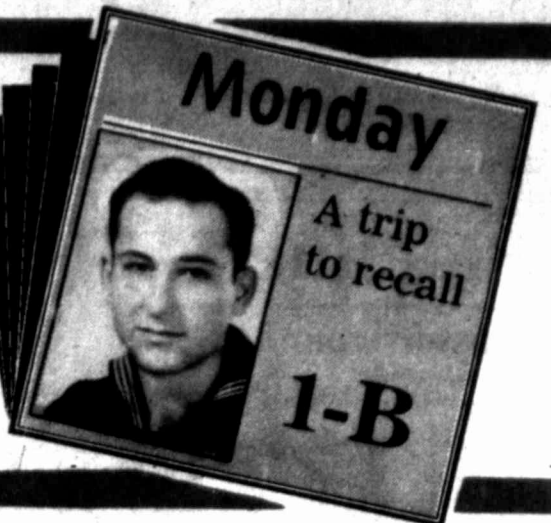




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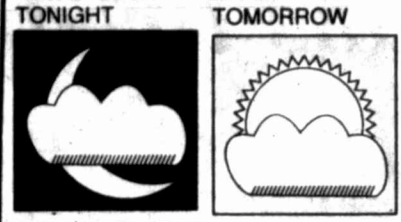
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SUNSET 5:35 PM AM 7:39 SUNRISE

Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 35 to 40. South wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High 55 to 60. Southwest wind 10-15 mph becoming northeast by mid morning.

Extended forecast on page 6-A.

Records

Table with 2 columns: Record type and Value. Includes Sunday's high temp, Average high, Record high, etc.

On the side

Doctor gets 10th patent

WELLINGTON (AP) — An inventive Panhandle physician says a specialized nail designed to help fractured bones heal has earned him a 10th U.S. patent.

Wiring may have sparked fire

HOUSTON (AP) — Faulty wiring on a Christmas tree may have sparked an apartment fire in which a 34-year-old woman and her 2-year-old son were severely burned, authorities have said.



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Clay Strange resigns post

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer Mitchell County Attorney Clay Strange announced last week he will resign from office, and another local attorney has filed for the position.

leave for his new job in early January, the Commissioners Court will have to appoint an attorney to fill the unexpired term that ends Dec. 31, 1992. "I'm sure it'll be sometime in January, hopefully," County Judge Ray Mayo said of an appointment.

Stenholm speaks



Representative Charles Stenholm talks to members of the Daughters of the American Revolution during the monthly meeting at the Big Spring Country Club Saturday afternoon. Stenholm was the featured speaker, and talked about patriotism.

Factors affect well water quality



This is the second in a series of reports on water in Big Spring and Howard County scheduled to be published daily through Dec. 24. In this series, the Herald will explore in detail, the supply, purification and delivery of this precious resource. TUESDAY: Public perception of local water quality.

District, located in Stanton and serving all of Martin County and parts of Howard County, is an organization that concerns itself with solving water problems.

explained. Problems with area saltwater contamination and the lack of reaction to complaints filed with the Texas Railroad Commission, which is responsible for the overseeing of the wells, came to a head in June 1990 when the director of the Midland office was fired and the assistant director demoted.

Democrats clash over taxes, campaign cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six Democratic presidential hopefuls sparred over tax cuts and fiscal policy in the campaign's first nationally televised debate but united to blame President Bush for the anemic economy.



Democratic presidential candidates, from left, Bob Kerrey, Jerry Brown, and Douglas Wilder wait the start of their debate Sunday night.

twice giving his toll-free fundraising number. Ironically, Brown spent most of the night criticizing his rivals for spending too much time raising money.

yes, while Harkin and Tsongas said no. Brown said sort of — he favors a cut in the Social Security tax that would benefit all income groups.

"It's a way of saying give me your vote and I'll give you \$1 a day," he said. "That's not going to solve our problems."

A Christmas



I remember... The day Dad missed Santa Claus

By KIMBERLY PHILLIPS Staff Writer "A Christmas I remember was at the age of 4. It was the one time I remember being furious at my Dad."

Texas

Sidelines

Pastor wounded during robbery

FORT WORTH (AP) — The pastor of a Baptist church was shot in wounded in one of three robberies at churches that Fort Worth police believe may be related.

Officers said the Rev. Charles Gillespi, 52, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, was in serious condition late Sunday in the intensive care unit of John Peter Smith Hospital.

The pastor was shot in the abdomen during a robbery at his church at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Officers said a man in his late teens or early 20s knocked on the door of the minister's office and demanded money.

The pastor said the young man shot him once and shouted, "Give me all your money or I'll kill you." Gillespi said he gave the man \$120 from his wallet and the man fled.

Escapee arrested in Texas

(AP) State officials say they're relieved a Michigan prison escapee charged with slashing the throats of a Statesville couple is back behind bars after a nationwide search.

"When he escaped, we had several calls from people very concerned about this fellow," Statesville police Sgt. Ray Cline said about Gregory Allen Figel. "Now, I know it's going to be a relief to everybody. It certainly is to us."

Figel, 24, was apprehended Sunday afternoon, when he tried to rob a convenience store in Corsicana, Texas, 60 miles south of Dallas, authorities told The Charlotte Observer. He escaped from the Jackson County Jail in Michigan on Dec. 6.

"He went into a convenience store and pulled a weapon on a female clerk," said Corsicana Police Chief J.J. Ryzman.

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Colleges increase out-of-state recruiting

DALLAS (AP) — Some colleges are opening out-of-state admissions offices to lure more students from a dwindling pool of U.S. high school graduates, a published report says.

Called guerrilla recruiting or regional sales by some, the tactic has resulted from increased competition for college enrollment. Statistics show colleges that open admissions offices in other states reap positive results.

One institution, Southern Methodist University, has a California admissions office. Rick Diaz operates the school's office from his Fresno, Calif. home.

"I'm not so much selling SMU. SMU sells itself," said Diaz, a 36-year-old former admissions officer at the University of Southern

California.

"I just give them information, and what they gauge is whether I believe in what I'm talking about."

Officials at Southern Methodist last year hired Carol Morris to handle recruitment in Florida. Applications from Florida increased 40 percent this year.

"Here I am down here with the luxury of being able to hit every

high school in the whole state," Ms. Morris, 30, told The Dallas Morning News. "Showing my face in every little hamlet had to help."

Ms. Morris spent most of last year visiting hundreds of high schools from Jacksonville to Miami.

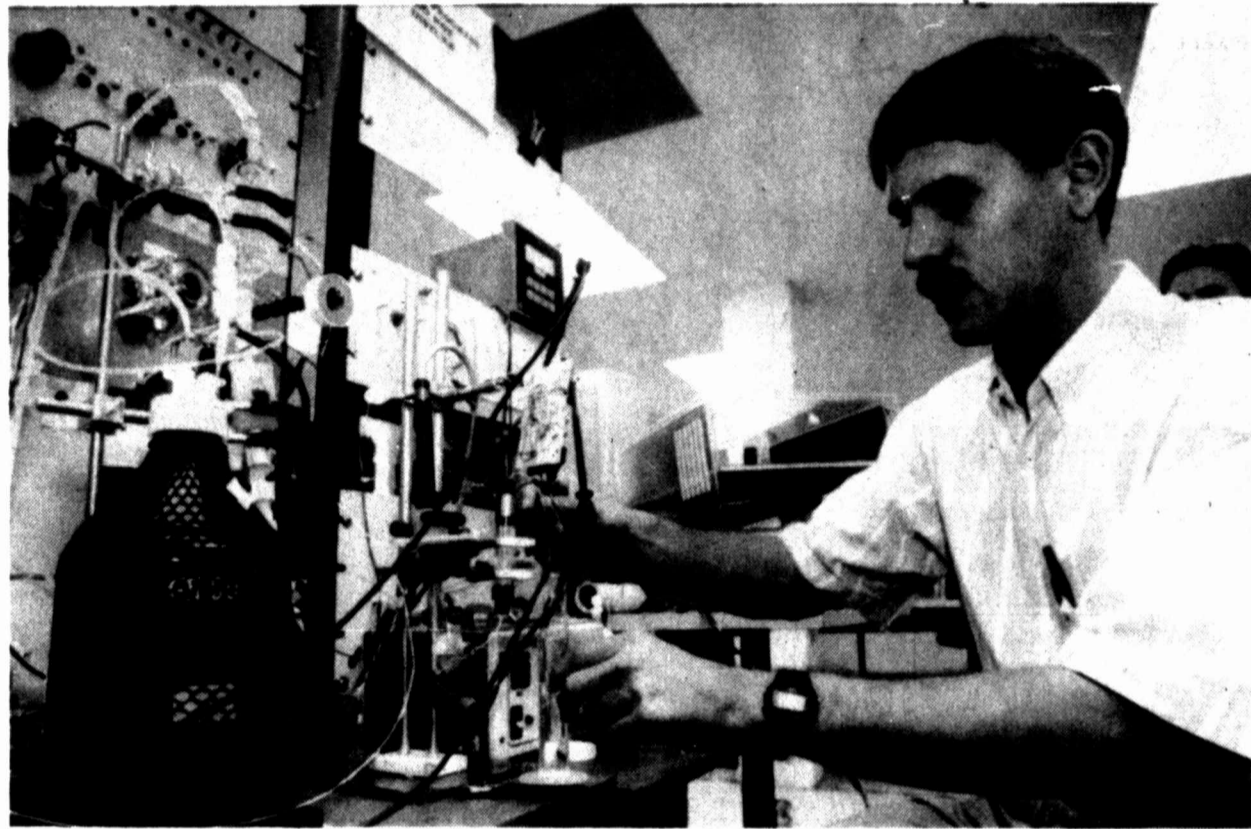
Officials cite a decline in the number of American high school graduates, from a peak of 3.1

million in 1977 to 2.6 million in 1989.

"The competition has gotten more intense," David Merkwitz, public information director for the American Council on Education, said. "It's an expensive process."

Officials at SMU said they took their cue from the University of Pennsylvania. It opened admissions offices in Los Angeles and Dallas seven years ago.

Carving a niche



Ted Paxton, a test evaluation engineer at Astro International Corp., tests sensors in a device intended to monitor the purity of water aboard NASA's space station. The company also hopes to profit from earthly uses of the technology.

South Texans tired of lawsuit increase

MCALEN (AP) — Liberal court awards, some reaching millions of dollars, have Lower Rio Grande Valley residents worried about the region's reputation as a litigator's haven.

Some doctors contend that opportunistic lawyers are flocking to the region that's also becoming known for its liberal judges.

Billboard along major roads leading into the region bear slogans like "Fairness... Yes! Greed... No!" and "Lawsuit Abuse. Will it cost you your doctor?"

Critics say the signs are designed to spur residents to challenge claims from high-profile lawyers in the region.

"On the whole, verdicts in South Texas will be higher than in a conservative area like Dallas," Steve Dietz, a personal injury lawyer who has practiced in the Valley since 1976, told the McAllen Monitor.

However, lawyer Frank Herrera says there's nothing special about

the region. He covers South Texas from his office in San Antonio.

"Just because a lawyer comes from here, it doesn't mean there's a (lawsuit abuse) problem in the Valley," he said.

Businesses and health care providers fear the increasing number of high-dollar judgments in valley courts will gobble up profits, jobs and even entire companies.

"I've never seen the level of litigation as we have here," said Bill Burns, administrator at Rio Grande Regional Hospital. "It's like a feeding frenzy," he said.

Valley residents, after a judge's \$10.1 million award to the family of a woman who died at Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco, criticized the judge, the plaintiff's lawyer and the insurance company.

The State Office of Court Administration said the number of personal injury and workers compensation claims filed in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties has increased 138 percent from 1980 to 1990.

Eruptions making for some spectacular sunsets

DALLAS (AP) — Volcanic debris from eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines is producing spectacular North Texas sunsets, a physicist says.

The colorful winter sunsets result from a June eruption, one of this century's largest, that threw ash and sulphur dioxide into the stratosphere, 10 to 20 miles above the Earth's surface.

The cloud of volcanic debris has

since drifted around the Earth and gradually spread to northern latitudes. Most of the dust has settled, but the sulphur dioxide combined with moisture to form tiny, micron-sized droplets of sulfuric acid.

"I've been watching and marveling at their brilliance and redness," said Dr. John Hoffman, head of the physics department at the University of Texas at Dallas.

The droplets scatter the red component of sunlight, prompting rich, lingering displays in the sky, the scientist says.

Bands of orange and red appear near the horizon in ordinary sunsets because of dust layers in the lower atmosphere. However, altitude of the sulfuric acid droplets causes a glow before the actual sunset that lasts long afterward.

Each night, the intensity varies because the droplet cloud is denser in some parts of the atmosphere than others. Hoffman said the brilliance should reach a peak in February and March and fade only gradually after that.

"We're in for a good year of this, at least, because these particles are so tiny that they settle very slowly," he said.

Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joan Collins says she sees few similarities between Amanda, her role in the play "Private Lives," and Alexis, the character she played for 7½ years on television's "Dynasty."

"Alexis was ruthlessly ambitious, and Amanda is frivolous and hopelessly romantic," Miss Collins said.

But the 58-year-old actress acknowledges the two share one major attribute.

"They don't tolerate any nonsense from men," she said.

"Private Lives," a 1930 play written by Noel Coward, is touring and arrives this week in Beverly Hills. It is scheduled to open on Broadway in February.

The role has been played by some of the world's most accomplished actresses, including Elizabeth Taylor.

"It was very gratifying to finally get to play a role that I'd been wanting to play for decades," she said.

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Cher, who has a successful new exercise video, says hard work, not plastic surgery, put her body in shape for those revealing outfits.

"I wish to God you could just go get plastic surgery and have a great body. I'd take the easy way out. But I kill myself for my body," she said.

The 45-year-old singer and actress admitted in the Dec. 21 issue of TV Guide that she's had plastic surgery — a breast job see says



CHER IRELAND

was "botched."

"If anything, they're worse after than before," Cher said.

The article did not say what went wrong.

Cher said she was paid \$1 million for "CherFitness: A New Attitude."

