

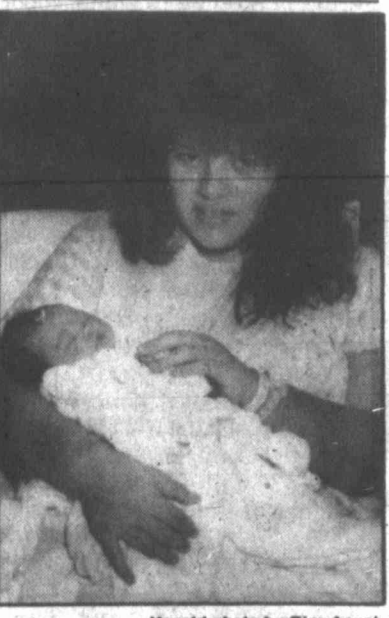
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First baby

Gracie Orándy holds her new daughter, Justine Ann Rodriguez, who was the first baby born in 1993 in Howard County. Justine was born Jan. 1 at 2:41 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measuring 19 3/4 inches.

Appreciation dinner set Jan. 8

The annual Agricultural Appreciation Dinner will be Jan. 8. The dinner is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

This dinner is free to all farmers and ranchers but tickets must be picked up at the chamber by Jan. 6.

For more information call the chamber at 263-7641.

Toys on display through Jan. 23

Toys of Christmas past are featured in Heritage Museum's holiday exhibit "Marvelous Mechanical Toys." The display of battery and windup toys from the 1940s through the 1960s will be on display through Jan. 23.

Texas

Icy roads create problems: Icy roads wreaked havoc across Texas Friday, causing traffic accidents from the Texas Panhandle to Fort Worth. See page 2A.

World

At odds: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Saturday he wants to meet with President-elect Clinton before the Mideast peace talks reconvene to determine whether the men share the same approach to the negotiations. See page 5A.

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Today, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. High in the lower to mid 60s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. See extended forecast page 8A.

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48 tires vandalized

Damage from spree estimated at \$5,000

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Blake Foy had a rude awakening Saturday morning when he stepped out of his south side apartment. He and 17 other Big Spring residents woke to similar circumstances in their parking spaces or drive ways — punctured tires.

The wave of criminal mischief caused more than an estimated \$5,000 of damage to 48 tires. The vandalism was concentrated at Bent Tree Apartments with nine reports. Two Coronado addition residents reported punctured tires. Four Kentwood residents reported damage and three other reports came from the Quail Run Apartments and a residence on Dixon Street.

The amount of damaged occurring with each incident ranged from one tire punctured to all four tires on the vehicle punctured. In two cases, five and six tires were punctured.

Big Spring Police Department Sgt. Mike Pearson said it is believed the vandalism took place shortly after midnight through 2 a.m., but the department did not begin receiving reports until this morning.

"I don't recall anything like this occurring in this neighborhood," said Boyd Carson, a Kentwood resident. "The worst thing that occurs is kids shoe polishing windows, but there is no damage with that."

Carson had two tires punctured. Two of Carson's neighbors, a few doors, down also had their tires punctured.

"The tires damaged were facing away from the houses," Carson said. "It seems

'I don't recall anything like this occurring in this neighborhood. The worst thing that occurs is kids shoe polishing windows, but there is no damage with that.'

Boyd Carson

Kentwood resident

like a random act of vandalism." Replacement costs for Carson's tires was \$224.

Goodyear Auto Service Center manager Fred Brown said he and his employees had a steady flow of business replacing the punctured tires Saturday afternoon. By 3 p.m., Brown replaced 16 tires and had at least four more people coming in.

Tire prices range from \$40 to over \$100 for each tire, he said. "The average price is about \$80," Brown said. "We have at least six costing more than a \$100 each with four costing close to \$150 each."

Each report was classified as a Class B or Class A misdemeanor depending on the amount of damage. Class B misdemeanor falls between \$20 to \$200. Class A is falls between \$200 to \$750.

Pearson said there were no suspects as of Saturday afternoon.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

A Bent Tree Apartment resident wheels a new tire towards his truck as the car next to him sports two flat tires. Vandalism in the destruction of 48 tires between midnight and 2 a.m. Saturday.

Russians citizens want more from summit

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russians waved at President Bush as his motorcade raced along their icy streets Saturday, but they worried he wouldn't find time to talk with Boris Yeltsin about Russia's pressing economic problems.

RELATED PHOTO — 6A

"Of course, it's good to get rid of nuclear weapons, but this is not the time to talk politics. Bush and Yeltsin need to discuss how to fix

our economy," said Mikhail Fyodorov, an automotive worker.

Fyodorov was one of hundreds of people who caught a glimpse of Bush's motorcade as it whizzed along Leningradsky Prospekt into downtown Moscow for the start of the hastily arranged two-day summit to sign the START II arms control treaty.

For ordinary Muscovites in the middle of a holiday weekend, it was a no-frills welcome.

Except for the extra soldiers dressed in black sheepskin coats on the motorcade route ensuring

security, it was hard to tell Bush and Yeltsin were holding a summit.

Unlike past meetings in the capital, no Russian and U.S. flags flew along the route. Some people thought the summit was still being held in Sochi, unaware that the site was suddenly shifted to Moscow because of bad weather in the Black Sea resort.

Still others thought Bush already was ex-president and wondered why Bill Clinton wasn't in town.

"I don't get it. America just elected Clinton as president and

they are still sending us Bush," said Ivan Belov, a retired lathe operator.

Nevertheless, he raised his mitted hand in the minus-13-degree weather and waved energetically at the motorcade in the late afternoon dusk.

Their thoughts were never far away from Russia's bitter economic woes.

"I hope Bush will speak to Yeltsin about our economy. America promised us a lot of help, but we haven't gotten it all. We don't need food or clothes, but we

need help to get production going," said Klara Shmitovskaya.

Bush zoomed by the watch factory where Mrs. Shmitovskaya worked for 42 years. She receives a pension of \$12 a month.

"It's too little — too little for all those years," she said.

On Red Square, workers cleaned up shards of broken champagne bottles and bits of exploded fireworks left over from New Year's Eve celebrations.

Above, the white, blue and red Russian flag snapped smartly over the Kremlin in the biting breeze.

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Fog envelopes Interstate 20 and a water tower in the background Saturday morning during a recent cold spell. Over the holiday weekend, Big Spring has seen a mixture of rain, ice, fog, wind and cold.

Weather creates problems for motorists

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

In Howard County, 1992 ended with harsh icy weather resulting in minor accidents in the county.

Thursday morning temperatures plunged as much as 20 degrees in the area. The lower temperatures were accompanied by freezing rain.

RELATED STORY — 2A

"Most of the heavy ice problems occurred in the north South Plains, but Big Spring and the surrounding area had some icy conditions," said Mike Gillispie, National Weather Service meteorologist in Lubbock. "Temperatures in North Texas dropped about 10 degrees in two hours. Big Spring temperatures dropped about 20 degrees because of the system arriving later in the day." The system causing the icy con-

ditions was a blast of arctic wind from the north and a subtropical moisture system colliding, Gillispie said. The system moved out into the Gulf of Mexico Friday.

The continued cool temperatures are the result of weaker system moving in from the Rocky Mountains, Gillispie said. It may bring more showers, but the temperatures should rise, he said.

The inclement weather resulted in minor accidents, but did cause three vehicles to strike the same guard rail within an hour and half Thursday.

The Big Spring Police Department reported three accidents at the off-ramp of Interstate 20 at mile marker 177 listing weather as a factor.

The first accident occurred at 8:58 a.m. Thursday when the driver of a 1987 Toyota lost control of the vehicle skidding into the guard rail.

The second accident occurred at 10:05 a.m. with similar cir-

cumstances. The last accident occurred 20 minutes later with the driver losing control of his 1987 Ford skidding into the guardrail.

It was reported that an unknown substance was also on the roadway.

Minutes away from the New Year at 11:58 p.m., the driver of a 1987 Chevrolet, who was northbound on the 2600 block of S. Gregg Street, lost control of his vehicle hitting a sign post at the intersection of the 2500 block of S. Gregg Street and 200 block of W. Marcy Drive.

No injuries were reported at any of the accident scenes.

The Howard County Sheriff's office did not report any weather-related accidents. The Texas Department of Public Safety was not able to be reached Saturday.

"It's been unusually quiet," said Barney Edens, county sheriff deputy.

Program offers new venues for students

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Because the professional career market in the United States has reached saturation, local educators are implementing a program called Tech-Prep for 1993-94.

The purpose of the program will be to enhance the prospects of vocational occupations as career pathways, said local school and business officials.

This month and February, educators will begin telling students about the Tech-Prep option, starting in the fall.

Tech-Prep links high school and two-year college programs to provide academic and vocational preparation for mid-level technology careers in industrial engineering, business, health and public service field.

"Our nation and our state are at a crossroads where we have to choose between high skills or low wages. Business and industry want high skills," said Johnnie Lou Avery, owner of the consulting firm, Avery and Associates. She also will be involved in the implementation of the local program.

"Business and industry has a vital role up-front to play in Tech-Prep," Avery added. "Taking students beyond the classroom to explore the work world (applied methodology) helps correct preconceived notions, misconceptions and helps build practical and realistic ideas about what is expected of them when they finish their education."

Avery along with other business leaders, school officials at the local high school and college level are cooperating to kick off the program aimed at setting students on their career paths as early as junior high school.

According to the a 1991 report from the U.S. Department of Labor, more than half of the nation's student leave school without the knowledge or foundation re-

quired to find and hold a job.

At Big Spring High School, a new vocational position will allow educators to work hands on with students to give them the tools they need to find and hold jobs, said Loren Spencer, BSHS vocational director.

"Twenty percent of students are college prep, 20 percent are occupational prep, so there is 40-50 percent not being prepared," Spencer said. "There is such a big move to apply academic methodology to vocational education — like giving math real-world meaning."

Keith Bagnall, BSHS vocational career services coordinator, said his position (created in 1992) will be to work hands on with students.

"We need to listen to the needs of business and industry and as educators, meet those needs," he said. "We're still at the planning stages, but I will start meeting with vocational and academic teachers to combine their expertise."

Shirley Shroyer, dean of vocation-technical education, said HC plays a pivotal role in absorbing the students that are targeted for Tech-Prep.

"We can get students ready for high-skilled occupations allowing them to get into the workplace well-prepared after high school or to continue studies which can lead to an associates degree," Shroyer said.

The program at the high school level will combine one-on-one counseling, business mentors and intensive academic, interpersonal and technical skills, officials said.

The program will also integrate speaking, interpersonal, communication, self-management and job search skills into Tech-Prep pathway courses.

Avery added, "Tech-Prep is the springboard for bringing education and business together to improve the workforce."

Tech-Prep has been im-

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Texas

Frigid weather blamed for six highway deaths

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Icy roads wreaked havoc across Texas Friday, causing traffic accidents from the Texas Panhandle to Fort Worth. Frigid weather conditions were blamed for at least six highway deaths and another accident involving a bus carrying a Louisiana church group.

Freezing rain pelted the state late Thursday and early Friday, as temperatures slipped into the 20's in most areas.

The ice also snapped tree limbs and power lines, causing scattered power outages in North and West Texas.

Texas A&M and Notre Dame

took to the wet field in Dallas for the Cotton Bowl, with gusts of 17 mph and freezing drizzle Friday afternoon.

Several flights were canceled at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport because of the icy conditions. But American Airlines spokesman Al Comeaux said the delays were typical under the conditions.

"But for the rest of the afternoon, we will be running about 50 or 60 minutes late," Comeaux said.

A bus carrying a church group home from a ski trip went off an icy road and overturned about 10 miles north of Dalhart on Friday, injuring several passengers, officials

said.

The bus, carrying 47 people, was chartered by Trinity Heights Baptist Church of Shreveport, La. It slid off icy U.S. Highway 87 around 8:30 a.m., the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Dalhart is about 75 miles northwest of Amarillo.

Pastor's secretary Dot Ritch said the young adults had gone to Glenwood Springs, Colo., to ski. The group left Shreveport on Dec. 26, Ms. Ritch said.

Several other vehicles also went off the road after the bus rolled on its side.

Five people were in satisfactory condition Friday afternoon at Coon

Memorial Hospital in Dalhart, said administrator Larry Baggett.

Alan Rock, a church youth worker who was driving the van, said people in the Panhandle community were offering food and shelter to the group.

Lunch was served at the Dalhart Fire Department, while other officials were making plans to host the group for the evening, Rock said.

"If you have to crash someplace, I guess Dalhart, Texas, is the place to do it. The whole community has opened up," Rock said.

One man was killed Friday morning in Fort Worth as he got out of his car on a busy street, said

dispatcher Tom Branton.

Carlos Acosta, 23, of Fort Worth, was struck by another vehicle, according to the Fort Worth medical examiner's office.

Another incident in Fort Worth had one car veering off an icy road and into a creek, Branton said.

No one was killed in the incident, and no further information was available, police said.

In Amarillo, slick roads led to two separate 10-car pileups on Interstate 40. The first accident occurred around 2:30 a.m. when one driver lost control of his vehicle and flipped over on the highway.

The second happened about an hour later when a police car parked

behind a stalled truck was struck from behind by another vehicle.

Parts of the Panhandle and North Texas were under a freezing rain advisory through Friday night.

Cloudy skies and drizzle dominated South Texas, with fog reducing visibility along the lower Gulf Coast.

Two Amarillo residents died following a two-car collision before 9 a.m., according to police reports.

Jefferson Henry Hawthorne, 36, died at St. Anthony's Hospital and Teressa Ann Hawthorne, 31, died at the accident scene when her vehicle hit another car, according to police reports.

Historic store closed by TPWD

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PINE SPRINGS — The operator of an historic store in the remote Guadalupe Mountains National Park has closed the store, blaming intimidation from the National Park Service.

Goodi Sanders put a sign in the window of the Pine Spring Cafe which read "closed" Friday. But she was there, carrying on what she called a "silent vigil."

Sanders earlier had said she would keep the store open in defiance of the order to close, but said she changed her mind when the park threatened to cite owner Mary Hinson, who is elderly and in poor health.

"If it was just me, I'd go to court in a heartbeat," said Sanders, who for the last five years has run the store for Hinson. "But I don't think Mary's heart could stand it."

