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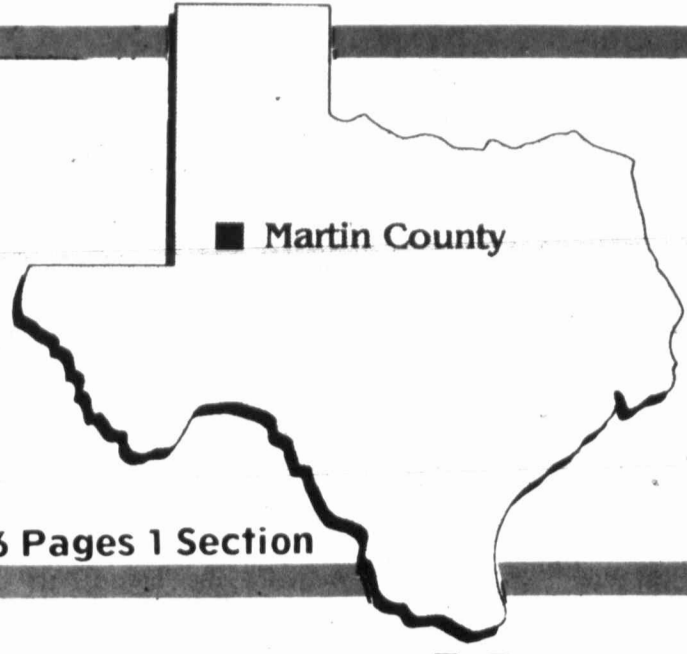
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Not a bad year for Martin County residents

Writing around



Trying to get slim in 92'

The beginning of a new year always brings more time to correct or adjust our strides into life, itself. Its like your given another chance to do what you set out to do last year.

For some of us, we go on diets, for others, exercise will be a top priority, still others will try to stop smoking or any other habit we may seem to possess.

Whatever one chooses, try your hardest to stay with the routine for at least 364 more days.

I have made a new resolution of getting in shape, but this, year unlike others in the past, I have begun exercising, a couple of days before the big event.

Tired of always sitting behind my computer at work, or watching television, I decided to go out and hit the old tennis ball around with a couple of SHS tennis players on the team.

Everything went very well. In fact, I stayed up with the youngsters. After an hour of hitting, they decided to go play basketball.

I looked at them and said to myself, Thank God, because I couldn't have continued, but I was not about to let those teenagers know I was about to literally die!

Instead, I said with my shoulders standing tall, "Are ya'll ready to quit."

One of them said, "Yea, were going to play basketball, now."

I have never been happier to hear those words of...rescue, but I also didn't want them to know they tired me out.

I guess its really true, when people say your over the hill, because you are over the hill. It doesn't matter which hill, all I know is that, it's a 90 degree climb.

For those of you that are going to suggest, dieting. We'll, I love to eat. It doesn't matter how fat-tening, what time or how much, I love to eat.

I've tried the vegetable way, and I'm just glad I'm not a rabbit, because I would be revolting against someone.

Weighing all the factors and hitting the 200 mark, I decided to exercise and take the pounds off the hard way, old-fashion exercises.

I began New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and the day after - very sore.

Beginning to question my sanity, or should I say insanity, I began wondering who coaxed me into doing this.

Thinking back, I remember it was a day that I felt very gung ho. I looked back and thought, I can do it. I can weigh 140 pounds again. I did it when I was 18-years old, why can't I do it now.

Its worth two hours of tennis a day, or just running two miles would take some of the spare tire off.

One would think, exercising for an hour should cut your weight by at least ten pounds.

In my case, I gained three pounds. Where are the painful calories I've burned off. How much more can I take.

Sixty pounds is nothing to lose. It shouldn't take me more than a month to get back to where I once was.

Boy, was I wrong. I have accounted for five days of torture all I have to show is, I gained two pounds.

The only thing that keeps me going is the fact that I only have 360 more days to go.

Even my hair is sore, but I promised myself, this time I would do it. I can just imagine the people who made the decision to quit smoking. They're probably looking to kill someone or a cigarette, one or the other.

At least, if one is running to lose weight, he or she is gets the pleasure of eating anything they want. But that's the only consolation.

I've began to notice, when the

RESOLUTION page 6

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The top stories from the area included the swearing in new officials at the county level.

Charles McKaskle defeated incumbent Precinct 4 County Commissioner E.D. "Wimp" Holcomb for his county seat, as did Nolan Parker also defeated F.E. Kennedy for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.

U.S. Representative Charles W. Stenholm visits with the Stanton Noon Lions to discuss the new farm bill and ways it will help the local community.

The Martin County Hospital District began circulating surveys randomly to area residents to tell the facility what it was lacking or services to be added.

The SISD board members approved the hiring of a new athletic director, Bill Grissom from Breckenridge. Grissom brought to Stanton a 106-49-1 mark from coaching at various schools.

Area residents have mixed emotions about the war against Iraq. The United States bombs the Iraqi capital.

Area business, Old Towne Pizza closes its doors with owners citing wanting to pursue their business careers.

The Northwest section of Howard County was annexed into the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District by voters in both counties.

A countywide vote in Martin County was 26 for and six against, while voters in Howard County precincts voted 60 for and one against.

The second annual Great Texas Soup Cook-off was held at the Martin County Community Center. The event was held as a fundraiser for

the preservation of the historic 19th Century convent building.

The MC Livestock Show was underway during the last week of January. More than 59 county 4-H and FFA exhibitors with approximately 149 head of livestock to be shown.

The Stanton Buffalos remained 7-0 in the first half of district play. They captured the first-half title in district 6-2A.

The Iraq-U.S. war begins to hit at home. The area newspaper devotes a section of the front page to military servicemen and women in Saudi Arabia.

February Hughes Fertilizer Inc., was ordered to correct a problem of releasing air pollution by the Texas Air Control Board. It was fined \$12,000 for discharging excessive air contaminants in four different incidents in 1990. Hughes was given 70 days to comply.

A group of Martin County employees tied yellow ribbons on tress on the courthouse lawn to show support for the troops in the Desert Storm Operation.

In a joint session, both the MC Commissioners and the City Council agreed to operate a landfill rather than send the refuse somewhere else.

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission board of directors were asked by the City of Stanton to submit their approval for an application to renovate Shelburne Park.

Seventeenth Congressional District Representative Charles W. Stenholm was honored by Cap Rock Electric and its sister division, Lone Wolf Co-op for his commitment to farming interest and support for the cooperatives.

Greenwood to begin tech-prep program

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Greenwood High School students will be offered a new program to better prepare their future, beginning this month.

GHS Principal Bob Pheil said, the Tech-Prep program is designed to better align what is being taught in high school with community college programs and will be in cooperation with Midland College.

"Many jobs in the late 1990s and on in to the 2000s will be highly technical and we will need very skilled people," Pheil said.

A four year plan of study, the Tech-Prep program begins the junior year of high school and continues on through two years at Midland College.

It is developed cooperatively so to eliminate duplication of courses and will conclude with a school-to-

work transition.

Through the program school officials hope to provide better motivation and focus for some students and keep others in school.

By working through the outlined plan of courses, students can better understand how their high school classes will result in a usable skill for their future.

Greenwood's participation in Tech-Prep is coordinated by John Reed of Midland College. The program works with local business and industry to keep abreast of trends in the labor market.

Pheil expects a good response to the program in Greenwood High School and feels it will enhance the students' opportunities.

He added, "The Tech-Prep program will add flexibility to our total school program."

Thriftway donates hams

By KAY KOLB For the Herald

Employees of Stanton Thriftway participated in an area food distribution for needy families during the recent holiday season.

Free Christmas hams were donated by Affiliated Foods, Inc. to needy families last month as part of Hormel's national hunger relief campaign.

Jim Flenniken, manager of Stanton Thriftway, said each store in the Affiliated Foods system donated a portion of the goods.

"We contribute to many different sponsorship campaigns such as this one throughout the year," Flenniken said.

"We are happy to be a part of a project that will help poor families during this time."

The campaign, sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Company, has

brought together food stores in all 50 states in an effort to help alleviate hunger during this holiday season.

Last year, the campaign resulted in the donation of 18,000 free hams from Hormel, which fed an estimated 160,000 needy people.

Affiliated estimates that almost 2,000 needy people were fed by this Christmas ham donation alone in the West Texas Area.

The hams were distributed through the Salvation Army and other community service organizations.

Employees at Stanton Thriftway are Sal Reyna, assistant manager; John Castro, meat market manager; Mary Rodriguez; Joyce Ellis and Mary Reyna.

Also Carol Yater, Billy Cox, Robert Stephenson, Richard Hernandez, Quincy Brown, and Sheryl Blocker.



Stanton Thriftway along with other Affiliated Foods from all the nation participated in the Hormel's National hunger relief campaign. More than 2,000 families are expected to be helped in the West Texas area only. The local store always helps area residents to a better time, store officials said.

Christmas help



Top photo: Members of the Stanton High Student Council help distribute goodies during the Martin County's Christmas Cheer Program. Many took the time to helped unfortunate individuals with food, clothing and presents to local residents, who otherwise couldn't afford. The representatives are Libby Ramos, left, Kenneth Kendall, Joy Adams and Mandy Cannon. Middle photo: Cans of food, clothing and Christmas gifts filled the Martin County Community Center during the week of the holidays. More than 200 families were helped this year, according to officials. Bottom photo: Residents and families of the Stanton Care Center recently held its annual Christmas party. Care center resident Emmer Leonard is being helped by a family member after a delicious meal and opening of gifts.



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Saunders receives Christmas gift, sister

By KAY KOLB
For the Herald

Last month Gina Sanders had an extra special holiday treat. She met her sister for the first time.

Saunders, who was adopted at birth, found out in October she had a sister 15 months older than she and the two were able to meet just before Christmas.

"I didn't know I could love anyone as quickly as I did her," Saunders said after her sister visited in her home. "It was very natural and comfortable."

Saunders experience began when she started searching for her birth mother for medical purposes. Adopted at birth, Saunders was raised in a nearby West Texas community.

With the help of her husband, David Saunders, she was able to locate her birth mother in two weeks.

David works for the Midland County Sheriff's department and Gina proudly declares he is a "very good investigator."

Through conversations with her birth mother, Saunders learned she had a sister who had also been adopted. So after considering the situation she asked for her husband's help again.

"It is hard. You know you have the potential to disrupt lives," Saunders said of making her decision to look for the sister. For that reason, she asked that her sister not be named.

"David found her in two hours," she said. The only information he had to go on was that she was female, her birthdate and the town she was born.

"He came home smiling, gave me a photocopied picture of her high school graduation and said, 'Here is your sister.' It was great."

After locating the woman, Saunders was very cautious about contacting her. She called her sister's adoptive mother and explained the situation.

"I decided to just state my case and then let her decide," Saunders said. She gave the adoptive mother her phone number with the option to call with information or forget the entire situation.

Saunders' sister called the next night. The two began getting acquainted by phone and then arranged the December meeting when she was able to travel to West Texas.

"I was surprised at how we fell in together instantly. We felt like

sisters right off the bat," Saunders said about the meeting. She and her husband were also amazed at the similarities in the two women.

"We are alike in looks, actions

parallel to a certain degree, too. "We are both married, have two children (Saunders also has two step children) and are involved in the medical field," Saunders ex-

plained. She is a paramedic and works part-time for Dr. Sudhi Agrawal in Midland. Her sister is a medical lab technician.

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family that are also adopted, said these events have made holidays interesting.

The two sisters shared photo albums and met with their birth family — mother, grandmother, aunts and uncles for the first time. It has been a happy meeting.

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— Gina Saunders

and personality," Saunders said. "David said this world is not prepared for another Gina," she said with a laugh. "We are both outspoken, we have habits and gestures that are the same."

