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Weather

TONIGHT CLEAR

TOMORROW CLEAR

SUNSET 5:53 PM

SUNRISE 7:47 AM

Today, mostly cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. High in the lower 60s. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 60s. New Year's Day outlook, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s and lows 35-40.

On the side

Duke files for primary

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and columnist Patrick Buchanan have filed to challenge President Bush in next year's Texas Republican primary, a newspaper reported.

Mark Ellis, Duke's spokesman, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that a \$5,000 check for the filing fee and the necessary papers were sent Friday afternoon to the state's Republican office.

"You can look for him in February," Ellis said of Duke's campaign plans.

Bush and Buchanan also filed Friday.

Man surrenders after spending spree

CLUTE (AP) — A man accused of disappearing from his job as security courier with \$119,000 surrendered to police after living extravagantly for a week in Las Vegas.

Edward Paul Marowski, 37, showed up at police headquarters in Las Vegas Thursday afternoon with a bank bag filled with money and jewelry, police investigator Don Tremel said.

Marowski, who worked for Coastal Security Inc. in Freeport, is accused of picking up money bags from two area banks on Dec. 19 and disappearing. He traveled first class to a couple of cities before arriving in Las Vegas a week ago.

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The Chicago Tribune reported Saturday that former New York Giants coach Bill Parcell has agreed to coach the Tampa Bay Buccaneers next season. More details on page 4-B.

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Meeting on prison set for January

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Citizens will have a chance to comment and ask questions about a proposed prison during a public meeting scheduled for early January.

The prison is being proposed for a site just southeast and adjacent to McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Local officials will also present information and answer questions on the expected economic impact of locating a prison or substance abuse facility here, said Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, who is instrumental in putting together the bid proposal to be submitted to state officials.

"The Texas Department of

Criminal Justice) likes to know that the community is behind the effort," Crooker said of the public informational meeting.

The place of the meeting will be announced later this week, Crooker said. After hearing public comments, the final proposal will be written next week, possibly by Jan. 6.

The proposal for a 2,250-bed unit, which would create 800 jobs, or a 1,000-bed unit, which would create 300 jobs, is the third attempt since 1989 to locate a prison here. Howard County was among finalists in the last two attempts to bring a prison here. The average employee payroll is estimated at \$21,000 annually.

"I think it would be a tremendous economic opportunity to bring in 300 jobs with a payroll of this magnitude (\$6.3 million annually)," Crooker said. "It would help our small businesses and maybe stabilize our real estate market."

Up for grabs next year are three large maximum-medium security

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1991: The year in review

Nelson penalty 3rd in Howard County history

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A death penalty handed to a Howard County man on Dec. 13 headlined the year's events in area courts — events that included five homicide convictions.

Billy Ray Nelson, 23, became the third man in the history of Howard County to be given the death penalty by a district court jury. The last two, in 1948 and 1934, were electrocuted within 15 months after being convicted.

Nelson was convicted of capital murder in connection with the Feb. 23 sexual assault and stabbing death of Charla Wheat, 18. Wheat was stabbed 13 times, including seven to the neck.

Nelson was sentenced to die by lethal injection but may have seven years of appeals and postponements ahead, according to state records of other death-row inmates.

Wheat's roommate, Carol Maynard, also was sexually assaulted and stabbed once in the back of the neck in the attack but survived after pretending to be passed out. Maynard's tearful court testimony of the ordeal lasted 2½ hours. Her story matched several details in three police confessions signed by Nelson.

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In highlights of other actions in area courts:

• The November 1989 involuntary manslaughter conviction of former Big Spring police officer Dennis Dunn, 41, who fatally shot his wife Carlye Dunn, 25, in 1988, was reversed Jan. 18 by the 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the reversal because "extraneous" evidence was allowed. Dunn is free and no new trial has been scheduled.

• Octavino Ramirez, 31, was convicted Jan. 24 in 118th District Court of criminally negligent homicide for the 1988 shooting death of George Talavera, 26. Brothers Manuel, Daniel and Robert DeLeon were acquitted of the shooting, which occurred during a brawl between the DeLeon and Talavera families. Ramirez

NELSON page 7-A



Billy Ray Nelson, left, is escorted into 118th District Court by a Howard County Sheriff's Deputy earlier this year. Nelson, convicted of capital murder, became only the third person in county history to receive the death penalty.

A year of turbulence at Big Spring city hall

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

This was a year of turbulence for city government and various departments in Big Spring.

Some confrontations stemmed from budget battles, which resulted from diminished revenues for the city. Budget workshops continued throughout the summer, resulting in some widely unpopular cuts.

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1 * The city

Three new council members were elected in March. Ladd Smith, Mark Sheedy and John Coff

fee were immediately called on to tackle the budget problems along with Mayor Max Green, Pat DeAnda, Tim Blackshear and Corky Harris.

The Big Spring Police Department and Police Chief Joe Cook were often centered in the controversy in 1991.

In an effort to cut a \$300,000 plus shortfall in the budget, Green, Smith, Coffee and Sheedy won out

over the votes of Blackshear, DeAnda and Harris to slice \$222,000 from the police department budget. This called specifically for the loss of seven police officer positions, four jailers and other restructuring in the department's personnel.

Numerous citizens spoke against the cuts at council meetings, but were unable to effect the outcome.

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Oil and gas leak closes stretch of Highway 350

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

More than 40 men with safety crews were at the scene of an oil and gas leak 15 miles out on Texas Highway 350 shortly before noon Saturday morning.

A six mile stretch of Texas Highway 350 was closed for safety precautions for more than five hours, said Sgt. Barney Edens, Howard County Sheriff Department.

A Bernstein Oilfield Service Inc. truck ran into a high pressure oil well owned by Matador Oil Co., releasing hydrogen sulfide, crude oil and natural gas, said Capt. Tom Woolverton, public information officer for the Howard County fire department.

The incident brought out four Howard County fire trucks with 18 men, one Big Spring fire truck with two firefighters, Texas Department of Highway and oilfield personnel and a Texas Railroad Commission field representative.

The leak was controlled after



Saturday morning, a high-pressure oil well was struck by the truck in the foreground, spewing out hydrogen sulfide, crude oil and natural gas and forcing the closure of Highway 350 between Big Spring and Snyder.

four hours.

"All our men went in with protective clothing and knocked the oil and gas back into the well, making

it safe," Woolverton said. "We used 300 barrels of salt brine to shut down the well."

"At this point the chance of an

explosion is unlikely, but the possibility of a fire breaking out is still there because of the oil on the ground."



Big Spring State Hospital staff worker Yolanda Renteria helps patient Marion Hall get a crayon as part of art therapy. For more on the state hospital, see section E of today's Herald.

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Call Amy or Darci about the **BIG 3 RATE** today, at the Big Spring Herald, 263-7331.

Asian hunger striker released

SAN BENITO (AP) — Hospital officials have released an Asian man who was being fed intravenously, ending the second hunger strike by 59 people protesting their detention by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The detainee was released from the Dolly Vinsant Hospital back into the custody of the INS on Friday afternoon, said nursing supervisor Carol Shockley. Earlier, six other hunger strikers were fed intravenously and released from the hospital. Leon Huirre at the INS Bayview Detention Center said all the detainees were back at the center eating regular food Saturday.

Police say boys admit to beating

ANGLETON (AP) — Police said two boys ages 12 and 15 have admitted to beating, biting and burning a 2-year-old boy for hours. The youths, whose names were not released, were placed in juvenile custody Friday on charges of injury to a child. Christopher Flores was reported in satisfactory condition at a hospital with a broken arm and burns and bruises all over his body. Police said the boys told them they began beating Christopher after he struck one of them with a broken table leg and the other with a toy train Thursday. Christopher was beaten with fists, a table leg and belt and was burned on the back and buttocks with a curling iron, investigator Wayne Rickman said. Sonia Flores, 18, the toddler's mother, had left Christopher at a friend's home Wednesday night so she could go out, Rickman said. The friend left the child in the care of her 12-year-old son and the other boy when she went to work Thursday.

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Cafeteria massacre is state's top story

DALLAS (AP) — Survivors of George Hennard's bloody rampage through a crowded cafeteria said the few minutes seemed like hours. For the families of 23 victims killed in the nation's deadliest mass shooting, the pain will last forever. The Oct. 16 massacre at the Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, which shocked the nation and traumatized Texans, was voted the state's top 1991 news story in a poll of editors at Texas newspapers and broadcast stations.

The massacre received more votes than the Gulf War's effect on Texas, the state's battle with school finance reform and Ann Richards' successful fight to legalize a state lottery. Police never did find out why Hennard, 35, drove his dark blue pickup through the front of the Killeen Luby's, where 100 or more patrons were eating lunch. Several were attending "Boss's Day" celebrations.

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Some witnesses said Hennard shouted "This is what Bell County has done to me!" when he emerged from the truck. The next thing he did was shoot a man whose table he had bowled over.

He then began walking around the restaurant in circles, unloading the two 9mm semiautomatic pistols, a Glock 17 and a Ruger P89. "It was boom! boom! boom! The shots weren't real fast. He seemed very calm," said Luby's employee Angela Wilson.

"He looked right at me and pointed the pistol," said Sam Wink. "I thought I bought the farm but a

lady close to me got up to run. He turned and fired at her."

Before Hennard used his last bullet to kill himself, the gunman had spent six magazines that, if full, contained 96 rounds. He had killed 22 people. More than 20 more people were injured, including one who died the next day.

Some of the injured were taken to nearby Fort Hood, where military doctors compared the carnage to the Persian Gulf War.

The war's effect on Texas was voted the second biggest story of 1991. Thousands of Texans went to the Persian Gulf to help oust Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

The war began during the evening news on Jan. 16 as waves of U.S. attack planes bombed Baghdad. The United States and its allies launched a massive ground assault against Iraqi troops on Feb. 23. Four days later, President Bush declared victory. The following weeks and months

were filled with joy for many Texans who welcomed their family members home from the Gulf. For 17 Texas families, there were burials with military honors instead of homecomings.

The casualties of war also included the economies of cities, such as Killeen, El Paso and San Angelo, that rely heavily on their military bases for a living.

The continuing battle to restructure the way schools are funded in Texas finished third in the voting, followed by the passage of a state lottery, state budget woes and the uneasy economy.

The so-called "Robin Hood" school finance plan, which involved shifting tax dollars from wealthy school districts to poor ones, was enacted 23 years after the poor Edgewood Independent School District brought a lawsuit.

Shortly after the plan was implemented last September, hundreds of school districts faced

sharp reductions in state aid, while poor districts reported modest gains.

Now there is speculation in Austin that the Texas Supreme Court may rule the system unconstitutional. Richards says she's tired of the fight and suggests that the court write the next funding plan.

"Let 'em go ahead and do their own plans," she said. "I really think that the sentiment of the public has had it to here with every single thing we do being litigious."

Texans took a chance in November, voting nearly 2-to-1 in favor of a state lottery that is expected to generate \$1 million a day for the state Treasury.

Comptroller John Sharp, whose office will run the lottery, says instant scratch-card games should be available this summer. The big-money, computerized "Lotto" games should start by January 1993.

Agency begins flood relief programs

AUSTIN (AP) — Flood victims in five Texas counties declared disaster areas can receive financial aid within a week by contacting the federal disaster relief agency's toll-free hotline, officials said Saturday.

Brad Harris, the coordinating officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, detailed during a morning news conference the agency's plans for providing individuals with temporary housing, individual and family grants, and small business administration disaster loans.

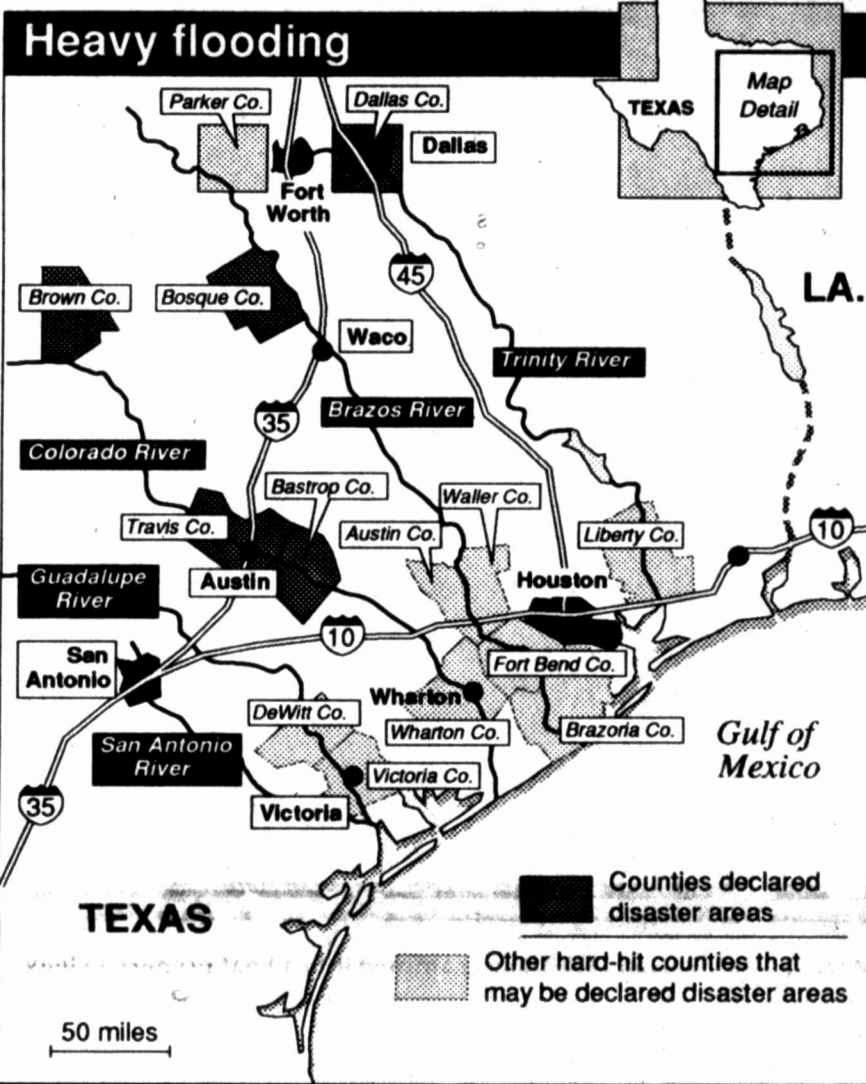
Last week, Travis, Bastrop, Bosque, Brown and Dallas counties were declared disaster areas in the wake of heavy rainfall, which prompted widespread flooding.

"There is a potential that someone calling today (Saturday) could have an inspector out there Monday morning," Harris said. "Assuming the damage is verified and they are determined eligible for, say, temporary housing, we hope to have a check out to them five days after that inspection."

Inspectors will be in Austin, where the agency plans to establish a temporary office by noon Sunday. Officials will begin surveying damage Monday, Harris said.

The agency may do as many as 200 inspections per day, a FEMA deputy said.

The investigators determine whether the victims require temporary housing and, if so, for how long. They will receive a check to pay for other living arrangements for the period of time determined by the investigators, Harris said. Additional money would be provided, if necessary.



The agency then estimates the total amount of damage to victims' homes. Depending on the family's income level based on its size, the victims are referred to either the state or the small business

administration. Those below a certain level are eligible for as much as \$11,500 in individual family grants. Other victims can receive low interest loans from the SBA.

Police confounded by mute burglary suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — For nearly a month, authorities have been trying to communicate with a burglary suspect who cannot talk, write, communicate through sign language or even draw pictures.

After failing in repeated attempts to find out anything about the man, frustrated authorities decided it would be best to dismiss the charge against him and release him from jail.

The 5-foot-4, 110-pound man was wearing only a pair of jeans when arrested Dec. 2 after allegedly breaking a window at a dairy and climbing inside, probably to get warm.

"The people from the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Association threw up their hands. They don't know what to do."

Prosecutor Joe Ownby

He possibly is either Hispanic or Asian and may be in his late teens or early 20s, but Harris County authorities have been unable to confirm any information about the man. Efforts by jail psychiatrists and two Houston agencies to communicate with him also have failed.

A check of fingerprint files indicates he has no criminal record and is not wanted anywhere by the law.

Defense lawyer Stanley Swenson was assigned to the case because he knows sign language. His efforts to reach the man were unsuccessful.

"The people from the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Association threw up their hands,"

prosecutor Joe Ownby said. "They don't know what to do."

Friday, after a month of trying to find out who the man is by talking to him and writing him notes, Ownby gave up and asked the court to dismiss charges against the man.

Ownby admitted he stalled the dismissal for a few days simply to be sure the man was indoors and eating on Christmas Day, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

Swenson was downcast at the idea of his just-exonerated client being freed from a month-long stay in jail only to be released in wet, 40-degree weather without proper clothes.

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Researcher decries lack of spending

DALLAS (AP) — A researcher says he was "astounded by the wealth" of the American Cancer Society's Texas chapter, which he contends spent more on salaries and real estate than on patient services in 1989 and 1990.

He also says the group spent less on research than it reported to the public in 1989.

James Bennett, who conducted a study for the Washington, D.C.-based Capital Research Center, said the chapter's 1989 annual report states it spent 43 cents of every dollar raised on research. Bennett said the chapter only spent 23 cents of each dollar.

The non-profit cancer society in Texas spent \$3.45 on salaries and overhead for every \$1 spent on direct services to cancer patients in 1989, also spending less for direct services than it reported, Bennett said.

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We would like to give many thanks and prayers to Nellie Kirby and to everybody else from the bottom of our hearts for all the support and their prayers while our stay in Houston for visits at MD Anderson Hospital.

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Nation/World

Turner Time's man of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Media mogul Ted Turner was named Time magazine's Man of the Year on Saturday by editors who cited the impact of his Cable News Network's live television coverage of events around the globe.

Turner, 53, was hailed as a "visionary" whose network changed the definition of news "from something that has happened to something that is happening at the very moment you are hearing of it," the magazine said.

"For influencing the dynamic of events and turning viewers in 150

countries into instant witnesses of history, Robert Edward Turner III is Time's Man of the Year for 1991," the magazine concluded.

Turner, whose Turner Broadcasting System Inc. also operates Turner Network Television and the cable superstation WTBS, said he was "extremely honored" by the award, but credited his employees for his company's success.

"These dedicated individuals share a common goal of informing, entertaining and inspiring audiences around the world with quality programming," he said.

Man opens fire in abortion clinic

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A man who stormed into an abortion clinic demanding to see the doctor on duty opened fire with a sawed-off shotgun on Saturday, wounding two people.

The gunman, who wore a ski mask when he entered Central Health Center for Women, escaped after the attack. The clinic has been the site of anti-abortion protests, but authorities said the motive for the shooting was

uncertain.

One victim was listed in critical condition at St. John's Regional Health Center. Another was in serious condition, said Mike Peters, a hospital spokesman. Authorities declined to identify the victims.

The gunman, described as being in his 50s or 60s, opened fire after an employee and the building landlord tried to escort him outside, police said in a statement.

Bush tries to promote tourism on TV

WASHINGTON (AP) — Offering an invitation from the top, President Bush will use spots on British television next week to lure more travelers to the beaches, mountains, historic sites and jazz joints of the United States.

The \$1.6 million public service advertising campaign, which will debut on British TV on Jan. 14, is paid for by a U.S. travel industry group, according to the White House. It shows the president

strolling through the greenery of a California golf course, pitching the merits of the United States as a tourist destination.

Bush will tell Britons that the United States is "a land of contrasts from rolling green fields to sandy white beaches to red-hot Dixieland jazz. 'You'll find Great Lakes and a Grand Canyon."

"Today there are more reasons than ever to visit America, and there's never been a better time than now," Bush says.

Cheney warns of weapon production

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Saturday that the former republics of the Soviet Union are still producing and deploying nuclear weapons despite their commitment to reduce those arsenals.

"That's unacceptable behavior in the long term," he said.

Cheney also said the republics have not accepted a U.S. offer to help dismantle some of their 27,000 nuclear missiles.

"We have not received specific requests at this point," he said on CNN's Newsmaker Saturday program.

A team of American experts, led by Undersecretary of State

Reginald Bartholomew, will leave next week for the four republics where the former superpower's nuclear arsenal is deployed. Discussions will focus on how to dispose of some of the weapons in compliance with negotiated treaties and how to ensure they are under safe, central control.

"One of the things I'm concerned about is that we still see, even at this late date, even with their economy in a state of utter collapse ... efforts inside the former Soviet Union to produce more nuclear weapons, to deploy new ballistic missiles targeted against the United States," Cheney said.

Yeltsin issues privatization order

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin pushed ahead with reform Saturday by ordering state land privatized, but his seizure of prime military hardware drew a warning from Ukraine, a powerful partner in the new commonwealth.

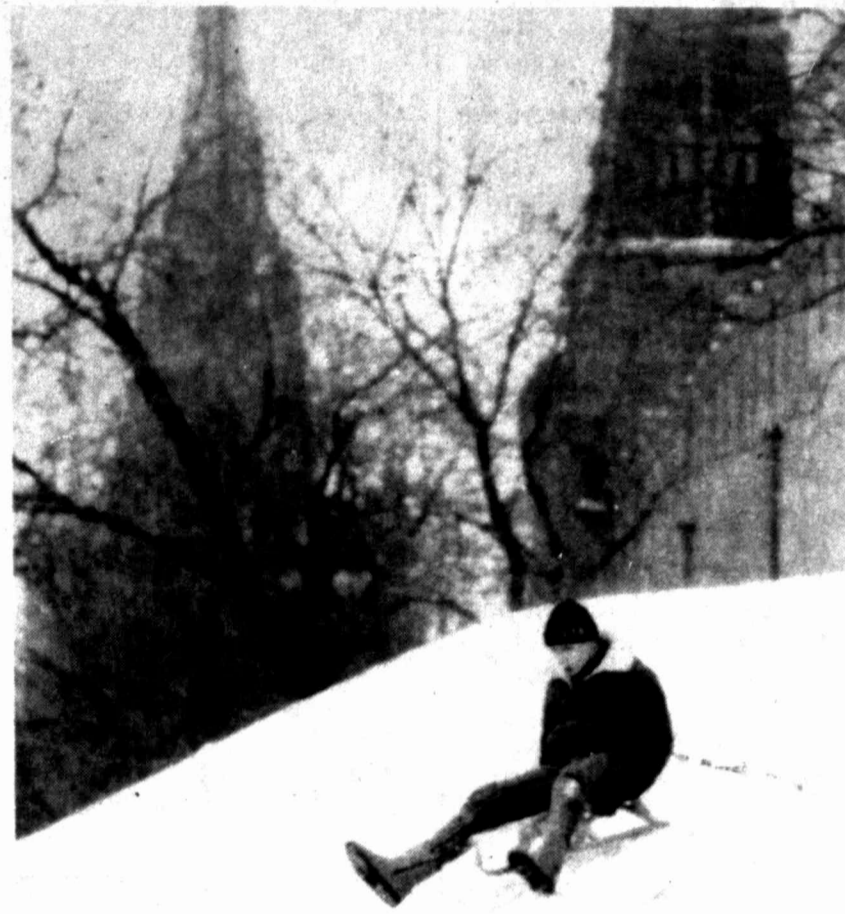
Fighting abated in Georgia and escalated in Azerbaijan's enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, from which Russia has withdrawn its troops.

Meanwhile, details emerged on documents signed by defense ministers of the new commonwealth in advance of a major meeting Monday on military affairs. Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan seek to form their own armies, a major obstacle to a united military.

Differences on economic, defense and foreign policy troubled the Commonwealth of Independent States a week after its proclamation and four days after Mikhail S. Gorbachev resigned as Soviet president.

Yeltsin, the Russian president whose government is the central pillar of the commonwealth, already has moved into Gorbachev's Kremlin offices. On Saturday he mended fences with Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, who had openly opposed Yeltsin's economic reform plan.

The Interfax news agency, quoting unidentified sources close to Rutskoi, said his differences



A boy slides down a hill next to the Kremlin wall in Moscow Saturday.

were not available to comment. On Friday, Yeltsin reduced Rutskoi's powers, taking away his committee chairmanships.

The decree introducing private land ownership allows for the transfer of collective and state farms to private hands before the critical spring planting.

State and collective and state farms will receive land without charge based on the number of their members, but they will be required to reorganize as holding companies or cooperatives, the decree said, according to the Russian Information Agency.

The rest of the land will be placed in a land fund and sold on a competitive basis to anyone, but there will be a limit on how much can be purchased, the agency said.

The decree followed an order on privatizing state enterprises and shops. Another key element of Yeltsin's economic reforms is the Jan. 2 freeing of most prices, which worries many Russians and other republics.

Adding to the fear of higher prices is a money shortage at the Central Bank of Russia, which is responsible for paying public salaries.

The bank, successor to the former Soviet State Bank, has enough money to last only two more days, Interfax reported Saturday.

with Yeltsin had been resolved and he also would move to the Kremlin.

Interfax didn't say how Rutskoi and Yeltsin resolved their differences and their spokesmen



More than a thousand Haitians crammed into a boat prepare to leave Port-au-Prince for the city of Jeremie Saturday. Each passenger paid \$8 for the day-long trip.

Military sends gifts to Haitian refugees

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (AP) — The U.S. military on Saturday delivered three plane-loads of Christmas gifts for Haitian refugees to the U.S. naval base here. But the would-be emigrants said the best present would be a ticket to Miami.

"That's very nice, I've worn the same clothes for months since I've been here," said Innocent Matelier, 33, when told of the clothing, food and toys that will be distributed in two or three days.

But he added: "The best thing they can give me is freedom."

More than a dozen men surrounding him as he spoke to a reporter

laughed and shouted, "To Miami! A ticket to Miami!"

The men are among 8,000 Haitians who were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard as they tried to reach the United States by sea following a Sept. 30 military coup in their homeland.

About 530 were forcibly returned before a court battle erupted over whether they should be returned to Haiti. The U.S. government argues the refugees want to emigrate for economic reasons and do not qualify for political asylum, although it has brought 1,000 refugees to Miami to consider their cases.

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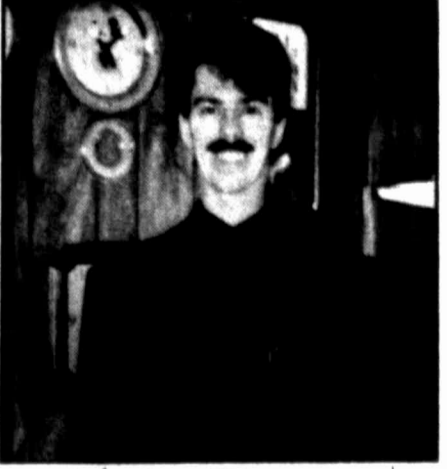
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Helping Moore pull in industry

Thursday's announcement that Moore Development has secured a textile mill for Big Spring could be just the first of a few well-needed economic shots in the arm for our community.

Pending loan approval from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, Wright Textiles will initially employ 65 persons with a maximum employment level of about 200 to be reached in five years.

A modest calculation shows a payroll in the neighborhood of \$1 million initially and eventually more than \$3 million.

And the 65 jobs could help offset some of the losses we've experienced recently.

Moore's efforts haven't just been tied to the textile industry either, as the group is actively preparing a bid to be submitted to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for one of the new prisons approved by voters last month.

That bid, due in Austin no later than Jan. 15, will offer a site to be considered for either a 1,000- or 2,250-bed prison.

The fact that Big Spring has a federal prison apparently won't come into play in the selection process. The fact there is a good relationship with the federal prison and a high level of support within the community just might.

That's why we encourage our neighbors to support the prison effort by signing one of the pro-prison petitions located around town.

On two occasions, local voters have overwhelmingly supported the expansion of correctional facilities through the issuance of state bonds.

In November 1989, just prior to the last site selection process, more than 90 percent of the 3,281 Howard County voters who cast ballots supported the referendum. This past November, the margin was better than 70 percent.

Perhaps a prison is not the ideal industry to recruit to a community, but the fact remains that either of the two prisons, large or small, would be an economic boon.

According to data provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, a 1,000-bed facility would generate about 300 new jobs, \$7.6 million in direct annual expenditures and \$12.8 million in indirect spending. A 2,250-bed prison would generate about 800 new jobs and total spending of \$59 million.

Competition will be tough. A total of 109 communities requested proposal specifications and about 75 are expected to submit proposals.

Big Spring came close once before, making the final cut in 1989 before losing out to Abilene, Childress, Freestone County, Lamesa, Pampa and Wichita Falls.

Now, armed with what they feel is a much stronger site and a more enticing economic package, Moore Development is once again preparing to run the gauntlet.

We offer our support and encouragement and hope that you will join us.



Perched on brink of pivotal year

With two days left in 1991, there is no great desire to look back at the other 363. What lies immediately ahead has everyone's attention: With the recession deepening, the economy is forcing people to focus on 1992 with a brooding anxiety.

The new year brings an election. But even if an election were not around the corner, 1992 looks like a pivotal year. The economy has stopped growing. We've seen cyclical economies before; they have always started growing again at some point.

But, this time, the economy remains a problem. In fact, for some families, the economy presents a long-term crisis. The unemployed feel the short-term brunt of the Bush economy's failings. But many other families actually are earning less — in terms of what money can buy — than in 1980, with the Reagan-Bush economic policies. Their futures, too, look murky.

It may not matter who wins the election if the economy continues to decline because the effects of the last 11 years of Reagan-Bush economic policies will take a long time to correct.

The country does face a pivotal point in its history. Losing its manufacturing base and staggering under mounting debt, it faces a period in which it cannot produce and sell enough goods of value to service the debt and to maintain social safety nets.

It will take more than 11 months of presidential electioneering and rhetoric to turn the economy around and head it in the right direction. But, then, that is the challenge: knowing what to do.

After Ronald Reagan opened the floodgates of borrowing, the money that poured into the national economy has dried up. What follows next is very slow growth because of problems that neither Reagan nor Bush even at-



Jesse Trevino

tempted to address. We are an old economy; nothing was done to rejuvenate it.

We simply allowed ourselves to live off debt for too long. What follows next is a harder life for those people who need government assistance to live.

With the government staggering under trillions of dollars of debt, it has little money left to provide for payments for the less fortunate.

The public opinion polls reflect the country at last might suspect that something went amiss at some point during Jimmy Carter's administration that Ronald Reagan did not fundamentally correct. The Reagan-Bush team did not seek to correct the problems in the U.S. economy that the oil embargo revealed: that our old manufacturing plant could not sustain competition in a world in which high-energy prices in countries like Japan and Germany were being neutralized by productivity and efficiency.

Instead, the country borrowed money madly from countries who had been able to change their economies and had money to lend us. Now we face the prospect of not being able to borrow more; still having the old economic system in place, which prevents us from competing in a world economy as successfully as we once did; and, most unfortunately, having a president who may not know what to do next — if anything.

It bears repeating how sad a sight, indeed, it was to see George Bush turn up in Dallas two weeks

ago to sign a highway construction bill he said would create 600,000 jobs. This painful admission reveals an administration at a loss for what to do next.

This year seems to be a pivotal year because the country is at last at a point when it must demand that its leaders — the president, Congress, the career bureaucrats — endeavor to correct the basic problems that all the economy.

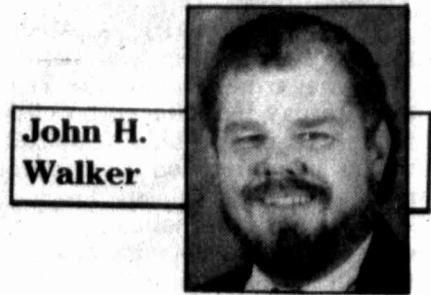
Changing an economy the size and scale of the U.S. economy starts with basic building blocks. The short-cut to prosperity that Ronald Reagan and George Bush took landed us in the soup we're in.

The country will have to start with education, to implement the same competitive types of education that have made other economies productive. It must seek increased efficiencies in the delivery of government services so that precious capital can be used to bring down the debt and free other monies to make long-term investments.

Above all, the country needs a president who will forthrightly say to his fellow citizens that we all need to wise up. We have lived, for the most part, very special and blessed lives, we Americans. But now it is time to understand that the country has entered an arduous point in its history. And we need to listen to find who has the message and the mission to make the necessary changes in the country so that it can remain viable.

Unless the country hears that and listens to a leader who can lead, it will almost certainly lose its balance and land on the wrong side of the pivot.

Jesse Trevino, formerly of Big Spring, writes an Austin-based column and produces a television news affairs program for public television in Dallas.



John H. Walker

Growing, soaring together

Good news was in the air Thursday afternoon at the board meeting of Moore Development for Big Spring following the announcement that a textile mill had been secured for the community.

Now, 65 jobs may not seem like much if you're from Los Angeles or Houston, but 65 jobs can help ease some economic burdens in households around the area.

The real promise lies five years distant when the mill reaches its optimum work force of 200.

Like any business in any community, the economic impact starts with the payroll, increases when John Q. Employee goes to the local grocery store, increases again when the grocery store employee goes to get his automobile tuned up and the mechanic uses that money to purchase parts from the local parts house.

You get the picture, right? It's a lot like multilevel marketing schemes, except these levels produce for everyone involved.

What else can be in the offing for Big Spring?

The obvious is the state prison that Moore is pursuing and that the Herald asks its readers to support in today's editorial.

A community pulling together grows together.

