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S. African peace accord inked amid more carnage

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Frustrated by unrest that threatens to set back reforms, government and anti-apartheid leaders signed a national peace pact Saturday even as bloodshed in black townships claimed 15 more victims.

The accord, which creates groups to investigate violent acts by police and citizens, marks the first joint agreement between the government and the two main black movements: the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

It is also seen as an important test of whether the main political groups can work together for reforms to end white-minority rule.

But other accords have failed to

work, and leaders and delegates expressed doubts that the peace pact would halt the clashes between the ANC and Inkatha, which have killed at least 6,000 people in the past six years.

Underscoring fears of more violence, about 3,000 armed Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party appeared outside the hotel where the pact was signed in an apparent show of force. They refused a request from police and soldiers to surrender their weapons, but there were no confrontations.

More than 135 people have died in a week of clashes in Johannesburg townships, including 15 people killed in faction violence overnight.

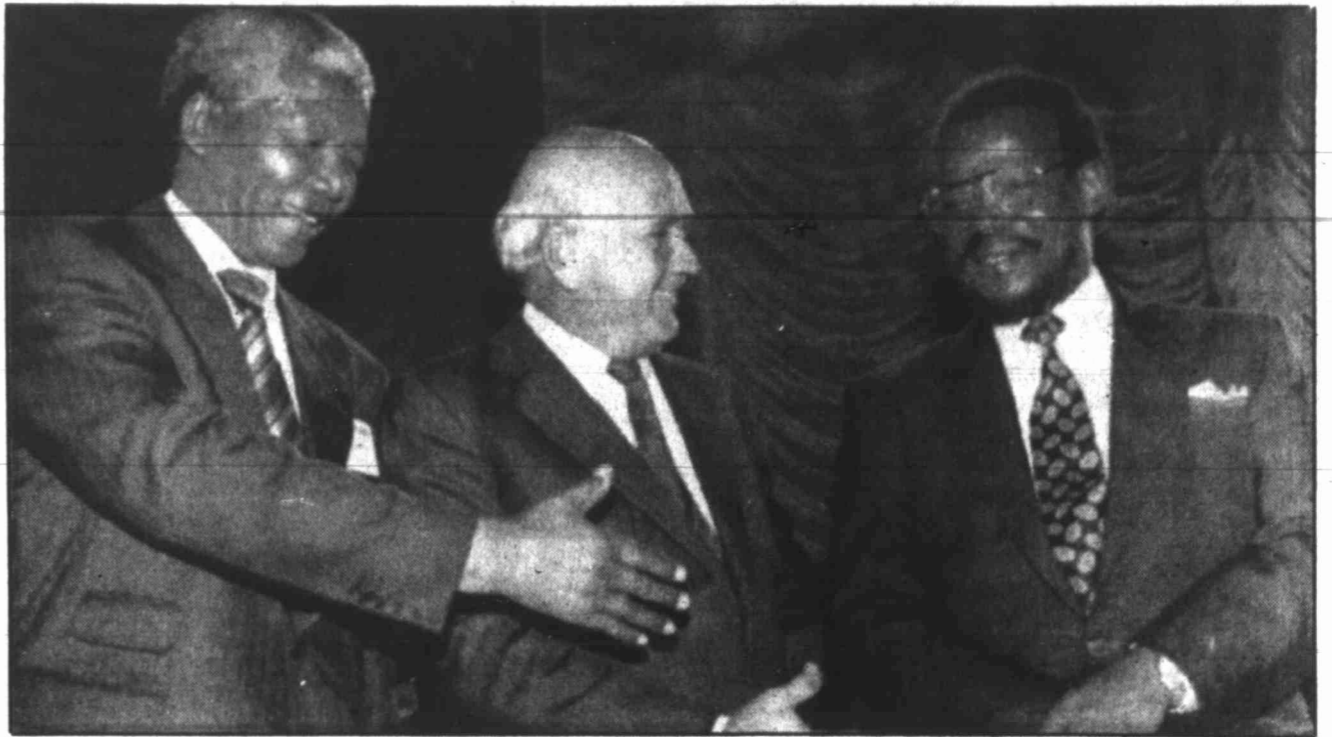
The violence threatened to derail

the pact even before it was signed, but the three main parties — President F.W. de Klerk, ANC President Nelson Mandela, and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi — committed themselves to the peace effort.

"The darkness of violence is making way for the lightness of peace," de Klerk said as he signed the 33-page pact.

"We dedicate ourselves to ending the specter of terror in the lives of our people," said Mandela.

More than a dozen other political and labor organizations also signed, but some radical white and black leaders either boycotted the meeting or attended, while refusing to sign.



JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President F.W. de Klerk, center, and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, left, offer to shake hands with Zulu Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi Saturday in Johannesburg.

Golden Plains to appeal citations

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

Despite losing state certification to receive Medicaid and Medicare payments because of health safety violations, Golden Plains Care Centers Inc. in Big Spring will remain open and has appealed and reopened for certification, officials say.

"We're not closing the building. We feel like we were providing good patient care," said Dennis Simon, regional vice president of American Manor Inc., the Dallas-based parent company of Golden Plains.

"We're just anxious for the health department to come back out and survey us," said Simon, who was in Big Spring Friday.

Until the 200-bed facility is certified again, Golden Plains will pick up costs previously paid by the state for the 70 residents on Medicaid benefits, center director Jimmy Loftin said. However, there are no plans to reapply for Medicare, a federal program, and three residents on Medicare are transferring to other homes. The center has 135 residents.

"We're looking for the state to come in (this) week (to inspect again)," Simon said. In addition, ●GOLDEN page 7-A



Anthony Sanchez and his daughter Amber, 2, watch as Rosemarie Sanchez "dances" with daughter Vanna, 2, as the four listen to tejano music being played at the *Diez y Seis* celebration on Main Street Saturday. Related photo, page 7-A.

Hispanics celebrate Diez y Seis

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

The second of a three-day fiesta on Main Street began Saturday as the Big Spring Hispanic community celebrates Mexican Independence Day.

Diez y seis de Septiembre (Sept. 16) is recognized as the day Mexico won its 11-year struggle for independence.

The local celebration was coordinated by League of United Latin American Citizens Chapter No. 4495 President Raul Marquez and Big Spring resident Izzie Gonzales.

Fiesta-goers were out Saturday to enjoy many facets of Big Spring's rich Hispanic culture. Automotive artists from Santana Specialty were on hand to display their vehicles, which sport customized bodies, suspensions and paint.

While the bands *Lumbre* from San Angelo and *Sangre Tejana* from Big Spring played, people enjoyed a variety of Mexican fare, including tamales, burritos, menudo, aquitos and, for those that might enjoy a little fried cow intestines, tripas.

Later in the day, Ecce Iei Mendoza and Jorge Navarro from the Mexican Consulate in Midland added to the festivities. ●FIESTA page 7-A

Cleric predicts hostage release

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Kidnappers will soon free a Western hostage, probably a Briton, a Shiite Muslim cleric said Saturday.

Others have also predicted another hostage release, and a U.S. envoy discussed the issue Saturday in Beirut with Lebanese leaders.

Speculation about who might be released focused on Jack Mann, a 77-year-old former Royal Air Force pilot missing for two years. The Revolutionary Justice Organization announced Thursday that Mann was "alive and in good shape."

Adding to the speculation, a Tehran newspaper close to Iran's president said one or two of the 11 Westerners held in Lebanon could be freed soon. Iran has close ties to the Shiite Muslim kidnappers.

The developments came a day after U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar — who has led this summer's accelerating hostage diplomacy — finished three days of talks with Iranian leaders on the issue.

Perez de Cuellar has been seeking to arrange a swap of Arab prisoners and missing Israeli servicemen as part of a deal involving the Western hostages.

John Kelly, U.S. assistant secretary of state for Middle East and African affairs, said after his Beirut talks, "The United States' government remains concerned about the hostages and we hope for a very speedy resolution."

Along with President Elias Hrawi, he met with Prime Minister Omar Karami and Speaker Hussein Husseini.

Asked whether Washington was doing anything to speed the release of the Western hostages, who include five Americans, Kelly said: "We never conduct our diplomacy in public on questions like this, but you're all aware that the United Nations secretary-general is being active on the hostage question."

A U.N. spokesman reiterated Perez de Cuellar's cautious optimism.

Perez de Cuellar hopes that "we are about to make progress" in solving the hostage problem, Francois Guilian said in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia.

Iran has helped secure the release of hostages in Lebanon in recent years, and backs the Shiite extremist group Hezbollah, or Party of God, that reportedly controls factions holding the hostages.

In southern Lebanon, Shiite Muslim cleric Sheikh Ahmed Taleb told The Associated Press he had "information that a Western hostage, probably a Briton, will be released within hours, a day, or more."

Taleb said from his home in Jibsheet, "the last initiative by those responsible for the Western hostages" would be to obtain the release of Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid from Israel.

Report: Child abuse a 'national emergency'

DENVER (AP) — A national blue ribbon panel warned Saturday that child abuse threatens to corrode the nation's social fabric and existing programs appear powerless to stop it.

The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect proposed that health care workers and others visit new parents in their homes to offer advice, discuss health care and make sure the parents know how to care for a child.

The program would be voluntary and cross all income lines, it said.

"No other problem may equal its power to cause or exacerbate a range of social ills," the panel wrote in its second annual report to Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan.

A summary released Saturday said the current system of response to child abuse and neglect by state and county governments rather than prevention is "overwhelmed and on the verge of collapse."

"Such negligence threatens the integrity of a nation that shares a sense of community, that regards individuals as worthy of respect, that reveres family life, and that is competent in economic competition," the board said.

The report's release coincided with the start of the Ninth Na-

tional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Denver. The report was to be discussed at a hearing planned Sunday in Denver by the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, chaired by Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo.

The entire report, called "Creating Caring Communities: Blueprint for an Effective Federal Policy on Child Abuse and Neglect," will not be released to the public until Oct. 14.

The 15-member board said in its recommendation for a program of home visits to new parents that it "believes that no other single intervention has the promise that home visitation has."

Universal, voluntary neo-natal visits are "the single, most effective way to prevent child abuse," said Dr. Richard Krugman, chairman of the board and director of the Kempe National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect in Denver.

"For 20 years there's been study after study that has shown if you want to prevent something bad you have to do something good like offer a lifeline and support to young families who are at risk," he said.

Schroeder said the people making the visits could also help see that youngsters get early immunizations.

Big Spring, a patent center for inventors

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

Inventors are said to be a rare breed, but over the years, Big Spring residents have had more than their fair share of ingenuity.

In the past, Big Spring has had more patents per capita than all but a few cities in the nation, said Johnnie Lou Avery, who is currently working with others to form an "ideas center" to help local inventors obtain patents and market their products.

"There's just a wealth of inventive minds in Big Spring," Avery said.

A large portion of these patents were in the field of plastics and polymerization processes. They were held by employees at what is now the Fina Oil & Chemical Co. refinery.

Research and development groups at the refinery spent about two decades at the forefront of this technology, said Fina manager Jeff Morris, who began his career as a chemical engineer and has eight patents to his credit.

Research at the refinery produced products and processes used in plastics production around the world, said Morris.

The process of co-extrusion (extruding two layers of different plastics to form a single product) was developed by people working at Fina, said Morris.

Patents from this technology have been licensed to manufacturers producing co-extrusion polyurethane pipe here in Big Spring and the familiar disposable

drink cups that are white on the inside and colored on the outside and can be found around across the nation.

Since a corporation cannot hold a patent, the Fina patents are usually in the names of the people who developed them, said Morris.

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At the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C., these patents are listed as belonging to Morris, Paul Meek, Rene Brown, Granville Hahn, Ed Hart, Jerry Jenkins, Doug Warren and others who worked at the refinery.

Of Big Spring residents, the single largest holder of patents is probably Charles Neefe. His patents, which number well over 100, deal primarily with optical products, but some have uses in solar energy and other fields.

Neefe was a Big Spring resident from 1946-82 and owned Neefe Optical Laboratories. His first in a long line of important inventions was the seamless bifocal contact lens, patented in 1966.

John Freeman, working with Tom and Raleigh Rutledge, invented technology used in fiberglass sucker rods used in oil production. Freeman, in addition to developing Freecom, is testing a new ceramic paint that could provide a durable, low friction surface ●INVENTORS page 7-A



Inventor Scottie Williams displays one of his patented fly-by-night kites equipped with computerized lights.

Sidelines

NASA delays satellite release

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA delayed the release of the largest environmental research satellite ever carried into space Saturday night because of a communications problem.

Discovery's astronauts still could dispatch the observatory early Sunday. Flight directors were deciding whether to unleash the satellite at 12:23 a.m. EDT or wait until a subsequent orbit.

The problem occurred after the satellite's main antenna was deployed. Controllers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., couldn't acquire a signal between the antenna and a communications satellite through which data is transmitted to the ground.

A signal finally was acquired. Engineers believe the problem was caused by the direction in which the antenna was pointing, Mission Control's Jan Davis said.

"We think the spacecraft is just fine," Davis said.

Until the communications trouble, Discovery's five astronauts and ground controllers had breezed through the procedures leading up to the satellite release, originally set for just before midnight EDT.

Court justice gets 2 state paychecks

AUSTIN (AP) — First-year Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn has come under fire for collecting two government paychecks that make him the state's highest-paid judge.

Cornyn earns \$91,035 per year as a member of the Supreme Court, and \$18,000 annually for serving as presiding judge of the 4th Administrative Judicial Region, the Houston Post reported Friday in a copyright story.

When he was first elected to the Supreme Court, Cornyn said he would give up the administrative post, but now says he doesn't intend to resign.

"I've satisfied myself that I can perform the duties of this (Supreme Court) office and perform the those administrative duties as well, so I don't intend to resign," he said.

Rep. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, called Cornyn's action "improper."

Cornyn's two paychecks add up to \$109,035 per year, which is \$15,322 more than Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips makes, and \$13,735 more than Gov. Ann Richards' salary.

Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, and chairman of the House budget-writing committee, said Cornyn should give up the administrative job.

11 injured in crash of school bus, truck

EL PASO (AP) — Police said a school bus carrying more than 40 members of a high school band pulled away from a stop sign just before it was hit by a pickup truck in an El Paso intersection.

Seven Montwood High School students and four adults were injured, none seriously, in the accident late Friday.

The band was taking the bus to the school after Montwood's football game against San Elizario at Socorro High School's stadium.

The injured were taken to area hospitals, but none of the injuries appeared serious, police officer G.L. Salas said.

The bus was westbound on Montwood, less than a mile from Montwood High School, when the bus collided with the pickup truck, which was southbound on Americas Avenue, he said.

"At this point it appears the bus driver may have pulled into the path of the pickup, but we're still investigating," Salas said.

The injured included the drivers of the bus and the pickup and two adult chaperones on the bus.

Search on for missing portion of aircraft's tail

EAGLE LAKE (AP) — A dozen Continental Express maintenance employees who worked on a commuter plane the day before it crashed have been temporarily reassigned and will undergo routine drug testing, federal investigators said Saturday.

Crews replaced the de-icer boot, an inflatable attachment made of fiberglass and covered with rubber, used to break ice off the tail, said Jim Kolstad, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Two maintenance technicians worked on the right side while an inspector removed 43 screws from the left side, he said.

The screws were not replaced

before the Embraer 120 Brasilia left Houston Intercontinental Airport Wednesday morning for Laredo, Kolstad said.

On the return flight from Laredo, the twin-engine plane suddenly descended, killing all 14 people on board.

"There is a conflict in testimony between individuals who claim they informed the next shift that work had begun on the left hand side," Kolstad said at a Saturday night news conference near the scene of the crash.

He added that workers from the second shift claim they had not been told.

In a prepared statement, officials said, "a portion of the FAA

(Federal Aviation Administration)-approved general maintenance manual was not followed with respect to the completion of work on the left hand leading edge.

"Because these procedures were not followed, individuals involved have been suspended by the company from their maintenance duties pending the completion of the investigation and have been temporarily reassigned to non-maintenance administrative duties at another company facility."

Continental Express has not commented other than to say it was premature to speculate on the cause of the crash.

"We want to know what's up

more than anyone," spokesman Art Kent said Friday.

The 9-foot-long rubber boot has not been recovered and was the object of a massive search that included the use of all-terrain vehicles and a helicopter.

"We're told by Embraer that they believe the loss of the de-icer boot would stall the tail and would result in a severe nose dive," Kolstad said.

That was consistent with reports from farmers who witnessed the crash, he said.

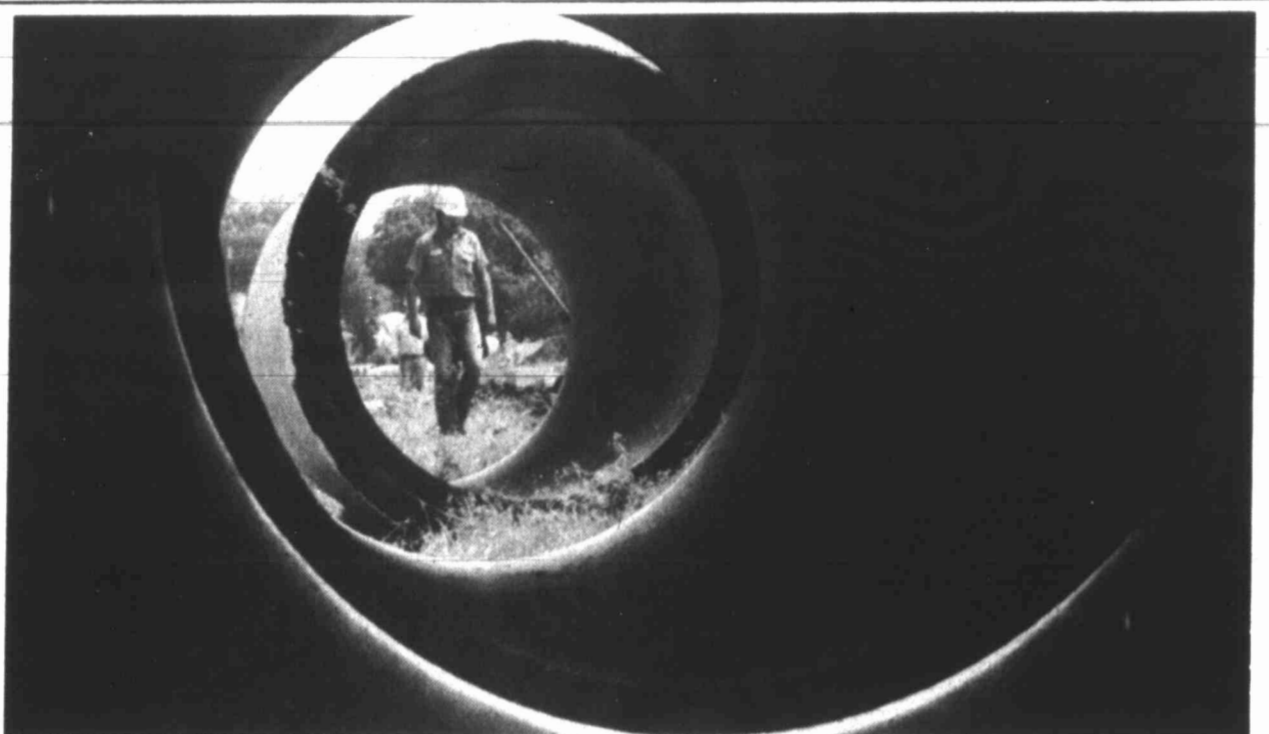
In addition, Kolstad said evidence showed there was an inflight fire aboard Flight 2574 since molten metal was found on the left side of the stabilizer.