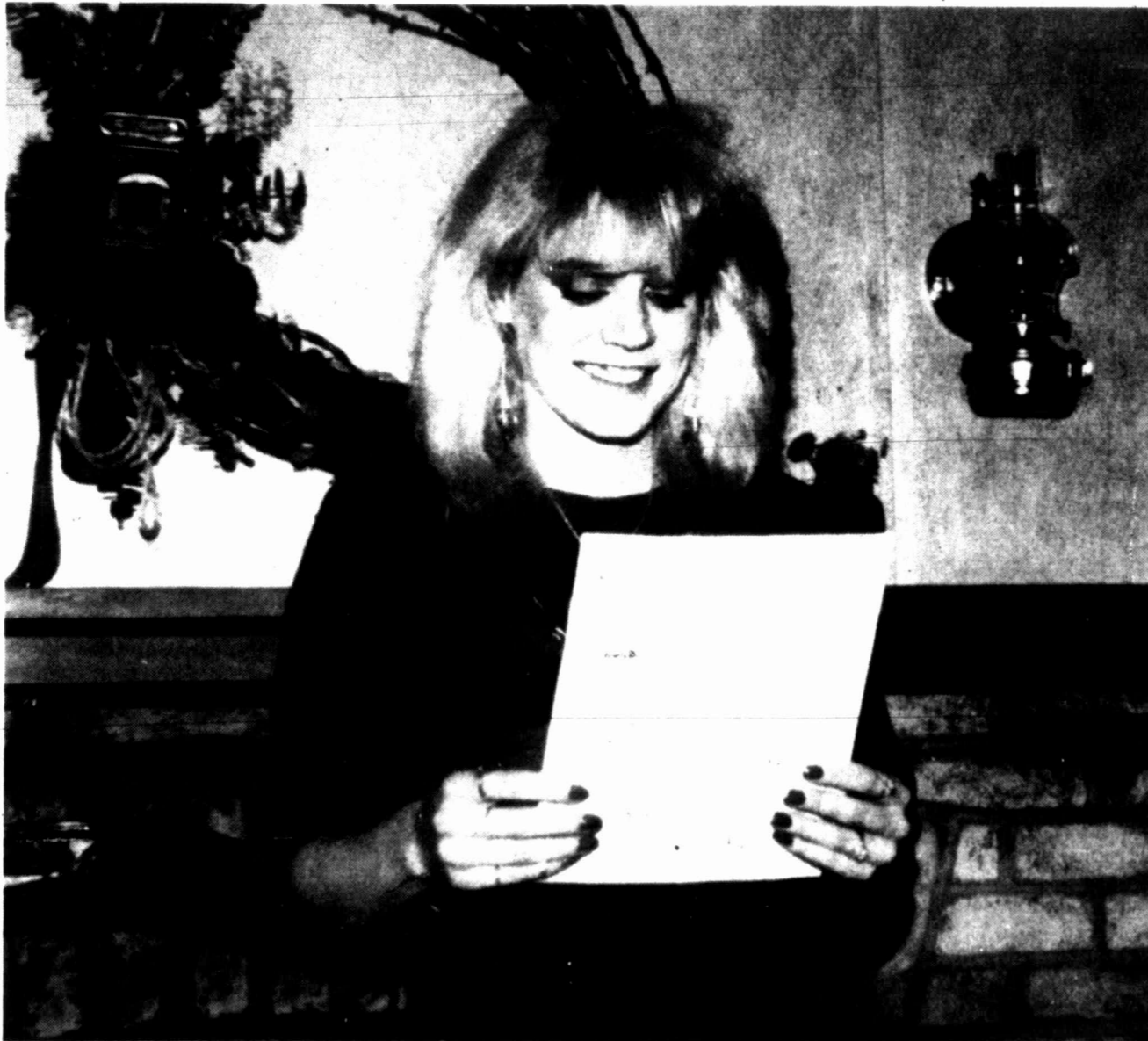
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Stanton resident Gina Saunders looks at her sister's photo. She met her sister for the first time in her life. Both sisters had been adopted and they didn't know they were kin.



MR. AND MRS. CLAUD GLASPIE

50th Anniversary

Claud and Gracie Mae Glaspie Jr., of Stanton celebrated 50 years of marriage with a golden anniversary reception on Dec. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Cap Rock Auditorium.

The reception was hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren.

Both Claud and Gracie Mae are lifelong residents of Stanton. The couple met in Stanton and married Dec. 20, 1941 in Stanton at the First Baptist Church.

They have six children and eight grandchildren. Their children are Helen Perry, of Dallas; Bud Glaspie and Linda Fryar, both of Stanton; Betty Thompson, of Midland; LaWanda Lawhorn, of Round Rock and Mary Daughhetee (deceased).

Claud has farmed all his life in Martin County. Gracie Mae is a homemaker.

The couple belongs to the First Baptist Church.

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Waterhole to celebrate third anniversary

By KAY KOLB
Greenwood Correspondent

Dixie's Diner in Greenwood will be celebrating its third anniversary Jan. 18.

Dixie's is owned and operated by Dixie Bostick. Located at 10605 East County Road 307, the diner has been serving the community since 1989.

She offers a full lunch and dinner menu as well as breakfast. Dixie's has become the local watering hole for many people in the area.

"We always have a kitchen crowd in here in the mornings for coffee and breakfast. The local men come to drink coffee, eat and catch up on what is going on," Bostick said. She enjoys the comradery in her dining room.

Bostick began working in the food service business in 1983 with a coffee shop in the basement of the Wall Towers Complex in Midland.

She later moved to another location and eventually settled in Greenwood because it is her home.

"I wanted to work here because I live here and it has been great," she said.

Bostick has five employees who help with everything from service to clean up. Wanda Hall works evenings and has been with Dixie's since the opening of the diner. Hall works for the Stanton School cafeteria during the day.

Dixie's menu includes ham-

burgers, chicken fried steak, chicken strips, steak fingers and barbecue.

"Everything is made fresh, from the hamburger patties to the onion rings," she said. She also serves milk shakes and malts made the old-fashioned way.

Bostick is an avid supporter of Greenwood Schools. She occasionally cooks for the visiting teams for sports events.

Besides the dining room, Dixie's has a drive-in window for take-out orders.

Business hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. week days, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and closed on Sundays.

Take-out orders can be placed by calling 686-1986.



Top photo: Dixie's Restaurant is will be celebrating its third anniversary, according to owner and operator Dixie Bostick. Bottom photo: Wanda Hall, left and Dixie Bostick take a time out before the rush during the lunch hour. The diner is opened for early morning coffee or breakfast.

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MC Sheriff candidate



Martin County Deputy Sheriff John Castro recently announced his candidacy for MC Sheriff. He is the second candidate to file for the office to be vacated by Sheriff Dan Saunders at the end of the year.

Greenwood outmuscles Kermit

HERALD STAFF REPORT

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

• Friday night action

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.

GREENWOOD (72) — Alderson — 1 0-0 2; Vigil — 1 0-0 2; Clutter — 5 0-0 10; Flowers — 1 0-0 2; Adams — 7 0-0 14; Dunn — 7 (2) 0-0 20; Swopes — 2 0-0 4; Smith — 2 7-6 10; Seales — 3 4-2 8. **TOTALS** — 29 (2) 11-8 72.

MCCAMEY (54) — Tate — 0 0 0; Seihart — 1 0-0 2; Urias — 1 0-0 2; Gallardo — 1 0-0 2; Salinas — 3 (1) 3-1 10; Stinson — 1 0-0 2; Martinez — 3 (3) 2-2 17; Patteson — 5 6-5 15. **TOTALS** — 17 (4) 11-8 54.

• 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.

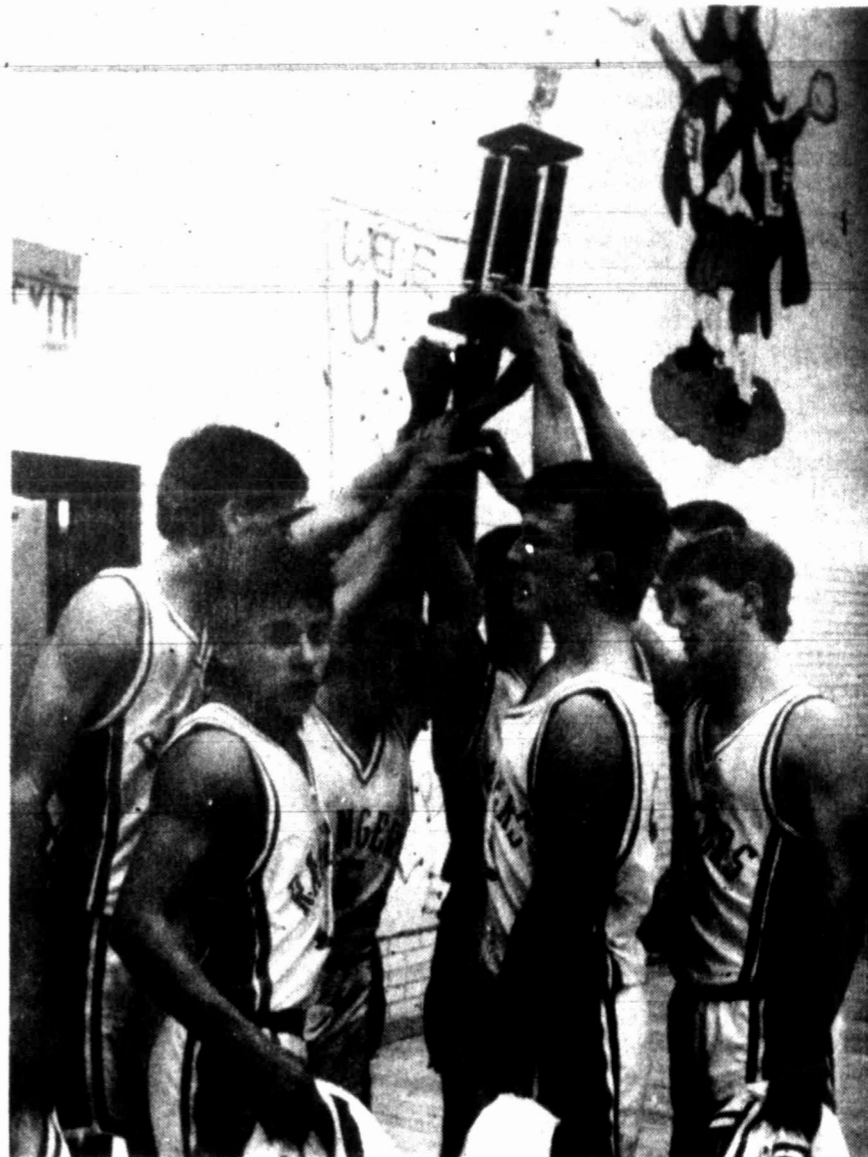
GREENWOOD (53) — Alderson — 0 0 0; Vigil — 0 0 0; Clutter — 4 7-6 14; Flowers — 4 0-0 8; Adams — 1 1-0 2; Dunn — 5 7-1 11; Swopes — 2 (3) 0-0 13; Smith — 2 2-1 5. **TOTALS** — 18 (3) 17-8 53.

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

In their final 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.

The second half, Kermit began to move in on the home team 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, Jeff Dunn hit a basket, but failed to convert a three-point



The Greenwood Rangers hold up their third place trophy after a hard fought battle against the Kermit Yellowjackets. Greenwood came from behind to win the title in the final minute.

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 Dunn under the basket and he took the ball to the hoop and was fouled in the process. This time, Dunn converted a three-point play to tie the ballgame with :39 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.

"Our timing was off tonight. We played pretty weak because of the time off the players had during the

holiday break, but we need to work out these things before we get into district play.

"We have a chance at district, but we'll have to play a lot better than we did tonight. Overall I feel we're on the right track and its just time to get ready for district," Greenwood Coach Robert Chaney said.

The Rangers were led by Jeff Dunn and Ray Seales with 17 points, followed by Clutter with 14. The Jackets were led by Heiser with 18 points. Greenwood improves to 7-7 overall record.

GREENWOOD (63) — Alderson — 0 0 0; Vigil — 1 1-1 3; Clutter — 5 6-4 14; Flowers — 0 0 0; Adams — 0 0 0; Dunn — 7 5-3 17; Swopes — 1 2-2 4; Smith — 4 0-0 8; Seales — 5 8-7 17. **TOTALS** — 23 22-17 63.

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

Going up high



Greenwood Ranger Jeff Dunn (32) goes up and takes the ball away from a Kermit player during Saturday's action at the Greenwood Boys Invitational Tournament. The Rangers overcame its district foe and captured third place with a 63-60 win.

C-City takes Hooptown title

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Stanton "B" — Seagraves

The first annual 1991 Hooptown Classic opened with a bang, Friday night in Buffalo gym with the Stanton "B" team almost getting an upset win, but the Seagraves Lady Eagles advance to the finals with a 47-45 triumph.

The Lady Eagles were led by Jessica Hobb with 14 points, followed by teammate Traci Yocom with 13. The Lady Buffs were led by Sande Bundas with 13 points, followed by Kindra Woodfin with 11 and Laura Herm with 10.

STANTON "B" (45) — Brown — 0 0 0; Epley — 1 0 2; Moore — 0 2-0 2; Herm — 3 (1) 2-1 10; Chapa — 0 (1) 3-1 4; Butler — 1 4-4 5; Woodfin — 4 3-3 11; Bundas — 5 3-2 13. **TOTALS** — 14 (2) 17-11 45.

SEAGRAVES (47) — Machuca — 1 2-2 4; Arriaga — 0 0 0; Roberts — 3 2-2 8; Oliver — 1 0-0 2; Purcell — 0 0 0; Mirelez — 2 1-0 4; Draughan — 1 0-0 2; Hobb — 5 4-4 14; Yocom — 6 2-1 13. **TOTALS** — 19 11-9 47.

• Colorado City — Stanton
In the second game of the bracket, the Colorado City Lady Wolves upset the host team, Stanton 46-38, to earned the right to play Seagraves for the tournament championship.

The Lady Wolves were led by junior Elaine McKnight with 12 points and Rosemary Rosas popped in 10, in a winning cause.

Brandi Bundas led all scoring for the host team with 11 points, followed by senior Innet Brown with seven.