There has been extensive support for prison expansion within this community in the past, with a voter endorsement of better than 90 percent in 1989.

It's time to pull together once again.

Petitions are in local convenience stores, grocery stores and other local businesses. Take the time to sign up and show your support.

What's on the line? It could be as many as 800 jobs at the prison alone, not to mention any ancillary jobs that may develop as a result of the location of a prison here.

Perhaps whatever we can imagine.

Successful efforts at bringing not one, but two major employers to a community the size of Big Spring breeds enthusiasm and hope.

Imagination is an interesting thing. It helps us see as opportunities the things we once thought of as problems.

Imagination, in real life just as it was with Peter Pan, allows us to soar above the hum-drum of the day-to-day. It allows us to fly and to reach levels we never expected.

Imagine what we could do together...

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Mailbag

Woman is searching for father and sister

To the editor:

The following letter may possibly be upsetting to some people, but I've got a lot of questions that need answering. And you don't find answers unless you ask questions.

This letter is in regards to a search for my family.

I would like to know if you can help by me or if you know someone who can help me!

I am in search of my father and a sister.

My father's name is Elmer Lee Martin Jr. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., April 11, 1936. The last whereabouts I had on him was in Big Spring or near there. I am almost 37 years old and have not seen him or heard from him or his family since I was 4. I was born Lydia E. Martin on December 20, 1954 in Cheyenne, Wyo. (Francis E. Warren Air Force Base).

The older I get the more I realize, I have missed out on a lot with my dad. My life and heart have an empty spot that just gets bigger and bigger. Please, please, please if anyone has any information on my dad or his family (Elmer Lee and Mary Lois (Johnson) Martin — whether it would be good news or bad news — let me know. I would feel more complete.

Now I have another request. I'm looking for a girl named Sally Jo (Ann) Brakebill or Brakefield or Brakehill. I'm not sure of the last name spelling. I don't want to cause problems here but I need to know about her. She is my sister in real life.

She was born Georgia Marie Martin to my father and mother but was adopted by a family that was in the service in Big Spring. Oh God, I don't want to cause trouble among families, but I need to know where my sister is. I haven't seen her since I was 4 either. She was one at the time. I know she was born on July of '57. Please if anybody can be of any help, I really need to find my dad and my sister. It's just been so

long not knowing, I can't stand it anymore. I really want to find them. I want to be able to say I have a complete heart again and fill the emptiness in my heart. (We all lived in Wichita, Kan., sometime between 1955 and 1958.) Please, please help me if you can!

Thank you so very much!
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Paying tribute to a special person

To the editor:
When we were young, my minister husband and I worked with a little lady named Mollie E. Byars. It was in Waco and as young students in Baylor we helped this saint of the Lord in her rescue mission.

Mollie E. Byars supported her rescue work among the needy by walking regular routes around the city collecting offerings in her

tambourine. She and her husband had served together in the Salvation Army before his death. After his passing she enlisted all with a willing heart to share her love for God and her brother and sister human beings.

Here in this season I'd like to pay tribute to one of God's special servants who understood the command of our Lord Jesus to "love one another." Enjoy heaven, Mollie! I hope you're still playing the piano and singing, "It is no secret what God can do."

NANCY L. PATRICK
Big Spring

Question: Who put Christ in Christmas?

To the editor:

I have been reading the letters in the Herald concerning the shortening of the word Christmas to Xmas. It is true that the letter X stands for the Greek letter which is Chi. So the ones who started the abbreviation Xmas were still referring to Christmas in a shorter form.

Some were asking, "Who took Christ out of Christmas?" But I

would like to ask, "Who put Christ in Christmas?" Did you know the word Christmas is not in the Bible? Did you also know the Bible does not state when Christ was born? Reading from the Catholic encyclopedia, Vol. III, P. 724 it is stated: "Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church." "Egyptian theologians and others assigned the date of Christ's birth placing it on May 20; others April 19 or 20 and some on March 28."

It seems to me that we should emphasize the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior. It is his atoning death that brings salvation to the world. Read all of I Corinthians Chapter 15.

Does this mean we should do away with Christmas since it is not in the Bible? Not necessarily. But we need to understand its meaning. To me it is only an American custom when families get together, gifts are exchanged, pounds are put on, etc. But it has nothing to do with Christ's birthday. Peace on earth and joy to the world should be taught throughout the whole year.

PETE HANKS
Big Spring

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Coffee shop talk: Hope despite hardships, defeats

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

In looking back at the year 1991, Big Spring residents see a quilt of hardships, triumphs, defeats and victories woven by threads of determination and hope for the future.

Coffee shop talk had a gamut of opinions on the year, but all the discussions ended on an optimistic and hopeful note.

Willie's Cafe, 304 E. Third, arguably the coffee break spot of Big Spring for the working class man, is steadily busy with businessmen of all types drinking coffee and discussing the matters of the day, and in turn the matters of the year.

During a recent mid-morning coffee break, the patrons at Willie's saw 1991 as a fair year. Most viewed the year better than 1990 and believed things could only get better in the future.

Robert Pruitt, a Big Spring businessman owning a furniture store and auction company, said over a cup of coffee that 1991 was a good year because he survived it.

"The year wasn't that bad," he said. "Things are tough all over. I have not seen this year's figures, but I know my furniture business hurt more from the economy than in years past and it hurt more than the auction company."

Another customer, Harold

Pearce, a building contractor, said this year was good for his business because of the weather.

"The hail damage increased my business," he said. "We did a lot of roofing this year. This year was better."

Mary Lowe, a waitress at Willie's, replied immediately that 1991 was a bad year. She thought about it for a moment and reconsidered.

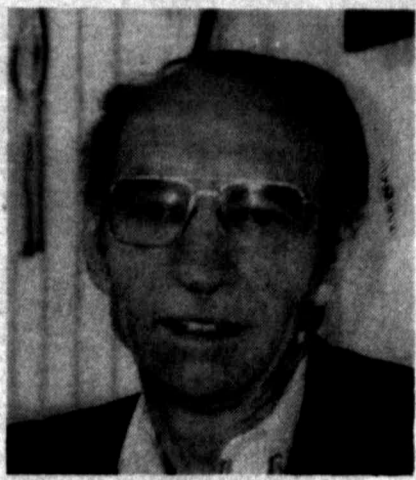
"I arrived in Big Spring at the end of 1990 with \$4 in my pocket," Lowe said. "Today, I have more than that in my pocket and a job to boot. Now that I think about it, it wasn't such a bad year after all."

Willa Poindexter, owner of the cafe, said 1991 was good to her because business was good.

For Rodrigo and Lorina Reyes, the past year meant a relocation and the opening of their own restaurant. The Reyes moved from Miami, Fla. to Big Spring in hopes of finding prosperity in operating a Mexican food restaurant on Lamesa Highway.

"We had considered going into business for ourselves for many years but never had the opportunity," Lorina Reyes said. "After visiting my daughter in Big Spring a few times, we seriously thought about the possibility of opening a restaurant here."

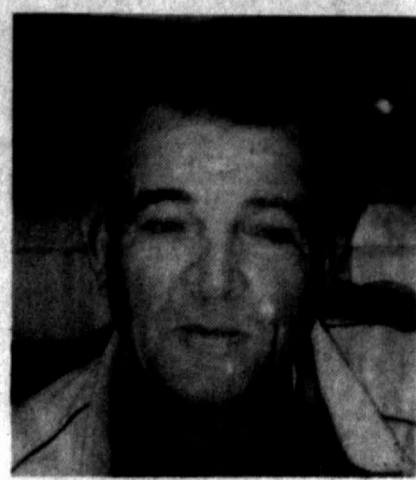
"We liked the community. We had family here, and the opportuni-



ROBERT PRUITT
ty was much greater. Everything is so expensive in Miami that it is difficult for people of modest means to open a restaurant. "1991, Big Spring and our Lord have allowed us this opportunity," she said.

For others, the year meant a sluggish economy with a threatening recession looming throughout the year, which ended in lay-offs and closures. In the last quarter, Halliburton Services, the Mobil field office in Coahoma and Furr's Supermarket, 900 11th Place, announced closings.

Barbara Morrow, a 10-year Furr's Supermarket employee, said, "Due to the country's economy in general it has not been



HAROLD PEARCE
a real good year." She will not be transferring to the College Park location but will be seeking employment elsewhere in Big Spring once the store closes at the beginning of the year.

Dolene Budke, a science teacher at the Big Spring High School, rates 1991 as one of the best years ever due to the birth of her son, Daniel.

"God has blessed us with a family, and my husband and I are very happy and thankful," she said.

Two civic organizations in Big Spring considered 1991 a year of growth and action within their groups and the community they represent. Hispanic Women for Progress



LORINA REYES
president Essie Ortiz said 1991 was a good year for the organization. It was able to increase its scholarship recipients to four from two the previous year. The group also coordinated a parenting skills class that was held in the spring of 1991.

"The success of the parenting skills class was incredible this year," she said. "We are looking forward to having the class again and hope to have it three or four times a year."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were busy throughout the year. It kicked off 1991 with a celebration honoring Martin Luther King's birthday. The event included an essay contest for junior and senior high



HEBREW JONES
school students.

As the year continued, the NAACP also organized several programs in February during Black Heritage Month. The group also participated in the Heart of the City Festival with a food booth, African attire booth and membership drive.

The year came to an end with its annual banquet where Elizabeth Smith received the Member of the Year award for her hard work throughout 1991.

"It has been a good year for us," said Hebrew Jones, president. "We have had a small rise in membership and have participated in various programs that are meant for the entire Big Spring community."

AP's top 10

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here are the top stories of 1991 as selected by U.S. newspaper editors and broadcast news directors polled by The Associated Press.

In the poll, 153 editors and news directors ranked the stories. A first-place vote earned a story 10 points and a 10th-place listing one point. Stories are followed by the number of points they received.

1. U.S.-led force crushes Iraq's war machine. The aftermath: Kurdish refugees, a dispute over Iraq's nuclear program, and Saddam holds on, 1,290.

2. Coup by hard-liners aimed at ousting Mikhail Gorbachev fails, but the upshot is the collapse of communism and the union, 1,090.

3. Black conservative Clarence Thomas is nominated to replace Thurgood Marshall on the U.S. Supreme Court. At the brink of his confirmation he is accused of sexually harassing an associate, Anita Hill. He is confirmed, 783.

4. The release of Associated Press reporter Terry Anderson brings an end to the captivity of American hostages in Lebanon, 750.

5. The economy tumbles and American confidence is shaken, 628.

6. The Cold War ends. Bush and Gorbachev announce nuclear arms reductions, Warsaw Pact dissolves its military component, 533.

7. The AIDS epidemic is 10 years old and is highlighted by the plights of Kimberly Bergalis and basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson, 488.

8. Unemployed factory worker Jeffrey Dahmer is accused in Milwaukee of killing 17 men and chopping up their bodies, 236.

9. Prodded by the United States, Arabs and Israelis meet in Madrid and then Washington, with inconclusive results, 208.

10. A video camera catches white police officers beating a black motorist, setting off a furor over racism in the Los Angeles Police Department, 183.

The next five finishers were the William Kennedy Smith rape trial, the slide in President Bush's popularity, the massacre of 23 people in a Killeen, Texas, cafeteria by a gunman who then killed himself, abortion and the David Duke campaign for governor of Louisiana.

The Associated Press also polled 90 editors in 42 countries outside the United States as to their choices for the top 10 stories.

Their picks:

1. The Gulf War; a military coalition forces Iraq out of Kuwait.

2. Hard-line coup against Mikhail Gorbachev fails, and Soviet republics move toward independence.

3. Yugoslavia's civil war rages.

4. Mideast peace talks between Israelis and Arabs.

5. The end of the Cold War.

6. South Africa dismantles apartheid.

7. European Community nations wrangle over closer political and financial integration.

8. AIDS epidemic spreads.

9. Cambodian peace settlement signed.

10. Rajiv Gandhi assassinated.

200,000 get AIDS, but one stands out

BOSTON (AP) — About 200,000 Americans have gotten AIDS since the epidemic began. Yet for many in 1991, the face of this disease became one they recognized beyond all others.

Magic Johnson, one of the country's best-known athletes, disclosed he was quitting professional basketball because he was infected with HIV, the AIDS virus.

Suddenly the life of this epidemic — the 45,000 new U.S. victims during 1991, the agonizingly slow progress of science to stop it — focused on just one man who became enmeshed in it.

Johnson, who is still outwardly healthy, believes he contracted the virus in a way that is still unusual in the United States: He caught it from a woman.

One decade into the epidemic, 91 percent of the U.S. victims are drug abusers or men who had sex with other men. Only 3 percent got AIDS heterosexually. And of these people, by far the common route of transmission is women getting infected through sex with drug-injecting men.

Yet Johnson's tragedy underscored the real possibility that HIV can spread through male-female sex. Even though the risk is still slight for most heterosexual Americans, in some places in the United States this appears to be happening, quietly and often.

Especially disturbing to health officials is the growth of the infection among teen-agers, especially the poor. One recent study found that over 1 percent of adolescents in Washington, D.C., are now infected, many of them apparently heterosexually. Another found that nearly half of 1 percent of older teen-age girls enrolling in the Job Corps across the United States carry the virus.

Worldwide, heterosexual AIDS is the rule rather than the exception. An estimated 8 million people carry HIV, and that number will grow to 40 million by the year 2000. Three-quarters of them catch it through sex between men and women.

"The virus is winning," says Dr. James Curran, AIDS chief at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

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The year Communism collapsed

MOSCOW (AP) — Last December, Yevgeny Kafyrin was a high-ranking official at Moscow's city Communist Party Committee, where he presided over meetings and banquets and received weekly perks of beef, chicken and cheese.

This December, Kafyrin has a temporary job teaching political theory at the Moscow teaching school. He has lots of free time, which he spends standing in line outside grocery stores, helping his wife shop.

The fate of Kafyrin, a heavy-set man who favors the drab gray suit of the Soviet bureaucrat, mirrors the changes that wracked the Soviet Union in 1991: The superpower, barely able to feed its own people, has ceased to exist and instead become a collection of states made up of 11 former Soviet republics.

The August coup was the kick that pushed the already wobbly Soviet Union into final collapse, culminating on Dec. 25 when Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev resigned after almost seven years in power.

Gorbachev, who earlier resigned as general-secretary of the Communist Party, was compelled to quit the presidency after all but Georgia and the three Baltic nations said they would join the newly created Commonwealth of Independent States founded Dec. 8 by Boris Yeltsin.

Gorbachev, whose reformist policies of perestroika and glasnost helped drag the country out of its totalitarian mold, had been left with no clearly defined role in the commonwealth.

Once a clumsy conglomeration of 15 republics that supported each other by relying on heavy centralized government subsidies, the vast land is now a work-in-progress, facing the new year with growing uncertainty.

The coup cost Kafyrin his job. At the time, he was vacationing with his family. He returned to Moscow only to find the doors and windows of his office sealed and guarded by the police, in accordance with a decree from Yeltsin, the Russian federation president.

The party itself, once touted as the vanguard of the people, no longer exists. When Yeltsin suspended its activities in Russia after the coup, many people were happy to turn in their party cards. They said they had joined only to

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further their careers. "When I began to work for the Party Committee, everyone knew perfectly well that my job would only be a temporary one," acknowledged Kafyrin, 46, who joined the party in 1970. He said he knew the party's days were numbered.

"The party was just not in the position to regulate events taking place within its own structure. So as a political organization it gradually ceased to exist," he said.

Because of the party's flaws, his committee was expecting some sort of desperate action, like the coup, sometime during the year, Kafyrin said.

Unlike many former party officials who have been forced to start life all over again, Kafyrin did not have a hard time finding employment in the newly competitive job market.

He has the Soviet equivalent of a doctoral degree from Moscow State University's department of "philosophy," an umbrella term meaning Marxist-Leninist theory with a smidgen of French philosophy and a dab of other Western theories. Gorbachev's wife, Raisa, graduated from the same department.

Proud of his credentials as a "specialist," Kafyrin said that when the party was suspended, he was immediately offered a new job in the Moscow Pedagogical Institute.

And he still works as an unofficial party organizer when he's not at work or helping his wife with the shopping.

Others have not been so adept. The Sovietskaya Rossiya newspaper recently wrote about a former Komsomol Communist Youth League official who has been searching for a new job for months without success.

Wearing a suit rented from a local theater shop, Kafyrin spends his evenings crashing fancy receptions at a downtown restaurant, to bring food home to his family and



to collect bottles of vodka and beer to resell on the street.

But Kafyrin's life is bound to get more complicated as 1991 turns into 1992.

His new post is only temporary, and will end when a colleague returns from maternity leave. His new salary is slightly higher than his Party Committee wages, but he does not receive his former weekly allocation of beef, chicken, cheese and sausage, rarities for which

most Soviets must queue for hours.

"Students these days are all different. There are some who want me just to teach the history of philosophy, there are others who are interested in Marxism," Kafyrin explained.

"But those who know the history of philosophy know perfectly well that Marxism is one of the biggest breakthroughs in human and scientific theory," he said, trying to sound convincing.

'We have breathed the sweetness . . .'

Here are some memorable voices from 1991, history in its own words:
"We have breathed the sweetness of freedom."
—Stanislav Ilyin, construction worker helping seal off Communist Party building in Moscow, Aug. 30.

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"Should the Americans become embroiled, we will make them swim in their own blood, God willing."

—Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, rejecting U.S. demands to withdraw from Kuwait, Jan. 9.

"As far as Saddam Hussein being a great military strategist, he is neither a strategist, nor is he schooled in the operational arts, nor is he a tactician, nor is he a general, nor is he a soldier. Other than that, he's a great military man, I want you to know that."
—U.S. commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Feb. 27.

"Victory is not how many tanks or planes we or the enemy used. It's all steel which can get ruined. . . . Victory is the face that you acquire in the history books."
—Newspaper of Iraq's ruling party, Feb. 28.

"As commander in chief, I can report to you: Our armed forces fought with honor and valor. As president, I can report to the nation: Aggression is defeated. The war is over."
—President Bush to Congress, March 7.

"I emphatically deny that the woman in question was abused or that force was used by me in any way. Any suggestion to the contrary is a damnable lie."
—William Kennedy Smith, April 11.

"Now it belongs to history. Now everybody is free of it."
—President F.W. de Klerk on repeal of South Africa's last major apartheid law, June 18.

"That's it. April 1992. . . . And maybe that'll stop all of the

nonsense that's been going on. Maybe we can get back to work."
—Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates, under pressure because of a videotaped police beating of a motorist, announcing he will retire, July 23.

"If God or the Angel Gabriel tonight tells me to go down there and to block access, then that's what I'll do, and then I'll face the consequences."
—Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry on violating a federal injunction against blocking Wichita abortion clinic, Aug. 1.

"I'm surprised the world is still here."
—American hostage Edward Tracy, freed in Lebanon, Aug. 11.

"I should say that Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev is now on vacation. He is undergoing treatment in the south of our country. He is very tired after all these years, and he will need some time to get better. We hope . . . he will take office again."

—Soviet Vice President Genady Yanayev, part of junta taking power from Gorbachev in coup, Aug. 19.

"Good evening, comrades. Television viewers, an hour ago, the president of the U.S.S.R., Mikhail Gorbachev, made a statement for the country's radio and television. He stays fully in command."

—Soviet television newscast announcing Gorbachev's return to power.

"The Soviet Union is finished."
—Soviet reformist lawmaker Arkady Murashov, Sept. 5.

1991's superlatives

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a look at some of the superlatives of 1991:

- Best-Selling Automobile in U.S. Honda Accord; approximately 380,000 as of Dec. 10.
- Best-Selling Vehicle in U.S. F-Series Ford Truck; 405,448 as of Dec. 10.
- Top-Grossing Movie "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," \$203.8 million.
- Top-Rated TV Show Super Bowl XXV, 41.9 rating, 63 audience share, approximately 39 million homes.
- Top-Rated TV-Series (1990-91 Season) "Cheers," 21.6 rating average, 34 audience share, approximately 20 million homes.
- Best-Selling Music Album "Mariah Carey," Mariah Carey; sales of approximately 6 million.
- Best-Selling Single Record "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)," Bryan Adams; sales of approximately 3 million.
- Broadway's Hottest Ticket "Miss Saigon" with advance sales of \$20.8 million. Saturday evening orchestra seats not available until July 1992.
- Most Expensive Painting "Venus and Adonis" by Titian; auctioned for \$13.5 million.
- Richest Person (Royalty) The Sultan of Brunei; wealth estimated at \$25.6 billion.

- Richest Person (Non-Royalty) Taikichiro Mori of Japan; wealth estimated at \$15 billion.
 - Richest Person (American) John Werner Kluge; wealth estimated at \$5.6 billion.
 - Most Profitable U.S. Company IBM; \$6.02 billion for fiscal 1990 (reported April 1991).
 - Highest-Paid Athlete (Individual Sport) Heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield; \$60.5 million.
 - Highest-Paid Athlete (Team Sport) Larry Bird of NBA Boston Celtics; \$7.4 million (includes deferred compensation without interest).
 - Highest-Paid Executive Stephen M. Wolf, chairman, UAL Corp.; \$18.3 million.
 - Highest-Paid Actor (Per Film) Eddie Murphy; \$15 million per film.
 - Highest-Paid Actress (Per Film) Julia Roberts; \$6 million per film.
 - Highest-Paid Entertainer (Individual) Bill Cosby; \$113 million for 1990-91.
 - Highest Paid Entertainer (Group) New Kids on the Block; \$15 million for 1990-91.
- Sources: AP reports, Forbes, Fortune, Billboard, RIAA.



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Q. Martin Dies authored what book about Communists in the United States?
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Calendar

TODAY
• The Coahoma ISD Tax Office will be closed Jan. 1-3, 1992.
MONDAY
• Al-A-Teen will meet 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
• Recovery Solutions, Inc. will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.
• There will be gospel singing 7 p.m., Kentwood Center on Lynn St. Everyone welcome. For information call 263-6458.
TUESDAY
• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever's available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
• Recovery Solutions, Inc., Mens Support Group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.

Redraw efforts bring confusion

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Local and state redistricting plans that did not receive federal approval brought confusion to local politics this year.

The year was also marked by several firings of local officials in the area and the first-time election of a minority to one area city council.

It was a year for drawing redistricting plans for state and local governments based on 1990 U.S. Census data.

Commissioner courts in Howard, Mitchell, Martin and Glasscock counties redrew county commissioner precinct lines. However, all but Martin County is still waiting for approval of plans by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Last month, the Justice Department requested more information on the Mitchell County plan and asked how it fit fair to minorities.

Meanwhile, local candidates began filing for office Dec. 2. The last day to file is Jan. 2.

However, filing for Texas House of Representative seats has been postponed because the Justice Department on Nov. 12 struck down the House plan approved by the Legislature in May. It was ruled invalid because it does not treat Hispanics fairly.

It is uncertain if the March 10 primary election could also be postponed. The Legislature is scheduled to convene Jan. 2 to reconsider a plan.

House plans that have received the most consideration pit Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring, against Rep. David Cousins, D-Knox City.

In other major events this year:

- The first man elected to the newly created minority district on the Colorado City Council, Sammy Contreras, beat two other opponents in a special election Jan. 19. He ran unopposed in the regular May 4 election.

- Howard County commissioners on Feb. 11 declined to raise a 10-year tax abatement to cover all \$15.6 million in plant improvements by Fina Oil & Chemical Co. The county in December 1990 approved covering \$10.1 million but two school districts approved covering all the improvements. It was later learned that the schools must agree with the county's decision.

- A check of records in March concerning the Howard County 911

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emergency telephone system revealed that of 239 calls transferred to the sheriff's office since the system went on line in March 1990, there were at least 19 incidents of system problems caused by incomplete or wrong address information, including locating a woman being assaulted and threatened.

- Stanton City Administrator Paul Lively was asked to resign and then fired by the Stanton City Council March 4. The 14-month manager was fired for not "following up" on business and bad communication.

- Colorado City Police Chief Bobby Sparks was fired March 11 by the City Council for reckless use of his office. Mayor Jim Baum said there was a morale problem in the police department.

- A petroleum leak into the Colorado River — now considered hazardous — at U.S. 80 in Colorado City was discovered April 22. Efforts are continuing to contain the leak and a full cleanup is expected to take five to 10 years and cost millions of dollars.

- Former Howard County Appraisal District appraiser Greg Smith, 36, on April 24 contested his firing the month before, saying he was fired because he informed board members of incorrectly performed appraisals. Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire said Smith was fired because of excessive absenteeism unexcused by a doctor. Smith later filed suit.

- Howard County commissioners on May 13 approved 100 percent of the second tax abatement request made to the county. The abatement is for \$3.34 million in additions to the power cogeneration plant owned by Power Resources Inc.

- Mitchell County Sheriff Wendell Bryant, 39, was suspended with pay June 25 by a district judge until a trial on sexual harassment and misconduct indictments. Bryant, now 40, filed for re-election this month but would be removed from office if convicted.

- The rate of infant deaths in

comparison to live births in Howard County for the past 10 years is 70 percent higher than the statewide rate, according to latest records in July from the state health department. The Hispanic infant mortality rate here is four times that of the Hispanic statewide rate.

- A group of 28 taxpayers in the Westbrook Independent School District filed suit July 18 in district court against the Mitchell County Education District. The suit alleges that a state mandate for CEDs to collect and redistribute local property taxes is unconstitutional because it amounts to a state property tax. The taxpayers lost but appealed the case.

- Howard County commissioners on Aug. 29 abated only 75 percent of a second tax abatement request by Fina Oil & Chemical Co. The second request was for abatements on \$15.5 million in plant improvements.

- Golden Plains Care Center had Medicare and Medicaid certifications revoked Sept. 9 by state health officials after failing to correct cited health and safety violations. Company officials later replaced a regional vice president, the administrator and the head nurse.

- Howard County commissioners on Sept. 23 approved a \$6.9 million annual budget that proposes to spend \$32,619 less than the previous year's budget. On the same day, county taxes were raised 3 percent.

- Colorado Independent School District teacher Thelma Blake was accused of pinching a student's face Oct. 23 and was later fired.

- The historic Hotel Settles, the tallest building in Big Spring, was sold for an undisclosed amount Nov. 8 to 19-year-old Scott Faries of Grand Junction, Colo. Faries is expected to protect a two-year redemption right after the building is foreclosed and handed to Midland developer David Weseloh.

- Local voter support Nov. 5 for \$1.1 billion in bonds for 25,300 prison and drug rehabilitation beds helped justify efforts by officials in Howard and Mitchell counties to pursue one of the 2,250 or 1,000-bed facilities, which would create 300-800 jobs. In the same election, a state lottery issue passed in Howard, Mitchell, Glasscock and Borden counties but failed in Martin County.

Trustees scrambling in wake of bond vote

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The failed \$12 million bond issue left Big Spring Independent School board trustees facing 1992 without a plan of action for new school buildings and stood as the local story of the year in education.

The bond issue was defeated 1,962 votes against and 1,463 votes for as less than 35 percent of the city's eligible voters cast ballots.

"The travesty of the whole thing is that the kids can't vote. They're the ones who will be in these buildings," BSISD Superintendent William McQueary said after the election.

Had the issue passed, taxes would have been raised about 10 cents per \$100 property valuation. Taxes for senior citizens are frozen with a special exemption and would not have been affected by the bonds.

The money raised by selling the bonds was to have been used to build a new junior high school and a new elementary school. Several buildings also needed new roofs and the air conditioning system at the high school needed upgrading, officials said.

Runnels Junior High School, built in 1916, does not provide handicapped accessibility and is a potential fire hazard, officials said following a tour of the facility in February.

"We keep it as safe as possible. It is as fire-safe as we can get it without major construction," said Big Spring Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles Jr.

But Tommy Huckabee, an architect who helped plan the new junior high school, said, "The big problem is the three stairways. You can look all the way up, so what we have here is an atrium, and it's not enclosed.

"The atrium will act like a chimney, drawing the smoke up. The code requires that it be enclosed with a one-hour fire rating and smoke barriers in-between," Huckabee told the Citizens Advisory Committee for School Improvement in February.

Along with the fire safety issue, wiring, plumbing, mortar, lighting and asbestos problems continued to plague the historic Runnels building. About 400 students attend the eighth-grade there this year.

A group of residents, the Citizens For Choice in the School Bond Issue, helped defeat the bonds sales through advertising, public meetings and providing transportation to the polls during the election. The group, led by Gerald Harris and Polly Mays, opposed the amount of money the district was requesting. The committee asked for expanded use of existing buildings, including portable buildings, to answer the overcrowding problems in the elemen-

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tary schools. Currently, about 200 children are bused throughout the district's elementary campuses to attain the 22-to-1 student-teacher ratio required by the state. Trustees recently approved purchasing a portable building for the kindergarten center.

Trustees are expected to reevaluate the building problems and find an alternative solution to the district's buildings.

Other important changes that occurred in public schools in the area include:

- Donny Baker, Big Spring trustee, resigned in June and was replaced by Glynna Mouton. A trustee will be elected for the position in May.

- Anderson Kindergarten Center became a full-day program.

- All campuses in Big Spring became smoke-free in August.

- The Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Justice visited the district. Reports from the Justice Department concerning minority enrollment is expected following the first of the year.

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Board member Jim Mathison resigned in September. Gail Wells was appointed to that position for the remainder of Mathison's term.

- High School principal Dennis Ward resigned to accept a position with the Crane Independent School District. Ward was replaced by former Coahoma athletic director Larry Hudson.

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Forsan trustees had a public meeting with the community to gather ideas for the direction of the district in September. Surveys were distributed to the residents who attended the meeting and the results are expected soon.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Superintendent Donn Stringer resigned in October. He had been with the district for nearly 20 years. Hazel Stringer, his wife and school counselor, also resigned. Charles Zachary, high school principal, is interim superintendent.

Prison

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prisons and 15 of the smaller medium-security prisons and substance-abuse facilities, Crooker said. One or two 500-bed substance-abuse facilities will also be built.

A total of 109 communities asked for applications to bid for one of the facilities, according to the Department of Criminal Justice. State officials may decide in April where the locations will be, Crooker said.

Proposed to be offered free by the county, city and business organizations as incentives to state officials is 618 acres of land that borders the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and construction of water, sewer and electrical lines and possibly a gas line. Free office and warehouse space will be offered during construction, which could last up to two years.

The \$370,000 purchase cost of the property is more than double the purchase cost of the previous proposed site about three miles east and north of the refinery owned by Fina Oil & Chemical Co. However, Crooker said, more than \$2 million for utility construction will be saved. Utility construction is now estimated at \$850,000.

That is not the only advantage for moving the site, Crooker said. "We have potential industrial and residential development next to the base."

Estimates of the costs of the total incentive package have not been completed, Crooker said Friday. The incentive package will be funded by private and public money from the county, city airpark funds, Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the Big Spring Industrial Foundation and a possible grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Department of Criminal Justice will pay for the actual construction of the prisons, which are expected to cost \$80 million for the large facilities and \$28 million for the 1,000-bed facilities.

Every dollar spent on construction in Big Spring is turned over an average of six times, according to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Construction money and payrolls for employees of the facilities are not the only economic benefits.

Total direct and indirect expenditures for the large prison after construction will be about \$60 million annually and for the 1,000-bed facility it would be more than \$20 million annually, according to a publication from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Crimestoppers of Big Spring is looking for information about several criminal mischiefs that occurred throughout the city. Vehicle windshields have been shot out at random. It is suspected that a pellet or B-B gun is being used.

- If anyone has any information call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS.

- Two Big Spring men were arrested for driving while intoxicated at Fourth and Price Street.

- An Arlington man was arrested on the 1400 block of S. Gregg Street for driving while intoxicated.

- A resident on the 1600 block of Baylor Street reported stolen two strands of red Christmas lights from the residence's front yard.

- A Big Spring man was arrested at the 400 block of Gregg Street for driving while intoxicated.

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has since been released on parole.

- J.C. Moore and his wife Connie Moore of Forsan were awarded \$28,300 Feb. 8 in 118th District Court for deceptive trade practices. The Moores purchased a 1988 Chrysler New Yorker from Elmore Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Inc. in Big Spring without knowing it had been used or damaged. Elmore has since closed and has not paid the award.

- Kevin John White, 17, who admitted stabbing Richard Lauderdale, 52, in June 1990 to stop sexual advances, was found guilty April 24 in 118th District Court of recklessly causing Lauderdale's death. White was handed over to juvenile authorities where he could be held until he is 21 years old.

- Travis Gray, 32, convicted of murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison for the 1988 drowning death of his wife Tammy Gray, 27, at Lake Colorado City, was captured June 13 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Gray had escaped from a state prison in Snyder in June 1990. He

- The 11th Court of Appeals on

had served nearly three months of his sentence before escaping.

- Kenneth Olsen, 65, was indicted June 20 by a Howard County grand jury for first-degree murder in connection with the April 17 shooting death of Winford "Punkin" Allen, 35, at a local bar. Olsen, free on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to go to trial in January.

- Jesse Paul Silva, 27, was convicted Aug. 21 in 118th District Court of voluntary manslaughter for the Feb. 23, 1990, fatal shooting of Tonnie Lynn Johnson, 32. Silva was sentenced to 10 years in prison without probation.