"The molten metal is suggestive of a very hot fire," Kolstad said. "The seats that were found suggest there was not a fire in the cabin, but the outside fire was very intense."

He said molten aluminum drops were found in the cornfield where the plane crashed.

Kolstad added there also was a failure of the metal in the left wing and the vertical stabilizer. He said the right engine was thrown from the aircraft because of metal stress.

Kolstad said Saturday said most of the victims were killed in "blunt trauma injuries" they received as the plane descended from 11,800 feet in a matter of seconds.



Eye of the storm
WACO — Gerald Sterling walks into what appears to be the eye of a hurricane, but in reality he is walking by a row of concrete sewer pipes that are being installed in a storm sewer in Waco recently.

Man gets life for drowning daughter

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 34-year-old pharmaceutical laboratory worker convicted of drowning his 10-year-old daughter to collect \$100,000 in life insurance was sentenced Saturday to life in prison.

The 3-week trial went to the jury at mid-afternoon Friday, and the panel announced about 8 p.m. its guilty verdict against Wendell Lindsey of Fort Worth.

Lindsey would be eligible for parole in 15 years, authorities said.

His daughter, Jeanette, drowned in about 18 inches of water at Lake Worth during a February 1990 fishing outing with her father and 9-year-old sister, Darlene.

Prosecutors said Lindsey drowned his daughter for \$100,000 in in-

surance benefits from a policy he bought eight days before the girl's death on Feb. 27, 1990.

Lindsey testified for two hours Wednesday, saying he felt sorry about his daughter's death, but he denied killing her.

"When Jeanette fell into the water, it wasn't my fault, but I tried to help her. If I had it to do over again, I don't know what I could do differently," he testified.

Prosecutors said it was implausible to believe Lindsey's story that his daughter died beside him in water only a foot and a half deep.

Lindsey, who says he cannot swim, testified that he felt around in the water for his daughter after she sank beneath the surface, but that she struggled with him, and he

lost his grip.

After locating her again, he said, his feet slipped out from under him when he tried to lift the girl from the water.

Lindsey said he had sent his youngest daughter to the car to get paper towels before Jeanette fell, and that he sent her back to the road to get help when she returned.

Lindsey conceded that when a man approached to help him, he asked him to see about Darlene instead of helping resuscitate Jeanette.

During his cross-examination of Lindsey, prosecutor David Montague challenged the defendant's insistence that he did all he could to help his daughter.

Brooks parole denied for role in killings

HOUSTON (AP) — Parole has been denied for David Owen Brooks, convicted for his part in the slaying of 27 Houston area boys and men during the 1970s, a state official says.

In a short, prepared statement, parole officer Ron Givens said Friday that Brooks' release would not be in society's best interest.

Brooks, 36, has served 17 years of a life sentence for the killing of 15-year-old William Ray Lawrence.

He is also accused of participating, along with Elmer Wayne Henley and Dean Arnold Corll, in the torture and murder of

27 Houston-area victims in 1972 and 1973.

Henley, who is also serving a life sentence, has been convicted in the death of six of the victims. He was recently denied parole.

The murder spree was uncovered in August 1973 after Henley killed Corll, reportedly the mastermind behind the other killings.

Investigators found the bodies buried in a rented boat shed.

Givens, office manager for the state Board of Pardons and Parole's Angleton office is one of three voting members of a panel that Leard Brooks' parole request

this week.

The votes to deny parole were cast by Givens and parole officer Daniel Downs. Parole officer Gloria Munoz-Gibney was only scheduled to cast a ballot in case of a tie.

Brooks will not come up for another hearing for two years, parole officials said.

Susan McLemore, 32, of Houston, the sister of murder victim Willard K. "Rusty" Branch, was thrilled that parole was denied and that the board would not consider the case again for two more years. She said this was Brooks' ninth parole hearing.

Study shows cocaine's effects on heart

AUSTIN (AP) — A one-year study by Texas researchers has offered the first evidence that chronic cocaine use thickens the heart's main pumping chamber, which may cause a heart attack or sudden death, a published report said.

Results of the study of 30 young cocaine abusers at the VA Medical Center in Dallas were published in this month's issue of "Circulation," a journal of the American Heart Association.

The study supports previous findings that enlarged left ventricles of the heart, in a condition called hypertrophy, are associated with sudden death, experts said.

"This is the first study to show that cocaine is associated with left ventricular hypertrophy," Dr. Paul Grayburn, senior author of the report, told the Austin American-Statesman in Saturday's editions.

Dr. M. Elizabeth Brickner, a coauthor of the report, said the study was prompted by observations of autopsies at the Dallas County morgue of young men who apparently died of cocaine overdose.

"Sometimes we'd go down and watch the autopsies out of curiosity and it's something we noticed," said Ms. Brickner, an assistant professor of cardiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

The condition matched "a couple of descriptions in the (medical) literature of heavy heart weights with overdose, but it had never been looked at before," Ms.

Brickner said.

She said most medical examiners probably have missed the condition in cocaine victims because they usually weigh the heart but don't look for thickness.

As many as 30 million Americans are estimated to have used cocaine at least once, Grayburn said, and as many as 5 million are thought to be chronic abusers.

The Texas study recruited 30 young men who were chronic cocaine abusers enrolled in a drug rehabilitation program at the VA Medical Center.

They were compared to 30 male center employees, matched for age and race, who were not drug abusers and had no history of heart disease. None of the subjects had any other condition that might cause thickening.

The study used painless sound waves to put together images of the structure of the study participants' hearts.

Using the sound waves, "we measured how thick their heart walls were and we calculated how much the heart muscle would weigh," Ms. Brickner said.

Lawyer: Supreme Court threatens speech rights

AUSTIN (AP) — Even as freedom of speech and access to news is on the upswing in the Soviet Union and elsewhere, the U.S. Supreme Court is threatening Americans' First Amendment rights, a communications lawyer said Saturday.

Daniel Waggoner, a Seattle attorney, said during the 1991 John Henry Faulk Freedom of Information Conference that developing technologies such as video cameras and FAX machines are helping spread free speech around the world.

The power of communication was evident during the recent failed coup in the Soviet Union, he said.

"Speech can overcome guns, the KGB, and so on," said Waggoner.

But even as these historic changes take place, Waggoner said, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is a leading proponent of a theory that could quash expression here in America.

"This theory, simply put, states that the cultural and historical majority have the right to control speech of the minority or individual when that speech threatens the dominant and established standard of the com-

munity," he said.

Authorities in the Soviet Union probably began regulating speech under a similar theory, to control "wicked" citizens and "make a better world," Waggoner said.

"Why shouldn't the community be able to regulate these? The answer is, unfortunately, that once communities get used to regulating speech, it's very difficult for them to stop," he said.

"I think more speech is always better, and the fear I have is with the direction the U.S. Supreme Court is going, speech is losing that special sense of protection it's had," he said.

The courts should not try to silence artistic and cultural speakers such as the rap group 2 Live Crew, Waggoner said.

Cultural influences such as rock music and blue jeans laid a groundwork that helped Soviets seek freedom and defeat the attempted coup, he said.

"The system of free speech that grew in the Soviet Union began with things like 2 Live Crew. And if we lose those speakers, if we lose artistic and cultural speech, we'll ultimately lose political speech as well," Waggoner said.

Student killed after game

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston high school student was killed when he apparently got caught in the crossfire of a shootout between rival high school teenagers following a football game.

Madison High School student Mario Pittman, 19, whose body was found in a field in front of the southeast Houston school, was pronounced dead after 11 p.m. Friday.

"It's a waste, it's a real waste," said Madison Principal Ada Cooper.

"I heard some shots, but by the time we got here, he was dead, just laying in the street," said a Madison High School staff member, who declined to give his name.

Ms. Cooper said there was no indication of trouble brewing between Madison and Yates High School students during the football game.

But hundreds of students, including the pep squad and band members from Madison, were standing in front of the school when a hail of bullets showered through the crowd about 11 p.m.

Police said the shooting apparently started when students reportedly from Yates drove by slowly in two cars and opened fire on the crowd. Students in at least one car returned fire. About 20 shots were exchanged, police said.

Police searched the area by helicopter and patrol units for three vehicles involved in the exchange.

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Fire at jail kills 4 inmates

FORSYTH, Mo. (AP) — A generator fire poured thick smoke into a county jail before dawn Saturday, killing four of the 26 prisoners who were trapped in their cells behind electronically powered doors.

Firefighters donned air masks and used a special tool to open each cell. All the surviving prisoners were treated for smoke inhalation, and 13 were hospitalized.

"You couldn't send anybody in without air bottles," Fire Chief Ron Correll said. "It was unreal."

Nearly 100 firefighters were sent to the fire in Forsyth, in far

southwestern Missouri, about 35 miles south of Springfield. Eleven firefighters and a jail dispatcher were treated for smoke inhalation.

The fire apparently started in an auxiliary generator next to the one-story Taney County Jail, Sheriff Chuck Keithley said. The blaze knocked out electricity to the jail.

"We have a lever that fits into the lock and you have to crank it open, and we did that individually with each cell," said sheriff's investigator Dick Ringler said. "Our maximum-security area was the toughest to get in. We had to use a cutting torch on that."

Doctors say Bush in good health

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's doctors have pronounced his heart sound and his physical condition "incredible" after treatments for a thyroid condition and say there's no health reason why he can't run for re-election.

"None whatsoever," White House physician Dr. Burton Lee said on Friday.

Bush passed a cardiac checkup at Bethesda Naval Hospital with flying colors.

His doctors said that 4½ months after being stricken with an irregular pulse, Bush's heart rhythms are back to normal and the thyroid condition that caused the erratic heartbeat is under control.

Bush, 67, is in such good shape

that Lee said he finally had to ask Bush to stop running a treadmill stress test.

"None of us here could possibly do what he did today," Lee said, apparently referring to himself and the rest of Bush's team of doctors.

Dr. Bruce Lloyd, a cardiologist, concurred. "I think it's safe to say, for a gentleman in his mid-60s, the president's overall physical fitness level is incredible. I find many people 20 years younger who can't do what the president can do."

As a result of Bush's performance on a battery of heart tests on Friday, he was taken off Coumadin, a drug he had been taking to prevent blood clots.

Journalists critical of military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American public was denied a full picture of the Persian Gulf War because of military restrictions on the media, journalists and others at a conference on war coverage said.

"The Army command structure seemed to fear reporters and look at them as a threat," John Fialka, who reported from Saudi Arabia for the Wall Street Journal, said Friday at a Woodrow Wilson Center conference.

Americans received a "skewed picture" of the ground war, Fialka said, because press pools assigned to the Army faced delays of 72 hours or more in filing their reports on combat inside Iraq. "It was a very poorly covered war."

"We were essentially rolled

over," said Michael Getler, assistant managing editor for The Washington Post.

Speakers at the conference also faulted the press for giving short shrift to the problems of communications from the field and for abruptly shifting attention from the battlefield to the more photogenic liberation of Kuwait City.

"They failed to follow up" what happened in the field, said University of Rochester Political Scientist John Mueller, referring to the "short attention span of the press."

The conference came a day after Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney agreed in a meeting with media representatives to discuss how to improve future war coverage.



Fresh water

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A woman holding her baby and an earthen bucket braves flood waters on the outskirts of Dhaka Saturday to bring pure drinking water to her family.

Associated Press photo

Hearings offer little of the 'real' Thomas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clarence Thomas opposes many affirmative action policies, supports a "wall of separation" between church and state and readily recognizes a constitutional right to privacy.

And the man who seems increasingly likely to become the nation's 106th Supreme Court justice believes that unobtrusively televising sessions of the nation's highest court would be a good idea.

Thomas sparred unyieldingly in four days of confirmation questioning last week over the subject Democrats asked about most, refusing to say whether he believes the Constitution guarantees a woman's right to an abortion.

But on a variety of other subjects, the black, 43-year-old federal appeals court judge and former chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission offered a sampler of the views, style and conservative philosophy he'd take to an increasingly conservative court.

By the time he finished answering questions on Friday afternoon, some Democrats on the committee were saying they believed he'd win confirmation easily.

Thomas, who returns to the Senate Judiciary Committee for a final day of testimony on Monday, showed he is not afraid of hard work, displays considerable grace and humor under pressure, and is not steeped in constitutional law.

And he thinks judges should be very careful about expanding individual rights.

At times during his first four days as a witness, Thomas' testimony appeared to contrast sharply with the 138 speeches he authored before becoming a federal judge last year.

The contrast bothered the committee's Democrats and led Alabama's Howell Heflin to ask, "What would the real Clarence Thomas do on the Supreme Court?"

"I don't know if I'd call myself an enigma," said Thomas, who confirmed would become the second black man to sit on the nation's highest court.

Thomas was picked in July by President Bush to replace the retiring Thurgood Marshall, the legendary civil rights lawyer who became the court's first black justice 24 years ago.

Thomas reiterated his well-known opposition to most affirmative action policies, including imposing hiring or promotion goals and timetables for employers found guilty of racial or sexual bias.

But in a reference to his race, the man who grew up dirt poor in Georgia told the committee and a national television audience he'd bring "something different" to the court.

World

Talks continue on U.S. base issue

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — If the Senate refuses to allow the U.S. Navy to stay at its Subic Bay base, President Corazon Aquino will ask the people to overturn the decision in a national referendum, sources said Saturday.

The Senate is expected to vote Monday to reject an agreement under which the Americans would give up Clark Air Base next year but keep Subic for 10 more years in return for \$203 million annually.

A referendum could nullify the Senate action and defer a final decision on the status of U.S. forces in the Philippines until the next administration and Congress, to be elected next May. Twelve of the 23 senators op-

pose the agreement, four more than needed for rejection.

Anti-bases senators warned the referendum would polarize the nation, and Mrs. Aquino's brother-in-law, Sen. Agapino Aquino, said opponents would challenge its legality in the supreme court.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Aquino appeared determined to prevent the Senate she created from removing U.S. military forces from Philippine soil.

Well-informed sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Americans had agreed to delay their withdrawal from Subic, the largest U.S. naval base in Asia, pending the outcome of the referendum.

Army attacks to break blockade

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — Federal tanks and warplanes retaliated with fierce attacks Saturday after struggling Croatian forces cut off food, water and electricity to army garrisons in the secessionist republic.

Federal troops surrendered at three of the besieged outposts, Croatia said.

Earlier Saturday, federal tanks and jets pounded the Danube River town of Vukovar, one of the last Croatian strongholds in the eastern part of the republic, Croatian officials said.

Neighboring Vinkovci also was reported under attack.

Belgrade media said a federal armored column was moving toward Vukovar under heavy fire from Croatian villages. They said the army had suffered casualties.

but did not elaborate. At least 400 people have died in 2½ months of fighting after Croatia declared independence on June 25. Ethnic Serbs who comprise 12 percent of the republic's 4.75 million people largely oppose secession.

The Croatsians and some Western governments have accused the Yugoslav army of siding with the ethnic Serbs to capture one-third of Croatian territory. The army says it acts only to separate warring forces — or to defend itself.

The federal military called Saturday's combat "defensive" after army garrisons in Osijek, Slavonski Brod, Slavonka Pozeza and Vukovar were blockaded by Croatian forces.

9 killed as typhoon Kinna hits

TOKYO (AP) — Typhoon Kinna lashed western Japan Saturday with winds of more than 80 mph and heavy rains that touched off mudslides, washed out bridges and flooded more than 2,700 homes. Authorities said at least nine people were killed.

Two people were missing and 53 others were injured, a National Police Agency official said. Nearly six inches of rain per hour fell in some areas of southwestern Japan.

By late Saturday, the storm weakened to a tropical depression as it passed over the Yonezawa region 250 miles north of Tokyo, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

A police official said six of the deaths occurred southwestern island of Kyushu, where Kinna hit before moving onto the main island of Honshu.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said at least 2,733 homes had been flooded and 10 were destroyed or washed away. Rains caused 213 landslides and swollen rivers washed out nine bridges. Most of the damage was concentrated in Kyushu and western Honshu, the official added.

Kinna was the 17th typhoon of the year in the Pacific.

Japan's typhoon season lasts from July to October.

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A reasonable investment

Early voting is underway for an \$11.745,000 school bond, with the election day set for Sept. 28. Although the ballot does not specify how the money will be spent, Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent William McQueary said that \$7.8 million will be used to construct a new junior high school, \$2.9 million will go for a new elementary school and the remainder, about \$1.5 million, will be used for repair and maintenance of existing buildings.

Opponents of the bond issue are not, as far as we can tell, opposed to raising money to improve the school facilities. What they are objecting to is the high amount of money to be raised and how the money is to be spent. Most want to see Runnels Junior High School, College Heights Elementary School and the old Boydston school remodeled or renovated and used.

However, all of these buildings are old; Runnels was built in 1916, and College Heights and Boydston were built in the 1930s. All of these buildings fall far short of the space, lighting, electrical, plumbing and safety requirements now mandated by the state and the handicapped accessibility required by the federal government.

The school board looked into the possibilities of renovating and decided it was not cost effective. This is one of the jobs we impose on our elected representatives, and we have no reason to believe that they failed to do a conscientious job. In addition, the board had the assistance of the Citizen's Committee for School Improvements, a group of appointed citizens and volunteers who spent considerable time studying the issues. The majority of the committee recommended new schools.

This would be an easier choice for voters if the school board had considered the economic climate and chosen to concentrate on one building project at a time, instead of adopting an all-or-nothing approach. To be fair, when school board members were making these decisions, they had no idea the state would hit them with the county education districts and a new taxing entity for schools systems.

Our school taxes are going to be rising, perhaps fairly steeply, in the near future. This has nothing to do with school bonds, but rather is the effect of the new state school finance reforms. The costs of the school bond is, in fact, fairly small.