"Almost every other woman on the tape has a better body and was in better shape than me," she said. "I'm just there to motivate people."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patricia Ireland assumed the presidency of the National Organization for Women amid controversy about her domestic life and her labeling of lesbian rights a NOW priority.

Ireland, a lawyer who was named NOW president on Sunday, recently revealed she has a husband in Miami and a female companion in Washington.

She has declined to label herself lesbian or bisexual or to go into detail about her personal relationships.

She has said lesbian rights is one of NOW's four priority issues, and the organization employs a full-

time staff member who focuses on the issue.

"By focusing on lesbian issues, NOW shows itself totally out of step with the majority of American women," said Beverly LaHaye, president of Concerned Women for America, which calls itself a pro-family women's group.

"The average woman today wants respect and fairness in the workplace and in society. ... Lesbian rights' is certainly not one of her priorities," LaHaye said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Dustin Hoffman had a somewhat unusual diet during filming of the movie "Hook."

Director Steven Spielberg said Hoffman, ostensibly for his health, downed a bowl of hot onions and garlic each morning.

"To counter directing him nose-to-nose, I would have six mouthfuls of the stuff. So Robin (Williams) would have six mouthfuls too. Together we'd walk onto the set and gross out the entire crew," Spielberg said in the Dec. 15 edition of People magazine.

"They'd part like the Red Sea when we came in," he said. "That was the best special effect we had, I think."

Hoffman plays Capt. Hook and Williams portrays Peter Pan in the movie.

One cast member said Hoffman drank champagne and Guinness black velvets during filming because that's what Hoffman felt Hook would have drunk.

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Jury finds breast implant defective

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal court jury has awarded \$7.34 million to a woman after finding that her Dow Corning silicon breast implant had ruptured, causing a painful, permanent immune-system disease.

The six-member jury found that the implant was designed and manufactured defectively and that Dow Corning had failed to warn the woman of the risks of the device, had breached its warranty.

The jury on Friday awarded Mariann Hopkins of Sebastopol, Calif., \$840,000 in compensation for economic losses and pain and \$6.5 million in punitive damages.

"I hope this sends a message to Dow Corning that they can't sacrifice the safety of women for their balance sheet," said Dan Bolton, a lawyer for Hopkins.

Bolton said the award was the largest ever of four made so far in breast-implant cases in the nation.

Truck with radioactive load crashes

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A tractor-trailer carrying radioactive material crashed and burned on an interstate early today, but authorities said none of the hazardous substance was released and there was no immediate danger.

Three people were injured when the truck collided with a car and part of its cargo burst into flames on Interstate 91 in downtown near two large hotels, state police said. Bridges and interstates leading into downtown were closed as a precaution.

A fire dispatcher said the truck was carrying about 11,000 pounds

of uranium dioxide from the General Electric plant in Wilmington, N.C., to the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon, Vt.

"The radioactive material is in steel containers so the hazard for leak is almost nil," said Bernie Welz, a fire department spokesman. "All that was destroyed was the wooden crates surrounding the containers."

The truck slammed into the guard rail about 3 a.m. in an attempt to avoid the car that drove onto the interstate going in the wrong direction, authorities said.

Yeltsin: Nuclear weapons under control

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin assured Secretary of State James A. Baker III today that the 27,000 nuclear weapons in the fast-changing Soviet Union would be put under "strict export control" to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands.

Yeltsin met with Baker for four hours and then told reporters at a joint news conference that a "single authority" would take charge of all strategic and nuclear arms.

Ensuring that they would be kept secure was on the top of Baker's agenda for his five-day visit here. He also discussed in detail with Yeltsin the international relief effort that is gathering momentum to assist the Soviet people through the harsh winter now taking hold.

"We agreed on strict export control over possible delivery or leakage of nuclear weapons or technology to others,"

Significantly, Soviet Defense Minister Yevgeny Shaposhnikov

and Interior Minister Viktor Barannikov participated in the session in the Kremlin's Catherine Hall, traditionally used by Soviet leaders for meetings with high-ranking foreign officials.

Yeltsin said the two ministers had served the "former Soviet Union" and that their posts would now be altered. He said the defense minister would report to the new Commonwealth of Independent States being formed by Soviet republics, but the interior minister would in the future report to the individual states.

Yeltsin also described in detail to Baker the new commonwealth, originally formed by the three Slavic republics of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia, Kazakhstan and the four Central Asian republics want to join as equal partners, and Yeltsin said that by the end of the month at least 10 of the 12 republics will be officially included.

"We will as equal partners develop this commonwealth," Yeltsin said.



Associated Press photo

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, left, and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III, right, listen to comments Monday before the start of the talks in the Kremlin. They are expected to discuss plans to place all Soviet nuclear weapons under central command.

Four of the republics — Russia, Kazakhstan — now have nuclear weapons on their territory.

U.S. Navy joins search for missing ferry victims

SAFAGA, Egypt (AP) — U.S. Navy aircraft joined the search today for survivors of the ferry sinking that left 471 people missing in shark-infested Red Sea waters but found nothing but empty life rafts and debris.

Investigators, meanwhile, were looking into complaints from some

of the 178 survivors that the crew of the Salem Express abandoned ship without helping them into lifeboats or flotation gear.

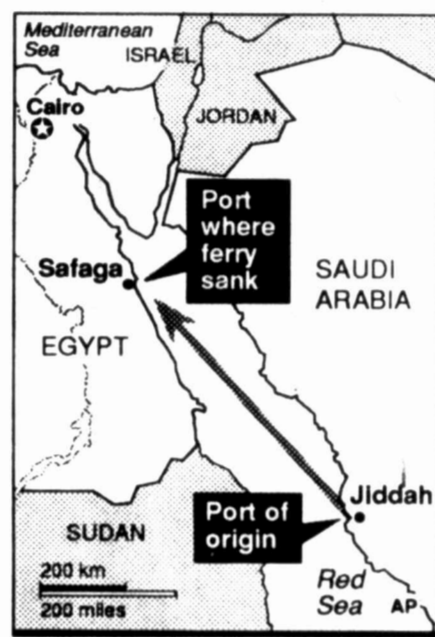
They also want to know why the ferry strayed outside standard navigational channels. The 1,105-ton ship went down Saturday night about six miles off the Egyptian coast after ramming into a coral reef in stormy 10-foot seas.

"We are looking for both survivors and bodies," said Brig. Abdel-Karim el-Gazzar, Egypt's deputy chief of port security. "We haven't lost all hope that there may be some survivors, although the odds are against it."

Prime Minister Atef Sidki, who traveled to Safaga, said many passengers may have been on lifeboats driven far from the wreck scene by strong winds.

Ahmed Gamal Sobhi, Safaga's city council chairman, said only

four bodies were recovered by Egyptian vessels and helicopters



and the time nightfall and bad weather stopped Sunday's search.

The weather improved today as two helicopters from the U.S. Navy frigate Aubrey Fitch, which joined in the rescue effort on Sunday night, and a Navy P-3 submarine-chaser aircraft made their first daylight search runs.

Survivors said that after the ship struck the reef, crew members herded them to one side of the listing boat to keep it from heeling over, then pushed passengers aside to get to the lifeboats.

"They went off in a boat," passenger Abdel-A'ati Hassan, 31, said from his hospital bed in Safaga. "They left us with women and kids, who died."

Outside the harbor, scores of relatives of passengers squatted on a sidewalk or huddled in taxis, awaiting word about their kin.

Monitors will be sent to Yugoslavia



NORWEGIAN SANTA VISITS CROATIA

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council has voted to send a small party of monitors to Yugoslavia and says the group could be followed by 10,000 U.N. peacekeepers if a true cease-fire is attained.

The council's decision Sunday to send the monitors came as Germany used its diplomatic muscle to encourage the recognition of Croatia and Slovenia as independent states.

Political bickering threatens pact

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Cabinet today approved the peaceful coexistence agreement signed by the two Koreas, but political bickering continued to threaten ratification of the milestone accord.

Also today, news reports quoted government sources as saying the United States told North Korea prior to the reaching of the accord

last week that there were no U.S. nuclear weapons in South Korea.

That appeared to be a critical issue in bringing the rapprochement between the two Koreas.

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Faith sustained Anderson

Terry Anderson, The Associated Press Middle East correspondent held captive by terrorists for more than 6 1/2 years, offers us a ringing look at faith.

Minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day Anderson's captors raped his life, but the newsman said he doesn't hate them.

Anderson is a Catholic, he said, and forgiveness is a part of being a believer.

Anderson was given a Bible by his captors. As he walked through the valley of the shadow of death, his faith sustained him, he said.

In this era of televangelists pocketing wads of cash in Christ's name, and lusting after whores in the desert, Anderson's strong public witness is one more electrifying reminder that the season we're heading into isn't phony baloney for the millions of Christians whose lives are fortified and even saved by their faith.

A hymn of Christmas lifted to the beams of the highest Catholic cathedral won't say any more about this season... than Terry Anderson's press conference.

Simi Valley (Calif.) Enterprise

What's really left to study?

Although Congress has authorized women pilots to fly in combat, the Pentagon is more intent on keeping the women, and the issue, on the ground. If the military has a good explanation, it hasn't been offered.

Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, according to a spokesman, isn't likely to change the status of women pilots until a congressional commission studies the implications of women in combat — which also means combat-related assignments.

That commission isn't required to report its findings until next November. The head of the Pentagon advisory panel on women's issues, a woman herself, isn't sure even a year will be enough time. But what's really left to study?

The issue has been a live one in the military for a decade — at least. It was revived in a big way two years ago following the participation of women in the Panama invasion. Congress then conducted its inquiry into the question before adopting the new law, which President Bush is expected to sign any day.

Against that background, the transparent argument of further investigation is a political stall based on outdated traditions and naive perceptions, at the expense of the careers of qualified women pilots.

Members of the military should be assigned based on qualifications, not gender, as they are in Canada. If they can't meet the physical requirements of the infantry, so be it. But many skilled women pilots are barred from more prestigious assignments because of the combat prohibition.

Americans who have problems with the idea of women in combat should re-examine their ideas about combat in general. No person, male or female, is born a fighter. So long as that role is necessary, however unfortunately, women deserve the same chance as men to be trained for it.

The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press

Undoing Sununu's damage

In naming Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner as his new chief of staff, President Bush has acted with proper dispatch to undo the damage done by John Sununu's abrasiveness.

If we're lucky, the choice means a welcome shift to efficiency and effectiveness from Sununu's intemperance and muscle. It will get White House operations off insults and personality clashes and back to important matters.

But in the changeover, Bush could well make improvements on his own operating methods by taking more direct responsibility for domestic policy decisions.

Sunu too often pursued behind-the-scenes objectives — usually on behalf of the party's right wing — that conflicted with the goals of his more moderate boss.

When Sununu machinations sprang into public view, as they did recently on civil-rights policy, they made Bush look indecisive, duplicitous or a bit of both. No wonder both Republicans and Democrats have criticized the president for appearing inept on domestic issues.

Good riddance, John Sununu.

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

Let association reap what it has sowed

WASHINGTON — In that strange land known as Political Correctness, events are moving toward a useful showdown. By the end of January — by next spring at the latest — we should get some idea of the limits of the new racism within the federal government. I say, high time.

The story is complicated, but it merits a few minutes of your time. For nearly a century, the nation's colleges, universities, graduate schools and post-secondary trade schools have operated under various programs of accreditation. About 80 accrediting bodies have come into being, among them six regional associations.

The most influential of the regional bodies is the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It exercises absolute powers of accreditation over roughly 500 schools.

Until a few years ago, Middle States confined its supervision largely to academic questions: Was the faculty adequately qualified? Was the library up to reasonable standards and the school responsibly financed? The accrediting associations rarely made a ripple in the news.

Then emerged the new and potent doctrines of political correctness. Since then, nothing has been the same. Middle States abruptly

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began pursuing aggressive policies that amounted to a kind of academic extortion. Member institutions were told bluntly that unless they toed the line of "diversity," they would lose their accreditation.

In the world of higher education, accreditation is a matter of life or death. Unless a school is accredited by one of the federally recognized associations, such as Middle States, its students are ineligible for student loans and Pell grants. Their academic credits may not be transferable. The institution itself becomes ineligible for other federal programs.

In the eyes of Middle States, sweet are the uses of diversity. Among the rules governing accreditation is a rule that an institution "must have a governing board which includes a diverse membership." In 1987 Middle States fired an ominous shot over

the bow of Westminster Theological Seminary in suburban Philadelphia.

Obedient to its own sectarian canons, Westminster's board is composed of ordained Presbyterian elders. Church law forbids the ordination of women. This religious stricture made no impression upon the zealots of Middle States. Westminster was put on notice: Either put women on your board or Middle States "would have no choice but to remove accreditation."

At about the same time, Middle States swung its compulsory weight at the Bernard Baruch College in New York. Baruch's sin, threatening its accreditation, was a lack of sufficient diversity in the faculty. Despite heavy coercion, the college had failed to make a "visible, statistical change" in minority representation. The threat was unmistakable: Get a sufficient quota of blacks, or else.

As it turned out, Baruch more or less caved in. Westminster held firmly to the chauvinist doctrines laid down by Paul in his letter to Timothy: "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

The two cases set off a national uproar. The uproar led to a decision last spring by Lamar Alexander, secretary of education, to give Middle States a small taste of its own medicine. The association then was petitioning for renewal of its authority for operation. Alexander asked his staff to let him have a report on the whole controversy. Was Middle States exceeding its authority? Should the accreditors themselves be discredited?

The staff report became public on Nov. 18. It was not good news for Middle States. The staff concluded that in the application of its diversity standards, Middle States "has raised serious questions as to its overall reliability..."

Instead of renewing Middle States' petition for recognition for the customary five years, staff suggested only one year.

A departmental advisory committee will consider the issue in January. Alexander will make a final decision thereafter. My hope is that he will find Middle States guilty of inexcusable arrogance and treat this tyrannical outfit exactly as it has treated others.