- Eddie Martinez, 40, was convicted Oct. 30 in 32nd District Court in Colorado City of first-degree murder for the May 19 fatal shooting of Florentino Sanchez Jr., 31, of Lorraine. Martinez was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

- Local doctor John Farquhar died not negligently cause the 1988 death of two-month-old Crystal Herrera, an 118th District Court jury ruled Nov. 14.

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This eventually led to a recall petition against Smith and Coffee, sponsored by local businessman Mike Hughes. Hughes chose to end his petition drive, however, stating confusion about the language of the city charter's criteria for recall as the reason.

Other features of the budget included adopting the effective tax rate of 67 cents per \$100 property value to compensate for property devaluations.

Other budget items included raising greens fees at the Municipal Golf Course, closing the central fire station and opening a new station at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, increasing charges for water and wastewater services and allocating \$280,000 for two additional sludge basins for the wastewater treatment plant.

In the midst of the police department budget negotiations, local attorney Bob Miller presented the council with numerous complaints of police brutality and misconduct. Charges ranged from more than 10 counts of intentional beating or injury to prisoners to arresting citizens without just cause, and undue harassment of citizens by police officers.

The council voted to establish a citizens advisory committee to work with the department to investigate future complaints, and to hire a private police consultant to work with the department and the committee. The committee is still in its infancy at present and a con-

sultant has yet to be named.

An investigation into the matter by the Texas Attorney General's Office failed to result in charges against any officer. A grand jury found that, in some instances, police could have used better judgement, but were not criminal in their actions.

Controversy over the restriction of alcoholic beverages in the city parks resulted in a discrimination lawsuit filed against the city by the League of United Latin American Citizens. LULAC contended that forbidding alcohol sales at the amphitheater, the site of various Hispanic oriented concerts, was unfair when alcohol is sold in the adjacent golf course.

After demonstrations at the Rodeo Arena and the golf course, a committee was formed to rectify the alleged discrimination in the city code.

Upon recommendation by this committee, the council adopted a policy forbidding consumption of alcohol in Comanche Trail Park except at the amphitheater, The Old Settlers Pavilion and the Dora Roberts Community Center, and then only with a city permit. Alcohol consumption rules at the golf course were unchanged.

Controversy again erupted when City Manager Hal Boyd fired Police Chief Cook.

A number of citizens rallied to Cook's defense and it soon became obvious that the vast majority of Big Spring residents were opposed to the firing.

Nov. 14 upheld an 118th District Court judge's ruling that there was no negligence on the part of Texas Utilities for the 1988 drowning death of Big Spring boxer Jaime Baldwin Jr. Baldwin slipped from a dam owned by TU Electric and fell into turbulent water while fishing at Lake Colorado City.

- No criminal wrongdoing on the part of Big Spring police was found by a Howard County grand jury Nov. 25 in connection with 28 complaints of police abuse, including alleged beatings of prisoners. However, jury members pointed out that officers could have used better judgment in a few instances.

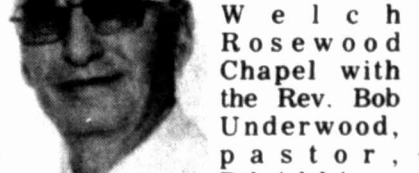
- The family of Magdalena Contreras, 30, killed in a June 1989 accident in Glasscock County when a trailer flipped over in a storm, was awarded \$631,000 Dec. 16 by a 142nd District Court in Midland. Ordered to pay the award was the trailer's manufacturer, Gem Homes Inc. of Dallas. Contreras' children, huddled with her in the trailer when it flipped, survived.

Deaths

Foster Shirley

Foster L. Shirley, 80, Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 27, 1991, in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bob Underwood, pastor.



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FOSTER L. SHIRLEY Memorial Baptist Church, and the Rev. Tim Thornton, assistant pastor. First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 9, 1911, in Williamson County and married Frances Campbell on Aug. 16, 1931, in Shep. He worked in civil service and was transferred to Webb Air Force Base from Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, in 1952. He was head of the contract maintenance department and retired in 1973 after 30 years. He served on the board of directors and helped organize the Webb Air Force Base Federal Credit Union. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and taught Sunday school. He served as deacon in several area churches.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Shirley, Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law: Donna and Bob Newsom, Midland, and Mitzi and Bill Jordan, Texarkana; three grandsons, one grand-

daughter, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family suggests memorial to ones favorite charity.

Pallbearers will be Mike Newsom, David Newsom, Chris Jordan, Tom Wilson, Allen Bailey and Walt Ussery.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Doyle Grice, Don Yates and Billy Smith.

Alice Hardy

Alice Dawes Hardy, 85, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, in a Sonora hospital.

Services were 2 p.m. today, at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Monty Jones officiating. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born April 30, 1906, in Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1924, and from West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon in 1928. She married Dr. W. Tyree Hardy of Sonora on June 2, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1985. She was a homemaker, had a private piano studio, and also taught in the Sonora public schools until her retirement. She was the organist at the Episcopal Church for many years.

Survivors include one son, Tyree Dawes Hardy, Houston; one daughter, Mrs. William E. (Sarah Lu) Burrowes, Houston; one brother, William R. Dawes, Big Spring; one sister, Nancy Dawes, Dearborn Heights, Mich.; three nephews and one niece.

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BIG SPRING

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Business beat

Granthams wins BS Mall award

Granthams, located in Big Spring Mall, has won the mall's "Way-To-Go" Award for a second time. Granthams had the largest sales increase for the month of November.

The award began to honor the merchant with the largest sales increase for the month compared to the same time last year. "We are excited about this award," said Lori Kennedy, Granthams' manager.

Circuit adds product line

Circuit Electronics, 2605 Wasson Rd., has added a new line of Toshiba TVs, VCRs, big screen TVs and satellite systems to its product line. Toshiba has the highest lines of resolution — 800 in all — in the big screen TV industry.

Circuit currently carries Tracker satellite systems, Kenwood and Alpine car stereos, Motorola cellular phones and a complete TV, VCR and stereo repair center. Showroom hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Firm announces recovery system

MIDLAND — HY-BON Engineering Company, Inc., a Midland manufacturing firm, has developed a new vapor recovery system, designed primarily to serve environmental needs.

Easily transportable, the new light-weight unit's measurements of three-by-six-by-five feet allow it to be loaded into a conventional pickup truck by two men.

Company officials say the system is ideally suited for manufacturing, processing or production operation, such as food processing or waste disposal, that must comply with air emissions regulations.

HY-BON manufactures vapor recovery and low horsepower natural gas compression systems and has been in business since 1952.

VA cuts home rate

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration has slashed in-

terest rates on VA loans to 8 percent, the lowest in 14 years, in an attempt to give veterans a better chance to buy homes.

The puts VA-guaranteed interest rates a full two points below where they were in 1990 and clears the way for even more U.S. veterans to buy and own their first homes," said U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

Gramm noted that the rate cut means a typical mortgage payment under a VA loan will drop by \$121 a month.

Record amount of unclaimed money

AUSTIN — A record \$22.3 million in unclaimed money and property was returned to 17,840 Texans last year, State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said.

Hutchison also announced that \$71 million in unclaimed revenue was turned over to the State Treasury during the 1991 fiscal year.

She attributed the record returns to treasury staffers who pursued the owners of unclaimed property and money. In one instance, a staff member helped reunite a woman with \$28,000 in unclaimed money after recognizing the woman's name in a national tabloid magazine.

Since the program's inception in 1962, more than \$460 million in unclaimed money and property has been turned over to the state. Almost \$200 million has been returned to the rightful owners or heirs.

To find out if the State Treasury is holding your unclaimed money or property, call 1-800-654-3463.

Cleveland joins Cotton Board

Wayne Cleveland of Amarillo has joined the Cotton Board as a field representative for the Southwestern region of the cotton belt. The board administers the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

Cleveland's primary responsibility is distribution of information about the program to upland cotton producers in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

He holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural communication from Texas Tech University, and is currently working toward a master's degree in agricultural marketing.

Holiday spirit wears collector's uniform

MONROE, La. (AP) — For Jimmy Edwards, Santa showed up two days after Christmas, wearing a trash collector's blue uniform.

"He said he found my wallet in the trash. I was stunned. ... I didn't even know I'd lost it," Edwards said.

Melvin Jackson said he found the wallet when he emptied a bag of trash into the truck's hopper Friday morning.

"I saw it laying in some Christmas paper, so I picked it up to see what was in it. It had (Edwards') driver's license and credit cards and stuff in it, so I knew he probably didn't want to throw it away."

"He was really surprised when I took it back," said Jackson.

Edwards said his wallet apparently fell out of his jacket pocket when he put out the trash on Thursday.

The wallet held some cash that his children received as presents from relatives, Edwards said. "It wasn't really that much money, but it means a lot to them because it came from somebody special," he said.

Edwards called Jackson's supervisors and Mayor Bob Powell to praise Jackson and his fellow crew members, Charles Daniels and Sammy Walters, for their honesty.

"I just can't say enough about how lucky I was that it didn't get compressed in the truck and that he found it and returned it," Edwards said.

CLIP THIS SCHEDULE OF TAX DEADLINES

During the next four months, you're required to file several kinds of returns and provide various information to individuals and agencies. Clip this schedule of the more common filing requirements to be sure you don't miss a deadline and subject yourself to penalties.

- **January 15** — Form 1040ES must be filed with the IRS with your fourth quarter 1991 estimated income tax payment.
- **January 31** — Form W-2 must be furnished by employers to all employees.
 - Forms 940/941 must be filed with the IRS by all businesses with employees; Form 942 must be filed with the IRS by individuals who employ household help.
 - Form 1099 must be given to those to whom you paid interest, dividends, rents, royalties, commissions, miscellaneous income, or certain business expenses of \$600 or more.
- **February 28** — Copies of all Form 1099s that you issued must be filed with the IRS. Magnetic media (computer tape or disk) is required for 250 or more 1099s.
 - Copies of all Form W-2s must be filed with the Social Security Administration.
- **March 2** — A Form 1040 must be filed with the IRS by farmers or fishermen who made no estimated tax payments in 1991.
- **March 16** — Form 1120 or 1120S must be filed with the IRS by calendar-year corporations.
- **April 15** — Form 1040 must be filed with the IRS by individual taxpayers (unless you file for an extension).
 - Form 1065 must be filed with the IRS by partnerships.
 - Form 1040ES must be filed with the IRS with your first quarter estimated tax payment for 1992.

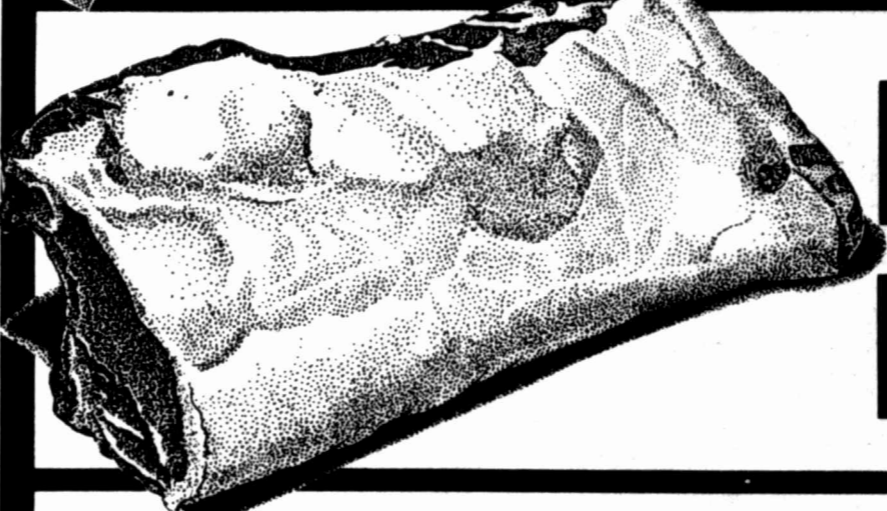
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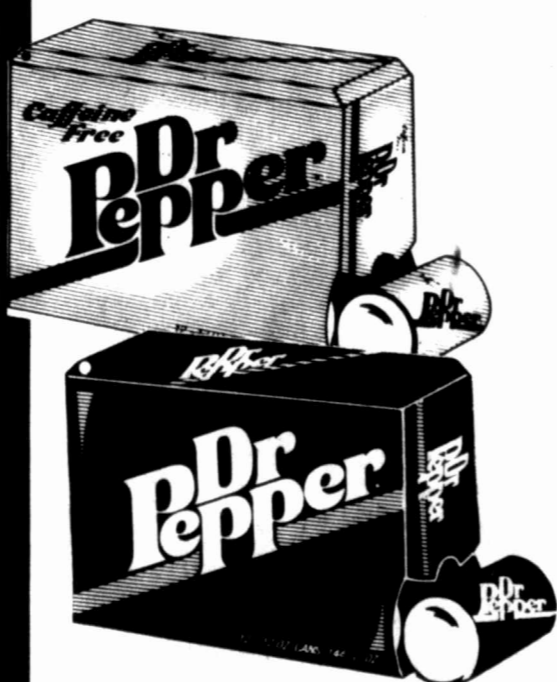
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Steers win one in tournament

ABILENE — The Big Spring Steers won one of three games at the McMurry University Holiday Classic.

The Steers lost their opener 62-52 to Odessa Permian and then came back and defeated Burleson 62-57. The Steers then lost to Brownfield 68-65 in the consolation finals.

The Steers fall to 5-13 for the season. Big Spring's next game will be Jan. 4 against Frenship in Frenship.

BIG SPRING (52) — Gerald Cobos 2, 4-5 8; Wes Hughes 2, 1-2 5; Brady Cox 1, 3-5 5; Ricky Rodriguez 6, 1-2 13; Shane Jones 4, 2-3 10; Rod White 4, 0-0 9; Jason LeGrande 1, 0-2 2. Totals — 20, 11-19 52.

ODESSA PERMIAN (62) — William Baty 4, 2-3 10; Hassan Rice 3, 0-0 6; Reuben Loud 7, 0-2 14; Scooter Spears 3, 1-1 7; Hubert Collins 4, 0-0 9; Vince Dobbins 0, 2-2 4; Ray Anderson 1, 0-0 2; Tony Daniels 5, 2-2 12. Totals — 27, 7-10 62.

3-point goals — Big Spring 1 (White), Odessa Permian 1 (Collins); Fouls — Big Spring 17, Odessa Permian 25; Fouled Out — Big Spring (White), Odessa Permian (Baty). Technicals — None.

BIG SPRING (62) — Cobos 0 2 2; Hughes 8 0 18; Earnst 2 1 5; Cox 1 0 2; Rodriguez 2 0 5; Jones 3 4 10; White 5 4 16; Dominguez 1 0 2; LeGrande 1 0 2; totals 23-62, 11-17 62.

BURLESON (57) — Paris 4 0 8; Shelly 0 1 1; Luttrell 3 1 7; Miles 4 0 2; Hubbard 5 0 11; Johnson 4 0 8; Barnes 7 2 16; totals 24-54, 8-21 57.

Score by quarters
Big Spring 10 21 19 12 — 62
Burleson 10 12 12 23 — 57

BIG SPRING (65) — Cobos 5 0 10; Hughes 2 1 6; Earnst 4 0 8; Coz 3 0 6; Rodriguez 1 2 5; Jones 6 2 14; White 5 0 14; LeGrande 1 0 2; totals 28 4-9 65.

BROWNFIELD (68) — Ivey 3 0 9; Smith 1 0 2; Cantrell 1 0 2; Jackson 9 3 21; Evans 6 2 14; Reed 1 0 2; Rolan 4 0 8; Washington 4 2 10; totals 29 7-18 68.

Score by quarters
Big Spring 16 18 14 17 — 65
Brownfield 19 19 11 19 — 68

Lady Steers drop two in Slaton

SLATON — The Big Spring Lady Steers got off to a rocky start in the first quarter of play Friday night against Dalhart in the Slaton Christmas Tournament and ended up losing, 49-42. Thursday Big Spring lost to Littlefield, 54-39.

Big Spring's head coach Ron Taylor said the team battled back in the final quarter of play but couldn't overcome the early deficit.

"We cut their lead down to one in the final quarter four times," Taylor said. "We either missed the shot or turned the ball over. The turnovers really hurt us in the game."

With just over one minute left in the contest Big Spring had the chance to gain the lead but a missed shot from the floor dashed all hopes.

With the defeat the Lady Steers stand at 9-6 for the season. They'll play Lubbock Friendship Thursday night home in Steer Gym. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

BIG SPRING (42) — Leslie Fryar 3, 0-0 9; Bernadette Vailles 2, 0-0 4; Casey Cook 1, 1-2 3; Tevyan Russell 6, 4-8 22; Sreeta Sheltman 2, 0-2 4.
DALLHART (49) — Miller 4, 4-7 17; Stewart 4, 1-7 9; Johnson 3, 2-5 8; Hayes 2, 2-2 6; Thompson 1, 3-4 5; Stenson 2, 0-0 4.
Halftime Score: Dalhart 29, Big Spring 18.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Big Spring 7 11 13 11 — 42
Dalhart 17 12 12 8 — 49

A look back at sports year 1991

Editor's Note — This is the first of a three-part series depicting the area sports year in review. Part two will be in Monday's paper.

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

As in previous years, 1991 was an entertaining year for Crossroads Country sports fans. It was filled with many chills, spills, joy and pain.

There were many overachievers and some underachievers. No doubt: 1990 was worth another look at.

JANUARY's biggest news was the resignation of Big Spring football coach David Thompson, who left to take a similar position at South Grand Prairie. Thompson compiled a 23-11-1 record and two playoff appearances during his three-year stint in Big Spring.

The next biggest news was the No. 3 Howard College Lady Hawks basketball team losing its first game of the season, a 72-66 decision to the Olympic Hopefuls in the Blinn tournament in Brenham. Howard's record was 14-1.

Also in hoops action, the Shootout at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum matched the Howard College teams against Odessa College. The No. 3 Hawks beat Odessa 87-74 while the Lady Hawks beat No. 4 ranked Odessa 55-53.

In football news, five area players were named to the All-West Texas Super team. They were

Big Spring running back Jermaine Miller, linebacker Felipe Saiz and safety Freddy Rodriguez. Garden City defensive back Allen Hoelscher made the team as did Colorado City punter Robbie Smith.

In the latter part of the month, Howard basketball teams took part in another shootout, this time in Levelland against South Plains.

No. 2 South Plains handed the Hawks their first defeat of the season, a 90-82 defeat. Howard fell to 20-1. The No. 4 South Plains women downed the Lady Hawks 60-57.

The biggest news in **FEBRUARY** came on the basketball court. For the second consecutive year, the Howard College Hawks were ranked No. 1 in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll. Howard gained the berth via a 87-78 win over South Plains in Big Spring.

Also making big headlines were the Coahoma Bulldogs basketball team. In the next-to-last regular game of the season, Coahoma beat Forsan 68-60, clinching a state playoff berth. It was Coahoma's first playoff appearance since 1981.

The Big Spring Steers also gained sole possession of first place in the 3-4A basketball race with a 79-46 win over Pecos.

A couple of weeks later Big Spring earned a playoff berth by defeating San Angelo Lake View 70-61 in an "extra game" to deter-

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mine the second seed in the district.

In high school basketball action, the Coahoma, Grady and Klondike girls all made the playoffs. The Stanton and Sands boys also joined Big Spring and Coahoma in the playoffs.

The Steers were eliminated in the area round of the playoffs by Lamesa, 88-68. The Steers finished the season with an 16-18 record.

The 3-4A All-District basketball teams were released and Steers junior Rod White was named Most Valuable Player of the district. Pat Chavarria was named Newcomer of the Year and Louis Soldan was a first team selection. Bernie Valles was a first team selection for the Lady Steers.

In trap shooting news, former Big Spring resident Kelly Rogers won the *Trap and Field News* All-Around Average award. Rogers averaged 97.86 on his 7,600 targets.

The Lady Hawks suffered a big blow when all-American guard Kim Robinson was lost for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

The big news of **MARCH** was the

state junior college basketball tournament in Waco. The Lady Hawks were defeated in the semifinals by eventual national champion Odessa, 57-55. Cindy Williams was named to the all-tournament team. Howard finished 29-4.

The Hawks were defeated in the finals by Alvin 95-91.

Johnny McDowell was named Most Valuable Player in the tournament. Antonio Valiengo was named to the all-tournament team. Howard finished at 32-2.

The next biggest news was Howard College basketball coach Steve Green accepting the Midland College job. Assistant Randall Dickey also went to Midland.

Another big story was the reassignment of Lady Steers basketball coach George Martin. Martin was reassigned to coach at Goliad. Big Spring finished at 5-21 for the season. In two years Martin compiled a 26-31 record, including one playoff appearance.

The Crossroads Country basketball Honor Roll was released and Grady's Sherrie McMorris and Stanton's Kenny McCalister were named MVPs. Coahoma's Kim Nichols was boys Coach of the Year and Coahoma's Truman Meissner was named girls Coach of the Year.

Howard filled the All-WJAC squad. The Lady Hawks had Robinson, Williams and Mulu Tosi were named to the team. Hawks making the team were Cecil Pittman and



Kim Robinson was one of the main reasons the Howard College Lady Hawks went 29-4 this past basketball season. ● REVIEW page 2-B

Falcons doom Saints at the Dome

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Michael Haynes doomed his hometown team to another postseason of frustration.

Haynes caught two second-half touchdowns Saturday, including the winner on a 61-yard pass and run play late in the fourth quarter, leading the Atlanta Falcons to a 27-20 playoff victory over the New Orleans Saints.

New Orleans has been to the playoffs three times in the past five years, but has yet to win a game. The Saints won their first division title ever, taking the NFC West with an 11-5 record in this, their 25th season.

The Falcons, 10-6 in the regular season, now go to Washington for a second-round playoff game on Saturday.

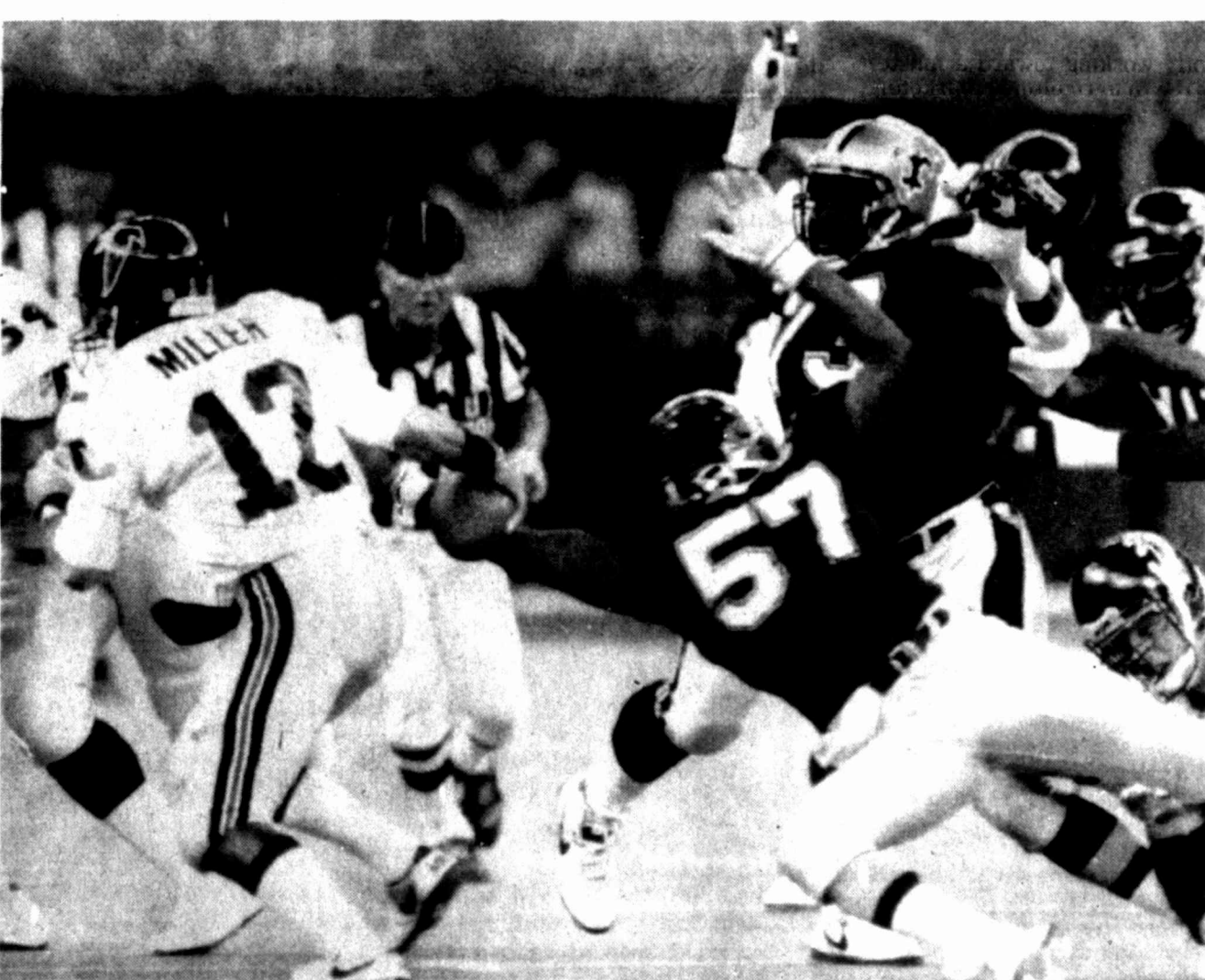
Haynes grew up in New Orleans, but played trumpet in the band at the city's Clark High School instead of playing football. He didn't go out for football until he was running track at Eastern Arizona Junior College.

He bought 16 tickets to the game for his family and friends.

They are out of the playoffs now because Haynes beat a friend, Saints cornerback Milton Mack, for the winning score. He put a move on Mack, got a step on him, then outran him into the end zone, widening his lead all the way over the final 40 yards.

After Haynes transferred to Northern Arizona for his final two seasons, he continued to pair track with football. Haynes competed in the 1988 Olympic trials, when Carl Lewis beat him in his qualifying heat.

Still, he admitted that



New Orleans Saints linebacker Ricky Jackson (57) gets a hand on Atlanta Falcons quarterback Chris Miller (12), who's trying to scramble away in action Saturday in New Orleans.

sometimes, he gets caught from behind.

"It's not always that way," he said. "I've gotten past the first guy before and got caught by the pur-

suit. This time, I just cut good on him and just kept on going."

Mack, activated from the practice squad after the first three Saints cornerbacks went down with

injuries, said linebacker Sam Mills knocked him off the tackle after Haynes' reception.

It was a blitz, and he had Haynes one-on-one, Mack said.

Raiders turnovers lead to 10-6 Chiefs win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A week after he could do no wrong in his NFL debut, rookie quarterback Todd Marinovich watched Saturday as the Los Angeles Raiders self-destructed around him in the AFC wild-card game.

Marinovich, who had thrown three touchdown passes in a 27-21 loss to Kansas City a week earlier, was intercepted four times Saturday as the Chiefs held on for a 10-6 victory. Yet, the Raiders had a chance to score a go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter, when they had a second-and-one at the Chiefs' 24. But Los Angeles committed four penalties and was pushed back to a first-and-30 on its 41.

"I led the team well," Marinovich said. "That last drive I thought I was leading them down for a score. There are some things you can't help. It was no one's fault at the end there. There was a lot of things that happened. Maybe it just wasn't meant to be today."

"We made some plays, but we

had too many turnovers, too many penalties at inopportune times," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "The first interception he had, he didn't see the guy. The last couple of interceptions were tipped balls."

Shell was going to stick with Marinovich.

"No, I did not," he said when asked if he thought about changing quarterbacks. "We got down to the 24 and the penalties kind of snowballed on us. I'm not going to get into talking about an inexperienced thing with Todd Marinovich. You guys keep trying to get me into it with these questions. But I'm not going to second-guess myself."

Marinovich made his first career start last week because Jay Schroeder was injured. He completed 23 of 40 passes for 243 yards and did not throw an interception against the Chiefs.

On Saturday, he was 12 of 23 for 140 yards.

"It's disappointing," Marinovich said. "It hurts a lot. I'll never

forget this thing. I just wish my performance had been better."

"We ran it right down to the end. We just had some tough calls that went against us with all those penalties."

Schroeder could have played Saturday, but Shell opted to stick with Marinovich. The rookie, who would have been a junior at USC this year, said he was told early in the week he would start.

The Chiefs altered their defense slightly by putting safety Deron Cherry in the middle of the field and letting him play the ball.

Cherry, who went into the game with seven career interceptions against the Raiders, intercepted Marinovich twice in the first half.

"Cherry came down and had a great scheme," Marinovich said. "The thing about it is those two (interceptions) were no factor at the end of the game. We still could have gone down and won."

"He comes down the middle and picks which side to read and either doubles Timmy (Brown) or



Kansas City Chiefs running back Barry Word (23) goes over the top of Los Angeles Raiders Eddie Anderson (33) in first half action Saturday in Kansas City.

doubles Ethan (Horton) or just hangs in the middle a lot."

At the Kansas City 24 with about four minutes to play, the Raiders were given a face mask penalty and flagged for a false start.

Chiefs linebacker Chris Martin was called for a holding penalty, giving the Raiders a first down at the 39, but Los Angeles was guilty of holding and pass interference on the next two plays.

"Todd is going to be a great player," Brown said. "You can't lay all the blame for today on him. I told the coaches going out for the second half that if we can't score seven points, we don't belong in the playoffs anyway."

"We had a first-and-10 at the 22 or 23 or whatever it was and then all of a sudden we end up first-and-30. After that first penalty, we just went into a tailspin of penalties. You just can't win big games like this when you have mistakes like that."

Kansas City then ran out the clock.

"This is very painful," Marcus Allen said.

Sidelines

YMCA hoops signups under way

Registration for the The Big Spring YMCA Boys Basketball League is currently under way at the YMCA.

Basketball tourney set in Grady

LENORAH — The Grady Student Council will host a three-on-three basketball tournament Jan. 9 at the Grady gym.

Bulldogs win tourney opener

STERLING CITY — The Coahoma Bulldogs won their first game of the Sterling City tournament, defeating Water Valley 74-61.

Tech defeats Kent State

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Damon Ashley scored 20 points and Stacy Bailey added 18 Saturday, leading Texas Tech to a 73-63 win over Kent for third place in the INB Hoosier Classic.

Indiana played Indiana State for the championship in a late game. The two wingmen did most of their damage from outside the arc for Texas Tech (6-3).

Bailey made six of his 10 3-point shots as the Red Raiders achieved their best start in 10 years, when they opened with a 7-1 record. Ashley hit four of 10 3-pointers.

Kent (3-6) led for much of the first half and held a 45-39 advantage with 16:07 left. That's when Bailey found the range, knocking in three consecutive 3-pointers and igniting a run that saw Texas Tech outscore Kent 18-7 in just 4 1/2 minutes.

Point guard Bryant Moore's score off an inbounds pass gave the Red Raiders the lead for good at 50-49 with 13:22 remaining. Texas Tech upped the lead to as many as 10 points down the stretch despite hitting just eight of 16 free throws in the final 4:05.

Kentucky too much for Louisville

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — John Pelphrey scored 16 points, hitting six of seven shots, in sparking No. 17 Kentucky a 29-19 lead, and the Wildcats went on to a 103-89 victory Saturday night over No. 21 Louisville.

Pelphrey, who finished with 26 points, sank a 3-pointer from the corner to put Kentucky (8-2) ahead 5-2 with 18:15 left in the half, a lead it would never relinquish. Pelphrey went on to make three more 3-pointers, and finished Kentucky's run with a midcourt steal and pass that resulted in Jamal Mashburn's slam dunk at 13:03 for the 10-point edge.

Louisville (6-1), which made only 31 of 77 shots for 40 percent, rallied from a 54-45 halftime deficit to 84-78 on Greg Minor's three-play play off a baseline drive. But Kentucky's Dale Brown took the air out of Louisville's comeback with a 3-pointer from the right wing that gave the Wildcats a 91-81 advantage with four minutes to go.

Mashburn contributed 25 points and Brown 16 as Kentucky took its second straight win over its intra-state rival before 24,295 fans in Rupp Arena, the third-largest crowd in the facility's 16-year history.

Lady Wolves win tourney

By LORNE FANCETT Staff Writer

STANTON — The Lady Wolves of Colorado City opened the game with a 6-0 run and never looked back as they defeated the Seagraves Lady Eagles 51-40 to take the girls championship of the Stanton Hooptown Classic Saturday.

Rosemary Rosas was the top point scorer for the Lady Wolves on the evening as she had 19, including 10 in the final quarter. Tracey Hoover added nine points and was the leading rebounder for C-City with seven.

Seagraves' leading scorer was Jessica Hobbs with 15 before going down with an injury with 2:28 left in the game. Seven of those points came from the free throw line as she shot 4-9 from the field. She also led the Lady Eagles with nine rebounds.

The inside game of the Lady Eagles converted only seven of 19 shots on the evening, forcing the team to go outside. Colorado City took advantage of Seagraves cold inside shooting by grabbing quick rebounds, denying the Lady Eagles second shot opportunities.

Being down 28-19 at the half, the Lady Eagles made a game of it in the third quarter by outscoring Colorado City 12-6 to narrow the lead to four going into the final quarter of play, 35-31.