COLORADO CITY (46) — Aguilar — 1 4-2 4; Turner — 0 0 0; Bridgford — 1 2-2 4; Munoz — 1 0-0 2; Ornelas — 0 0 0; McKnight — 5

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

• Championship game Colorado City — Seagraves

In the finals of the Hooptown Classic, the C-City Lady Wolves defeated the Seagraves Lady Eagles 51-40 to take the girls championship.

The offense of the Lady Wolves was led by Rosemary Rosas with 19 points, including ten in the final eight minutes of play.

Teammate Tracey Hoover controlled the boards on defense with seven rebounds and nine points to preserve the win for C-City.

Jessica Hobb led all scoring for the Lady Eagles with 15 points before bowing out with an injury in the final quarter.

Seagraves tried to make a run at the lead several times, but were cut off by the Wolves defense as they came away with the tournament championship.

• Consolation game Stanton "A" team - Stanton "B"

In the consolation bracket, the Stanton varsity went up against the Stanton junior varsity for the loser's championships and squeaked past the B team 45-44.

The varsity was led by Brandi Bundas with 16 points and little sister Sande Bundas collected 24 for the jv squad.

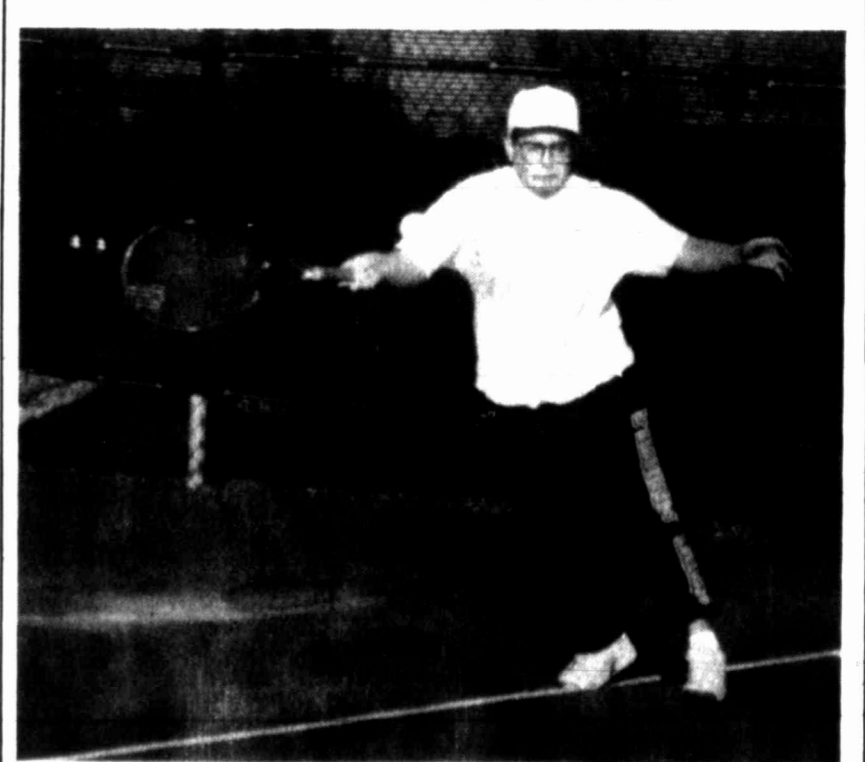


Stanton Lady Buffalo Christi Hirt (14) goes for a lay up against Colorado City Lady Wolf at the Stanton 1991 Hooptown Classic Tournament last weekend. The Lady Buffs went on to capture the consolation title with a 45-44 win over the Stanton's junior varsity.

Both Sande and Brandi were selected to the all-tournament team. Others included Jennifer Munoz and Rosemary Rosas, of

Colorado City and Jessica Hobbs and Traci Yocom, of Seagraves. Rosas was chosen as the most valuable player of the tournament.

Perfect weather for tennis



SHS student David Hernandez takes a swing at a forehand and advantage of the warm weather during the school's Christmas break. He is a member of the Stanton tennis team and will compete for the district title this spring.

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Sidelines

GHS to hold tourney

The Grady High School Student Council is sponsoring a three-on-three basketball tournament, Thursday Jan. 9, at Wildcat gym, starting at 6 p.m. Cost per team is \$45 and the first eight teams will be eligible to participate. Prizes will be awarded and all teams are guaranteed three games. For more information contact Johnny Tubb at 459-2444, or J.C. Odum at 459-2321.

Golden Anniversary Reception

The children of W.A. and Alta Mae Ringener of 1104 North St. Joseph request the presence of your company at a reception in honor of the Ringener's 50th Anniversary. The reception will be at the Activity Room of the Stanton Church of Christ, located at 210 North St. Mary Street. The Ringener's met in the Richland Community and married Jan. 6, 1942 at Blum, Texas. The have three daughters Reba Mae Long, of Austin; and Rita Faye Groves and Brenda Kaye Kendall, both of Stanton. The Ringener's have six grandchildren. Mr. Ringener has been the Stanton City Judge since 1986. Before becoming judge he was employed at Cap Rock Electric, Inc. from 1945 until 1982. Mrs. Ringener is a homemaker. According to the family, your friendship is a precious gift, we respectfully request no other.

MDA awaits an exciting year

This new year will bring new and exciting programs to benefit the children of Muscular Dystrophy Association, according to MDA officials. In 1992, the association will be asking daycare centers and schools to participate in this year's hop program. According to officials, there can be a New Year's Hop for this month. A Hopping Hearts Hop in February, a Leprechaun Hop in March and a Bunny Hop in April, the possibilities are endless. The association is also busy setting up a Bowl-a-Thon for the fall season. Combining fun and raising funds will be the program on tap for those who like to bowl. The bowling program is simple and fun, officials said. The Midland/Odessa Support Group will meet, Tuesday Jan. 28, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., at the Glenwood Hospital - Classroom No. 9, located at 3300 South FM 1788 (North of Highway 80 on FM 1788). The Petroplex group leader is Richard DuBois. For more information on any program, one is interested in call the Midland MDA office at 915-683-2405 or write to P.O. Box 8514, Midland, Texas 79708.

Eagles take Stanton title

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Seagraves Eagles soared past the Midland Junior Varsity Bulldogs in the opening contest in the boys bracket with a 71-62 win. Leading the way for the Eagles was Steve Summers with 18 points, followed by teammates Eric Thomas and Kendrick Anderson each with 14. The Bulldogs were paced by Donald Carter with 14 points and Justin Hobbs adding 11. MIDLAND JV (62) - Stricklin - 1 (2) 0-0-8; Nettles - 0-0-0; Mayfield - 4-1-0-8; Carter - 6-6-2-14; Hobbs - 1 (3) 0-0-11; Merritt - 1-5-3-5; Gamble - 2-0-0-4; Kopp - 4-0-0-8; Beard - 2-0-0-4. TOTALS - 21 (5) 12-5-62. SEAGRAVES (71) - S. Cavazos - 0-0-0; T. Cavazos - 3 (1) 2-1-10; Anderson - 6-2-2-14; Sumner - 6 (2) 0-0-8; R. Bryant - 0-0-0; F. Bryant - 0-0-0; Ingle - 3-0-0-6; Moore - 3-0-0-6; Thomas - 7-4-0-14; Gonzales - 1-2-1-3. TOTALS - 29 (3) 10-4-71.

Stanton - Colorado City In the final game of the night, the host team Stanton Buffalos were bitten by the Colorado City Wolves 62-50, to play the Seagraves in the boys finals. The Wolves were led by senior Marcus Monroe with 26 points, followed by David Castillo and Eddie Rodriguez, both with 13. The host team was led by Grant Woodfin and Kenny McCalister, each with 14 points. "This was the worst performance of the year for us. We didn't play well, we didn't block, we didn't play with intensity and we got beat for it. Before the game, I thought we were in a good position to begin district. Now were back to square one," Stanton Coach Doug Gordon said. He added, "We better get ready for district or its going to be a long

season. We might as well hang up our basketball shoes and begin track season, because we'll get beat every night we if play like we did tonight."

STANTON (50) - Wyckoff - 2 (1) 0-0-7; Martinez - 0-0-0; Stallings - 1 (1) 0-0-5; Miller - 0-0-0; Marquez - 0-0-0; Woodfin - 7-2-0-14; Castro - 0-2-1-1; McCalister - 6-4-2-14; Kelly - 3-0-0-6; Barnes - 0-0-0; Ortiz - 0-0-0; Dahl - 0-0-0; Ramos - 0-0-0; Louder - 1-2-1-3. TOTALS - 20 (2) 10-4-50. COLORADO CITY (62) - Monroe - 8 (2) 4-4-26; Green - 4-0-0-8; Potter - 0-0-0; Conner - 0-0-0; Lynch - 1-2-0-2; Castillo - 3 (2) 1-1-13; Rodriguez - 5 (1) 0-0-13; Galey - 0-0-0; Oden - 0-2-0-0. TOTALS - 21 (5) 9-5-62.

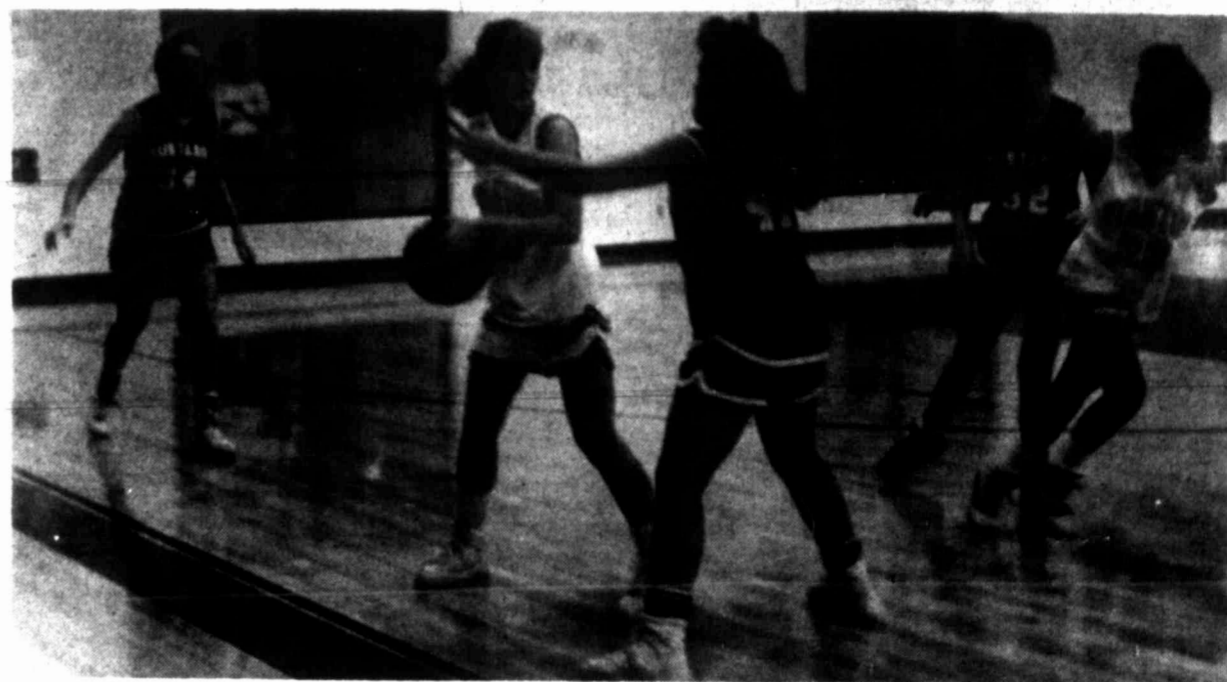
The Seagraves Eagles soared past the Colorado City Wolves 97-43 in the finals of the Hooptown Classic to capture first place in the first Stanton tournament since 1967.

Leading the way for the Eagles was the tournaments most valuable player Eric Thomas who scored 32 points in the Seagraves win. Mark Monroe scored 13 points in a losing cause for the Wolves.

Consolation game Stanton - Midland Junior Varsity The Stanton Buffalos won the consolation trophy away from the Midland JV squad 66-52.

Stanton played good defense from the beginning and kept the pressure on the Midland team. Kenny McCalister lead all scoring with 20 points followed by Jeremy Stallings with 16 and Grant Woodfin with 10.

Grant Woodfin was named to the all-tournament team along with Colorado City's Mark Monroe and Midland's Justin Hobbs and Seagraves Timmy Cavazos.



Top photo: Lady Buff Laura Herm holds the ball during recent action against the Sands Lady Mustangs. The JV squad lost to Seagraves 47-45 in first round action and 45-44 in the consolation bracket of the Stanton tournament. Bottom photo: Stanton's Grant Woodfin (15) and Jim Bob Kelly (23) surround Colorado City's Jason Lynch (23) during first round action at the Hooptown Classic. The Wolves advanced into the championship fight with an upset win over the host team 62-50.