If the bond issue passes, it will cost property owners in Big Spring about 10 cents per \$100 of current property valuation. This does not translate into a 10-cent rise in property taxes every year because of other considerations that affect the tax rate. No one can predict what the state will require of the county education districts, or what new requirements will be imposed on the school systems. Nor can we say with 100 percent certainty that the state will come through with the money it has agreed to give the school districts.

At 10 cents per \$100 valuation, the cost to the owner of a \$35,000 home is only \$35 per year, which is a fairly insignificant tax hike. For that \$35, home owners will be getting school facilities that should be adequate for at least the 20 years of the bond indebtedness.

Passage of the bond issue is an investment in the future of our children. As a society, we are failing in our responsibility to meet some of the other basic needs of our youth — family stability, adequate food and shelter, a safe environment in which to grow. We can give them the best possible facilities in which to learn.

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



OK, DOREEN...
I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.
GO GET THE MILK!

Candidates must focus on cities

The minute the train broke apart near Union Station under New York City last month killing five people and injuring almost 200, the debate over drug testing began anew.

But drug testing is only part of the greatest challenge facing the United States as the communist threat ebbs: What — if anything — is the country going to do to rid cities and neighborhoods of the pathologies that now grip whole urban areas and threaten others?

The question should be at the core of the 1992 presidential campaign. It follows logically that each party should be asked what it proposes to do about an urban environment that makes a walk to the store for a gallon of milk or a train ride to work an opportunity for random violence to strike suddenly.

When Democrats use the word *infrastructure*, they often refer to sewers, highways, bridges and buildings that need repair. But the time has come for them to address the disintegration of the family and social infrastructure of the cities. Viable, stable social infrastructures overshadow the importance of 100-year-old sewer mains.

The question is most apropos for the Democratic party, not because it is responsible, as Republicans would argue, for the wave of crime and other ills engulfing cities and suburbs. Rather, many residents of the nation's large urban areas still identify with the Democratic party, and it should be obvious to many of these Democratic urban dwellers that the Republican administrations of the 1980s and 1990s do not care about their cities.

Many of these city residents are minorities, who are as tired of crime, gangs, random violence, pregnant teenagers and graffiti as anyone.

Any plan to save the cities must include large measures of moral suasion that can only come from the Democrats. Their mayors hold sway over 27 of the nation's 33 cities with populations of more than 400,000. The country would pay attention to ideas seeking to

very competently documented the forces that changed America, the most poignant of which was the flight of white Americans from the cities and their replacement by blacks.

But writers today have begun to look at what is happening to places like Detroit, which after the riots of the 1960s was hit with changes in the automobile industry that threw thousands out of work. The decline of that city is the result of two chapters in urban America history that must be understood and reconciled if the country is to survive.

The Democrats, who hail historically from the cities, did nothing to stop the decline of Detroit and the destruction of its economy. They are doing nothing to recreate it.

If the Democrats are ever going to recapture a sense of purpose and mission, they must suggest ideas that lead to the improvement of the lives of people living in such places.

Unless the party acts to save itself by acting to save the cities and their environs, it will inevitably become a minority party nationwide.

New cities — Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta and Dallas — have seen the same problems take hold in their midsts. The suburbs of these cities still have enough ties to the central city for enough suburbanites to latch on to a party that can clean up the cities. The most vitriolic GOP rhetoric, after all, comes from suburbanites fearful of the central city.

The need to develop a strategy to save the cities does not necessarily mean a lunge to the right. But it does mean that the party must give way to a leader who can make good on pledges to clean up the cities.

If the Democratic party is demoralized and cannot yet point to a credible candidate for president, it might be because the party is ignoring the pleas of the desperate inhabitants of the lost cities and of others who want to save their neighborhoods from the same fate.

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Answer: There certainly are "five-figure" positions at our central office. Of course, a \$10,000 position is a "five figure" position, so with Mr. (Ms.) Lawrence's reasoning we could hire some clerks for \$2,500 a year to run our central office.

Also, if S.D. Lawrence is upset that our "school leaders" are selling buildings for \$500, perhaps he should consider the alternative with which they were faced at the



Jesse Trevino

Editor's notes

Buildings are hot topic now

By KAREN MCCARTHY
Managing Editor

The school bond issue is heating up and I have been feeling the heat.

The Herald's policy is to print letters to the editor as they come in, although occasionally a short letter will be moved ahead of a long one because of space.

In the case of the bond issue, the anti-bond folks mobilized their forces early and thus are getting their letters to the editor printed early. The pro-bond people, who are slightly more prolific, will have their day. They just have to stand in line.

When letters arrive on my desk, I read them for libelous statements, then pass them on to a very overworked typist to put into the computer system. It may take two or three days to get letters typed when we are particularly busy. Once they are in the computer, they get in the paper as soon as we can manage it.

I was inundated with phone calls Thursday and Friday from people who accused me of being anti-bond issue because so many anti letters had appeared in the paper. I took the time to check Thursday and discovered that there had been four letters against and a public forum column for. The amount of space devoted to both sides was about equal.

Under normal circumstances, I probably would have retrieved some of the letters and typed them into the system myself. However, the volume and the tone of the phone calls was such that I had neither the time nor the inclination to do any secretarial work.

In most cases, it is the people who are against something that are the most strident and unreasonable. In this instance, it has been the people who favor the bond issue who subjected me to haranguing phone calls.

I think it is important to remember that there are some good arguments on both sides of the issue. I personally had a hard time deciding on the merits of the bond issue. It's a lot of money at a time when the economy is weak, all taxes are rising rapidly, and salaries in Big Spring are not keeping pace. We have a lot of senior citizens in this town whose income is fairly fixed. Many of their own rental properties and senior citizen exemptions don't apply to rental property.

We will have a state-mandated tax increase with the county education district and, at this time, we have no idea how high the total school taxes will go. They could reach the state limits of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation in five years. At this point we don't know and any attempt to predict tax levels is purely speculation. The state is quite capable of imposing new requirements at any time, even if we could predict our local needs accurately.

So, while I'm sympathetic to the needs of the schools, I can also understand how a \$12 million bond issue could cause some personal panic. Many of us over the age of 40 remember going to school in buildings much worse than any in Big Spring. We survived, and we are not quite convinced that new school buildings are the solution to declining test scores, a high drop-out rate and rising crime in school-age populations.

On the other hand, we owe it to future generations to give them the best possible beginning we can manage. If it were a choice between new buildings and social or educational programs, I would rather spend the money directly on the children. But we don't get that choice.

For most people in Big Spring, the cost of the bond issue itself is less than \$50 per year. While I don't quite buy all the arguments the school board is using to urge people to support the bond issue, I figure that the new building should at least be worth \$50.

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Mailbag

School board has made best decision

To the editor:
After looking carefully at the proposed BSISD School Bond Election and following our local school system for years, I can truthfully say that the proposed bond is the most practical and economical solution for our school children and our taxpayers.

- There has been no bond issue since 1964 — our board has been extremely receptive to our taxpayers' needs for many years.
- On a \$50,000 home this proposal will cost the taxpayer \$53.70 more the first year and only \$23.70 more for the remaining twenty years. \$1.97 more a month.
- As with all bond issues, those citizens who are 65 years of age will not have their taxes increased. They are frozen by law.
- If we wait several years to vote on this proposal, after our current bonded indebtedness is paid off in 1993 and we lose our current 8 cents bonded indebtedness tax, this same pro-

posal will cost taxpayers twice as much money.

The time is right, the time is now — our school board has made the best decision for our children and our taxpayers. Big Spring, don't waste this great opportunity to improve the educational system for all of us.

DONNA CHAVEZ
PTA President,
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Vote down bond sale until options explored

To the editor:
I'm for the children, too. I don't want to leave a very large debt for them to pay off.

Let's use our structurally sound, vacant school buildings in a sensible manner. Vote down any bond sale until options are explored.

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School officials working very hard

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Letters

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Recession even hits wealthy counties

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — During the high-flying '80s, this well-heeled pocket just outside Washington spared no expense for local services.

The nation's sixth-richest county strived to build the best schools and libraries. A spectacular \$7.5 million aquatic center came complete with a 200-foot indoor water slide and a waterfall.

"We just thought there was a pot at the end of the rainbow," said Carol Trawick, a businesswoman who heads the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce.

Now, Montgomery County is broke, victimized in part by a decline in the real estate industry. So broke that its budget deficit rose from \$85 million a year ago — behind only New York City and Philadelphia County — to \$185 million this year.

Like many affluent areas across America that once felt immune to bad times, the county of high rises and leafy suburbs got pinched by the recession.

Residents, whose \$22,000-per-capita-income is the sixth highest in the nation and nearly twice the national average, said they used to feel insulated from the bad times.

"No one's sleeping on the street, but things are going down just the same," Pat Holt said on his way out of the county library in Bethesda, where hours were cut to help compensate for the shortfall.

Other counties with huge deficits suffered the same scenarios, experts say: a recession-induced slide in tax revenues at the same time the federal government was continuing its trend of forcing counties to pick up more of the tab for human services such as mental health and welfare.

A recent survey by the National Association of Counties found that four of every 10 counties with populations over 100,000 faces budget shortfalls.

Big cities with big problems — Philadelphia and New York — topped the list of those with the largest deficits. But counties where the wealthy live were in the top 10, too: Suffolk County, N.Y., home to Long Island; Orange County, Calif., outside Los Angeles; and Santa Clara County, Calif., also known as Silicon Valley where high-tech computer chips are made.

"It's happening nationwide, in the most affluent areas to the cities where we think of urban blight," said Kaye Braaten, a county commissioner from Richland County, N.D., and president of the association.



BETHESDA, Md. — Montgomery County, Md., residents enjoy the water of a \$7.5 million aquatic center in Bethesda. During the high-flying '80s,

this well-heeled county outside Washington, D.C., spared no expense for local services. Now the county is broke.

In Montgomery County, it has meant that teachers, police officers and street cleaners lost their cost-of-living adjustments with the implementation of a countywide wage freeze designed to save \$65 million.

Another \$100 million was bled from programs. More than 500 jobs were cut. Libraries, swimming pools and health clinics had their hours and services reduced. New computers, desks and cars for police and other programs fell by the wayside.

Interscholastic sports at the middle-school level were axed, as were some driver's education programs. The education cuts came at the same time school enrollment increased by 4,000.

A final \$20 million came from what many residents call "nuisance" taxes on energy, telephones and beverage containers. Fees and fines were increased.

The sluggish real estate industry is to blame for most of Montgomery County's budget problems. When it went into a dive, the county's tax receipts from real estate sales dropped far below expectations, administrators said.

"My God, half those buildings are empty," Holt said, waving his arm toward shiny new high rises intended for apartments and condominiums. A retired Capitol Hill staffer, Holt has lived in Montgomery County for 35 years.

At a chic shopping strip nearby, "For Lease" signs dot the empty storefronts clustered around a designer furniture gallery, an Oriental rug shop and an import boutique.

"We are in a recession. ... We hoped to see a little light at the end of the tunnel, but we don't see it yet," said the chamber's Trawick, who owns a software company.

Real estate troubles sparked a ripple effect. Related businesses began to suffer and retail traffic dropped off, pushing down the county's take of sales tax revenue.

As businesses began to go under, more people lost jobs, bringing down the county's share of income taxes. Wealthy residents weren't doing so well either on their rents, royalties and capital gains, bringing that portion of income tax down, too.

The recent budget problems come as "people are demanding more and more services ... and the federal government is passing on mandates without paying for them," said Braaten, the president of the national counties' group.

"We hammer on that constantly, but we have to make choices," she said.

In Montgomery County, virtually all programs were affected when county budget plotters looked for ways to eliminate back-to-back deficits.

"The irony is that the revenues are down, but the services start to go up when people come in for food stamps or health services," said Vicki Latham, a spokeswoman for the Montgomery County executive's office.

Ann Lee, an art teacher at a private school, is annoyed at the cuts in library hours.

"It goes to the whole quality of life issue. It hurts so deeply, it goes to the core when they cut that," she said, standing outside the library. "I just don't understand how we got so bad, so fast."



MOSCOW — Dr. Ilya Victorov of Moscow's Brain Research Institute holds a tray with a portion of the 30,000 sections of Lenin's brain that were prepared for analysis in 1925.

Niece says voters should decide on Lenin's burial

MOSCOW (AP) — The niece of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin urged Saturday for a nationwide referendum to decide whether her uncle's body should be removed from its famous mausoleum and buried.

In an appeal published in the daily newspaper Pravda, Olga Ulyanova also demanded to know why Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had stopped defending Lenin.

Thousands of Soviets and foreign tourists each year view Lenin's body in a glass-covered sarcophagus in the mausoleum on Moscow's Red Square. But Lenin has now been vilified by anti-communist reformers and many statues and symbols of the Soviet founder have been destroyed.

Leningrad Mayor Anatoly Sobchak has said Lenin should be buried in Leningrad next to his mother.

Sobchak — whose city will be officially renamed St. Petersburg Oct. 1 — said Lenin asked for the burial in his will, but Ms. Ulyanova denies such a document exists.

Ms. Ulyanova quoted Gorbachev from a speech he made last year, during the 120th anniversary

celebration of Lenin's birth.

"In defending Lenin, we pay tribute to the generations of Soviet people that have been raised, we defend our current search and our socialist future," she quoted Gorbachev as saying.

"Why isn't M.S. Gorbachev defending V.I. Lenin now?" she asked.

Last Thursday, Gorbachev told the Congress of People's Deputies that he was "not rejecting" Sobchak's proposal and an upcoming session of the Supreme Soviet should decide the matter.

Ms. Ulyanova said Soviet officials decided to place Lenin's body in a special mausoleum after "many thousands of workers" converged on Moscow days after his death in 1924, demanding he not be buried.

She said the decision was made with permission of Lenin's wife, Nadezhda Krupskaya, and his brother and sister.

"Rumors about the 'last will' of V.I. Lenin are not founded in any documents. There are no such documents in the Central Political Archives or in other archives, nor do they exist in Nadezhda Krupskaya's archives," she said.

Phone service for deaf celebrates birthday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Relay Texas, the telephone system that provides service to deaf people statewide and in two other states, celebrated its first birthday in August.

"In one year we've almost tripled our volume of calls. We've been very pleased," said Mark Seeger, account manager for U.S. Sprint, the company that contracts the service through the Texas Public Utilities Commission.

Seeger said 132,000 calls were made in July by the service center in Austin for the telecommunications device for deaf customers. He said these calls are outbound, meaning the TDD user calls the center and may often have the Relay Texas operator place more than one call in succession.

U.S. Sprint received the contract for the state-mandated deaf communication access program in 1990.

The system works when a TDD user dials 1-800-735-2988 and computer-links with a TDD operator in the Austin service center. That operator places the call and then types the speaking person's responses into the system and reads the deaf person's typed responses.

The object of the system is to provide communication access to the deaf and speech impaired. By using Relay Texas, these individuals may place calls just as a hearing person may, from ordering pizza delivery to calling a repair person.

"One neat trend we've seen is that deaf children can now make calls for their parents. For years, deaf children relied on their parents for help with the telephone, and now they can offer to make calls for their parents to help out," Seeger said.

Other differences Relay Texas has brought about include allowing a deaf person to know the sex of the person who answers their call. Seeger said the operator will type in parentheses male or female so the caller may be sure to have reached the right person.

"When you called me, the minute you heard my voice you knew I was a man, but for a deaf person, they have to ask, 'Is this mom or dad?'" said Seeger. "And the privacy of the calls has been enhanced."

During the last legislative session, a law was passed stating that operators found guilty of breaking the confidence of a call will be convicted of a class C misdemeanor offense, Seeger said.

TDD users may also use voice- and tone-response systems, due to expanded service through the U.S. Sprint program. An example,

Seeger said, is that now TDD users may call and check account balances at banks that have answering devices with caller-response systems, Seeger said.

He said U.S. Sprint in Austin is also providing outreach Relay Texas services to Colorado and North Carolina.

"We're really excited to be able to help out with those states," he said.

And Seeger said the additional callers have increased the number of employees with U.S. Sprint Relay Texas system from less than 100 last year to 197 agents now. Of those employees, three are interpreter administrative assistants and three are managers.

"This has been a wonderful thing to be associated with. It's had a tremendous impact on so many lives," Seeger said.

Actor undecided on presidential bid

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Actor Tom Laughlin is still considering running for president, but he's not ready to declare himself a candidate.

"I will go back to Washington and take a look at what is required to get into place and I will see how the cards are in the next trip," Laughlin said Friday night after speaking to about 100 people on his second political trip to Iowa.

The actor, best-known as the star of the "Billy Jack" movies of the 1970s, said he would visit Iowa again later this month.

"I'm not a candidate, but if the crowds are doubled here the next time ... I'll really make a decision after that," said Laughlin, 60.

Laughlin, who says he'd run as a Democrat, described President Bush as "evil" for opposing extended unemployment benefits and labeled prominent Democrats who have bowed out of the 1992 presidential race "moral cowards."

Laughlin favors national health insurance, term limits for officeholders and tax cuts.

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Noriega on trial Monday

MIAMI (AP) — Convicted drug kingpin Carlos Lehder may take the witness stand against Manuel Noriega, said prosecutors preparing for Monday's opening of Noriega's drug and racketeering trial.

Jury selection concluded Friday after six days in which government and defense attorneys grilled a pool of 180 candidates about their attitudes toward the deposed Panamanian leader.

Noriega is charged with turning his nation into a way station for U.S.-bound cocaine. Prosecutors say he accepted at least \$10 million in bribes from Colombia's Medellin drug cartel.

U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Diane Cossin said Noriega's defense was notified that Lehder — who managed the Medellin cartel's U.S. operations — may testify in the trial.

Lehder, now in the maximum-security federal prison at Marion, Ill., is reportedly seeking a reduction in his life-plus-135 years sentence for drug trafficking.

Noriega faces a maximum 140 years in prison if convicted on the 10 counts brought against him in February 1988.

U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler told lead prosecutor Michael Sullivan on Friday to prepare his opening statement for Monday morning. Hoeveler told jurors they could expect to hear testimony later that day.

Defense attorneys have decided to reserve their opening statement until after the prosecution rests its case.

Noriega's lead attorney, Frank Rubino, said Lehder has no known direct connection to Noriega, but the government may use Lehder to testify that Medellin cartel figures talked about their links to the Panamanian leader.

Jurors, meanwhile, were told to avoid publicity about the case for the duration of the three-to-six-month trial.

Students pursue law degrees — and a school

SAN BENITO (AP) — The students who enter the Rio Grande Valley's only law school engage in a quest: They chase their dreams, and sometimes their school.

The Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law has spent its short life roving from one end of the South Texas valley to the other.

Close behind have come students lugging optimistic expectations of a law career, all without knowing if they'll ever be attorneys.