"This is the third time since the 1982 death of Hinson's mother, Bertha Glover, that the park has ordered the store closed."

The park condemned and bought the property from Hinson's parents in the 1970s with the agreement that they could continue to operate it during their lifetimes.

However, publicity sympathetic to Hinson has twice prompted the Interior Department to intervene to keep the store open.

Hinson was ordered by Park Superintendent Larry Henderson in December to cease operations by the end of the year and to have all her belongings out by Jan. 17.

Hinson's lawyer is contesting that order.

In the meantime, Sanders said: "We're not going to do anything unlawful if we can help it. That would put us in the wrong."

Her plan, she said, was to "lay low" inside the store in case a motorist needing gas should stop there. If one does, she said, she will explain that she can't sell any gas without the park's permission.

Employees at the Park headquarters were unaware of Sanders' presence at the store, which sits across the highway from the park.

"The store is closed, as far as I know," said Richard McCamant, chief of interpretation and visitor services.

He said that if the store opens, Sanders and Hinson will be cited for illegally operating a business on National Park Service property.



Courthouse fire
Firefighters battle a blaze engulfing the century-old Hill Country Courthouse Friday in Hillsboro. Officials believe the fire, which started in the district attorney's office, recently rewired. The historical courthouse had been closed for the holidays.

Bloody new year in Houston

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Houston's homicide statistics hit a four-year low in 1992, recording just over 500 slayings compared with 671 in 1991.

But 1993 got off to a bloody start in the Bayou City with five people killed here and a sixth in nearby Baytown in the first four hours of the new year.

A sixth Houston resident, a 15-year-old boy, died early Saturday after being shot by a police officer late Friday during a family disturbance.

"Alcohol, guns and macho don't mix," Houston police homicide Sgt. A.J. Toepel said. "People just get out there and get drunk. They're not thinking right. They say something that makes somebody mad, and instead of fists start flying, bullets start flying."

The shooting began just after midnight Friday when a group celebrating the new year at an apartment complex fired .25-caliber automatic pistols into the air about 25 times, police said.

At the same time, two men were arguing at the same complex about a woman both men were dating. During the confrontation, the brother of one of the men heard the gunfire and believed his brother

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Sgt. A.J. Toepel
Houston police homicide

was in danger. He came out of his apartment with an automatic pistol and approached the two men.

Nearby celebrants Juan Francisco Orellana, 28, and Jose Pena, meanwhile, had just emerged from another apartment as the brother began firing and struck the two bystanders. The brothers fled the scene, Orellana and Pena were killed and the other man who had been involved in the argument was shot in the hand.

In a second Houston incident, Leonard Roy Johnson, 21, was fatally shot at 1:30 a.m. Friday while standing in the parking lot of a nightclub.

Witnesses told police Johnson had been involved in a dispute inside the club with another man, who waited outside and shot

Johnson in the back as he left the nightclub. The suspect was still at large Saturday.

Fidel Villanueva, 26, also was fatally shot after a parking lot altercation. Sgt. Ken Williamson said a man involved in a fender-bender in an apartment complex with a relative of Villanueva returned to the scene with friends and fought with family members. Villanueva was shot in the chest and the suspects fled.

Also in Houston, James Shields, 33, allegedly was fatally beaten by his two teen-aged stepsons after he returned home from a New Year's Eve party and began fighting with the boys' mother.

Houston police Sgt. S.H. Kennedy said Shields was intoxicated when he returned home about 2:30 a.m.

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Ice covers the Plains

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freezing rain turned the Plains into a skating rink Saturday. Slick roads caused countless traffic accidents and the National Guard opened armories to house hundreds of stranded travelers.

The storm spread a sheet of ice from Oklahoma to Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Illinois, making driving all but impossible on many roads.

At least nine deaths in Texas and Oklahoma since Thursday night have been blamed on the storm.

Flights at the Kansas City airport were delayed up to eight hours on Saturday. On Friday, two Boeing 737 jets slid off the runway while taxiing at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, causing no injuries but delaying flights.

A 40-vehicle pileup Saturday in Chicago sent as many as 20 people to hospitals, authorities said. Police weren't saying whether the accident was weather-related, but the National Weather Service had warned of treacherous driving conditions.

Twenty-two cars piled up on Interstate 35 near Kansas City, Mo., late Friday, while 35 cars collided on I-35 near Oklahoma City.

No deaths were reported in those accidents.

A 50-mile stretch of I-35 in Kansas, from Ottawa to Emporia, was closed until noon Saturday and 75 motorists traveling the stretch were housed overnight in the Kansas National Guard armory at Ottawa, officials said.

"We provided blankets, sleeping bags, and we even went out to the store this morning and cooked them eggs and bacon, coffee and juice," said National Guard Capt. Aaron Bien. "We tried to make them feel as comfortable as possible."

When lunchtime rolled around and the travelers were still stranded, restaurants donated pizza.

Sgt. Ronald Bolsinger, his wife and three children took refuge in the armory shortly after midnight.

"There was a long line of cars not going anywhere," he said.

A Red Cross chapter in northern Oklahoma opened a National Guard armory for 96 stranded motorists after full hotels turned them away.

At midday Saturday, temperatures rose above freezing and the ice began to melt. "But there's so much ice on the ground it's going to take some time," said Don Rogers, a weather service meteorologist in Topeka, Kan.

Kavin Marcum, a firefighter in Arkansas City, Kan., near the Oklahoma line, said: "We were hearing about it down in Oklahoma. Everybody off the roads; and the next thing we could hear ice pelting the building. ... By the time we got the (next) fire call, the streets were slick and the fire trucks were sliding. It was terrible."

In Northern California, storm clouds gave way to sunny skies as residents worked to clear snow from streets and rooftops in anticipation of another storm, expected early next week.



Marsha Day of Danville, Calif., crouches as she walks under snowladen branches at a Pollock Pines home. A strong Sierra storm dumped more than a foot of snow in an hour New Year's Day, closing major trans-Sierra highways and stranding motorists in Northern California.

Fiber optic break stalls Dante's trip

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENBELT, Md. — Technicians raced against severe Antarctic weather Saturday in an effort to restore control over the robot Dante, stalled in its exploration of an active volcano at the bottom of the world.

The cable linked the 8-foot-high spider robot to a control hut and may have to be replaced with cable not immediately available on the icy continent, said Goddard Space Flight Center spokeswoman Barbara Selby.

"The problem is what to do about it," she said. "They may have to get new cable to Antarctica ... and that could take several days."

Scientists in the laboratories outside Washington were monitoring activities in Antarctica via periodic satellite hookups to Dante and the hut from which the mechanical creature was to be controlled.

The robot, named for the main character in the "Divine Comedy" by 14th century Italian poet Dante Alighieri, was stalled 21 feet down into the crater of Mount Erebus. In Greek mythology, Erebus is the last stop before Hades.

Scientists at first thought the problem was in a computer which controls the robot, but later discovered a break in the fiber optic cable, Selby said.

She said the cable, which cannot be readily spliced, apparently was kinking at several points as it was unrolled, and the break occurred at one of those points.

Because of increasingly severe weather conditions, scientists have to complete the project and leave the area by Jan. 15, she said.

In the first session of satellite monitoring Saturday, scientists at Goddard got a relatively dull view of the mountain from a camera in the hut. Before the craft stopped moving on Friday, they had been viewing scenes from a camera attached to the robot. Dante remained perched 21 feet down into the crater.

"It is not moving," said Selby. "They're working on the problem."

The setback dampened initial enthusiasm over the descent into the volcano.

Dante, laden with scientific gear and cameras, was to have started its venture into the volcano's crater Thursday morning, directed by researchers in the hut more than a mile away. But weather and the restive volcano interfered.

A minor eruption shook Mount Erebus as Dante sat at the rim of the crater Thursday. The robot wasn't damaged, but clouds of gases made it hard to see.

NASA scientists decided to wait until the air cleared before allowing the robot to lower itself on the fiber-optic umbilical 700 feet down the side of the crater.

They hoped for Dante to spend three days in the volcano.

EPA reverses OK of untested pesticide

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The head of an environmental group criticized the government Saturday for allowing use of an unregistered pesticide by grape growers in California and Arizona.

Jay Feldman, executive director of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, called the action taken last month one of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William K. Reilly's "parting political gifts to the pesticide lobby."

The pesticide, hydrogen cyanamide, can be used to promote uniform ripening of next spring's crop, said EPA assistant administrator Linda Fisher in a telephone interview.

She said it had been used for several years under previous "emergency use" declarations based on showings by the grape industry that it was needed to avert economic losses.

A California state application for its use in 1992 was denied, however, and the agency's pesticide office had refused use again for next year. Reilly reversed that decision, Ms. Fisher said, after the manufacturer completed necessary tests to register the product.

She said that although a full review had not been completed, there was no evidence of a health or environmental risk from the chemical itself.

She said the agency grants about 350 emergency exemptions for chemical use each year, but they normally are not renewed for more than two additional years. The exemptions have to be based on a legitimate crisis, she said.

Feldman said hydrogen cyanamide did not qualify for emergency use. Growers in the Coachella and Cadiz valleys of California and Arizona were developing new growing areas to compete with Mexican producers, he said.

They need the chemical to ensure that their crops mature at a time when the market is not flooded with Mexican grapes, he said.

"This is an attempt to beat out the competition and get a competitive price for grapes and does not qualify" for EPA emergency relief, he said.

Farm unions have accused farmers of using the chemical to break their unions, since it reduces the manual labor needed to harvest the crop.

IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES - 1993

Important tax filing deadlines are approaching. Cut and save this checklist of the most common filing requirements for businesses and individuals.

January 15 — Due date for the fourth installment of 1992 estimated income tax for individuals.

February 1 — Employers must furnish W-2 statements to employees; T099 information statements must be furnished to payees by businesses, banks, brokers, etc.

February 1 — Employers must file 1992 federal unemployment tax returns and pay any tax due.

February 1 — Those who employ household help (gardeners, housekeepers, babysitters, etc.) and pay \$50 or more a quarter in wages must file Form 942.

March 1 — Businesses must file information returns (such as 1099s) with the IRS. (Magnetic media filing is required for 250 or more returns.) Employers must send W-2 copies to the Social Security Administration.

March 1 — Farmers and fishermen who did not make 1992 estimated tax payments must file their 1992 tax returns and pay any taxes due.

March 15 — 1992 calendar-year corporation income tax returns are due.

April 15 — 1992 individual income tax returns are due unless an automatic extension is requested (Form 4868).

April 15 — 1992 partnership information returns are due.

April 15 — Deadline for making 1992 IRA contributions.

April 15 — First installment of 1993 individual estimated tax is due.

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

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Thanks for the Christmas help

As we all know the United States has taken the lead making sure relief supplies are gotten to their destination in Somalia.

And, it is good to know those thousands of people dying daily in Somalia are getting the food and medical supplies they need. What's hard to imagine is their leaders allowing their people to die. What would they have left to rule?

But, we want to take this time to thank those who looked closer to home to find someone in need to help.

People who took an angel off an Angel Tree to provide a needy child with something for Christmas.

The Boy Scouts who collected food for distribution to needy families.

People who donated, in whatever amounts, to Salvation Army kettles.

People who found time to provide meals for homeless people in town.

People who donated to the various food drives around town, the food of which went to local families.

And, to the many other service organizations who did what was needed to help others at this time of year.

While it is good to help those around the world who can't help themselves, sometimes the best reward is helping a neighbor or someone local who can use the help.

So, thanks to all of you who helped to make this Christmas season just a little brighter for someone for whom the light was burning dimly.



This date in history

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Jan. 3, the third day of 1993. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 3, 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. (Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them

back after a 74-day war.)

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and spelled the end of the military rulers known as "shoguns."

In 1892, J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Victor Borge is 84. Consumer reporter Betty Furness is 77. Former U.S. ambassador Vernon Walters is 76. Singer Maxene Andrews is 75. Actor Jesse White is 74. Sportscaster Hank Stram is 70. Record producer George Martin is 67. Actor Robert Loggia is 63. Actor Eddie Egan is 63. Actor Dabney Coleman is 61. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 57. Hockey hall-of-famer Bobby Hull is 54. Musician Stephen Stills is 48. Actress Victoria Principal is 43. Actor Mel Gibson is 37.

Letters

Local health service is commended

I have never written a letter to the Editor before but there are some things I would like to say concerning our health care in Big Spring.

I was admitted to the emergency room at S.M.M.C. recently. It was around 10 p.m., and I have never seen any more efficient nurses, therapists, or doctors than I saw working in the Emergency Room that night. All of them knew their jobs and they saw me within minutes after I arrived there. After they finished running

tests, an EKG and x-rays, they called Dr. Stokes, my physician, and he advised them on what to do and told them to move me to ICU and he would be right there.

I was transferred to ICU and received the same efficient care. The nurses were caring and attentive. After 24 hours there, I was transferred to a private room and the 2nd floor nursing staff was equally as efficient.

We hear criticism about our health care here, but I find it as good as health care anywhere, and I've seen the health care in some of the largest hospitals in the country. I realize we do not have specialists in some fields, but I am confident that my doctors, Stokes, Porter and Reddy, would send me to another specialist if they felt I needed one.

How would Big Spring like to see the newspaper print, "Hospital Closing due to Vacant Rooms?" We need to use our beautiful hospital here instead of going out of town. Think about it, because a sick person might not always have time to get to Midland or Lubbock. I believe that when it comes to hospital care, I will "Shop Big Spring first!"

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John H. Walker is on vacation. His column will return again Wednesday.

Our moral obligation to stop Serbia



Hodding Carter III

The old president and the new president — and the nation they represent — stand at a moment of decision that few of us anticipated or welcome. How and when we choose to act in the tortured land that was once Yugoslavia will determine not only the fate of millions of people there, but quite likely of millions more in lands as far distant as the Indian subcontinent and the Eurasian land mass of what was once the Soviet Union. It will also reveal the nature and quality of our national conscience.

The issue is simple. Are we going to stand by and allow the continued mass murder of Bosnians by Serbs, and after them quite probably of Croats and Albanians and Hungarians and Macedonians living in the newly separated ethnic enclaves of the old Yugoslavia?