Herald photos by Marcelino Chavez

Stanton Elementary holds its annual Christmas program

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Stanton Elementary students recently held its annual Christmas program at the SHS Auditorium. Classes from Pre-K through the fourth grade participated in the annual event. The theme "Symbols of Christmas" were presented by an individual classes. At the end of the program all elementary students joined in singing "Silent Night" as the finale. The Pre-K class sang to the tune "I can be a Christmas star." Members of the Pre-K class are Amy Bryand, Vanessa Cantu, Jennifer Delao, Anna Delgado, Sherrie Fletcher, Elizabeth Garza, Israel Holguin, Daniel Lopez, Zachary McCain, John McIntosh, Debbie Montez, Gloria Saenz, Thomas Salgado and Marion Tracy. The kindergarten class prayed Santa Claus and sang two numbers "Old McSanta" and "Santa's comin down the chimney." The kindergarten class include Mario Aguirre, Dexter Allred, Laura Barboza, Ashley Barrera, Daniel Barrera, Danielle Bedingfield, Zachary Brown, Ezekiel Bryand, Joel cus Chapa, T.J. Coggin, Kayla Cantu, Ester Carrillo, Erica Carrillo and Luis Chapa. Also, Ememorio Chapa III,

Frank Chapa Jr., Jobe Christon, Karyn Cook, Kendall Cook, Stephanie Delao, Lydia DeLeon, Roxan Diaz, Amanda Dill, Harry Doshier, Manuel Escamilla, Elaine Flores, Andres Garcia and Kourtney Graves. Also, Mary Hedrick, Arthur Hernandez, Victor Hernandez, Arnulfo Hinojosa, Sarah Hinojosa, Brandi Holt, Keegan Johnson, Sarah Juarez, Mary Klein, Darika Lee, Cristal Longoria, Cindy Lopez, Ana-Marie Marquez, Krystle Mauldin, Irene Melendez, Crystal Mendoza, Genny Montez and Jessica Montez. Also, Guadalupe Moreno III, Diedra Morton, Amy O'Neal, Jessica Orr, Miranda Orr, Adelita Padilla, Victoria Partridge, Bobby Ramos, Crystal Ramos, Alfredo Rivera Jr., Israel Rosa, Hope Saenz, Jessica Saenz, Stephanie Shanks and Alayna Smith. Also, Drew Swinson, Manuel Tarango and Richard Torres, Freddy Villa, James Walker, Brian Weaver, Darryl Williams and Jessica Woody. The first grade entertained the audience with "We are little candles" and "Christmas Candles." The class consists of Jessica Aguirre, Marianne Aguirre, Brandon Anderson, Anthony Aragon, Vanessa Armendarez, David Baker, Joel Barrera, Austin Bryand and Rodney Butrum. Also, Anita Castillo, Joe Castillo, Marcial Chapa, Marco Cook, Monica Corona, Clay Crow, Jesse De Leon, Krystal

De Leon, Daniel Dominguez, Paul Dominguez, Pete Dominguez, Dan Dugan and Susanna Erives. Also, Antonio Escamilla, Alfredo Espinoza, Jacob Fehr, Monica Fernandez, Crystal Flores, Vanessa Flores, Veronica Flores, Christine Gonzales, Ernesto Gonzales, Rebecca Harden, Eric Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez, Priscilla Hernandez and Epifanio Hinojosa III. Also, Andrew Ireton, Brandon Ireton, Mishelle Ivery, James Jordan, William Kargl, Amber Langford, Danielle Lemon, Dana Lopez, Tullie Louder, Timothy Lucio, Belinda Maldonado, Michael Marquez, Bethany McCain, Laura McCampbell, Jeremy McIntyre, Denise Moreno, Kimberly Morin, Brandon O'Neal and Landon O'Neal. Also, Ashley Olivas, Danny Perez, Joey Perez, Gabynick Ramirez, Sammy Ramos, Maria Rivera Sr., Carlos Rodriguez, Jessica Rodriguez, Robert Saenz, Billy Salgado and Samuel Salgado. Also, Sherry Segura, Audrey Sherrill and Dominic Silva, Gregory Smith, Chad Steele, Diane Villa, Stephanie Villa, Stephanie Walton, Misty Warren, Clay White. The second graders performed "Did you ever see a snowflake" and "The first snowball of the season." They are Misty Adams, Dustin Adams, Luis Alviso, Maria Armendarez, Louisa Barbosa, Gilbert Barela, Candice Brady, Bradley Bryan, Rebeca Car-

rillo, Mariann Castillo and Timothy Castleberry. Also, Arturo Cazares, Paul Chandler, Mary Clark, Brenton Cortez, Vanessa De La Rosa, Juan Diaz, John Eldridge, Kristina Escamilla, Benjamin Flores, William Froese, Tomas Gonzales, Danny Haggard, Alba Hernandez and Vanessa Hernandez. Also, Anthony Hinojosa, Bobbie Hinojosa, Juan Hinojosa, Naomi Hinojosa, Ann Ivery, Sandra Jimenez, Ryan Kelly, Jacqueline Klein, Joshua Linderman, Jason Lozano, Joey Maldonado, Anna Mancias, Chrystal Marquez and Erica Marquez. Also, Stephanie Marquez, Daphne Martinez, Jose Montez, Beverly Moreno, Joel Moreno, Ryan Morton, W.T. Mullins, Monica Munoz, Timothy Padron, Ruston Pardue, Christopher Partridge, Sonja Perez, Lisa Rivera and Cody Robertson. Also, Jody Robertson, Felipe Rodriguez, Neida Ruiz, Jamie Salazar III, Ty Smith, Bryce Swihart, Lee Thompson, Francisco Villa, Micaela Villa, Chance Wagoner, Andrew Walker, Janette Walker, Michelle White and Kenzie Williams. The third graders sang "Bells" and "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle." They are Jeffery Adams, Rosalinda Aragon, Diana Baeza, Stoney Brown, Ashley Bryand, Hailey Burns, John Cantu Sr., Sarah Chapman, Krystal Christon, Keith Cook, Kevin Cook, Jonathan Cotton, Jody Cox Jr., Johnny Crow and Robert De La Rosa. Also, Chad Dillard, Crystal Eldridge, Adolfo Fehr, David Fernandez, Christopher Flores, Gilbert Flores Jr., Missy Garza, Kerry Hinojosa, Christopher Holguin, Zachary Huckaby, Jason Hull, Jeremy Hull and Clinton Jackson. Also, Angela Johnson, Amanda Jordan, Javier Juarez, Ace Keele, Michael Klein, Tony Laabs, William Linderman, Thomas McKenzie, Alison Mon-

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Care Center celebrates

Stanton Care Center residents and their families celebrated their Christmas holidays Dec. 21, at the care center.

Gifts and food was enjoyed by all that attended. More than 200 attended the festivities, according to Activity Director Virginia Carroll.

Santa Claus also dropped by for a visit, Carroll said.

On Dec. 23, the staff of the care center held their annual Christmas party.

Expo coming Jan. 11-12

The inaugural West Texas Ag Expo will be held Jan. 11-12 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Exhibitors from across the United States are expected to be on hand, displaying the latest in agricultural items.

Hours for the expo are Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

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Deaths

Donald Keaton

Donald B. Keaton, 66, Stanton, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 1991, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Services will be at 3 p.m., Tuesday, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Swihart, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born April 7, 1925, in Hagler, Ark., and moved to Stanton 39 years ago from DeWitt, Ark.

He married Mary Belle Johnson on April 5, 1957, in Stanton. He was retired from Mobil Oil Corp. and was a contract pumper from M.W.J. Co.

He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of the American Legion. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and a worker in Sunday school.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Belle Keaton, Stanton; his mother Virginia Keaton, Stanton; two sisters Sybil North, Stanton, and Imogene (Mrs. Joe) Weatherby, Midland; one brother, Bernie A. Keaton, Midland; one niece and several nephews.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. today, in Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Family suggests memorials to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo; the American Cancer Society; the first Baptist Church in Stanton or your favorite charity.

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plan presented to the court.

Patrick J. Morgan was named to the position of publisher of the Big Spring Herald. He replaced Robert Wernsman who accepted a position in Huntsville.

The MC Senior Citizens Center announced five nominees for the Older Texan Day Award. They were Lora Bell Tom, Mary Standefer, Alton Turner, Fay Rhodes and Pauline Wood.

A Grady man filed suit against the Grady ISD citing a change was needed in the way the community elected school board officials.

All board members were named in the suit along with the GISD Superintendent Gerald Singleton.

The last issue of the Stanton Daily Herald was terminated for a weekly issue announced Big Spring Herald officials.

June

Stallings adds to his collection by winning the 800 and 1,500 meter runs at the TAC South Plains College track meet.

July

The 58th Annual Old Settlers Reunion got underway with a full slate of activities of the year. The reunion received a new highlight, the Confederate Air Force had a fly-by at this year's celebration.

The J.J. Cook family was the honored family, at this past year's reunion.

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time comes to get ready to run, the excuses began to emerge from nowhere.

I have too much work to do and my chair and computer become very comfortable now.

Even babysitting becomes a way out from exercising. I've

even caught myself telling my wife, I'll wash the dishes for you today. You look very tired, honey.

Wouldn't you know it, she wants to wash dishes today and she doesn't even want my help.

Boy, I wished it was summer so I could mow the yard, something, to make me forget my resolution.

My mother was right. I have a big mouth. Next year, I'm just going to sleep through New Year's Day.

On behalf of the Stanton Herald staff, we would like to wish everybody in our area a Happy New Year and the best of luck to all.

Births

Born to Lynn and Katrina Caffey, of Athens, a daughter Kalyn Renae, weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces and 21 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Darlene and Woodie Caffey and the great granddaughter of Daisy Caffey.

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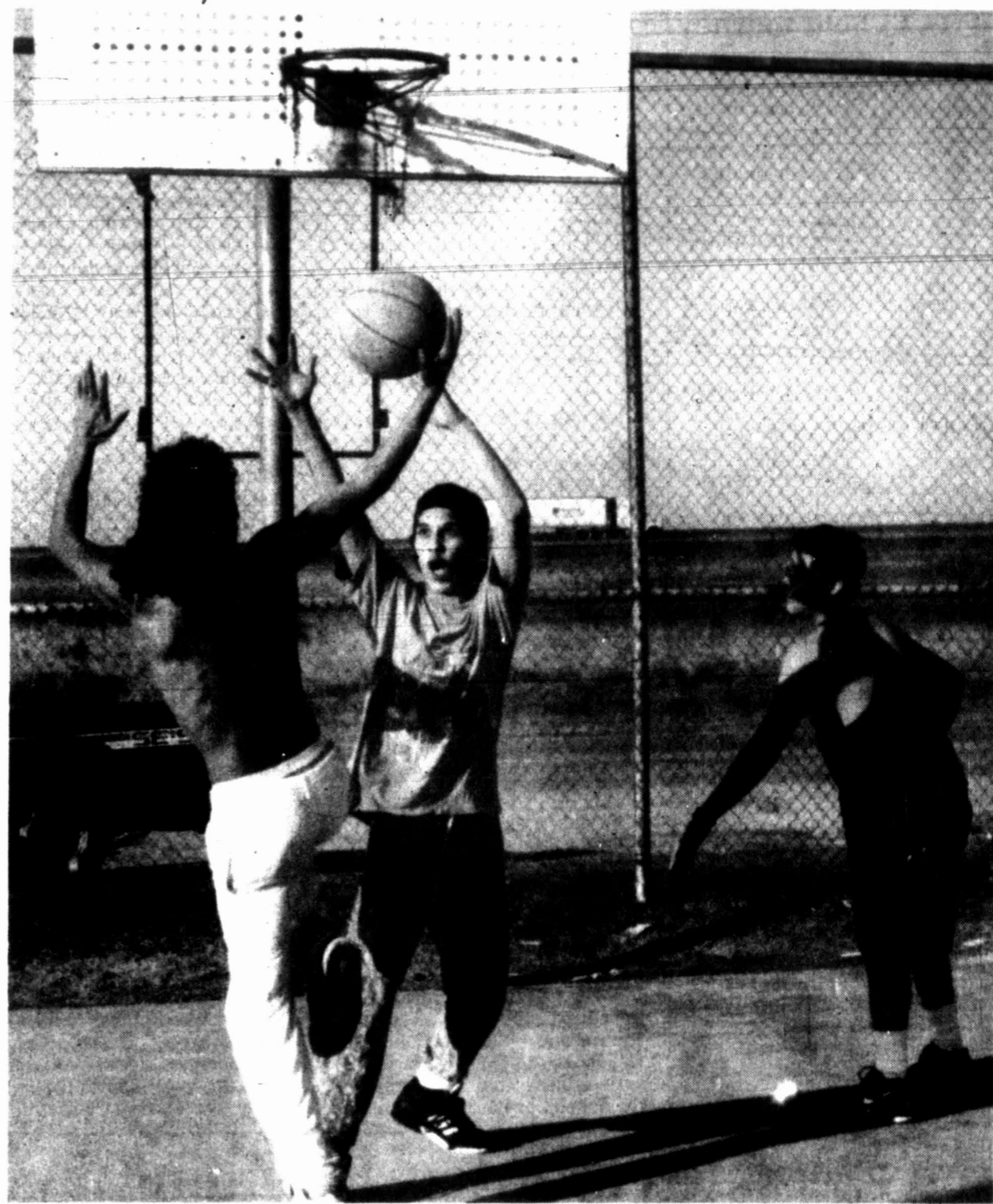
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Going to the hoop



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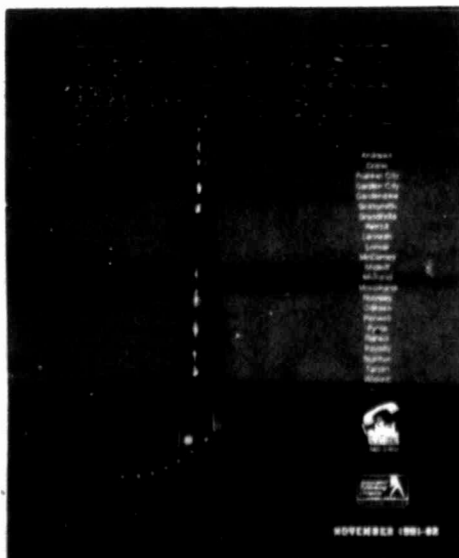
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TONIGHT TOMORROW

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SUNSET 5:57 PM

AM 7:49 SUNRISE

Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Low in the mid to upper 30s. Light southeast wind.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance light rain. High 55 to 60. Southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Extended forecast on page 8-A.