Since the Garza school is unaccredited, students enroll without the assurance they'll ever be able to take the state bar exam.

The school's mission is "to make law degrees available to those who desire them," said Bernard Kahn, the school's dean. "And they may harbor in their breast the hope that one day they are going to be able to take the bar exam. But they get no assurances from us."

Still, many are drawn every night to portable No. 18 on the San Benito High School campus, Garza's latest home. There the would-be lawyers study contracts, trusts and torts in a portable classroom, while a couple of hundred feet away a prep marching goes through its paces.

This building is not the most unusual place Garza students have pursued their degrees.

Since the school's creation in 1984 by a group of hopeful legal scholars, they have learned to tell their habes from their corpus at a Brownsville parochial school, the old Pan American University building in Edinburg and even a motel.

This nomadic existence is as much a testament to the school's instability as it is to the dedication of its founders.

"The motivation was that we really needed a law school so we started one," said Ed Gerusa, the school's president and conceptual father.

"The ethnic makeup is representative of the ethnic makeup of the Valley, and we are serving that segment of our citizens who are unable to leave the Valley for education purposes," he said, referring to the predominantly Hispanic student body.

"There was a period of time when we started to get people from outside the Valley," Gerusa said. "They came, took the course of study, took the bar exam, then left."

The school is named after a

judge with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Garza, whom Gerusa said he "greatly admired," has no connection with the school.

Today the school remains very much a South Texas institution, although it is struggling. Some 30 students enrolled for the fall semester, only about 10 of them freshmen.

The newer students meet in San Benito, while about 17 upperclassmen are finishing up at a McAllen parochial school building. That class will move to San Benito next spring.

Overall, the school has graduated between 80 and 100 students. About 90 percent of them, using waivers that allowed them to take the bar exam, have gone on to become attorneys, Gerusa said. Enrollment has been declining, however.

The school's main drawback, which officials acknowledge, is that it isn't accredited by the American Bar Association, meaning new graduates won't be able to take the bar exam.

Under legislation passed in Austin this year, any student who enrolled prior to June 1, 1989, and graduates before June 1, 1993, will be allowed to take the state bar exam.

Newer students get no promises, and they're told as much before they enroll.

School officials are struggling right now to win accreditation.

Gerusa said they are working on building up a law library, as required by the ABA, but they're still don't have full-time professors — the instructors are all area lawyers — and have to rely on donations and tuition for funding.

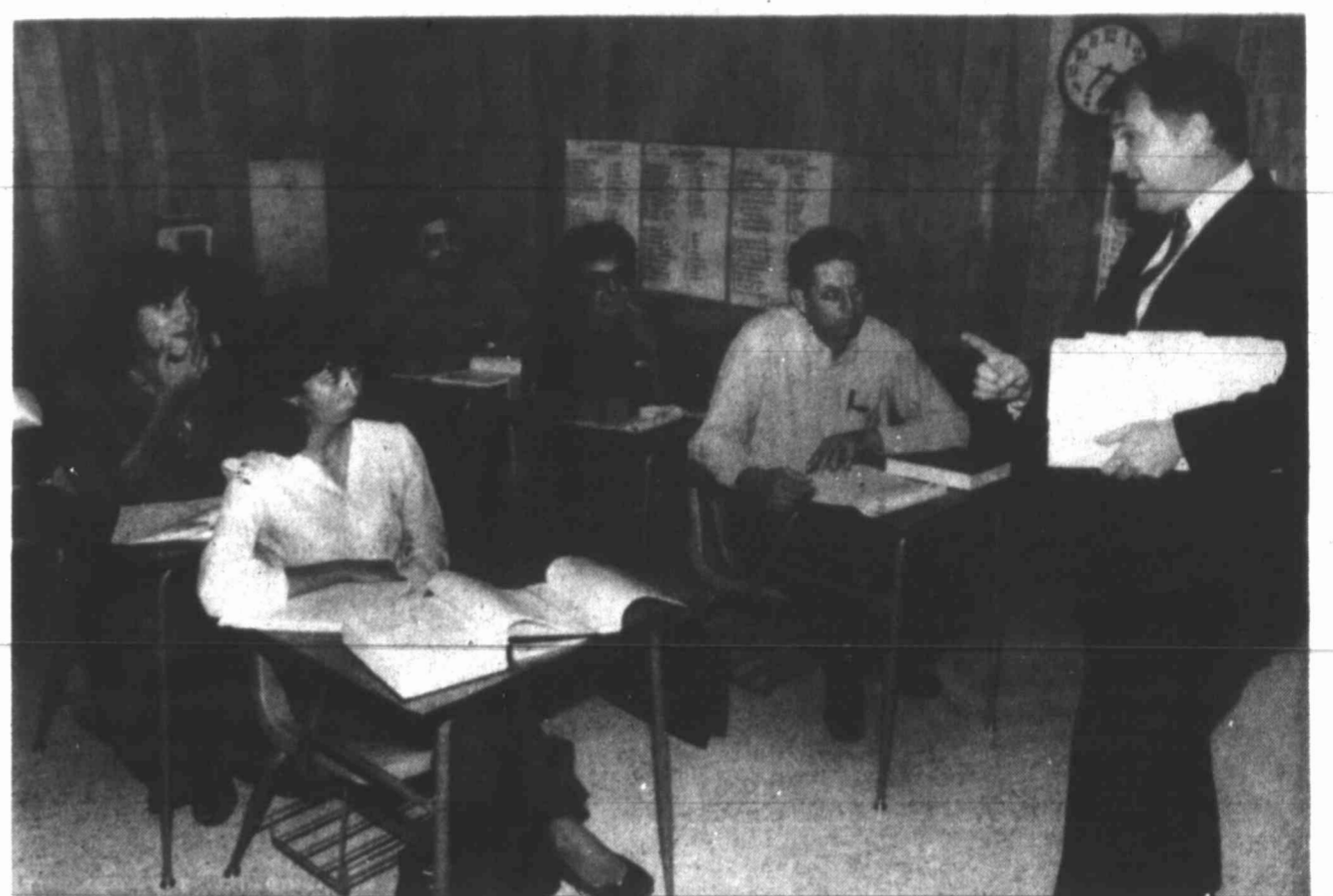
"We're about two years away from being close to ready," Gerusa said.

The school did apply for accreditation in 1989, but withdrew the application because school officials thought it was not ready to undergo the three-to-four-year procedure, Gerusa said.

"We've had no contact with the school probably in at least three years," said James White, the ABA's consultant on legal education. "We've had no official correspondence or phone calls since before I thought they were no longer in existence."

Gerusa said the school will reapply in another couple of years after it builds up its resources.

Meantime, unless the school gets



SAN BENITO — Larry Warner, an attorney, teaches a night class at the Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law that meets on the San Benito High School campus.

another waiver as it has in the past, the new students will be unable to become lawyers, White said.

"When we started we had the same dilemma," said Amado Robledo, a McAllen attorney and Garza alumnus. "The same chance that was taken by the first class is the same chance that they're going to take."

"I fully expect to take the bar exam," second semester freshman Guillermo Barrientes said recently while waiting for class to start in portable No. 18. "I expect the school to progress, to move ahead and to become accredited."

Barrientes, 51, a junior high teacher, said he wouldn't be able to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer without the nighttime law school.

"For me to go full time to law school, I'd have to leave my job. I couldn't afford it," Barrientes said. "It's given me a chance to do something I always wanted to do and couldn't."

Robert Marihugh, a freshman who claims he's "greener than that grass" growing outside the classroom, said the school gave

him the opportunity that other colleges wouldn't.

The 59-year-old ex-teacher applied to different schools but "because of the age factor they don't accept as easily," he said. "That's not how it's supposed to be, but they do a lot of things they're not supposed to."

"The best thing about this school is they're interested in their students."

Kahn, a Brownsville attorney, has an easy manner when relating

an anecdote or two in his office. But when he talks about the students, his voice becomes stronger and his conviction is almost tangible.

"We turn out a very high caliber of graduate. I dare say we're equal to the Ivy League schools, to the state schools," he said. "Our students are tough and they're fighters and they're dedicated."

If Barrientes is any indication, their dedication extends not just to their studies, but to the school as well.

Car, truck sales low in early September

DETROIT (AP) — New car and truck sales remained in a slump early this month, but the lowering of the prime lending rate may help ease the trend.

Sales of North American-made vehicles fell 15.3 percent in the Sept. 1-10 period compared with the same time last year, according to figures released Friday.

General Motors Corp. reported a 19 percent decline during the Sept. 1-10 period, while Ford Motor Co.'s combined vehicle sales dropped 18.4 percent.

Chrysler Corp.'s fell an estimated 6.1 percent. The No. 3 automaker doesn't report sales for 10-day segments. The Associated Press estimate of Chrysler sales is based on the company's average monthly market share over the past 12 months.

Combined, the Big Three saw sales drop 16.9 percent in early September, while Japanese automakers reported a 0.7 percent rise.

The overall decline started in

early August, and much of a 0.7 percent drop in retail sales for the month stemmed from the slumping auto sector. The Commerce Department said Friday that auto sales — which represent one-fifth of retail sales — were down 2.7 percent last month.

But carmakers also got some good news. The Federal Reserve cut the discount rate it charges commercial banks to 5 percent from 5.5 percent, prompting major banks to lower prime lending rates to 8 percent. Since some car loans are tied to the prime, Friday's cut could induce shoppers to spring for a new car or truck.

Lower interest rates also would soften the impact of higher prices on 1992 models now arriving at showrooms. GM is raising prices an average 3.1 percent; Ford, 3.7 percent; and Chrysler, 1.4 percent.

For the year to date, sales of North American cars and trucks were down 12.3 percent compared with last year, with Big Three sales off 15 percent and Japanese sales up 8.9 percent.

For the year so far, GM's car and truck sales were running 13.7 percent behind last year, while Ford's sales of North American-made vehicles were running 17.3 percent behind.

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Why Do We Need A Bond Issue?
•To replace buildings that are in violation of new fire, safety and handicapped code mandates.
•To provide buildings that enhance the opportunity for students to prepare themselves for entry into junior and senior high school.
•The economy of the community benefits from a school system that meets the needs of today's students and reflects the wishes of the community.

What is Our Commitment?
Our parents and grandparents provided for our educational needs. Our citizens in Big Spring will continue to have the satisfaction that we have provided for the needs of our children and grandchildren.

Did The Board Consider Remodeling Runnels?
YES. However, the cost to renovate this school was nearly 85% of the cost of a new modern Junior High. A total renovation program would have changed the outer appearance of Runnels so drastically the Board felt there would be little similarity to the old complex. The basic core of the new building would by design be the same model as the old building. The Board felt that the most economical and practical solution would be to build a new junior high and to house the seventh and eighth grades who have similar curriculums and activities.

Did The Board Consider The Consequences Of Placing The Fifth And Sixth Grades Together At Goliad?
YES. A fifth and sixth grade school at Goliad will be by design and practice an elementary school. Fifth and sixth grade students can be better served together through our curriculum than our current sixth and seventh grade structure. These students will be taught by elementary teachers in an elementary environment. Through a departmental system students will be taught by teachers in their area of specialization, math, reading, science and social studies. Students will move only on a limited basis. The design and philosophy of this school will better prepare our children's academic and social adjustment for junior high school.

Did the Board Consider The Philosophy Of Our Neighborhood School Concepts?
YES. The BSISD has long been committed to the neighborhood school concept; however, the Justice Department filed suit in Federal District Court in 1982 and the true neighborhood school concept was modified for the first time. As our population's ethnic minorities increase in our elementary schools it will be increasingly difficult to maintain racially identifiable elementary, those elementaries that have 66% or more minority enrollments, in the future. By moving only fifth grade students to an elementary fifth and sixth grade at Goliad the BSISD will gain the room and flexibility to make minor adjustments in attendance zones and by adjusting special programs enable the schools to stay in compliance with the Civil Rights Act. The BSISD is committed to maintaining the neighborhood school concept in the future. Passage of this bond issue will help ensure the neighborhood school concept for, hopefully, the next decade.

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Imports of endangered species grow in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A national penchant for things foreign and exotic, including odd pets, dulls Japan's concern for endangered species.

International criticism has forced a gradual halt to imports of some species and animal products banned by international treaties — most recently, two rare types of sea turtles.

But the search for status items like rare fish, reptiles and plants puts new pressures on dwindling wildlife, said Tom Milliken, director of TRAFFIC Japan, which analyzes trade in flora and fauna for the World Wildlife Fund.

After an auto company advertisement showing a frilled lizard running through a desert, frills affluff, people asked for the lizards at pet stores.

"It opened an appeal for the bizarre, weird, the icky," Milliken said.

Reptiles are popular. Young Japanese favor them because apartment leases generally have strict prohibitions on noisier, more demanding pets.

Papua New Guinea, home of frilled lizards, does not permit their export, but sales of green iguanas, pythons and turtles have boomed.

The reptile pet corner on the roof of Tokyo's Takashimaya department store sells about 200 reptiles and frogs a month.

It stocks all sizes of turtles, salamanders and lizards. Green iguanas stare impassively while baby water dragons bounce fran-

tically off the glass walls of their cubicles.

Milliken said the types of snakes, lizards and fish living in Japanese apartments aren't on lists of the most endangered, but that some are vulnerable, especially in a growing market.

Wealthy Japanese also covet rare plants. The popular lady slipper orchid and many other tropical species have disappeared in the wild.

Officials at TRAFFIC say Japan has virtually no controls on trade in animals and plants.

Historically, opposition to restricting imports has been strong.

Japan is one of 110 signatories of the Washington Convention on Trade in Endangered Species, but with reservations that allow trade in six species of whales and two of lizards.

In response to the threat of punitive U.S. trade sanctions, it agreed in May to gradually stop importing two types of endangered sea turtles.

Since the convention took effect in 1980, Japan has imported 748,686 turtles, shells, skins and stuffed specimens, according to government statistics.

Imports of olive ridley turtles have stopped. Hawksbill turtle imports will be reduced to 7½ tons from Aug. 1 until they are prohibited on Dec. 31, 1992, down from a normal 20 tons for an equal period.

Public records

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ron Thomas Brooks, 24, HC 61 Box 397 and Tessa Jay Underwood, 22, same
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Solomon R. Balderas, order of dismissal

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James E. Williams, judgment and sentence, public intoxication, \$200.00 fine, \$122.50 court cost
James Edward Williams, judgment and sentence theft over \$20 and under \$200, 30 days in jail, \$164.50 court costs, sentence to be served in Martin County jail

James Edward Williams, judgment and sentence evading arrest, 30 days in jail, \$164.50 court costs, sentence to be served in Martin County jail
Franklin Dale Melton, order dismissing cause

Sharon D. Plantt, order for occupational driver's license
Michael Ernest Langford, order of

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Mark Edward Leal, probated judgment, DWI, 2nd offense, \$144.50 court costs, \$20 breath test, \$500 fine, 20 days in jail

Martin Wallace, DWI (probated judgment) \$450 fine, \$144.50 court costs, \$20 breath test, eight hours community service

Martin Silguero, probated judgment, DWI, \$450 fine, \$144.50 court costs, \$20 breath test, eight hours community service

Mark Edward Leal, revocation of probation and imposition of sentence, \$450 fine, \$234.50 court costs, 20 days for DWI

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Jo H. Williams and Dennis E. Williams, final decree of divorce

Mark L. Brown and Sylvia G. Brown, final decree of divorce

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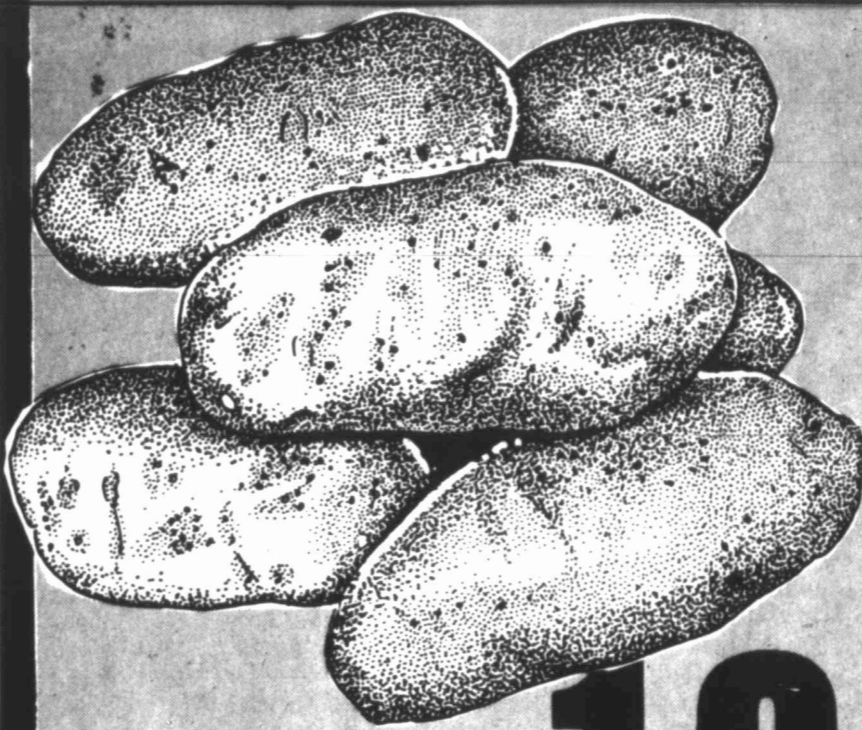
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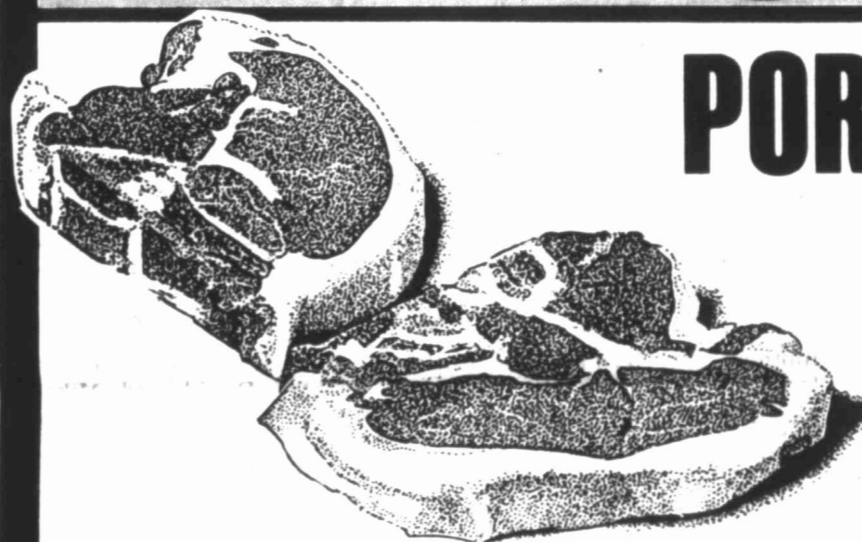
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Statutory employees include:

- Full-time traveling or city salespersons.
- Full-time life insurance sales agents.
- Drivers who deliver meat and vegetable products, baked goods, beverages (other than milk), or laundry/dry cleaning services.
- Individuals employed as home workers.