The resolution is not simple and it will not be cost free, whatever its nature. Having dithered and delayed for so long, it is no longer possible to envision a peaceful or tidy outcome, short of appeasement and capitulation to what the "realists" already pronounce as inevitable. Most of the guns and armaments of a once formidable national Yugoslav army are in the hands of the Serbs. Much of the territory of the former Yugoslavia is also. The historic hatreds that impel the Serbs are fierce; their sense that their cause is just may be irrational but it is no less deep-rooted.

Nor is there much taste for a military showdown with the Serbs among our European allies, the

nations that logically should be taking the lead in forcing a solution. They have lost the habit of decisive leadership when the subject is war or peace.

It has been a long time since any of them fought anything larger than a police action or comic opera war, as with the British exercise against Argentina in the Falklands. The French bled over Indochina and Algeria, but that was over a generation ago. Germany, bound by the constraints of history, by its neighbors' barely submerged suspicions and its own laws, would face a severe political crisis if the Kohl government actually tried to go to war, no matter how noble the cause.

Though Serbia has committed aggression against other sovereign states, a clear violation of the United Nations Charter, it is inconceivable that the United Nations would field a force on its own. Incapable even of protecting relief workers against the kind of minor-league marauders present in Somalia, it has neither the resources nor the backbone to move forcefully against Serbia unless the United States is in the forefront.

All of which leads to the same conclusion. To the extent anything

is going to be done to save Bosnia's people and contain imperial Serbia's ambitions, it can and will be done only if the United States takes the lead.

The arguments for doing so are as plain as the U.N. Charter, as humanity itself and as self-interest. On the latter, one simple point. The kind of "new world chaos" foreshadowed by Serbia's "ethnic cleansing" is a world out of control, one made safe for predators and insecure for all others. Such a world is particularly ungenial to economic cooperation and economic development. And yet Serbia's example, unchecked, will be a tempting one for voracious demagogues and angry nationalist groups around the world. It unfortunately already is of great interest to the least savory of the factions maneuvering for control in Russia.

As for the appeal to humanity, we ignore it at great peril. There will be no excuse of ignorance this time, an excuse that was no more than a fig leaf for many American officials during the Holocaust but that was a reality for the vast majority of their fellow-Americans. No, this time we will all be complicit in the shedding of innocent blood, because we are all only too aware of what is transpiring in the Balkans. The phrase "moral monster" was invented to describe what we will become if we continue to stand by as observers while the slaughter unfolds.

It is worth noting that, retroactive scorn notwithstanding, cir-

cumstances seemed no less murky and the options equally unappealing to those who sought to appease Hitler. Men no less sophisticated and decent than the statesmen who now advise us to steer clear of military involvement thought that reason clearly dictated accession to Germany's rape of Czechoslovakia in 1938.

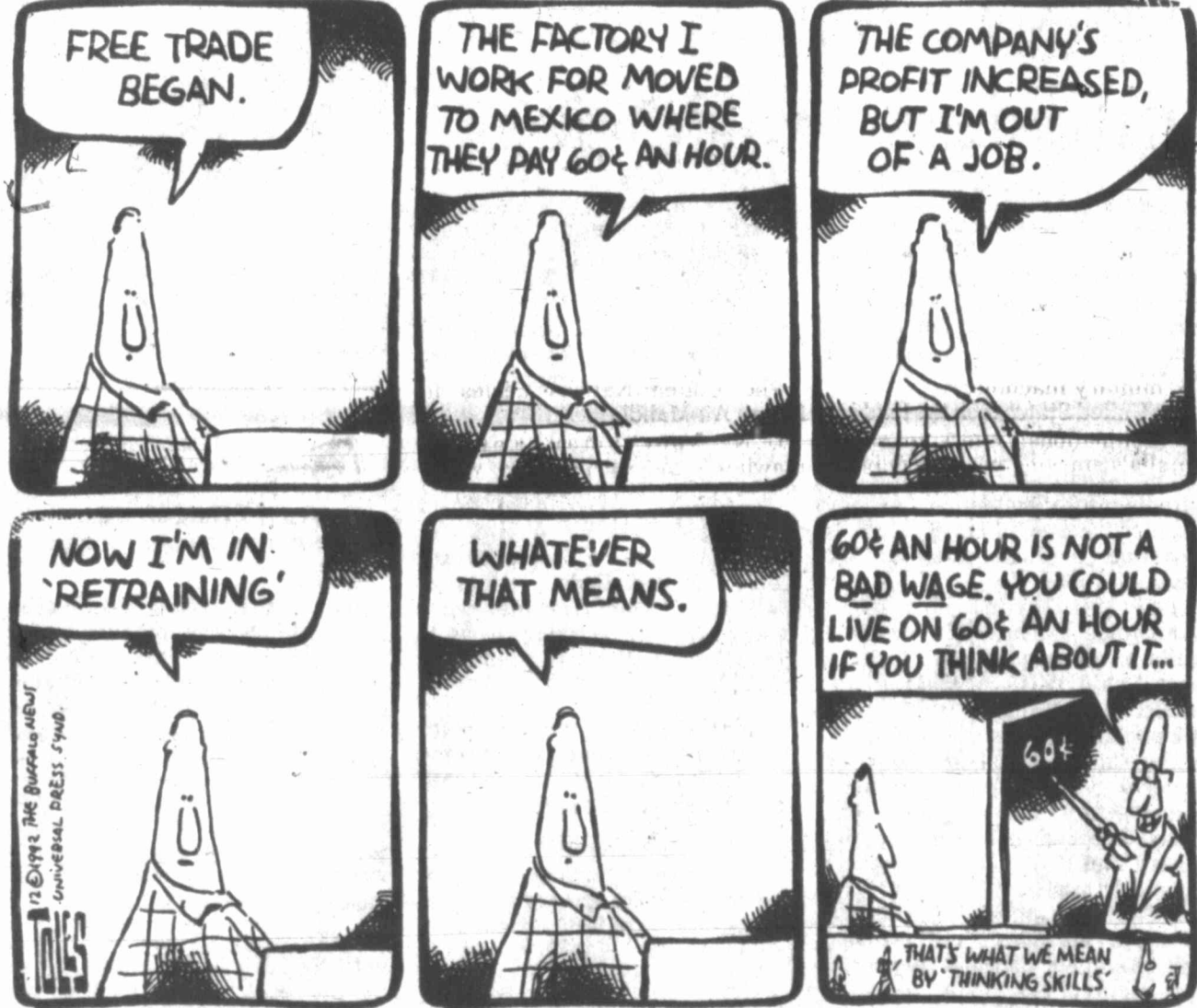
The truth, now as it was then, is that to stand firm is to risk much, including a war whose cost could be high to all its participants. But, just as in 1938, to back away is to guarantee a much higher cost in blood and treasure in the future, as well as shame and dishonor.

It is our responsibility as a great power to lead. That means at the United Nations. That means within NATO. That means within the nation of Bosnia, a land we have recognized diplomatically and to which we owe more than a mournful burial.

The first order of business is to give adequate arms to the Bosnians so that they can better defend themselves. But the need for military intervention by U.S.-led forces may lie at the end of the road despite anything else we do. If that is what it takes, then that is what the president of the United States should go to the Congress and country to recommend.

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Special prosecutors law is facing harsh scrutiny

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — When Congress sets about reviving the law for special prosecutors in alleged high-level wrongdoing, it's going to be some show — big names in bitter dispute over the Iran-Contra case and President Bush's pardons.

Senate and House hearings on a new version of the independent counsel law that expired Dec. 15 probably will be the forum for the first official look at those prosecutions and the six Christmas Eve pardons that infuriated the special prosecutor, Lawrence E. Walsh. Senior Republicans were no less angry at a Walsh operation they said had become a political attack on Bush.

The special prosecutor law dated from 1978, a post-Watergate reform measure enacted on the premise that there is a conflict of interest in having the Justice Department oversee prosecutions against officials of the same administration.

There have been 11 independent counsels, all but two of them named to investigate cases involving Republicans, simply because the system was set up to deal with the executive branch they have controlled for 12 years.

Power shifts to the Democrats on Jan. 20. And that would seem to shift the political incentive for renewal as well. Republican opposition in the Senate barred the extension of the independent counsel law last fall; sponsors

said they'd be back in 1993.

A Democratic administration would be the target of any special prosecutors in the next four years, and that presumably will alter GOP attitudes.

Still, Republican anger over the six-year, \$32 million Iran-Contra case and its 1992 campaign fallout — a 1986 memo damaging to Bush was released the Friday before the election — is going to be a factor in the renewal debate.

There's talk of changing the system to make future prosecutors accountable for their operations and subject to limits on their spending. As the system has operated, they are court appointed, then independent. An attorney general can fire a special prosecutor for misconduct, subject to court review.

President-elect Clinton has said he favors renewal of the independent counsel law. He also has expressed concern at any appearance growing out of the Bush pardons that government officials are beyond the law.

Bush said nobody should read that into his pardons of former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and five other Iran-Contra defendants. "Nobody is above the law," he said Wednesday.

The president also hired a lawyer. Walsh said after the pardons that Bush was a subject of the investigation for failing to turn over all of his notes. He accused Bush of misconduct and cover-up.

"Whether criminal or not, it

shows the ethics of the administration in a way that I could not have demonstrated," Walsh said in a Dec. 26 interview with The Washington Post.

Weinberger said Walsh's accusations were scurrilous and called the whole special prosecution system un-American. "If he should find some letter from President Bush to Gov. Clinton in four or five years, he may still be in operation," Weinberger added in a Monday ABC-TV interview. "He is ... out of control, has operated from completely political motives and has attempted to coerce false testimony."

Walsh said the Weinberger pardon completed a six-year cover-up and showed "that powerful people with powerful allies can commit serious crimes in high office ... without consequence."

Bush said the complaint that he believed some people were the law was stupid.

That's the first installment, with more to come. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said the case and the pardons would be reviewed when he holds Senate hearings on the independent counsel bill, although he called that the second best forum and said it should have been played out in court.

He said Walsh and Weinberger are among the witnesses his panel will want to hear.

In addition, whatever Walsh decides about further prosecution efforts, he has a final report to file when he's done.

We asked:

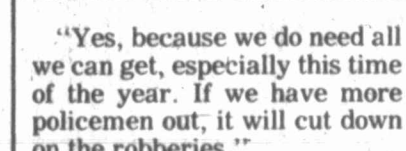
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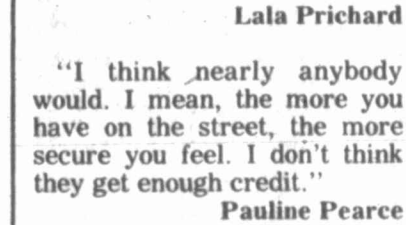
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"Yes, because we do need all we can get, especially this time of the year. If we have more policemen out, it will cut down on the robberies."

Lala Prichard

"I think nearly anybody would. I mean, the more you have on the street, the more secure you feel. I don't think they get enough credit."

Pauline Pearce

"Not a bit. Either way, they're still going to be short-handed. I think it's ridiculous to have cut the police officers they did in the first place."

Tom Allen

"I don't think it would make me feel any more secure. There are no police that patrol on my street anyway. At least I haven't seen them."

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World

Israel, Lebanon at odds over aid

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Saturday he wants to meet with President-elect Clinton before the Mideast peace talks reconvene to determine whether the men share the same approach to the negotiations.

Rabin, speaking in an interview on army radio, also repeated his belief that negotiations would resume despite angry reactions to Israel's deportation of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon on Dec. 17.

Lebanon has refused to take the men, and they remain in a makeshift camp between Lebanese forces and Israel's self-styled security zone in south Lebanon. On Saturday, some of them dined on snakes because their food supplies were running low.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, reiterated in an interview with a Paris magazine that the PLO will return to the table — but only if Israel reverses the deportation.

The next round of the U.S.-brokered negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors is to begin in Washington sometime in February, Rabin told army radio he hoped to meet with Clinton



A Palestinian deportee washes pots and pans outside his tent in a makeshift camp in the no-man-land in southern Lebanon Saturday. Lebanon and

Israel remained deadlocked over where relief supplies to the 415 men should come from.

first. The United States, which gives Israel over \$3 billion a year in aid, is the Jewish state's most powerful benefactor.

Israel deported the 415 Palestinians from the occupied territories for alleged membership in radical Muslim organizations. Israel blames Muslim fundamentalists in

the slayings of six troopers. The International Red Cross said Saturday that "technical problems" had delayed the repatriation of 10 deportees Israel says were mistakenly expelled.

Lebanon and Israel remain deadlocked over where relief supplies for the remaining 405 men should come from. Both have re-

jected pleas by the Red Cross to allow a medical convoy to reach the men.

Rabin turned down the request in a meeting Friday with Reto Meister, head of the Red Cross delegation in Tel Aviv, said the prime minister's spokesman, Oded Ben Ami.

Front lines are far from Geneva talks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — For the railroad conductor, the night watchman and the high school student — Bosnian soldiers on the front line — the Geneva talks on ways to end their war could be taking place on another planet.

"There have been talks here and there since this war started, and nothing has made any difference," said Alija Kukulj, a 42-year-old railroad conductor intent on cleaning a light machine gun.

He expressed the general sentiment of the 400,000-odd residents of Sarajevo, who are entering their ninth month of siege by Serb forces and getting weary of seemingly futile negotiations for peace.

U.N.-mediated peace talks were underway in Geneva on Saturday between leaders of the Bosnian government, Croats and rebel Serbs. Mediators have suggested dividing the state into 10 autonomous provinces.

In Sarajevo, the great majority favors ending a U.N.-mandated arms embargo against Bosnia-Herzegovina and, failing that, Western military intervention to stop the war.

Kukulj volunteered for sniper duty in the Bosnian army in May, less than a month after Serb forces attacked Sarajevo. Bosnian Croats and Muslims had voted for independence from Yugoslavia in February.

He and the eight other men in his unit wait in an abandoned house in

the farming suburb of Stup on the westernmost edge of Sarajevo, 300 yards from the front line along the Dobrinja River. On the other side are the Serb forces.

None is a professional soldier, and none received any special training other than the compulsory 18 months of military service in the army of the former Yugoslavia years ago.

Their job is to defend against a Serb attack and to interdict supply lines from Serb-held Hidza, a former Roman bath and outlying suburb, to the Serb-held neighborhood of Nedzarici to the east.

Less than 300 yards away, U.N. relief flights land and take off from Sarajevo airport.

