscar-winning actress Jodie Foster.

"You get up at six in the morning, and it's like a blue-collar job — all the idiots that sit at the Polo Lounge don't mean anything," Foster said in the March issue of *Premiere* magazine. "That's what fascinates me when people talk about the film business — they're talking about people who sit in suits and go to lunch, but that's not what it is."



JODIE FOSTER
Actor hates hairpiece

NEW YORK (AP) — There's one thing Ted Danson doesn't like about his "Cheers" character, skirt-chasing Sam Malone: his hairpiece.

Danson, in an interview in Sunday's *Parade* magazine, said he leaves Sam's hairpiece on the set when he heads home these days — a welcome change from the days when he wore the wig both on-and-off-screen.

"Putting the hairpiece on was a hassle. It's a huge relief to no longer walk around in other people's image of who I am," said Danson, 43. "I only have to be sexy for one person (wife Cassandra) these days, and she thinks I look like a cute monk."

Nevertheless, Danson said, playing the sex-obsessed Boston bar owner on the top-rated television show opened a lot of doors.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1991

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: artist Grant Wood, actress Kim Novak, actors George Segal and Oliver Reed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The mail brings good news. Consistency will help you get better results in business. Letting children know what is expected of them will encourage them to develop good habits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Trust your own instincts. If a long-distance romance makes you feel like an exile, get out and socialize more. Your creativity is at a peak. Look for new outlets for your talents.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your influence grows at work. Use any spare time to complete important paperwork. A new office or apartment brings great satisfaction. Break out of a rut. Accept a spur-of-the-moment invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Remain close to your family but enjoy your freedom. Developing your

skills as a public speaker will help your career. Travel is favored. Accept an invitation to visit friends at a distance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Review the pros and cons of a recent business proposal. Seek experts' advice before signing. Let a past love fade away; someone more compatible is on the horizon. Avoid making demands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Although overseas travel holds great appeal, postpone it for a more favorable period. Be sensitive to a child's or parent's feelings. Influential people will reward your original ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The success of a business partnership will banish any financial worries! Hang tough if others give you a hard time or attempt to deceive you. A change of residence or lifestyle is overdue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An idealistic but focused approach helps advance your career. Use your influence to get loans and expand business. Free-lancers do brilliantly to-

day. Nurture an ailing relationship. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Speaking your mind will clear up a misunderstanding. You feel energized after enrolling in an exercise or dance program. Additional education boosts your earning power.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spruce up your wardrobe with carefully chosen accessories. A contemporary image is a big plus in business. Check out stock tips proposed by friends. A prominent individual plays a major role in your career.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Admit your mistakes and you will win big at work or home. Your financial interests are right on the money. Take time out to recharge your batteries. Lunch with one of your favorite critics.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You move into a position from which you can feather your nest. Beware of strangers bearing gifts. Tune out anyone who asks too many personal questions. New technology can save you time and money.

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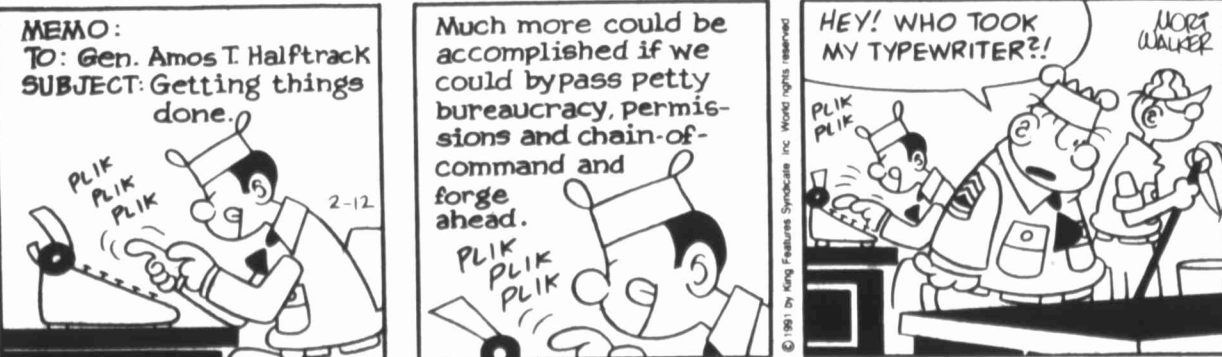
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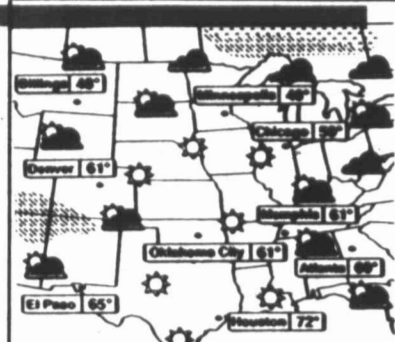
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City applies for park grant