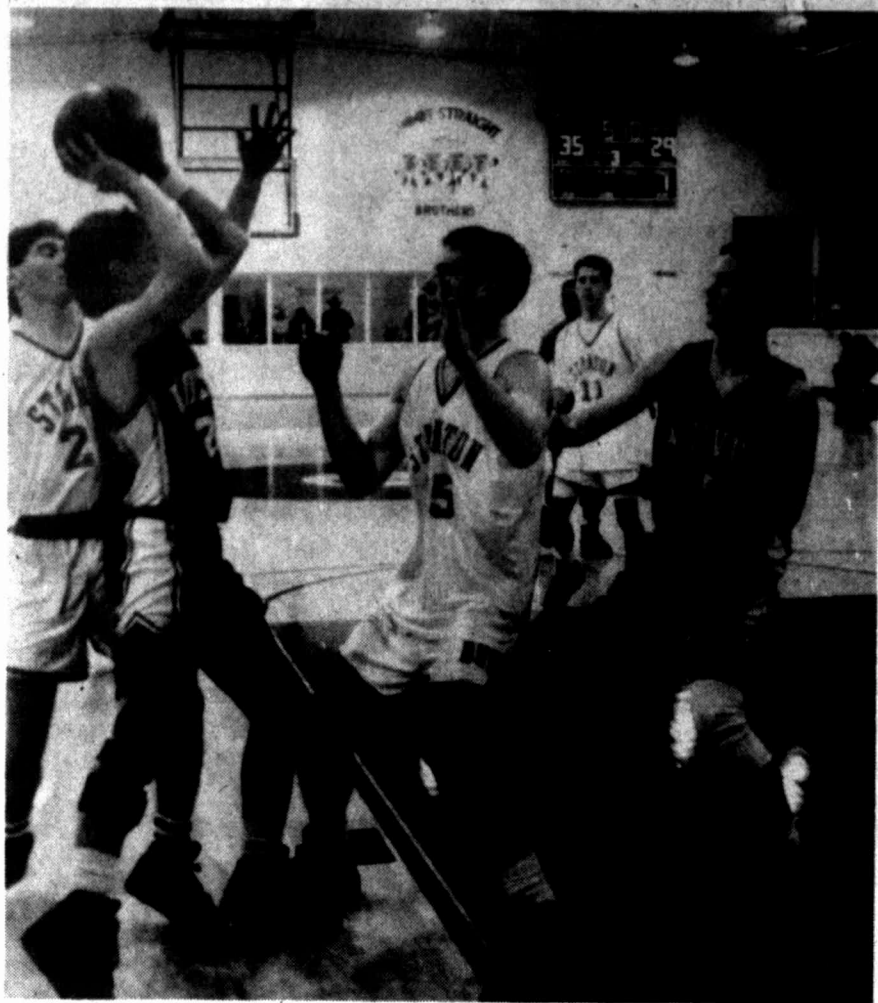
Seagraves utilized its quickness on defense to steal the ball from the Lady Wolves and take it down the floor for the uncontested basket. Katrina Mirelez came in for the Lady Eagles in the third and pulled down five defensive boards, taking second shot opportunities away from C-City.

But it was all Rosas in the fourth as she outscored Seagraves 10-9 to lead the Lady Wolves to the win.

Colorado City's head coach Wayne Alexander said he wasn't sure of the victory until the final buzzer.

"We only had a four point lead after the third quarter," Alexander said. "They really made a game of it. I never felt comfortable."

Leading Scorers: Stanton 'A' — B. Bundas 16; Stanton 'B' — S. Bundas 24.



Colorado City's David Castillo (25) gets double-teamed by Stanton's Grant Woodfin (15) and Jim Bob Kelly in action Friday night in Stanton.

Half-time Score — Stanton 'A' 23, Stanton 'B' 22.

BOYS CONSOLATION

Stanton 66, Midland JV 52

Leading Scorers: Stanton — McCallister 22, Stallings 14, Woodfin 12; Midland JV — Hobbs 15.

Half-time Score — Stanton 30, Midland JV 22.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

GIRLS

Colorado City — Jennifer Munoz, Rosemary Rosas; Seagraves — Jessica Hobbs, Traci Yocom; Stanton 'A' — Brandi Bundas; Stanton 'B' — Sande Bundas.

BOYS

Colorado City — Marcus Monroe, Jason Lynch; Seagraves — Timmy Cavazos, Eric Thomas; Midland — Justin Hobbs; Stanton — Grant Woodfin.

BOY'S MVP — Eric Thomas. GIRL'S MVP — Rosemary Rosas.

Friday's Results

STANTON (50) — Wyckoff — 2 (1) 0-0; Martinez — 0 0; Stallings — 1 (1) 0-0; Miller — 0 0; Marquez — 0 0; Woodfin — 2 2-0 14; Castro — 0 2-1; McCallister — 4 4-14; Kelly — 3 0-4; Barnes — 0 0; Ortiz — 0 0; Dahl — 0 0; Ramos — 0 0; Louder — 1 2-3. TOTALS — 20 (2) 10-4-5.

COLORADO CITY (42) — Monroe — 8 (2) 4-26; Green — 4 0-8; Potter — 0 0; Conner — 0 0; Lynch — 1 2-2; Castillo — 3 (2) 1-13; Rodriguez — 5 (1) 0-13; Galey — 0 0; Oden — 2 0-0. TOTALS — 21 (5) 9-5-62.

SEAGRAVES (47) — Machuca — 1 2-4; Arriaga — 0 0; Roberts — 3 2-8; Oliver — 1 0-2; Purcell — 0 0; Mirelez — 2 1-4; Draughan — 1 0-2; Hobb — 5 4-14; Yocom — 6 2-13. TOTALS — 19 11-47.

COLORADO CITY (46) — Aguilar — 1 4-24; Turner — 0 0; Bridgford — 1 2-4.

Munoz — 1 0-0 2; Ornelas — 0 0 0; McKnight — 5 2-12; Bradbury — 0 0 0; Rosas — 5 0-0 10; Biggers — 0 8-4 4; Moreno — 2 2-0 4; Hoover — 2 4-2 6. TOTALS — 16 22-12 46.

STANTON (38) — Hirt — 1 2-4; Bundas — 2 1-7 11; Chapa — 0 0 0; Hooper — 1 (1) 2-0 5; Tollison — 1 0-2; Pardue — 0 0 0; Hobbs — 3 0-6 6; Brown — 3 1-1 7; Koonce — 0 0; Graves — 0 0; Johnson — 0 (1) 0-0 3; Lee — 0 3-0 0; Rios — 0 0 0. TOTALS — 11 (2) 19-10 38.

Half-time score — Colorado City 21-19.

MIDLAND JV (62) — Stricklin — 1 (2) 0-8; Nettles — 0 0 0; Mayfield — 4 1-0 8; Carter — 6 4-14; Hobbs — 1 (3) 0-11; Merritt — 1 5-3 5; Gamble — 2 0-0 4; Kopp — 4 0-8; Beard — 2 0-0 4. TOTALS — 21 (5) 12-5 62.

SEAGRAVES (71) — S. Cavazos — 0 0 0; T. Cavazos — 3 (1) 2-10; Anderson — 6 2-14; Sumner — 6 (2) 0-8; R. Bryant — 0 0 0; F. Bryant — 0 0; Ingle — 3 0-4; Moore — 3 0-4; Thomas — 7 4-14; Gonzales — 1 2-3. TOTALS — 29 (3) 10-4 71.

Half-time score — Midland 32-27.

STANTON (50) — Wyckoff — 2 (1) 0-0; Martinez — 0 0; Stallings — 1 (1) 0-0; Miller — 0 0; Marquez — 0 0; Woodfin — 2 2-0 14; Castro — 0 2-1; McCallister — 4 4-14; Kelly — 3 0-4; Barnes — 0 0; Ortiz — 0 0; Dahl — 0 0; Ramos — 0 0; Louder — 1 2-3. TOTALS — 20 (2) 10-4-5.

COLORADO CITY (62) — Monroe — 8 (2) 4-26; Green — 4 0-8; Potter — 0 0; Conner — 0 0; Lynch — 1 2-2; Castillo — 3 (2) 1-13; Rodriguez — 5 (1) 0-13; Galey — 0 0; Oden — 2 0-0. TOTALS — 21 (5) 9-5 62.

Rangers finish third at own tournament

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ Staff Writer

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Rangers muscled their way into a third place finish at the expense of district foe Kermit Yellowjackets, 63-60 Saturday in the Greenwood Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Greenwood lost to Fort Stockton Panthers 85-53, to earn the right to meet Clint in the championship game. The Rangers began the quest to the title game with an easy 72-54 win over the McCamey Badgers.

Leading the way for the host team was junior Jeff Dunn with 20 points, followed by Casey Adams with 14 and teammates Eric Clutter and Michael Smith, both with ten.

With the win, the Rangers improved their mark to 6-6, and waiting for the Fort Stockton team in the semis.

Saturday night action. In the semifinal match, the Fort Stockton Panthers overpowered the home team 85-53, to claimed a spot in the championship game against the Clint Lions.

The Panthers were led by Shawn Beeles with 25 points. For the Rangers, Eric Clutter led all scoring with 14 points, followed by teammates Jason Swopes with 13 and Jeff Dunn with 11.

In their second game of the tournament, the Rangers held a 37-27 halftime lead, but the visiting Yellowjackets closed the gap to bring an exciting finish, with the host team holding on for a 63-60 win.

In Saturday's game, Kermit began to move in on the home team in the second half as junior Brandon Heiser scored 10 points on a 16-6 run in the third quarter to tie the ballgame at 43-43. With 4:46 left in the final eight minutes, Ted Flowers hit a basket, but failed to convert a three-point play giving the host team a 55-51 lead.

Greenwood began to self-destruct with three minutes left to play as they turned the ball over three consecutive times and the Jackets took advantage of the turnovers to take a 58-57 lead with 1:23 left on the clock.

With Kermit leading 60-57, Clutter found Flowers under the basket and he took the ball to the hoop and was fouled in the process. This time, Flowers converted a three-point play to tie the ballgame with 39 seconds left on the scoreboard.

The Jackets took the inbounds pass, but a turnover gave the ball back to Greenwood. Clutter moved the ball downcourt and found sophomore Michael Smith under the basket all alone for the final basket of the night and a 62-60 lead.

Manny Vigil added a free throw to end all scoring for the Rangers and giving them a third place finish.

GREENWOOD (63) — Alderson — 0 0 0; Vigil — 1 1-1 3; Clutter — 5 4-14; Flowers — 5 8-17; Adams — 0 0 0; Dunn — 7 5-17; Swopes — 1 2-2 4; Smith — 4 0-8. TOTALS — 23 22-17 63.

KERMIT (40) — Mills — 0 0 0; Thompson — 1 0-2; Kidd — 0 0; Lopez — 0 (2) 2-8; Heiser — 9 2-18; Mobley — 0 0; Ramirez — 1 (1) 1-1 6; Foster — 5 2-1 1; Swisher — 1 0-0 2; Mann — 0 0 0; Riley — 1 4-4; Stansel — 2 (1) 0-0 7; TOTALS — 21 (4) 11-6 60.

GREENWOOD (72) — Alderson — 1 0-0 2; Vigil — 1 0-0 2; Clutter — 5 0-10; Flowers — 1 0-0 2; Adams — 7 0-14; Dunn — 7 (2) 0-20; Swopes — 2 0-4; Smith — 2 7-10 7; Seales — 3 4-8. TOTALS — 29 (2) 11-8 72.

MCCAMEY (54) — Tate — 0 0 0; Seihart — 1 0-2; Urias — 1 0-2; Gallardo — 1 0-2; Salinas — 3 (1) 3-10; Stinson — 1 0-2; Martinez — 3 (3) 2-17; Patterson — 5 4-5 15. TOTALS — 17 (4) 11-8 54.

GREENWOOD (53) — Alderson — 0 0 0; Vigil 0 0 0; Clutter — 4 7-6 14; Flowers — 4 0-8; Adams — 1 1-2 2; Dunn — 5 7-11 17; Swopes — 2 (3) 0-13; Smith — 2 2-1 5. TOTALS — 18 (3) 17-8 53.

FORT STOCKTON (85) — Gonzales — 3 (1) 7-4 15; Franco — 1 4-3 5; Leyva — 2 2-2 4; Houston — 0 (1) 5-3 6; Espino — 1 6-8 8; Barrera — 1 1-2 2; Ontiveros — 0 0 0; Beeles — 9 (1) 4-25; Brown — 0 0; Nance — 2 3-0 4; Velasquez — 7 1-0 14; Rojas — 0 0 0. TOTALS — 26 (3) 33-24 85.

Review

Continued from page 1-B Harvey Petty, McDowell was MVP.

APRIL's headliner was the hiring of a men's basketball coach at Howard College. Jeff Kidder, a 28-year-old Kentucky native and an assistant coach at West Texas State University, got the job.

The next biggest news came in track and field. At San Angelo, the Big Spring Lady Steers made school history by scoring 149 points and winning the district track meet.

It was the first ever a Lady Steers track squad had ever won a district title.

Another big story was the Steers golf team finishing second in district and earning a trip to state. The team was composed of Jon Sims, Eric Lusk, Charlie Garcia, Kyle Plumlee and Bo Hodnett.

It was the first time a Steer team had qualified for state in 20 years. Three area track athletes qualified for state; Stanton's Jeremy Stallings in the 800 and 1600 meters, as did Coahoma's Sarah Hanks.

LaTisha Anderson of Coahoma qualified in the hurdles.

Big Spring also sent singles player Rocky Tubb and the doubles team of Pacen Booth and Steve Sims to regional.

At the Howard College rodeo, Tarleton won the men's title and Western Texas won the women's title. Both Howard teams finished fifth.

At the Coahoma Athletic Banquet, Hanks and Rusty Ginnett were named Athletes of the Year for the second consecutive year.

TCU begins immediate search for coach

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian University wants to fill the head football coaching position left vacant by Jim Wacker within 10 days so the school doesn't fall behind in recruiting, officials said Saturday.

TCU athletic director Frank Windegger spent Saturday morning putting together a search committee, which would start looking immediately to replace Wacker, who was named head football coach at Minnesota on Friday.

Wacker, 54, replaced John Gutenkunst, who resigned with one game to go in the Golden Gophers' 2-9 season.

"We're going right ahead with recruiting. If we place a coach within the next 10 days, our recruiting won't be hurt," Windegger said.

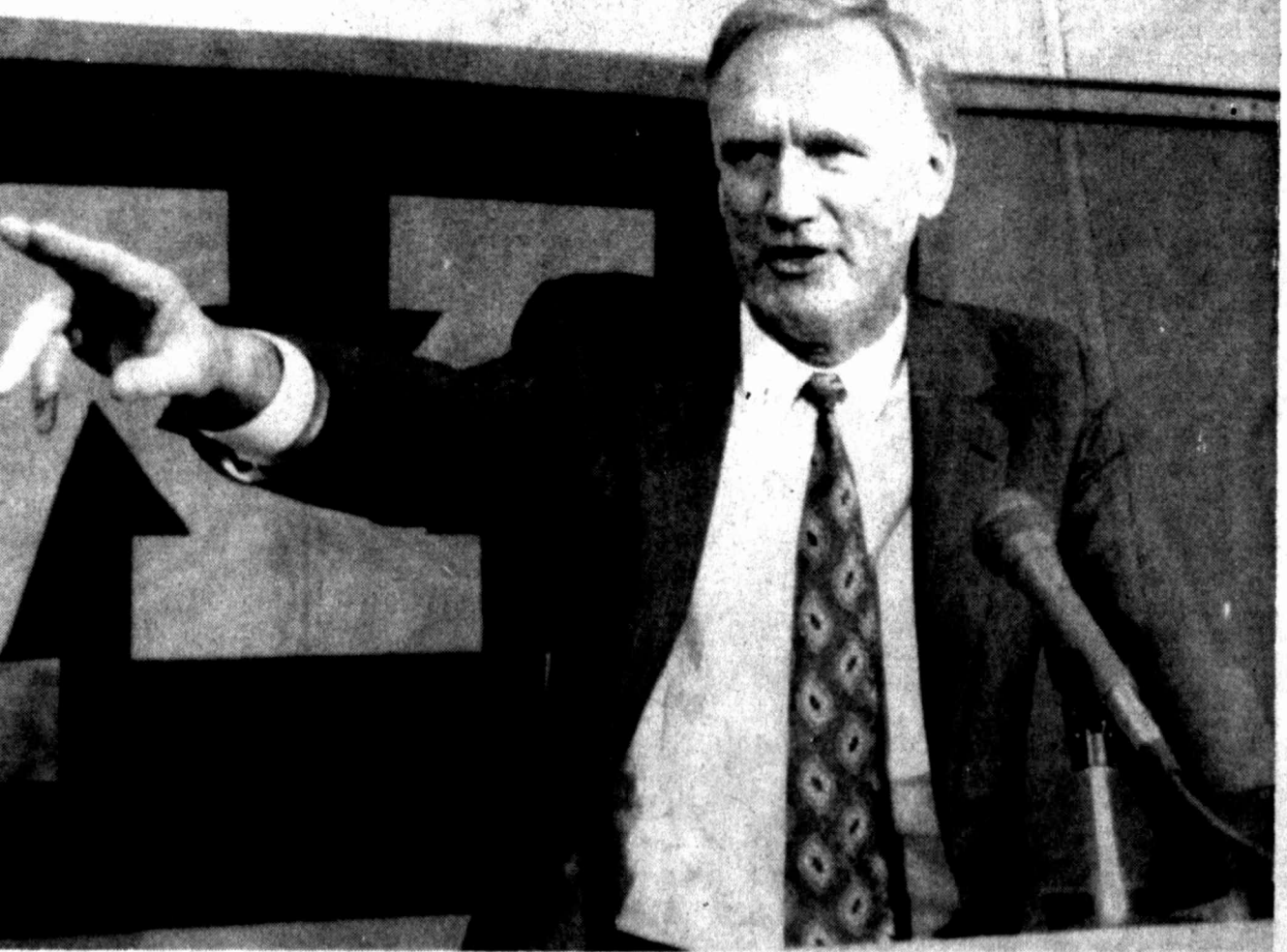
Windegger said he has received numerous calls from coaches interested in being the Horned Frogs' 19th coach, but would not reveal their names or how many calls he has received.

"That I can't divulge right now," Windegger said. "But I've got a stack of them (phone messages) to return. I've gotten a lot."

Windegger said the search committee will include TCU faculty and administrators, and the committee will have to quickly decide selection criteria and line up candidates to interview.

The pay and benefits offered to the candidates will depend on their experience and other qualifications, Windegger said.

On Friday, Wacker became the highest paid athletic department official in University of Minnesota history when he agreed to a \$125,000 base salary for each of the next five years — approximately the same he was drawing at TCU — as well as a guaranteed \$125,000 annually for radio and television shows, personal appearances, endorsements and related activities.



Jim Wacker answers questions during a news conference Friday in Minneapolis after being named head football coach at the University of Minnesota.

titles, ticket sales and academic performance — would boost his base salary substantially.

Wacker said he has the opportunity to take several of his nine assistant coaches with him to the Big Ten school, but Windegger said that wouldn't necessarily hurt TCU's efforts to hire a new coach quickly.

Earlier, TCU trustee Don Smith said some administrators were unhappy with Wacker's

performance. "There has been dissatisfaction with his coaching. ... Apparently he did alienate some for reasons beyond the won-and-loss record. ... I think he might have some personal attributes that turn people off," Smith said.

Wacker finished this season with a 7-4 record and had a record of 40-58-2 in nine years as a TCU coach. He has an overall coaching record of 144-91-3. In 1984, Wacker

took the Horned Frogs to the Luebonnet Bowl, TCU's first postseason appearance since 1965. But in 1985, after Wacker suspended seven players suspected of receiving money from boosters, and turned the matter over to the NCAA, TCU finished the season 3-8. The school missed out on 25 recruits during a three-year NCAA probation which followed, and had six consecutive losing seasons beginning in 1985.

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SCOREBOARD

Bowling

STERLING TRAVELERS
RESULTS—Guys-N-Dolls over Family Foursome, 8-0; B.S.I. Inc. over Two M's-N-W-D, 6-2; Moms-N-Dads over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Roadrunners over Tony's Auto Sale, 6-2; Roller Coasters over Two-N-Two, 7-1; hi sc. game and series (men) Leon Hobbs, 246 and 402; hi sc. game and series (women) Madge Rogers, 169 and 470; hi sc. team game and series Mom-N-Dads, 458 and 1797; hi hdp game and series (men) Leon Hobbs, 49-75; Roadrunners, hi hdp game and series (women) Betty Clark, 231 and Madge Rogers, 414; hi hdp team game and series Mom-N-Dads, 854 and 2391.

STANDINGS—Family Foursome, 103-41; Guys-N-Dolls, 97-47; B.S.I. Inc., 78-64; Two M's-N-W-D, 78-64; Moms-N-Dads, 70-74; Fifth Wheels, 49-75; Roadrunners, 44-78; Roller Coasters, 57-87; Tony's Auto Sale, 55-95; Two-N-Two, 45-99.

LADIES CLASSIC
RESULTS—Dickies Hot Mama's over Jane's Flowers, 6-2; Fun Stuff over Team 3, 8-0; Olima over Team 10, 8-0; M & M Happy Hooker over Quail Run, 6-2; Pretty Things over L & M Properties, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Jane Sharp, 194 and Janie Ringener, 196; hi sc. series Jane Sharp, 522; hi sc. team game and series Pretty Things, 700 and 2010; hi hdp game and series Evelyn Vansteenu, 237 and Jane Sharp, 442; hi hdp team game and series M & M Happy Hooker, 863 and Pretty Things, 2264.

STANDINGS—Pretty Things, 80-32; Jane's Flowers, 73-39; Dickies Hot Mama's, 71-41; M & M Happy Hooker, 64-48; Olima, 60-52; Team 3, 53-59; Fun Stuff, 53-59; Quail Run, 50-42; L & M Properties, 48-44; Team 10, 6-104.

LADIES CLASSIC
RESULTS—Pretty Things over Team 10, 4-2; Quail Run over L & M Properties, 8-0; Team 3 over M & M Happy Hooker, 8-0; Dickies Hot Mama's over Olima, 6-2; Fun Stuff over Jane's Flowers, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Faye Stoker, 222 and 568; hi sc. team game and series Pretty Things, 878 and 1886; hi hdp game and series Faye Stoker, 254 and 644; hi hdp team game and series Fun Stuff, 857 and 2288.

STANDINGS—Pretty Things, 84-34; Dickies Hot Mama's, 77-43; Jane's Flowers, 75-45; M & M Happy Hooker, 64-56; Olima, 62-58; Team 3, 61-59; Fun Stuff, 59-41; Quail Run, 58-42; L & M Properties, 48-72; Team 10, 8-112.

STARS
RESULTS—Bowling over Team 4, 8-0; Too Small To Bowl over Team 8, 8-0; Old Timers over Cruisers, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) Cory Elliott, 189 and 471; hi sc. game and series (women) Laurie Wells, 182 and 474; hi sc. team game and series Old Timers, 544 and 1411; hi hdp game and series (men) Brad Harrison, 236 and 443; hi hdp game and series (women) Leann Campbell, 211 and 577; hi hdp team game and series Old Timers, 454 and 1844.

STANDINGS—Bowling, 48-32; Old Timers, 48-16; Too Small To Bowl, 42-30; Cruisers, 41-39; Team 4, 38-26; Rebels, 28-44; Trouble Makers, 11-21; Team 8, 0-48.

LITTLE STRIKERS
RESULTS—Terminators over Tigers, 8-0; Stars over Lucky Strikers, 6-2; Nothing But Trouble over Double Trouble, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) Jason Brown, 146 and 437; hi sc. game and series (women) Shana Earnest, 150 and 395; hi sc. team game and series Terminators, 429 and 1270; hi hdp game and series (men) Jason Brown, 204 and 545; hi hdp game and series (women) Danielle Stokes, 189 and 492; hi hdp team game and series Nothing But Trouble, 456 and 1893.

LILFOLKS
RESULTS—Dynamite Duo tied The Red Hots, 4-4; Strickers over The Phantoms, 8-0; Team 4 over Team 6, 8-0; hi sc. game and series (men) Michael Rowden, 168 and 277; hi sc. game and series (women) Kaci Stokes, 87 and 227; hi hdp team game and series Dynamite Duo, 160 and Team 4, 428; hi hdp game and series (men) Kacy Huckabee, 172 and Kacy Huckabee, 490; hi hdp game and series (women) Tandi Casselman, 155 and 431; hi hdp team game and series Dynamite Duo, 332 and 941.

STANDINGS—The Red Hots, 42-18; Team 4, 47-25; Strickers, 42-38; The Phantoms, 41-39; Dynamite Duo, 34-38; Team 6, 8-74.

NBA Standings

All Times CST				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	18	9	.692	—
Boston	18	9	.647	1/2
Miami	14	15	.483	5 1/2
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	5 1/2
New Jersey	10	18	.357	9
Washington	10	18	.357	9
Orlando	4	21	.222	12 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	22	4	.846	—
Cleveland	18	9	.647	4 1/2
Detroit	15	14	.517	8 1/2
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	9 1/2
Atlanta	13	15	.464	10
Indiana	12	17	.414	11 1/2
Charlotte	8	23	.258	16 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	19	12	.613	—
Houston	16	11	.593	1
San Antonio	15	12	.556	2
Dallas	12	16	.429	5 1/2
Denver	10	16	.385	6 1/2
Minnesota	4	22	.154	12 1/2
Pacific Division				
Golden State	18	8	.692	—
L.A. Lakers	17	10	.630	1 1/2
Phoenix	17	10	.630	1 1/2
Portland	17	10	.630	1 1/2
Seattle	15	13	.538	4
L.A. Clippers	15	14	.517	4 1/2
Sacramento	7	19	.269	11
Friday's Games				
New Jersey 136, Charlotte 120				
Cleveland 103, San Antonio 97				
Houston 107, Washington 100				
Detroit 106, Orlando 94				
Golden State 106, Minnesota 102, OT				
Boston 116, Seattle 87				

Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
New York 115, Indiana 106, OT
Utah 128, Miami 103
Washington 129, Charlotte 124
Atlanta 125, Minnesota 122, OT
Sacramento at Chicago, (n)
Boston at Denver, (n)
Dallas at Phoenix, (n)
Philadelphia at LA Clippers, (n)
Portland at LA Lakers, (n)
Sunday's Games
San Antonio at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 9 p.m.
Monday's Games
Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 8 p.m.
Boston at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NFL Playoffs

All Times CST
First Round
Saturday, Dec. 28
Kansas City 10, LA Raiders 6
Atlanta 27, New Orleans 20
Sunday, Dec. 29
Dallas at Chicago, 11:30 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 3 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, Jan. 4
Atlanta at Washington, 11:30 p.m.
Houston or Kansas City at Denver, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 5
Kansas City or N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 11:30 p.m.
Chicago or Dallas at Detroit, 3 p.m.

College scores

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
AFC Championship
NFC Championship

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Minneapolis
AFC champion vs. NFC champion

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC
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SOUTH
Coll. of Charleston 83, Texas-Arlington 70
Georgia 105, Tennessee Tech 90
Georgia Tech 97, Mercer 67
Jacksonville 88, Iona 85
South Carolina 98, Southern U. 69
Tenn. Temple 81, Ala.-Huntsville 75

MIDWEST
Conf. Michigan 66, Aquinas 62
John Carroll 91, Dyke 54
Kansas St. 79, Southern Miss. 68
Loyola, Ill. 87, Purdue 79
Missouri 92, Murray St. 52
North Dakota 87, Nebraska-Kearney 73
Youngstown St. 81, Tennessee St. 73

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 89, Jackson St. 64
Wayland Baptist 116, E. Texas Baptist 80

FAR WEST
Cal Poly-SLO 74, Pepperdine 72
California 93, San Jose St. 87
Colorado 75, Colorado St. 57
Manhattan 66, St. Mary's, Cal. 50
Southern Cal 92, Robert Morris 77

Ski Report

Saturday Dec. 28
ROCKIES USA
Most areas have packed powder, though some hard pack has formed, particularly in heavy traffic areas.

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — 0 new, packed powder-groomed, 34-36 base, 350 acres, 50 trails
Arrowhead — 0 new, hard pack, 18-18 base, 85 pct open
AspenSnowmass — 0 new, hard pack, 31-33 base, 2735 acres, 175 trails
Aspen Highlands — 0 new, packed powder, 28-35 base, 530 acres
Beaver Creek — 0 new, packed powder, 25-34 base, 920 acres
Breckenridge — 0 new, packed powder, 32-32 base, 1207 acres, 87 trails
Buttermilk — 0 new, packed powder-hard pack, 25-27 base, 400 acres, 42 trails
Copper Mt. — 0 new, packed powder, 29-33 base, 1260 acres, 4 bowls, 25K cross country
Crested Butte — 0 new, packed powder, 30-50 base, 970 acres, 9am-4pm
Eldora Mt. — 0 new, packed powder, 21-21 base, 408 acres, 72 pct open
Keystone — 0 new, packed powder-groomed, 30-30 base, 1070 acres, 81 trails
Loveland — 0 new, powder-packed powder, 29-29 base, 835 acres
Monarch — 0 new, packed powder, 37-42 base, 645 acres, 53 trails
Powderhorn — 0 new, packed powder, 31-31 base, 115 acres, 90 pct open
Purgatory — 0 new, packed powder, 39-40 base, 1200 acres, 9am-4pm
Silvercreek — 0 new, packed powder, 24-26 base, 145 acres
Ski Cooper — No report
Ski Sunlight — 0 new, packed powder-hard pack, 24-26 base, 365 acres, 27K cross country
Steamboat — 0 new, packed powder-hard pack, 32-42 base, 2505 acres, 101 runs
Telluride — 0 new, packed powder, 31-41 base, 645 acres, 43 trails
Vail — 0 new, packed powder, 22-33 base, 3835 acres, 117 trails
Winter Park — 0 new, packed powder-hard pack, 31-37 base, 1065 acres, 97 trails
Wolf Creek — 0 new, powder-packed powder, 57-60 base, 800 acres
Montana
Big Sky — 0 new, hard pack-groomed, 46-56 base, 1500 acres, 50K cross country
Bridger Bowl — 0 new, packed powder-groomed, 45-45 base, 850 acres, 51 trails
Discovery — 0 new, packed powder-packed powder, 30-50 base, 200 acres, 100 pct open
Great Divide — 100 pct open
Lost Trail — 0 new, powder-packed

Angel Fire — 0 new, powder-packed powder, 49-49 base, 368 acres, All lifts
Pajarito Mt. — 0 new, packed powder, 65-65 base, 200 acres, 40 Trails
Red River — 0 new, packed powder-groomed, 45-48 base, 200 acres, 47 runs
Sandia Peak — 0 new, packed powder, 55-55 base, 200 acres, 28 Trails
Santa Fe — 0 new, packed powder-groomed, 70 base, 550 acres, 100 pct open
Sipapu — 0 new, packed powder-powder, 26-26 base, 100 pct open
Ski Apache — 0 new, powder-packed powder, 50-50 base, 750 acres
Taos — 0 new, packed powder, 54-54 base, 1090 acres, Ridge open
Utah
Alta — 0 new, packed powder-powder, 54-54 base, 2200 acres, All lifts
Beaver Mt. — 0 new, groomed-packed powder, 29-29 base, 100 pct open
Brian Head — 0 new, packed powder, 34-34 base, 775 acres, All lifts
Brighton — 0 new, hard pack, 49-49 base, 575 acres, Night skiing
Deer Vly — 0 new, packed powder, 35-35

base, 425 acres, 37 runs
Elk Meadows — 0 new, groomed, 33-33 base, All lifts open
Nordic Vly — 0 new, groomed, 18-18 base, DayNite skiing
Park City — 0 new, packed powder-hard pack, 42-42 base, 2000 acres, 5 bowls
Park West — 0 new, packed powder-groomed, 31-31 base, 24 runs
Powder Mt. — 0 new, packed powder, 41-41 base, All lifts
Snowbasin — 0 new, packed powder, 31-31 base, 5 acres
Snowbird — 0 new, packed powder, 45-45 base, 2000 acres
Solitude — 0 new, packed powder-powder, 44-44 base, 35 trails
Sundance — 0 new, packed powder, 23-23 base, 10K cross country
Wyoming
Antelope Butte — No report
Grand Targhee — No report
Hogadon — No report
Jackson Hole — 0 new, groomed-packed powder, 19-46 base, 4400 acres
Pine Creek — No report

Snow King — 0 new, hard pack-groomed, 11-28 base, 15 acres, Night ski
Snowy Range — 0 new, packed powder, 19-28 base, 110 acres, 23 trails
PACIFIC SOUTH USA
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Outdoors

Don't forget to include drag on reels

By MARK WEAVER

When preparing for a fishing trip one often overlooked item is the drag on your reels. Think about your own reels. When was the last time you cleaned the drag system? Did you check and set the drag before your last fishing trip? If you are like most fishermen you didn't!