"Until a week ago when I was still a civilian, I would tell my family: you can sleep easily at night, the army is at work," laughed Hassan Akmed Hodzic, a 50-year-old night watchman. "Now that I am in the army, I tell them better to stay awake."

Of the nine men in the smoke-filled room, six are Muslims, two are originally from Montenegro — the only other republic in Yugoslavia besides Serbia — and one is a 19-year-old Serb high school student from Sarajevo, who volunteered April 15.

Their base camp is a house where a family of Serb truck farmers lived until August. Orthodox icons decorate a corner of the main room.

U.S. cutting troop commitment to Somalia; Irish worker killed

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The U.S. military said Saturday it is cutting its troop commitment to Somalia by 4,000 and turning more of the front-line duties in the war against Somalia's famine over to its allies.

In the southern port of Kismayu, an Irish-born UNICEF worker was shot and killed, said UNICEF spokesman Peter McDermott. He was the second foreign UNICEF worker slain in the past 12 months in Somalia.

McDermott, speaking from UNICEF headquarters in New York, said Sean Devereux, 28, was shot in the back of the head while he was walking from a UNICEF office.

Meanwhile, one of the country's principal warlords appeared to be waffling on attending a preliminary peace conference next week, a meeting seen as crucial to the rebuilding of the shattered, starving nation.

Marine Col. Fred Peck, a spokesman for the U.S.-led military coalition, said American commanders had decided to halt the marching orders of 4,000 soldiers slated to be shipped to Somalia.

That would reduce the U.S. commitment from the 28,000 troops the Pentagon originally said it would send to 24,000, a reduction made possible by what Peck called the "tremendous response" of other nations.

Twenty other nations have sent more than 7,000 soldiers to Somalia, and thousands more have been promised.

On Saturday, for example, about 300 soldiers from Turkey arrived at Mogadishu's port with armored

personnel carriers and light weaponry. They were to help guard the airport.

Most of the troops from other nations do not have adequate logistical support, and Peck said many units will be supplied by the U.S. military machine.

The United States took the lead in the multinational effort to save Somalia's starving because only it had a floating force of 1,800 Marines ready for such an intervention.

The Marines from the Amphibious Task Force at Camp Pendleton, Calif., first came ashore on Dec. 9, and the American presence has since swelled to more than 19,000 troops from every military branch.

The United States and its allies have turned Mogadishu's once paralyzed international airport into one of Africa's busiest, with dozens of military and chartered planes landing and taking off daily.

After the United States, France has the most troops in Somalia, with 2,545. Italy is third with 2,150, followed by Canada with 1,213.

The United States has made it clear it wants to hand over responsibility for the operation to the United Nations as soon as possible, while continuing to play a strong supporting role.

But one of Somalia's main warlords, Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, wants the United States to stay and lead the rehabilitation effort because he believes the United Nations favors rival warlord Ali Mahdi Mohamed.

On Saturday, Abdulkarem Ahmen Ali, the secretary-general of Aidid's faction of the fractured United Somali Congress, said that for the same reason Aidid also had not made up his mind about atten-

ding the U.N.-sponsored peace conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Monday and Tuesday.

Ali, who said Aidid "would likely" attend, said the United States or Ethiopia should chair the talks, rather than the United Nations.

The United Nations denies it favors Ali Mahdi.

U.N. spokesman Farouk Mawlawi said earlier this week that Aidid had agreed to attend, then reversed himself two days later. Mawlawi called it a setback to the reconciliation process the United Nations has been pursuing for months.

Ali Mahdi, who leads the United Somali Congress' other faction, has agreed to attend the conference, described by Mawlawi as "informal, preparatory talks" aimed at setting up formal peace negotiations within a few months.

The Congress, a political and military organization of the large Hawiye Clan, chased former dictator Mohammed Siad Barre from the capital after a month of heavy fighting in January 1991.

Aidid led the Congress' military wing, and Ali Mahdi was one of the Congress' political leaders and chief financial backers.

But after Siad Barre fled, the two fell out, and their feud turned into open warfare in November 1991. It destroyed what was left of Mogadishu and killed or wounded 30,000 people before ending in March with a U.N.-brokered ceasefire.

The two Mogadishu warlords and others have left Somalia without a central government or law and order. The chaos has aggravated a 2-year-old drought and worsened the famine that already has taken 350,000 lives and threatens 2 million more.

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New Year's rescue

A Memphis, Tenn., Police helicopter hovers near four men on a capsized boat in the Wolf River Friday as a crewman

throws life jackets to the men. The helicopter dragged the men to safety after they spent 45-minutes in the cold water.

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Bank, S&L failures at seven year low

Analysts pessimistic about recovery

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators say 1992 marked the third consecutive decline in bank and savings and loan failures and was the best year for the industries in terms of failures and profits since 1985.

But some private analysts remain pessimistic about the recovery of the nation's deposit-taking institutions, describing 1992 as the eye of a financial hurricane rather than the end of the storm that soaked financial institutions through the mid- and late-1980s. "We're in the middle of a decline and it's going to get worse," said San Francisco economist and writer R. Dan Brumbaugh. "What we're experiencing now ... is an unusual circumstance that is allowing banks to report temporary and perhaps illusory profits."

Regulators said there were 181 failures last year, 122 banks and 59 S&Ls. That's down from 295 in 1991 and less than half the number during the post-Depression peak year of 1989 when 535 financial institu-

tions were declared insolvent. In 1985, 151 banks and S&Ls closed.

"What people don't realize is that the federal government is much further along in dealing with failed financial institutions than is widely realized," said analyst Bert Ely, a consultant to the Association of Bank Holding Companies.

"With the banks, a lot of the remaining problems were cleared up in 1992," he said.

The \$93.8 billion in assets held by 1992's failures — \$46.2 billion for banks and \$47.6 billion for S&Ls — is more than half of the combined total of \$155 billion in 1991.

Brumbaugh and others analysts note that much of the record profits — \$24.1 billion for banks during the first nine months of 1992 and \$4.05 billion for S&Ls — is being driven by the unusually wide gap between short-term and long-term interest rates.

That means financial institutions can pay the lowest rates since the Depression on their deposits and other liabilities and earn, on average, 4.5 percentage points more on their loans, securities and other investments.

"If interest rates were to narrow unexpectedly next year, say by three percentage points, the profitability being reported by banks would decline to very low levels overnight," Brumbaugh said.

He declined to make a prediction for failures in 1993 but said in the long run, unless Congress restructures the financial system, banks and S&Ls will continue to lose ground to less regulated competitors in the insurance and securities industries.

The Office of Thrift Supervision says that 19 S&Ls with \$27 billion in assets are almost sure to fail and that others may as well.

Ely predicts banks holding \$20 billion to \$30 billion in assets will fail this year, while the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is forecasting the failure of 100 to 125 banks with \$76 billion in assets.

But Edward W. Hill, a professor at Cleveland State University, disputed even the FDIC's more pessimistic forecast. Although healthy banks should "sail smoothly and happily on" after the gap between short-term and long-term interest rates narrow, weak

banks won't. He said many weak banks that would have failed in 1992 under less favorable interest-rate conditions still suffer from sour commercial real estate loans.

And although commercial real estate markets across much of the nation have stabilized, Southern California is still hurting. That region may be the next banking trouble spot, succeeding New England a few years ago and Texas before that, Hill said.

The biggest failure of any type of institution in 1992 came at a California S&L on July 10, with the seizure of HomeFed Bank of San Diego and its \$13.6 billion in assets.

The largest commercial banking organization to fail was First City Bancorporation of Houston. Its 20 subsidiary banks with \$8.8 billion in assets were seized Oct. 30. Under the FDIC's accounting procedures, it counted as 20 failures.

The largest single bank failure came at a savings bank, a hybrid institution with characteristics of both a bank and savings and loan. Crossland Savings Bank of Brooklyn, N.Y., with \$7.4 billion in assets was taken over Jan. 24.

Congress back to work on Tuesday

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The 103rd Congress convenes Tuesday, infused with newcomers and eager to prove it heard voters' demands to end years of partisan stalemate once President-elect Clinton takes office.

But Congress and the new president will face formidable problems: reform of the nation's health care system, stimulus for the economy, reining in the deficit and an array of social issues.

"There are obviously going to be differences of opinion, and I expect that Republicans, as is their right, will oppose some of his initiatives," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine said in a telephone interview last week.

"But I'm hopeful that on the important issues of economic growth and dealing with the deficit, health care reform, and others, that we'll be able to get action this Congress."

At the same time, Clinton will be confronted with his own campaign promises, such as a tax break for the middle class. And he will have to decide whether a line-item veto to control spending is worth the battle it will take to overcome strong Senate opposition.

Clinton has promised to send Congress his health-care reform plans within 100 days. Although there is wide agreement something must be done about a system that costs over \$800 billion a year yet leaves 35 million people without coverage, consensus on what to do remains elusive.

Mitchell said he, Clinton and House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt have agreed to work together to try to come up with a health care plan capable of wide support. Mitchell and Gephardt tried without success to forge a health consensus last year.

To buy time on that and other big issues, congressional leaders plan early action on some other bills that were frustrated by President Bush's opposition or veto over the past four years.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said the House would act on new versions of the family and medical leave, easier voter registration, and campaign finance reform — probably in that order.

The House and Senate meet at noon Tuesday to swear in new members and conduct other formalities. Senate committees will begin considering Clinton's Cabinet selections right away, starting with Commerce secretary designate Ron Brown on

Wednesday.

The new Congress will meet for only a couple of days, however, before recessing to await the new president's inauguration on Jan. 20 and the arrival of the first Democratic administration in a dozen years.

The new Congress will be vastly different from the previous one, which was beset by scandal and embarrassment.

There are 110 freshmen in the new House, one-quarter of its membership. The Senate will have six women, including its first black female, Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois.

Blacks, Hispanics and women all have increased numbers. Republicans gained slightly in the House but remain heavily outnumbered by Democrats; the Senate retains its 57-43 Democratic majority.

For all the talk of change in the 1992 elections, the congressional newcomers are hardly the type to rock the boat. Three-quarters of the new members have held elective office before, most in the state legislatures.

Still, there is a widespread determination, forged by the difficult 1992 campaigns, to break the legislative impasse of recent years.

"We've just come out of an election where the voters told us they were fed up with the gridlock, and they want us to agree and move substantive changes in legislation that will fix the economy and straighten the country out," Gephardt said.

In the House, formal election of Foley is the first order of business on Tuesday, followed by the swearing in of members. In the Senate, new members will be sworn in and final committee assignments handed out.

Also on the first day, House members will vote on a new set of rules incorporating some reform-minded changes.

Wary of triggering a bitter fight with Republicans on the very first day, House Democratic leaders were considering backing off their controversial proposal to extend floor voting privileges to five delegates from the District of Columbia and territories — all of them Democrats.

Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia denounced the move as a poisonous and partisan power grab that would pad the Democrats' 82-vote majority by five votes. Many Democrats also question the move.

Lobstermen seek aid for equipment lost in storm

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAUGUS, Mass. — About 200 lobstermen whose traps and nets were destroyed in last month's storm told disaster officials Saturday that many will be forced out of business unless they receive more federal aid.

Lobstermen said the storm was devastating, coming so soon after many went deeply in debt to repair damage from the northeaster of Halloween 1991.

"We mortgaged our homes and our businesses to the hilt," lobsterman Bill Robinson said after the meeting.

"All of a sudden, another blizzard hits, and over 50 percent of our businesses, which provide the money to pay for our homes, are gone. What do we do, go on welfare?" he said.

The storm lashed the Northeast from Dec. 11 to Dec. 13 with driving winds, rain and snow. Damage

estimates ranged from \$6.5 million in Massachusetts to nearly \$300 million in New Jersey and several times that in New York.

Federal officials have declared eight Massachusetts counties disaster areas, making them eligible for 75 percent of the cost of repairs to roads, bridges and buildings.

But the storm wasn't declared a disaster for individuals, so the lobstermen can't receive Small Business Administration assistance, as they did in 1991.

Lobstermen also said this year's catch was off by about 35 percent and warned many may be forced to abandon their livelihood.

Laddie Dexter, president of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association, said federal officials underestimated the storm's effect because shoreline homes and businesses appeared less damaged than in 1991.



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Bottoms up

President George Bush tosses back his glass of vodka along with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, right, at the start of their dinner at the Kremlin in Moscow Saturday. In the background is an antique fresco depicting the 12 apostles of Jesus.

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plemented in 35 states in the last six years.

The program started in North Carolina in 1986 when industry officials approached educators with lists of general skills they expected of vocational workers, Shroyer said.

The groups combined efforts to cut the drop-out rates in half. "They saw a better-prepared work force," Shroyer said.

Funding for the project will be mostly at the federal and local level.

Tech-Prep information committee members are Joe Rhodes, Johnny Moore, Regina Organ, Frank Woodall, Spencer, Gayla Williams, Shroyer and Doris Huibregtse.

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When Bush last visited Moscow for a summit in July 1991, the hammer-and-sickle was flying, Mikhail Gorbachev was president of the Soviet Union, and Russians were still only talking about free-market reforms.

Since then, the Soviet Union has collapsed, Boris Yeltsin has displaced Mikhail Gorbachev in the Kremlin, and Russia is struggling to implement economic changes and abolish seven decades of central controls.

Prices have been freed, but inflation has soared. Production has fallen dramatically, along with living standards. Still, many Russians are more willing to try to make a living without relying only on the state.

Schoolteacher Alexander Ivanov said he thought the START II treaty was "a good thing. The world will be a safer place."

But Ivanov had little time to talk politics near Red Square where he was busy hawking chocolate Santa Clauses from France to supplement his monthly salary of \$15.50.

"If we work hard, we will be better off. Why should I sit around and do nothing. Before the (Communist) Party frowned on this kind of thing and I would have been ashamed to do this. Now we are free."

At Revolution Square subway station, people were busy buying and selling privatization vouchers that can be used to buy shares in companies, hawking gold, and changing rubles for hard currency.

Seeking temporary shelter in the subway were dozens of beggars: old people, invalids and cripples whose meager incomes can't meet their needs.

Subway riders were talking about how to cure New Year's hangovers, the latest round of price increases and the arrival of the invigorating cold weather.

The biting temperatures may make most of the world wince, but Russians love it. Youngsters hauled out their sleds, skates and skis for a holiday weekend of outdoor play in the crunchy snow.