The City of Stanton has applied for funding assistance from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the redevelopment of Shelburne Park, according to the Director of Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Jerry Tschauner.

The Commission received the application and will present it to the directors for review Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Planning Commission office building located at 2910 Laforce Boulevard at the Midland Airport.

"We are looking for the recommendation from the Planning Commission. We are asking the State for the grant, but with the help of the commission we have a better package to present to the State with the Commission's vote of confidence," Lively said.

City, county population totals up

The Secretary of Commerce has released figures for the state's populations, based on the 1990 Census. According to the census, Martin County increased from 4695 in 1980 to 4956 in 1990.

The city of Stanton increased from 2322 in 1980 to 2576 in 1990, a 254 increase, while the county increased 261.

These figures are premature, according to the secretary, and are not intended to be used for redistricting purposes. The corrections will not be released until the Department of Commerce considers all the counts to be true.

"Right now, it all depends on what changes there are in the precinct. If changes occur in the precinct, we will have to redistrict. The census officials release what they call census blocks and that's what we have now, but when we have these figures, we will correlate them to the proper precinct," MC judge Bob Deavenport said.

Area Masons urged to attend meeting

Area Masons are urged to attend as the Masonic Service Team makes an official visit to present the Texas Grand Master's plan for this year.

The team of district officers include: Stanton White, district deputy grand master; Herman Ledbetter, district education officer; Alfred Tidwell, district instructor; Richard Knous, district masonic relations officer.

The Masonic relations officer is the new member of the district officers and, according to George Colvin, a past area master who will play a vital role in the special events scheduled for this Masonic year.

The meeting will be at the Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, at 219 Main, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.



SAUDI ARABIA — A soldier from the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division positions himself in a trench during ground warfare exercises. The 1st Armored Division's troops are in front-line positions.

Audit shows fund increase

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — The city ended the 1989-90 fiscal year in the black again, spending less than the amount of revenues brought in. The fund balance increased \$160.

The city collected \$423,869 in revenues and spent \$418,604 for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, according to an audit report presented to the City Council during their regular meeting Monday night. The report by Stallings and Herm, P.C., Stanton, was approved.

In 1988-89 the city collected \$395,056 and spent \$141,167. The year-end fund balance went from \$141,167 in 1989 to \$181,538.

Increased revenues for the past fiscal year included a raise in the property tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.05 per \$100 valuation. The \$319,446 in taxes collected was up \$16,925 over the year before.

Other revenue increases included: \$60,185 for utility and franchise collections, up \$4,793; \$4,600 in lease revenue, up \$2,280; \$3,365 in fines and penalties, up \$1,541; and \$945 for licenses and permits, up \$347.

Meanwhile, the operating income for city services was \$176,810 while nonoperating earnings increased \$604.15 a month, according to the audit report.

The biggest operating revenue increase came from a 100 percent increase in garbage collection rates to help pay for closing and opening a new landfill. With residential rates now at \$15 a month and business rates at \$50 a month, \$213,880 was collected, compared to \$112,533 last year.

The largest city expenses went

Families keep busy to cope with the separation

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series about families in Stanton or Martin County who have family members serving in Operation Desert Storm. By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Thoughts and prayers go out to the soldiers in the Middle East every day, and not a day goes by without thinking of the conflict, area families agreed.