Thursday's high temp	60
Thursday's low temp	30
Average high	55
Average low	26
Record high	75 in 1956
Record low	04 in 1979
Rainfall Thursday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.62
Year to date	00.00
Normal for year	00.03

On the go

Recycling drive Saturday morning

City residents may drop off items to be recycled Saturday at the piBig Spring Heraldpx north parking lot, 710 Scurry St.

Items that may be dropped off include aluminum, steel and plastic. Collection hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Man arrested after chase

An altercation in the 2100 block of Alabama late Thursday resulted in a Big Spring man being charged with attempted capital murder and felony criminal mischief.

Police recieved a call about a fight in progress in the area at 5:26 p.m. Upon their arrival, police found Shelly Peacock, 20, of Ackerly, who said she had been assaulted by her boyfriend, said Lt. Pam Jordan of the Big Spring Police Department.

Richard Heath Stockton, 20, of Big Spring then returned to the scene, but fled after seeing police units. His vehicle was stopped by police officers, but the man emerged with a 20-gauge shotgun and put the barrel in his mouth, threatening suicide, Jordan said. Officers coaxed the man into placing the shotgun on the ground and then tried to apprehend him. Stockton, however, managed to escape to his vehicle and drive away. As he fled, his vehicle struck an unmarked police unit and then swerved into a front yard in the 1700 block of Alabama, Jordan said.

When officers attempted to approach the vehicle, Stockton attempted to run over them, according to police reports.

The chase continued west on Alabama until the pickup truck Stockton was driving struck a parked, unoccupied vehicle.

He left the vehicle and fled south on foot toward FM 700 with police officers in pursuit, also on foot.

Stockton was later apprehended without incident in the 1800 block of FM 700, according to police reports.

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Prison meeting tonight

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Efforts continue to increase support for locating a state prison in Big Spring with a public meeting tonight. The meeting, at which time the citizenry will have the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information on the proposal, is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Garrett Hall in First Methodist Church.

About 2,500 people have signed petitions in favor of locating either a 2,250-bed prison or 1,000-bed prison or substance abuse facility next to the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, estimates Joyce Crooker, who organized the petition drive about two weeks ago.

"We want to get about 5,000 (signatures). So we're about halfway," she said. The drive could end as early as Monday, when the local Prison Coordinating Committee may submit the petitions, along with a bid proposal, to state officials.

Petitions are located at area stores and will be available at the

Herald story-at-a-glance

WHAT - State prison public meeting.
WHEN - 7 p.m. tonight.
WHERE - Garret Hall, First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry St.
WHY - To allow public input in regards to the prison bid proposal being prepared for presentation to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
FOR INFORMATION - Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

meeting, said Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, who is instrumental in putting together the bid proposal.

Unlike petitions at area stores, the petitions at the meeting will be for and against the proposal.

"We'll probably have them there if they want to sign them," Bill Crooker said.

Documented attendance at the meeting also will be submitted with the petitions along with the bid to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which is expected to build three large and 15 of the smaller facilities around the state, he said.

"The TDCJ likes to know that the community is behind the effort," he said.

If Big Spring is selected as a site for a facility, 300-to-800 jobs would be created with an average annual employee payroll of \$21,000. Total direct and indirect annual expenditures would be \$60 million for the large facility and \$20 million for the smaller facility.

Petitions are located at 7-Eleven Food Stores, Don's IGAs, Malone and Hogan Clinic, the Fina Oil & Chemical Co. plant, the Big Spring State Hospital, the Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

To our readers:

We have the opportunity tonight at 7 p.m. at Garret Hall of First United Methodist Church to gain first-hand knowledge of the prison bid package being prepared for delivery to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

We encourage you to take the time to attend this public meeting -- to ask questions and make comments -- in order to learn more about the proposal.

Armed with the knowledge that Big Spring has made the list of finalists twice before, those individuals involved in the preparation of the bid are hopeful that, as the saying goes, "The third time is the charm."

Much is at stake for the 75 or so communities expected to submit proposals. A 1,000-bed facility would create 300 jobs and generate an annual payroll of \$6.3 million. A 2,250-bed facility would create 800 jobs and an annual payroll exceeding \$16.5 million.

Total direct and indirect expenditures for the small prison would be \$20 million after construction while for the larger prison, about \$60 million.

It is vitally important that all voices -- pro and con -- be heard in regards to this proposal. Tonight's meeting is being held so that all discussions regarding the prison proposal are based on fact.

The Herald supports the efforts to secure a prison for Big Spring and we encourage you to take an active role in our community ... attend the meeting.

John H. Walker
Managing Editor

Perry to visit city Friday

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Rick Perry, R-Haskell, will be in Big Spring next Friday.

Perry will be in town to attend the Agricultural Appreciation Dinner being held in conjunction with the first West Texas Ag Expo scheduled for Jan. 11-12 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We're extremely happy to have Commissioner Perry scheduled to attend," said Wade McMurray. McMurray is chairman of the project.

Rosanna Salazar, Perry's press secretary, said this morning that Perry was looking forward to his visit.

"Commissioner Perry is looking forward to addressing some of the concerns and issues facing agriculture, particularly West Texas," she said.

"He'll be speaking to the need of a comprehensive boll weevil eradication plan and he will also be addressing private property rights and water issues," she added. "I know the commissioner looks forward to visiting his friends and supporters in the Big Spring area."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Ag Expo and 400 persons are expected to attend the dinner. Individuals and business members of the community are underwriting the cost of the dinner in an effort to express appreciation to the farm and ranch families for their significant contribution to the economy of the area.

"We're expecting anywhere from between 1,500 and 4,000 persons at the Expo itself," said Marae Brooks, director of the chamber's Convention and Tourist Bureau.

The Expo will showcase the latest agricultural equipment and supplies and provide educational programs with up-to-date farming techniques presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

First in '92



The first baby born in the Crossroads Country this year was delivered at Martin County Hospital Jan. 1. Mother Maria Bustillos holds her daughter, Virginia Ann, who was delivered at 2:17 a.m. by Dr. Sue Fisher. Virginia Ann weighed in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Defying gravity



Scott Goodblanket tries to flip his skateboard while in the air as he attempts different tricks off the Marcy Elementary Schopl steps Thursday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Session's day two: Who cares?

AUSTIN (AP) — On the first day of the Legislature's special session on redistricting, prayers were lifted for fairness and comparisons were made between the political battle and the Alamo.

But does the public really care about redrawing state House and Senate district boundaries?

"The attention span may be about two seconds on what happens down here during this special session," said House Speaker Gib Lewis. D-Fort Worth

He said people are more concerned about the economy, as they should be.

But 150 House members, and 31 senators, have a lot at stake in drawing boundaries for districts from which they and future lawmakers will run.

On Thursday, legislative leaders predicted quick work on redistricting, but the special session quickly ran into problems.

A Senate redistricting plan was delayed by Republicans, forcing senators to sit tight until Saturday before considering the measure.

Meanwhile, a House committee voted 8-4 for a redistricting proposal that minority plaintiffs said would land the state back in court.

The proposal would institute a federal three-judge panel's plan for the 1992 elections, and then change for 1994 to a district map that was agreed to by the minority groups and a majority of the House.

But James Harrington, an attorney for the minority plaintiffs, said the three-judge plan for 1992 would do too much damage to Hispanics and blacks. Harrington said Hispanic groups would challenge such a proposal in state court.

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Big Spring Cable TV raising its basic rate

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Big Spring Cable TV will raise its rates for basic services 7.95 percent on Feb. 1, according to System Manager Larson Lloyd.

Lloyd said cable subscribers are being mailed notices -- which explain the need for the increase -- this week.

Despite the rate hike, which will raise the rate for basic service inside the city limits \$1.31 from \$16.64 monthly to \$17.95, Lloyd said the local service will remain among the most economical in West Texas.

"In the past year we have worked very hard to provide improved customer service. This includes a stringent electronic maintenance program to keep good pictures coming into the home, and a new after-hour response system to provide the speediest possible service when customers have a problem," Lloyd said.

With the increase, Big Spring

residents will pay an average monthly price of 56 cents per channel for the 32-channel full basic service.

The Big Spring average currently is 52 cents per channel -- the same as Lubbock and lower than eight of 11 West Texas communities. Only Odessa, at 49 cents per channel, currently has an average lower than Big Spring and Lubbock.

Lloyd said the monthly rate for the first outlet of limited basic service will be \$11.95 within the city limits, effective Feb. 1.

"Our full basic service includes some channels, such as ESPN, at no additional cost while other communities charge extra for the channels we take for granted," Lloyd explained.

The highest monthly average per channel is \$1.20 in Lamesa, where a 25-channel package costs \$30.12 per

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Senators getting free bus rides
AUSTIN (AP) - The city's bus service has established a new route to shuttle state senators between their temporary offices and the Capitol...

Flood victims returning home

SIMONTON (AP) - Some residents began returning to their flood-ravaged homes near the Brazos River, but water remained in others, forcing those homeowners to wait and wonder what was left of their belongings...

Flood waters spilling out of the Brazos and overflowing from two nearby lakes began receding late Wednesday. The Brazos dropped from 49.7 feet to 49.5 - still more than a foot above flood stage...

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday added Fort Bend and five other counties to a list of 19 Texas counties declared federal disaster areas. Others on the list include Tarrant, Bell, Walker, McLennan, Trinity, Burnet, Coleman, Fayette, Liberty, Limestone, Llano, Parker, Wharton, Travis, Brown, Bosque, Bastrop and Dallas...



Susan Kubricht stands Thursday in her living room that flooded recently. Flood waters left their mark on the bricks around the fireplace.

Bingo backers protest

AUSTIN (AP) - A spokesman for Gov. Ann Richards said bingo operators, hoping for a reduction in their state taxes, will have to wait until the 1993 regular legislative session...

A special session on redistricting convened Thursday as did 250 protesters wanting discussion on bingo taxes added to the Legislature's agenda. "There are innumerable items people want to include on the agenda. A lot of them have merit but none of them need to be considered before the 1993 (regular) legislative session."

The demonstrators say will hurt up to 1,800 charities. The taxes are expected to generate about \$57 million during the present two-year budget period.

Reps. Doyle Willis, D-Fort Worth, and Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, told the crowd they would fight on the industry's behalf. Willis has authored a bill that would return the tax on gross receipts to 2 percent.

Grant funds plan for closed air base
FORT WORTH (AP) - Fort Worth and two adjacent communities have received a \$150,000 federal grant to create a plan to develop Carswell Air Force Base after it closes in 1993.

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - NBC will bring back Jane Pauley on Monday to celebrate Bryant Gumbel's 10th anniversary as anchor of "Today" - which went into a slide when she left the show.



PAULEY AKIHITO

Pauley, who co-anchored with Gumbel from 1982 through 1989, will join "Today" co-anchor Katie Couric in recounting highlights of Gumbel's globetrotting career.

"Today" lost its lead to ABC's Jimmy Hopper Auto. Class Joy's Hallmark. Class K Kenn Construction. A-2 Kid's Shop. A-3 Krewe & Krust. A-8 M Malon & Hogan Clinic. A-3 Rowland Real Estate. Class Movies 4. A-2 Myers & Smith. A-8 N Nalley Pickle & Welch. A-8 P Pandora's/Casual Shop. A-8 Pollard Chevrolet. Class Professional Service Dir. B-5 Public Notice. B-4 Randy Gee. A-6 S South Mountain. Class S W A-1 Pest Control. Class Stylistics Hair Salon. A-2

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"Good Morning America" in morning-show ratings when Pauley, who had been with the show for 13 years, was replaced by Deborah Norville in December 1989. The news program has gradually rebounded with changes that included Couric becoming permanent co-anchor in April. Norville now works for ABC Radio.

TOKYO (AP) - Emperor Akihito was met with cries of "Banzai!" - long life - from well-wishers who gathered outside the Imperial Palace to hear his New Year's greetings. Akihito and Empress Michiko appeared on the palace balcony seven times Thursday to greet crowds that totaled more than 80,000.