A young soldier stamped his feet to keep warm as he kept watch along the motorcade route.

"It's a good thing they are signing the treaty," he said. "But it sure did wreck my New Year's plans."

Search is resumed for missing catamaran

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — U.S. and Canadian rescuers resumed a search of the North Atlantic on Saturday for a catamaran that disappeared while crossing from Rhode Island to Martinique, the Coast Guard said.

The search for the twin-hulled craft, the L23, and its three-man French crew had been suspended New Year's Day because of bad weather.

The search by Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Canadian Armed Forces planes was covering a 7,200-square mile area, the Coast Guard said. Four planes were taking part. Nothing was found by nightfall.

The vessel, owned by Moorings Co., of Clearwater, Fla., left Portsmouth, R.I., on Dec. 8, one of eight catamarans destined for delivery in Fort-de-France, Martinique. A search began Dec. 28, five days after it failed to make port as scheduled.

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Recycling

Marcia Merrell dumps a sack full of aluminum cans into a recycling bin Saturday afternoon during the monthly Howard County Coalition for the Environment recycling drive at 7th and Scurry streets.

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Splitting Yugoslavia into provinces proposed

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — In the first-ever face-to-face talks between leaders of the three warring ethnic groups in Bosnia, mediators on Saturday proposed splitting the nation into 10 autonomous provinces. But the Serb and Muslim factions did not appear ready to compromise.

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The proposal by U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance and EC envoy Lord Owen came as Washington considered postponing enforcement of a ban on Serb flights over Bosnia-

Herzegovina until mid-January.

Vance, a former U.S. Secretary of State, has opposed military intervention and was racing to achieve a peaceful settlement before it could happen.

"The process we are starting today can make the difference between peace and war, between life and death for thousands of people," Vance said. "Those gathered around the table have it in their power to prevent us from sliding into escalation, or expansion of the conflict."

He said the four-day meeting that began Saturday in the European headquarters of the United Nations was the "best chance for

peace."

But Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said the mediators' map delineating the proposed provinces was "not acceptable" in its current form. The decentralized provinces would require the government to give up its claim to central control over the country.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic described the proposal as "acceptable as a basis for starting the negotiation" but reiterated demands that the Serbs have their own state.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said the proposals were "basically acceptable."

Conference spokesman Fred

Eckhard said the three leaders were told to submit their objections to the proposal in writing by Sunday morning.

Owen said all the provinces except Sarajevo should have separate legislatures elected by "normal democratic methods."

The proposal would leave the three groups generally in control of their present territories, although the Serbs would be called on to withdraw from some of the 70 percent of Bosnian territory they have seized.

This fire station beeper is a wild turkey

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELOIT, Wis. — It chases cars and causes a lot of "beep-beeps," but the bird that hangs out in front of the town fire station isn't a road runner — just a 12-pound wild turkey.

The turkey first appeared shortly after Thanksgiving, and since then has visited almost every day, firefighters said.

"People will stop and stare, then they'll slowly drive around it

wondering what it's going to do," said Richard McFall, fire department shift commander. "It'll stay anywhere from a half-hour to a couple of hours."

Firefighter Greg Groves said the bird has caused several near-accidents. On Wednesday, it blocked traffic for a quarter-mile. Once it perched on a stoplight.

"Most turkeys are pretty smart but this one kind of seems stupid," Groves said. "It'll chase cars down the road."

McFall said firefighters have called the state and the Humane Society. "They both said if we could catch it they'd be right down."

But firefighters aren't eager to do that.

"I'm not going to chase the thing around with a net trying to catch the thing and I don't think the other guys are either," Groves said.

The turkey still has no name, but firefighters say they're considering calling it "chief."



Conversion in progress

Jim George uses a jig saw to cut out pieces of a frame he was working on Tuesday afternoon as work continues on the new Big Spring Fire Station being converted from an old hangar at the Airpark.

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Fat cut from the English language

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The "associates" who compile an annual list of Words Banned from the Queen's English "went ballistic" in 1992, "downsizing" the language to cut out the fat.

The Lake Superior State University wordsmiths, who released the list Saturday, said they weren't trying to get "in your face" by listing words that are misused, overused and generally useless.

They just wanted to keep the language on the "cutting edge" and provide the "most complete" attempt to get down to the "honest truth" about the jargon that fills the vocabulary of "the American people."

Some sentences that drew their special scorn:

—The "armed gunman" found that his "co-conspirator's" "high-powered rifle" was "completely empty." They moved quickly to locate a "safe haven" before their "victimless crime" was "most complete."

—The "associates" "went ballistic" when they learned of the "definite possibilities" of "downsizing."

The list was drawn from suggestions mailed last year by at least 500 people. It was compiled by the school's three-member public relations department and whittled by a committee.

The school has been compiling the list since 1976.

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Briefs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Chicago Tribune says it will document the deaths of every child slain in Chicago and its suburbs in 1993. "A society can be fairly judged by how it treats its children. By this measure, something has gone terribly wrong in our own community. In appalling and unprecedented numbers, the children are being killed," the Tribune said in a Sunday front-page editor's note. The note said it would document the deaths "both to accord the loss

of each young life the significance it deserves and to see if detailed knowledge can bring an end to the escalation of violence against those we all have the greatest duty to protect."

The paper reported that 57 children 14 or younger were slain in the metropolitan area in 1992. Among those were Dantrell Davis, slain in October as he walked to school at the Cabrini-Green housing project. Davis' death led to a police crackdown on weapons in the complex and a gang truce.

HOUSTON — The city's first baby of the new year brought two playmates with him — a sister and a brother.

The triplets were born just after midnight to Chika and Oluchukwu Amagwula. "I'm still trying to get myself together," Chika Amagwula, 31, said from her hospital room. "It's going to be hectic, but I'll do the best I can."

The babies, six weeks premature, were delivered by Caesarean section.

They were placed in intensive care because of their low birth weights — all were under 5 pounds. The boys were moved out late Friday but the girl was to remain until she gained a little more weight, said Dr. Morissa Ladinsky.

The Amagwulas have a family history of multiple births. The father has five sets of twins in his

family and the mother has one set in hers.

AVALON, Calif. — One cruise line has canceled a ship's stop at Catalina Island to comply with a new anti-gambling law, worrying local officials who say the law will cost them up to \$1.5 million a year.

Cruise liners drop anchor in the island's Avalon harbor every Tuesday and Saturday, officials said. The Catalina Chamber of Commerce estimates that the average tourist coming ashore spends \$25.

Designed to bar floating casinos in federal waters off the coast, the law specifically outlaws gambling on any ship sailing in and out of California ports.

Deaths

Myles Galloway



Myles Galloway, 81, Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1993 in a local hospital. Masonic Graveside Rites will be at 2 p.m.

MYLES GALLOWAY Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter Lee, pastor of Lee Presbyterian Church, Coahoma officiating. Arrangements by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 25, 1911 in Avant, Okla. He married Margaret Armstrong on July 10, 1940 in Littlefield. He had been a resident of Howard County since 1969 and had worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base in the heat shop. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of the Wakan Hubbard Masonic Lodge #154 in Penfield, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Galloway, Big Spring; one sister, Claire Brooks, New Castle, Penn.; one brother, C.W.

Galloway, Rixford, Penn.; and a number of nieces and nephews. Family suggests memorials to ones favorite charity.

Jean Schwartz



Jean Marie Schwartz, 33, St. Lawrence, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1993 in Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo.

JEAN SCHWARTZ Family Rosary was 4 p.m. Saturday at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary will be 6 p.m. today in St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Charles Greenwell officiating. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 7, 1959 in San Angelo and had lived in St. Lawrence since 1962. She was a graduate of Garden City High School.

Survivors include her parents: George and Doris Schwartz, St. Lawrence; six sisters: Kathy Wheat, Garden City, Becky Halfmann, Wall, Pam Wilde,

Brenham, Linda Frysak, St. Lawrence, Dorothy Denis, Van-court, and Elaine Hinjosa, San Angelo; her grandmothers: Ida Schwartz and Mildred Glass, both of San Angelo; and a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Family suggests memorials to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund, a book donation to the Garden City School Library or ones favorite charity.

"Scott" Sullivan



David "Scott" Sullivan, 33, passed away Dec. 29, 1992 in a Houston hospital after a lengthy illness.

DAVID "SCOTT" SULLIVAN Scott was born

in Big Spring, July 1, 1959. He graduated as Valedictorian of the Big Spring High School Class of 1977. He was also President of the National Honor Society, President of the Key Club, Who's Who in American School Students, and a member of the Meistersingers, and he was a recipient of the coveted

Texas A & M University Presi-

dential Award Scholarship.

Scott graduated from Texas A & M University in 1981. During his college career, he was a member of the Texas A & M Singing Cadets, and he became President of the Cadets his Junior year. Scott was President of the A & M Cap and Gown Chapter, a member of Mensa, and in Who's Who in American College Students.

Upon graduating from Texas A & M, Scott was employed by Arthur Anderson and Company, and for the past 11 years, he was employed by Tenneco Oil and Gas in Houston as an Information Services Specialist.

Scott is survived by his mother and stepfather: Mary and John Palmer of 433 Hillside; his grandmother, Della Norwood and his Aunt Mattie Norwood of his Big Spring residence. Aunts and Uncles include Nell Thames, Vivian Grantham, Myrt Tindol, James Norwood, and Bud Norwood. He had numerous cousins, relatives, and many close friends who loved him dearly.

A memorial service will be held in Houston on Jan. 9, 1993. For more information concerning the service, call 263-6887.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity or the American Heart Association.

Paid obituary

Couple die together on day of 69th anniversary

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

EASLEY, S.C. — A devoted couple who died within seconds of each other at a nursing home on New Year's Eve were buried Saturday, the day that would have been their 69th anniversary.

Demetris H. "Pete" and Elizabeth R. "Tot" Davis died while side by side in single beds in the Healthcare nursing home. Both were 91.

"The nurses think that Tot stopped breathing and then they heard Pete make one gasp after that," Dr. Jake Holcombe said Saturday. "It was almost simultaneously."

He said Davis was comatose and probably wouldn't have known of his wife's death. But the two had said they wanted to die at the same

time, he said.

The doctor said Davis was suffering from infections and Mrs. Davis had pneumonia.

The Davises worked together throughout most of their lives, running a cafe and department store in Liberty, 110 miles northwest of Columbia.

Mrs. Davis had health problems several years before her death, and her doctors suggested she move to a nursing home. Davis wouldn't let his wife go without him, and the two went to live in the nursing home in 1990, together.



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Here are the winning numbers picked Saturday night for the Texas Lottery: 5-14-19-20-42-45 (five, fourteen, nineteen, twenty, forty-two and forty-five).

The estimated jackpot is \$5 million.

The next drawing will be held Wednesday.

If no one matches all six of Saturday night's winning numbers and if sales continue as expected, the estimated jackpot for the next drawing will be \$10 million.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department did not report any incidents between since the previous edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Martin Blake Bomgard, 24, Lamesa, was arrested at the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 87 for public intoxication.
- Robert Earl Tindall, 31, 106 E. 21st St., was arrested for local warrants.
- Earl Reed Burnett Jr., 34, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication at the Texas RV Park.
- Richard Delaenz, 27, 3304 W. Highway 80 #36, was arrested for local warrants.
- Christy Alice Kohamek, 30, 822 W. 9th St., was arrested for local warrants.

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Roslin V. Moreland, 71, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 A.M. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Myles Galloway, 81, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 P.M. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Section B

Lady Steers start league play with win

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Big Spring Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor knew his team was in for a basketball war as the Lady Steers opened the defense of their district title Saturday night against Monahans.

A war is just he got as the Lady Steers held off the Lady Lobos 52-50 in the district opener for both

teams. The win gives Big Spring a 13-5 overall mark while Monahans falls to 12-6.

"This was the biggest game of the year so far for us," said Taylor. "We knew this was going to be a big one, that's the reason we went to Slaton (tournament) to get ready for this one. They (Monahans) have beaten some good folks this year, they beat Greenwood by 20 and Seminole by

15. The good thing is we didn't play that well. We're going to get better."

The game came down to the final two seconds with Monahans' post player Chelsee Jessie on the foul line with two shots and Big Spring leading 52-50. Ironically, it was Monahans' only free throws attempts all game. Jessie missed both attempts, the second one a airball, and the Lady Steers escaped

with the victory.

Jessie had a strong game, hitting her last eight field goal attempts, finishing with 16 points and seven rebounds. Just as effective was Monahans forward Tina Hix, who also turned in a 16-point, seven-rebound performance. When those two weren't scoring inside, Monahans got some timely outside shooting from guards Erica Ortiz and Reagan Williams.

The Lady Steers started the contest strong, outscoring Monahans 20-12 in the first quarter. Senior forward Cassie Underwood was the catalyst, making all four of her first quarter shots. Junior post player Amy Earnst added six points in the quarter.

Earnst led a blanced Big Spring scoring attack with 17 points. She also had six rebounds. Underwood did it all for the Lady Steers,

finishing with 12 points, six rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Point guard Casey Cook scored 10 of her 14 points in the third quarter and forward Bernie Valles, hit three crucial baskets in the final quarter, finishing the game with nine points.

The Lady Steers fell upon hard times in the second quarter, going scoreless the first four minutes. ● Please see WIN, Page 3B

Redskins run over Vikings, 24-7

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Brian Mitchell gave the Hogs more grunt, gave the offense new life, gave the Redskins at least another week to defend their title and gave Washington coach Joe Gibbs reason to question his own intelligence.

Mitchell, an option quarterback in college who became a superb kick returner for the Redskins, got his first big chance at running back Saturday and carried Washington to a 24-7 NFC wild-card playoff victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

"You made me look bad today," Gibbs told Mitchell as they passed in the postgame interview room. "It wasn't real smart not to play you all that time."

Mitchell, who has only 24 career regular-season carries, ran the ball 16 times for 109 yards and a touchdown. He also returned a punt 54 yards and ran 38 yards on a fake punt.

"I didn't expect to play as much as I did, but coach put me in and left me in," said Mitchell, who played in the backfield only because of an injury to Ricky Ervins. "I know what people were saying about us, that we backed in. But if we backed in, we sure put it in overdrive today."

Next up are the San Francisco 49ers, whose 14-2 record was the NFL's best. The Redskins will try to improve upon their 16-4 postseason mark under Gibbs.