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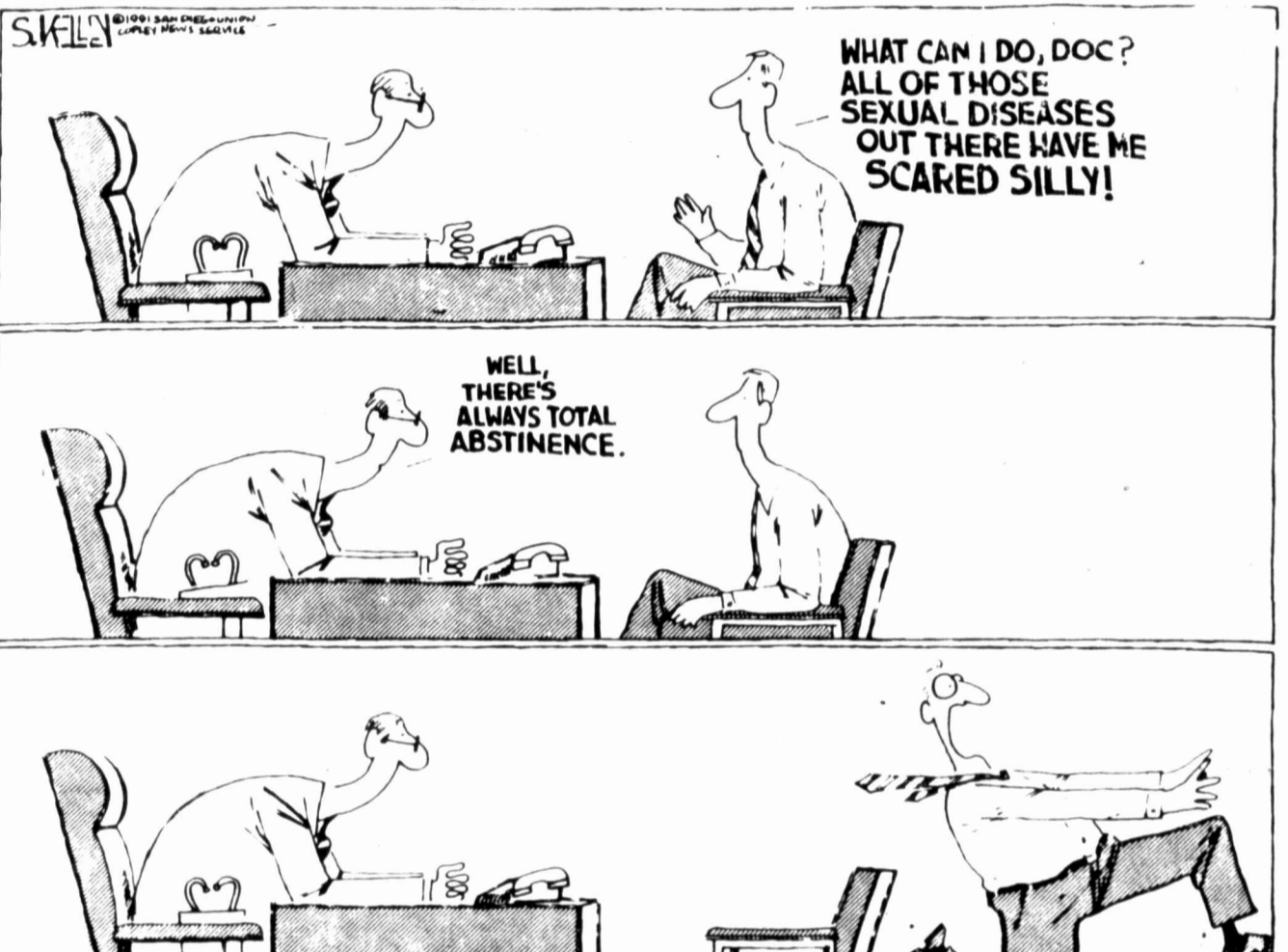
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Recapturing the wonder of the season

I stood behind an acquaintance in a checkout line several years ago during December and asked her if she were ready for Christmas. She said she wished she could go to sleep and wake up Jan. 2. I understood.

I can't remember if I was in my 20s or 30s when Christmas seemed to lose its mystique, its breathless wonder. What makes Christmas so wonderful to a child, anyway? Is it just the prospect of getting presents and eating candy? Is it the warmth of family love, almost tangible enough to touch, during this gentle season? Or is it the freshness of the Christmas story, the amazement of a mighty God coming to earth dressed in a baby's flesh and finding nowhere to lay his head except a cattle stall?

All those things were elements of my childhood Christmases. I remember wonderful gifts, lots of good food and the security of family love.

And always there was the Christmas story. I feel fortunate that, although our presents were always signed "Santa," I was never deluded to really believe he existed.

But I always knew Jesus was real. And I participated in my share of Christmas pageants, helping to bring the ageless story of Christ's birth to life.

I vaguely remember one year decades ago when Mother's Bible students were presenting a pageant for the high school Christmas assembly. She decided to let me and some little boy be

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angels and sing the first and last verses of "Silent Night." (Guess she'd never heard me sing!)

The prospect would have terrified me a few years later, but at the time I was thrilled and diligently learned the assigned verses of the assigned song. Then the disaster! That little boy (whoever he was) learned a different last verse of "Silent Night" than I did. We became so belligerent about who had learned the wrong verse that our part got the ax. Boys!

Two Sunday mornings ago, the platform at my church was a mass of children, a new generation reliving the story of the first Christmas. They were dressed as shepherds and wise men, angels, Mary and Joseph, and a nice spattering of animals. As they recreated the story, I watched their beautiful faces and listened to their songs and hoped they were in touch with what they were doing, hoped they understood the significance of the story they were performing.

I couldn't help thinking about a fictional story that came out about ten years ago, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. It's about a town's bullies, a family named Herdman, taking over the Christmas pageant. Through threats of violence if any of the other children volunteered, they seized the main parts in the play: Mary, Joseph, the wise men and the speaking angel.

Any of the regular church children could have handled the parts with almost no coaching. But the Herdmans had never even heard the story. And so, the night of the pageant arrived with everyone expecting the worst.

But Mary and Joseph were disheveled, you know, as if they had just traveled a great distance. The angel pushed people around and stepped on feet and yelled, "Hey! Unto you a child is born!"... as if it was, for sure,

the best news in the world."

And the wise men, apparently scorned frankincense, myrrh and gold, brought the ham from their Christmas food basket (provided by the church), and left it at the manger, the first time the Herdmans had ever "given anything away except lumps on the head."

And when it was over, there was Mary, seated by Baby Jesus, crying. "She just sat there... in her crookedly veiled, crying and crying and crying."

The Herdmans weren't just acting. They were reliving the story, mesmerized by the wonder of the season.

Two years ago, I recaptured some of that wonder myself. I signed up — reluctantly — to participate in the Drive-Through Nativity at my church. I anticipated the event with dread, mainly because I hate to be cold. What if the weather turned cold? I mean, really cold.

The first night was balmy. I was playing Elizabeth and something happened that night. I can't explain what it was except that I fell in love. I fell in love with being there, recreating one of the most important events in history. I fell in love with the idea of snatching some of the glory away from Santa Claus and giving it back to the one for whom Christmas was named. I fell in love with having an opportunity to give in the midst of the "getting" season.

The next night was so cold, it was instant pain to step out the door, much less to stand outside in a scene for 30 minutes. It was my worst nightmare. I imagined frostbite and gangrene. But you couldn't have pried me away with a crowbar. I stuck it out and cherished every minute of it.

I'll be back again this year — Tuesday through Friday nights of this week at 1400 Lancaster. And I'll be praying for good weather. But good or bad, look for me. I'll be there. And any temperature above 10 degrees will feel like a day in May!

I hope you will visit the Drive-Through Nativity this year, and that it will help you recapture some of the childlike wonder of the Christmas season, just as it has done for me.

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Sports

Dallas Cowboys headed to playoffs



Dallas Cowboys punt returner Kelvin Martin during fourth quarter against the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday.

Their only scores had come on a 50-yard field goal by Ken Willis and a safety on the ensuing kickoff, scored when the Eagles tumbled the ball into their own end zone and were tackled recovering it.

and one touchdown and setting up another field goal. The offensive line that was shredded for those 11 sacks three months ago allowed just one Sunday. The Dallas defense sacked Eagles quarterback Jeff Kemp seven times.

"At halftime I said that while things weren't going so well I felt good. I said I've settled down," he said. "I just felt under control. I was off in the first half but I wasn't taking sacks and I wasn't intercepted. I was rushing things a little too much."

On the first play of the second half Beuerlein passed 17 yards to Michael Irvin. "That gave me a lot of confidence," he recalled.

Coach Jimmy Johnson, whose team handed the NFC East champion Washington Redskins their only loss so far this season, said he told his team at halftime that they were one play away from the lead. "We knew we had to hang in there and be patient," he said. "Sooner or later we would make the big plays. These guys have done a heckuva job from where they were a few years ago. We have to look at where we are now."

Kemp, who started in place of the injured Jim McMahon, completed 18 of 37 for 150 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted twice.

The Cowboys won the toss and took the wind, gusting up to 35 mph. It worked as the Cowboys jumped to a quick 5-0 lead on the field goal and safety.

Emmitt Smith, who had 75 yards in 25 carries, got 33 of his yards on the 38-yard drive that set up the Cowboy field goal.

But the Eagles did them 5 points better when they got the wind in the second quarter. Kemp hit Maurice Johnson for the backup tight end's first pro TD. A 37-yard field goal by Roger Ruzek to make it 10-5 at halftime.

Sidelines

Murray gets his world crown

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Bareback rider Clint Corey claimed his first world title and Ty Murray capped the most successful season in the history of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association as the final round of the \$2.45 million National Finals Rodeo ended Sunday.

Corey, who three times before had finished as runner-up to the bareback riding champion, claimed his first world crown with \$107,350.

Murray smashed records this year en route to his third straight all-around championship, including the most money won in a season — \$244,231. He actually won about \$260,000, but is allowed to count earnings from only 100 rodeos.

Calf roper Fred Whitfield, the 1990 PRCA rookie of the year, won a world championship with \$115,040 in 1991 earnings. Whitfield clobbered the record for total time on 10 rounds with a cumulative total of 91.7. He also broke the NFR calf roping earnings record with \$70,609. With the title, Whitfield becomes the first black cowboy ever to win a PRCA timed event world championship.

Scott, two-way all-state pick

DALLAS — Jim Bob Scott, who helped Garden City to a regional playoff spot, was named to the Class A All-State football first team on both offense and defense.

Scott, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound senior, was made the team as wide receiver and defensive back. Teammate Eric Seidenberger was a first team selection at offensive lineman and an honorable mention selection at linebacker. Seidenberger is a 6-foot, 235-pound senior.

Making the honorable mention squad were Garden City kicker Jody Bradford, running back James Soles and quarterback Shae Scott.

Stallings gets c-country honor

Stanton junior Jeremy Stallings was named to the All-State cross country team by the Texas Track and Field News.

Stallings, who finished second at the state cross country meet, had a best of 15:34 over a three-mile course. Stallings is also the defending state champion in the 800 and 1600 meters.

King, Richard on collision course

PRINCEVILLE, Hawaii (AP) — Betsy King and Deb Richard need one more win apiece to face each other again in the final of the \$500,000 LPGA World Match Play Championship.

King, the defending champion, took on Chris Tschetter in this morning's semifinals after defeating Dawn Coe 2 and 1 Sunday. Richard, who placed second last year, beat Kristi Albers 3 and 2 in the quarterfinals to face Michelle Estill. The third-place and championship matches were to be played later in the day.

The tournament was in danger of being cancelled after play was postponed Saturday because of torrential rains and flooding on Kauai Island that left three people dead and caused more than \$7.1 million damage. But play resumed at the par-72, 6,212-yard Princeville Resort Makai Course after the weather improved.

Richard was 2 up after paring the second and fourth holes. Albers battled back, claiming the par-4, 375-yard sixth hole with a birdie, but Richard took the par-4, 390-yard seventh hole with a birdie of her own. She clinched the match with a 10-foot birdie on the par-3, 180-yard 16th hole.

King fell one hole behind when Coe birdied the par-5, 495-yard third hole, but drew even with a birdie on the seventh. King claimed the next two holes with birdies and took the 13th with a par before losing the 16th with a bogey. King held on to win by halving the 17th.

Estill made it into the semis by defeating Tina Barrett 4 and 3, while Tschetter downed Martha Nause 1-up.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kelvin Martin, a survivor of Dallas' 1-15 season two years ago, made a definitive statement that the Cowboys no longer are losers.

Martin's 85-yard punt return for a touchdown was the go-ahead score in the Cowboys' eventual 25-13 win over the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday.

That win put the Cowboys in the NFL playoffs for the first time in 1985 by clinching a wildcard spot.

The Cowboys improved their record to 10-5 with their fourth straight win. The Eagles, whose six-game winning streak was stopped, are 9-6, and they must beat Washington here next week and hope that San Francisco loses its final game and New Orleans its last two.

With his team trailing 10-8 in 45 seconds into the fourth quarter, Martin caught Jeff Feagles' punt.

"When I caught the punt I saw that everybody on the punt coverage team had broken down and came to a standstill," Martin said.

"I just tried to break through a small crack. I found a crease and after I split the first wave it was just a matter of beating the kicker. The punter got my foot, but luckily I kept my balance."

Eagles coach Rich Kotite said the play was the turning point of the game.

"We had him surrounded but we just missed a couple of tackles that let him get loose," he said.

At halftime, it appeared that the Eagles were about to dismantle Dallas for the second time this season. In September, Philadelphia won in Dallas, 24-0, getting 11 sacks and holding the Cowboys to 90 total yards.

On Sunday, the Cowboys had a total of 56 yards in the first half against the Eagles defense, ranked No. 1 in the league. Quarterback Steve Beuerlein had completed only two of 17 passes for 17 yards.

Oilers survive weather and Browns

CLEVELAND (AP) — Sooner or later, the Houston Oilers are going to have to take their run-and-shoot offense into a cold, windy, snowy stadium in a must-win situation. Like Buffalo in January.

When they do, they can think back to Sunday's game at Cleveland Stadium.

Despite a temperature of 29, 20-mph winds and occasionally heavy snow, Warren Moon threw for 250 yards and two touchdowns as Houston rallied to beat the Browns 17-14. Moon drove the Oilers 82 yards through a

snowstorm to the winning touchdown, a 2-yard pass to Haywood Jeffries with two minutes left.