"It is a pleasure to celebrate the new year with all of you," the 58-year-old emperor said. "I pray for the happiness of the Japanese people, and hope for world peace." Millions of Japanese visited Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples across the country to pray for good health and success in the new year.

LONDON (AP) - Princess Anne has cut more ribbons and attended more banquets than any other member of the royal family, according to a survey. Queen Elizabeth, her husband Prince Philip and 14 other family members - often criticized for their enormous wealth and what some consider to be their frivolous activities - made 4,292 appearances in Great Britain and abroad in 1991.

Princess Anne was the busiest with 745 events.

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Nations decide not to sanction Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, Britain and France plan to ask the U.N. Security Council to call on Libya to respond to charges that its agents planted bombs on American and French jetliners that exploded midair, killing 41 people. *The Washington Post* reported today.

The *Post* quoted diplomatic sources as saying the three governments decided against calling for U.N. sanctions or other punitive action against Libya for the midair

bombings.

The explosions destroyed Pan American World Airways Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988 and a French UTA airliner over Niger in 1989.

All three countries have accused Libyan intelligence officers of the bombings and called on Libya to hand them over for criminal trials. The strongly worded demands were widely viewed as a signal that the three governments would ask for U.N. sanctions.

Old session ended, new one begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year's list of unfinished economic policies and unmet domestic needs is getting picked up again as the House and Senate meet to gavel out the old congressional session and convene the new one.

Although no legislation was on the opening day calendar today, lawmakers from both parties plan

to begin staking out positions on how to help the economy.

President Bush has promised to offer his plan in his State of the Union address, and Democrats have promised to try to respond quickly.

Both Republicans and Democrats have proposed tax cuts

POW activist believes KGB leader

KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — A POW advocate says the breakup of the Soviet Union should hasten the flow of information about the 2,273 Americans unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

Ted Sampley, publisher of the newsletter *U.S. Veteran News and Report*, said he believes recent assertions by a former KGB leader that American prisoners of war were questioned by the Soviets

years after the Vietnam War ended.

Retired Maj. Gen. Oleg Kalugin has made the claim in a book and recent interviews, but there are discrepancies in his story. The State Department and Congress want to talk to him next week.

Only one American has come home alive from captivity in Vietnam since 1973.

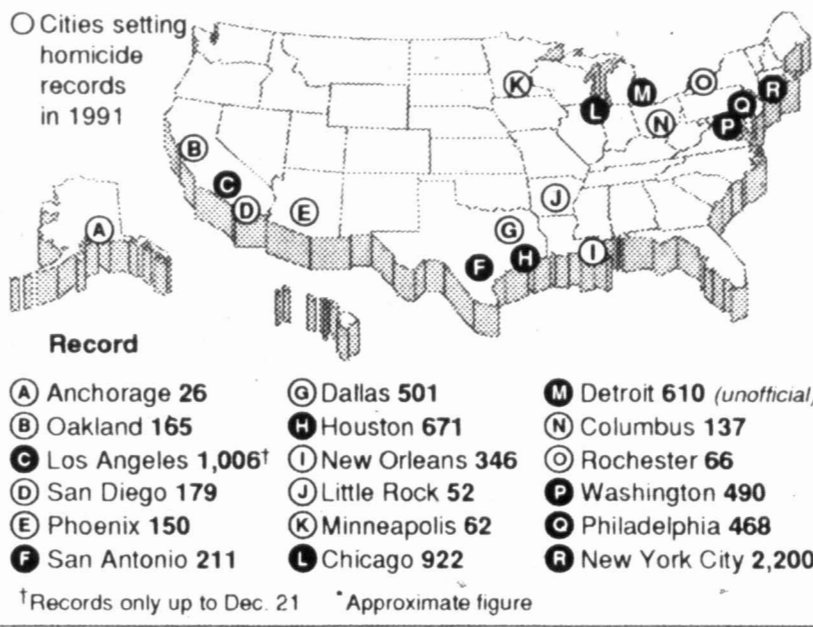
Cities set new homicide records in 1991

In Dallas, the 501st and final homicide of 1991 came at 15 minutes to midnight on New Year's Eve. Police said a man caught someone trying to steal his car and shot him.

In Milwaukee, homicide No. 168 was the result of gunfire at a bus stop on New Year's Eve. In Anchorage, Alaska, a murder-suicide that day went into the books as homicides No. 25 and 26 of the year.

For all three cities, as with many others across the country, 1991 was the deadliest year on record.

1991 homicides in selected cities



“Whether you personally are ever shot at or not, you should be concerned,” said Mayor Richard Vinroot of Charlotte, N.C., where the 115 homicides in 1991 easily surpassed the 1990 record of 93.

Explanations for the homicide records vary. Drugs and gang warfare get much of the blame, although some experts also point to a bulge in the population of people in their teens and early 20s, the most violent age group.

Criminologists also have noted an alarming increase in killing among young black men.

In Milwaukee, police said about 75 percent of the year's homicide victims were black males, many of them victims of violence involving street gangs, drugs, sidewalk holdups and thefts of fashionable clothing.

Milwaukee's record was partly the doing of Jeffrey L. Dahmer, who confessed to killing 17 people, at least 13 of them in Milwaukee. Most of the killings occurred in 1991.

Among the nation's 10 largest cities, records fell in San Diego, Dallas and Phoenix.

San Diego had 179 homicides, breaking a record of 163 set in 1988. The 501 in Dallas was up from a record 444 in 1990. Phoenix's 150 broke the record 142

set in 1990.

Los Angeles police had statistics only up to Dec. 21, but they appeared to put the city on track toward a record. There were 1,006 homicides, up from 966 at the same time in 1990. The previous annual record was 1,024, set in 1980.

New York City police said there were between 2,220 and 2,225 homicides in 1991, by far the most of any city. That was down slightly from 2,245 in 1990, when 87 people

died in an arson fire.

“It's the first time in six years that murder is down in the city and the first time in four years that we haven't broken a record,” said Tom Repetto, head of the Citizen's Crime Commission, a law enforcement watchdog group.

“Obviously I'm glad it went down a little bit, but 2,220 murders is still an awful lot.”

New York, Chicago and San Antonio all recorded their second-highest homicide totals. Chicago reached 924 with the New Year's Eve shooting of a South Side security guard. San Antonio had 211 homicides.

Detroit's unofficial total of 610 homicides was well short of its record 714 in 1974, but up 5 percent from 1990. Philadelphia had 468 homicides in 1991; Houston, 671. Both were shy of the cities' records.

Among the smaller cities setting records was Washington, which was the nation's murder capital in 1990, based on its per-capita rate of almost 78 homicides per 100,000 people. In 1991, the nation's capital recorded 490 homicides.

Other cities setting records included Oakland, Calif., with 165; Minneapolis with 62; Anchorage with 26; Columbus, Ohio, with 137; Colorado Springs with 26; New Orleans with 346; Rochester, N.Y., with 66; and Little Rock, Ark., with 52.

Crowd marches against Islamic fundamentalists

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people alarmed by the prospect of an Islamic state marched through Algiers on Thursday in a challenge to the fundamentalists who are poised to take over Parliament.

Waving olive branches, flowers, balloons and banners reading “Long Live Democracy,” the marchers seemed elated by the large turnout. It was the first mass demonstration against the Islamic Salvation Front since its landslide victory in first round parliamentary elections last week.

Runoff elections are scheduled in two weeks.

Hocine Ait Ahmed, whose liberal Front of Socialist Forces won 25 seats last week, said his party sponsored Thursday's march in hopes of mobilizing apathetic voters to thwart the fundamentalists in the runoffs. Only 59 percent of Algeria's 13.3 million voters cast ballots in the first round.

Helicopters trailing pro-democracy slogans flew overhead as politicians, union leaders, feminists, families, and others marched peacefully about two miles through Algiers.

Many of the marchers were women, some in Western dress and others in Muslim veils. The Salvation Front advocates sharp

limits on employment of women and seeks to ban co-educational schools.

There was no official crowd figure. Journalists estimated that 300,000 people participated, while march organizers claimed the turnout was twice that high.

The marchers dispersed near the Place of the Martyrs, a square often used in the past for fundamentalist rallies. Supporters of the Islamic Salvation Front gathered there, and some had pledged to prevent any marchers from entering the area.

Security force units were deployed along the march route, but no disturbances were reported.

The Salvation Front, which wants to establish a state governed by strict Islamic law, won 188 of the 231 seats decided in elections Dec. 26. That is just 28 short of a majority in the 430-seat Parliament, and is seven times the number won by the second-place party.

The remaining 199 seats will be decided in runoff elections Jan. 16. Most of these match candidates of the Salvation Front and the ruling National Liberation Front, which won only 15 seats in the first round.

Results in 140 contests have been appealed to the Constitu-



Women holding an Algerian flag and waving pro-democracy banners demonstrate against Muslim fundamentalism Thursday in Algiers. Hundreds of thousands of people marched through the capital Thursday in a challenge to Muslim fundamentalists who seem headed for a takeover of Parliament.

tional Council, the body overseeing the elections, officials said Thursday. Most of the challenges were filed by the National Liberation Front and accuse the fundamentalists of voting irregularities.

The council has four days to rule on the complaints.

Some groups alarmed by the outcome have urged that the runoffs be canceled to prevent the near-certain victory by the fundamentalists.

Fungus killing coca plants in Peru

SANTA LUCIA, Peru (AP) — A killer root fungus is proving surprisingly effective at wiping out coca plants in the Upper Huallaga Valley, which provides much of the world's supply of cocaine, authorities say.

“It's wrecking a great amount of crops,” said Diego Garcia-Sayan, director of the Andean Jurists' Commission, an independent human rights group that also studies drug trafficking. “It has done much more than the eradication efforts did.”

Analysts say anti-drug efforts have not had as great an impact on the Upper Huallaga's coca-

growers as has the emergence of the fungus and the spread of violence by Maoist-inspired rebels into the region.

A study by the National Agrarian University identified fusarium oxysporum as the fungus responsible for killing an estimated 15,000 acres of coca plants in the Upper Huallaga, known as the world's “cocaine cradle.”

About 250,000 acres of coca grow along the 150-mile-long Upper Huallaga, perhaps half the total grown throughout Peru. Fungus damage has been centered around Uchiza, a town 10 miles from Santa Lucia.

Palestinians reconsider attendance

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian negotiators said today they have suspended plans to go to peace talks in Washington because of Israel's decision to expel 12 alleged Arab militants from the occupied territories.

Jordan's chief peace negotiator said today that his delegation will return to Washington despite the Palestinian move, but his government criticized the Israeli expulsion order as “irresponsible.”

Neither Syria nor Lebanon, which plan to attend the next round of peace talks, have reacted to the Israeli decision.

A statement read by the Palestinian spokeswoman, Hanan Ashrawi, appealed to the United States to make the Israeli government “nullify this grave breach of international law.”

The Israelis announced Thursday night that because of a recent upsurge in violence in the occupied territories in recent months they plan to deport 12 Palestinians allegedly active in violent anti-Israeli activity.

Since the Middle East peace talks began in October in Madrid, four Jewish settlers have been killed.

Fiancee of heaviest man recalls him as 'gentle giant'

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Hundreds of people, many taking pictures, gazed at Walter Hudson's giant body one last time before the half-ton man once listed as the world's heaviest human was buried on Long Island.

The end came Thursday after a four-year journey that had taken an unknown Hudson, confined to his bed for most of a decade, and made him a hero to overweight people worldwide whose problems seemed minuscule compared to his.

Sunday Cruz, 38, Hudson's fiancee, said his love for her made her feel blessed.

“I loved the gentle giant,” she said.

Hudson, 46, died Christmas Eve of heart failure. The medical examiner's office said he weighed 1,025 pounds.



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His weight was estimated at 1,400 pounds soon after Sept. 14, 1987, when he came to the public's attention after rescue workers cut him out of the doorway where he had

slipped and fallen in his Hempstead home.

He had been overweight since childhood, when at age 6 he weighed 125 pounds and was a compulsive eater. By age 7, he was scrounging bottles on the streets of Brooklyn to trade in for candy bars. He was 350 pounds by age 15, when he began staying at home.

But the death of the man once listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the heaviest man attracted calls of sympathy and letters to the family from across the world.

His funeral attracted 1,000 people to a Long Island church near his home.

Many of the speakers recalled Hudson's compassion for others as he inspired thousands of overweight people by losing more than 600 pounds on a liquid diet

with the help of nutrition guru Dick Gregory.

Gregory told the crowd at the Gospel Blessing Center Church in Roosevelt that Hudson's addiction to food was harmless compared with other people's addictions to drugs, alcohol, racism, cigarettes and greed.

“Walter never knocked somebody in the head to get a turnip,” Gregory said in an interview.

One hundred cars joined the funeral procession to a cemetery.

Alexis Blass, Hudson's business partner in his catalogue clothing business, said even though Hudson had gained back much of the weight he had lost, he still dreamed of getting down to 190 pounds.