While Mitchell provided a new spark for an offense that averaged fewer than 19 points during the season, the Redskins also got good games from old standbys

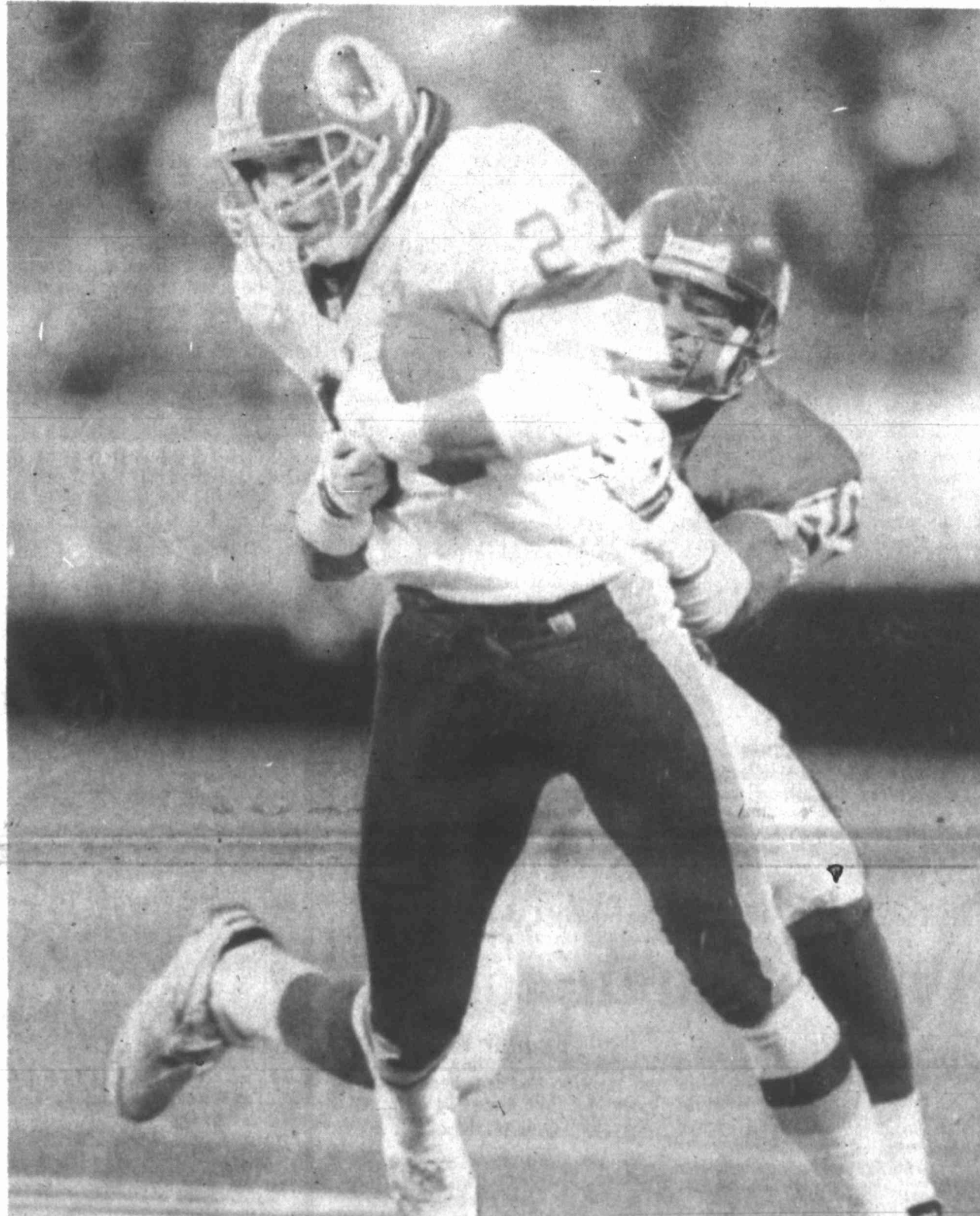
Mark Rypien hit open receivers, the Hogs cleared the way for 196 rushing yards and nearly 43 minutes of possession time, and the defense held Minnesota to 148 yards.

The Vikings, who entered the game as 3½-point favorites after going 11-5, saw their first season under Dennis Green come to a screeching halt. Minnesota is 0-7 against Gibbs' Redskins, including 0-3 in the playoffs.

Offensively, the Vikings thought they had cured their own woes in their victory over Green Bay, but they were dominated by Washington's defense. Sean Salisbury, who passed for 292 yards against Green Bay, completed only 6 of 20 passes for 113 yards. He was sacked four times and intercepted twice.

The fans' choice almost all season in his quarterback duel with Rich Gannon, he was booed regularly Saturday.

Rypien knows about taking heat. Last season, he passed for 28



Washington Redskins free safety Brad Edwards (27) races for extra yardage as Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Chris Carter tries to bring him down

after Edwards intercepted a pass in second playoff action Saturday in Minneapolis.

touchdowns, helped Washington go 14-2, and went on to be named Super Bowl MVP. This season, he threw more interceptions (17) than touchdowns (13) and became a favorite target of the Redskins' fickle fans.

Saturday, Rypien completed 16 of 24 passes for 172 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown pass to Gary Clark that finished the scoring late in the third quarter.

The Hogs were even more effective opening holes for Mitchell and Earnest Byner. Washington controlled the football for all but 1:24 of the fourth quarter and all but 4:36 of the second half.

The Vikings took the ball 79 yards on their opening drive and went up 7-0 on Terry Allen's 1-yard run. But they managed only 69 yards the rest of the game.

Martin Mayhew, in his first game after missing seven weeks with a broken arm, intercepted

Salisbury's next pass and returned it 44 yards to Minnesota's 33, setting up Chip Lohmiller's 44-yard field goal. Mayhew started in place of former All-Pro Darrell Green, out with a bruised heel.

Mitchell returned Minnesota's next punt 54 yards, but Todd Scott intercepted Rypien's pass. Two plays later, however, the Vikings gave the ball back to Washington, as Brad Edwards intercepted Salisbury and returned the ball to Minnesota's 33.

Chargers defense leads way to win over Chiefs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The lightning bolt is back, and San Diego's Marion Butts proved that electricity and water do mix.

Butts, who fumbled on the Kansas City 9-yard line on the game's fifth play, scored on a 54-yard run up the middle with 5:53 left in third quarter to lead the Chargers to 17-0 first-round playoff victory on a rainy Saturday in San Diego.

The AFC West champion Chargers (12-5), who haven't been in the playoffs since 1982 — the days of Dan Fouts, Chuck Muncie and Kellen Winslow — will play the AFC East champion Dolphins next Sunday at Miami. San Diego, under rookie coach Bobby Ross, won its eighth straight game since a 16-14 loss at Kansas City on Nov. 8.

San Diego's defense, coordinated by 66-year-old Bill Arnsparger, had seven sacks and forced three turnovers. It was particularly dominant in the second half, sacking Dave Krieg six times and forcing two turnovers to preserve its first shutout in 13 lifetime playoff games. San Diego had lost six straight games to Kansas City (10-7).

The Chargers, whose symbol is a lightning bolt, are 12-1 after a 0-4 start.

Butts' run on second and 2 from the San Diego 46 broke a scoreless tie. Strong safety Martin Bayless,

a former Charger, missed Butts at the line of scrimmage, and free safety Charles Mincy missed him at the Kansas City 45. The big back outran cornerbacks Albert Lewis and Kevin Ross into the end zone.

On the first play of Kansas City's ensuing drive, tackle Blaise Winter, who was out of football last year, deflected a pass by Krieg and Pro Bowl end Leslie O'Neal intercepted and returned it 3 yards to the Chiefs 26. John Carney, whose 52-yard field goal try bounced off the crossbar with 34 seconds left in the first half, kicked a 34-yarder for a 10-0 lead.

Two-way player Steve Hendrickson scored on a 5-yard run with 4:57 left in the game. The 10-play, 90-yard drive was keyed by a 55-yard pass from Stap Humphries to Anthony Miller. Miller fumbled after a hit by Kevin Ross, but Ronnie Harmon recovered at the Kansas City 28.

Butts rushed 15 times for 119 yards, while the Chiefs gained only 61 yards on 19 carries.

Humphries, who dislocated his non-throwing left shoulder a week ago in Seattle, was sacked five times, four in the first half. He completed 14 of 23 passes for 199 yards. Krieg completed 16 of 34 passes for 233 yards. He was intercepted twice and lost one fumble.

Saints out to prove they're not chokers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The Philadelphia Eagles, who have had their troubles on the road this season, may find themselves happy to be playing in the Superdome on Sunday.

If they get off to a decent start, the crowd could turn on the New Orleans Saints.

Call the first-round playoff game between the Saints and Eagles, two days after the Sugar Bowl, the Unappreciated Bowl. Philadelphia and New Orleans — both in the playoffs for the fourth time in five seasons — are decidedly unappreciated.

The problem, of course, is that neither has won any of those games.

"The New Orleans Saints HAVE to win their first playoff games," said Sam Mills, one of four New Orleans linebackers voted to the Pro Bowl. "People talk about it all the time — the fact that we haven't won a playoff game."

Mills said the Saints won't get the respect they deserve until they do.

"People try to make the inference that we choke," defensive line coach John Pease said. "That's ridiculous."

The regular-season record does make it a bit ridiculous.

Until 1987, the Saints had not had a winning season in 20 in the NFL.

Then, under second-year coach ● Please see Saints, Page 2-B

Bills start journey to make third straight Super Bowl appearance

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills have reason to be bummed out heading into Sunday's AFC playoff game with the Houston Oilers.

In a humiliating 27-3 loss to the Oilers in last week's regular-season finale at Houston, the Bills failed to secure their fifth straight AFC East title and home-field advantage in the playoffs for what would have been a third straight year.

Not only that, quarterback Jim Kelly will miss Sunday's game with a sprained knee sustained last Sunday. The status of a half-dozen other players is up in the air.

Sorting through the dark clouds, coach Marv Levy found a sliver of silver.

"They can be something better (than AFC East champs) that they've never been: Super Bowl champs," he said. "And there's only one way to do it."

"We'll definitely be up for this one. It's the playoffs," linebacker

Shane Conlan said. "We just have a difficult road getting there."

Straight ahead are the Oilers, who have to be pretty optimistic about their chances after the thorough whipping they gave the Bills last Sunday.

"It definitely helps our confidence knowing that we can beat them, but there's still a lot more obstacles we have to overcome to beat them in their place, as opposed to playing in our place," Warren Moon said.

Houston coach Jack Pardee

wouldn't say whether Moon — who returned from an arm injury to look sharp in limited action last week — or Cody Carlson would start at quarterback.

Either way, Moon said the Rich Stadium crowd will give Buffalo as much of an advantage as the Oilers had last week in the Astrodome.

"It does make it tougher because you have to go up into their place and play this time," he said. "Some of the things that you didn't have to worry about like crowd noises and weather conditions,

we're going to have to worry about there."

Although a sellout isn't likely, Buffalo crowds are among the most noisy in an outdoor stadium. Levy said that will help the Bills' offensive line, which gave up seven sacks last week.

"If there's going to be a factor from which the biggest swing could come from, we'll get it more from our crowd ... then we will from keeping in a tight end, as far as pass protection," Levy said.

The Bills know who they'll have

at quarterback, they just wish it was Kelly. With him out, perennial backup Frank Reich will lead Buffalo.

Reich said he's hoping to draw on an experience he had in 1990, when Kelly went down late in the season against the New York Giants.

Reich led the Bills past Miami in the most recent of a number of solid performances he has made in eight years as Kelly's backup.

"I think our players have a lot of confidence in Frank Reich," Levy said.

Johnson's magic will lift Cowboys; Have Celtics lost edge?

I once asked a Dallas sports broadcaster why members of his profession attempt to predict the outcome of sporting events when they often make fools of themselves in the process.

His answer was simple: "The fans love it."

With that in mind, I'll attempt to sort out the studs from the duds in the coming NFL playoffs. (This column was written before Saturday's games. Gosh, I'm bold.)

The NFC comes down to San Francisco and Dallas's superiority on offense. Other playoff teams in

the conference — namely Minnesota, Philly and New Orleans — probably have better defenses than Dallas and certainly have better D's than the 49ers. But their offenses, especially the Vikings' and the Saints', don't measure up.

Forget Washington. How can a team that loses to AFC dog Los Angeles at home go anywhere in the playoffs? Rest assured there are plenty of happy people in 49er land if the Redskins upset the Vikes yesterday. That would send the Redskins to San Francisco and the 49ers a walk in their first

playoff game. But I see the Vikings beating the Skins and Dallas downing Minnesota in playoff round two. The Vikings have quarterback protection. The 49ers should squeak by

the Eagles, after Philly upsets the Saints, in the other NFC second-round game. So Dallas goes to the 49ers' Candlestick Park for the NFC title.

This is where I get brave. Las Vegas has made San Francisco 3-2 favorites to go all the way. But I don't see the 49ers as invincible. I could even see them losing in the first round versus the Saints or the Eagles. Both those teams have come close to beating the 49ers already this year.

Dallas will be able to score against the 49ers. Their problem

will come with San Francisco's offense. The Cowboy defense — number one statistical ranking and all — will crash and burn at Candlestick if they don't get to 49er quarterback Steve Young. Young is easily the best QB in the game now.

I'm counting on two things to get the Cowboys past San Fran Jan. 17. A career game from former-49er Charles Haley. And Jimmy Johnson's ability to prepare underdogs for big games. Remember last year against the Redskins at RFK?

The AFC is a big mess because no team plays well week in and week out. And it seems every Sunday the conference looks weaker. Example: the number one seeded quarterback Steve Young, got crushed 30-7 by NFC has-been Chicago only three weeks ago. Is that any way to tune up for a championship run?

Any AFC playoff team, except Kansas City, could get hot and make the Super Bowl. My favorite is Pittsburgh, only because they have home field advantage throughout and they won't have to ● Please see Butts, Page 2-B



Mike Butts

The Tide roll in at No. 1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama rolled over Miami with a big-play defense and the running of Derrick Lassic and won the national championship with a 34-13 rout of the Hurricanes on Friday night.

The Crimson Tide, winning its first national crown since 1979 under Paul "Bear" Bryant, prevented defending champion Miami from its fifth title in 10 years. That last back-to-back champion was Alabama in 1978-79.