In order to qualify as a statutory salesperson, the person must sell merchandise to wholesale or retail outlets to be resold, or to a business for use in its operations.

If you are a statutory employee, your unreimbursed business expenses are deductible. These expenses include travel, meals, entertainment, transportation, supplies, education, and any other necessary business expense. Since 1987, unreimbursed employee business expenses were generally allowed to be deducted only on Schedule A as miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to a 2% floor. The new IRS ruling says statutory employees may take these deductions on Schedule C (a business schedule) as ordinary business expenses.

The correct treatment of these expenses will reduce your adjusted gross income and, therefore, you may be able to deduct more medical expenses and miscellaneous itemized deductions.

This IRS ruling applies retroactively allowing you to amend up to three years of prior tax returns and claim refunds.

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Name of the game in the home of the Braves

Since nobody else has stepped forward, I have taken it upon myself to do what must be done when a baseball team is in a pennant race in early September. What must be done is the team must have a motto and a nickname. Players also need nicknames. Baseball historically has had great player nicknames. Stan Musial, for instance, was The Man, and let us thank the Lord he was already out of baseball when whatever idiot started screaming, "You dah man!" every time some millionaire hit a golf ball on television. Unlikely as it may seem — no, as mind-boggling as it may seem — the Atlanta Braves are in the pennant race at this stage of the season for the first time ever since whatever year it was they fought the War of 1812. This team desperately needs a motto to take it through the mine-field that awaits in September as it races against the Dodgers for the National League's West Division pennant. Didn't the Phillies, in a similar spot, have "You Got-a Believe!" The Dodgers are too West-Coasty to have a motto. If the Dodgers had a motto it would be something like "Koo-uhl," koo-uhl being the West-Coasty way to say "cool." Please, no "How 'bout Them Braves." That belongs to the University of Georgia, and anybody who would engage in that motto has no more imagination than that other idiot who started The Wave. This person should contact Mr. "You dah man!" and form a suicide pact. I suggest the Braves' motto be one of the following: 1. "Good God, Is This Really Happening?" 2. "Are the Braves on Something?" 3. "Say What?" All these imply what all of us have been thinking all season: "The Braves have a chance to win the pennant? Say what?" As far as a team nickname goes, I'm for "Bobby and the Twilight Zoners" because I'm certain that's exactly where we and manager Bobby Cox are. The Braves are still in a pennant race. Sure, and the Falcons are going to the Super Bowl. We also need some good player nicknames. I've come up with a few of those, too. David Justice: Brother Dave — for that late, great Southern philosopher, Brother Dave Gardner. Otis "My Man" Nixon: Ever see the movie, "Animal House"? Brian "Spanky" Hunter: He's a dead ringer for the head Little Rascal, if the head Little Rascal had been black, and he probably should have been so Buckwheat wouldn't have been a token. Tom Glavine: The Ice Man. He would not cometh apart in a fire in a crowded theater. Terry Pendleton: Teepee. And whatever happened to Noc-A-Homa? Ron "Hyundai" Gant: The man has biceps the size of a foreign import. Jeff "The Flying Nun" Blauser: Under that batting helmet, I'm guessing there's a couple of big-league ears. Rafael "Nothing Sux Like an Electrolux" Belliard: The Human vacuum cleaner was already taken. Then, again, keeping with a Native American theme, should the Braves 1991 motto be, simply, "How?"

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Santana Dotson blocked a chip-shot field goal with three minutes left, setting up teammate Jeff Ireland's 35-yard field goal with 51 seconds remaining that gave No. 23 Baylor a 16-14 victory over No. 12 Colorado on Saturday. Moments earlier, Colorado (1-1) had recovered a fumble at the Baylor 30 and appeared primed to add to its 14-13 lead. Jim Harper lined up to kick a 24-yarder, but Dotson stormed in from his tackle spot and blocked it. The ball careened back across mid-field, where the Bears' Brian Hand picked it up and returned it 13 yards to the Colorado 30. Tailback David Mims had a 13-yard run to help move the Bears (2-0) into position for Ireland's game-winner. The loss snapped Colorado's winning streak, the nation's longest, at 11 games. Baylor, trailing 7-3 at the half despite dominating the first 30 minutes, went ahead on J.J. Joe's 74-yard touchdown pass to Melvin Bonner early in the third quarter. Joe and Bonner subsequently hooked up on a 24-yard pass to set up Ireland's 40-yarder for a 13-7 lead with 3:11 left in the third period. Colorado rebounded on its next series to reclaim the lead. Darian Hagan passed 14 yards to Rico Smith to start the drive, and freshman tailback Kent Kahl finished it, sweeping the left side with a pitchout from 10 yards out on the first play of the final period. The Buffs, who had won a school-record-tying 15 straight home games, then forced a turnover midway through the final quarter. Split end Lee Miles caught a short pass but was hit by safety Greg Lindsey and fumbled, and cornerback Deon Figures raced 16 yards with the loose ball to the Baylor 30 with 7:02

remaining. Wingback Michael Westbrook took a pitchout and, apparently intending to pass across the field to Hagan, instead ran for 17 yards to the 14, but the Bears held and the Buffs set up for the ill-fated field goal. Colorado squandered a first-quarter scoring opportunity. Hagan's 28-yard punt return put the Buffs at the Baylor 29-yard line. But on second-and-goal from the 4, Hagan and center Jay Leeuwenburg miscommunicated on a planned quarterback sneak, and the fumbled snap was recovered by Baylor's Curtis Hafford. The Buffs later marched 70 yards in five plays for the lone TD of the half. Hagan completed all three of his passes on the drive, including a 26-yarder to tight end Sean Brown for the score with 14:27 left in the half. Baylor countered with a 64-yard drive culminating in Ireland's 41-yard field goal. A key play was Joe's 21-yard run which resulted in a 36-yard gain when Colorado was whistled for tackling out of bounds at the end of the play.



Associated Press photo

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M Aggies Marshall (14). Hill rushed for 217 yards, setting a NCAA record for a freshman single-game performance. Hill, a redshirt freshman who like Darren Lewis is gone and, thanks to Greg Hill, is almost forgotten. Lewis, the Southwest Conference's career rushing leader, is now with the Chicago Bears. Enter No. 20 Texas A&M 45, LSU 7. Joe's 8-yard run on fourth-and-one kept another march alive just before intermission, but Ireland's 26-yard field goal try was blocked by Greg Thomas. COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Hill, a redshirt freshman who like Darren Lewis is gone and, thanks to Greg Hill, is almost forgotten. Lewis, the Southwest Conference's career rushing leader, is now with the Chicago Bears. Enter

A family decimated by tragedy

DALLAS (AP) — The story goes that the wrestling Von Erichs were so popular, fighting stopped in the Middle East when they were on television. A father and his sons were the good guys, cocky protectors of all that is right, all to the delight of thousands of screaming fans. But out of the ring, the Von Erichs, who are really the Adkissons, have been decimated by personal tragedy. The latest blow came Thursday night as Chris, the youngest of six brothers, died from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. He is the fourth brother to die. "Some families seem to have everything in the world happen to them, while others go along with nothing unusual. A great deal of this is the business they came into, the lives they lived, the pressure they were under," said Bill Mercer, former wrestling announcer for the family. "The thing that always puzzles me is that all these boys went into wrestling," said Mercer, now broadcast coordinator at the University of North Texas. "I suppose it is like gymnastic or circus families. They all stick together. But I could never convince my

three boys to do the same thing." Chris Adkisson was found shot in the head Thursday night by his mother and a brother at the family's 500-acre East Texas ranch, Peace Justice Bill Lemmert of Tyler said Friday. Van Zandt County Sheriff Pat Jordan said that Von Erich's wound appeared to be self-inflicted. A 9mm pistol and an apparent suicide note were found by authorities at the ranch in Edom, about 75 miles east of Dallas. The Von Erichs were popular in the 1980s with their show World Class Championship Wrestling, syndicated in 66 U.S. television markets as well as the Middle East, Japan and Argentina. They once wrestled in front of 40,000 people in Texas Stadium, and regularly filled the 17,007-seat Reunion Arena. Tragedy stalked the Von Erichs early when 7-year-old Jack Adkisson Jr. was accidentally electrocuted in 1959. Mike Adkisson, 23, died in April 1987 of an apparent suicide after a series of health troubles. His death was due to an overdose of a tranquilizer, and authorities found notes at his car and residence. David, considered the best

wrestler, died at age 25 of an inflammation of the intestine during a wrestling tour of Japan in 1984. "Chris was a teen-ager when his brothers David and Mike died. And, as a younger brother, he was stricken by all of this," said Mercer. "He had idolized the older brothers, the fame and what they attained." He said an Israeli promoter once told him the wrestlers were so popular that when their show aired, soldiers in Lebanon and Palestine would stop fighting to watch. "I used to visit the farm where the brothers grew up above Lake Dallas, for promotions," he said. "Chris was the younger brother who was very close to Mike, and when he died, that was tough for him especially." Family members said they were shocked and hurt by the death of 21-year-old Chris, who was living at the ranch. "I think Chris felt he would not make it as a professional wrestler. He wanted out," said his father, Jack Adkisson, who wrestled as Fritz Von Erich. "He took the only way out he knew." At the Sportatorium, the Dallas



Herald photo by Steve Reagan

Big Spring Lady Steers tennis player Kristen Sevey gets ready to hit a backhand during a recent practice session. Sevey is the number one player on the lady Steers squad.

Big Spring netters seeking region berth

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

The Big Spring Steers' tennis team may be a bit younger this year, but it still has a third straight trip to the regional tournament in its sights. Of the top 12 players, only two are seniors — and the boys will be without graduated Rocky Tubb, who made three straight trips to the state tournament — but coach Todd Spears believes the team has a strong chance to make a return trip to regionals this year. "For as young as we are, we have a bunch of people who have been playing tennis awhile," said Spears, whose in his first year as head coach. "As far as mental toughness, we've got a strong team. I don't see this as a rebuilding year." Spears can point to Big Spring's record so far this season for justification. After tying a strong Odessa team, the Steers blasted Brownwood and Lubbock Estacado by identical 16-2 scores. "We've got a great chance to go back to regionals," Spears said. "As far as the district goes, Andrews will be tough as always. We're not overlooking everybody

else, but we are sort of looking forward to that match. We should be at the regionals in Lubbock if everything goes well." The big difference from past BSHTS teams will be that the squad's strength will be the girls. Seven boys are gone from last year's squad. "Our strength will definitely be with the girls," Spears said. "That's a total change from last year. Our only weakness is our youth — we have only two seniors on the whole team — so the freshmen and sophomores will have to carry loads you usually wouldn't have to." Leading the BSHTS girls is number-one seed Kristen Sevey, a junior who was a semi-finalist at the district tournament last year. "She's an aggressive player with a strong serve," Spears said. "She had a tough loss at district last year... but she's got her head on straight this year. She definitely has a chance at the district title this year." At number two for the girls is junior Brandy Willis. "Brandy's a strong player



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Four heads are better than one

The four-man team of John Garcia, Dave Henderson, Bob Eshleman and Pat Carter discuss putting strategy as they view the green during the D-F-

IT golf tournament at the Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday.

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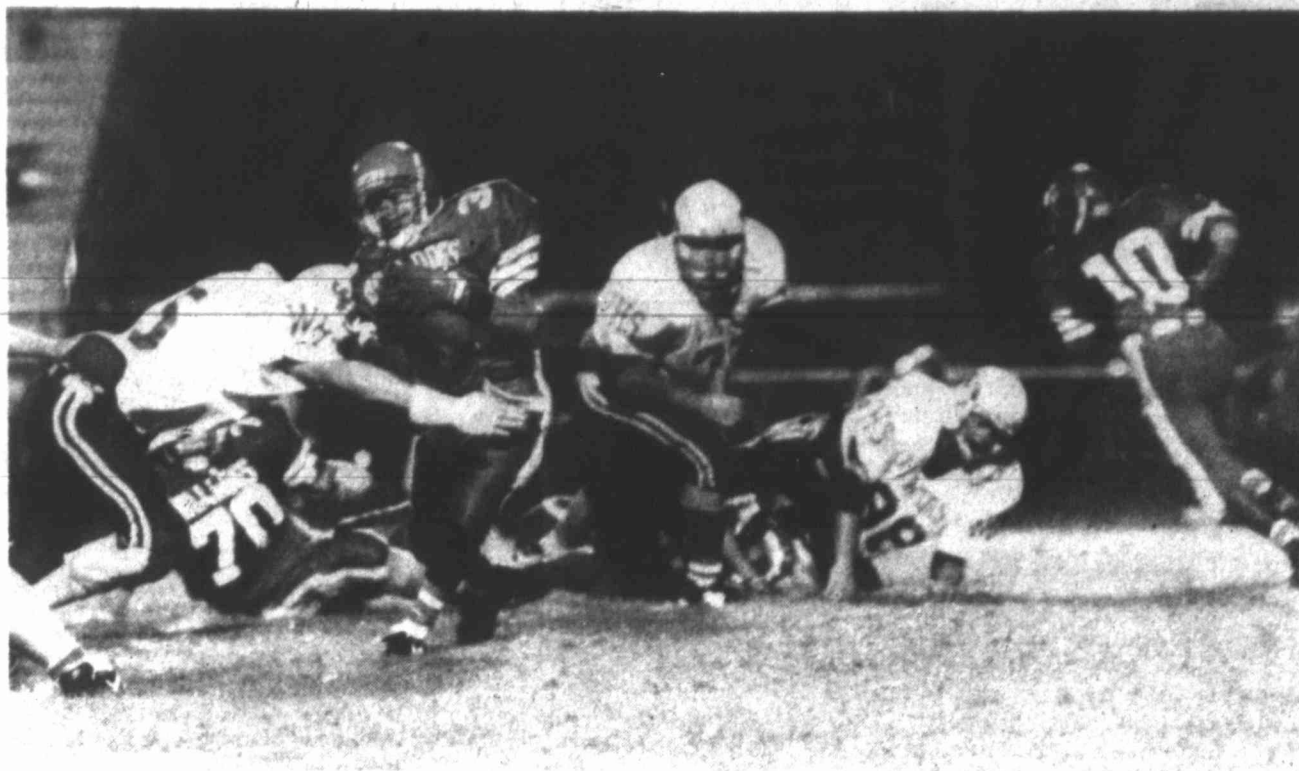


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HS Scores

Table of high school sports scores categorized by Class 5A, Class 2A, and Class 4A. Includes teams like Alief Elsik, Arlington, and various football and basketball results.

Continuation of high school sports scores from the previous section, listing teams and their respective scores.



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Bulldog football

COAHOMA — Coahoma Bulldogs wingback Mark Arguello gets wrapped up by a Winters Blizzards defender after taking a handoff from quarterback

Brent Elmore (10) during first half action Friday night. Coahoma won the game 40-19.

College Scores

Table of college sports scores for various divisions including Midwest, Far West, South West, and East. Lists teams and final scores.

NFL Standings

Table of NFL standings for the American Conference and National Conference, showing team records and performance metrics.

AL Standings

Table of American League (AL) standings, including team records and game details for various divisions.

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How does *your* garden grow . . . in West Texas?

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

True grit. That's what it takes to have a beautiful yard in Big Spring.

But it can be done, says Lucille Knox. Lucille has been gardening here almost 50 years, and she has learned how to cope with the wind, heat, salty water, inadequate rainfall and poor soil.

Her revelations come just in time for Big Spring homeowners to put them to good use in planning their fall gardening chores. September and October are the best months for planting, lawn work, bed preparation and planning the spring-summer yardscape.

Soil enhancement may need to be your first consideration, says Lucille.

"In areas where there is a lot of rainfall and dense growth, the soil renews itself through decaying matter. We don't have that in this area, so the soil must be fed." She likes to use steer manure — she bought 20 sacks for her fall gardening. (She'll put out 20 more sacks in the spring.) She uses manure on her lawn to build turf, spreads it on her flower beds, and mixes it with sand and dirt for pot plants.

A compost bin is a must, this gardener says, adding "Compost is the perfect soil." A bin can be built easily from wire, or purchased at a reasonable price from hardware stores and garden catalogs. Lucille prefers a simple hole in the ground. She just piles on the grass clippings, adds potato peelings, and spreads dirt or sand between layers. Sometimes she adds commercial fertilizers. It's important to remember to turn your compost with a large garden fork regularly, Lucille says.

Potting soil and top soil are expensive to use, and Lucille prefers "just plain dirt," anyway. If you have a friend who lives in the country, ask to come out and dig. Sometimes rural roadbeds are covered in dirt after a flood, and gardeners can scoop up some.

Plan to use commercial fer-

tilizers, too. Good soil preparation is half the battle.

The other half, of course, is water. Since the lack of rain is a known deterrent to abundant growth, the gardener will have to water. Lucille has numerous barrels and buckets around her property to catch rainwater — "Be sure each one can be covered with a tight lid." During the dry times, you will mix rain water with city water for your house plants, and stretch it as far as it will go on your beds.

"Many a newcomer has found that the more she sprinkled her newly planted flowers (with city water) the quicker they died," says Lucille. When city water must be used, flood the beds with a hose, or use a soaker hose. Never water beds with a sprinkler; the salt will burn tender leaves. She advises to water very early in the morning or late in the evening.

"Unfortunately," this garden expert laments, "some things just won't grow here." She warns against buying from trucks and garden catalogs, suggesting the novice consult with nurseries who understand the local problems.

One of the secrets of Lucille's beautiful yard is her penchant for gardening in pots and barrels. You can control the moisture and nutrients better, she believes; and you can move the blooms around the yard as needed to enhance your landscape.

Once you've fertilized and spaded your beds deeply, you can sow seeds and plant bulbs now for a colorful spring and summer yard next year. Some seeds must be planted now through November; bulbs should be put into the ground in the next several months, but no later than January.

"The early flowering varieties need the cold of winter months for best results," Lucille explains.

The Knox home is surrounded with fruit trees, some of which were grown from seeds. Fruit trees do very well here, she says and decries the fact that so few are

planted — "They give shade, produce beautiful flowers and, finally, edible fruit." Her landscape always includes sunflowers "for the birds," an abundance of herbs "for cooking", and flowering vines along fences and on well-placed trellises "to absorb the heat."