“This Christmas, the only presents Walter asked for were exercise equipment,” she said.

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Claim: Threats not literal

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A black cult leader's exhortations to kill white devils shouldn't be taken literally, a defense attorney said as jury selection began in the murder conspiracy trial of 16 members of the "Yahweh nation."

Yahweh ben Yahweh and 15 members of his secretive sect are charged in a racketeering indictment with using murder, firebombings and extortion to build an empire that once had thousands of followers and \$8 million in real estate.

Judge Norman Roettger Jr. seated four members of the jury Thursday and expected to complete the panel of 12 and six alternates today. The judge said the trial could last four months.

The 56-year-old Yahweh — born Hulon Mitchell Jr. — faces up to 60 years in prison if convicted of conspiracy to commit 14 murders, two attempted murders, extortion, arson and other violence.

The others face 20 to 60 years on murder conspiracy and other racketeering counts.

Authorities say Yahweh dispatched "death angels" to kill those who resisted his group's efforts to take over neighborhoods and encouraged followers to kill "white devils."

But defense attorney Alcee Hastings said the charges amount to religious persecution.

He said outside the courtroom that Yahweh's exhortations to kill "white devils" were similar to allegories in the Bible and the Koran and were not meant to be taken literally.



Clean Big Spring coordinators would like to see all vacant lots as attractive as this one at 15th and Goliad streets, which is owned by Craig Olson of Big Spring. During Project Pride, Clean members are gearing up to see that all properties within the city are uncluttered and mowed.

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The committee also approved a bill that would postpone the primaries until April 11 if a Senate redistricting plan fails to win court approval in time for the election to proceed on March 10.

It appeared that the opening prayer in the House was going unanswered. Rev. Marvin Griffin of Austin's Ebenezer Baptist

Church had urged "district lines that rise above partisan politics and are fair, flawless, equitable and acceptable."

Despite the problems, Lewis, and Senate leaders said they expected to finish the session next week.

In the Senate, David Sibley, R-Waco, used his right as a senator to delay consideration of a redistricting plan that represented a settle-

ment with minority plaintiffs and has been agreed upon by 20 Democratic senators.

Midland Rep. Tom Craddick, president of the House Republican Caucus, summed up his feelings saying, "The session is a joke and a sham. There is no reason to have one. I think we're just down here wasting time and money."

Retail Price Per Channel Comparison Of Area Cable Television Providers

System Location	Operator	Channels of Service	Monthly Price*	Monthly Price* Per Channel
Lamesa	Northland	25	\$30.12	\$1.20
Sweetwater	U. Artists	31	\$20.50	\$0.71
Stanton	Telemedia	30	\$20.22	\$0.67
Colorado City	Telemedia	30	\$20.22	\$0.67
Abilene	U. Artists	30	\$19.20	\$0.67
Andrews	Simmons	31	\$20.50	\$0.66
San Angelo	Simmons	32	\$20.75	\$0.65
Midland	Times Mirror	34	\$18.95	\$0.56
Lubbock	Cox	35	\$18.05	\$0.52
Big Spring	TCA	32	\$16.64	\$0.52
Odessa	Post Newsweek	41	\$19.95	\$0.49

*Rate for one outlet of service. Sales tax is not included.

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Other West Texas rates and averages include \$20.50 per month, or 71 cents per channel, for 31 channels in Sweetwater; \$20.22, 67 cents and 30 channels in both Stanton and Colorado City; \$19.20, 67 cents and 30 channels in Abilene and \$20.50, 66 cents and 31 channels in Andrews.

Also, \$20.75, 65 cents and 32 channels in San Angelo; \$18.95, 56 cents and 34 channels in Midland; \$18.05, 52 cents and 35 channels in Lubbock and \$19.95, 49 cents and 41 channels in Odessa.

Lloyd said the increase was necessary because of increased operating costs.

"For the past 16 months we have been able to hold our basic rates at a level consistently below inflationary levels due to an aggressive

cost containment program," he said.

"However, because of inflationary increases in general operating costs, it has become an economic necessity to adjust our monthly rates for service," he added.

Lloyd cited increases in fuel costs, insurance, pole rental for cable attachment and postage.

"I believe cable television continues to be a good value. For about 60 cents a day your entire family can be informed and entertained by our basic service," Lloyd said. "Compare that to the cost of tickets to a movie or a month's worth of video rentals, and cable is still a very economical means of family entertainment."

Lloyd said customers who have questions about the new rate or

other cable issues may contact him at the cable office, 2006 Birdwell Lane, or by telephone at 267-3821, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Court docket

Lionso Lee Jimenez Jr., 32, Route 2, Box 147, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Jerry Anthony Garcia, 32, Route 1, Box 365, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was

sentenced to five days in jail and ordered to pay \$327 in fines and court costs.

Dennis Michael Richardson, 38, 1801 Grafa, pleaded guilty to DWI and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay \$337 in fines and court costs.

A 35-year-old man was arrested for revocation of a driving while intoxicated probation. No bond was set.

A 17-year-old San Antonio man was arrested for theft between \$20 and \$200. He was released on a \$250 bond.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

A 22-year-old man was arrested for robbery by threats. No bond was set.

A 22-year-old man was arrested for revocation of a probation for possession of a controlled

substance.

A 26-year-old Midland man was arrested for revocation of a probation for burglary of a habitation. No bond was set.

A 48-year-old man was arrested on a Cooke County warrant for revocation of a probation for theft.

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Oil/markets

February crude oil \$19.68, up 19, and March cotton futures \$0.95 cents a pound, up 47; cash hog was steady at 37.50; slaughter steers is steady at 71 cents even; February live hog futures 39.07, up 10; February live cattle futures 72.07, down 47 at 10:01 a.m. according to Delta Commodities

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Atlantic Richfield	109 3/4	+ 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	14 1/4	+ 1/4
Cabot	37 1/2	+ 1/4
Chevron	49 1/2	+ 1/4
Chrysler	13 1/2	+ 1
Coca Cola	82	+ 1 1/2
De Beers	28 1/2	nc
DuPont	44 1/2	+ 1/4
El Paso Electric	37 1/2	+ 1/4
Exxon	60 1/2	+ 1/4
Fin Int	70	nc
Ford Motors	30	+ 1/4

QTE	34 1/2	+ 1/4	Texas Instruments	31 1/2	nc
Halliburton	29 1/2	+ 1/4	Texas Utilities	41 1/2	nc
IBM	90 1/2	+ 1/4	Unocal Corp	22 1/2	nc
Int'l Eagle Tool Co	5	nc	USX Corp	38	+ 1/4
J.C. Penney	55 1/2	nc	Wal-Mart	57 1/2	1 1/4
Meta Ltd. Pnt. A	17 1/2	nc	Amcap	12 9/16	13 1/2
Mobil	49	+ 1/4	I.C.A.	17 1/2	18 1/2
New Atmos Energy	22 1/2	nc	New Economy	23 1/2	25 1/2
NUV	11	+ 1/4	New Perspective	12 1/2	12 3/4
Pacific Gas	32	nc	Van Kampen	16 1/2	16 1/2
Pepsi Cola	33 1/2	nc	American Funds U.S. Gov't	14 1/2	14 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	24 1/2	+ 1/4	Pioneer II	18 1/2	19 1/2
Schlumberger	43 1/2	+ 1/4	Gold	352.50	353.00
Sears	38 1/2	+ 1/4	Silver	3.97	4.00
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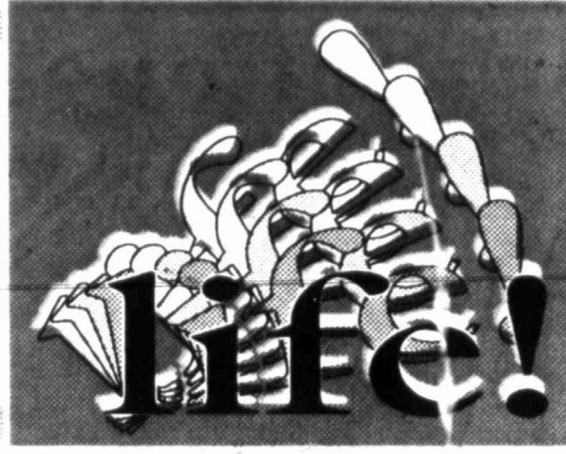
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Mothers and babies doing jail time

NEW YORK (AP) — A huge sliding gate with bars bangs shut and resounds like a bad dream in the long, stale-smelling corridors. Inmates shuffle by under the watchful eyes of guards. The monotony of jail life is everywhere.

There are 1,800 women in city jails, 1,400 of them at Riker's.

For some women, jail has been a godsend. Without it, their huggable, healthy babies might have been premature, drug-addicted infants.

"Thomas probably would have come out to be a crack baby," said Thelma. "So I thank God that he snatched me up in time to make me realize what I was doing to myself and to my unborn child."

Thelma said she is at Riker's for failing to report to her parole of-



Riker's Island prison inmate Thelma holds her baby, Thomas, 1 month, in this photo taken in November at the New York City jail's glass-partitioned nursery. For some women jail had been a godsend. Without it, their healthy babies might have been premature and born addicted to drugs.

Nearly 200 inmates have participated in the Riker's program since its inception in 1985. Most are poor, minority women in jail for using or selling drugs.

"He's not a prisoner," Thelma, 35, was careful to explain, as she rocked her baby in her arms. "He doesn't have a number. I have a number. He doesn't."

She is one of nine inmates currently in the nursery unit at the Riker's Island women's jail. Officials said there are only three prisons in the country — all in New York state — that have nurseries where babies can live with their mothers, at least until their first birthday.

Nearly 200 inmates have participated in the Riker's program since its inception in 1985. Most are poor, minority women in jail for using or selling drugs. Since the crack epidemic hit the city in the mid-1980s, the number of female inmates in the city's correctional system has almost doubled. Today

the nursery unit is separate

from the rest of the jail. The mothers' cells, which are never locked, are arranged in a U-shape around a central core containing two glass-walled rooms — one with two rows of cribs, the second a blue-carpeted living area that is furnished with sofas, rocking

chair, playpen and stereo. Never, however, is there any question about this being a jail. The air is heavy with the stale institutional smell of the rest of the jail, despite a new ventilation system in the nursery. Blue-uniformed correction officers

stand guard. The mothers and their babies have limited contact with other inmates to lessen the chance of exposure to contagious diseases. Women in the program must pass medical and mental health examinations and have no pending

child welfare cases. There are cells for 25 mothers but current funding has limited the program to 15.

The goal is to give the babies a shot at developing into emotionally healthy human beings by letting mother and child bond together during the crucial first year of life, she said.

"If you haven't been loved, you don't know how to give it," Gleaton said.

"They have been hoping for their children to love them, rather than for them to love their babies," she said. "They have lived lives of such deprivation — emotionally, financially, materially — that they have the adolescent expectation of the baby being born and loving them. They'll ask a 3 month old, 'Do you love Mommy? Do you love Mommy?' rather than (say) 'Mommy loves you.' And we correct them on that."

Dana E., 26, has an 11-year-old daughter, two sons, ages 10 and 8, as well her 3-month-old son, George, who is with her in jail. Her two eldest are living with her mother, she said.

"A lot of times in here I be ready to give up," said Dana, who has been jailed since July for selling drugs. "But then you look at your baby and you see how much they need you. They don't care if you don't dress real fancy or if you don't have money. All they want is you."

"As long as I am in here, I have a hold on it," she said. "But when I hit the streets, it might be a whole different story."

Most of all, Dana and the others hope this will be their babies' first and last time behind bars.

Protestant Evangelism booms on Catholic continent

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The first Christian missionaries in Argentina crossed the Andes on mules to preach the Gospel to Indians.

Five centuries later, Argentina's official religion is Roman Catholicism, the dominant faith from Mexico to Tierra del Fuego. But attitudes are changing all over the continent, and evangelists are winning converts by the thousands.

Protestant evangelical churches claim up to 50 million members in Latin America. In Guatemala, an estimated 35 percent of churchgoers are evangelicals; in Chile and Nicaragua, about one in five; in Brazil, the largest Catholic country in the world, one in four.

A sign of the times was the Billy Graham crusade in November. When he came to Argentina in 1962, about 240 evangelical churches participated, said Norman Mydske, the evangelist's regional director. This time, about 2,000 took part.

In 1990, "more than 50,000 new evangelical churches were begun in 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean," Mydske said, and "I'd be surprised if the figure is not above that" this year.

Pastors and converts say the evangelism fills "empty spaces" left by the Catholic Church.

Celia Garcia, 49, a schoolteacher and librarian, said she was baptized Catholic, received first Communion and married in the church, but "never felt anything in the ceremonies."

When she attended a Pentecostal service with a friend three years ago, "immediately I felt something very special. I had never felt before," she said.

"Someone explained to me that I felt the presence of Christ. It was because I had opened my heart, because I was ready to change my life."

The Rev. Rene Padilla, a Baptist who is secretary of the Latin

America Theological Fraternity, said the evangelical movement benefited from "growing skepticism toward the Catholic Church as an institution."