A drag is designed to allow the angler to preset a determined limit of, the amount of pressure which may be exerted on the line. In other words, it is a clutch which is designed to slip once the force on it reaches a certain point. A properly set drag is a safeguard against unexpected pressure. It will help eliminate a broken line, or even in extreme cases, a broken rod when you hook a large fish or when a fish manages to snag your line on a log or some other obstruction.

Therefore, knowing how to properly set your drag and care for your drag system is just as important as selecting quality tackle. A common practice of many anglers is to grab several wraps of line close to the reel and give it a few tugs, while tightening or loosening the drag to the point which "seems" right. With a great deal of experience on angler can estimate and set the drag this way. However, most anglers tend to set the drag too tight which often results in a broken line. A few anglers set the drag too loose causing the drag to slip before the hook is set.

If you have not yet acquired the expertise to determine a proper drag set by tugging on the line, try the following method. Tie the line to an object that is approximately one fourth the weight of the pound test line you are using.

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For example, if you are using 12 lb. test line use a 3 lb. object for setting the drag tension. If you are using 10 lb. test line use a 2.5 lb. object. After tying the line to the object, put pressure on the line as if you were trying to lift the object off the floor. But don't expect to actually lift the object. Set the drag so that just as the object starts to move, the drag slips. This should give you enough tension to get a good hook set, as well as, enough slip to protect the line. This way your drag is set to handle the initial thrust of the fish, as well as allowing you to play the fish to the boat. And if it is a big fish, it could mean several strong surges before this is accomplished.

Once the fish is hooked and it is giving you the fight of your life, it is too late to set the drag effectively. Although most reels have a lever that allows you to increase or decrease the preset drag right in the middle of the battle, if you have to worry about adjusting the drag and making changes at such a crucial moment, more than likely you will be the loser.

Just as it is important to know how to properly set the drag, you also need to know how to take care of the drag system. I do not recommend taking your drag system apart to clean it after every few trips.

Ryan takes another sporting field

ALBANY (AP) — Nolan Ryan sits on a steep hill beside a brushy canyon. It's the start of what likely will be a very good season for Ryan, but it has nothing to do with baseball.

Ryan peers into the brush with the same intensity baseball fans have seen in the ninth inning of any of his record seven no-hitters. He talks statistics, but nothing resembling 5,000 strikeouts or 300 victories.

Instead, baseball's all-time strikeout leader watches intently for a trophy deer that lives in this canyon while telling about the whitetail buck he shot last year on his ranch in LaSalle County, nearly 400 miles away.

"I was real pleased with the deer," Ryan said in the understated way that has become his trademark. "It was the first buck I'd shot in three years. He had 11 points, plus a nice kicker point and a 21-inch spread. It's what I consider a unique deer."

Ryan, a hunter long before he was a baseball legend, is unique in his own right. He reads deer signs as studiously as he reads a catcher's signs.

Ryan's status in the outdoors

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Nolan Ryan

community, as well as the baseball community, made him a natural choice to anchor the first Shackelford County Celebrity Hunt, the brainchild of Albany businessman and rancher George Harvick.

Harvick presented his idea to former Rangers relief pitcher Jim Kern, now an Arlington, Texas-based hunting outfitter. Kern long has been a fan of hunting opportunities in Shackelford County, about 175 miles west of Dallas.

"I love deals like this," said the effervescent Kern, whose personality and appearance brought about the baseball nickname "The Amazing Emu." Kern's business is called Emu Outfitting.

"I enjoy bringing together the best people from the ranching community with top guys from baseball," he said. "It's a good

deal for everybody."

For the mid-November hunt, Kern drafted a celebrity team of current and former Rangers that included Ryan, Ferguson Jenkins, Goose Gosage, Geno Petralli and Bobby Witt. Shackelford County ranches provided access to more than 100,000 acres of prime whitetail country, and six ardent baseball fans paid big bucks to hunt big bucks with big leaguers.

Harvick said the celebrity hunt generated \$20,000 cash and \$32,000 in pledges of materials and manpower toward building a new baseball complex for Albany High School.

He said the initial plan was a four-year program to pay for the school's facility, "but we've had so much fun with this hunt that we may expand it next year and make it an annual event."

Once the baseball stadium is paid for, subsequent funds from the celebrity hunt may be invested in a scholarship fund, Harvick said.

Shackelford County, just northeast of Abilene, is one of the state's unsung sporting hot spots. Dominated by large ranches, access has been extremely limited until recent years, when an increasing number of ranches have opened their gates to commercial hunting, finally recognizing wildlife as a lucrative and renewable cash crop.

Roughly translated, this celebrity event is an opportunity to advertise the quality hunting for deer, turkey and quail available in Shackelford County, Albany banker John Huffman said.

In fact, Ryan, who considers himself more a quail hunter than a deer hunter these days, had a tough time keeping his mind off the numerous bobwhites that flushed near the roads while looking for deer on the Nail Ranch.

"When I grew up in Alvin (Texas), it was a rural community," he said. "As a youngster, when I wasn't playing some type of sport, I spent all my time out hunting."

Deaths grab headlines, but overall rate down

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In New York state, in one nightmarish stretch this fall, a man shot his mother and two fathers killed their sons — in each case, mistaking their kin for deer. One grief-stricken father committed suicide.

All conjured visions of woods flowing with blood, of legions of trigger-happy hunters shooting anything and everything that moves, occasionally killing friends and relatives.

There's one problem with that scenario. National statistics indicate it's not necessarily true.

Accidental shootings have been cut by more than half in the past 20 years, primarily because hunters in 46 states must now take safety courses before getting a license,

according to a hunting organization.

"These accidents are a true tragedy," said Clair Huff, executive vice president of the North American Hunter Education Association. "It's just poor judgment by the hunter. By the same token, we have to look at the number of lives we have been instrumental in saving."

Last year, 99 people were killed by hunters, and 47 hunters accidentally killed themselves, according to the HEA. The toll — the lowest ever according to the HEA — rivals the 148 combat deaths the country suffered in the Gulf War.

By another measure, five times as many people died in recreational boating accidents as the 157 hunters killed in 1989, according to numbers compiled by the National

Safety Council.

Accidental shootings totaled 1,564 in 1990, a drop of 58 percent from 20 years ago, Huff said. This, he noted, is apportioned among 17 million licensed hunters. Most accidents happen in the pursuit of big game; there is no precise figure just for deer hunters.

Only Alaska, Massachusetts, Minnesota and South Carolina do not have mandatory safety courses for hunters. All offer voluntary education.

"Hunting is really not that high risk. It's an illusion of public perception," said Robert Byrne of the Wildlife Management Institute, a Washington-based conservation group.

But anti-hunting forces readily accept this illusion. "On a lot of levels, it's simply a bloody spot,"

said Elliot Katz, president of In Defense of Animals. "In our society, it's barbaric and outdated."

And it is difficult to explain how a two-legged human can be mistaken, however rarely, for a four-legged deer, or a bear, or a turkey. Yet these accidents happened:

• A distraught Gene Bulak, 41, of Taberg, N.Y., committed suicide Nov. 24 after he killed his son Michael, 18, with a shotgun blast to the head.

• Ignatius Cuttita, 61, of New City, N.Y., shot and killed his 33-year-old son, Craig, on Nov. 30 with a rifle slug to the chest.

• David Joseph Hose, 19, of Tarrytown, N.Y., mistook his mother for a deer and shot her twice in the chest with a .22-caliber rifle on Oct. 22.

Parcells to Tampa Bay?

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers declined to comment Saturday on a published report that Bill Parcells has agreed to become the team's coach and is ready to bring a new general manager along with him.

The Chicago Tribune, quoting unidentified NFL sources, said the former New York Giants coach has decided to take the Bucs job and is expected to hire former Bears general manager Jerry Vainisi to help him turn around the struggling franchise.

The paper said Tampa Bay would reveal details on Monday.

"We are not going to comment on the Chicago Tribune report," said Bucs director of public relations Rick Odioso, adding that the team has not scheduled any announcements regarding the coaching situation.

Attempts to reach Parcells were unsuccessful Saturday afternoon. Another source told The Associated Press, however, that as of Saturday the two-time Super Bowl champion coach had not accepted the offer that reportedly would pay at least \$6.5 million over five years and also give him complete control of Tampa Bay's football operations.

NBC, for whom Parcell was a studio host and football analyst this past season, said it could not confirm the reports but promised to ask Parcells what his plans were Sunday on its "NFL Live" pregame show.

The Bucs cleared the way for a new coach to be named when Richard Williamson was fired Friday after a 3-13 season. On Saturday, the club revealed Phil Krueger, who became the team's first general manager last February, had resigned.

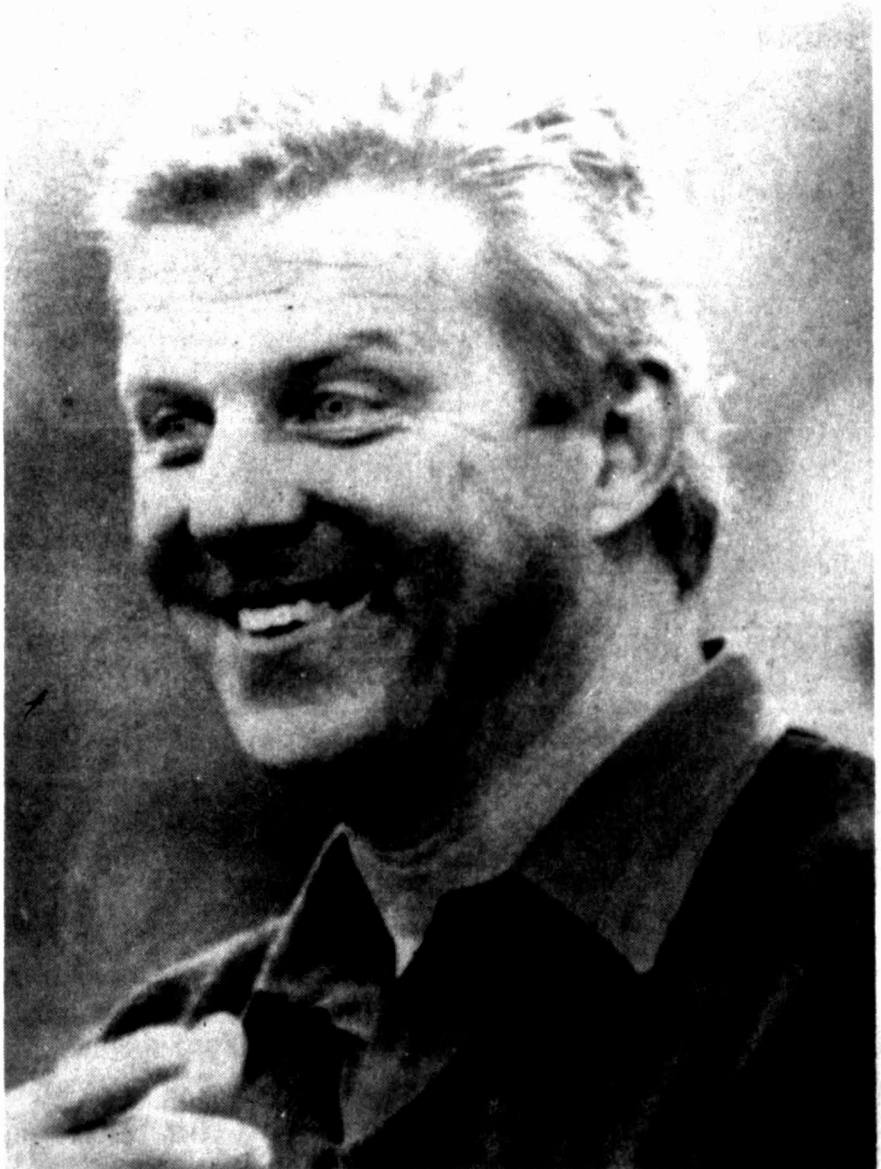
Krueger, who's held several different jobs with the Bucs since the team's inception in 1976, said he informed Culverhouse on his decision to quit on Dec. 24.

"I told him I thought it was time for him to start with a clean slate in regard to my area," said Krueger, who was hired as an assistant coach in Tampa Bay's first season and became Culverhouse's contract negotiator two years later.

Although the Bucs owner released a statement on Friday saying he had no timetable to name a coach, Culverhouse reportedly has urged Parcells to respond to the offer by this weekend.

The St. Petersburg Times, which reported that Parcells had not yet accepted the job but was on the verge of doing so, said one of the people the former Giants coach consulted while trying to decide was ex-Bucs coach Ray Perkins.

Perkins, who was fired and



Former New York Giants coach Bill Parcells is reportedly going to take over the coach job at Tampa Bay, the Chicago Tribune reported in Saturday's editions.

replaced by Williamson in December 1990 after guiding the Bucs to a 19-41 record, said he told Parcells to make sure he gets Culverhouse to put any kind of promise regarding full control of football operations in writing.

"I really don't think Bill will take it unless it (full control) is in writing," said Perkins, who coincidentally was replaced by Parcells when Perkins left the Giants after the 1982 season.

"Given the opportunity, he'll succeed," Perkins said. "Given the freedom and control. When I talk about control I'm talking full control, including the checkbook. To my knowledge, no one before has had full control."

One of the biggest criticisms of Perkins when he coached the Bucs was he had too many responsibilities as coach and vice president of football operations. The team didn't have a general manager then, and Perkins had the final say-so in all personnel matters and also served as his own offensive coordinator for most of his

stay with Tampa Bay. Parcells has denied receiving an offer from the Bucs, but the Times reported that the former Giants coach wowed Culverhouse on their first meeting with his extensive knowledge of the Bucs personnel.

The newspaper added that a member of the Giants staff is said to have taken extra notes to pass on to Parcells when New York played the Bucs in late November.

Six members of the Giants staff, including offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt, apparently have clauses in their contracts that would allow them to leave New York this year. There's been speculation that some of them may opt to join Parcells if he takes the Bucs job.

Vainisi, 50, was general manager of the Bears when Chicago won the Super Bowl after the 1985 season. He currently is vice president of the World League of American Football with responsibilities that include signing all WLAF coaches and players.

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NFL Sunday

Bears have experience edge

CHICAGO (AP) — Jimmy Johnson gives the Chicago Bears the edge in postseason experience, but he thinks the opposition his Dallas Cowboys have faced could even things out.

On this NFL wild-card weekend, the Bears enter the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years, playing host to the Cowboys on Sunday. Both teams finished the season 11-5.

"I think playoff experience can be an advantage. Just the experience of playing in big ball games helps," said Johnson. "But the quality of opposition should help us."

Dallas won the last five games of the regular season, beating Washington, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Atlanta. The Redskins, Saints and Falcons are in the 1991 playoffs.

On the other hand, the Bears beat only three playoff-bound teams all year: Detroit, the New York Jets and New Orleans.

Johnson said his team is excited about the Bears game.

"We've got a very young team. Even the veterans we have haven't been in the playoffs for the last few years," he said.

Johnson will start Steve Beuerlein at quarterback.

"Steve is healthy and he's been playing well. Troy Aikman is not 100 percent," said Johnson.

Aikman injured a knee Nov. 24 at Washington. Beuerlein was at the helm down the stretch, completing 65 of 132 passes for 893 yards and five touchdowns since Aikman went down.

"Fortunately for me, Troy did not get injured early in the season, because I needed 12 or 13 weeks just to get used to the offensive system," said Beuerlein.

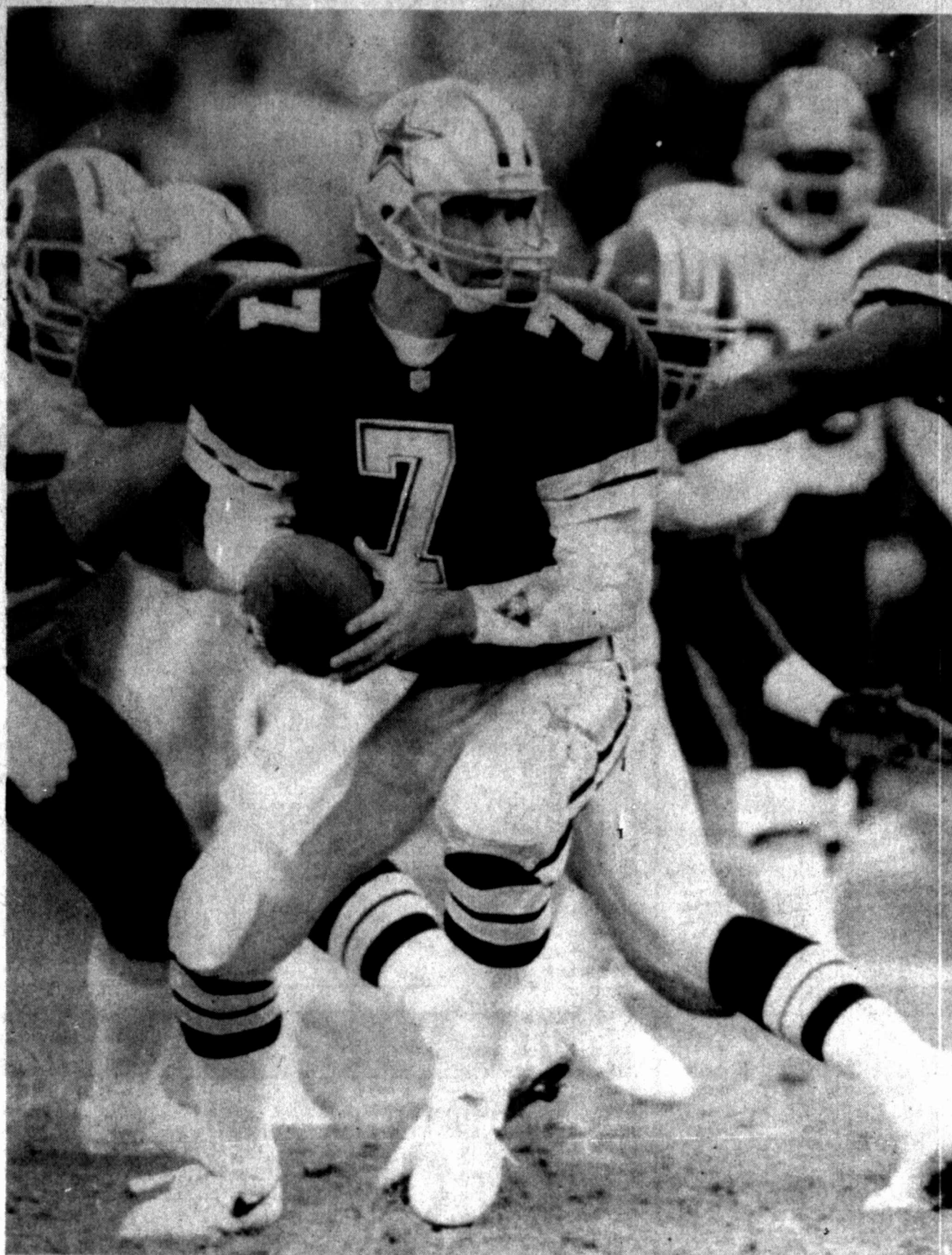
Chicago coach Mike Ditka, a former Dallas assistant under Tom Landry, said he thinks the Cowboys rate as one of the top playoff teams — wild card or not.

"We're at the bottom until we've proved ourselves," said Ditka. "We've got the biggest strike against us — our loss Monday night."

The Bears, needing a win to capture the NFC Central title, were trampled 52-14 by the San Francisco 49ers, leaving the Lions as division champs and the Bears with the wild-card berth.

But Ditka doesn't think the Bears are thinking like whipped dogs.

"No, we're Bears, not dogs. But we play like dogs at times," he said. "But beware! We didn't get to 11-5 with mirrors. We're a good



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Steve Beuerlein, shown in action against the Washington Redskins, will lead the Cowboys in their battle against the Chicago Bears today at 11:30 a.m.

football team. We just weren't a good football team Monday."

Ditka had the good fortune of having Jim Harbaugh healthy all year. Harbaugh became the first Bear quarterback to start all 16 games since Vince Evans did it in

1981, before Ditka's reign.

Harbaugh respects Dallas' defense.

"They've been playing well the past few weeks. They've got a good pass rush," he said. "They have a bend-but-don't-break type of

defense. They'll be tough."

Two Bear starters — wide receiver Anthony Morgan (knee) and linebacker John Roper (leg) — will miss the Dallas game. Guard Mark Bortz, out since Nov. 11 (abdomen), was expected to return to the lineup.

Chicago Bears safety has gained league's respect

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The numbers say Mark Carrier was a more productive football player last season than in 1991, when both his interception and tackle totals dropped.

But the statistics lie, say teammates of the Bears safety. What they actually show is more respect from opposing offenses, who shied away from Carrier's territory.

"He's gained a tremendous amount of respect from quarterbacks and wide receivers around the league," said Shaun Gayle, another Bears safety. "They've realized there's certain things they can't try against Mark Carrier."

"I think a lot of quarterbacks are a little more leery of throwing in his direction," said middle linebacker Mike Singletary.

Pro Bowl voters agreed, naming Carrier to the NFC squad for the second straight year. The 6-1, 180-pounder from USC made the team as a rookie last year, when he was also named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

"I think my season's gone pretty good," Carrier said. "My interceptions weren't up like I'd like them to be, but we're winning and that's what counts."

As a rookie, Carrier intercepted 10 passes, compared to just two this year. And he made 122 tackles last year, compared to 93 this season.

Carrier deflects any praise, saying he simply wasn't called

upon to do as much for the Bears in '91.

"If you look at our team statistics, they're better than last year," he said. "The team defense has really come together and jelled as a group."

This year's Bears allowed 269 points, better than the 280 given up a year ago. Those are the statistics that really matter to Carrier, who wanted to improve his pass coverage this season.

"You can play to get interceptions but neglect your overall coverage," he said. "I think overall I was in better position (this year)."

Bears defensive coordinator Vince Tobin said Carrier is playing better because he's more familiar with the club's defensive schemes.

"I think he's a lot more comfortable back there," Tobin said. "I think he's a more consistent player, and that's a part of learning the system and being in the right place."

Carrier also forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Gayle, himself a Pro Bowl reserve, listed Carrier's assets as "speed, reaction to the quarterback's release, breaking to the ball, intelligence."

Said Singletary, also a Pro Bowl reserve selection, "Mark is one of those rare guys. He's a heck of a football player and even a better person. He knows what it takes to win and what it takes to prepare."

Where is Wyche?

CINCINNATI (AP) — With David Shula promoted Friday from an assistant to the Cincinnati Bengals head coach, the question remains: Where is Sam Wyche?

Some say the former coach is vacationing in the Florida Keys. Others say he is in Atlanta, visiting his family on the way to South Carolina to spend some time with his in-laws.

The mystery may clear up on Sunday, and it may not. CBS announced that Wyche will appear during the pregame and halftime telecast of the playoff game between Dallas and Chicago.

But Wyche reportedly has been advised by his lawyers not to appear.

Wyche is claiming his was fired by the Bengals. The team says he quit. The difference of opinion could become crucial if money is

owed Wyche under their contract. Wyche didn't answer telephone calls to his home Friday. A telephone call to his lawyer, Reuven Katz, was not immediately returned.

Shula said during a news conference Friday to announce he is replacing Wyche that he spoke with the former coach several times this week.

Bengals safety David Fulcher spoke with Wyche on Wednesday night and was told the coach didn't want to quit the team during Tuesday's meeting with general manager Mike Brown.

"It sounded like he wanted more time to think, but Mike wanted a decision right then," Fulcher said. "But Sam wasn't ready to make one. He wanted to do some things, but quitting wasn't on his mind."

Jets won't change game plan

HOUSTON (AP) — New York Jets defensive end Jeff Lageman is coming to the Astrodome Sunday with a new hair cut.

"I said in training camp the only way I'd shave my head was if we go to the playoffs," Lageman said.

His over the shoulder locks were safe until Sunday when the Jets rallied in overtime to beat Miami 23-20, advancing the Jets to Sunday's first round playoff game against the Houston Oilers.

He didn't exactly shave his head in keeping his promise. He settled on a Mohawk strip that runs over his head, down his neck and ends in a ponytail.

"I was hoping they'd (teammates) forget about it but they didn't forget," Lageman said.

Lageman will have more serious matters than grooming to consider Sunday against the Oilers (11-5), trying to regain playoff momentum after losing three of their last five regular season games.

"Their offense is one of the best in the league," Lageman said. "It's tough to stop them. You really just try to slow them down."

The Oilers beat the Jets 23-20 in a regular season meeting Oct. 13 with 10 fourth quarter points. Lageman sees no need to change the Jets' plan for Sunday's rematch.

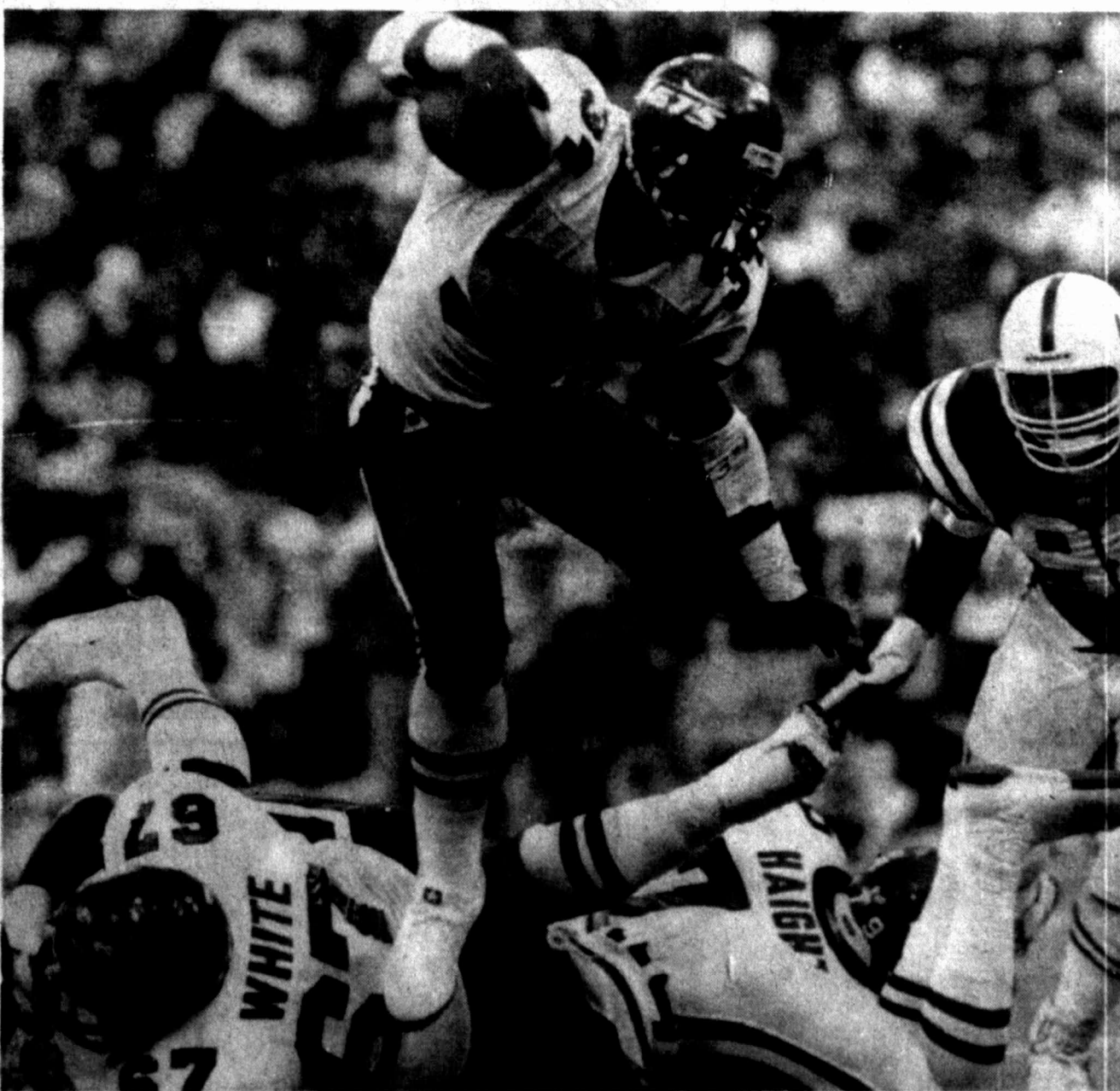
"You don't try to change the game plan you just try to perform the game plan better," Lageman said. "Houston will get some plays on you. You've just got to keep hand up and try to get a turnover or get them down at the end zone and tighten up a little."

Lageman was the Jets' first round pick in 1989 out of the University of Virginia where he was a two-year starter at linebacker. He shifted to defensive end in 1990 and has shown steady improvement.

Taking Lageman in the first round was controversial because he was an unknown.

"I came from the University of Virginia which isn't a great public relations machine," he said. "You see all these guys come out of Notre Dame and Oklahoma with big time programs that get all the publicity."

He's been proving his detractors wrong this season. Lageman had a



New York Jets running back Johnny Hector goes over the block of Dwayne White (67) in action against the Indianapolis Colts. Today the Jets play the Houston Oilers at 3 p.m.

career high 10 sacks, which led the team and tied for sixth in the AFC. He had 63 tackles, forced three fumbles and defended five passes.

Still, the transition from linebacker to end was difficult.

"I could have been a great outside linebacker through my career and to change to defensive end was like starting all over again," Lageman said.

"It was learning new techniques and a different feel at a different position," Lageman said. "I wasn't

able to stand up and see the whole scheme of things. It's more reading through a couple of guys right in front of you."

Houston quarterback Warren Moon threw an interception in the first game against the Jets as Lageman crashed into him.

"He threw an interception and I went to make a block and he didn't like it a whole lot but that's his right not to like it," Lageman said. "It was a legal block. If it was illegal I'd probably have been fined.

He's a great player. I have nothing against him."

Lageman's nickname is "Spook" because he occasionally disappears from a room and no one saw him leave and he rides a motorcycle, none of which bothers Jets coach Bruce Coslet.

"He's a little off the wall with the Harley's and the long hair and all that stuff and ripped Levis," Coslet said. "As long as he shows up and plays good hard football, I don't care what he looks like."

Tampa Bay fires coach

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Richard Williamson was fired as coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers late Friday in a move that was expected after the club finished with a 3-13 record.

Bill Parcells, who left coaching after leading the New York Giants to a Super Bowl victory last January, has been mentioned as the most likely successor, but no replacement was named in the brief announcement that Williamson was "relieved of his coaching duties" by Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse.

While other NFL teams moved quickly to create openings for new coaches, Culverhouse met with Williamson Thursday and this morning before his firing.

"He operated under adverse conditions this past season with the extreme handicap of 23 new players," the owner said.

"However, our won-loss record this season was not satisfactory, so after a great deal of thought, I have decided to go with a new head coach and staff in 1992."

Parcells is said to have been offered about \$6.5 million over five years to leave NBC-TV for the Bucs, who haven't had a winning record since 1982.

Culverhouse and Parcells have successfully negotiated most of the key components of a long-term contract agreement, an unnamed source close to both principals told The Orlando Sentinel for today's editions.

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THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

Show me the way to go home

Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service will provide tipsy towing service on New Year's Eve. The free service will be available between 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"People who think they have had too much to drink may call us to take their car and them to their home," said David Mitchem, owner. "We will not take them from one party to another, nor will we get them out of a ditch or once they have been stopped by an officer of the law.

"If they call us before they get behind the wheel, we will be happy to take them home," he said. "We want everyone to start the new year right."

Mitchem's started the service in 1965.

"My son, Ricky, started the service," Mitchem said. "He said he would donate his own time if I donated the trucks."

On New Year's Eve David Mitchem, Ricky and the other Mitchem son, David stand by to provide a

safe way home for anyone living within the city limits.

Mitchem's tipsy towing may be contacted at 267-3747.

7-Eleven stores in Big Spring will offer free coffee to motorists from 7 p.m. Dec. 31 to 11 a.m. Jan. 1.

"With so many people taking to the highways during the holidays, we are offering our customers a free 12-ounce cup of coffee in hopes that they will pull over for a few minutes to walk around stretch while they freshen up with our coffee," said Jim Thornton, 7-Eleven Texas division general manager.

The offer is part of a state wide campaign by 7-Eleven to thank its customers for their business while encouraging driving defensively during the holidays.

DPS offers advice

AUSTIN — Many lives could be saved during the Christmas and New Year Holidays if motorists keep just two things in mind, DPS Director Col. James R. Wilson believes.

"The two leading causes of fatal traffic accidents are alcohol and excessive speed," Wilson said. "Last year, of the 27 persons who lost their lives over the Christmas holiday, 70 per cent were killed in accidents in which either driving while intoxicated or speeding was the contributing factor."

During the New Year holiday period last year, another 37 persons were killed in traffic accidents. Of those, 44 per cent died in DWI or speed-related accidents.

"The percentages vary to some degree, but year in and year out, we see the same trend: Drunken driving and speeding are the big killers on Texas' streets and highways," the DPS Director said.

This year, as in years past, the DPS will have all available uniformed personnel out on the highways in an all-out effort to keep the number of traffic deaths down during the holidays.

"We will continue to make every effort to arrest and prosecute drivers during these holiday periods," Wilson warned. "Additionally, if you are stopped for speeding, you're going to be spending some of your holiday money paying a fine."

Col. Wilson said there is some good news as 1991 draws to a close.