The rap on the run-and-shoot has always been its questionable effectiveness in bad conditions. It's a proven commodity indoors, where a passing game can thrive, but it may be a different story when a slippery field slows your receivers or the bitter cold numbs your hands.

Moon admitted the cold temperatures Sunday bothered him because he was playing with a

sore right arm.

The weather seemed to play no part on the winning drive. Moon completed six passes — setting an NFL single-season record for completions in the process — and Lorenzo White had a 20-yard run that took the ball into Cleveland territory.

The touchdown came on third-and-goal from the 2. Moon wanted to throw right, found no one open, then looked left to Jeffries, who caught the ball in front of Alfred Jackson at the goal line. Replays confirmed the ball crossed the

plane.

With one game remaining, Moon has already completed 382 passes this season, four better than Dan Marino's 1986 NFL mark of 378.

The Oilers (11-4) matched the team record for wins in a season and kept alive their hopes for a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The Browns nearly turned Sunday's game back around in the final two minutes. Bernie Kosar, who passed for 258 yards, took Cleveland from its own 18 to the Houston 1 with eight seconds left.

Lions rally for playoff berth

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Welcome back, strangers. The NFL playoffs, off-limits lately to teams like Atlanta, Detroit and Dallas, will have a new look this season, thanks to the remarkable recoveries of the Falcons, Lions and Cowboys.

All three advanced to the postseason with victories Sunday, leaving two spots — one in each conference — still open.

Lions 21, Packers 17 "We're in the playoffs and I can't believe it," coach Wayne Fontes said after Detroit won in Green Bay with the wind chill hovering between 10 and 20 degrees below zero. Not bad for a team that had not won a game outside all season, going 10-0 in domed stadiums and 1-4 out of doors.

Mel Gray returned a punt 78 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown and Erik Kramer threw two touchdown passes to Robert Clark as the Lions made it to the postseason for the first time since 1983.

Falcons 26, Seahawks 13 "Falcons in the playoffs," Deion Sanders said. "What is this world coming to?"

It's almost as amazing as the Braves in the World Series. Atlanta could get used to this kind of thing after returning to the NFL postseason for the first time since 1982.

Sanders intercepted two passes and raced 48 yards for a touchdown with a lateral from Tim McKyer after another pickoff.

Bills 35, Colts 7 Buffalo went indoors to the Hoosier Dome to clinch homefield advantage throughout the AFC playoffs, routing Indianapolis despite a first-quarter injury to Thurman Thomas.

Kenneth Davis rushed for 90 yards and one touchdown and caught one of three touchdown passes by Jim Kelly as the Bills (13-2) scored on their first three possessions. Thomas sprained his left ankle the first time Buffalo had the ball.

With the loss, the Colts (1-14) secured the No. 1 pick in next spr-



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A host of New England Patriots defenders close in on New York Jets tight end Trevor Matich in the second quarter at Giants Stadium Sunday.

ing's college draft as the worst team in the NFL. Indianapolis also owns Tampa Bay's first-round pick through a trade last year, and a victory over the Buccaneers in the season windup at Tampa next week would give the Colts the top two selections.

Chargers 38, Dolphins 30 Miami controlled its own playoff destiny when the New York Jets lost, but the Dolphins surrendered four touchdowns in the fourth quarter, sending the playoff race down to next week's final game against the Jets. Rod Bernstein scored three of the TDs for the Chargers.

"It's tough to lose knowing we had the opportunity to wrap it up today," Dolphins coach Don Shula said. "We've got to make sure we don't feel the same way next week like we feel now."

Patriots 6, Jets 3 Charlie Baumann kicked a pair of field goals from 45 and 41 yards to beat New York in the gusty Meadowlands, nearly ending the playoff hopes of the Jets, who lost their third straight.

"We can't score three points and expect to live off that," said Jets quarterback Ken O'Brien, who directed drives of 75, 64 and 54

yards but saw his team manage just one field goal. "It's terrible."

Redskins 34, Giants 17 Washington continued to play payback to New York, sweeping the season's series after losing six straight and seven of the last eight meetings with the Giants. Mark Rypien threw three touchdowns for the NFC East champions.

The loss left coach Ray Handley disgusted with his 7-8 team. "Obviously, a coach is responsible for discipline, and our discipline has just gone all to hell," he said. "By that, I mean simple execution... the fundamentals have gone to hell."

Broncos 24, Cardinals 19 Sore-armed John Elway was intercepted three times, leading to a trio of Phoenix field goals. But he ran 4 yards for Denver's deciding touchdown with less than two minutes to play against the stubborn Cardinals.

"I was thinking to myself, 'How can we be losing this game with four minutes left?'" Elway said. With 1:46 left, after a six-play, 66-yard drive, the Broncos weren't losing anymore.

Clippers win eighth straight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was the wrong time for the slumping Orlando Magic to meet the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Clippers, riding one of the hottest streaks in their hapless history, started the night with a seven-game winning streak. Orlando couldn't do much to prevent Los Angeles from making it eight, losing 119-104 Sunday night.

"We're in a bad stretch right now," Orlando coach Matt Guokas said after the Magic's seventh consecutive loss.

"We're a team that needs about eight or nine guys playing well together, and we're not getting that right now. We play well for stretches, but we always have a bad stretch for about 10 minutes. That really hurts us."

Lakers 110, Kings 94 Los Angeles outscored Sacramento 69-39 in the final 26 1/2 minutes and beat the Kings for the 42nd consecutive time at the Forum.

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Papers may show more Jews killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Nazis may have killed a quarter million more Jews than first believed, say Israeli researchers studying long-hidden Soviet documents from World War II.

The documents, uncovered by Israeli researchers two years ago, include testimony from Jewish survivors of the Nazi occupation in the Soviet Union, Nazi records and Soviet war chronicles.

The material shows the "cruelty, mostly of the Germans, went beyond anything we knew of from other countries," says Shmuel Krakowski, head of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, where it is being studied.

"Massive searches after every Jew who was hiding, the many less people ready to help the Jews, a death punishment for anyone who dared help, and organized groups of local collaborators all created a situation where the chances of survival were close to zero," said Krakowski, himself a survivor of the Lodz ghetto in Poland.

Krakowski says the new material could increase by 250,000 the estimate of the number of Jewish victims of the Holocaust, now believed to be 6 million. "However, we will only be certain when the research is over," he added.

"It turns out also that the evacuation before the Germans came was less successful than we thought. And so that means more Jews than we thought were caught by the Germans," he said.

Originally, researchers thought most Soviet Jews were killed by German firing squads known as the Nazi Einsatzgruppen. In the initial stages of the war, the squads lined Jews up at the edge of huge pits, killed them, then buried them in the pits.

It was believed that after the Einsatzgruppen massacres, only the Minsk ghetto and possibly a few others remained. But the new documents show "there were a dozen ghettos left... where Jews lived and were later murdered," Krakowski said.

The new documents show ghettos existed in the eastern Ukraine, in Byelorussia's Gomel, in Russia's Smolensk and in many other places, he added.

Israel was first allowed access to the files when Krakowski and Yad Vashem's director, Yitzhak Arad, visited the Soviet Union in 1989. They were then permitted to take the material back to Israel for research.

The new documents at Yad Vashem have drawn dozens of Soviet immigrants to the memorial.

Bomb explosion disrupts commute

LONDON (AP) — A bomb exploded near the country's busiest rail junction before dawn today, prompting British Rail to close all its London stations for hours and throwing the morning commute into chaos.

Twenty minutes before the blast, in which no injuries were reported, a man claiming to represent the Irish Republican Army telephoned a TV station and said a bomb had been planted at a major rail station. No bomb was found during a search of the capital's eight stations, however.

Also today, the London Stock Exchange was evacuated for two hours following a telephoned bomb threat, Scotland Yard said. A search uncovered nothing suspicious.

The incidents appeared part of a recent IRA campaign in Britain, in which 75 firebombs have been set off since Dec. 1. No one has been hurt, but the economic damage has been severe.

On Sunday, the IRA firebombed a bookstore at the National Gallery, one of London's major fine arts museums, and the terrorist group said it would continue to disrupt daily life until Britain ends its rule of Northern Ireland.

Scotland Yard said the bomb today exploded at about 6 a.m. near Clapham Junction in southwest London, blowing out windows in



London's Victoria Rail Station, one of the busiest stations in the capital, is ringed by police today after bomb threats caused commuting chaos. All of London's main rail stations were closed after telephone bomb threats were made.

nearby houses. In the past, the IRA has chosen Monday mornings to bomb train stations and railway lines so as to cause maximum disruption.

British Broadcasting Corp. said

a train full of commuters was just yards away when the bomb exploded today near Clapham Junction.

"The flash could be seen through the left of the windows close to the front of the train. After that some of the passengers started running from the front of the train to the rear... It happened a few hundred yards in front of the train and it did shake the train and you could see it and hear it very forcibly," commuter Ashley Hosten told BBC radio.

After the blast, police warned commuters not to head into London if the trip was not necessary. All eight British Rail stations in the city were closed for the rush hour.

"But by now, of course, as I'm sure the IRA well realizes, it will be too late for a lot of people to come into work," Scotland Yard spokesman Nick Jordan said late in the morning.

British law officers take threats against railway stations very seriously. On Monday morning Feb. 18, the IRA bombed Victoria Station, killing one man.

Roads were jammed during rush hour and the BBC said there was chaos on trains. Many commuters stayed home. On a normal weekday, some 8,000 trains carry half a million passengers into London.

Medical costs ruining jail budgets

CHICAGO (AP) — When Sheriff Tim Bivins learned that an inmate serving time for drunken driving needed heart surgery — at a cost of \$25,000 — he got him out of jail.

"I went to the state's attorney and got the inmate released for time served," said Bivins, sheriff in rural Lee County. "Two months later, I read his obituary."

"You weigh the cost against the charges," Bivins said. "Yes, DUI is a serious charge. But it comes to a point where you ask, 'Do the taxpayers pay ten times what it costs to incarcerate this guy?'"

An Associated Press survey found that more than half of Illinois' 102 counties have over spent their medical-expense budgets to care for inmates during the last five years. Corrections officials say the survey reflects a national trend of rising medical costs and an influx of sick prisoners in an already growing inmate population.

Of 64 counties responding, 54 said jail inmate health costs went over budget at least once in the last five years. Eighteen went over budget each of those years.

Twenty-one counties reported medical expenses doubled over the five years, and Will County, southwest of Chicago, saw such costs skyrocket 500 percent — to more than \$855,000 — since 1988.

Statewide, sheriffs say they are cutting deals with doctors and hospitals for lower fees in return for regular business, releasing

some sick inmates and taking money from other areas — including payrolls that otherwise might be used to put more deputies on the streets.

"Because of the war on drugs, people who need more medical care are being put in jail and staying there for much longer. That's what's driving up costs across the nation," said R. Scott Chavez, a vice president of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, which accredits jail health care programs nationwide.

A U.S. Department of Justice study released in August showed that in 1989, the latest year for which statistics are available, 58 percent of all jail inmates reported they had used illegal drugs once or more a week for at least a month.

And authorities say more mentally ill people are landing in jail, and staying there longer.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- A convenience store at Third and Owens reported that an unknown person removed two cartons of cigarettes without paying for them. The total value is estimated at \$47.80.
- It was reported that an unknown person damaged the exterior of a 1989 Chevrolet pick-up at the 400 block of W. Marcy Street.
- A church on the 800 block of Scurry Street reported damages to the building and theft of petty cash. The estimated total loss is \$930.00.

Christmas

Continued from page 1-A asked my grandmother one day, she said, "She told me that in Sweden, oranges had to be shipped from Spain and frequently were damaged due to freezing. They were considered something only the well-off could afford and it was the only time of year anyone got oranges."

And so, a Christmas tradition was born and Mrs. C.R. Meek has a Christmas she'll always remember.

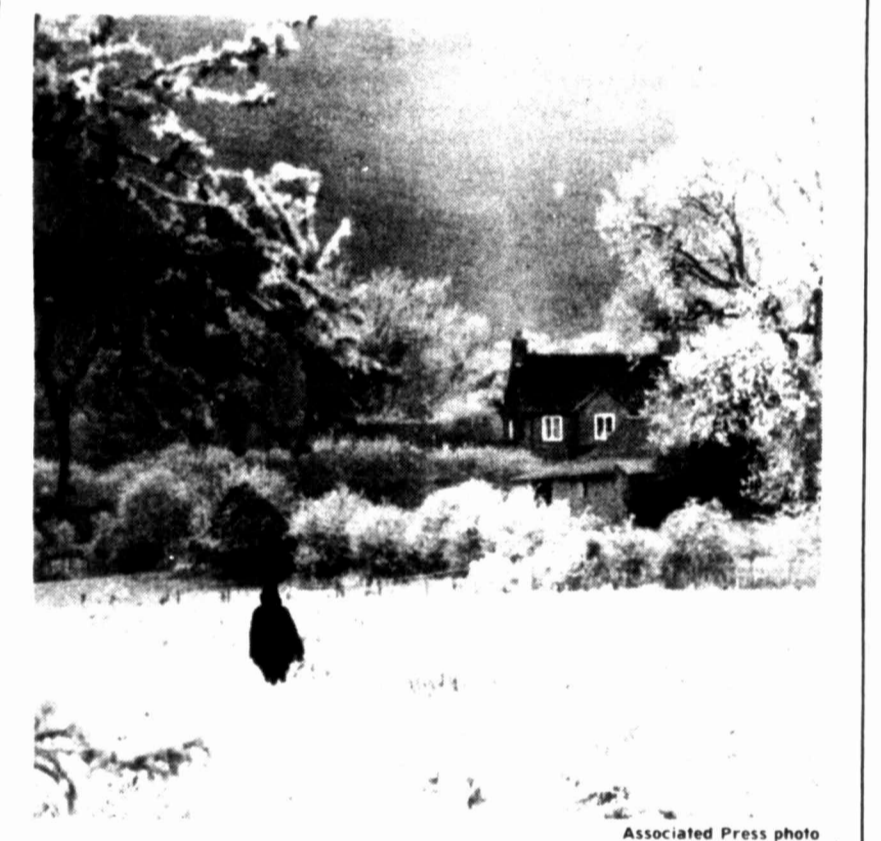
Oil/markets

January crude oil \$19.77, down 20, and March cotton futures 60.75 cents a pound, up 10.5. December live hog futures 41.60, down 22. December live cattle futures 71.20, down 62 at 10:21 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Name	CURRENT QUOTE	CHANGE from close
ATT	38	-1 1/2
Amco	47 1/2	+1/4
Atlantic Richfield	104 1/2	+1/4
Bethlehem Steel	11 1/4	+3/4
Cabot	28 1/2	nc
Chevron	66 1/2	-5/8
Chrysler	11	+1/2
Coca Cola	72 1/2	+1/4
De Beers	27 1/2	nc
DuPont	43 1/2	-7/8
El Paso Electric	4 1/2	+1/4
Exxon	58 1/2	+1/4
Finis Inc	49 1/2	-1/4
Ford Motors	25 1/2	+1/4
GTE	32 1/2	+3/4
Halliburton	28 1/2	-1/2
IBM	87 1/2	-5/8
Int'l Eagle Tool Co	43 1/2	-1/4
JC Penney	52 1/2	nc
Mesa Ltd. Prt. A	1 1/4	nc
Mobil	65	+1/4
New Atmos Energy	21	+1/4
NUV	10 1/4	-1/4
Pacific Gas	30 1/2	-1/2
Pepsi Cola	21 1/2	+1/4
Phillips Petroleum	22 1/2	+1/4
Schlumberger	63 1/2	+1/4
Sears	35 1/2	+1/4
Southwestern Bell	61 1/2	+1/4
Sun	27 1/2	-1/4
Texas	58 1/2	+1/4
Texas Instruments	28	nc
Texas Utilities	39 1/2	-1/4
Unocal Corp.	22 1/2	+1/4
USX Corp.	25 1/2	+1/4
Wal-Mart	52 1/2	+1/4