Lucille's garden tasks at this time of year include preparing her "winter house garden." She turns to her prolific beds of arrowhead ivy, asparagus fern, wandering jew, mother-in-law's tongue, herbs, and many other plants to fill pots and hanging baskets to bring indoors.

"My house will be filled with plants all winter long. Growing plants are good for the (inside) environment," she says. "Last year I took up periwinkle from the bed, and it bloomed inside all winter. Try it!"

Soon her caladiums will be past their prime, and she'll dig them up, rinse in mild chlorox water, let dry, then store over the winter in a container of moss. It seems like a lot of work, but "once you become a real gardener, you'll want to save your bulbs!"

The work to save plants begins in earnest now. Lucille predicts the first frost will be about November 5, so "be ready. Have everything prepared against that first cold; you can't get 'em inside fast enough when it comes!"

Although Lucille has won many awards for her flower arranging — and has even taught the art — she doesn't believe formal training is necessary to make attractive arrangements you can enjoy in your house.

"Just display what you have," she advises. "Just a bowl full of petunias on the dining table, an old pitcher filled with mums, a single stalk of iris with blooms and buds, or a simple vase of roses — all can be stunning."

Once you've learned the gardening ropes for this part of the world, prepare to become addicted.

"Gardening is fascinating," Lucille says — even after nearly 50 years.



Lucille Knox stands by her caladium garden on the patio of her Big Spring home. Lucille created a cover of vine-laden lattice to protect the shade-loving plants from the West Texas sun.



Gracing the west side entrance to her home in the photo above, Lucille Knox's flower bed boasts a colorful assortment of plants and flowers. The large white plant in the center is called 'Snow on the Mountain.' This entire bed is shaded by one of

Lucille's apricot trees. The photo below shows the hanging baskets Lucille has created from vines and flowers that grew in her garden this past summer. She uses these plants to create her 'winter garden.'



Herald photo by Lea Whitehead



Lucille Knox sprints at her potting bench repotting ivy and other outdoor plants that she will bring indoors for the cooler winter months ahead.

CHORES TO DO NOW FOR A SPRING-SUMMER FLOWER GARDEN

Feed lawn and beds
Use cow manure or commercial fertilizer

Seeds to sow now through November:

- Larkspurs
 - Poppies
 - Hollyhocks
 - Snow-on-the-mountain
 - Early blooming bulbs
 - Crocus
 - Tulips
 - Hyacinths
 - Daffodils
- Trees to plant (some are available now, but selection may be best January through March):
- Plum
 - Peach
 - Pear
 - Crabapple
 - Apricot

Lucille's favorite summer plants (she sows seeds or puts out bulbs in early spring but the less dedicated gardener may prefer to set out plants):

- Petunias
- Periwinkle
- Moss rose
- Caladiums (bulb)
- Croton
- Dumb Cane
- Geraniums
- Mother-in-law Tongue
- Canna (bulb)
- Iris (bulb)

Other dependable shrub bloomers you can set out now:

- Flowering quince
- Old fashioned jasmine
- Yellow forsythia

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The faith healers of Mexico

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Curandero is a Spanish word meaning faith healer. Both Texas and Mexico have historical markers and monuments to famous curanderos.

Curandismo embraces three levels: the material, which emphasizes the use of candles, oils, herbs, etc., the spiritual, where the curando acts as a medium and the mental, an example of which is psychic healing.

Rituals for treating various illnesses are present on all levels.

Many curanderos rely on the use of an egg to treat people. They say it absorbs negative influences. The lemon also is used in curandismo.

Purple onions and garlic are used by curanderos to protect their believers from various illnesses.

Curanderos have specialties. A yerbero will be a herbalist, able to prescribe botanical remedies. A partera is a midwife. A sobador or sobadora is a masseuse or masseur.

Dr. Eliseo Torres of Kingsville grew up with folk remedies. He became interested in the field and interviewed curanderos on both sides of the Rio Grande. He has written two books on the subject, *Green Medicine* and *The Folk Healer*. He teaches a University course in curandismo and lectures widely on the subject.

He says curandismo is both a religious belief and belief in the supernatural. "Some curanderos are brujos (witches) capable of casting evil spells."

Most curanderos recognize they have the gift from God.

Tumbleweed Smith



Others go through long apprenticeships. Some quit their regular jobs in order to work as curanderos.

True curanderos never charge for their services. Some will accept gifts, others won't.

Author and psychiatrist Ari Kiev says curandismo is a system of medicine which recognizes the profound effect the emotions can have on health. It takes into account the physical manifestations of such feelings as anger, sorrow, shame, rejection, fear, desire and disillusionment.

Here are a few folk beliefs: a red thread on your forehead will cure hiccups, a bag of parsley worn about the neck will ward off snakes, burning a blue candle brings harmony and joy.

The most famous curandero of all times was Don Pedrito Jaramillo, who practiced his medical magic in Falfurrias. He arrived there in 1881, when he was 52 years old. People still leave items at his shrine just outside of town. He prescribed simple remedies using water or mud, things patients didn't have to buy.

Once a woman with migraine headaches asked for help. Don Pedrito told her to cut her head off and feed it to the hogs. She got so mad she sputtered and fumed and never had another headache again.

Nino Fidencio, one of Mexico's leading curanderos, often prescribed laughter, food and merriment to his patients. He hired musicians so everyone, even arthritics and cripples, might dance. People swear they did just that.

Thirty thousand people a year travel to his burial place in Espinazo, Mexico to pay homage to him. He died at the age of 40 in 1938.

A curandera named Teresita has been researched thoroughly by William Curry Holden of Texas Tech. She became so popular in Mexico leaders were jealous and deported her to Nogales, Arizona, where she treated 100 patients a day. Later she moved to El Paso. When she was called to San Francisco to heal a sick friend, she stayed for awhile and news of her ability travelled nationwide. A medical company signed her to a contract and sent her on a tour. She lived in New York for awhile before her death in 1906. She is buried in Clifton, Arizona.

Many Mexican-American families have a long standing relationship with one particular curandero, much the same as they might have with a family doctor.

A curandero may be compared to a small town physician: he serves a relatively small number of patients, knows the family intimately, and is well prepared to treat the patient's physical, psychological and spiritual needs.

Quite a few curanderos practice today.

Fire Ant information

Sandra McMahan, M.D.



Q: My two-year-old son recently got several fire ant bites on his back when playing in the yard. What medical concerns should I have about fire ant bites? How do you treat fire ant bites?

A: Fire ants are members of the group of insects which include bees, wasps, yellow jackets and hornets. Up to 58 percent of the population in fire ant endemic areas are stung yearly.

The characteristic "pimple" or sterile pustule that appears approximately 24 hours after a fire ant "bite" results from the venom injected when the ant stings its victim.

The most common complication of a fire ant sting, occurring in 30 percent of the cases, is a large localized area which is swollen, red, warm and tender. Infection resulting from scratching the site is another common problem, and it may require antibiotics. An uncommon complication is the development of a systemic allergic reaction called anaphylaxis, which may cause hives, shock to the cardiovascular system or shock to the respiratory system with choking or asthma-type symptoms. Approximately 0.6 percent to 0.8 percent of fire ant sting victims develop these life-threatening allergic reactions. A survey in 1988 documented 14 recent deaths from fire ant stings in Texas.

If a child or adult has a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction to an insect sting, a complete evaluation by an allergist is necessary. In infants and young children, the most common type of allergic reaction is hives, but most children will outgrow their sensitivity to fire ant stings.

When a person is allergic to insect venom, death can result from just one sting. On the other hand, victims with more than 3,000 stings have reported no serious consequences.

Treatment of a fire ant sting should include keeping the skin clean to prevent infection. Cortisone may be used to treat severe cases of large local swelling. Adrenalin is necessary for life-threatening episodes, and allergic people should be able to self-administer this drug. Antihistamines will decrease the itching of hives.

All patients who have experienced a life-threatening allergic reaction to a sting should have the option of taking allergy injection treatment. These "allergy shots" will help the body develop an immunologic tolerance so that subsequent stings will not cause a severe reaction.

Editor's Note: If you have a question please write to "Options For Health" in care of the Big Spring Herald.

Colorado City catch up

By **BARBIE LELEK**

I'm back! My family and I have been on vacation for the past couple of weeks and I never found myself at home long enough to write this article. A lot has been happening in Colorado City lately, hopefully I can cover some of it.

Colorado City
by **BARBIE LELEK**
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The Rotary Club has had several interesting speakers during the month of August. August 7 the members of the club welcomed Mary De Jose, Educational Coordinator of the Abilene Zoological Gardens. De Jose informed everyone on facts concerning the care of the animals and their surroundings, feeding and the new discovery center. The 10,300 square foot building facility is the result of the combined efforts of the city of Abilene, Grover Nelson Park Zoological Foundation and the Abilene Zoological Society. It is a habitat "sampler" and also compares two regions of the earth: the Southwestern United States and Mexico and Africa and Madagascar.

On August 14 Joe Carter spoke on "Good Bugs and Bad Bugs." If you are like me, I never saw a good bug!

Mr. Carter spoke about those little pests who really help humans such as the Ladybug and Lace Wing Fly. Several insects eat other insects who destroy our crops. Think twice before you smush that next bug!

Connie Simpson, with the Lioness Club, discussed the importance of the tri-monthly blood drive on August 14. She discussed how each pint of blood can make a difference in someone's life.

On Aug. 28 Pam Butler, RN and Clinic Supervisor of the Texas Department of Health gave an overview of the services available in Mitchell County. She spoke on subjects such as W.I.C., Adult Health, immunizations and more.

The Wolves Booster Club met again for the first time on Aug. 6. The new officers for the following year were elected they are Tim Olden, president; Phil Anderson,

vice president; Roxie Strain, secretary and Joe Morren, treasurer. The club will once again be offering to Wolf fans the chance to purchase caps for \$10 each. The caps will be available in black, white or red colors. Picture buttons are always popular with family and friends to brag on their favorite player. These will be available for \$3 each. Memberships will also be sold at \$5 each. The group met again Sept. 3, at which time they were informed about the Ballinger Bearcats which will be our first opponent Sept. 6 at home beginning at 8 p.m. All Wolf fans are urged to get involved in the Wolves Booster Club. They meet each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the field house. Refreshments are served and a time is set aside each week to meet a team. The Varsity Football boys will be at the meeting Sept. 10 to be introduced. A signed football is given away at each meeting to some lucky fan in attendance.

The annual Pigskin Preview was held Aug. 22 at the Wolf field. This is an event held every year before the start of the football season, that allows the community to come meet and visit with the Wolves teams Varsity through Freshmen. This year there will be no freshman team as there were not enough young men interested for a 3rd team. Cheerleaders, flags and twirlers were introduced as well. The '91-'92 cheerleaders are: Windy Bradbury, head; Deana Graham, Leah Watson, Svean Lentz, Rosemary Davila, Holly Turner, Krista Moore, Brandi Jarnigan, Jodi Cade-alternate and Robin Walls-Sluefoot. The flag corps include: Jennifer Munoz, Mollie Silva, Amy Jones, Lauren Perkin, Shawne Ortiz, Angela Ornelas and Michelle Molina.

Twirlers are Cassi Smith, head; Cretia Caye Carpenter and Heidi Smith



Associated Press photo

Utter movement

HARVARD, Ill. — Harmilda, a life-size fiberglass model of a Holstein cow, stands in a Harvard, Ill., intersection as traffic travels around her recently. The Illinois Department of

Transportation determined that Harmilda is a traffic hazard and must be moved to make way for road improvements. Many of Harvard's 6,000 citizens are upset by the cow move.

Humane society

Pet of the week: "Dutchess" peek-a-poo mix. She is brown with black tippings. She has a curly tail over her back. She is an indoor dog and is small and friendly.

"Brownie" Miniature pincher mix. Black with brown eyebrows and markings. Short, sleek coat with a curly tail. Petite size, female.

"Rosco" mini, mini-border collie. He is black with white markings and longer fur. He is very small, less than 12 inches tall. Playful and cute male.

"Sydney" full blood solid black cocker spaniel. Male. Curly black coat with a docked tail. Very docile and calm.

"Toby" full blood American short haired pointer. White with liver spots. Large and intelligent. Good natured young male.

"Black Jack" large black lab, very young male at 18 months old.

energetic, needs a home.

"Pibb" beautiful cocker spaniel. Blonde curly coat with buff spots. Neutered male, energetic, less than a year and half old.

"Flash" beautiful chocolate point siamese. Short haired beige coat with deep brown markings. Crystal blue eyes and even a little crossed. Around 15 weeks old and playful, box trained male.

"Chocolate point siamese, blue eyes, female, indoor cat. 267-5646.

"Hallie" blue eyed siamese mix cat. Very pretty short haired beige coat with grey markings on face, ears and tail. Very sweet indoor cat. Box trained, spayed female.

"Dee Dee" striking calico cat. White short haired coat with black and orange spots. Around one year of age. Very loving, her favorite is to sit on shoulders, spayed female, box trained.

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Fall garden check list

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Now is the time to check a number of items for gardens and landscapes.

Rejuvenate heat stressed geraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing and watering. Caladiums require plenty of water this time of year if they are to remain lush and attractive until fall. Fertilize with ammonium sulfate at the rate of 1/2 to 1/2 pound per 100 square feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Holes and pyracanthas will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions. Remove weak, unproductive growth from Crepe Myrtles and Roses to stimulate new growth for fall beauty.

Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs, but hold off major pruning until mid-winter. Pruning now may stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

Prepare the beds for spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. It is important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve water drainage. Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.

Continue a disease spray schedule on roses as blackspot and mildew can be extremely damaging in September and October. Funginex, used every 7 - 14 days,

Ask the agent



will usually give excellent control. Christmas Cactus can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights (55 degrees F) for a month starting in mid-October. Keep plants on the dry side for a month prior to the treatment.

Plan to plant wildflowers in early September and October. Check supplies now and order seed for planting in open sunny areas. Consider bluebonnet, Indian paintbrush, coneflower, fire-wheel, black eyed Susans, evening primroses and many others. Soils should be lightly cultivated prior to planting.

The Howard County Fair was just recently completed. We hope each of you were able to take advantage of all the opportunities to get out and visit with all your old friends and make new ones there.

The weather was great and a lot of attractions was on hand for all to see and participate in. County fairs are a wonderful thing for a community to host and Howard County is blessed with one of the very best in the state. If you missed out on it, you really missed out on quite an event.

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Black children discover their past in school

CHICAGO (AP) — Inside a bleak storefront on Chicago's South Side, children pledge allegiance with words that are as different as black and white:

"We are African people, struggling for national liberation. We are preparing leaders and workers to bring about positive change for our people. We stress the development of our bodies, minds, souls and consciousness."

The flag they face is not red, white and blue — it is black, green and red, the colors of African nationalism. The walls are decorated with portraits of Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey.

Sandwiched between an auto-parts shop and a bookstore, the New Concept Development Center barely stands out in dreary surroundings. There is no hint that the teaching methods at this small, private school are at the heart of a nationwide debate.

The center offers an Afro-centric curriculum, infusing every subject — including English, math, science, history and the arts — with African themes.

Opponents contend it's self-esteem therapy more than serious academic study. They complain that much of what is taught as fact is merely fantasy, and some say it presents a perspective as biased as a Euro-centric curriculum.

Others, like Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch, fear that such curriculums could increase "racial antagonism" and produce "fresh recruits for white and black racist groups."

But supporters say it gives black students a positive image of their ancestry that can help them avoid the drugs, crime and poor performance that trouble many inner-city public schools. They say it teaches black children to view their heritage as equal, not inferior, to European culture.

"We're faced with a situation of continuing to send out children that are failing or providing alternative means of educating our children ourselves," said Mwalimu J. Shujaa, executive officer of the Council of Independent Black Institutions, a Buffalo, N.Y.-based group of 30 schools, including New Concept.

"That seems to pose a threat for many, because it's interpreted as being anti-public education. It's really pro-African-American children," he said.

The council is helping Detroit's schools fashion an Afro-centric program, and other cities have asked for the council's curriculum guide, Shujaa said.



Shalewa Crowe stands among her students as they say the "Unity Pledge", with raised fists at the New Concept Development Center in Chicago recently. The storefront school on Chicago's

South Side offers an Afro-centric curriculum infusing every subject including English, math, science and history - with African themes

"The independent school movement was actually out front and created the curriculums... public schools are now trying to mirror," said Conrad Worrill, a Northeastern Illinois University history professor.

At New Concept, children learn French — spoken in much of Africa — and some Swahili. Primers feature characters named Akwasi and Kali, not Dick and Jane.

In teaching phonics, "instead of saying, 'Sally and Susie went to the park,' we say, 'Egypt is the land of our African ancestors,'" said Shalewa Crowe, the school's 38-year-old director.

New Concept students learning the alphabet are taught that A is for Africa as well as for apple, she said. History lessons stress that Columbus did not "discover" America.

"We let them know there were native people here and Europeans came over looking for another place to live," Ms. Crowe said.

Reading lessons include a chapter from a book titled "They Came Before Columbus" by Ivan Van Sertima that tells of a voyage to the Americas by the West African prince Abubakari prior to Columbus' trip, said Folami Stallings, a New Concept third-grade teacher and assistant director of the school.

She said math instruction for third-graders includes a lesson that the obelisk, a structure exemplified by the Washington Monument, was invented by Queen Hatshepsut of Egypt.

Ms. Stallings said children at New Concept learn the names and achievements of black scientists, inventors and musicians. And in introductory music classes, they play blues and jazz tunes on their recorder-flutes.

The school's 85 students and six teachers — all of them black — gather each day for opening exercises. The children form a circle, clap hands, and sing "We are a beautiful nation."

New Concept runs from preschool, serving children as young

as 2/3, through third grade. The children are taught at an accelerated rate.

"We work on children a year ahead — kindergartners work at first-grade level and start a formal reading program and math," Ms. Crowe said.

"We start science with our 3-year-olds. Last year, they talked about carbohydrates," she said.

The Afro-centric approach "is something I could have benefited from," said Zandra Stewart, 36, whose 3-year-old son, Chase, attends New Concept. The Chicago woman attended mostly white Catholic schools.

"I wasn't learning anything about myself," she said. "I didn't learn about black leaders until eighth grade."

But Mrs. Stewart said her son and his classmates already have started "knowing who they are, that they're black children and they should be proud of it, that being black shouldn't hold them back."

More than third of high schoolers smoke

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly a third of all high school students smoke — including almost one in five seniors who are steady smokers — according to a federal study that also found white students much more likely to smoke than blacks.

Thirty-six percent of all U.S. high school students said they had used tobacco in some form — including smoking and chewing — during the past month, according to the study released Thursday by the federal Centers for Disease Control. Thirty-two percent said they had smoked.