"Statewide, Texas is experiencing about a 6 per cent decrease in the number of traffic deaths this year compared with 1990," he said. "If this trend holds through the holidays, we will be looking at a substantial decrease for the year. Driving safe this Christmas and New Year's will help us keep the greatest gift of all — life."

Safe holiday parties

"Holiday parties are frequent and fun," said Gil Teel, manager of public & affairs, American Automobile Association of Texas/New Mexico/Oklahoma. "However, too often the word party becomes a synonym for excessive consumption of alcohol.

"Driving after drinking at a party steers parties down a path that can lead to death, imprisonment and life-time crippling," Teel said.

To help cut down on drunk driving, Teel suggests that the real cure begins before the impaired driver gets behind the wheel of a car — that is, before he/she leaves the party. When the party is at your house, you do not have to worry about a safe ride home. However, you take on a bigger responsibility — the safety of your friends and family. When planning your guest list and menu, remember to serve plenty of food and offer non-alcoholic options such as juice, coffee, soda and fruit punches. Serve dessert and coffee well before the guests begin to leave and suggest ride shares and overnights. Encourage designated drivers by offering a small gift to all who volunteer not to drink for the evening.

ALCOHOL/DRUNK DRIVING FACT SHEET

• There is an average of one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 22 minutes and one alcohol-related injury every

minute.

• Police report that alcohol is present in 10 percent of the approximately 60 million accidents reported each year.

• Of all traffic deaths, safety belts are used by approximately 8 percent of intoxicated drivers as compared to more than 28 percent of non-drinking drivers.

• Male drivers are more than twice as likely to be intoxicated at the time of a crash than female drivers.

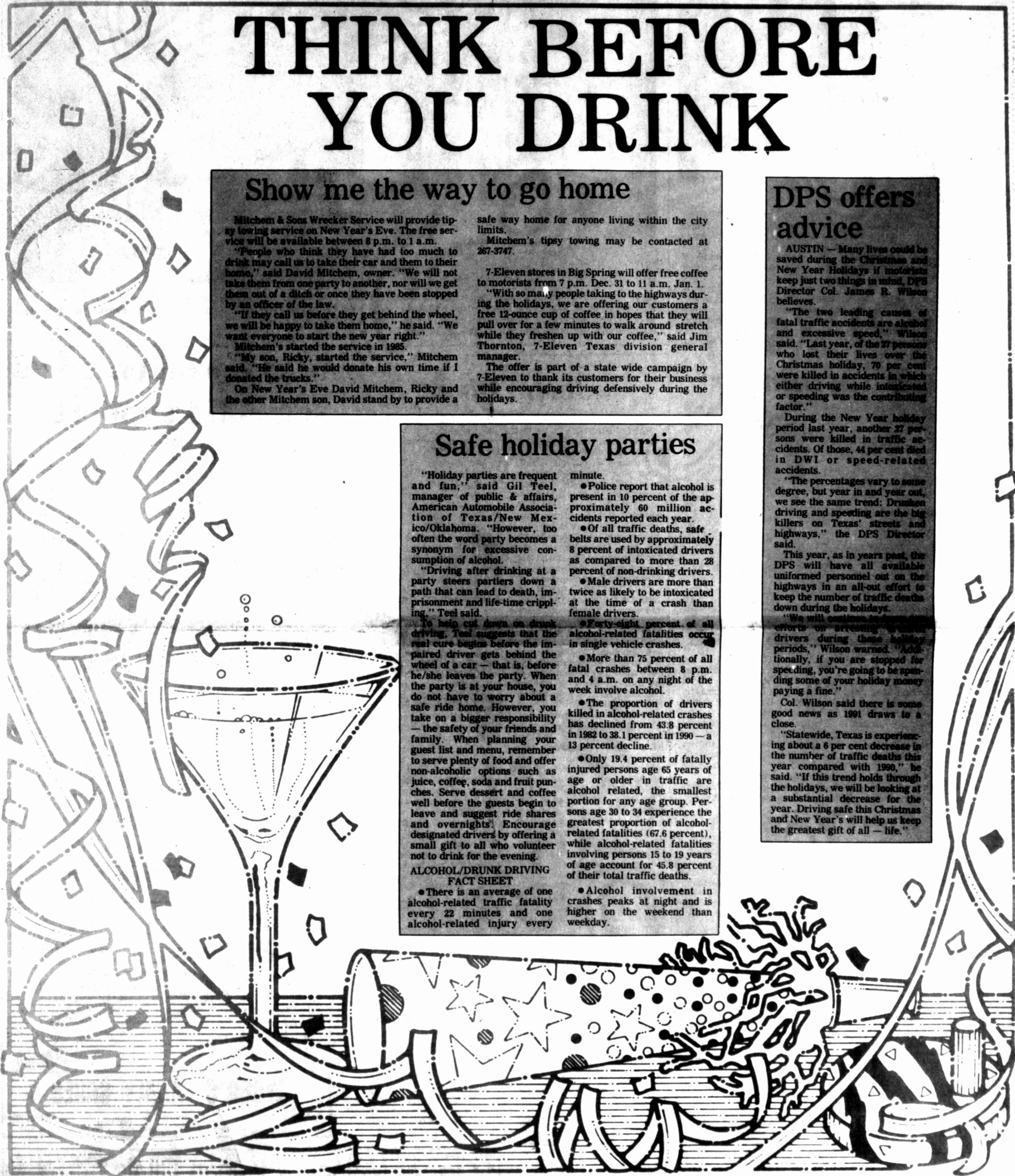
• Forty-eight percent of all alcohol-related fatalities occur in single vehicle crashes.

• More than 75 percent of all fatal crashes between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. on any night of the week involve alcohol.

• The proportion of drivers killed in alcohol-related crashes has declined from 43.8 percent in 1982 to 38.1 percent in 1990 — a 13 percent decline.

• Only 19.4 percent of fatally injured persons age 65 years of age or older in traffic are alcohol related, the smallest portion for any age group. Persons age 30 to 34 experience the greatest proportion of alcohol-related fatalities (67.6 percent), while alcohol-related fatalities involving persons 15 to 19 years of age account for 45.8 percent of their total traffic deaths.

• Alcohol involvement in crashes peaks at night and is higher on the weekend than weekday.



A special thank you to my readers for the new year

Every year at this time I write a commentary about how much I detest the New Year's holiday. Why anyone would want to celebrate the end of Christmas and the beginning of the flu season is beyond me. I realize my yearly tirade is getting old. So instead of starting the new year on a negative, I've decided to accentuate the positive.

From now on, my New Year's column will be dedicated to you, the reader. Never let it be said that I don't know on which side my bread is buttered. What success I've managed to attain I owe to you and the grace of God.

Just a few years ago, I was a working mom. I had a meaningful

Christina Ferchalk



job assisting mentally challenged adults. I liked my work, but I resented being taken away from my home and family. More than anything, I wanted to be an at-home mom, doing the June Cleaver thing.

Of course that wasn't in keeping with the attitude of the modern woman, but I don't always go with the flow. In no way am I throwing

digs at outside-the-home working moms. Different individuals hear different drummers. One size, most definitely, does not fit all.

I'd sometimes vent my frustration by writing letters to the editor of a local newspaper. One day, one of my letters was published as a feature. The editor gave me a by-line, and sent me a check for \$25. All my life, I had worked as a laborer. In my time, I waited tables, tended bar and scrubbed other people's floors. That \$25 check was the first time I had earned money using my head instead of my back.

With that check came a dream — a wild, crazy dream. I fantasized about what it must be like to earn a

living as a writer, working from my home. What a perfect arrangement! What an impossible dream! Sometimes (not often, but sometimes) if you are very, very good, say your prayers and try to do right by people, a dream come true is thrown your way.

Today, I earn a salary sitting on my fat fanny writing about the stuff that floats around in my head. The change in career hasn't changed every aspect of my life. I still make deals with the utility companies. The dear, sweet man who owns the heating oil company still allows me to buy on credit, and once a month I still stand in line at the local food pantry. The money

isn't so hot in my profession, but believe me it's not a bad way to make a living.

I don't have to concern myself with uniforms or time clocks. There's no boss cracking a whip over my head and no surly customers to deal with. Early in the morning when my neighbors are digging their cars out of the snow, freezing their tootsies and defrosting their windshields, I'm snuggled in my rocking chair hard at work. Best of all, baby sitters and day care centers are no longer a problem.

As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't get much better than this. This year I saw my first play pro-

duced and my first book published.

All of this great stuff happened to me because of you. For whatever reason you decided to take a liking to me. I've had the opportunity to thank many of you individually. Now I'd like to thank you as a group. We are about to begin a new year, a chance for a fresh start.

It is my wish that during this coming year each of you is blessed with the kindness and generosity that you have shown to me. You have given me hope and greatly enhanced the quality of my life, and for that, dear friends, I thank you.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Weddings

Traylor-Vaughn

Jill Marie Traylor and Gary William Vaughn were joined in marriage on Nov. 10, 1991, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Winters. The Rev. Glen Shoemaker performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Ryan and Marvin Traylor, Winters.

The groom is the son of Don and Anita Vaughn, Big Spring.

Pianist Jerri Speeple accompanied vocalist Sherri Kurtz.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin fashioned with long sleeves and a low back. The bodice was beaded with pearls and iridescent sequins and rhinestones. A chapel-length train finished off the ensemble.

Dawn Green, of Winters, sister of the bride, was a maid of honor. Lori Dunn, San Angelo, was also maid of honor. Serving as the bridesmaid and candlelighter was Kristi Traylor, sister of the bride, Winters.

Amber Green, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Nephew of the groom Cole Vaughn was the ringbearer.

The best man was Tommy Vaughn, Abilene. The groomsmen were Marty Felts, Brownwood, and Rodney Gee, Austin.

Ushering for the ceremony were Todd Miller, Wendell Baucom,



MR. AND MRS. GARY VAUGHN

Carl Barnes, and Roger Stevens.

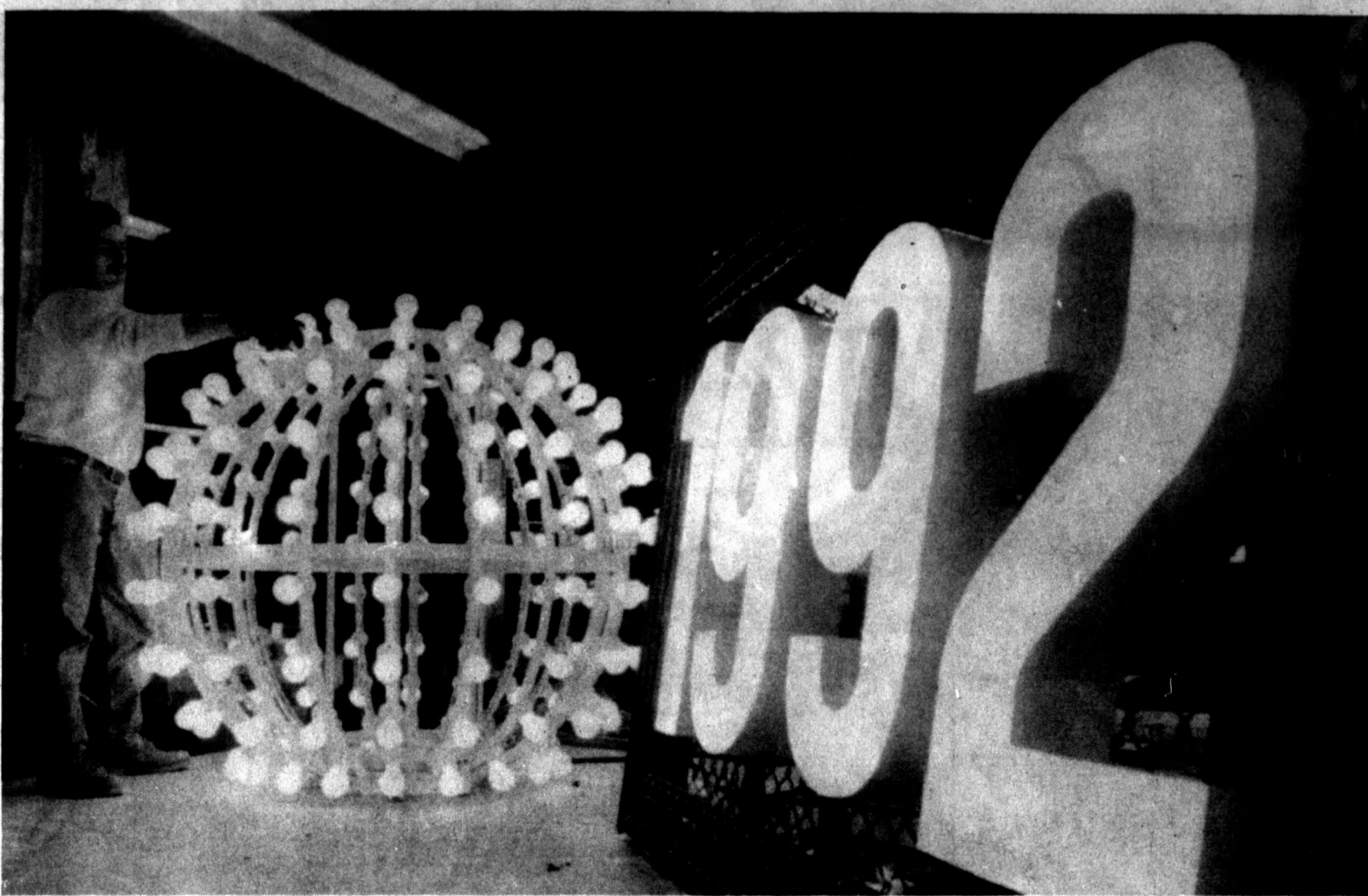
A reception honoring the couple was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride is a graduate of Winters High School and is a senior at Angelo State University.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School and Angelo State University. He is currently a specialist in the U.S. Army stationed in Fort Ord, Calif.

The couple will reside in Marina, Calif.

A bright future



NEW YORK CITY — Phil Cicio, an electrician at Artkraft Strauss Sign Corporation, checks the lights on the ball will drop in New York's Time Square on New Year's Eve, at the company's warehouse in New York. The ball weights 200 pounds, is six feet in

diameter and contains 180 white outdoor lamps. The New Year tradition dates back to 1907 when the first ball was lowered atop 1 Times Square.

Gilbert-Ensminger

Angela Marie Gilbert and Michael Eugene Ensminger were joined in marriage on Dec. 28, 1991, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Pius X Church in Dallas. Monsignor Thomas Weinzapfel performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Gilbert, Dallas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Ensminger, Dallas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and carried a bouquet of fresh lilies.

The maid of honor was Michelle Badough, Paris, Texas. The bridesmaids were Amanda Ensminger, Kathy Ensminger, Patricia Ensminger, sisters of the groom, Jennifer Gilbert, Rebecca Gilbert, sisters of the bride, all of Dallas.

The flower girl was Lillie Ries, and Matthew Tatum was the ringbearer.

Clifford H. Ensminger, father of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Anthony Gilbert, brother of the bride, Dallas; David Patton, Dallas, and Lars Grogan, New Orleans.

A reception honoring the couple was held at the Dallas Athletic Club.

The bride's cake was white with a cascade of Christmas flowers and the groom's cake was German



MRS. MICHAEL ENSMINGER

chocolate.

The bride is a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School and Loyola University. She is currently employed by Our Lady of Divine Providence School.

The groom is a graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School and will graduate from Loyola University in May. He is currently employed by Lykes Brothers Steamship Company Inc.

After a ski trip to Utah, the couple will reside in River Ridge, La.

Plummer-Millaway

Andrea Plummer and Ricci Millaway exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 28, 1991, at 5 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Arlington. The Rev. Gus Guthrie and the Rev. Cecil Cowder performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Fred Plummer Jr. and Sigrid Melle, and the late Ann Plummer.

The groom is the son of Macki Millaway and the late R.L. Millaway.

Lori Hill was the instrumentalist and Leora Rodolico was the vocalist for the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory lace with a sweetheart neckline and a full length skirt.

She carried a bouquet of peach and ivory roses.

Trish Gribble was the maid of honor. Rachel Baer was the bridesmaid.

Ray Millaway, son of the groom, served as the ringbearer.

Ron Ivey was the best man and Todd Kidder was the groomsmen.

Ushering for the ceremony were Fred Plummer III, brother of the groom, and Jon Erlend, stepbrother of the bride.

A reception honoring the couple was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride is a graduate of Westchester High School in Houston and North Texas State University. She is currently employed by Dallas Medial Center and Surgical Clinic.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently employed by Quality Investigators Inc. as a sales manager.

After a wedding trip to the west coast, the couple will reside in Arlington.

Anniversary

Ringener

W.A. and Alta Mae Ringener of Stanton will celebrate 50 years of marriage with a golden anniversary reception on Jan. 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Stanton. The reception is hosted by the couple's children. The Ringeners wish to remind their family and friends that 'your friendship is a precious gift; we respectfully request no other.'

W.A. is originally from Lindale and the former Alta Mae Bryant hails from Covington.

The couple met in 1937 when they lived near each other in the Richland Community near Big Spring. They were married on Jan. 6, 1942 by the Rev. Jones in Blum, Tx.

Three months after their marriage, W.A. went overseas for 3 years to serve in World War II.

They have three children and six grandchildren. Their children are;



MR. AND MRS. W.A. RINGENER

Reba Mae Long, Austin; Rita Faye Groves, Stanton; and Brenda Kaye Kendall, Stanton.

W.A. retired from Caprock Electric in 1982 and is currently serving as Stanton City Judge. Alta is a homemaker.

The couple belongs to the Stanton Church of Christ. Alta enjoys gardening, crocheting and sewing and they both spend time reading and playing with their grandchildren.

Jeane Dixon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Unexpected developments could cast a shadow from time to time.

Keep your long-range goals in mind and persevere. Financial backing becomes available next June, thanks to your reliability and hard work. Count your blessings! Family relationships undergo positive changes by late fall. Next December will bring happy romance. Those who have been alone for a while may decide to remarry. Trust your heart.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actors Ted Danson and Denzel Washington, singer Marianne Faithfull, actress Mary Tyler Moore.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A new emotional maturity helps you in whatever you do now. Set aside some time for things you enjoy most. A period of rest and relaxation restores your energy. Help a newcomer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): When playing games, reduce the emphasis on winning and just have a good time. Offer to help with a family member's community or school project. Typical responses will not do today. Reach out!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Remember, there is plenty of room at the top. Curb a tendency to dominate the conversations you have with your loved ones. Good will is the glue that bonds alliances. Be attentive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Entertaining at home can be highly rewarding today. New friendships or romances may start up. All you need to do is let others take the lead. Your heart is in the right place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hasty financial moves could cause trou-

ble today. Economize and curb unnecessary expenditures. You are about to begin a new chapter in your life - learn all you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your responsibilities may weigh heavily on you now. Be a rock and work quietly throughout the day. Then reward yourself with a well-deserved splurge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Certain relationships are fragile and must be handled with sensitivity. Keep to yourself when you feel temperamental. There must be cooperation for you to get ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reach out to a wide variety of people. A high public profile wins you new popularity. Business and romantic pursuits enjoy favorable influences. Revelations abound in the days ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Performance is what counts, not promises. Read between the lines for the real message. Good luck travels with you today. A happy revolution is under way. Romance shifts gears.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do something to improve your family's communication system. Write regularly to loved ones living at a distance. Be patient with someone who is lonely and disillusioned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your boundaries of happiness can be expanded if you get together with the right person today. A positive attitude helps you and a young person develop a more rewarding relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): More than one solution should come to mind today; do not let someone rush you into making a decision. Fantasy provides a welcome escape. So does romance.

Newcomers

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Chuck and Sue Bagwell, and sons: Michael 16, Matthew, 11, and Johnaton, 9, Prosper. He owns and operates Al's Bar-B-Que. Hobbies include hunting, fishing and bowling.

George S. and Zylvia Park, Temple. He is employed with the Big Spring State Hospital. Hobbies include reading, horses and swimming.

Toxey Cathry, Fresno, Calif. He is semi-retired and works professionally advertising as Santa Clause. Hobbies include reading, art and health foods.

Tin Than Myint, son, Raymond, and brother, Tin Nyunt, Austin. He is employed at the V.A. Medical Center. Hobbies include reading.

Viane Richardson, Monahans. She is employed at the Big Spring State Hospital. Hobbies include swimming, walking and music.

Bill Hanson, Ausin. He is a dentist lab tech with the V.A. Medical Center. Hobbies include jogging, boating, and woodwork.

Charles and Laurie Kosh, and daughter, Audrey, 2, Bridge City. He works for Taylor Technical Services out of Houston. Hobbies include crafts and hunting.

David and Debby Drake, Ranger. He works for Howard College as Library Director. Hobbies include camping, reading and community work.

Jan Wren, daughter, Robin Payne, and grandson, Raylor, 1, Andrews. She is a sales representative for Avon. Hobbies include sewing, crafts and sports.

Jane Kyle, sons: Walker, 10, and Ray, 5, and daughter, Christina, 2, Pecos. She does bookkeeping work. Hobbies include sewing, horses and skating.

Many women never see child support

WASHINGTON (AP) — For more than a million American women trying to raise kids without a father in the house, the child support check often isn't in the mail. And even if the money arrives, it's likely to be less than it should be.

Half the American women get less child support money than they're owed, and one in four don't get any at all, the Census Bureau said Thursday. Altogether, 1.2 million women got nothing.

Some say men who shortchange on child support payments are deadbeats, others that they're the victims of costs too high for them to bear.

Whatever the reason, it's the children who suffer, said Cliff Johnson, family support director of the Children's Defense Fund.

"It's a disaster for children in many cases," Johnson said. "The economic strains on families are such that any child without the support of both parents is in great jeopardy."

On average, a mother got \$2,995 in child support in 1989. In some cases, Johnson said, that money makes the difference between having a place to live or ending up on the street.

About one-fourth of the 4.9 million women who were supposed to receive child support in 1989 lived below the federal poverty line. That year, the line for a woman and two children was \$9,885 in in-

come, before taxes.

Giving absent fathers a stake in their children may have encouraged the men to pay support.

The Census Bureau said that in 1989, eight out of 10 fathers with visitation rights paid child support, as did nine out of 10 with joint custody. Fewer than half those without such rights paid support.

A little more than half of the fathers without custody had the right to visit their children in 1990. Fewer than one in 10 had joint custody.

An enforcement official said his experience shows most men don't pay because they're fighting with their former wives.

"There's a nasty divorce situation. They're angry at their spouse," said Larry Jackson, Virginia's social services commissioner and head of the American Public Welfare Association's task force on child-support enforcement.

But a fathers' rights activist said it's more likely men don't pay because they can't afford to.

"Payments are too high. They can't be paid in full," said Paul Robinson, president of the Virginia chapter of Fathers United for Equal Rights. "The source of the problem begins with the custody award."


The Census Bureau findings were based on surveys conducted in 1989 and 1990.

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Farewell to one good fella

By **TUMBLEWEED SMITH**
 Nobody ever enjoyed 66 years of life more than Ace Reid. To him, every day was an adventure. Each morning when he got up he was thinking about what fun things he would be doing.

Tumbleweed Smith



He was like a 6 year old whose pockets were bulging with a piece of string, a top, a horned toad and a pocket knife. He never lost his boyish enthusiasm.

As an adult, Ace's toys were his jokes, his humor, his outlook. Ace was bigger than life and Texan to the core.

You couldn't name a city in Texas where he didn't have friends. You mention just about anywhere in America and he'd tell you about some adventure he had there.

He enchanted residents of the hill country. He would barge into people's homes in the middle of supper, sit down at their table and the people would be honored.

The only person I met who didn't like Ace was a guy who once saw Ace back down from a fight.

Ace, a successful syndicated cartoonist and after dinner speaker, was a good audience to anyone with a dream. He encouraged people just starting out on journalistic endeavors. He even provided room and board in some instances.

He took you around and introduced you to people. And when you made the bar rounds with Ace, you felt like you were at the center of the universe. Ace pro-

vided 10 million dollars worth of entertainment to his bar buddies, who didn't have to pay a dime.

An evening with Ace was worth a hundred nights being somewhere else. Every single visit I had with him was memorable. We either did something extra special or met somebody famous or he told a story about some outrageous experience. Sometimes all three.

Everybody who talks about Ace does so with a smile. He was mischievous and fun-loving. He was an anchor, something to hold onto.

Ace represented a time where there was a whole bunch of neat Texas characters. Now there doesn't seem to be as many.

Ace was one of a kind, a genuine original. He was quick to put down pomposity and could spot a fraud quickly.

He was in the movies. He wasn't a good actor, but he was fun to watch. He was just Ace Reid, that good ole Texas boy from Kerrville. And he had more class and chutzpah in his little finger than most of the movie stars and powerful people in the world today.

Ace was sweet, kind, popular, proud and generous. His friends were millionaires, goat cooks, and people who lived in shacks. His heart went out to everyone.

And Ace loved to talk. He could look at a rock and talk about it all day. He was the best storyteller in Texas. And he had more stories than anyone else. Even when he wasn't telling a story, people thought he was, just by the way he talked. He could hold an audience spellbound for hours.

Ace personified having fun in Texas. He didn't have a shy bone in his body and he was always "on." He couldn't let three minutes pass without saying something funny.

His loud voice provided echoes of laughter that filled the hill country, spilled over onto the plains, reached the mountains and thundered into Mexico and Canada.

A lot of people wouldn't start a year without an Ace Reid calendar. Some people in December would go through the previous year's calendar, save the best cartoons and put them on the mantle for a few days to enjoy again.

Ace's funeral was one of those fill in the blank kind of services. I think he deserved more. Frank's Bar had a wreath on it announcing the bar would be closed for Ace's funeral. The YO Hilton's marquee carried the words, "Thank you, God, for giving us Ace Reid."

Ace's ashes are scattered over his ranch.



Impound storekeeper Bob Robinson checks the vehicle ID number on a Porsche 928 in Portland recently as he checks cars confiscated under the city's two-year-old forfeiture law. The cars, seized for everything from drugs to solicitation, are maintained by workers until sold at auction or returned to their owners.

Car confiscation slows crime

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A red 1989 Chevrolet Corvette convertible sits in a police warehouse, Bob Seger and Billy Idol cassettes on the seat, a half-empty pack of Marlboros on the dash.

The man who smoked the cigarettes and played the tapes lost his \$40,000 car because he tried to pick up a prostitute. Now, his \$40,000 car sits parked in a police impound lot.

The car was seized under a law, which turned 2 years old Sunday, that lets authorities confiscate cars used for some crimes involving prostitution or drunken driving.

Police believe the law is making a dent in crime. But at least one attorney, who represents people trying to get their cars back, calls the law unconstitutional.

The number of people caught driving with licenses suspended for drunken driving has dropped by 50 percent since the law went into effect, authorities said.

"If the universe of people driving while suspended is getting smaller, that tells me something," said Paul Elsner, a deputy city attorney. Vice officers also report fewer arrests for solicitation of prostitution.

The law lets police seize any car

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Jenny Cook
 Attorney

used by someone accused of soliciting a prostitute or driven by anyone whose license was suspended for driving while drunk.

Three hundred vehicles were seized last year and 569 this year, said police Sgt. Roger Hediger, who runs the program.

About 200 of those vehicles are in a police impound lot, where city workers maintain them until they are sold at auction or returned to their owners.

Police must go through a civil forfeiture hearing in order to keep the vehicle for auction and the owner can challenge the seizure.

Attorney Jenny Cook has argued unsuccessfully in county court that the law is unconstitutional.

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to prove them guilty. For me what it comes down to is: How many of our civil rights are we willing to give up to arbitrate morality?"

She said her cases generally have been resolved on terms favorable to her clients and she hasn't appealed.

"Nothing will happen to the law until the Oregon Supreme Court rules on it," she said.

She doesn't dispute the law's effectiveness but said: "The death penalty for parking violations would be effective, too, but it doesn't mean that it would be constitutional."

"Confiscation of property without due process or payment is nothing new. This is one of the things we departed from England over."

Alaskans wear pets on their sleeves

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Dog owners know their pets produce three things in abundance.

Two are love and fur. Only one can be spun.

"I think dog hair is one of the finest wools you can find," said Shirley Boniface, who owns a champion blue merle sheltie. "I love the feel of it."

Boniface said grooming her champion, Sterling, and her three other shelties yielded mounds of silvery gray, black and white fur that she routinely threw away.

But as a knitter in a state where it's cold seven months a year, Boniface thought the fur should be used. She started saving. After about 18 months there was enough hair to turn over to a local spinner.

"I wanted to be able to say, 'Well, here is my champion and he gave me this hat,'" Boniface said. Clothing made of dog hair is cat-

ching on in Alaska, spinners say.

"There may be a higher level of interest because people are more dog crazy up here," said Diane Olthuis, who spins dog-hair and musk-ox yarn at her small textile business in Hope, about 25 miles south of Anchorage.

Olthuis said she supplies some dog-fur skeins to a store in Colorado, where mushing is becoming popular, but most of her customers are Alaskans.

Few states have used dogs the way Alaska does. Dog teams carried mail to remote villages as recently as 40 years ago, and in 1925, dogs rushed lifesaving diphtheria serum from Anchorage to Nome to stop an epidemic. That route is covered today by mushers in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

People who turn dog fur into mittens, sweaters and floppy berets like the fur because it's durable, warm, plentiful, cheap and versatile.

"There's nothing you can't do with it. I have a friend who used fur from a couple of dogs and did a really big coverlet in different colors of gray," said Sue Bannister, an Anchorage spinner.

Spinning dog hair is not a task for novices and the work isn't cheap. It costs about \$10 to have an ounce of yarn spun. That's about enough to make half a ski cap.

Since dog hair lacks the natural lanolin of sheep fleece and has no crimp, it's harder to work into a strand. Spinners tug out only little tufts at a time, and sheep's wool sometimes is blended with the fur.

Not all breeds are suitable. Fur from the short-haired husky is difficult, and clipped, crinkly poodle hair is worse. A top choice is the long white underfur of the Samoyed.



Happy are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied. Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. Happy are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God. Happy are those who strive for peace — they shall be called the sons of God.

Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers — wonderful! Be happy about it. Be very glad! For a tremendous reward awaits

you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too.

Always be full of joy in the Lord. Rejoice! Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord and pray to Him continually. Tell the peoples of the world about His mighty doings. Sing to Him; yes, sing His praises and tell of His marvelous works. Glory in His holy name: let all rejoice who seek the

Lord. Seek the Lord; yes, seek His strength and seek His face intently. For happy are the people whose God is the Lord!

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. For happy is he that trusts in the Lord!

Stork club

• Born to Billy and Tarie Cotton, a son, Brandon Dakota Cotton on Dec. 10, 1991 at 11:52 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, delivered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Sue Henson, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cotton, Laredo; and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Henson, Big Spring. Brandon is the baby brother of Amanda, 16 months.

• Born to Ronald and Janet Roberson, a daughter, Kathryn Nicole on Dec. 17, 1991 at 12:04 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces, delivered at St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock. Grandparents are Robert and Lucy Roberson, and John and Laverne Gary, all of Big Spring. Kathryn is the baby sister of Matthew, 2.

• Born to Sam and Carol Gonzales, Coahoma, a daughter, Jennifer Noel Gonzales, on Dec. 24, 1991, at 10:10 a.m., weighing 6

pounds 12 1/2 ounces, delivered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Cox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fernin Gonzales, and Mr. and Mrs. David Mendez, Coahoma. Jennifer is the baby sister of Jason, 3, and Janice, 2.

• Born to Antonio and Mary Gonzales, a son, Joshua Gonzales, on Dec. 19, 1991, at 11:39 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces, delivered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Lupe and Eufrasia Gonzales, and Raul and Eloisa Ortiz. Joshua is the baby brother of Antonio Jr., 3, and Xavier, 2.

• Born to Fernando and Tina Saucedo, a son, Jeremy Benton, on Dec. 20, 1991, at 8:15 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, delivered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are George B. and Patsy R. Smith, and Margarito

Saucedo, all of Big Spring. Jeremy is the baby brother of Kaycie, 5.

• Born to Patrick and Paula Buske, a daughter, Ashley Rene', on Dec. 18, 1991, at 7:54 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, delivered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Russell and Nan Buske, Big Spring, and John and Wanda Roberts, Garden City. Ashley is the baby sister of Amanda, 11, and Matthew, 3.

• Born to Ermalinda Marquez, a son, Justin Craig, on Dec. 18, 1991, at 6:31 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 1/2 ounces, delivered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are David and Micky Marquez.

• Born to Gerry and Holly Brem, Sterling City, a son, Kendall Lenton, on Nov. 6, 1991, at 8:44 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces, delivered at Midland Memorial Hospital by Dr. Madden. Grandparents are Diane Melton, Garden City, Charles Hare, Royse City, and C.W. and Jean Brum, Coahoma. Kendall is the baby brother of Clint, 2 1/2.

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Sisters choose preventative mastectomies due to family history

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — In the end, the decision was easy.

After watching her mother struggle against breast cancer for 17 years, knowing that her grandmother, great-grandmother and four great-aunts all had died of the disease, Terri Giannetti — 36 years old, married and childless — had her two healthy breasts cut off.

She also had her ovaries and uterus removed during those seven hours of surgery last September.