"I believe a lot of people feel let down and are looking for something else," he said. "People don't want impositions from above. They're looking for a chance to participate, and if there is something that characterizes evangelical churches, it's participation."

The Rev. Osvaldo Musto of the Catholic relief group Caritas did not agree his church is overly hierarchical or lacks personal interaction, but acknowledged that participation is a strong point of the evangelicals.

"They encourage you to go before the congregation, talk, tell your experiences," he said. "And they accompany you. There is an organization so people don't feel alone."

Musto expressed admiration for the way evangelists use mass communications.

"It's hard to believe that, at this

point in the 20th century, we Catholics don't have a greater presence in the media," he said. "This is a reproach I make to my own church, the Catholic Church."

Graham's crusade, for example, evangelism was a topic of concern by Pope John Paul II during his trip in October to this traditionally Roman Catholic country.



Evangelical Protestants belonging to the Assembly of God Church of Rio de Janeiro read Bible scriptures at a train station in Rio in November. The expansion of Protestant

Spring board

How's that?

Q. What term referred to the famous swing of Texas golfer Byron Nelson?
A. According to Texas Trivia, it was "Rocking chair."

Calendar

- TODAY**
 - The Coahoma ISD Tax Office will be closed Jan. 1-3, 1992.
- FRIDAY**
 - Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack from 5-8 p.m., 2805 Lynn Dr., Kentwood Center. Public invited.
- SUNDAY**
 - The Humane Society will have a rummage sale from 1-4 p.m., W. 4th and Galveston.
- MONDAY**
 - Al-A-Teen will meet 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
 - Recovery Solutions, Inc., Personal Creativity Process Group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
 - There will be gospel singing 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, Lynn St. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.
 - Howard County Youth Horseman will meet 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horseman Arena Clubhouse. For information call 263-6458.

Church briefs

Big Springer elected to state office

DALLAS — Joe Torres of Big Spring has been elected to the board of the Texas Baptist Church Loan Corporation.

He was elected at the December meeting of the 193-member Texas Baptist Executive Board which conducts business of the 2.5-million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas between annual convention sessions. The Church Loan Corporation helps the 5,400 Texas Baptist churches and missions in securing loans for new mission sites, constructing new buildings and expanding or remodeling existing facilities.

In other actions, the Texas Baptist Executive Board voted to enter a three-year partnership with the Baptist Unions in Estonia and Romania, effective Jan. 1, 1993. The BGCT currently is in a partnership with the European Baptist Convention through Dec. 31, 1992.

The BGCT is the missions arm of the Southern Baptist churches in Texas. In 1992 through a Cooperative Program budget of \$63.5 million, the convention will undergird the work of its 26 benevolent and educational institutions, nearly 8,000 Southern Baptist

missionaries in the U.S. and 118 foreign nations, and state missions ministries to begin new churches and support the work of existing churches.

Coahoma First Baptist offers marriage class

A Precept Upon Precept Bible study, *Marriage Without Regrets* begins Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Coahoma.

The Precept Upon Precept study method is being used across the states and in over 52 foreign countries by people seeking to know the truths of the Word of God for themselves. These in-depth studies are widely acclaimed for their practical, personal approach to Bible study. The study includes homework, discussion, and a powerful lecture time to direct you in unlocking the message of God's Word.

Precept Bible studies are written by Kay Arthur, well-known speaker, broadcaster, and author. Her in-depth knowledge of the Bible as well as her gifted presentation of Biblical truth has made the Precept method an effective study tool for thousands.

The study is uniquely designed

for the serious student with seminar experience as well as for the individual who has never studied the Bible before.

For further information on joining the Precept study, call Janine Williams 399-4525 or Dianah Collom 394-4525.

Leadership class available in Midland

The West Texas Extension Program of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will be offering the class "Leadership for Mission and Evangelism in North American Congregations" in Midland this spring, Feb. 2 through May 17, according to Dr. A. J. Moreau, director of the program. Moreau says pre-registration has started and will continue through Jan. 27.

John R. "Pete" Hendrick, B.A., B.D., Ph.D., Professor of Mission and Evangelism and Director of Supervised Practice of Ministry at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will teach the course.

This course is a six-hour required course for the master of divinity program at Austin Seminary. It is designed to equip students to pro-

vide leadership for mission and evangelism in a North American congregation. Participants gain an overview and understanding of major contemporary issues in mission and evangelism as these pertain to the church in its global context and the particular church in its local setting.

The classes will meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana, Midland, Sunday afternoons 3:5-5:30 p.m. These courses may be taken either for full credit as a special student of the seminary or for audit.

Anyone interested in quality theological education may participate.

For registration information, contact Dr. Moreau at P.O. Box 5111, Midland, Tx. 79704, 915/682-2514. Housing arrangements can be worked out for those needing it.

Austin Seminary is a seminary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) located in Austin. The seminary has been educating people for the Christian ministry since 1902. It is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools of the U.S. and Canada and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Club notes

Orchid Society invites all

The West Texas Orchid Society will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 7th in the dining room of the Best Western Airport Hotel, Midland. Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be determined.

We will have a drawing for a free orchid plant at each meeting. All persons interested in growing orchids are invited to attend. For information, call 699-1840 or 683-2533.

Hyperion's share Christmas spirit

The 1948 Hyperion Club met Dec. 19 in the home of Mrs. Gary Sims. Mrs. Gerald Wooten served as co-hostess.

Mrs. Leslie Clements introduced Brenda Bedell and Mary Lynn Smith who performed a medley of Christmas music as entertainment for the meeting.

President Mrs. Hank Thompson presided during the business meeting. A note of thanks from the Big Spring State Hospital for refreshments served to their patients during the hospital Christmas party by the club members. Mrs. Jack Irons and Mrs. Wooten.

Seventeen club members exchanged gifts and the meeting was closed with refreshments by the hostess.

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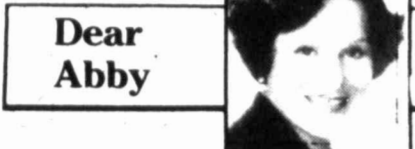
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6 PM	News	Who's Boss?	C. Sandiego?	Movie	News	News	News	Andy Griffith	Muchachitas	Oz	Be a Star	China Beach	Nick Arcade	Boys Town	MacGyver	MacGyver	David Letterman	Wild. Monitor	Wild. Monitor	and Pals	Sports Forum	SportsCenter
7 PM	Funny Matters	Most Wanted	D.C. Week	Valiant	Movie	Funny Matters	Maillock	Movie	Atrapada	Captain	On Stage	Movie	L.A. Law	Mork	Movie	Murder, She	Movie	Time Mach-	Wildlife Tales	NBA Basket-	NBA Basket-	Pro Snow
8 PM	Baby Talk	Hidden Video	David Frost	Father	Society	Baby Talk	Pac. Station	Love	Al File de la	Elvis '56	Nashville	Man	Movie	D. Van Dyke	Reality	Ray Bradbury	Movie	Investigative	World/Valor	at Mavericks	at Mavericks	Olympic The
9 PM	20/20	Hunter	Images of '91	700 Club		20/20	Reasonable	Movie	Paul	World War II	Movie	Movie	Small Town	Dragonet	Movie	Swamp	A & E	Western	(20) In	(50) NBA	Hockey Week	Amer. Cup
10 PM	News	Arsenio Hall	MacNeil/	Bordertown	News	News	News	Single Wo-	Noticiero	World War II	On Stage	Talking Too	Komedy U	Green Acres	Movie	Movie	Evening at	It Was	Twenty	Hell Boats	Skiing Maga-	Schapp Talk
11 PM	Ent. Tonight	Love Connect	Robin Hood	Video-	Dark Justice	(10) Nightlin.	(35) Tonight	Addams	(10) Nightlin.	Movie	Nashville	Colors	Pleasure Is-	Mork	Movie	Kids in Hall	Movie	Time Mach-	Years Ago	Pre Boxing	College	Basketball
12 AM	ABC's In	Concert	ures of	Paid	Personals	Street Blues	man	Addams	Hola America	(45) Movie	Crook, Chase	Movie	Self-	Patty Duke	Movie	Movie	Investigative	Wild. Monitor	Sharkfighters	Middleweight	Utah at New	

Widow ponders telling pushy suitor to shove off

DEAR ABBY: I have been widowed for nine years and am blessed with many friends — mostly women, although three very nice gentlemen are available to escort me when an escort is needed, with no strings attached.

I met a gentleman about a year ago at a church social, and we have been dating. He is neat in appearance, polite and very generous. He is about my age, and a rather recent widower. My problem is that he is not content with a kiss at the door — he has roaming hands, and makes me feel like I owe him something in repayment for the money he has spent on me.

I was content with my life before I met him. At my age — 70 — I do not need this kind of hassle whenever he takes me home. I



Dear Abby

have been tempted to tell him off and send him away, but he keeps telling me over and over that he is extremely lonely and would be miserable without me in his life.

How should I handle this? I don't want to hurt him. —NO NAME OR CITY, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: The generous gentleman with roaming hands, who keeps reminding you that he is lonely and would be miserable

without you in his life, is playing on your sympathy. Turn a deaf ear, my dear. Don't give him any more than you want to and don't worry about "hurting" him. I have a feeling he can take care of himself.

DEAR ABBY: It is 4 a.m. and I can't sleep, so I got up to write to you.

I read in the newspaper that a 21-year-old junior at the University of Florida in Gainesville drank himself to death by rapidly downing 23 shots of liquor on a dare from friends.

What a nightmare! Although he was a stranger to me, I ache for his family.

Of course, it was a foolish thing for the young man to have done, but I wonder if those "friends" who

dared him were ever punished.

Perhaps if you print this, it will prevent others from being a party to such a tragic happening. Thank you for being there, Abby. I had to unload on someone. — ARIZONA GRANDMOTHER

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: That's what I'm here for. I share your concern. Perhaps a reader will write and tell us, as, Paul Harvey says, "the rest of the story."

DEAR ABBY: Is there some way to invite friends from out of town to come visit and stay with us, and at the same time diplomatically suggest how long they are welcome to stay? —DELICATE QUESTION

DEAR QUESTION: Yes. Say, "We would be delighted to have you visit us for a week" or for two weeks, or however long you want them to stay.

Jeane Dixon

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Assert yourself and a long-cherished dream will come true. Make your desires known to those in a position to boost your fortunes. A choice you make in April will help you surge ahead of the competition. Delve into new business opportunities with an open mind next summer. Romance enhances your social life when fall approaches. Wedding bells could ring next December.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Dyan Cannon, football coach Don Shula, boxer Floyd Patterson, actress Jane Wyman.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The outlook is bright for plans linked to friends and group events. Long-distance communications could have lucky overtones. Widen your circle of acquaintances. Romance could put you on cloud nine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Without a little fun and affection today, you may feel as if you are dying on the vine. Hop on the telephone or in your car — you should like what turns up! Be flexible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the lead with your mate or partner. A home business could relieve financial woes. Give credit where it is due, especially when children are involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A loved one may have a short fuse today. Perform more services for yourself to avoid recriminations. The financial forecast is golden. Do what you can to build up savings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The phone or highway links you to the one you love. Leave your worries on the doorstep and gear up for good times. Romance flourishes when you are attentive. Be a good listener.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A romance or friendship may be strained right now. Do not come unglued; you could be expecting too much. Plan a special getaway or adventure for next weekend but stay within your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A team project or sport provides you with an opportunity to cultivate new friendships. Seek the company of your neighbors. Hosting a social event draws you and mate closer together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A long-cherished plan finally sees the light of day. Friends play a new role in your financial affairs. Employment opportunities are headed your way. Celebrate a loved one's recent triumph.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A trip or social event may not have lived up to your expectations. A quiet, leisurely day at home will give you time to think things through. A positive attitude is essential!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have many bright ideas about home, work and romance. Put your heart into a project and watch it blossom. You are courting the favor of both Cupid and Lady Luck this weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A plan could misfire if you act too hastily. Ease up on the trigger and check your sights. With so much going for you, why take a shot in the dark?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is time to pass something on to a child. You may be able to turn a hobby into a consistent moneymaker if you devote more time to it. Travel leads to romance.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Boy! That was good! Sometimes I have a notion to just move in with you folks."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"If you let us go sleddin', Mommy, we promise not to run into a tree."

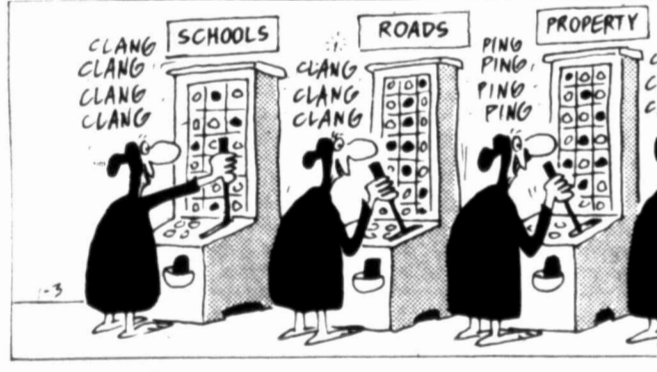
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