Shawn Harrison's mother, Peggy Luxton, said her son is a member of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg in South Carolina, waiting for his overseas orders.

Luxton said her son was attending Special Forces training school to become a Green Beret. He took leave to attend his grandmother's funeral only to find the base was virtually deserted when he returned.

"because all personnel had been shipped to the Middle East."

"He said it was really weird being on a base that had been full of people and was now empty," she said.

She said he knows he's being sent to the Persian Gulf, and he wants to go. Harrison, a sergeant, was stationed in Panama during the conflict.

Harrison, 23, is performing various duties at Fort Bragg, including transportation and administrative work. A graduate of Coahoma High School, Harrison hopes to get back to his Green Beret training after the war, she said.

"I liked it when he sat and answered telephones. I tell him to keep a low profile so they'll forget

Air war continues as ground troops prepare

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Tens of thousands of U.S. troops in the Saudi desert are taking up battle positions for the land confrontation to come, but the Persian Gulf War still belonged to the skies today.

A low cloud cover hung over northern Saudi Arabia this morning, but bomb-laden Saudi Tornado air-to-ground fighters took off into the hazy skies, heading north to Iraq and occupied Kuwait.

On Monday, with clear weather as an ally, the coalition's stepped-up air war caused a skyborne traffic jam. "It's like a freeway," one U.S. officer said as U.S. pilots all but competed for targets.

Iraq struck back, lobbing Scud-type missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia overnight, causing injuries and damage in both countries.

Despite their limited firepower and accuracy, the rockets have proved an effective terror weapon, if not much of a military threat.

With much of his country in ruins, Saddam Hussein met with his inner circle for the second time since Sunday. Iraqi radio, which reported the gathering, did not say what was discussed.

In this fourth week of war, the allies claim superiority in the sky and seas, and Iraq has expressed expressing eagerness for a land battle. But President Bush said Monday the allies will continue the air assault, taking "whatever time is necessary" to lay the groundwork for a ground war.

Bush was meeting today with the defense chiefs of Britain and France, principal allied partners, though White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the meeting did not signal any ground offensive was imminent.

Even so, the pace of ground preparations quickened today.

Marines and Army forces already stationed in northern Saudi Arabia broke camp and headed to

the northernmost desert frontier. C-130 transport planes shuttled from rear bases for new airstrips near the border, and roads from Saudi Arabia's gulf ports were clogged with supply trucks.

The forward troops were traveling light, shedding comforts like cots and tents.

"The closer you get, the leaner you get," said Chief Warrant Officer Charles Rowe. "When you move your combat power, you do it with the minimum of equipment."

The last units to arrive in Saudi Arabia, including the Army's top armored divisions, were getting last-minute training, making hurried repairs to Bradley fighting vehicles and waiting for the last of their M1-A1 main battle tanks.

Meanwhile, a Soviet envoy ventured into the war zone to try to talk peace. Yevgeny Primakov, Mikhail S. Gorbachev's represen-

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Co-op pushes for new PUC rule

Herald Staff Report
AUSTIN — In an initiative led by Cap Rock Electric, the Texas Public Utility Commission has agreed to streamline the rate change process for rural electric cooperatives — a move that potentially could save co-ops and their customers hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to Public Relations Officer, Teresa Pitts.

Under the new rule, distribution RECs may raise or lower rates by up to five percent of total revenues in a given test year with an abbreviated filing package and an approval period of no longer than 60 days. Distribution cooperatives make up 77 of the 88 RECs in Texas.

"In the past, cooperatives had to file full rate change packages and wait a minimum of 185 days for PUC action even though most rate change sought by cooperatives have been uncontested," said Steve Collier, Cap Rock's director of power supply and regulatory affairs.

"We see the new rule as an extremely positive indication that the PUC is aware of the unique and vital role RECs play in providing stable, affordable and consumer-oriented electric power service to one of every 10 Texans," Collier added.