Gone forever is her chance to give birth. But so, too, is what she believed were the mortal threats of breast, ovarian and uterine cancer.

"I was sure I would get it, and now I have a huge sense of relief," she said. "When you are going through such a traumatic decision, you have to have something to look forward to. So I looked forward to getting healthy, and staying alive."

Statistically, one in nine women will develop breast cancer, and experts say a family history of the disease points to increased incidence in later generations.

Doctors now report a growing phenomenon, although exact numbers aren't available: With the odds stacked against them, more and more women who have watched relatives succumb are choosing to have healthy breasts and reproductive organs removed.

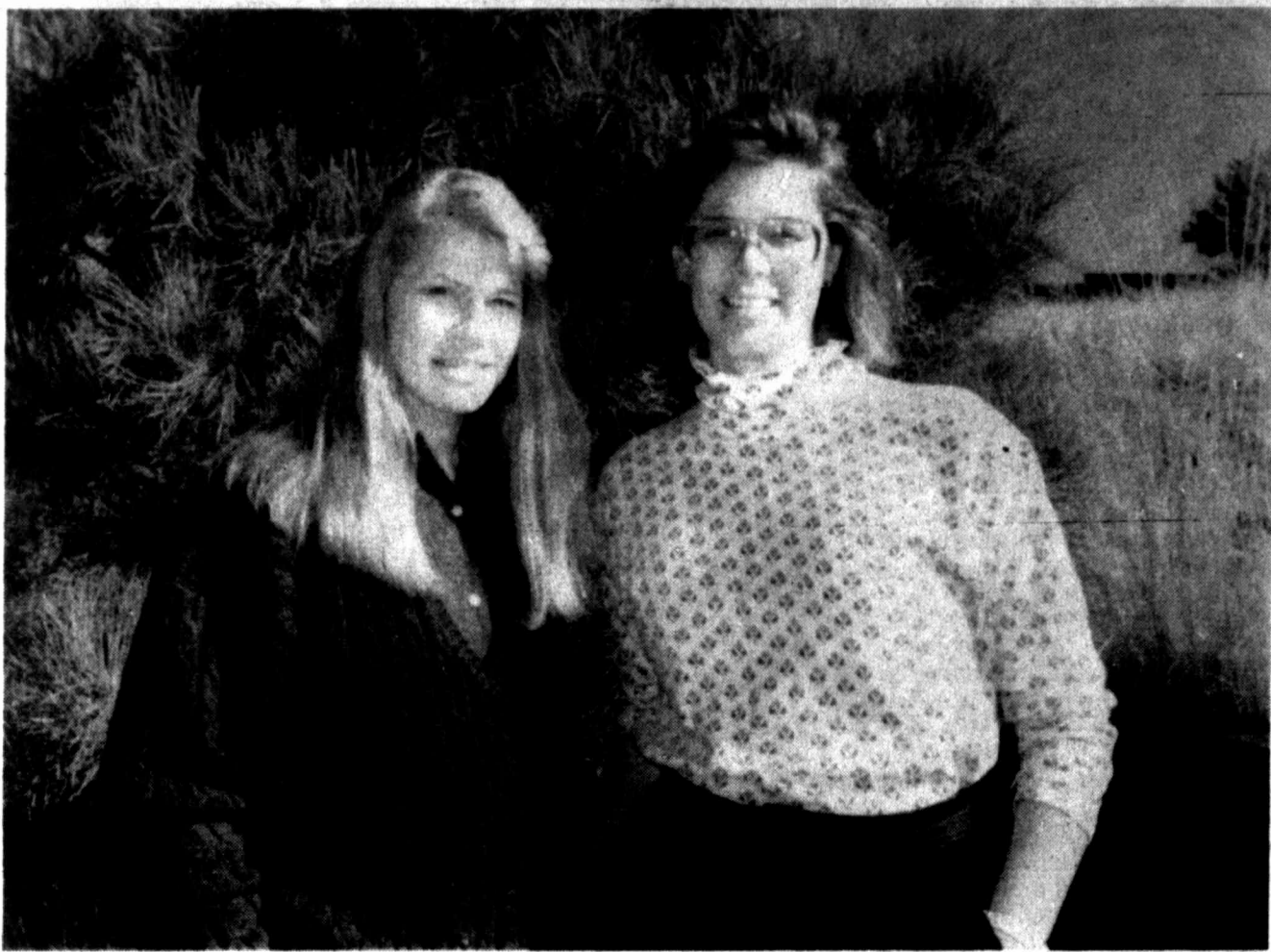
"I'd spent almost a year researching the odds, talking to doctors — three oncologists and five surgeons — and I knew, in my heart, it was the right thing to do," Terri said.

Now it's her sister's turn.

In early 1992, Layne Hovey — 35 years old, married, the mother of a young son — also will enter the hospital and have her healthy breasts, ovaries and uterus removed.

Like her sister, she believes her family's terrible history of breast and ovarian cancer soon will catch up with her, trap her in its lethal genetic web.

Neither woman has treated her decision lightly, or failed to seek as much professional expertise as possible. Armed with a color-coded family tree dating back four generations, Terri, Layne and their



Terri Giannetti, 36, right, poses with sister Layne Hovey, 35, in Boulder, Colo. Giannetti, whose mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother all died of breast cancer, decided to have her healthy breast cut off, and her ovaries and uterus removed. Soon, Hovey will enter the hospital and have the same preventative mastectomies and hysterectomy.

sister Wendy — single, 31 years old — made the rounds of specialists in Boulder and Denver, seeking advice.

"We'd walk in with our chart and the doctors would start nodding, saying 'Yes, yes,' and we knew we had their attention," Layne said.

Dr. Russell Tolley, director of the Breast Clinic of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, took their case to a panel of 35 physicians who sit on University Hospital's breast board.

"The board highly recommended we consider prophylactic mastectomies," Layne said. "Doctors never tell you what to do, they just suggest options. But we could read between the lines."

Scientists are convinced that some women are born with a greater risk of getting breast cancer, and at an earlier age, than other women. They also know that breast cancer travels through generations in some families, nearly wiping out whole clans of female relatives.

What they don't know is why. There is no medical test to determine if a woman is predisposed toward breast cancer: The only way to find out is to carefully track her health and, if she is diagnosed, treat the disease early. By the time a woman is able to feel a lump in her breast, chances are it has been growing for up to 10 years.

Mammography can reveal a lump long before women, or their doctors, can feel it, and aggressive

removal — is to monitor their health and wait for the cancer to show up, if it ever does.

Terri, Layne, and Wendy all kept coming back to that family tree, with its slashes of yellow magic marker highlighting the names of all those dead women from the past.

Their mother was the most vivid example of what happens when breast cancer strikes. Alma Hovey of Harbor Springs, Mich., was diagnosed in 1974, had a mastectomy, and went on with her busy life. Six years later, she found a swollen node in her neck — the cancer had returned. She insisted doctors remove her ovaries because she was afraid the disease would spread there, too. Now there are tumors on her sternum, and

Ovarian cancer hard to detect

By W. GIFFORD-JONES, MD
Did Gilda Radner, the comedienne, have to die of ovarian cancer? Gene Wilder, her husband, is convinced her untimely death didn't have to happen. Wilder has appeared before a U.S. congressional subcommittee to tell it so.

Since her death in 1989, the early diagnosis of ovarian cancer has become a "cause celebre," featured on Barbara Walters' television show 20/20 and Ted Koppel's Nightline. Could America's comedic heroine have been saved?

Each year, 14,500 women die in North America because early ovarian cancer is hard to detect. It has few, if any, symptoms. And when symptoms do occur, they often masquerade as a bowel disturbance. Women may complain of loss of appetite, nausea and mild digestive symptoms rather than gynecological troubles.

There's another major problem. The ovaries lie deep inside the abdomen. So, there's no test, such as the Pap smear, to pick up early ovarian malignancy. Doctors must rely on finding a slightly enlarged ovary during pelvic examination. That's easier said than done, particularly in obese women.

Radner's initial symptom was fatigue, which an internist diagnosed as Epstein Barr chronic fatigue syndrome. The real clue came when she became bloated and had trouble buttoning up the top of her slacks. There hadn't been any weight gain to account for the tightness. Later, she experienced abdominal cramps.

One gynecologist found nothing during a pelvic examination. Another diagnosed a stomach problem. It was only after the bloating became severe that ovarian cancer was detected. Ten long months had passed since Radner's first examination.

Doctors must possess a high level of intuition to diagnose this form of pelvic cancer. But even then, it often requires the wisdom of Solomon to distinguish these cases from the thousands of women who suffer bloating and digestive symptoms due to other common causes.

Radner's family had a strong history of ovarian cancer, which shouldn't have been ignored. Four of her relatives had it. High-risk women are those with two or more first-degree relatives (mother, sister, daughters) who have had ovarian cancer. They stand a one-in-two chance of developing the disease. But 95 per cent of women who develop cancer of the ovary are not in this high-risk group.

Ovarian malignancy is also more likely to occur if there's a history of breast, colon, bladder or uterine cancer. And women who have not

Doctor game



borne children, or those with infertility problems, are at greater risk. There's good news for women using birth control pills. A study from Atlanta, Ga., indicates that the risk of ovarian cancer in women who have been on the pill for more than five years is significantly decreased.

The big question is how to screen women for this problem. Mass screening by ultrasound is advocated by some doctors. But ultrasound detects many masses that are not cancers. So, if you were one of the 305 women out of 5,540 who were screened by ultrasound and were told a mass was present, you would not sleep well.

This leaves doctors with only one approach. Surgery must be done quickly to remove the ovarian mass. The result? In 305 major abdominal operations, only five primary ovarian cancers were found. Ultrasound is currently not accurate enough to be used as a mass-screening procedure.

A blood test called CA 125 can detect a blood protein produced by ovarian cancer. But 20 per cent of women with ovarian malignancies never have elevated levels of CA 125. Equally important, CA 125 can sometimes be found when ovarian cancer is not present. This would also trigger a few sleepless nights. It isn't practical to use this test as a screening procedure.

So, what can women do to avoid dying of ovarian cancer? The best defence is a good gynecologist who does a pelvic examination every six months, and who keeps thinking "ovarian cancer."

Could Gilda Radner have been saved? High-risk women such as her should be screened by ultrasound and a CA 125 test at regular intervals. This might spot early trouble. But there's a possibility Radner's life might still have been lost.

There is only one sure way to save high-risk women. Their ovaries should be removed after their families are complete. This is a rather radical approach, but for now, there's no other alternative if they wish to be 100 per cent certain of not succumbing to this often fatal disease. Otherwise, high-risk women are sitting on a terrible time bomb.

A last note, Gene Wilder has helped establish the Gilda Radner Detection Centre at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre in Los Angeles.

Local options for health

The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit of Odessa, which services Big Spring, received the certification of the American College of Radiology Mammography Accreditation Program.

Mammography is an x-ray examination of the breast, which the American Cancer Society and other medical experts see as the best means for the early detection of breast cancer.

The program is voluntary and is designed to insure that women receive optimum quality mammographic examinations. The process is done through a peer review evaluation of the facility's staff qualifications, equipment, quality control and quality assurance programs, image quality, and breast dose. The accreditation must be renewed every three years.

The accreditation program was instituted because of the concerns of radiologists, other national medical organizations, and the public that qualified personnel perform and interpret mam-

mograms and that dedicated mammographic equipment be used. The American College of Radiology received an American Cancer Society Control Grant which was used to pilot test the Accreditation Program.

Breast cancer will strike one in 10 American women. The American Cancer Society predicts that about 41,000 women will die of breast cancer this year. As there is no way to prevent the disease, early detection and treatment offer the greatest hope for survival.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women do monthly breast self-exams and have regular physical breast exams by a doctor. It further recommends mammography on the following schedule:

A baseline mammogram (for reference) between age 35 and 39.
A mammogram every one or two years between age 40 and 49.
An annual mammogram from age 50.

Indoor air quality and formaldehyde

Formaldehyde is a potent eye, upper respiratory and skin irritant. Evidence from several studies also indicates that it causes central nervous system effects, including headaches, fatigue and depression.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Association (NIOSH) has released recommendations that formaldehyde levels in work places be controlled.

Formaldehyde is a simple molecule, HCHO, that is used to make bonding materials used in plywood, particle boards and fiberboards. The same resins are used to coat paper products to make insulation. Formaldehyde is also used to produce crease-proof, flame-retardant and shrink-proof fabrics. Many plastic parts are also made with formaldehyde.

Formaldehyde is reasonably inexpensive, colorless and highly reactive, which makes it useful in a variety of products. It has been used in an estimated 8 percent of all manufactured products. The common usage of formaldehyde in our homes and work places mean that people can receive considerable exposure during each day of their lives.

Although formaldehyde is used in a large variety of consumer products, only a few release sufficient quantities of free formaldehyde to significantly contaminate indoor air.

Problem products, which can include particleboard subflooring,



paneling, cabinetry and some furnishing materials, use urea-formaldehyde (U-F) resins in their manufacture. U-F resins are chemically unstable and can release free formaldehyde producing the high initial level of indoor formaldehyde in homes and mobile homes with particleboard subflooring or urea-formaldehyde foam. A 50 percent reduction in formaldehyde emissions can occur in about six months.

Even so, the problem doesn't completely disappear because free formaldehyde continues to be released. Both high temperature and humidity levels within the human comfort range increase the

emissions of formaldehyde. The period of high initial out-gassing of formaldehyde can be speeded up with higher heat and humidity, but with normal living in a home, lower temperature and humidity levels are the best way to keep formaldehyde emissions lower.

To reduce exposure to formaldehyde the Environmental Protection Agency suggests: The use of "exterior grade" wood products (lower-emitting because they

contain phenol resins, not urea resins). Use air conditioning and dehumidifiers to maintain moderate temperature and humidity levels.

Apologies to Travis Womack whose name was not included in the list of 4-H members who represented Howard County at the District Food Show. He competed in the Intermediate Bread and Cereal category. Travis is the son of Lynn and Lorna Simmons.

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Psychologists learn from aftermath of massacre Hearing disorder is music to some ears

DENTON, Texas (AP) — When psychologists Sharon Jenkins and Kenneth Sewell heard that a berserk gunman had killed nearly two dozen people at a Luby's cafeteria in Killeen, they started packing.

"My first thought was, 'I have some skills that can help,'" Dr. Jenkins said of that October day. "Then I thought, 'I can learn something from this.'"

The two University of North Texas psychology professors, who are researching the effects of mass killings, hope their studies will eventually lead to new ways of treating post-traumatic mental stress.

Dr. Sewell has worked extensively on post-traumatic stress syndrome, much of the time at veterans' hospitals. Dr. Jenkins did her first on-site research into how a community copes with massive tragedy at the San Francisco Bay-area earthquake in 1989.

Now their laboratory is Killeen, where ordinary people found themselves thrust into the cast of an epic tragedy.

On Oct. 16, George Hennard, a man seemingly unbalanced by hate, crashed his truck through a plate-glass window at Luby's cafeteria. He opened fire with two semiautomatic handguns on a lunchtime crowd of 150 people.

Customers tried to escape by hiding, but the gunman methodically stalked them, selecting his victims and shooting many of them at point-blank range. He killed 22 people that day and wounded another who died later. He then shot himself, bringing the total number of dead to 24.

"People are affected in such different ways," Dr. Jenkins said. "Some change everything they do. Those who used to eat at Luby's eat somewhere else. Others drive out of their way to avoid going by there. Others can't stay away. They return, again and again."

Two and a half months have gone by. New plate glass gleams in the window. The white wooden crosses inscribed with victims' names in front of the cafeteria are gone. Luby's has announced that it will reopen after the first of the year. Killeen's wounds are beginning to heal.

When Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Sewell arrived after the shootings, they joined other mental health professionals at the American Legion hall to debrief emergency workers — the paramedics, police officers and medical personnel who had to deal with the carnage.

The psychologists quickly prepared questionnaires to document immediate responses to the terror. They returned a month later and set up shop at the United Way headquarters to note changes. In all, they interviewed about 90 people, Dr. Sewell said, including emergency workers, survivors of the shootings and people who were not at the cafeteria that day.

They will continue to evaluate these people at intervals for up to a



University of North Texas psychologist Kenneth Sewell, left, and Sharon Jenkins hope their studies on the aftermath of the Luby's mass slayings in Killeen will improve treatment of post-traumatic stress.

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Dr. Sharon Jenkins psychologist

year. The professors plan to publish their findings.

"I'm looking for what turns into post-traumatic stress syndrome — what goes away or what stays and has to be dealt with on a long term," Dr. Sewell said. "If we know the cause, maybe we can prepare people for the experience."

The lack of raw data has made research into post-traumatic stress syndrome difficult, he said.

"They used to call it shell shock back in World War II. We didn't have post-traumatic stress syndrome until 1980," he said. "After that, formal studies started taking place and ideas of treatment changed rapidly. But Vietnam ended in 1975. So the bulk of the returning servicemen we interviewed had been out of combat for five years."

Dr. Jenkins said the tragedy offers a rare look at the stress on a community, which she compared to the widening ripples from a stone thrown into a pool of water.

"Something like Killeen makes us painfully aware that we are all members of a community — that none of us is an island," she said.

"They wonder why. They tell themselves, 'I didn't lose anyone. I didn't see anything terrible. Why do I feel this way?' They have to recognize that we are all affected because it happened in this community. There is a community stress."

Suzanna Gratia, 32, a chiropractor in Copperas Cove, near Killeen, had mixed feelings about the psychological counseling.

She and her parents, Al and Ursula Gratia, were eating in Luby's when the shooting started. Both parents were killed. Ms. Gratia escaped through a broken window.

She said she attended, with her brother and sister, a counseling session two days after the shootings.

"I didn't find it very helpful," she said. But her siblings are still in counseling, she said.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, you printed several letters concerning older people who had heard music inside their heads. I would appreciate any information you can give me, because my 92-year-old mother is experiencing those symptoms and needs reassurance that she is not "going crazy."

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and for many years of unadulterated information and pleasure. —JUDITH PHILLIPS, R.N., CANYON, TEXAS

DEAR JUDITH: That problem continues to surface from time to time, and when I explain that it is not unusual, readers are greatly relieved to learn that they are not alone. Here they are again:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing those letters from people who keep hearing music in their heads. I am one. I am now 76, and never told others because I was afraid of what they might think. I have been a nurse for more than 50 years and had never heard of this condition. I feared that maybe I was getting senile. I was truly relieved after reading in your column that many others had the same experience.

During my waking hours, I hear hymns and waltzes. All the waltzes I loved to dance to keep drifting through my mind. Now I can tell my doctor about it and not be afraid that he will look at me and think, "Poor soul. She is really failing!" — EMILIE IN BUCKS COUNTY

DEAR EMILIE: You would not believe the number of letters from readers who had also been hearing things and doubted their sanity. One man said he nearly went crazy because he heard bees buzzing continually in one ear — night and day. Another said he heard constant crackling sounds, like bacon frying. A woman heard the "chirping" of crickets. Still another said it sounded like a freight train was roaring through her head. All feared they were going mad.

The sounds are due to a condition called "tinnitus," but the musical hallucinations are yet another matter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It was interesting seeing all the letters sent to you by people with musical hallucinations. The two cases I describe in my



Dear Abby

book, "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat," were rather rare and special examples of musical epilepsy associated with damage to the brain. But musical hallucinations are relatively common, especially in older people, and though they should be checked out, nearly always turn out to be benign — a nuisance, but not necessarily a sign of neurological disease. Readers should be assured about this. — OLIVER SACKS, M.D., PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY, ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, BRONX, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my late 60s and profoundly deaf. I also have a severe case of tinnitus, which is a chronic ringing sensation in my ears. My case is unbelievable. The sounds might be compared to a bad LSD trip without psychedelic visions. They sometimes last as long as four days.

Like most people, you will probably think I'm a nut case. I hear music or singing, or both — the same compositions over and over. Would you be good enough to consult one of your authorities to verify the fact that I am not crazy? I believe that would be an otorhinolaryngologist. This small town does not have such a specialist. Hoping you can help me ... HEARING THINGS

DEAR HEARING: Write to: The American Tinnitus Association, O. Box 5, Portland, Ore. 97207. You will be referred to a specialist near you. Please enclose a long, self-addressed stamped envelope (75 cents) and \$1 to cover the cost of their printed materials. It's a pittance to pay for peace of mind.

This one's for everybody, from teens to seniors. To purchase Abby's new booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

"I think the difference is because I was there," Ms. Gratia said. "I saw what happened. I can come to terms with it. To them, it is still a little too unreal."

The Rev. Raymond Smith, former pastor of Killeen's First Baptist Church and now director of the Food Care Center, said the love and friendship begun during the tragedy continued for the Christmas food drive.

"In one day, we collected 11½ tons of food," he said. "Last year, I think we collected about 5 tons."

The Killeen High School football team's five-week drive to the state championship also helped hold the community together, he said.

"When they played for the championship at the Astrodome, we had about 6,000 people there. Killeen has never done that before," he said.

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Pet thieves roam in rural areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — They're known as bunchers, and animal rights activists say they travel country roads and suburban side streets picking up cats and dogs or answering want ads for "free to good home" pets.

They're part of a shadowy, underworld network of people who supply licensed dealers with pets and strays that are in turn sold to research laboratories, the activists say.

And while the activists believe it's a lucrative business, an Agriculture Department official says federal investigators have failed to uncover organized, widespread pet thievery.

"We find, in general, that the dealers are complying very well in the movement of animals and that they are complying with the act," said Morley Cook, associate deputy administrator of regulatory enforcement and animal care at USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

But in the field, there is talk of an animal slave trade, of bunchers who pack animals into vehicles coined "serum trucks" because they think the dogs are headed for research labs to be used in vaccines and serums.

And the money is good. Mary Beth Sweetland, a caseworker with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said a buncher can easily get \$50 for each dog. Dealers, in turn, can sell the animals to research labs for

about \$125 to \$200 apiece, sometimes much more.

By her estimates, 1.5 million animals are stolen and another 1 million are obtained through the want ads every year. Not all may end up in labs — others may be used in dog fights or as guard and hunting dogs.

The Agriculture Department questions those figures as only about 200,000 cats and dogs a year go to research facilities.

Rich Meyer, staff associate with the American Humane Association in Denver, investigated dog auctions and swap meets in Missouri.

He said one man would come in from Pennsylvania with a specially equipped semitrailer and pick up 300 to 400 dogs in a weekend. They were bound for sale to a researcher.

At the auctions, Meyer said, he saw hunting dogs being traded and dogs that looked like pets, with collar marks and fine coats, ending up in the hands of dealers.

"I don't think I ever saw anyone question the source of those animals," he said. "It was: 'I've got a dog, give me my cash, and I'm gone.'"

Numerous complaints about the dealings at auctions and flea markets in Missouri and Arkansas prompted the Agriculture Department, which enforces the Animal Welfare Act, to send in a "stolen dog" task force.

But investigators, USDA said, found no substantive evidence to support claims that licensed

dealers were stealing dogs or selling stolen dogs to research.

It did find, however, that some dealers were purchasing so-called random source dogs for sale to research, when the law requires that dealers obtain such animals from other dealers, pounds, shelters or people who have raised a limited number of animals on their own property.

"These bunchers don't give a hoot for the law," said Sweetland of PETA. "They know that animals are vulnerable, that pet owners are vulnerable... and that even if they're caught in the act, it's no big deal. It's usually a misdemeanor in any state to steal an animal."

And dealers, she said, don't fear USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service because its enforcement is "lax and toothless."

USDA, however, counters that it has been adding investigators to its staff — 13 more in 1990 and 12 in 1991, and has stressed training for auditing and reviewing records.

"We're not letting up — I feel we're pressing ahead," said Cook. "We have our people strategically located throughout the United States. They've had extensive training in looking for violations in the care, handling and well-being of animals."

USDA, meanwhile, recently proposed new regulations to keep stolen dogs and cats from being sold as laboratory animals.

Orphaned bear cub charms hospital

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — An orphaned bear cub that wandered into a hospital emergency room and charmed the staff is headed for a new home.

The cub, nicknamed Bartlett by the staff at Bartlett Memorial Hospital, will be flown Thursday to Bear Country USA, a drive-through wild animal park near Rapid City,

S.D.

The undernourished, 20-pound black bear cub pushed open the emergency room door and lumbered inside Oct. 19 to the astonishment of patients and the staff. A state biologist tranquilized the bear and cared for the animal at home.

The hospital adopted the cub as a

mascot for children, and an artist will draw a cartoon about the bear's visit for use in cheering up young patients.

"Our people see so much unhappiness in the normal course of taking care of people, something like this catches you unaware and captures your heart," said hospital spokeswoman Anne Schultz.

Military

Navy Ensign Donald E. Osborn, a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School, was recently designated a Naval Flight Officer (NFO).

Osborn received his "Wings of Gold" upon completion of the 23-week Navigator Training Course at Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, Calif.

During his final phase of NFO training, he received extensive instruction in celestial, grid, global and tactical navigation.

His instruction included academic study, use of flight training simulators and participation in more than 100 hours of in-flight training.

Also a 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, he joined the Navy in May 1990.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James R. Bobo, a 1985 graduate of Grady High School of Lenorah, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

Bobo serves aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Long Beach, homeported in San Diego. Bobo's ship was part of Battle Group Fox-trot, an eight ship task group centered around the Navy's newest nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS Abraham Lincoln.

Bobo participated in Operation Fiery Vigil which evacuated more than 17,000 Americans from the Philippines after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. The battle group also spent more than three months on station in the Arabian Gulf joining the multi-national peace keeping forces of Operation Desert Storm.

Battle Group Foxtrot operated with forces from France, Great Britain, Japan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and several other Gulf states to support United Nations resolutions in the region. The group

also worked with the navies of Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. Additionally, while off the coast of Japan, the battle group participated in exercises with the Japanese Self Defense Force to enhance the combined forces' defense of Japan.

He joined the Navy in March 1988.

Army Pvt. Jimmy G. Thompson, a multichannel communications system operator, has arrived for duty at Fort Riley, Kan.

Thompson is the son of Billy R. and Sandra K. Thompson of 1110 Austin, Colorado City.

The soldier is a 1986 graduate of Colorado High School.

Army Spec. Linda G. Brackeen, a medical supply specialist, has arrived for duty at Clark Kaserne, Frankfurt, Germany.

She is the daughter of Dolores A. Thompson of 204 E. River St., L'Anse, Mich. and Leon H. Thompson of 2291 Chesley Dr., Sterling Heights, Mich.

Her husband, Richard, is the son of Frances M. Brackeen of Big Spring.

The specialist graduated in 1983 from L'Anse High School, and received an associate degree in 1986 from Suomi College, Hancock, Mich.

Pvt. Richard G. Kriesen has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

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

He is the nephew of Ezequiel J. Munoz of 603 N.E. 10th St., Big Spring.

The private is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Hang dog look



Associated Press photo

LERDY, N.Y. — Marcus the dog, tethered to Steve Myers, waits to be lowered to the bottom of a cliff before Myers rappels at the Otaka Creek gorge during a recent practice session of the Massasauga Search and Rescue Team. The volunteer team uses dogs in its operations and Marcus was being lowered to test a new harness. (Marcus seems to find the new harness a mite binding.)

Humane society

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old calico kittens. Female, box trained.

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FRIDAY — Beef tips/mushroom sauce; noodles; broccoli/cheese sauce; hot rolls and fresh fruit.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

THURSDAY — Rice crisp bars; juice

and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; juice and milk.

LUNCH

THURSDAY — Pepperoni pizza; buttered corn; green beans; peanut butter & crackers; pineapple tidbits and milk.

FRIDAY — Burritos; cheese & chili; Fiesta rice; scalloped potatoes; pears and milk.

GARDEN CITY LUNCH

THURSDAY — Steak fingers w/gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; apple sauce; hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY — Pepperoni pizza; buttered corn; salad; fruit and milk.

SANDS BREAKFAST

THURSDAY — Donuts; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Muffins; fruit and milk.

LUNCH

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FRIDAY — Burritos; salad; butter corn; banana pudding and milk.



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John Payne



Some new tax changes to consider

Question: Are there any new tax code changes I need to be aware of for 1991? Mike G.

Dear Mike: Your Washington friends did make additional changes for the 1991 tax year. Although the changes are not as major as those made in previous years, there are a few changes you need to be aware of.

First is the new "earned income credit rule." If a taxpayer earns less than \$21,250 a year and has a qualified child living with him, he may be able to take the earned income credit for 1991.

Second, there is a new requirement to include Social Security numbers for claimed dependents who are age one or over. If you have not yet applied for a Social Security number for your child, you should file form SS-5 at your local Social Security Administration office.

Third, the deduction for personal interest has been eliminated. Previously, taxpayers could deduct personal interest paid on car purchases, credit cards, etc. This deduction has been phased out and last year was the last year in which a deduction could be taken on personal interest. For 1991 on, consumer interest is not deductible.

Fourth, the personal exemption and standard deduction amounts have been increased. Finally, this is a good one for us. For 1991 the deduction for each personal exemption has been increased to \$2,150. The standard deduction amounts were increased to \$3,400 for a single taxpayer and \$5,700 for married taxpayers.

Fifth, limitations have been placed on high income taxpayers for personal exemptions and itemized deductions. This one is confusing. Taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of over \$100,000 or \$50,000 if married and filing separately, must reduce their itemized deductions by 3 percent of the excess of their adjusted gross income over \$100,000 or \$50,000 depending. This can be reduced to a minimum of 80 percent.

These are a few of the tax rule changes to be aware of in 1991. Although they are not major ones, they should be kept in mind when you begin completing your tax return.

John Payne is a certified financial planner and has been in practice for 11 years. If you have a financial question you wish to ask in this column or confidentially, please write him at: John Payne, "Texas: Your Money," 1800 West Loop South #980, Houston, Texas 77027.

Texas oilman awed by Soviet potential

FORT WORTH (AP) — Veteran Fort Worth oilman Mickey Braden sees "tremendous opportunities" for U.S. oil and gas companies considering business ventures in Russia and the other Soviet republics.

The Soviet oil industry is in a woefully antiquated state and desperately needs American technical expertise, Braden says.

An oil consultant and former senior vice president with Wolverine Exploration Co. of Fort Worth, Braden recently returned from the republic of Georgia, which this year declared its in-

dependence. It is home to 5.4 million people.

Braden was on a fact-finding mission for a New Orleans-based oil company, Forman Exploration, which is considering getting involved in oil exploration and production in Georgia.

Braden found plenty to be dismayed about during his 10-day stay in Georgia — everything from a total lack of hot water and heating in his hotel room to dangerous conditions on aged, poorly maintained drilling rigs.

But he was impressed by the engineering and geological

knowledge of professionals in the Soviet oil industry. And he says he was moved by "the openness and friendliness" of the Georgian people.

For years, the Soviet Union had been the world's largest producer of oil and gas, but its petroleum production began an alarming decline in recent months.

Soviet oil output still exceeds 10 million barrels per day, but that is down sharply from peak productions of 12.5 million barrels per day in 1988. As a result, the Soviet republics are seeking the help of U.S. oil companies that can provide

capital, equipment and technical expertise to help boost production in existing fields and in discovering new ones.

"We have advanced technology a lot further than they have, and that's what they want," Braden says.

He feels that the Soviet oil industry was crippled by inept "central planning" by government bureaucrats in Moscow whose moves were dictated by short-term political considerations.

The Soviet Union, eager for increased hard currency earnings from oil exports, dramatically ac-

celerated production in the 1970s and early 1980s. The result was that many oil fields were inefficiently and too rapidly depleted. Some wells began producing more water than oil. Many wells were shut down.

"Some reservoirs can be damaged by producing them too hard," Braden says. "They did that."

In Georgia, much of the drilling equipment is akin to that used in the United States 40 or 50 years ago, he said.

It make take a Soviet crew two months to move a drilling rig from

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Economy '91

Promises of short-lived recession never came true

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Larry Boykins wasn't too worried when his plant closed and he was laid off in late 1990. After all, most analysts predicted the recession would be shorter and shallower than average.

Now, still jobless after 13 months, the Baltimore electrical worker says, "I've got a feeling that things are worse than they were saying. I feel the worst is to come yet."

Instead of being short and shallow, some analysts now contend the recession has become the longest and one of the deepest in post-World War II history. At the very least, others say, the economy has become mired in stagnation — maybe not sinking, but not growing either.

Boykins and others were encouraged last spring when, after two quarters of negative growth, the economy appeared to revive in the euphoria and confidence inspired by the Persian Gulf victory.

Boykins was confident he would soon find a new job. "I felt it (the recession) was just a passing thing," he recalls.