Mutual Funds	11/30/91	12/15/91
Amcap	11.89	12.42
I.C.A.	14.71	17.73
New Economy	21.93	23.27
New Perspective	11.40	12.10
Van Kampen	15.91	16.73
American Funds U.S. Gov't	13.85	14.54
Pioneer II	17.26	18.79
Gold	359.10	359.40
Silver	3.82	3.85

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2581. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.



A lone walker passes through a frozen field near York in northeast England last week. Although no snow fell, everything was turned white by a heavy frost as temperatures dropped into the teens.

Weather Preview

The national map

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

FRONTS:
 COLD WARM STATIONARY

Pressure:
 H L SHAWERS RAIN T STORMS FLURRIES SNOW ICE SUNNY PT. CLOUDY CLOUDY

Permian Basin

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High in lower 60s. Low near 40.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooling trend.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in lower 50s. Low in mid 30s.

Water

Continued from page 1-A sent, I don't know of one oil well in Martin and Howard County that is creating a problem. The companies are doing a good job in recognizing the absolute importance of water and making every effort not to pollute (the water)."

Raw sewage entering ground water has also proved to be a problem for well-water users over the years. High levels of nitrates can result from bacteria seeping from old cesspools or septic tanks. The nitrates develop after years of contamination while the bacteria poses a health threat in the form of waterborne diseases as typhus and hepatitis.

"About May is when problems occur with bacteria coming up through the water," said Hoelscher. "And a certain system that may have these nitrates in them only affects other systems when the well-water users start watering their lawn and really drawing hard on the water."

One method of prevention is for persons to have their sewerage system checked annually.

Hoelscher said that at present, no raw sewage problems are known to exist within the conservation district.

Another problem area that could affect well water users is the seepage of pesticides into the water table. It was reported in February 1989 that 16 of 21 wells tested by the Texas Department of Agriculture and located in northern Howard County were found to contain dangerous levels of pesticides.

Of those 16, 15 were found to contain arsenic and one contained bromacil — both carcinogens.

Current testing has shown that pesticide contamination is dropping, as only two wells now test positive. Neither, however, contains arsenic or bromacil.

One well showed heptachlor epoxide, an herbicide that at one time was used to control fire ants, in the ground around the well. The other well tested positive for DDE, which is a result of the breakdown of the insecticide DDT (dichlorodiphenyl-trichloro-ethane). That was also found to be a result of minor quantities seeping into the water from above ground.

"Arsenic proved to be not too much of a problem," said Hoelscher. "The tests we ran, especially in the Knott area of Howard County, showed substantial traces of arsenic."

According to Hoelscher, not much can be done for a well that has tested positive for arsenic other than close the well and look for another water source.

"Arsenic is long-term exposure," said Hoelscher. "We as humans like to live a long, long life. It's going to be more serious to us than it would be to plant life or even to cattle, so using the water for irrigation and crops is fine."

While there are numerous dangers in using well water, there are also benefits — such as the taste.

"The water we have is better than the water in the city," said Josephine Uranga, a long-time resident of Coahoma. Uranga said she has used well water all her life. "The water in town is just too salty. I can understand why people have to go and buy their water."

One way to see if well water is safe is to test it. Home-testing kits are available, although Hoelscher recommends persons wanting to know if there are chemicals in their water contact the water district.

"The test is more thorough (than a home kit) and the overall cost is less," he said.

Deaths

William Riley

William Allen Riley, M.D., 57, a rheumatologist at Malone-Hogan Clinic of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1991, in Midland Memorial Hospital following a brief illness from complication of colon cancer.

Services will be 11 a.m., WEDNESDAY, ALLEN RILEY, Dec. 18, 1991, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Dr. James Puckett, pastor, First Baptist Church of McKinney, and Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor, First Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 2, 1934, in Nogales, Ariz., to Buford and Florence Riley. He graduated from high school in Cody, Wyo., and then from Western College in El Paso. He attended medical school at Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston. He served his residency and fellowship at Baylor in Houston and then served in Winston Salem, N.C. He came to Big Spring in July, 1967, and practiced as a rheumatologist and internist with Malone-Hogan Clinic until his death. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Big Spring and had previously been a member and deacon of Baptist Temple Church in Big Spring. While in college at Texas Western he served as president of his fraternity. He was a founder of the West Texas Arthritis Foundation in Midland in 1968 and had also authored a book "Arthritis Can Be Helped". He had spoken at the National Arthritis Foundation meetings.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Riley, Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law: Jon D. and Leah Riley, Grand Prairie; three daughters and sons-in-law: Karen and Dr. James Burleson, Big Spring, Roanne and David De Sonier, Brea, Calif., and Lisa and Dr. Jim Muncy, Clemson, S.C., and a

Dee R. Green

Dee R. Green, 85, Paducah, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1991, at Woods Convalescent Center in Paducah after an illness.

Services will be 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1991, at First Baptist Church in Paducah with the Rev. Larry Millican, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Paducah.

He was born Dec. 4, 1906, in Stonewall County and had been a resident of Cottle County since 1942 after moving there from Stonewall County. He married Cordelia Hunter on Aug. 4, 1929, in Farmersville. He was employed with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for over 32 years, and was employed in several A.S.C.A. offices. He retired in 1973 and made his home in Paducah since that time. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and First Baptist Church of Paducah.

Survivors include his wife, Cordelia, Paducah; two sons: Maxey Green, Big Spring, and Pat Green, Duncan, Okla.; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Gilbert Grubbs

Gilbert Grubbs, 71, Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1991, in the V.A. Medical Center after a long illness.

Services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1991, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Willborn, pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Altus, Okla. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1952 coming here from Colorado City. He was an aircraft mechanic, retiring from civil service in 1979. He worked at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring and later at Reese A.F. Base in Lubbock. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army-Air Corps in Europe and Africa. He was a member of the Christen-Tucker, Post #2013, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He married Sarah Watkins on April 11, 1979, in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Grubbs, Big Spring; one daughter, Linda Womack, Lubbock; one step-daughter, Doyleene Bryant, Mt. Vernon; one brother, John Grubbs, San Angelo; two sisters: Hazel Walton, Anson, and Betty Garrett, Abilene; one granddaughter and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Iris and one son, Stephen.

Pallbearers will be the members of Christen-Tucker, Post #2013, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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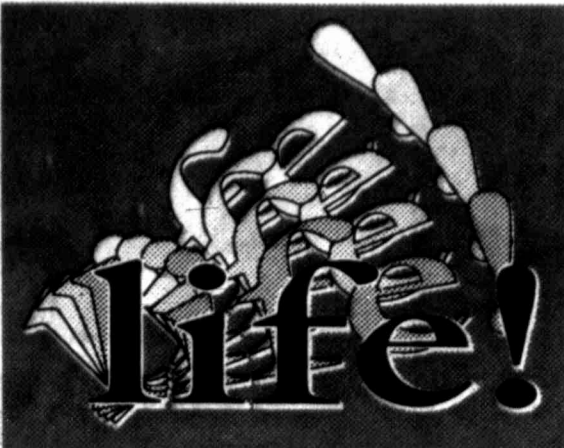
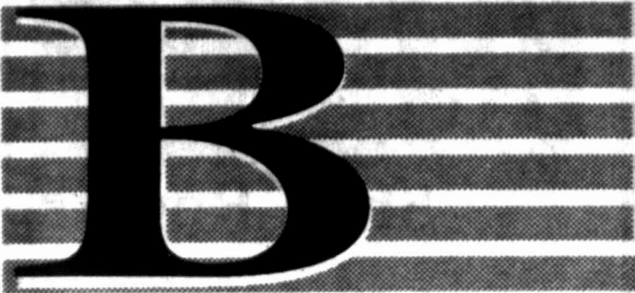
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 and Rosewood Chapel

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Bill Riley, M.D., 57, died Sunday. Services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. Who brought the first Hereford Cattle into Texas in 1876?

A. According to Texas Trivia, it was Captain W.S. Ikard.

Calendar

TODAY

- The City of Big Spring Clean Team will be working in district 1, today through Friday. If you have articles to be picked up call the city at 263-8311.
- Disabled Veterans Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter home on Young St.
- Bauer Christmas Program and PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Bauer Cafeteria.
- Toys for Tots - Firemen are taking good used or new toys all week at 11th & Birdwell.
- Survivors of Suicide meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital. For information call 685-1566.
- Gospel singing, 7 p.m., at Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.
- Al-A-Teen will meet 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Howard County Lioness Club meeting 7 p.m. in the Wesley United Methodist Church Memorial Hall, E. 12th & Owens.
- Recovery Solutions Inc., personal creativity process group, men and women, 15 and older, 6:30 - 8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028. \$10.00 perperson.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Art Association Christmas Party, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. For information call 267-2974.
- First Church of the Nazarene will present Drive-Thru Nativity on the church grounds, 1400 Lancaster, through Dec. 20, from 6:45 to 10 p.m. Admission free.
- Senior Citizen Dance, 7-10 p.m. at the Civic Center in Colorado City. Porky Proctor Band will perform.
- Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever's available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
- A.M.A.C. (Adults Molested As Children) will meet 5:15 p.m., Saint Mary's Episcopal Church library, 1001 Goliad. Anyone interested must call first- Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson, 267-8216 ext. 287.
- Recovery Solutions Inc., mens support group, 17 and older, 6:30 - 8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028. No charge.

WEDNESDAY

- The Divorce Support Group will meet 6-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care available. Use back entrance at Gregg St. parking lot. For information call 267-6394.
- Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.
- West Texas Legal Service offers legal help for civil matters (disability, divorces, ect.) at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.
- Recovery Solutions Inc., womens support group, 17 and older, 6:30 - 8 p.m. For information call 264-7028.

THURSDAY

- Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, room 414.
- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Adolescent Support Group will meet 4-5 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center. Anyone interested must call first- John McGuffey or Dawn Garrett, 267-8216 ext. 287.
- C.R.I.E. (Children's Rights Through Informed Education) will meet 7:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Open to public.
- Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary will meet 6 p.m. at the Chapter Home on Young St.

Veteran takes trip to remember

By H. Boyce Hale for the Herald

The trip was planned in late spring of 1943, and because all the planners had died, I took the trip alone to fulfill a dream I had some 48 years ago.

Roy D. Witt, Harry Hendrickson, Rudy Powell and I talked about how nice it would be to return to Kodiak fifty years after Pearl Harbor.

All four of us were stationed at the U.S. naval Air Station on Kodiak Island, Alaska when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor. We remained there until 1943 when we were rotated to various duties.

Roy Witt spent 20 years and retired as a Chief Aviation Metalsmith; Harry Hendrickson served until the end of WWII and returned to Montezuma, Kan.; Rudy Powell suffered a cerebral hemorrhage late in 1943 and was discharged because of a partial paralyzed right arm and leg. I was hospitalized in Sept. 1944, and I was discharged as a disabled veteran on Jan. 13, 1945.

Throughout the years, I maintained some contact with all of these buddies, and as the 50th anniversary approached, I found myself alone.

I talked with my wife Jedan, and she encouraged me to go ahead and return alone to Kodiak for the Pearl Harbor anniversary Dec. 7, 1991.

On Dec. 5, 1991, I flew from Midland to Dallas, then to Anchorage, Alaska and on to Kodiak. I arrived early evening of the same day.

My motel was only walking distance from the airport, so it made it easy for me to go down next morning to get my baggage. While I was there, I rented a "heap." Sure enough it was a heap, but it was running.

Because I had made arrangements with the U.S. Coast Guard Center (They took over the



BOYCE HALE

Naval Air Station and Naval Operating Base in 1972) to tour the base, I was welcomed and given permission to go almost everywhere and to take all the pictures I wanted.

Luck was with me. The sun came out at about 9:35 a.m. and gave me a chance to take pictures in the daylight. I spent the next four hours trying to find all the places I had once been.

As I took pictures I wondered, where did all the trees come from? When I was there before, there were no trees anywhere on the base. I asked several people, and they said the trees had been migrating southwest for the last 50 years. Many of the spruce trees now exceed 40 feet.

One last thing I needed to find was a small pond on which I learned to ice skate. I looked and finally found it. The trees had grown around the pond and almost hid it from view. I stood there a long time remembering when we Texans were making fools of ourselves in front of the Yankee boys.