The new rule requires customers be notified about rate change requests. It also sets certain requirements involving relative rate changes among customer classes.

"By reducing the amount of paperwork required, the PUC has saved cooperatives seeking rate changes thousands of dollars in lawyer fees and other manpower dollars," Collier said.

"For example, the last time Cap

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SHAWN HARRISON



ROBERT FORTUNE



TIM HULL

he's there," his mother said.

"I talk to him fairly often, once a week anyway. I'll be more tense, more concerned (when he leaves Fort Bragg). Already we have so many over there, and we're losing some. I can't imagine what that would be like. I have empathy for the ones over there. I hope and pray it's over soon," she said.

Corporal Robert L. Fortune, grandson of Vena Fortune, is a marine in Saudi Arabia. Fortune, 23, has been in the military four years, and went to Saudi in August, his grandmother said.

"He's so busy he can't write all of us. The last letter he'd written just before the war started, he said didn't know what's going to happen, that the Lord's in control. He was brought up in a good Christian family," Vena Fortune said.

"His mom and dad, my son, live in Midland, and his brother is in Okinawa, Japan," said Fortune. She has three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She said she keeps busy with daily activities, including two bookkeeping jobs, an income tax preparation business she operates in her home, sewing for the public, keeping a five-year-old girl four evenings a week and helping with the three-year-old class at First Baptist Church.

"I'm a very busy person," she said. "But I can't help thinking about it ever day. When you turn on the t.v., you think, that's the first thing they news about."

"I feel terrible about it and I'll

be glad when it's over. I've got this grandson over there, you see," Fortune said.

Roxy Coggin's nephew Tim R. Hull with the Air Force Strategic Air Command on Diego Garcia island, she said.

"I think that's where he is, I don't know. He's fitting B-52s with ammunition. He's been there since August," Coggin said.

Hull is the son of Coggin's late brother, R. L. Hull, who was raised in Courtney Community.

"His dad was well known here. He was a sergeant in the Air Force, he flew missions in Viet Nam. Here, he was a pilot certified instructor, and he was killed in a plane crash when Tim was 8-years-old," she said.

Hull received his orders one morning and was shipped out the next, leaving little time for his wife and two boys to prepare for his absence, she said.

Melody, Hull's wife, and Ryan, 7, and Sheldon, 5, live in Fort Worth, she said. Hull has written to his family, but not since the war started, Coggin said.

"I hope this is not going to be drawn out. I want them to blast them out, then come home. I'd like for (Tim) to be at home, living his life with his family. I know this is necessary, but I want our boys home," she said.

Coggin said she doesn't watch the news coverage very much, and she was concerned when the B-52 went down.

"I don't worry, it's in the Lord's hands. He's going to be alright," she said.

Area musicians gather to produce tape for troops

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

A group of area residents have created a project to lift the spirits of soldiers in the Persian Gulf. With Operation Spirit Lift, troops will receive cassette tapes of music and humor performed by local talent.

"We wanted to think of some way to show our support (for the troops)," said Howard Higgins, an organizer. "We knew we had the talent and this was something we could do."

Organizer Tommy Lucas described the tapes as "down-home humor and music with down-home folks."

"We've been so busy taking care of ourselves over the last few

years, we kind of got away from doing something for somebody else," he said. "Now we're trying to get back to that."

Operation Spirit Lift has already recorded some local talents — Mayor Max Green playing his violin, Ryan Toomire singing patriotic songs and Keith Ross playing the piano. Local bands such as the Desperados, the Rodeo Cowboys and the Jones Valley Boys will participate, as will local favorites Jody and Cindy Nix.

Organizers say they will include something for every musical taste, and Mr. Pat Porter, tape emcee, will provide between-song humor.

Gospel music, however, will not be allowed, because of censorship

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Rick Johnson, left, Mayor Max Green, Tommy Lucas, Mike Speck and Jerold Cox joined forces Monday night at Cajon Recording Studio to help

produce a tape to be sent to the troops in the Middle East.

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