Thirteen percent of the students from ninth to 12th grades also were described as frequent smokers — those who had smoked more than 25 of the previous 30 days, the CDC said.

Forty-one percent of the seniors said they had smoked cigarettes or chewed tobacco in the previous month, and 18 percent said they were frequent smokers.

"If they're using cigarettes 26 days a month, they're well on the road to regular smoking," said Dr. Gary Giovino, a specialist with the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

Among black students, only 16 percent said they smoked, compared with 36 percent of all white students. While 16 percent of the white students said they were fre-

quent smokers, only 2 percent of the black students said they were.

The racial disparity may have been caused by a higher awareness of health and fitness among young blacks or a greater influence of church teachings, Giovino said.

"Or there may be economics going on," he said, pointing out that the average price of a pack of cigarettes has shot up from 60 cents in 1980 to more than \$1.50 today.

"We find that as cigarettes become more expensive, the effect is more significant on adolescents than on adults," he said.

The survey, which involved more than 11,000 students in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, had an overall sampling error of about 4 percent.

Other findings: —Boys use some form of tobacco more often than girls, 40 percent to 32 percent. But that disparity is because boys chew tobacco, and girls almost never do. Nineteen percent of boys use smokeless tobacco, compared with 1 percent of girls.

—Cigarette smoking is, statistically speaking, about the same for both sexes. Thirty-three percent of boys and 31 percent of girls smoke. An identical 13 percent of both sexes are frequent smokers.

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• Born to Manuel and Kristi Ramirez, Big Spring, a son, Matthew Jordan Ramirez, September 6, 1991, at 3:58 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Cox at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Grandparents are John and Vivian Gordon, Big Spring, and Manuel and Rosario Ramirez, Big Spring.

• Born to Patty Howell and Roy D. Boyd, Big Spring, a daughter, Courtney Marie Boyd, September 5, 1991, at 9:05 a.m., weighing 9 pounds 11 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter at Scenic Mountain Medical

Center. Grandparents are Bill and Dorothy Whitton, and Harris Crossnos, all of Big Spring; great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Whitton, Clyde. Courtney is the baby sister of Ammie Lee Howell, 13.

• Born to Agustín Y Esperanza Saigado, a daughter, Vanessa Saigado, September 10, 1991, at 6:20 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces, delivered by Dr. Owens at Malone Hogan Clinic. Grandparents are Luis Pena of Big Spring, and Angela Mendoza.

• Born to Charity Warren, a daughter, Brenna LeDae Warren, September 10, 1991, at 3:40 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Grandparents are Kenneth and Vicki Reed, Big Spring.

• Born to Calvin Williams and Mary Brown, Big Spring, a daughter, Kimberlie Kay Williams, September 10, 1991, at 2:37 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 1/4 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Grandparents are Betty Merworth,

Big Spring, and Carl and Peggy Cornelison, Odessa.

• Born to Sammy and Pamela Wilding, a son, Max Porter Wilding, September 8, 1991, at 10:33 a.m., weighing 10 pounds 2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Farquhar at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Grandparents are Jerry and Della Wilding, Idaho, William Walker, and Bob and Cynthia Kelley, Wisconsin. Max is the baby brother of Gerald Deau, 2 1/2.

• Born to Mike and Robin Ritchey, Big Spring, a son, Matthew Turner Ritchey, September 6, 1991, at 9:15 a.m., weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces, delivered by Dr. Suttill at San Angelo Community Hospital. Grandparents are Leo and Leona Turner, Kerrville, and Don and JoAnn Ritchey, Big Spring. Matthew is the baby brother of Reagan Mychal Ritchey, 3.

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• Born to Bobby and Carla Wigington, Ackerly, a daughter,

Kimberly Shaye Wigington, August 19, 1991, at 1:04 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces, delivered by Dr. Martinez at Odessa Women and Childrens Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Burnell Wigington, Ackerly, and Travis and Nadiene Mulanax, Petersburg. Kimberly is the baby sister of Michael, 12 and Eric, 9.

• Born to Nathan and Gena Halfmann, St. Laurence, a daughter, Amber Marie Halfmann, September 10, 1991, at 4:09 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Madden at Midland Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Cecil and Wilma Halfmann, and Andy and Loretta Schaefer, both of St. Laurence.

Military

Marine Lance Cpl. Kristofer R. Whiteson of Ray F. White of 2307 Marshall, Big Spring, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 4th Force Service Support Group, Lubbock.

He joined the Marine Corps Reserve in October 1990.

Army National Guard Private James W. Hobdy has complete basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of S.D. Hobdy of Rural Route 3, and Vellene Paul of 1008 E. 13th, both of Big Spring.

The private is a 1992 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Marine Pfc. David L.

Robnett, son of Jerry L. and Faye Robnett of Route 1, Klondike, recently completed the Aviation Support Equipment Technician Course.

During the course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tn. students are trained to inspect, maintain and repair basic hydraulic systems as well as the

operation of automotive electrical systems, power generating equipment and air conditioning systems. Studies also included metal working, corrosion control, oxyacetylene welding, preventive maintenance procedures and troubleshooting techniques.

The 1988 graduate of Cooper High School, Cooper, joined the Marine Corps in October 1990.

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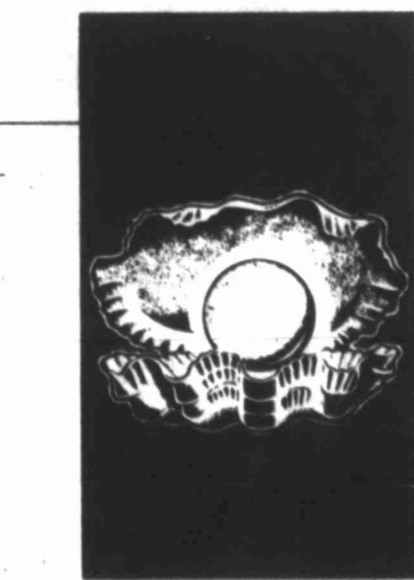


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Newcomers

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Ronald Logan from Ft. Worth. He is an operator with the Texas Power Resources. Hobbies include swimming, pool, and fishing.
Kevin and Natalie Thoeny and their sons Nathan, 6, and Lance, 3, from Abilene. They are both truck drivers for Steere Tank Lines. Hobbies include reading, fishing and rodeos.
John Ball from De Witt, Mich. He works for Fiberflex Inc. Hobbies include books and writing.
Scott Brumit from Dallas. He is an operator at the Texas Power Resources. Hobbies include fishing, and golf.
Jerry W. and Karla Todd and their sons, Anthony, 4, Michael, 3, and James, 2, from Lamesa.

He works for Grace Drilling. Hobbies include guitar, and reading.
Robert H. and Carmen Mendoza from Marlow Heights, Maryland. He is retired from the car upholstery business. Hobbies include sports and reading.
Jason and Tammy Holden from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He works part time for the Big Spring Herald in circulation. She works for Donuts Ectectia. Hobbies include bowling, sports, and reading.
James B. and Sawako Russell from McMinnville, Ore. He is employed with the Federal Correctional Institution. Hobbies include bowling, sports, and crochett.
Mary K. Smith and daughter, Stephanie, 12, from Weatherford. She is a bus driver aid for the Big Spring Independent School District. Hobbies include bowling, skating, and reading.

Menus

BIG SPRING SR. CITIZENS
MONDAY - Turkey roast; broccoli and cheese; peas; fruit salad; oatmeal raisin cookies.
TUESDAY - Liver and onions; zucchini and tomatoes; cabbage slaw; pineapple cake.
WEDNESDAY - Roast beef and gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; peaches.
THURSDAY - Pork chops; buttered squash; blackeyed peas; corn bread; fruit.
FRIDAY - Pepper steak; rice; spinach; tossed salad; bread pudding.
FORSAN BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Pancakes; sausage; butter; syrup; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bacon and biscuits; jelly; butter; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Muffins; butter; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; milk; toast; juice.
FORSAN LUNCH
MONDAY - Enchiladas; taco sauce; spanish rice; salad; tortilla chips; cheese sauce; crackers; pineapple chunks, milk.
TUESDAY - Chuck wagon special; corn; salad; crackers; cookies; fruit cocktail; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Joes; tater tots; salad; pickles; onions; applesauce cake; applesauce; milk.
THURSDAY - Soup; sandwiches; chips; carrot and celery sticks; strawberry shortcake; milk.
FRIDAY - Meat loaf; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; butter; honey; fresh apple; milk.
COAHOMA BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Waffles; syrup; ham; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Honey buns; ham; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cheese toast; sausage; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Blueberry muffins; ham; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal with fruit; toast; milk.
COAHOMA LUNCH
MONDAY - Barbecued ribs on a bun; french fries; corn; pudding; milk.
TUESDAY - Enchiladas; red beans; salad; fruit ice; corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; pull apart bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; corn; garlic toast; chocolate cake; milk.
FRIDAY - Corn dogs; french fries; pork and beans; milk.
STANTON BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Hash browns; toast; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Sausage; gravy; biscuit; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon roll; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Bacon; eggs; toast; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
STANTON LUNCH
MONDAY - Pigs in a blanket; green beans; mashed potatoes; chocolate cake; milk.
TUESDAY - Burrito; buttered broccoli; oven fried potatoes; peanut butter and syrup; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Green enchiladas; pinto beans; vegetable salad; fruit cobbler; corn bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Hamburger; hamb. salad; french fries; oatmeal cookies; milk.
FRIDAY - Oven fried fish with tartar sauce; macaroni and cheese; english peas; fruit jello; hot rolls; milk.
GARDEN CITY LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; mashed potatoes; gravy; broccoli; applesauce; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken enchiladas; tossed salad; pinto beans; jello with topping; corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; english peas; carrot sticks; peach cobbler; garlic bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Hot dogs with chili and cheese; vegetable salad; baked beans; chocolate pudding; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburgers; french fries; lettuce; tomatoes; pickles; onions; brownie; milk.
ELBOW BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; milk; french toast; syrup; juice.
TUESDAY - Scrambled egg; bacon; biscuits; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes; syrup; little smokies; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Rice krispy bar; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Blueberry muffin; sausage patty; juice; milk.
ELBOW LUNCH
MONDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; sopapilla with honey; fresh strawberries with cream; milk.
TUESDAY - Fried fish; tartar sauce; hush puppies; cole slaw; peaches; cake; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Stuffed baked potato; meat and cheese sauce; salad; hot roll; grapes; milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken pot pie; broccoli and cheese sauce; crackers; cantaloupe; milk.
FRIDAY - Hot dogs; curly fries; pickle; salad; plums; milk.
BIG SPRING ELEMANTARY BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Blueberry muffin; cereal; milk; banana.
TUESDAY - Biscuit and sausage; apple juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Waffle; syrup; butter; cereal; milk; fruit punch.
THURSDAY - Honey bun; sausage patty; chilled sliced peaches; milk.
FRIDAY - Choco-cake; cereal; orange juice; milk.
BIG SPRING ELEMANTARY LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn dog; mustard; sliced cheese; whipped potatoes; spinach; chilled peach half; hot roll; milk.
TUESDAY - Italian spaghetti; buttered corn; english peas; chilled pink applesauce; hot roll; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pizza; honey glazed sweet potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot roll; brownie; milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken patty with gravy; mashed potatoes; cut green beans; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; hot roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Chili dog; french fries; catsup; pinto beans; butter cookie; milk.
BIG SPRING SECONDARY BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; banana; milk; blueberry muffin.
TUESDAY - Sausage; biscuit; milk; apple juice.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; milk; waffle; syrup; butter; fruit punch.
THURSDAY - Sausage patty; chilled sliced peaches; honey bun; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; milk; chocolate cake; orange juice.
BIG SPRING SECONDARY LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger steak with gravy; or corn dog with mustard; sliced cheese; whipped potatoes; spinach; chilled peach half; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Country sausage; or italian spaghetti; buttered corn; english peas; chilled pink applesauce; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Baked ham or pizza; honey glazed sweet potatoes; blackeyed peas; carrot sticks; hot rolls; brownie; milk.
THURSDAY - Stew; or chicken patty with gravy; mashed potatoes; cut green beans; fruit gelatin; whipped topping; hot rolls; milk.
FRIDAY - Fish fillet; or chili dog; french fries with catsup; pinto beans; cole slaw; corn bread; butter cookie; milk.
SANDS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Donut; milk; juice.
WEDNESDAY - Danish; fruit; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Fruit pie; milk; juice.
FRIDAY - Sausage and egg burrito; jelly; milk; juice.
SANDS LUNCH
MONDAY - Burritos; scalloped potatoes; carrot sticks; blackeyed peas; wacky cake; milk and tea.
TUESDAY - Country fried steak; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; rolls; fruit; milk and tea.
WEDNESDAY - Bean and meat chalupas with cheese; salad; fruit; mixed vegetables; cookies; milk.
THURSDAY - Roast beef with gravy; sliced potatoes; salad; milk and tea.
FRIDAY - Fish; ranch style beans; salad; pudding; batter bread; milk and tea.

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Protect your ideas, inventor says

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By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Abilene inventor Scottie D. Williams says he seeks to help, through seminars, inventors, writers, poets, artists, musicians, teachers, investors and thinkers protect their ideas.

Williams, who holds more than 50 patents, has learned the patenting process through trial and error, and teaches others how to acquire patents, copyrights and trademarks.

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Scottie Williams

know that just because they don't have the \$5,000 to \$15,000 to pay a patent attorney, doesn't mean that they cannot accomplish their dream," said Williams.

"On April 10, 1790, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson

set up the U.S. Patent Office for us, not for the corporations, but for the individual," he said.

Williams has published his fourth book on the patenting process. His new book, "Protect Patent and Profit From Your Ideas and Inven-

tions," contains the knowledge he has acquired over the past 20 years, he said.

Two of Williams' early inventions were lost because he says he "talked too much and acted too slow." In the early '70s, he lost his

idea for a retractable extension cord.

In 1982 he invented an electronic transmitter and receiver, which he called "Forget Me Not." It was designed to help him keep track of his brief case.

Someone beat him to the patent office, however, and is marketing the invention under the name of "The Guardian."

After learning from these mistakes, Williams has gone on to patent such items as the straddle

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Protection in 3 forms

By JOHN PAYNE

Question: What is the difference among Chapter 7, Chapter 11, and Chapter 13 bankruptcies? George D.

Dear George: I hope you are not considering bankruptcy. If you are, there is a big difference in these three types of bankruptcy filings. With bankruptcy, many feel it's the fat cats who are stealing money by filing bankruptcy to avoid paying their creditors.

In reality, the majority of bankruptcies are filed by wage earners, small business owners, or professionals who give up nearly everything to pay off their obligations. The fat cats you read about are really the exception. Most bankruptcy filers are typically your next door neighbors.

Bankruptcy discharges your obligations. The person owing the debt would pay his creditors whatever he can and then he is allowed to start over with a clean slate.

The individual filing for bankruptcy chooses between two types of bankruptcy — Chapter 7 and Chapter 13. Chapter 11 is used only by corporations.

You may have heard of a "straight" bankruptcy which is actually Chapter 7. In this case a bankruptcy court would appoint a trustee to total the assets of the bankrupt individual and distribute the assets or sales proceeds to the creditors. If there are still obligations remaining to be paid, these obligations would be discharged.

In such a case, secured creditors are paid first from the collateral which secured the loan. Then, the unsecured creditors would share in the remainder of the bankrupt estate, whatever it may be. Often there is nothing left at this point.

Chapter 13 provides a "wage earner's plan" which is designed for employees and self-employed persons. In Chapter 7, the individual's estate is liquidated and the debtors paid. In the case of Chapter 13, the bankruptcy court would place the debtor on a budget based on his standard of living and the debtor would pay the creditors form any remaining income.

This process generally continues for 3-5 years after which unpaid debts generally are discharged.

There are regulations as to how often you can file bankruptcy. Chapter 7 can only be filed once in seven years and the limit for Chapter 13 filings is at the bankruptcy court's discretion.

Usually, someone will file Chapter 7 if they have little income or few non-exempt assets. Chapter 7 is filed if you exceed the ceiling for Chapter 13 of \$100,000 of unsecured debt and \$350,000 secured debts.

Be careful, though, in filing bankruptcy because its evidence may remain on your credit record for up to 10 years. It is also usually a negative factor for obtaining credit in the future.

Alimony, child support, student loans, income taxes, or loans obtained through fraud cannot be discharged through bankruptcy.

You do not always lose everything in bankruptcy. There are exempt "assets" such as your homestead, home equity, often the cash value of insurance or annuity contracts, limited amount of equity in a car, personal possessions, tools of your trade, and benefits of an employee benefit trust, and some retirement plans.

The Bankruptcy Code has made it much easier to file for bankruptcy. Whether Chapter 7 or 13 is the best in your situation is up to you.

John Payne is a Certified Financial Planner and has been in practice for 11 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.

Business beat

Garlington to head accounting

Doug Garlington has been recently hired to fill the position of head of the accounting department at the Big Spring Herald.

Garlington, formerly of Farmington, N.M., came to West Texas in 1986. He is married to the former Angela Lee, a native of Big Spring.