It was late and I had an appointment with the Kodiak Daily Mirror, so I hurried to town.

Once there, I was met by Reporter Nell Waage who had spent most of her life on Kodiak. Nell asked me many questions about what it was like at the air station before and during the two years I spent there. In her efficient way, she had me talking and telling my story. After an hour, I said my goodbyes after she promised to send me a copy of the feature.

I returned to my motel and tried to get some sleep. Jet lag was working on me, and my night was spent tossing and turning.

Early on the morning of the 7th, I ate breakfast and talked with a couple of fellows. We got around to wondering if the Coast Guard Center was going to have a memorial service. We called and they said yes and it was to start at 7:55 a.m., the precise time that Pearl Harbor was initially bombed.

My watch showed 7:50 a.m. and I threw everything in my rented wreck and headed for the base some 3 miles away. As I pulled up in front of the ad building, the services had began.

As we bowed our heads there in the darkness, we cried. It was a sad moment and a thankful moment for those of us who survived the war.

Boyce Hale
U.S. Navy Herald

Commanding officer Capt. Thomas Barrett was giving a recap of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

After the recap, the Chaplain gave a prayer. As we bowed our heads there in the darkness, we cried. Almost all the veterans present were seen wiping tears from their eyes. It was a sad moment and a thankful moment for those of us who survived the war.

The 21 gun salute that followed brought more tears. As the flag was raised, I wondered why it is okay to burn her. At that moment, I would have shot anyone I saw burning old glory.

Afterward, we were invited into the administration building for coffee and cookies. There Captain Barrett introduced me to many officers and veterans as well as several enlisted personnel.

I was asked if I would agree to an interview on Kodiak Public Service Radio. The interview lasted almost an hour. Afterward, video cameras were taking pictures of me and I wondered why I was getting so much attention.

I found that I was the only veteran who had returned on this day that had been there on Dec. 7, 1941.

Later after telling my story to quite a few people, I was given permission to again tour the base.

The next day was dawn, so I took the heap and again toured the base - taking several rolls of film.

Later that afternoon, I returned to my motel. The Buskin River Inn is owned and operated by Mr. William (Bill) Bulen.

I had mentioned to Bill that I

would like to have some crab meat. King crab would be best.

Late in the evening he came in with a plastic sack filled with 10 crabs. He said that I should put them in the freezer until Sunday morning at which time we would clean them.

Sunday came quickly. Bill came to the motel around 10:00 a.m. and I told him that we had too many crabs to take on the airplane. So he said that he would make me a "care package" and I could check it as baggage. He did just that and I checked them all the way to Midland.

As the airplane was taking off from Kodiak, I felt that I had squared things with my buddies. Although they could not be with me in person - they were there in spirit.

I am thankful to my creator that he has given me so many years of good health, good friends, and above all my good family. Further, I am grateful to have been born in the United States of America.

My God, what a wonderful place to live.

Boyce is a long time resident of Howard County, having graduated from Forsan High School in 1938. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Aug. 13, 1940 and took his boot camp training at San Diego, Calif. After kodiak school, he was transferred to Kodiak Naval Air Station in Aug. 1941 where he served two years. Later he was appointed to Aviation Cadet School for flight training. He remained in the U.S. Navy until his separation in 1945.

Wise retirees continue planning for future

DENVER (AP) — You've reached retirement age with enough tucked away in investments, a company pension plan, and Social Security benefits to pay for a relaxed retirement.

You're one of the wise ones, right? Not necessarily.

If you really are wise, according to a survey of financial planners, you won't take the money and run. The pros say many retired clients see a continuing need for financial planning to make the most of their retirement income and assets.

About 55 percent of planners reported that their clients who are retired still pursue financial counsel, according to the 1991 Survey of Trends in Financial Planning, conducted by the College for Financial Planning, a nonprofit institution based in Denver.

Among retirees who continue to seek financial guidance, according to the survey, the major areas of interest are investment planning, wealth management, and estate planning.

"It's true that financial concerns don't evaporate once you've reached your retirement savings goal," says Kathryn Ioannides, director of advanced studies for the College for Financial Planning.

Once they leave the job market, retirees must meet expenses over an increasingly large number of years from the combined resources of Social Security, their company's pension or profit-sharing plan, and their own investments.

"The only part of that group of assets that you can really control is the investment of your own resources and pattern of your spending," Ioannides says. Because at age 60, life expectancy today is almost 20 years, retirees' top concerns should be conserving and maximizing their holdings.

"Retirement doesn't mean that your cost of living and range of needs will stay fixed. The need for good financial planning practices is exacerbated by your new reliance on existing resources that are no longer supplemented by a regular salary," she says.

In addition to seeking investment counsel to ensure that a retirement portfolio keeps up with inflation yet provides ample security, there are other financial challenges for retirees, including:

— Planning for health care coverage, including shopping for policies to bridge your transition from company-sponsored programs to Medicare, and the need for appropriate Medigap insurance.

— Gauging expenses for preventative health care; and planning for long-term care needs.

— Adjusting to the financial impact of lifestyle changes. Will your added leisure time mean you spend more, or less?

— Reviewing your insurance needs. While you won't need your disability policy now that you've stopped working, life insurance can protect a surviving spouse or take care of final expenses and estate taxes. Or, a cash-rich life insurance policy can be used for current income or to provide an "emergency fund" to add to your comfort in retirement.

— Taking advantage of tax opportunities designed for retirees, such as the one-time capital gains tax exclusion for the sale of an appreciated residence. Or, you may benefit from knowing the taxable status of your pension payments, which varies from state to state.

— Selling your business.

— Distributing benefits from your company's retirement plan.

— Establishing a sound estate

Financial planning after retirement

According to the 1991 Survey of Trends in Financial Planning, 55 percent of planners report that retired clients still pursue financial counsel.

Retirees major areas of financial planning interest:

- Investment planning
- Wealth management
- Estate planning

Major sources of income:

- Social Security
- Company's pensions/profit-sharing plan
- Personal investment

Ways to control resource:

- Plan for health care coverage to bridge transition from company-sponsored programs to Medicare.
- Gauge expenses for preventative health care and plan for long-term care needs.
- Adjust to the financial impact of lifestyle changes.
- Review life insurance options and needs.
- Take advantage of tax opportunities designed for retirees.

Lupe Garcia turns 80

Lupe Garcia will celebrate her 80th birthday on Dec. 14 with a Mass in her honor at the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 5 p.m. Following the church ceremony, there will be a dance and reception at the Tre Amigos Club. The event will be hosted by her children and grandchildren.

Lupe Hinojos Garcia was born in Pecos on Dec. 12, 1911. She came to Big Spring in 1922 and married the late Andrew Garcia in 1933.

She has one daughter, Mrs. Joe Puga, and three grandchildren. Her grandchildren are Joe Puga, Belinda Puga, and Roy Puga, all of Houston.

Lupe is very active in her church, participating in the Guadalupans and Cursillitas. She also belongs to a senior citizens group, has received an award for



LUPE GARCIA

volunteer service and enjoys her gardening and prayer meetings.

Greeting cards geared for older Americans

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tom Colligan designs greeting cards with large print, simple designs and carefully worded messages.

"You want to be upbeat," he says. "You also have to be careful because not all of these people are in fantastic health so you have to be careful about wishing them a happy 90th birthday and a lot more, for instance."

When customers at his parents' card shop couldn't find cards with biblical messages geared toward elderly relatives and friends, Colligan's parents urged him to design a special line.

The elderly market also has been recognized by greeting card giants Hallmark and American Greetings, which now are marking birthdays up to 100 and joking about retired husbands hanging around the house.

"The baby boomers are in their early to mid-40s and getting older by the day," said Kathy Bernetch of American Greetings in Cleveland.

The company test-marketed a line of cards called "Aging to Perfection" last year and introduced it last month.

"We've always done milestone birthdays, but never quite that high before," Ms. Bernetch said. "Because people are watching their health, they're pretty spunky even on up there."

Hallmark Cards in 1988 began "The Best Years" cards aimed at people over 50. It started the line with 68 cards, now there are more than 100.

The company has kept in mind the market it will be facing in coming years: "By the year 2000 one out of five people in America will be over 55 with a life expectancy of another 20 years," Hallmark spokeswoman Renee Hershey said.

American Greetings' cards include a humorous look at having the retired husband around the house and the importance of long-held friends.

"Now that our hubbies are retired, let's get together for lunch!" says one card showing a woman talking on the phone. The kicker: "... And leave them at home!"

The creator of American Greetings' line, Joan Kerber, said she wants to combat the stereotypes of old age just as the women's movement and the civil rights movement combated stereotypes about women and race.

"I don't care what anyone says ... we're still too young to be this old!" one card says.

"Most of the people I know are very lively," said Ms. Kerber, 65. "They're not walking around with canes or anything."

Study says sun exposure makes middle-aged women look older

NEW YORK (AP) — Too much sunshine can add about nine inches of wrinkles to a middle-aged woman's face and nearly five years to her apparent age, a study suggests.

The results appeared in 22 white women ages 45 to 51 who had lived in Tucson, Ariz., for at least a

decade.

The work is reported in the November issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology by researchers at Procter & Gamble Co., the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center in Beaverton.

Nine women were classified as having low sun exposure, less than two hours a week and with no signs of sun damage, and 13 were considered to have high sun exposure, more than 12 hours a week. Women in the latter group showed multiple signs of sun damage, researchers said.

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SALE OR LEASE. Large 3 bedroom, 2
bath, central air/heat, carpet, garage.
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\$200 month, deposit required. 267 4629.

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267 6805.

Housing Wanted 675

WANT TO buy 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath. With
acreage preferably. Call collect 942 8106.

Roommate Wanted 676

ELDERLY PERSON to share my home.
No drugs, no drinking. Deposit required.
263 6722, 393 5961.

Business Buildings 678

FOR LEASE. Building at 907 E. 4th, 9:00
5:00. 263 6319; after 5:00, 267 8657.

FOR LEASE. Warehouse with offices on 2
acres of fenced land on Snyder Highway.
Excellent location for trucking operation.
\$600 a month plus deposit. 263 5000.

DOWNTOWN BUILDING to lease. 18x100
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SUITE B. Three large offices, computer
room. Coffee bar, refrigerator. Utilities
paid. Phone system. 263 2318.

Manufactured Housing 682

\$300 monthly, utilities paid, unfurnished 2
bedroom mobile home. Coahoma Schools.
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STATED MEETING. Big Spring
Lodge #1340, AF & A, 1st and 3rd
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Happy Ads 691

WISH YOUR favorite person a Happy
Birthday, Anniversary or Just Say
"Happy" by putting a HAPPY AD in the Big Spring
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formation call Amy or Darci, 263 7331.

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1 900 820 1177 \$2.50 per minute.
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GET CASH today on your income tax
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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT the Pro
fessional Services Directory for new and
established services in the Big Spring
area. It runs daily in the Classified section
of the Big Spring Herald.

ATTENTION

Be sure to check your ad the first
day it runs for any errors. The Big
Spring Herald will be responsible
for ONLY THE FIRST DAY the ad
runs incorrectly. We will correct
the error and run the ad ONE
ADDITIONAL DAY, but it is your
responsibility to check the ad, the
first day it runs, and notify us if it
runs incorrectly. 263-7331.