But the Tide controlled the showdown between the last two unbeaten, untied teams in the country, helping Alabama capture its sixth national title and snapping Miami's 29-game winning streak.

The top-rated defense broke it open by intercepting Heisman Trophy winner Gino Torretta on Miami's first two plays of the second half and scoring two touchdowns within a 16-second span.

Lassic, the Sugar Bowl MVP, rushed 28 times for 135 yards and two TDs against a defense that was giving up only 121 yards rushing and 11.5 points per game.

The victory extended Alabama's winning streak to 23 and made the Tide only the third Division I-A team to go 13-0 and win the national championship. The others were Nebraska in 1971 and Brigham Young in 1984.

In other games, it was Florida State 27, Nebraska 14 in the Orange Bowl; Michigan 38, Washington 31 in the Rose Bowl; Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3 in the Cotton; Tennessee 38, Boston College 23 in the Hall of Fame; Georgia 21, Ohio State 14 in the Citrus; Stanford 24, Penn State 3 in the Blockbuster, and Syracuse 26, Colorado 22 in the Fiesta.

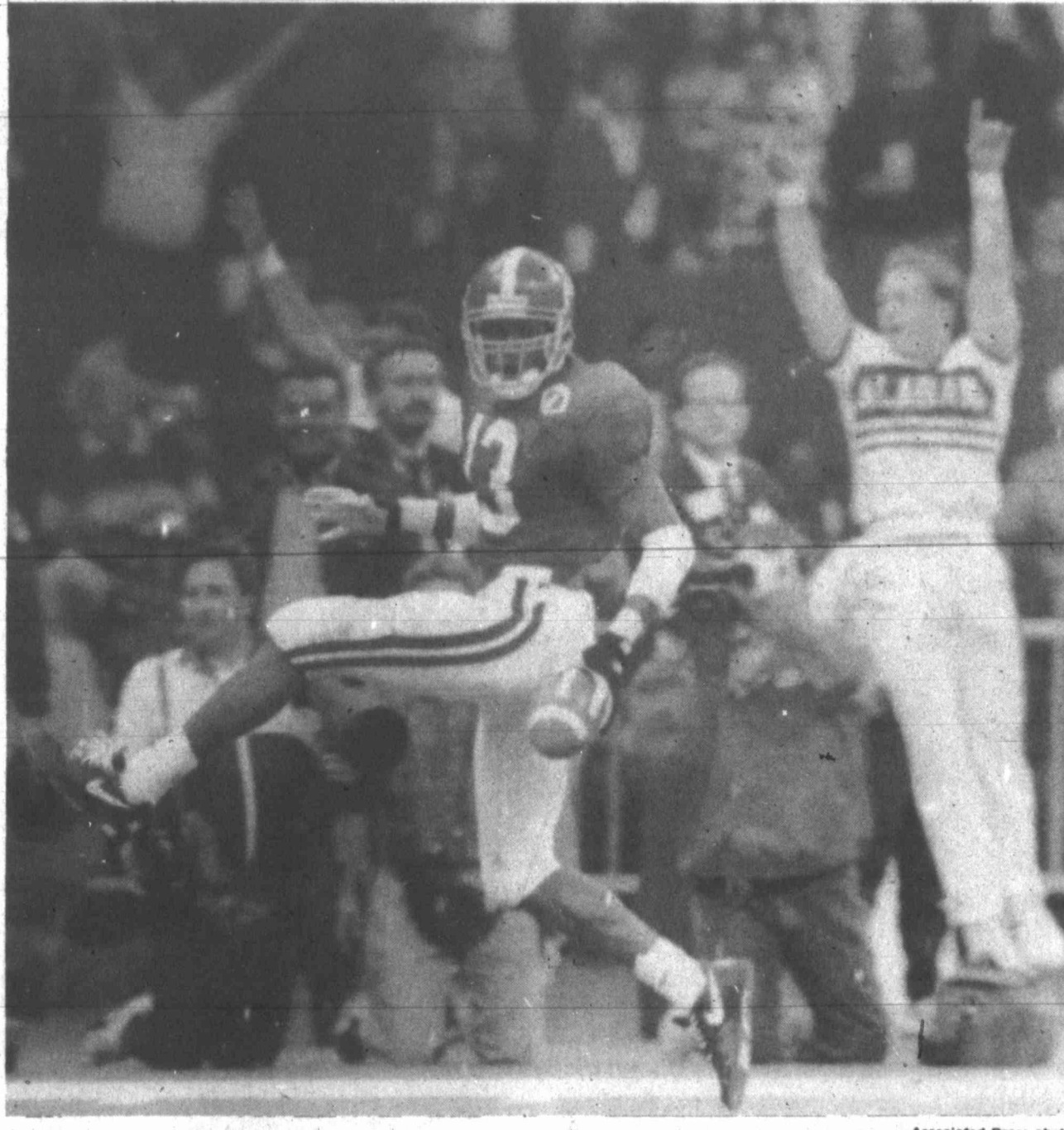
Orange

Florida State 27, Nebraska 14
The third-ranked Seminoles won their seventh straight and broke an NCAA record by winning a bowl game for the eighth consecutive season. They took No. 11 Nebraska to snap UCLA's mark, set from 1983-89.

Nebraska (9-3) extended its losing streak in bowl games to six, three coming against Florida State.

Charlie Ward helped the Seminoles build a 20-0 lead with touchdown passes of 25 yards to Tamarick Vanover and 4 yards to Kez McCorvey. They then went conservative in the second half, played in a downpour.

Sean Jackson scored on an 11-yard run and Dan Mowrey added field goals of 40 and 24 yards — his first attempts on the Orange



As an Alabama cheerleader celebrates, Alabama Crimson Tide free safety George Teague dances his way into the end zone with a touchdown off an intercepted pass during third quarter Sugar Bowl action.

Bowl turf since missing a last-second 39-yarder in a 19-16 loss to Miami three months ago. For Nebraska, Tommie Frazier connected with Corey Dixon on TD passes of 41 and 37 yards.

The Seminoles won the Orange Bowl Classic for the first time. They've now won every major bowl except the Rose, for which they are not eligible.

Rose

Michigan 38, Washington 31
Tyron Wheatley scored on runs of 56, 88 and 24 yards and rushed for 235 yards, an electrifying performance that helped the Wolverines finally win a big game instead of settling for a tie.

The victory over No. 9

Washington helped salvage some of the disappointment after seventh-ranked Michigan (9-0-3) had to settle for draws against Notre Dame, Illinois and Ohio State. With 5 1/2 minutes left, Michigan was looking at another tie, but Elvis Grbac completed a 15-yard TD pass to Tony McGee that Washington (9-3) was unable to overcome.

Hall of Fame

Tennessee 38, Boston College 23
At Tampa, Fla., the Vols ushered in the Phillip Fulmer era with pizzazz. BC may have closed out Tom Coughlin's reign with a thud.

Heath Shuler ran for two TDs and threw for two to pace the 17th-ranked Vols (9-3), who built a 31-point lead before surrendering

two TDs and a pair of 2-point conversions in the final six minutes. Shuler, the game's MVP, scored on runs of 1 and 14 yards and threw TD passes of 27 yards to Cory Fleming and 69 yards to Mose Phillips. BC, ranked 16th, finished 8-3-1.

Blockbuster

Stanford 24, Penn State 3
At Miami, Bill Walsh's matchup with Joe Paterno swung, not surprisingly, on the passing game as Stanford (10-3) completed its first 10-victory season in 52 years.

Walsh, who returned to college coaching this year after a successful NFL career, got the best of Paterno as Steve Stenstrom threw for two TDs.

Heisman winner didn't have magic touch

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Gino Torretta walked off the Superdome field Friday night to the taunts of the Alabama fans who crowded around the tunnel to the Miami locker room.

"You stink Gino," they chanted in the wake of Miami's 34-13 loss to Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

It was supposed to be the night that capped Torretta's career. Instead, Torretta lost his magic touch at the wrong time and it cost Miami a national championship.

"It's the last game I'll put on a Miami uniform and we lost," said Torretta, who completed 24 of 56 passes for 278 yards. "It hurts bad."

The Heisman Trophy winner, baffled and bothered all night by a swarming Alabama defense, threw three interceptions, one of them returned 31 yards for a touchdown by George Teague to put Alabama ahead 27-6.

"They were putting a lot of pressure on him and they were moving to different formations," flanker Kevin Williams said of Torretta's troubles. "I don't think he was picking it up too well. He was missing the open receivers."

The loss ended Miami's 29-game winning streak and its shot at a fifth national title in 10 years. It was also the worst loss for the Hurricanes since a 35-7 upset by Tennessee in the 1986 Sugar Bowl. "Gino did not play his best foot-

ball game of the season, obviously," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said. "He made some bad decisions. The two turnovers early in the second half were the difference in the football game."

In the third quarter, cornerback Tom Johnson intercepted Torretta's first pass at the Miami 43 and returned it to the 20. Six plays later Derrick Lassic ran for a 1-yard touchdown.

On the first play of Miami's next possession, Torretta's pass was intercepted by Teague, who ran untouched into the end zone.

"When you have to throw the ball every down and they have guys like John Copeland and Eric Curry of course they are going to get up in your face," Torretta said.

It's the third time Miami entered a bowl game with the national title on the line and lost because of a poor performance by an All-American quarterback.

In the Sugar Bowl loss to Tennessee, Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde was intercepted three times — one leading to a TD — and lost a fumble that led to another Tennessee touchdown.

In a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown against Penn State in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl, Testaverde threw five interceptions — one by Shane Conlan that led to the Nittany Lions' winning points in a 14-10 victory and another on the Penn State goal line as Miami was driving for a score in the final seconds.

Saints

Continued from Page 1-B

Jim Mora, they went 12-3 and were knocked out in the first round by Minnesota — at the Superdome. Two years ago, the Saints went to Chicago and lost. Last year, it was a loss at home to Atlanta after New Orleans had won the NFC West at 11-5.

"You can have a really great season, but if you lose that first playoff game, it doesn't seem like a good season," center Joel Higbee said. "We don't want to go through it again."

This season, the Saints were 12-4 and second to San Francisco,

losing two close games to the 49ers.

The Eagles beat the Saints 15-13 in Philadelphia the first week of the season. The winner this time has a good chance to wind up next Sunday in San Francisco. The Eagles lost to the 49ers 20-17 Nov. 29.

But none of that close stuff sits well with the fans in either city. In a recent newspaper poll, 74 percent said they didn't believe the Saints could reach "the next level" under Mora, despite his career record of 69-45.

The fans in Philadelphia sympathize.

Buddy Ryan was fired two years ago for losing in the first round of the playoffs three seasons in a row (and for benching Randall Cunningham for a series in the last loss).

Ryan was succeeded by Rich Kotite, who just missed the playoffs without Cunningham last year and was 11-5 this year after a 4-0 start. But Kotite benched Cunningham for a full game after an inept performance in Dallas.

"I certainly hope we're going there," Kotite said of the next level. "That's why I'm here."

Sunday's game figures to be a defensive struggle. The Saints

were second in the league on defense, the Eagles sixth. New Orleans leads the league with 57 sacks, one more than Philadelphia.

But the difference may be in the 15 sacks allowed by the Saints, a league best, compared to 64 permitted by the Eagles.

The other difference may be the Superdome.

Philadelphia was the only team in the NFL to go unbeaten at home this season, permitting an average of just nine points. But the Eagles were 3-5 on the road, allowing 23 points per game.

Butts

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play the Bears. The Steelers play well at home and so does Barry Foster.

This may get me in trouble with senior citizen advocates. It may get me labeled an ageist.

But I can't help thinking that of the two worst things to happen to the Boston Celtics in the late 1980s, one of them had to do with the long careers of three of the franchise's best all-time players.

The worst thing to happen to the Celtics in the past several years, if not in the team's history, was the death of first-round draft pick Len Bias in 1986.

Boston was still a strong club in the mid-80s when it selected

Maryland's big man early in the NBA draft. Basketball experts considered Bias a sure-fire future star. And he would have been just what the Celtics, with their aging front line, needed to keep them in competition for the NBA title through the later half of the decade.

But Bias never played a game for the Celtics. Their gradual decline since winning the NBA in the 85-86 season has brought them to the .500 club they are today.

Possibly the second worst thing to happen to Boston recently has been the longer than average careers of Larry Bird and his front court compatriots Kevin McHale, Age 34, and Robert Parish, 39.

This is Boston's first year without Larry Bird since the glorious forward entered the

league in '79. But the team hasn't seriously contended for the NBA championship for several years now.

If part or all of the Celtics big three of Bird, Parish and McHale had retired two or three years ago, the team may have bottomed out then, got some high draft choices and began to rebuild. Instead the three kept playing, and kept playing well enough to make Boston a good, but not a great, team.

And apparently they played well enough for the Celtic front office to keep them off the trading block. Dealing an all-time great like Bird — who became so strongly associated with the team — would have been unthinkable. But McHale and Parish could have been dealt for draft picks or

younger players years ago when they still had relative youth and trade value, thereby starting a rebuilding process.

As it is, the Celtics have now gone longer without a championship (six years) than at any other point in their history. They still have McHale and Parish playing remarkably well for their ages. But that's not near enough to beat the NBA's top squads.

Unless Celtic management makes some major moves, the team's future looks full of mediocrity. Has Boston become a franchise satisfied with a team of less than championship caliber? Sometimes it appears that way.

Mike Butts is a staff writer for the Big Spring Herald. His column appears on Sunday.

Fighting Irish make believers out of Aggies

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — It doesn't take long for Lou Holtz to find something to worry about.

Less than 24 hours after Notre Dame whipped Texas A&M 28-3 in the Cotton Bowl, Holtz was fretting over his 1993 prospects.

"I've never had an offense wiped out like this one," said Holtz, who loses quarterback Rick Mirer and tailback Reggie Brooks, who played key roles in the victory over the Aggies. "We're going to have problems next year. I've never had a bad offense but I've got all the ingredients for one."

"We'll have a different style team next year. We have no speed at tailback, the quarterbacking is a question mark and we lose three wide receivers."

Then Holtz quipped Saturday: "The way things are going I won't be calling the plays."

The Fighting Irish, who finished 10-1-1, moved from fifth to fourth in the final Associated Press poll. Texas A&M (12-1) fell from No. 4 to No. 7.