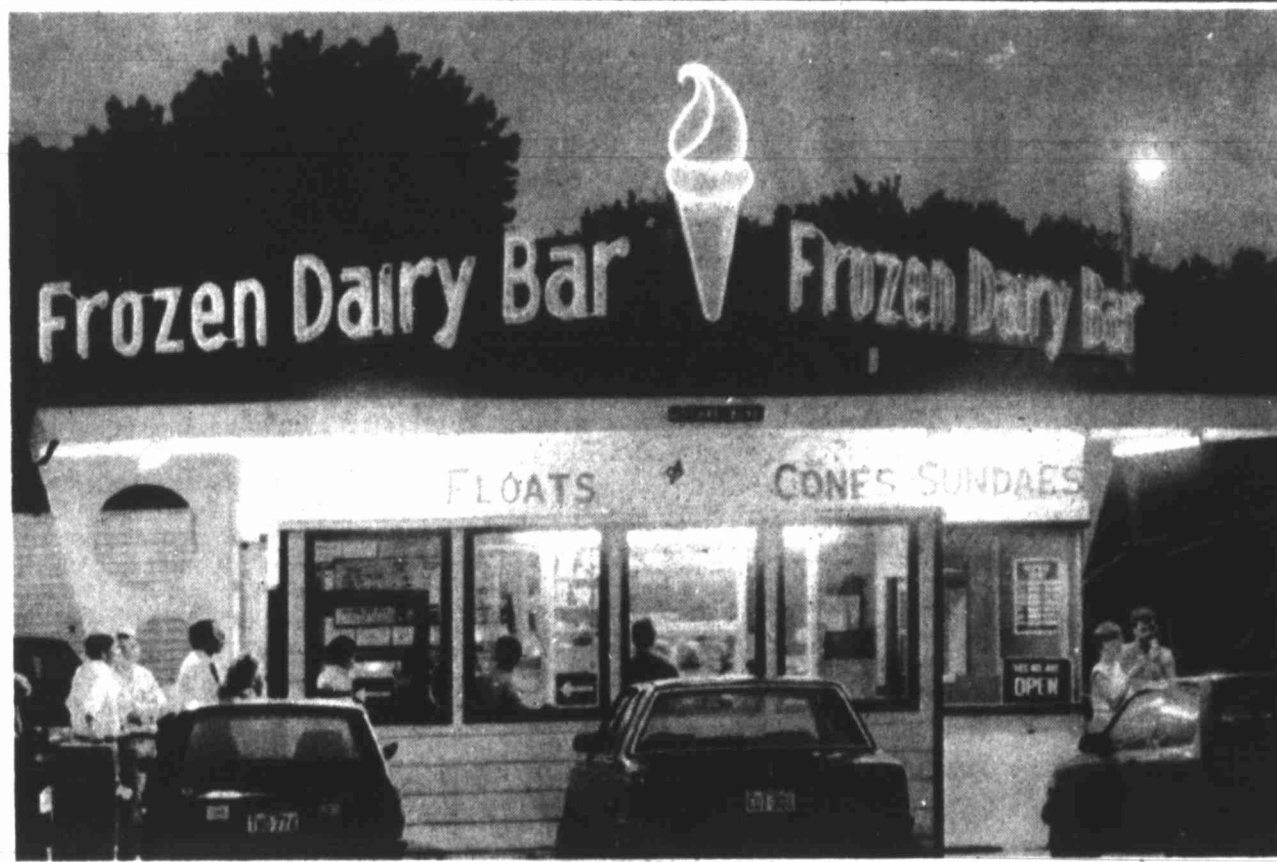


DOUG GARLINGTON

Garlington is a 1988 graduate of Angelo State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was formerly employed by the Western National Bank in Odessa before coming to the Herald.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work at the Herald. The newspaper business is all new to me, but it's exciting to work in such a stimulating atmosphere. This is a challenging position, and I am looking forward to working here."

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Associated Press photo

Frozen nostalgia

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — People line up for ice cream at the Frozen Dairy Bar earlier this month. Ice cream lovers are fighting to keep a

developer's bulldozer from demolishing the store, a glass-and-neon roadside stand from the 1950s.

Italian government after tax evaders

ROME (AP) — There is nothing especially Italian about tax evasion. It's just that the Italians raised it to an art form.

Consider Renzo Sosso, 49, a Turin businessman. The Finance Ministry claims he avoided \$13.4 million in taxes one year by not declaring any of his income, which it said totaled \$22.9 million.

Sosso's name leads a list of 240,000 people the government says owe \$25.6 billion, nearly 10 percent of the total taxes the government collected in 1990. That is an average of about \$106,500.

The list, given to the press, includes businessmen, entertainers, accountants, lawyers, doctors, writers and others whose incomes are not fixed. In addition to obvious evaders, it contains the names of

"I am ashamed of living in a country such as this, where politicians are capable of doing anything to get publicity."

Marisa Laurito

people who made mistakes or had disputes with the government over the amount of taxes.

Some of those named reacted angrily.

Television entertainer Marisa Laurito, listed as owing \$1,085, told the news weekly L'Espresso: "I am ashamed of living in a country such as this, where politicians are capable of doing anything to get publicity."

Publishing the names was popular with the millions of

Italians who must pay up each year because their incomes are set by union contracts and known by the government.

"We owe it to the public," Finance Ministry spokesman Walter Esposito said in an interview.

In a country where financial records were routinely computerized only recently, investigators said, few tax evaders feared being caught. Many artful Italians, already adept at sidestepping the

unwieldy bureaucracy, easily hid their true incomes and assets.

Esposito said tax evasion of all types is so widespread that the ministry cannot even estimate the loss accurately.

"It's impossible to know," he said. "We can't even guess. If we knew, we'd know who was evading and by how much, and we would be able to collect the money."

For the campaign against tax evaders, Finance Minister Rino Formica employed an unused 1973 law that permits the government to release the names of people it claims owe taxes.

A poll commissioned by L'Espresso found 71 percent of the respondents approved and only 18 percent thought Formica went too far.

Companies promoting 'office in the sky'

CHICAGO (AP) — Airlines and telecommunications companies are moving ahead with plans to provide more passenger phone service, a flying convenience that could become as common as in-flight snacks.

GTE Corp., sole provider of the airplane telephones for seven years under an experimental license, was awarded a permanent license this summer. And six telecommunications companies have been licensed since late last year.

Analysts say two appear to be shaping up as leaders in the industry — GTE and In-Flight — both of suburban Oak Brook.

But it is still unclear how well airplane phoning will take off.

"The ability to communicate in the air is appealing, but I think people like to get away from it all on the plane," said John Culver, a telecommunications analyst with Duff & Phelps in Chicago. "It's hard to say what direction this will take."

In-Flight, which has not started service, expects to demonstrate its system to American Airlines, USAir and Northwest Airlines next month.

The company says it can install computer screens on the back of each headrest and telephones in armrests that pop out at the push of a button. The company would equip each aircraft with several keyboards and fax machines to be installed in an armrest jack and placed on the seat table.

"It will be like an office in the sky," said In-Flight Chairman Jack Goeken, the founder of MCI Communications Corp. and the man widely credited with the invention of airplane telephones.



Associated Press photo

Airline passengers may soon have an "office in the sky" with seats that are equipped with facsimile machines, personal computers and telephones that handle incoming calls.

Decade one of wettest

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

This year may become one of the five wettest in four decades for most of the state — good news for some crops but not all, a Texas A&M University spokesman says.

National Weather Service statistics show many Texas weather stations had rainfall of 125 percent to 175 percent above normal amounts by the end of August, said Steve Hill of the college's department of agricultural communications. The year may rank with 1958, 1975, 1981 and 1987 as the wettest since 1951.

"In fact, of 31 Texas stations included on a weekly NWS report, only six had below average percentages," Hill said. "Twenty of the NWS stations had received 125 percent or better." The six with below-average rainfall include Amarillo, Pecos and Wichita Falls.

In Big Spring, the approximately 20 inches of rain that fell this year by late last week is about 170 percent of normal, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture research service in Big Spring. The August figures compiled by the weather service show that Midland's 16.18 inches is 180 percent of normal, and Lamesa's 12.74 inches is 121 percent.

"However, while rain is usually seen as a boon for agriculture, those above-normal numbers have not meant only good times," Hill said.

High Plains cotton is expected to be a record crop, and cotton statewide should be up over last year, according to Texas Agricultural Statistics. But wet conditions in May delayed cotton planting, as well as that for corn and milo, in the eastern half of the state, said the state agriculture extension service director for the North Central Texas District.

An above-average crop is expected in Howard County even if it does not rain any more, said Bill Fryear, a research leader with the research station here. Furthermore, he said at least some temperatures in the 90- to 95-degree range will help cotton growth while eliminating pests.

In the Panhandle, the state's primary wheat region, wheat suffered because of low amounts of moisture in late spring and early summer, said another state extension agent. The state wheat crop is expected to drop from 130 million bushels produced last year to 84 million this year.

In addition, it is expected that the state rice crop will be down 11 percent and soybeans down 3 percent from last year, indicate figures from agricultural statistics.

Expected to be up over last year are peanuts by 10 percent, corn by 37 percent and sorghum by 31 percent. Rain has also helped produce high-quality peaches and watermelons and ample pastures.

Fleece manufacturers are shifting to more cotton-rich blends to meet retail demands, says the Cotton Board in Memphis, Tenn.

Manufacturers are switching from 50-50 cotton/poly blends into 80/20 and 95/5 blends, even though these blends are more difficult to produce.

Also, Levi Strauss has launched a new weekend, active-casual Dockers Sport Line that will complement the existing Dockers line that features the Seal of Cotton.

Meanwhile, the use of the Seal of Cotton trademark continues to grow, the Board says. Wrangler will begin using it on Rugged Wear jeans. Winona Knitting Mills will use it on a line of men's sweaters and La France, a home fabrics mill, will use it on a collection of upholstery fabrics.

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Palmer's business booming

By SCOTT FITZGERALD
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

ANDREWS (AP) — Business is as flat as the plains in most areas of West Texas, but it's booming at Palmer of Texas — a fiber glass tank manufacturer just north of this Permian Basin oil town.

A board hanging outside of co-manager Jim D. Lee's office bulges with orders. His phone constantly rings. A stack of messages waits impatiently on his desk.

People even walk in off the street to order a tank.

"You sold me a water tank 18 months ago, and I'd like to get another one," says a rugged-looking rancher to co-manager Jim Varner.

The rancher and his partner are determined to get a tank. Without an appointment, they wait during the noon hour at the plant to personally deliver their order.

The brisk demand for Palmer's products is the by-product of an aggressive and creative marketing plan, Lee said.

"We're not afraid to go anywhere and do anything with fiberglass. If you've got a need for a fiberglass unit, we're willing to approach it and willing to at least look at it," Lee said.

The Andrews plant, built in 1979, was an offshoot of a Garden City, Kan., corporation that wanted in on the soaring oil business during the boom days.

But after six profitable years, the oil crunch hit, and Palmer suffered as did most everyone in the business. Management laid off 68 employees — 85 percent of the work force in Andrews, Lee said.

The company now employs 48 people in Andrews, Lee said, noting that today's level of employment is more tailored to the company's needs.

After the bust set in, "Palmer" started trying to entertain other different avenues of sales," Lee said.

That task, however, was complicated because the agricultural industry also was slumping, he said. Oil refinery sales provided a sole avenue of revenues.

Lee moved from San Angelo to Andrews in 1986 after he and Varner sold a fiberglass manufacturing plant that they had owned and operated.

After hearing rumors that Palmer was for sale, Lee entertained notions in 1987 of buying the plant.

He contacted Varner and, together with two silent partners, consummated the purchase on Oct. 3, 1989.

"We then actively pursued the petrochemical markets and began selling through manufacturing representatives," Lee said.

Varner and Lee established a network with sales representatives throughout the country.

"The manufacturing representative puts clients in touch with us, and we sell ourselves to the client," Lee said.

College to offer electronics courses

Learn to use schematic diagrams to trace signals in electronic devices from input to output in Electronic Troubleshooting.

This course, offered by Howard College Continuing Education, begins Monday and meets Mondays and Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. through Oct. 23.

The class teaches the use of test equipment to isolate faulty components on printed circuit boards and to restore failed electronic sets to normal operation.

Truett Fincher will teach the course. Cost for the course is \$30.

Registration for Concepts of Electronics has been extended until Tuesday.

This 12-week course teaches DC and AC circuits, passive electronic components and semi-conductors and their application in electronic circuits.

Students learn to use test equipment to measure electrical parameters and to construct and analyze the operation of power supplies, electronic circuits and digital electronic circuits.

Cost for this course is \$120 plus text. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9 p.m.

For more information or to register, call Howard College Continuing Education at 264-5131.

Howard College Continuing Education is offering Basic Life Skills workshops beginning Tuesday.

These workshops are offered free to the public.

Included are study skills, note taking, motivation, assertiveness training, interpersonal relationships, money management, time management, memory, test-taking strategies, divorce and family law, self-esteem, job seeking skills and dressing for success.

The workshops will meet each Tuesday, 3-4 p.m. through Dec. 3.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Silver Spoons

Veterans Administration Medical Center director Conrad Alexander sits in the sixth floor dining area and feeds Abel Cruz as part of the Silver Spoons program at the facility. Alexander initiated the Silver Spoons program through which

volunteers assist residents of the Nursing Home Care Unit at mealtimes. Alexander and his Chief of Staff Darryl Powell, M.D., join 50 other volunteers in this program.

Tokyo, Osaka: Japan's clashing cultural, business camps

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — The government likes to project the image abroad of a happy, homogeneous Japan, a giant assembly line of a nation humming along under Tokyo's astute guidance.

In Osaka that's a joke. If America has its North-South rivalry and a clash of cultures between East and West, Japan is divided along cultural fault lines between Tokyo, the staid seat of government since 1603, and Osaka, the free-wheeling birthplace of Japanese capitalism.

It is a rivalry that spans hundreds of years of sometimes blood-soaked history. Across the 255-mile gap between the cities — or, more properly, between eastern Japan, known as Kanto, and western Japan, known as Kansai — civil wars have been fought, rebellions

snuffed out and byzantine intrigue hatched.

To the dismay of Osaka-centered Kansai, Kanto finally proved dominant and established Tokyo as the nation's political and economic center, a position only strengthened in the government-led postwar rebuilding period.

Today, however, with Tokyo's metropolitan area taxed by overcrowding and astronomical land prices, and with Japan's newly rich corporations becoming more independent of the government, many Osakans believe their hour of

prominence is at hand again.

Hardly, say some Tokyo residents, who at about 8.5 million strong comprise a population almost four times the size of Osaka.

To Tokyoites, Osakans are crude, blunt and money-hungry, a legacy of Osaka's somewhat despised origins as a merchant center left to fend for itself by the central government.

To make matters worse, Osakans are proud of their reputation. For many years, for example, they greeted each other not with an

Poll: Vegetables in greater demand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Restaurants are being advised to start serving more vegetarian meals since a recent survey showed that about one-third of the eating-out public is likely to order non-meat dishes if they're on the menu.

The Gallup Poll, commissioned by the National Restaurant Association, also showed that 20 percent of the public actually makes availability of vegetable main courses a reason for choosing which restaurant to patronize.

Only about 3 percent of the public is truly vegetarian, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group in Baltimore.

But health concerns are driving the demand for more vegetables, according to Gallup which reported that 88 percent of those surveyed said they chose vegetables for health reasons.

"On the basis of this study, the National Restaurant Association is advising its members to feature a few vegetarian main-dish items on

their menus," said President John Farquharson. "Some restaurants may even wish to put a vegetarian section on the menu and list items, as they do under headings like meat, poultry or seafood."

Farquharson characterized most vegetable choosers as "semivegetarians, who are reducing but not eliminating consumption of meat, poultry and fish."

Thirty-nine percent of the respondents said they chose vegetable meals for ethical reasons and 22 percent because of religious beliefs.

Kathy Means, of the Produce Marketing Association, said the poll fits with the findings of her organization's food service division.

"The general feeling is that the white tablecloth restaurants are putting out more vegetable and fruit dishes," said Means.

"There are more health-conscious consumers," she said. "They're trying to get their five a day."

To make matters worse, Osakans are proud of their reputation. For many years, for example, they greeted each other not with an ordinary "Konnichiwa," meaning "hello," but with "Mokarimakka," meaning, "Are you making any money?"

Though the rivalry is mostly a friendly one, intermarriage between the regions is only about 10 percent.

Nowhere is the rivalry as apparent as in business practices, and in the battle against the bureaucratic control from Tokyo that Osaka companies have chafed under for so long.

"There are many companies from Osaka that will be successful in Tokyo, but there are very few companies from Tokyo that will be successful in Osaka," says Ryotaro Nohmura, chairman of Japan's biggest tent maker. "People in Tokyo depend on the government for favors, whereas we just use our business sense."

"Tokyo people think they represent Japan," says Takashi Onishi, president of an Osaka-based textile wholesaler. "That's a mistake."

BUSINESS REVIEW

City Finance — Still here and going strong!

"For those sudden, unexpected cash shortages, we fill a real community need," says Debbie Reese, manager of City Finance, 206 1/2 Main Street.

Money to pay bills, take a vacation, pay for car repairs, buy new school clothes — even to pay for college books and tuition — are among the reasons people turn to City Finance, she says.

"We've had record months recently," Debbie says. "We've been sending out mailings and doing a lot of phoning to let people know we want their business."

The loan limit has recently been raised by the State of Texas to \$360, Debbie says. All that is required is for the customer to fill out an application, have a permanent income and pass credit approval.

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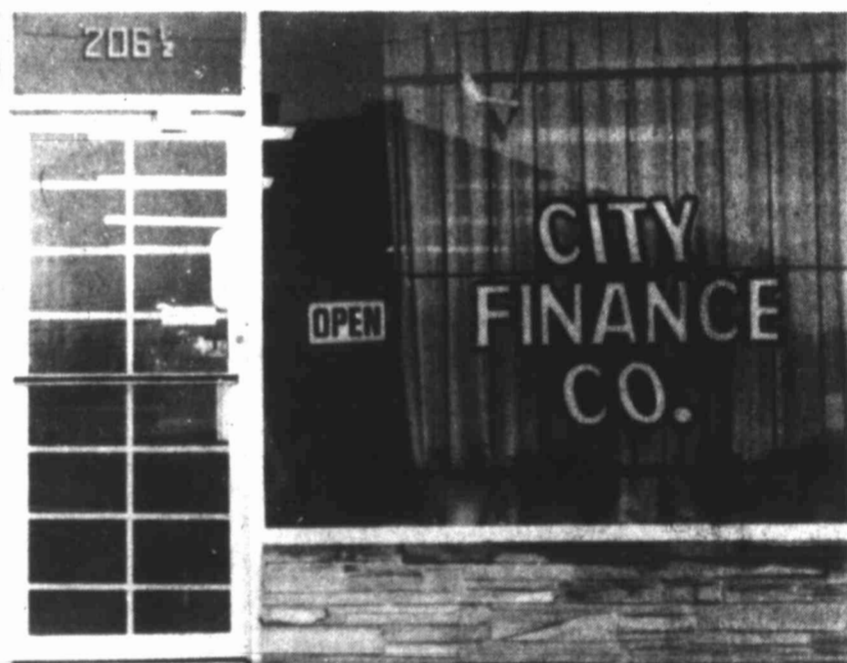
the interest rate and payment schedule, and the state specifies that the borrower must have the means to pay back the loan. State auditors check the firm's books annually.

Another important use of a small loan is to establish credit. For example, a customer will bring in a son or daughter or friend. The borrower then makes regular payments and thus establishes a credit rating.

Debbie and her associate, Pat Cypert, try to provide a friendly, comfortable atmosphere that puts customers at their ease. To improve services to customers, City Finance is continuously refurbishing, and has recently added new customer service counter and newly furnished waiting area.

City Finance has been in business in Big Spring more than 30 years. Debbie has been with the firm 12 years, with Pat on the staff, 7 years.

Doing business in the downtown area, both Pat and Debbie are supporters of the



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downtown renovation now underway. "We feel that more people will be coming down and getting acquainted with us," Debbie says.

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