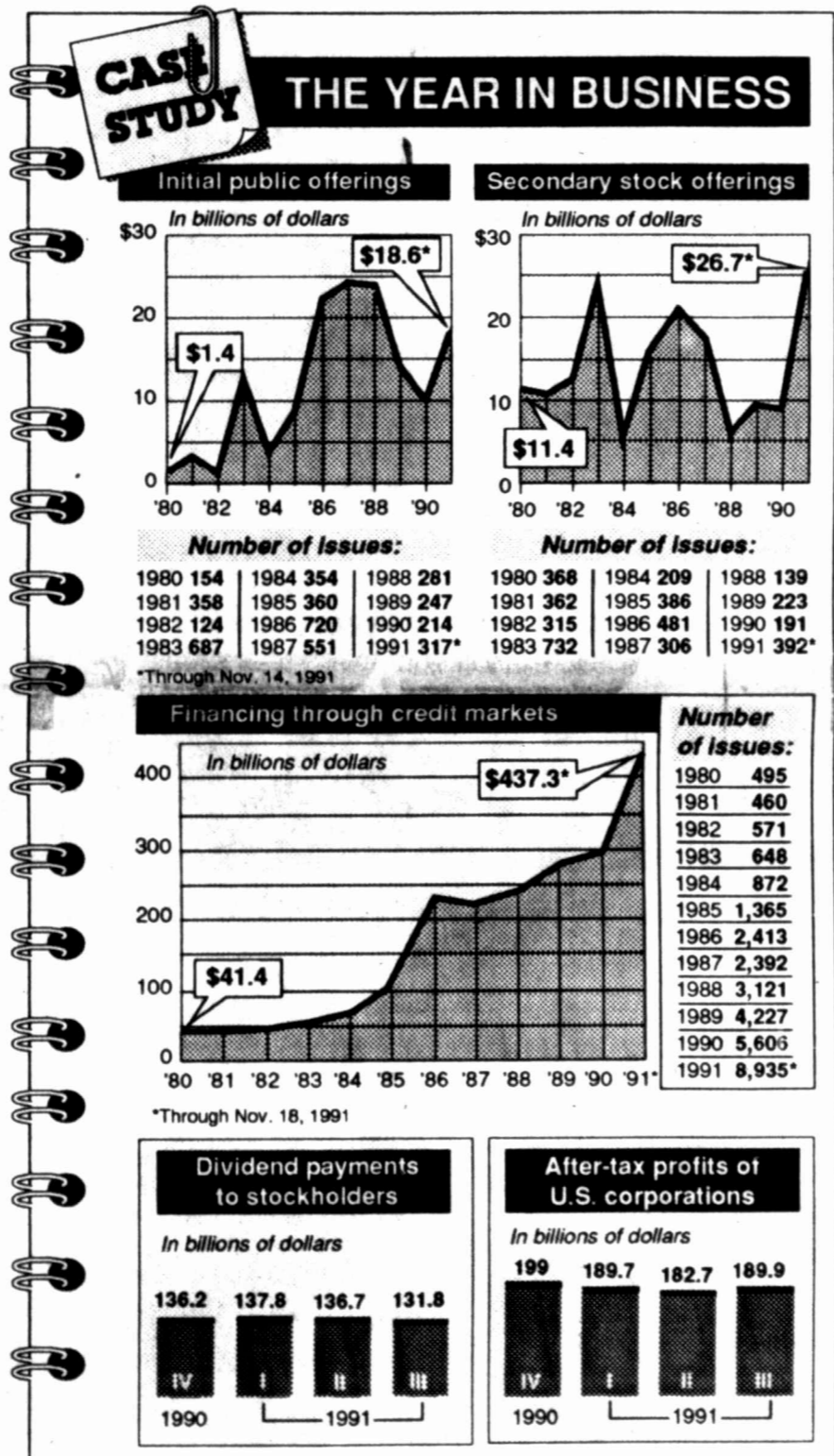
But in recent months, the economy has grown weaker, leading some analysts to conclude it is on the edge of turning down again. If it did tip over, it would be the fifth "double-dip" recession since 1945.

President Bush has acknowledged the weakness, describing the economy as "sluggish, at best." And as the slumping economy pulled down his popularity just a year before the election, he took to the countryside, seeking ways to stimulate the economy and restore some semblance of confidence.

Bush plans to outline a fiscal stimulus package during his State of the Union message in late January. Congressional leaders, meanwhile, are preparing their own programs to revive the recovery.

While much of the news is bad, inflation is considered well under control and interest rates are at their lowest levels in two decades.

But even the easier monetary policies of the Federal Reserve



have been unable to offset the drag of extraordinary business and consumer debt and a loss of confidence caused by declining earnings and employment.

Many analysts believe a tax cut is needed to pull the economy out of the doldrums.

On the eve of the 1992 election campaign, the unemployment rate

stood at 6.8 percent in November. That's much less than the 10.8 percent rate at the depth of the 1981-82 recession, but the November rate did not include the thousands of people who have dropped out of the labor market, too discouraged after months of knocking on doors and mailing resumes to continue seeking employment.

"I'll get something for my little grandson, who's 1 year old, and my girlfriend's son — he's 1, too. Those are my two major concerns," he says. "If I get those out of the way, I'll be able to sleep at night."

"I've got a feeling that things are worse than they were saying. I feel the worst is to come yet."

Larry Boykins

And despite the single-digit unemployment rate, nearly a quarter-million more jobs were cut in November.

Consumers hold the key to any economic recovery, since they represent two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. But in the face of declining jobs and incomes, they are in no mood to open their pocketbooks.

As a result, the bad news feeds on itself. As more people get laid-off, they have less money to spend and cut back on their purchases. With demand and earnings down, manufacturers in turn slash production and more jobs.

Except for sluggish growth in the housing industry, most areas of the economy either have been flat or actually fallen in recent months.

Although there was a slight pickup in activity last summer, lagging consumer demand is again causing American automobile makers to cut back production plans.

Orders for other big-ticket items are anemic at best. In fact, a survey by the National Association of Purchasing Management suggests manufacturing growth came to a standstill in November.

And the government's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, designed to forecast future activity, has been virtually unchanged for three months, suggesting a flat economy at best this winter.

If the economy actually turned down again, it would be the longest recession of the post-World War II era, surpassing the 16-month downturns of 1974-75 and 1981-82.

Larry Boykins, meanwhile, wasn't planning too much of a Christmas.

"I'll get something for my little grandson, who's 1 year old, and my girlfriend's son — he's 1, too. Those are my two major concerns," he says. "If I get those out of the way, I'll be able to sleep at night."



Don Richardson

Ag ExPo to be held Jan. 11-12

We hope everyone enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and are making plans for 1992, which promises to get agriculture into a big spotlight early with the kickoff of the West Texas Ag ExPo to be held Jan. 11-12 here in Big Spring.

A lot of features will be offered that should appeal to agricultural producers, but those sessions dealing with pesticides should have considerable interest for them.

Producers with private applicator licenses realize that they must complete 15 hours of continuing educational credits within three years of obtaining their licenses in order to maintain them.

At the ExPo producers may obtain two of these hours by attending sessions on chemical use and safety in field crops and in brush control. Charles Allen, Extension Entomologist from Ft. Stockton, will be here on the 11th to present an update on the cotton situation as it may affect local producers.

Allen will be just returning from the 1992 Beltwide Cotton Conference and should have the latest information on the 1992 picture. He plans to include in his presentation sufficient information for producers to obtain hours to assist them in compliance with Texas Department of Agriculture regulations regarding private applicators licenses.

Allen McGinty, Extension Range Specialist from Ft. Stockton, will also include enough pesticide use and safety in his presentation on brush control to give producers credit for attendance, as well.

On Jan. 14-15, TAEX and TDA will sponsor a pesticide application training and licensing school at the Pecos County Civic Center (on the Pecos Highway).

Participants can receive Private, Non-commercial and Commercial licenses at this session. Private applicator licenses training and testing will be given on Jan. 14, and commercial and Non-Commercial license training and testing will require attendance both days.

County commissioners, city councils, golf course managers, and other persons who may wish to become licensed to apply pesticides (restricted use and state limited use) may do so at this program.

No license or testing fees will be charged to employees of local, state or federal government. Such persons should be aware that as of Sept. 1, 1991, all applicators treating in urban areas are required to be licensed by Structural Pest Control Board, not TDA.

TDA licenses are not applicable for persons applying pesticides in urban areas or specifically for hospital or school employees. City employees treating parks at present can work under TDA licenses.

The training and testing on Jan. 14-15 will allow participants to receive only TDA licensing, not structural Pest Control Board Licensing. Testing with the Structural Pest Control Board still requires a trip to Austin.

Pesticide educational credits will be only one of the many features offered at the big ExPo here in Big Spring next January. Everything from horse care to garden care and style shows are being planned.

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Ecological car



German car manufacturer Volkswagen presents its ecological vehicle study Chico at the Frankfurt International Motorshow recently. The egg-shaped Chico features a 2-cylinder,

34-horsepower engine combined with an electric motor that powers the car when only little power is needed, as in city traffic.

Toyota sympathetic to GM auto workers

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest automaker and the world's third-largest, expressed sympathy for the tens of thousands of American workers likely to be laid off by General Motors Corp.

GM announced that it would be closing 21 plants over the next four years.

"GM has made a painful decision that it obviously felt was best for the company's future," said Toyota, GM's principal business partner in Japan.

"They've said the move announced will help the company remain competitive in the long term and we wish them success."

In the statement, Toyota said that at the same time "we certainly sympathize with those GM employees and their families who will be affected. We hope the current downturn in the economy will be short-lived and that the pressures impacting the entire in-

dustry will be alleviated."

A spokesman for Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-largest car maker, said his company did not think it appropriate to comment on a private managerial decision.

The GM announcement was the top story in Japanese evening newspapers today, with fears that the action will feed protectionist sentiment in America.

"Focus of U.S. President's Visit Is Clear: Strong Pressure on Auto Parts and Rice," cried the newspaper Tokyo Shimbun.

President Bush's invitation to about 15 leaders of American business and industry, including top executives from the slumping auto industry, to accompany him on his Jan. 7-10 visit has raised apprehension that Japan will face even stronger pressure to make trade concessions, including lifting its ban on rice imports.

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Hudson retires at Cosden

George R. Hudson will retire as manager of Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union Dec. 31, ending 35 years of service to the FCU and Fina Refinery.



Hudson

Hudson became the third manager of the credit union on July 28, 1975, and assets have grown from \$1.8 million to \$24.75 million since that time.

Some of the implementations that Hudson oversaw were share certificates, money market accounts, IRAs, share drafts and MasterCard.

He has served as president and vice president of the Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions. He currently serves on the Texas Credit Union League Board as an advisor-director.

An open house will be held for him from 1-4 p.m. Monday at the credit union. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Students at Brooklyn Public School 314 take part in Saturday's "Winter Fair," organized by Sister Mary Paul and Sister Geraldine. The school was opened with money from the Robin Hood Foundation.

Foundation takes from the rich, gives to the poor

NEW YORK (AP) — Sister Mary Paul and Sister Geraldine opened a crisis center in 1980 after realizing many of the families they counseled had very basic problems — like not enough to eat and no money for clothes.

But they faced their own emergency in 1989 when the landlord hiked the rent 50 percent on their storefront in the working-class Brooklyn neighborhood of Sunset Park.

The nuns needed a white knight. What they found wasn't far off.

The Robin Hood Foundation, a fledgling city charity founded by three young Wall Street whizzes, stepped in to help the Center for Family Life renovate space in a nearby abandoned building. And their rent is now lower than before.

This month as the nuns prepared for a "Winter Fair" at a junior high school — kept open beyond normal hours with Robin Hood money — a record 250 families came through the crisis center, picking up supplies to help them through the

holidays. "It's amazing what you can do just with a little seed," Sister Geraldine said.

The foundation has been planting such seeds and helping them grow in New York City since 1987. It's hardly the biggest foundation around, working with about 70 organizations, with an average grant of about \$40,000.

What makes it unique is its investment-style approach. Like the investor looking for the undervalued stock that's ready to take off, the recipients of Robin Hood grants are often too new or unconventional for the bigger, more established foundations.

"We consider ourselves to be socially responsible venture capitalists," said David Saltzman, the 29-year-old co-executive director. "We think we can give donors the biggest bang for their charitable buck."

Potential

Continued from page 1-D one well site to another, "because you've got to take it down one piece at a time and put it back together one piece at a time," Braden said.

By contrast, in the United States, collapsible rigs can be quickly mounted on trucks and quickly moved from one site to another within two or three days, he said.

While U.S. drilling rigs operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Soviet

rigs drill only four or five hours a day because of various inefficiencies, Braden said.

And because Soviet rigs are powered by electricity, they may be shut down without warning when the local utility is suffering a power shortage, he says.

He says he visited one drilling rig in Georgia that had numerous safety problems that would not be permitted in the United States.

The work crew on the Georgian rig did not wear safety helmets, the blowout prevention system was inadequate and a damaged light served as a potential spark for a gas explosion, Braden says.

The management systems in the Soviet oil industry are "about as antiquated as their equipment," he says. The industry operates on a "penny-wise, dollar-foolish" basis, with low-paid drilling crews that appear to be poorly trained, he said.

Nevertheless, he found Soviet oil professionals "well-educated in engineering and geological principles.

For example, Braden says of Alex Chichinadze, a 36-year-old, English-speaking drilling engineer with whom he talked extensively, "He's sharp, he's creative ... if he came to me looking for a job in the United States, I wouldn't hesitate to hire him."

Many U.S. oil companies, ranging from giants such as Exxon to smaller firms such as Forman Exploration, are considering ventures in the republics. But only a handful have entered into final agreements and are already operating in the area.

One major lure for U.S. energy companies considering venture in the Soviet republics is that "we know that there's a lot of oil and gas over there," Braden said.

Spanning 11 time zones, Russia and the smaller republics have the world's seventh-largest volume of proven oil reserves, an estimated 58 billion barrels (roughly double the reserves of the United States). And the Soviets' proven natural gas reserves of 1.6 trillion cubic feet are the world's largest. The bulk of oil and gas production is in Russia, the largest and most populous republic.

Cocaine wealth bypasses Bolivian farmers

CHAPARE, Bolivia (AP) — The huge profits piled up in the cocaine trade do not filter down to the peasants who grow coca leaf, most of whom are mired in poverty and hopelessness.

Pedro Sotelo is one such grower. He lives in a wooden shack with his wife and two children in the heart of this lush tropical region. Five of his seven children have died from diarrhea and respiratory ailments.

The 35-year-old Sotelo migrated to Bolivia's lowland country in search of work after a drought devastated his farm in the Andean highlands.

Today, he is one of the estimated 300,000 farmers who are the first link in the chain that supplies cocaine to users in Europe and North

America.

The closing of tin mines in the highlands six years ago also fueled the flight of the Indians to the region. "Financial troubles, hunger and poverty have driven the farmers to cultivate the coca leaf," he said.

But they have found that the business is lucrative only to those further along the chain.

As much as \$400 million in cocaine earnings filter back into the Bolivian economy each year, but millions more — no one knows how much for sure — go to traffickers and dealers who smuggle and sell the illicit finished drug abroad.

"Contrary to what the industrialized world thinks, the Bolivian coca leaf farmer has received

very little return on the raw material that is converted to cocaine," said Bolivia's agricultural minister, Mauro Bertero.

Growers in the area agree.

"The farmers, because of their humble origins, have been used by the huge cocaine trafficking mafias," complained Nestor Bravo, a leader of the Chapare coca growers federation.

Nonetheless, farmers find they would make even less by growing other crops, so coca cultivation remains the chief source of income for Chapare's peasants, amounting to 92 percent of all agricultural output in this region alone and a quarter of Bolivian farm production.

Farmers receive between \$30 to

\$50 per 110-pound load of coca leaves, which are then processed by primitive labs into cocaine paste. The paste is next flown to the northern Beni region of Bolivia or to Colombia, Brazil or Argentina for further processing into pure cocaine.

"It is apparent to us that the peasant coca growers are not profiting from the coca-cocaine industry in Bolivia," said Bruce Wharton, press attaché at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, the capital.

"They are victimized and exploited by the drug traffickers. They produce the raw material and get nothing for it, while the traffickers profit enormously from this nefarious trade," he said.

ExPo

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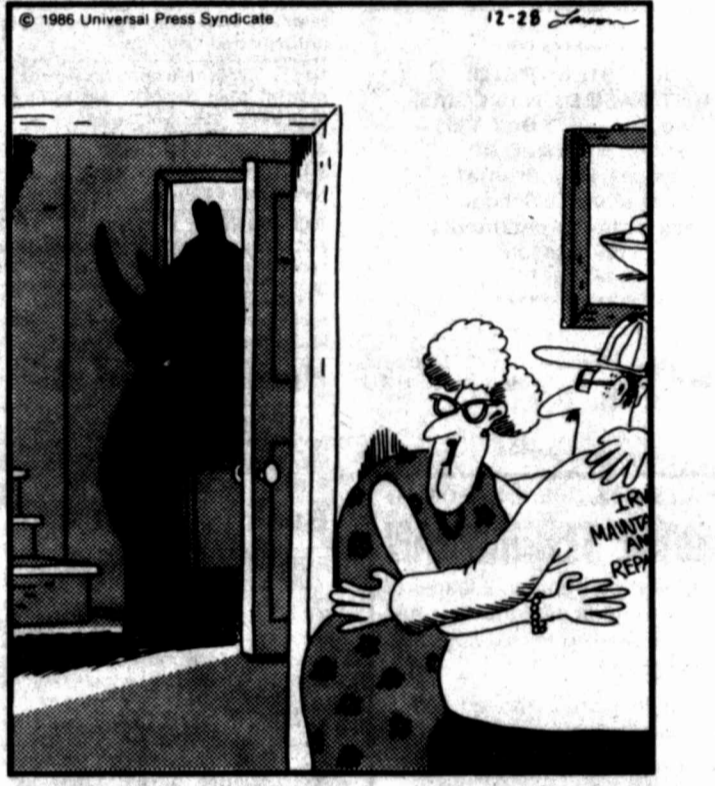
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION To the Registered Voters of the City of Big Spring, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 18, 1992, for voting in a special election to provide for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Big Spring, Texas, an amendment to the Charter of said city to provide that public safety shall be the first priority of City government. The minimum number of authorized positions for sworn peace officers on the police department shall be one position for every 125 population as determined by the most recent official census. The City will maintain a jail. The Chief of Police may only be involuntarily terminated by a two-third majority vote of the City Council. The City Manager may temporarily suspend with pay the Chief of Police pending a vote by the City Council. Police officers who have successfully completed their probationary periods may only be terminated for demonstrated incompetence or proven misconduct. This paragraph supercedes any contrary provisions in the City Charter.

Location(s) of Polling Places

County Election Precinct 102-W1 at the Anderson Kindergarten Center

County Election Precincts 101-W1, 201-W1, 301-W1, 401-W1, at Northside Fire Station.

County Election Precincts 203-W2 and 204-W2 at Kentwood Elementary School.

County Election Precincts 402-W2 and 403-W2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

County Election Precincts 302-W3 and 303-W3 at the 18th and Main Fire Station.

County Election Precinct 303-W3 at the Wasson Road Fire Station.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall Building, in said City between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on December 30, 1991, and ending on January 14, 1992. Monday thru Friday.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Thomas D. Ferguson, P.O. Box 3190, Big Spring, Texas 79721-3190

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 17, 1992.

Issued this 26th day of December, 1991. MAXWELL D. GREEN, Mayor 7966 December 29, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Big Spring, Texas:

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Sabado 18 de Enero de 1992 para votar en la Eleccion especial. Prover para la sumision a los votantes cualificados de la ciudad de Big Spring, Texas, una enmienda en las cartas de la ciudad para dar por la proteccion para seguridad del publico.

Proposicion para enmendar la carta de la Ciudad para proveer la seguridad publica que sera la maxima prioridad de la Ciudad. El numero mas minimo de posiciones de autoridad para un oficial de Policia podra ser terminado involuntariamente con dos-tercios de votos del a mayoria del concilio de la Ciudad. El Administrador de la Ciudad podra suspender temporalmente el sueldo de Jefe de Policia siendo pendiente al voto del Concilio de la Ciudad. Oficiales de Policia que han logrado terminar su periodo de prueba, seran terminados unicamente si han demostrado incompetencia o haber sido provado con conducta mala. Este parrafo contradice cualquier provision a la carta de la Ciudad.

Direccion (es) de las casilla electorales: Eleccion del condado Precinto 102-W1 en la Jardin de Infancia Central

Eleccion del condado Precintos 101-W1, 201-W1, 301-W1 y 401-W1 en la casa do bomberos localizada en el norte de la ciudad. N. 2th y Main St.

Eleccion del condado Precintos 203-W2 y 204-W2 votaran en Kentwood, escuela elemental

Eleccion del condado Precintos 402-W2 y 403-W2 votaran en el Coliseo do Dorothy Garrett

Eleccion del condado Precinto 302-W2 y 303-W2 en la casa de bomberos localizada por la calle 18th y Main St.

Eleccion del condado Precinto 303-W3 en la casa de bomberos localizada en la calle Wasson Rd.

La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en el edificio de City Hall, en dicha ciudad entre las 8:00 de las manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 30 de Diciembre de 1991, terminando el 14 de Enero de 1992. De Lunes al viernes.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para en fin de las horas de negocias el 17 de Enero de 1992. Emitada este dia 26 de Diciembre 1991.

MAXWELL D. GREEN, Alcalde 7967 December 29, 1991

Baby proofing



Mary Ann and Tony Simnowski, co-owners of New York Baby Proofing Co., demonstrate an outlet guard with the help of the baby proof tester, their son, Perry. For \$45, Simnowski will evaluate a home and explain what must be done to make it safe for infants.

Town's revival a model for recovery

EDITOR'S NOTE — A beacon of hope amid the current economic gloom is a small New England port city that has worked its way back from the brink of disaster. What happened in Eastport, Maine, local people pulling together with a little help from the government, could serve as a model for other communities seeking to recover their financial footing.

EASTPORT, Maine (AP) — A decade ago, this historic port, the easternmost city in the United States, was a picture of desolation. One Maine tour guide said it had "a haunting, end-of-the-world feel." Most storefronts downtown were boarded up, and a Maine humorist joked that Eastport's biggest event was its empty-building festival. The once-thriving sardine industry was virtually dead, its canneries crumbling. Eastport's largest employer had laid off 175 people, and panic set in.

But today, this community of 2,000 people along the Canadian border is enjoying a renaissance that some state and federal officials believe could be a model for revival in other rural communities. Although a half-dozen buildings remain vacant, most of the once-derelect downtown has been refurbished. It now boasts eight restaurants, including Italian and Mexican eateries, and money from tourists makes up 20 percent of the local economy.

The city's port has been revived, its shipping volume growing from 15,197 tons and six ship calls in 1981 to 168,813 tons and 40 ship calls in

1990. Eastport now is the second busiest port in Maine, behind Portland, and city officials hope to expand shipping further by building a new \$20 million cargo pier by the mid-1990s.

Eastport is in the midst of installing a \$12 million sewage-treatment system and spending \$1 million to expand its airport. The city also has become a hub for the largest concentration of salmon farms in the United States, creating an estimated 225 jobs and putting a modern spin on Eastport's fishing heritage.

Located on Moose Island, Eastport is classified a city despite its sparse population. It is flanked by Cobscook and Passamaquoddy bays, where the tides are the highest in the lower 48 states, and bordered by Canada's Campobello and Deer islands.

Off Moose Island's northeastern tip swirls "Old Sow," the largest whirlpool in the Western Hemisphere, created by the St. Croix River emptying into Passamaquoddy Bay. Eastport also has a rich fishing tradition and today is the only place left in the country where people in small boats catch cod and mackerel with hand lines.

"It's very remote and far removed from everything," says City Manager Rosemary E. Kulow. "You have to want to be here. I think what makes a difference is Eastport has this vast array of natural resources available."

The city has parlayed those resources into the two major reasons for its economic revival:

shipping and aquaculture, or fish farming.

But the key to Eastport's turnaround was a new attitude among local leaders and residents, says Mary Follis, director of community development and planning.

Eastport's ability to build a coalition of community leaders and private business interests, coupled with its aggressive use of government grants, may hold lessons for other rural towns trying to revive, say state and federal officials.

In many ways, the city's present success also is an extension of its past.

Before the War of 1812, it became the busiest port on the East Coast when smugglers evaded an embargo on imports of British goods by bringing them into Eastport from Canada.

In 1873, the first sardine cannery in the United States opened in Eastport when supplies of popular French sardines were limited by the Franco-Prussian War. By the turn of the century, Eastport was a center for Maine's sardine industry. The city's waterfront was lined with 24 canneries and its population grew to 5,000, Follis says.

In the 1930s, Eastport residents hoped to benefit from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposed Quoddy Dam project to harness Cobscook Bay's tidal range of up to 27 feet to generate electricity. The granite base of the causeway linking Moose Island to the mainland was built as part of that project.

But the tidal project never was completed and, over the years, the

city's port activities and sardine industry dwindled to virtually nothing.

"It just got poorer and poorer," Kulow says.

In the early 1970s, some Eastport residents saw the possibility of renewed prosperity when the Pittston Co. proposed building an oil refinery and supertanker terminal on Moose Island. But the proposal drew fierce opposition from environmentalists and divided Eastport between residents who wanted the refinery's jobs, and those who felt it would ruin the island.

Pittston finally withdrew its permit applications in 1983 and the refinery was never built.

As the problem worsened, many Eastport residents developed a fatalistic attitude, Follis says.

"We speak about the Quoddy Dam syndrome," she says. "People find the feeling that it didn't matter what you did it would fail."

But in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Follis says, community leaders plotted how to bring Eastport back. "We got smart and started making use of federal dollars."

The city first put together a \$1.15 million waterfront redevelopment program. It built a pink granite seawall and walkway as part of a park overlooking the harbor.

In 1984, the city used an estimated \$2 million in state money to widen its 410-foot cargo pier and dredge the harbor in an effort to expand the port to serve the forest products industry in timber-rich eastern Maine.

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Robert Maxwell lost at his own shell game

LONDON (AP) — In the last eight months of his life, Robert Maxwell's debt problems seemed as conspicuous as the publisher's lavish style. He began selling off assets to pay the banks that helped him build his sprawling empire.

But since his mysterious death at sea on Nov. 5, the scope of Maxwell's clandestine effort to keep his empire afloat has stunned bankers, pensioners and employees and set the British government to work on at least four investigations.

Maxwell had taken on more than \$4 billion in debt in pursuit of his big dream: to create a global media empire with \$5 billion in revenue.

He never got close, and may have set the stage for the empire's ultimate collapse as long ago as 1988.

That year, Maxwell Communication Corp. borrowed heavily to buy the U.S. publisher Macmillan Inc. for \$2.6 billion, a price many analysts thought excessive. Maxwell Communication bought the Overseas Airline Guides for \$750 million the same year.

Beginning in 1990, Maxwell pledged large amounts of stock of Maxwell Communication as collateral for loans to support his private holdings, which included The European newspaper, AGB market research, soccer teams and eventually the New York Daily News.

But concerns about the size of Maxwell's debts depressed his publicly traded company's stock price, and banks pressed for more collateral. And then the shenanigans began in a big way, investigators say.

His mounting debt allegedly drove him to raid company funds to

prop up the stock and meet loan payments. He even gambled in currency markets.

Maxwell Communication shares peaked at 240 pence in April, apparently after Maxwell allegedly bought shares to prop up the value of the company stock.

But then they fell sharply in May and June because of investors' continuing worries about Maxwell's debts. Shares were quoted at 35 pence when trading was suspended earlier this month.

"He played fast and loose through much of his career and I think what happened was that it suddenly got away from him," said William Grantham, a Paris-based editor for the newsletter European Media Business and Finance.

"He was a gambler and suddenly he found himself unable to cover his losses."

Clearly, caution was not part of Maxwell's style.

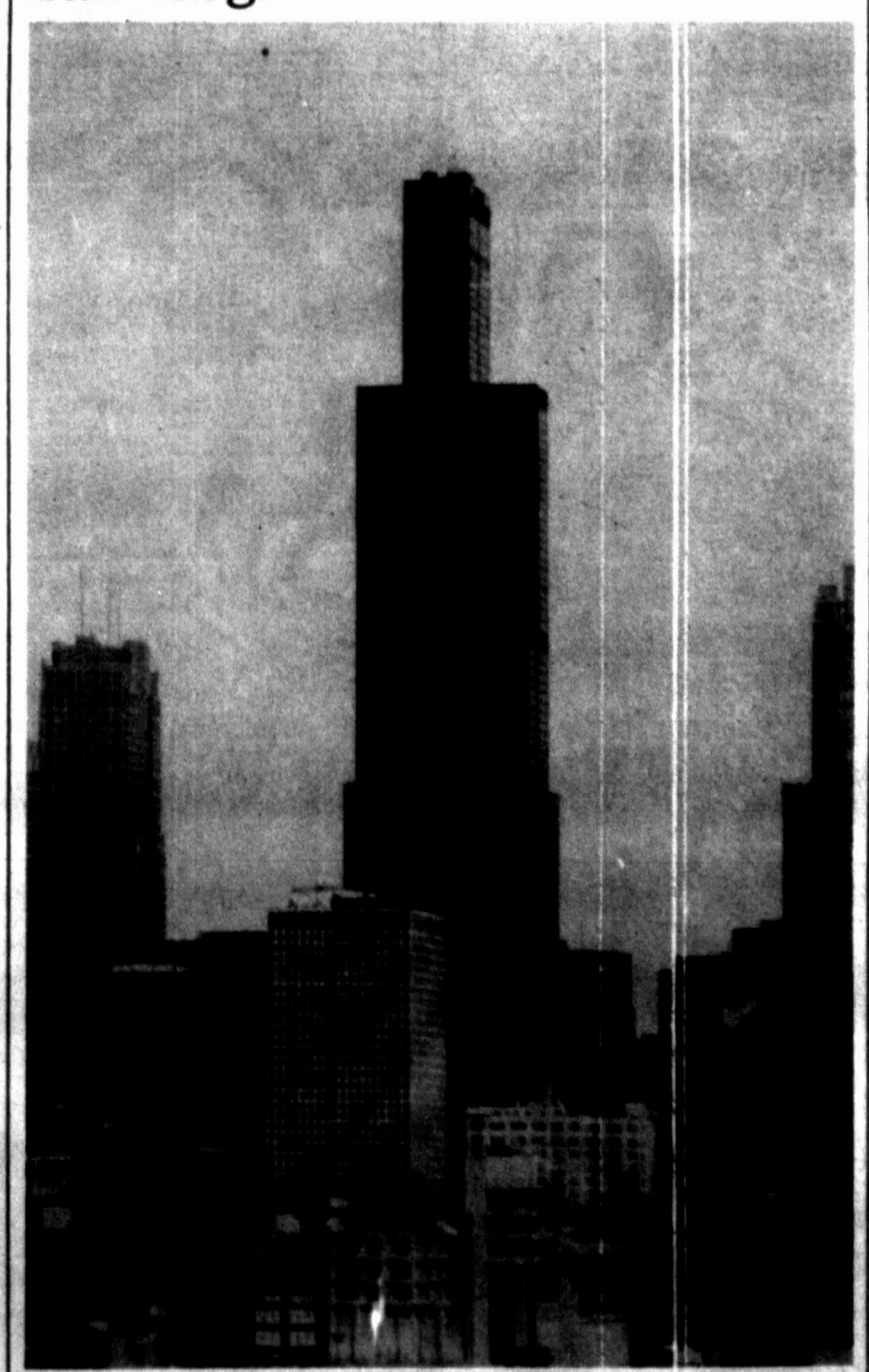
In May 1990, he launched The European, an English-language weekly hoping to benefit from Western Europe's looming economic unification. The newspaper is now trying to survive as it searches for a buyer.

In March, Maxwell's cash hunger drove him to sell Pergamon Press PLC, a publisher of scientific journals which was the foundation of his empire, for \$810 million to the Dutch publisher Elsevier N.V.

And on March 21, Maxwell bought the strike-battered New York Daily News. Whatever his problems in Britain, Maxwell was briefly the toast of Manhattan, operating in grand style from his 430-ton luxury yacht.

Investigators believe it was in April that Maxwell started raiding company funds on a large scale.

Tall bargain



In spite of a glut of downtown office space, brokers hired by Sears, Roebuck and Co. have managed to lease more than 25 percent of the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building. Sears is vacating the space to move its headquarters to the suburbs.

Business highlights

NEW YORK (AP) — Assets of the nation's 596 money market mutual funds fell \$6.14 billion in the latest week as investors funneled funds into the surging stock market, the Investment Company Institute said.

Jacob Dreyer, vice president and chief economist for the institute, attributed the drainage to a historical year-end pattern, intensified by a migration of investors

out of money funds into the stock market.

Wall Street hit an all-time high Thursday on optimism about the effect of lower interest rates on the economy.

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian government approved an ambitious plan to transfer state businesses and shops to individuals as part of a reform program that

starts next week with big price increases, a news agency reported.

The plan is to keep railways, civil aviation, and most natural resources under state control. Some large factories would be privatized, and small businesses such as shops will be auctioned, the Interfax news agency reported Thursday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge

approved a \$3.55 billion bailout plan by a French investor group for junk bond-burdened Executive Life Insurance Co., which was seized by state regulators last spring.

California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi had sought approval of the deal for what his department described as the largest insurance company rehabilitation in U.S. history. The purchase of Executive Life

by Altus Finance and Mutuelle Assurance des Artisanas de France (MAAF) was endorsed Thursday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — First-time claims for unemployment benefits fell by a less-than-expected 20,000 during the second week of December, suggesting little or no improvement in the labor

market.

A seasonally adjusted 473,000 workers filed for benefits in the week ending Dec. 14, down from 493,000 the previous week, the Labor Department said Thursday.

Analysts caution against reading too much into week-to-week fluctuations in the claims numbers, which are very volatile.

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