1991 RED F 150 with tool box and a lot of
chrome. Call 573 7315.
1988 RED DODGE 4x4 Dakota with 20,000
miles. Call 267 6664.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the
District Court of Howard County, Texas, on a
judgment rendered in said Court on August 5,
1991, in favor of COAHOMA INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF HOWARD,
HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
DISTRICT AND HOWARD COUNTY WATER
CONTROL DISTRICT NO. 1 and against, ET AL,
in the case of COAHOMA INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT v. A. N. HENRY, No. T-3625
in said Court, the undersigned did on the 19th day
of November, 1991, at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., levy
upon the following real estate lying and being
situated in Howard County, Texas, as the property
of said A. N. Henry:
Personal property consisting of a 14x68' Park
Avenue mobile home.
You are further notified that on the 7th day of
January, 1992, being the first Tuesday of said
month, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day,
at the courthouse door of said county, all the right,
title, and interest of said A. N. Henry in and to the
above-described property will be offered for sale
and sold at public auction, for cash.
Witness my hand this 19th day of November, 1991.
SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Robert Puente,
Deputy.
7558 December 2, 9 & 16, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO. 11,466
ESTATE OF CLAUDE MELVIN VAN VLEET,
DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
Notice is hereby given that Original Testa-
mentary upon the estate of Claude Melvin
Van Vleet, deceased, were issued to me, the
undersigned, on the 25 day of September, 1991,
in the proceeding indicated below by my signa-
ture hereto, which is still pending, and that I now
hold such Letters. All persons having claims
against said estate, which are being administered in
the county below named, are hereby required to
present the same to me, respectfully, at the address
below given, before said suit on same is barred by
the general statute of limitations, before such
estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by
law.
The address for Carl Dean Van Vleet is 9540
East Palm Tree Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85748.
DATED: P. this 12th day of September, 1991.
CARL DEAN VAN VLEET,
Independent Executor of the
Estate of Claude Melvin Van Vleet,
Deceased.
7583 December 16, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the
District Court of Howard County, Texas, on a
judgment rendered in said Court on July 12, 1989,
in favor of COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT, COUNTY OF HOWARD, HOWARD
COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT AND
HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 and against
ARVIN N. HENRY AND COLLEEN HENRY, ET AL,
in the case of COAHOMA INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT v. ARVIN N. HENRY, ET AL,
No. T-3625 in said Court, the undersigned did
on the 19th day of November, 1991, at 8:00 o'clock,
a.m., levy upon the following real estate lying and
being situated in Howard County, Texas, as the
property of said ARVIN N. HENRY:
A tract of land containing 5.00 acres, more or less,
out of the N/2 of Section 45, Block 31, T10N, R2E
RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.
You are further notified that on the 7th day of
January, 1992, being the first Tuesday of said
month, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day,
at the courthouse door of said county, all the right,
title, and interest of said Arvin N. Henry in and to
the above-described property will be offered for
sale and sold at public auction, for cash.
Witness my hand this 19th day of November, 1991.
SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Robert Puente,
Deputy.
7559 December 2, 9 & 16, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the
District Court of Howard County, Texas, on a
judgment rendered in said Court on July 24, 1991,
in favor of RENTERY OF HOWARD COUNTY,
COUNTY OF HOWARD, HOWARD COUNTY
JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING
AND BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT and against CUADRA MANUFACTURED
HOUSES, INC. A/K/A CUADRA
MANUFACTURED HOMES, INC. in the case of
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL v. CUADRA
MANUFACTURED HOMES, INC. ALSO
KNOWN AS CUADRA MANUFACTURED HOUS-
ING, INC. ET AL, No. T-3868 in said Court, the
undersigned did on the 19th day of November,
1991, at 8:00 o'clock, a.m., levy upon the following
real estate lying and being situated in Howard
County, Texas, as the property of said Cuadra
Manufactured Housing, Inc.:
Lot 13 and 14, Block 6, Original Town of Big Spr-
ing, Howard County, Texas. (100 Gregg)
S/2 of Lot 10, Block 19, Original Town of Big Spr-
ing, Howard County, Texas.
You are further notified that on the 7th day of
January, 1992, being the first Tuesday of said
month, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day,
at the courthouse door of said county, all the right,
title, and interest of said Cuadra Manufactured
Homes, Inc. in and to the above-described property
will be offered for sale and sold at public auction,
for cash.
Witness my hand this 19th day of November, 1991.
SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Robert Puente,
Deputy.
7557 December 2, 9 & 16, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO CONDUCT WEATHER
MODIFICATION OPERATIONS
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Date of the first of three weekly publications of
this Notice: December 9, 1991.
1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River
Municipal Water District has filed an application
with the Texas Water Commission for a State permit
to conduct weather modification operations to
change or attempt to change the natural develop-
ment of clouds for the purpose, object, period, and
by the method summarized hereinbelow:
2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District
has a valid Texas weather modification license.
The initial license was issued on December 18,
1974, and was renewed in 1975, 1976, 1979, 1979,
1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988,
1989, 1990, and 1991.
3. The purpose of the weather modification opera-
tion is to increase rainfall to affect water
resources. The period of the permit is March 1
through November 30 during the years 1992, 1993,
1994, and 1995.
4. The proposed weather modification operation is
to be conducted for and on behalf of the Colorado
River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big
Spring, Texas 79721-0869.
5. The proposed weather modification operation is
to be carried out in both "operational areas" and
a "target area" to cause the intended effects
to occur only in the target area. The operational
area is that area described as being the area be-
tween an outer boundary, which is defined by a line
that encompasses the block of counties of Lynn
Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Runnels, Coke, Ster-
ling, Glasscock, Martin and Dawson, and an inner
boundary which is that of the target area.
6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather
modification operation is the target area. The
target area is that area described as bounded by a
line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring,
Texas, and running along Highway 87 in a nor-
thwesterly direction to Laromene, thence, north-
northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of
Dawson County, thence, east along the northern
boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry
counties to Highway 84, thence, southeast along
Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County, thence,
south-southeast to Marylene, thence, east to the
Nolan Taylor County border, thence, south along
the eastern boundary line of Runnels County,
thence, south-southeast to the southern boundary
line of the southern Runnels County line, thence,
north along the western Runnels County line to a
point where the southern Coke County line meets
Runnels County, thence, west along the southern
Coke County line to a point 13 miles north of
Robert Lee in Coke County, thence, north to
Robert Lee, thence, west to Highway 87 at a point
approximately 13 miles northwest of Sterling Ci-
ty, thence, north along Highway 87 to the point
of origin at Big Spring, Texas;
7. The methods and materials to be used in con-
ducting this operation are summarized herein. A
licensed meteorologist will elect cumulonimbus
clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar
display, standard meteorological analyses,
forecast techniques, observations, and pilot
reports to direct an aircraft equipped to dispense
the seeding particles, silver iodide crystals, into
the updraft air at cloud base.
8. Persons interested in knowing more about the
technical aspects of the proposed operation
should contact the applicant or the Weather &
Climate Section of the Commission.
9. If at least 25 eligible persons make a written re-
quest for a hearing, the Commission shall hold a
public hearing on this application. Those eligible
to request a hearing are all persons at least 18
years of age who reside or own property within
the boundaries of the proposed weather modifica-
tion operational area. A request for hearing must
contain (1) the signature, full name, address, and
phone number of each person requesting a hear-
ing; (2) a statement that each person requesting a
hearing is at least 18 years of age and resides or
owns property within the proposed operational
area; and (3) a brief description of each re-
quester's interest and how that interest would be
adversely affected by the granting of this
application.
10. Requests for hearing must be received by the
Commission within 30 days after the publica-
tion of this notice. All requests for hearing should
be mailed to the Executive Director, Texas Water
Commission, P.O. Box 13067, Capitol Station,
Austin, Texas 78711-3067. Full and complete
information concerning the hearing on this application may
be obtained from Claire Aronson, Chief Hearings Ex-
aminer, Office of Hearings Examiners, at the
same address or by calling (512) 463-7875.
7578 December 9, 16 & 23, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT will accept sealed bids for an annual
contract for the purchase of Electrical Supplies,
Painting Supplies, and Plumbing Supplies. Sealed
bids must be received at 2:00 p.m., on January 7,
1992, at the Business Office of the Big Spring In-
dependent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring,
Texas 79720. Bids will then be opened and
read aloud. Bids received after the stated time
will not be considered and will be returned
unopened.
All bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly
marked in the lower left corner: "Sealed Bid. An-
nual Contract for Carpentry Supplies, Electrical
Supplies, Painting Supplies, and Plumbing Sup-
plies," along with the time and date of opening.
The Big Spring Independent School District
reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or
all bids, and to waive formalities.
Specifications and bid forms are available from
the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for
Business, Big Spring Independent School District,
708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.
Bids shall be presented to the Board of Trustees
during their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m.,
January 16, 1992, for their consideration.
The bid proposal forms are requesting bids for
supplies only. Please utilize the specifications and
quotation form provided to complete your bid.
Also, indicate the delivery date on which you an-
ticipate the equipment shall be delivered.
7579 December 9 & 16, 1991

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OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
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SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF HOWARD,
HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
DISTRICT AND HOWARD COUNTY WATER
CONTROL DISTRICT NO. 1 and against, ET AL,
in the case of COAHOMA INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT v. A. N. HENRY, No. T-3625
in said Court, the undersigned did on the 19th day
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Avenue mobile home.
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at the courthouse door of said county, all the right,
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above-described property will be offered for sale
and sold at public auction, for cash.
Witness my hand this 19th day of November, 1991.
SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Robert Puente,
Deputy.
7558 December 2, 9 & 16, 1991

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE
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N.Y. Jets 7 8 0 .467 291 273
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y-LA Raiders 9 5 0 .643 277 243
y-Kansas City 9 6 0 .600 295 231
Seattle 6 9 0 .400 253 252
San Diego 4 11 0 .267 260 325

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Tampa Bay 2 13 0 .133 182 362

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San Francisco 9 6 0 .600 341 225
LA Rams 3 12 0 .200 225 367

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Saturday's Games
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 0
San Francisco 28, Kansas City 14
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 17, Cincinnati 10
Dallas 25, Philadelphia 13
Atlanta 26, Seattle 13
Detroit 21, Green Bay 17
Houston 17, Cleveland 14
Minnesota 20, Los Angeles Rams 14
New England 6, New York Jets 3
Washington 34, New York Giants 17
San Diego 38, Miami 30
Denver 24, Phoenix 9
Buffalo 35, Indianapolis 7
Monday's Game
Los Angeles Raiders at New Orleans, 9
p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21
Houston at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4
p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 23
Chicago at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
End Regular Season

All-State

DALLAS (AP) — Here is the Class 1A
All-State high school football team as
voted by the Associated Press Sports
Editors:

FIRST TEAM
Offense
OL Brian Bartels, Valley Mills, 4-1, 230,
Sr.
OL Jason Phelps, Alvord, 4-3, 290, Sr.
OL Chris Reiman, Runge, 4-2, 233, Sr.
OL Eric Seidenberger, Garden City,
5-10, 235, Sr.
C Michael Sexton, Valley Mills, 6-0, 210,
Sr.
E Jim Bob Scott, Garden City, 6-3, 185,
Sr.
QB Eric Smith, Rotan, 5-9, 165, Jr.,
41-95 and 12 TDs.
RB Artabur Driver, Alvord, 6-2, 200,
1,620 yards and 24 TDs.
RB Claude Mathis, Bartlett, 5-10, 175,
Sr., 1,270 yards and 24 TDs.
RB Chris Smith, Paducah, 5-8, 175, Jr.,
230-176 and 21 TDs.
PK Tyrone Daniel, Rotan, 5-8, 155, Jr.,
2-2 FGs, 56 of 75 kickoffs into end zone.
Defensive
DL Lamonte Dickson, Memphis, 5-8, 205,
Sr.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the
District Court of Howard County, Texas, on a
judgment rendered in said Court on January 28,
1982, in favor of HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL,
against BIG SPRING ASSOCIATES AND MER-
CANTILE NATIONAL BANK, ET AL, in the case
of HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL v. BIG SPRING
ASSOCIATES AND MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK.
Lots 11 and 12, Block 19 Original Town of Big
Spring, Howard County, Texas.
You are further notified that on the 7th day of
January, 1992, being the first Tuesday of said
month, the undersigned did on the 13th day of December,
1991, at 11:00 o'clock, a.m., levy upon the following
real estate lying and being situated in Howard
County, Texas, as the property of said Big Spring
Associates and Mercantile National Bank:
Lots 11 and 12, Block 19 Original Town of Big
Spring, Howard County, Texas.
You are further notified that on the 7th day of
January, 1992, being the first Tuesday of said
month, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day,
at the courthouse door of said county, all the right,
title, and interest of said Big Spring Associates
and Mercantile National Bank in and to the above-
described property will be offered for sale and
sold at public auction, for cash.
Witness my hand this 13th day of DECEMBER,
1991.
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Robert Puente
7585 December 16, 23, & 30, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT will accept sealed bids for an annual
contract for the purchase of Electrical Supplies,
Painting Supplies, and Plumbing Supplies. Sealed
bids must be received at 2:00 p.m., on January 7,
1992, at the Business Office of the Big Spring In-
dependent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring,
Texas 79720. Bids will then be opened and
read aloud. Bids received after the stated time
will not be considered and will be returned
unopened.
All bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly
marked in the lower left corner: "Sealed Bid. An-
nual Contract for Carpentry Supplies, Electrical
Supplies, Painting Supplies, and Plumbing Sup-
plies," along with the time and date of opening.
The Big Spring Independent School District
reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or
all bids, and to waive formalities.
Specifications and bid forms are available from
the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for
Business, Big Spring Independent School District,
708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.
Bids shall be presented to the Board of Trustees
during their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m.,
January 16, 1992, for their consideration.
The bid proposal forms are requesting bids for
supplies only. Please utilize the specifications and
quotation form provided to complete your bid.
Also, indicate the delivery date on which you an-
ticipate the equipment shall be delivered.
7579 December 9 & 16, 1991

SportsExtra

NFL

Sr. 55 tackles, 12 sacks.
DL Phillip Hernandez, Santa Anna, 5-11,
171, Sr., 97 solo tackles, 106 assists, 12
sacks.
DL Brad Kuykendall, Menard, 6-3, 205,
Jr., 150 tackles, 2 sacks.
DL Edward Ruiz, Ben Bolt, 5-9, 190, Sr.,
73 solo tackles, 60 assists, 10 sacks.
LB Kevin Braden, Rankin, 6-2, 195, Sr.,
157 tackles.
LB Cosme Duran, Memphis, 5-8, 175, Sr.,
146 tackles, 8 sacks.
LB Raymond Singletary, Iola, 6-0, 175,
Sr., 186 tackles, 38 sacks.
DB Steve Allen, James Bowie, 6-0, 175,
Sr., 9 INTs.
DB (lie) Trey Carrillo, Rotan, 5-10, 150,
Sr., 54 tackles, 5 INTs.
DB (lie) Blake Eddleman, Paducah, 6-2,
170, Sr., 67 tackles, 6 INTs.
DB Adam Robinson, Alvord, 5-10, 150,
Jr., 10 INTs.
DB Jim Bob Scott, Garden City, 6-3, 185,
Sr., 92 tackles, 7 INTs.
P Tyrone Daniel, Rotan, 5-8, 155, Jr.,
19-4.6 average.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Raymond Singletary, Iola.

SECOND TEAM

Offense
OL Dan Alaniz, Flatonia, 6-0, 255, Jr.
OL Cory Kendall, Motley County, 6-2,
245, Sr.
OL Mike Rice, Iola, 6-2, 265, Sr.
OL Joe Des Sharp, Tolar, 6-7, 305, Sr.
OL Joe Don Helm, Roby, 5-10, 240, Sr.
E Jason Baker, Claude, 5-7, 165, Sr.,
46-81 and 10 TDs.
E Coylin Grimes, WR, Calvert, 6-0, 155,
Sr., 45-74 and 9 TDs.
QB Beau Brown, Claude, 6-1, 180, Sr.,
138-263, 2,047 and 21 TDs.
RB Jody Brown, Cross Plains, 6-1, 190,
Sr., 221-443 and 20 TDs.
RB David Daniel, Rotan, 5-6, 150, Sr.,
136-1,211 and 20 TDs.
RB Jason Dittmore, Gorman, 5-9, 182,
Sr., 183-1,407 and 14 TDs.
PK Kenneth Hargrove, Blue Ridge, 6-1,
170, Jr., 6 FGs, 31-32 PATs.

Defense
DL Jesse Garcia, Rotan, 6-0, 215, Sr., 57
tackles.
DL Scott Holder, Thorndale, 5-10, 205,
Sr., 157 tackles.
DL Cory Kendall, Motley County, 6-2,
245, Sr., 140 tackles.
DL Lee Sanchez, Menard, 6-2, 200, Sr., 92
tackles, 8 sacks.
LB Mike Campbell, Iola, 6-0, 185 Sr.,
142 tackles.
LB James Jones, Chilton, 102 solo
tackles, 138 assists, 4 INTs, 5 sacks.
LB Mark Southern, Valley Mills, 6-2, 200,
196 tackles, 2 INTs.
DB Jody Brown, Cross Plains, 6-1, 190,
Sr., 90 tackles, 3 sacks.
DB Adrian Farris, Nazareth, 5-10, 140,
Jr., 20 tackles, 8 INTs.
DB Donnie Sadler, Valley Mills, 5-9, 155,
Soph., 107 tackles.
DB Sonny Taylor, Evadale, 6-4, 185, Sr.,
148 tackles, 4 INTs.
P Blake Eddleman, Paducah, 6-2, 170,
Sr., 36-yard average.

HONORABLE MENTION

Offense
Linemen
Clay Carr, Sudan; Jason Dean, Santa
Anna; Ramon Garcia, Rankin; Aaron
Hancock, Alvord; Joe Don Helm, Roby;
Tony Lano, Eden; Jerod Markley,
Valley Mills; Job Moscot, Ben Bolt; Larry
Ramon, Menard.

Centers
Nelson Clausen, Mildred; Greg Crab-
tree, Flatonia; Kendall Rieger, Thor-
ndale; Floyd Salinas, Runge.

Ends
Johnny Berry, Chilton; Dale Caffey,
Eden; Richard Espinosa, Eden; Mark
Marsh, Tolar; Paul Ryan, Paducah; Brandon
Schilling, Nazareth; Craigie
Slaughter, Valley Mills; Jason Smith,
Plains; Sonny Taylor, Evadale; Colby
Walker, Cross Plains.

Quarterbacks
Manuel Arispe, Valley Mills; Lance
Betak, Thorndale; Jeff Bradenberger,
Eden; Clay Chisum, Sudan; Clifton Isaac,
Iola; Kirk Kennedy, Chris Lopez,
Chilton; Naham Mascot, Ben Bolt;
William McGallion, Evadale; Michael
Odum, Burekville; Chris Ramirez,
Calvert; Alvin Richards, Italy; Derrick
Richardson, Grandfalls; Jay Runnels,
Memphis; Michael Schmucker, Nazareth;
Shae Scott, Garden City.

Running backs
Dane Amos, Menard; Frank Bookman,
Iola; Charles Grant, Flatonia; Renee Her-
nandez, O'Donnell; David Marquez,
Petersonburg; Mack Marshall, Wheeler; An-
drew Martinez, Center Point; Stephen
Sadler, Valley Mills; James Soles, Garden
City; Michael Walker, Italy; Tim
Williams, Sudan.

Kickers
Jacob Almos, Flatonia; Lance Betak,
Thorndale; Jody Bradford, Garden City;
Mark Marsh, Tolar.

Defense
Linemen
Ike Finsterwald, Wheeler; Aaron Han-
cock, Alvord; Joe Don Helm, Roby;
Wayland Hickman, Calvert; Jason Hope,
Sanderson; Russell Hucker, Nazareth;
Dusty Noletbody, Sterling City; Fabian
Nunez, Grandfalls; Paul Ryan, Paducah;
Michael Sexton, Valley Mills; James
Sharp, Tolar; Colby Walker, Cross Plains.

Linebackers
Mac Annen, Nazareth; Bradley Beran,
Thorndale; Clay Ezring, Motley County;
Brandon Gaye, Rising Star; Hector
Guevara, Bovina; Jay Isbell, Paducah;
Chris Jurden, Calvert; Mark Marsh,
Tolar; Steven Owens, Valley Mills; Isidro
Salas, Wheeler; Eric Seidenberger,
Garden City; Chris Smith, Paducah;
Stephen Spradlin, Italy; Jimmy Stockett,
Happy; Herman Zavalla, Rotan.

Defensive Backs
Scott Carter, Meridian; Lamonte
Dickson; Wernham; Marcus Phillips,
Fannindel; Michael Walker, Italy.

Punters
Corey Kirkpatrick, Bovina.

Special Teams
Hou—Givins 7 pass from Moon (Del
Grecu kick), 2:29.
Cle—Brenan 8 pass from Kosar (Stover
kick), 8:08.
Hou—FG Del Grecu 27, 32:34.
Fourth Quarter
Hou—Jeffries 2 pass from Moon (Del
Grecu kick), 12:41.
A—55-680.

MINNESOTA AT PORTLAND, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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6	PM Wheel	Who's Boss? Mama's	C. Sandiego? Survival Wild	Waltross	News Married	News Wheel	News Curr. Affair	Addams Sanford	Muchachitas	House Go Party!	Be a Star	Movie: Pink Panther	China Beach	Danger Looney	-	MacGyver	Adv. Tintin Buy Me That!	David Letter- man	Wid. Monitor Musk Ox	-	Golf	SportsCenter NFL Magazine	
7	PM MacGyver	Movie: Cocoon: The	Staling Spectacular	Prince Val. Major Dad	Even's Shade Major Dad	Texans	Fresh Prince Blossom	Movie: Gross	La Marquesa de Santos	Avonlea	S. Warner Gatlin Bros.	-	L.A. Law	Best of SNL	Movie: Long Walk Home	Murder, She Wrote	Paul Simon: Born at the	David L. Wolfper	Tree of Thorns	Movie Back Street	NCAA Preview Women's	NFL Match-Up Schaap Talk	Sports
8	PM ABC Monday Night	Return	Great Per- formances	Father Dowling	Murphy Design	ABC Monday Night	Movie: In the Nick of	Al Filo de la Muerte	Movie: Mr. Deeds Goes	New	Movie: Adventures	Movie: Winnie	D. Van Dyke Get Smart	Movie: (-14) Bugsy	Time West	Sherlock Holmes	In Celebration of Trees	-	-	College Basketball	Olympiad	Sports	
9	PM Football Raiders at	Hunter	700 Club	Northern Exposure	Football Raiders at	Time	(15) Movie: Girl Happy	Porfida De	In Town	Crook, Chase	Movie: Baby- sitting	Dragnet Hitchcock	Movie: Colors	ling	Movie: Shrimp on	Lovely	World Away	(15) Movie: Seduction	-	English	America's Cup '92	Sports	
10	PM Sants (L)	Arsenal Hall Movie	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Bordertown Movie	News M*A*S*H	News (-35) Tonight	News (-35) Letter-	(15) National Geographic	News (-35) Letter-	Movie: Aweigh	Nashville Now	Dangerous Movie: Me and Him	Movie: Hire	Spenser: For Mr. Ed	Green Acres Mr. Ed	MacGyver	Movie: Kids in Hall	Evening at Safari	-	Soccer	Baseball Mag SportsCenter		
11	PM News Cheers	Love Connect Matlock	Special Presentation	Seminole	Sweating Bullets	News (-35) Ent.	(15) Nightlin. man	Explorer	World Vision	Movie: Crook, Chase	Movie: and Him	Movie: Self- Improve-	Movie: Donna Reed	Movie: Tarzan, the Ape Man	Movie: Hollywood Dog House	Movie: Ford Fair-	Movie: Sherlock Holmes	Movie: Wid. Monitor Profile/Nat.	Movie: Movie Middle	Movie: Movie Middle	Movie: Movie Middle	Movie: Movie Middle	
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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, I read in your column about people having a problem with dry mouth.

I failed to keep the article in which you kindly offered information about my problem. Please print it again, and this time, I will make a note of the solution. I've read of other remedies, but I believe your information was the best. — SPITTING COTTON

DEAR SPITTING COTTON: The column to which you referred was printed in October 1987, but here it is again.

DEAR ABBY: A while back you recommended a "saliva substitute" for people who suffer from dry mouth. Having suffered from that condition for two years, I

Dear Abby



can be purchased? — NEEDS IT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR NEEDS: I had no idea that the problem of "dry mouth" was so widespread until I mentioned it in my column and was promptly deluged with letters from readers seeking relief from that condition.

There are at least four brands of saliva substitutes on the market today. Ask your pharmacist to check the Annual Pharmacists' Reference Red Book, Facts and Comparisons, or Physicians' Desk Reference for Non-Prescription Drugs under "Saliva Substitutes."

Readers, for your information, "xerostomia" (dry mouth) can be caused by disease, medication,

radiation therapy or the normal aging process. This condition can cause acute discomfort, tooth decay, inability to eat, swallow or talk, as well as difficulty in wearing dentures.

If your pharmacist has never heard of it and doesn't know where to get saliva substitutes, find another pharmacist.

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FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Flawless execution of a special project will bring substantial financial gains and a tempting job offer in early 1992. A happy romance strengthens your resolve to move forward quickly. Learning high-tech skills will boost your career next spring. Overseas travel in the summer helps you discover exactly what you want from life. Keep your business plans under wraps while mapping out your strategy early next fall. A new maturity marks your behavior by this time next year.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: conductor Arthur Fiedler, comedian Eugene Levy, journalist William Safire, English actor Tommy Steele.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may prefer to work alone today. New and perhaps private plans can be advanced successfully. Your energy mounts as the day progresses; plan a busy evening wrapping or shopping for holiday gifts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You make new profits, thanks to inside information or a secret project linked to a partnership. A true meeting of the minds makes this a special day. Focus on shared goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Creative ideas receive a warm reception today. Put the finishing touches on an important proposal. Happily, plans for a pet project get off the drawing board. Set aside time for daily exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Opportunity knocks. Trying something new could put you in the chips! Step into full stride. Use your imagination to pay off your debts. Romance is delightful. Stick close to home tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your feelings or

obligations could fence you in now. Unforeseen developments at work demand your full attention. Work closely with your allies and the path will be smoother.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay on proven ground; doing so could provide you with an umbrella of protection. Although a relationship is strained, working through your problems could lead to new happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tunnel vision could mislead you in a money matter. Seek advice from experts. A secret rendezvous could take place tonight. Guard your reputation by seeking a distant meeting place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Moving center stage could involve you in a joint production. A career or financial script is well-written. VIPs could provide monetary backing. Get everything in writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Whether you wish to raise money or tuck it away, make the most of this fortunate day! You sense where future profits lie. Seek investment capital from a private source.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Alliances are particularly vulnerable now. A sensitive issue is likely to be the culprit, with money causing the most arguments. Use coupons to help cut grocery bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Others will appreciate your contagious wit today. A sudden brainstorm puts you in favor with influential people. You probably work best on your own. Seek solitude when tackling a complex project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Financial concerns may be the hidden obstacle to happy romance. A heart-to-heart talk with the object of your affection will improve things greatly. Resolve to perform more services for yourself.

Jeane Dixon

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I HOPE THAT LITTLE BLOND KID WITH FRECKLES COMES BACK THIS YEAR. I CAN USE THE OVERTIME."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You can start writin' your Christmas cards, Mommy. I licked all the envelopes for you."

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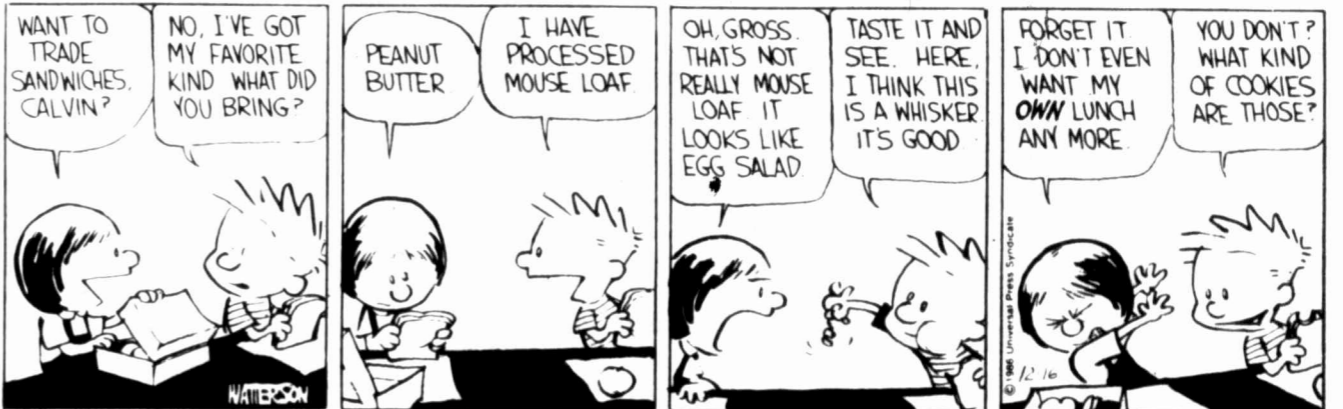
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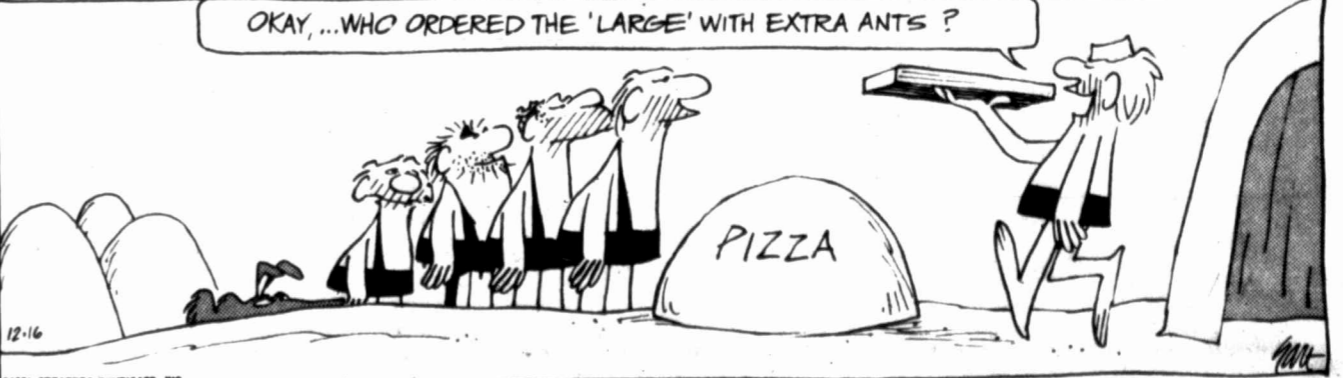
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