"I thought we might be second if people would be fair and honest," Holtz said. "We beat five top 25 teams in our last five games. But if you can't be number one I guess it's nice to be in the top five."

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said he voted for Notre Dame No. 2 in the coaches poll.

"It's the best team we've played in four years," Slocum said. "They took it to us and it

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Slocum said A&M's inexperience showed, particularly at quarterback.

"I saw Mirer make plays that average guys don't make," Slocum said. "There was a big difference in the two teams at quarterback. Corey Pullig is a bright prospect but he's not a finished product."

Holtz agreed, saying "Mirer is going to have a fine pro career. He's been a beautiful leader. I was amazed A&M only sacked him one time with the pass rush they have. That was due to the work of Rick Mirer."

"They beat us 35-10 and we took that lesson and won a national title," Holtz said.

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Timberwolves rout Mavericks

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MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves found just the right solution for ending their eight-game losing streak — a meeting with the Dallas Mavericks.

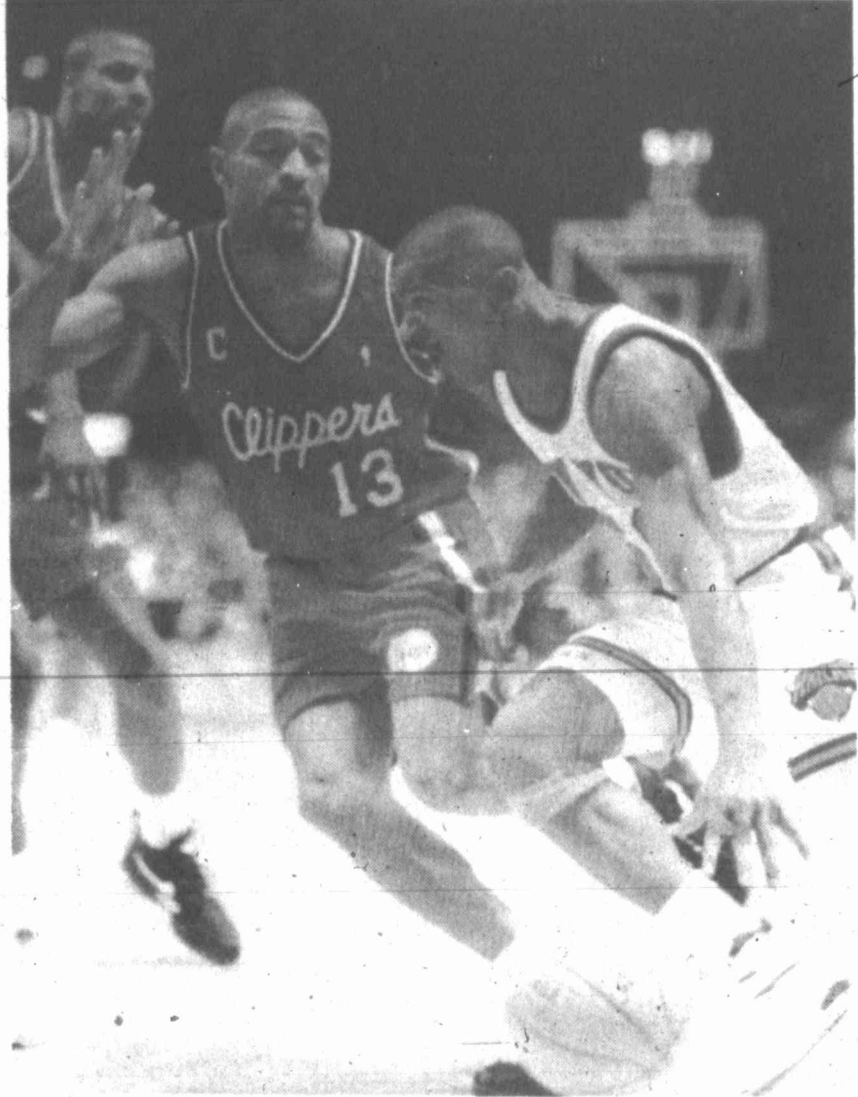
Christian Laettner scored 26 points and the Timberwolves established a franchise-low for points allowed in a 103-71 victory over the Mavericks on Saturday night. In its last 14 games, Minnesota is 2-12, with both wins coming over Dallas.

In losing their eighth straight game and 23rd in 25 outings this season, the Mavericks had their lowest scoring output in three seasons. They shot a season-low 33 percent from the field as their road record dropped to 0-13, with each road loss by at least 14 points.

It also was the biggest margin of victory in Timberwolves history. Their previous largest margin was 29 points two seasons ago, and their previous low for points allowed was 74 against Cleveland three seasons ago.

Half of the Wolves' six wins this season have come against Dallas, and the Mavericks are the only NBA team Minnesota has a winning record against (10-8) in its four-year history.

Dallas had just two players in double figures — Walter Bond with 16 points and Terry Davis with 10.



Associated Press photo

Greg Anthony of the New York Knicks drives hard to get by Mark Jackson of the Los Angeles Clippers in first half NBA action at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Clippers won the game 98-87 in overtime.

Harvey Grant, Ellison and Michael Adams each scored 16 points for the Bullets, while Tom Gugliotta added 14. Glen Rice paced Miami with 19 points, Kevin Edwards added 18 and Bimbo Coles 14.

Hornets 118, Nets 117
In Charlotte, N.C., Kendall Gill's 14-foot jumper with four seconds remaining gave the Charlotte

Hornets a 118-117 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Saturday night.

Pistons 98, Magic 97
In Orlando, Fla., Joe Dumars scored 23 of his 32 points in the second half and Dennis Rodman held Shaquille O'Neal scoreless from the field in the final 15 minutes as the Detroit Pistons remained unbeaten against Orlando with a 98-97 victory Saturday night.

Bullets 100, Heat 93

In Landover, Md., Rex Chapman keyed a third-quarter rally by scoring nine of his 14 points in the period, lifting the Washington Bullets over the Miami Heat, 100-93 Saturday night.

The Bullets, who lost 10 of their previous 11 games, trailed 57-52 early in the second half before an 11-4 run put them ahead to stay. Washington, which fell behind by 12 late in the first quarter, took the lead for good on a layup by Pervis Ellison that made it 63-61 with 8:14 left in the third quarter.

The loss was the 11th in 13 road games for Miami this season.

Win

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When Underwood fed Earnst for two, Monahans had cut the lead to 22-19. Big Spring managed a 26-25 halftime lead.

The Lady Steers came back with a strong third quarter, thanks to 10 points by Cook. Big Spring appeared in control when Underwood scored inside, giving the Lady Steers a 42-32 lead with just under three minutes left in the quarter. Big Spring led 43-34 going into the final period.

The Lady Lobos didn't wilt

however, starting the quarter with two baskets by Hix and a basket each by Ortiz Jessie. Big Spring's only answer was a basket by Earnst off a feed from Valles. Monahans had cut the deficit to 45-42 with 4:44 left in the game.

The Monahans surge continued as the Lady Lobos took the lead for the first and only time of the game, 50-49, on a three-pointer by Ortiz. The lead was short-lived however as Valles bombed a three the next trip down, giving Big Spring a 52-50 lead with 1:40 left to

play. The teams then traded turnovers and Big Spring's Leslie Fryar was sent to the foul line with a one-and-one situation with 13 seconds left. Fryar missed the shot and Monahans came down and got the ball into Jessie, who was fouled in the act of shooting. Jessie's two misses preserved the win for Big Spring.

"We're streaky. We're inconsistent and I don't know why," said Taylor. "In the fourth quarter we didn't want to hold the ball, but we

Number 12 Syracuse loses second game in four days

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's no longer home, sweet home for Syracuse.

Freshman Kerry Kittles came off the bench to lead a 16-2 second half spurt as Villanova sent No. 12 Syracuse to its second upset loss in four days with a 79-61 win Saturday night.

It was the fourth straight victory in the Carrier Dome for the Wildcats (5-2), who were playing their Big East opener, and nearly matched the Orangemen's worst-ever home loss in conference play. That came last year at the hands of Villanova in a 76-56 rout.

In another Big East upset Saturday, Miami beat No. 10 Georgetown 80-69.

The defeat marked the first time since the 14-year-old league's second season that Syracuse (8-2 and 0-2) has lost its first two conference games at home, also falling to Boston College. It also kept coach Jim Boeheim from posting career win No. 400 for a second straight game.

Jonathan Haynes scored 19 points to lead five Wildcats in double figures.

No. 6 Michigan 88, Eastern Michigan 58
Chris Webber scored 22 points, and sixth-ranked Michigan looked fresh despite a long trip home from Hawaii in beating Eastern Michigan at Ann Arbor.

The victory was the ninth straight for the Wolverines since their loss to top-ranked Duke. Michigan (10-1) was playing just 29 hours after returning home from the Rainbow Classic, which it won by beating three Top 25 teams in three days — including No. 5 North Carolina and No. 2 Kansas.

The Wolverines beat the

College

Hoops

Eagles, from neighboring Ypsilanti, for the 20th time in 21 games. Eastern Michigan (5-6) lost for the third time in four games.

No. 8 Iowa 104, Central Connecticut 58

At Iowa City, Acie Earl scored 25 points and Val Barnes led a big second-half run as No. 8 Iowa stayed unbeaten with a victory over Central Connecticut State. Ahead 48-40 at halftime, Iowa (10-0) outscored Central Connecticut (4-5) 35-5 in the first 11 minutes of the second half to take control.

Miami 80, No. 10 Georgetown 69
The Miami Hurricanes made their first victory this season over a Division I team an impressive one, knocking No. 10 Georgetown from the unbeaten ranks.

Miami's Trevor Burton scored 21 points and freshman Steve Edwards 19 — both season highs. Touted Georgetown freshman Othella Harrington had 27 points and 13 rebounds, but got little help. Twice the visiting Hoyas went more than six minutes without a field goal.

No. 14 Georgia Tech 78, VMI 52
Freshman Martice Moore returned from a brief illness to score 17 points and start the rally which boosted No. 14 Georgia Tech past VMI. VMI shot just 26.6 percent.

Moore, who is averaging just more than 10 points a game, missed Tuesday's game against Youngstown St. due to the flu and was questionable Saturday. But the 6-foot-8 freshman ignited a 19-5 Tech surge that started late in the first half and carried on past intermission. The run

started with Tech (7-1) ahead by only two points.

No. 15 Oklahoma 109, Lamar 92
Terry Evans and Angelo Hamilton led a first-half 3-point binge that carried No. 15 Oklahoma over visiting Lamar.

Coach Billy Tubbs' team improved to 10-1 at the expense of his son and a longtime friend. His son, Tommy, is an assistant at Lamar (5-1) and the Cardinals' head coach, Mike Newell, used to be an assistant under Tubbs.

No. 17 Michigan St. 80, E. Tenn. 69
At Johnson City, Tenn., Shawn Respect scored 27 points and had four steals to lead No. 17 Michigan State past East Tennessee State.

The Spartans (8-1) never trailed, and took a 47-24 halftime lead. East Tennessee (3-3) made a game of it with a 21-6 run to open the second half.

Florida 89, No. 18 Florida St. 86
At Tallahassee, Fla., Scott Stewart made a 3-point shot to give Florida the lead with 3:36 left and added three free throws in the final minute to preserve the Gators' victory over 18th-ranked Florida State. Florida (6-3) led for most of the game and survived a 26-7 Florida State run late in the game, falling behind 75-72 with 6:06 left on a 3-point shot by the Seminole's Sam Cassell.

No. 20 Nebraska 70, E. Illinois 54
At Lincoln, Eric Piatkowski scored 17 points as No. 20 Nebraska overcame jet lag and a sluggish start to defeat Eastern Illinois. The Cornhuskers (9-3), who returned from Honolulu on Friday, scored just three points in the first five minutes of the game as Eastern Illinois (1-6) used a pair of 3-point field goals from Darrick Landrus to build a 10-3 lead.

FOOTBALL

CNN Poll

The 1992 USA TODAY-CNN football coaches' national championship poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Alabama (60)	13-0-0	1,500	2
2.	Florida State	11-1-0	1,422	4
3.	Miami	11-0-0	1,258	1
4.	Notre Dame	10-1-1	1,226	5
5.	Michigan	9-0-3	1,233	7
6.	Texas A&M	12-1-0	1,152	3
7.	Syracuse	10-2-0	1,138	9
8.	Georgia	10-2-0	1,129	8
9.	Stanford	10-3-0	986	13
10.	Washington	9-3-0	855	11
11.	Florida	9-4-0	864	15
12.	Tennessee	9-3-0	810	17
13.	Colorado	9-2-1	801	6
14.	Nebraska	9-3-0	749	10
15.	North Carolina State	9-3-1	572	12
16.	Mississippi	9-3-0	537	19
17.	Washington State	9-3-0	501	18
18.	Ohio State	8-3-1	470	14
19.	Hawaii	11-2-0	464	24
20.	North Carolina	8-2-0	365	20
21.	Boston College	8-2-1	315	16
22.	Fresno State	9-4-0	239	—
23.	Kansas	8-4-0	201	—
24.	Mississippi State	7-4-0	152	—
25.	Penn State	7-5-0	119	21

Others receiving votes: Wake Forest 97, Arizona 51, Bowling Green 42, Baylor 30, Brigham Young 29, Illinois 15, Southern Cal 8, Southern Mississippi 5, Virginia 4, Rutgers 1.

Bowl Stats

Game	Score	Notes
At Tampa, Fla.		
Boston Coll.	9 7 0 16-21	
Tennessee	14 0 17 7-31	Tenn-Shuler 1 run (Becksvort kick)
Tenn-Fleming	27 pass from Shuler (Becksvort kick)	
BC-Mitchell	12 pass from Foley (Gordon kick)	
Tenn-Shuler	14 run (Becksvort kick)	
Tenn-FG Becksvort	25	
Tenn-Phillips	69 pass from Shuler (Becksvort kick)	
Tenn-Fleming	28 pass from Colquitt (Becksvort kick)	
BC-Mitchell	17 pass from Foley (Mitchell kick)	

FOOTBALL

Team	Pass	Rush	Ret	Yds	F	Pen	Time
BC	22	22	28	39	157	2	11
Tenn	268	292	2	18	—	—	—
Return Yards	2	18	—	—	—	—	—
Comp-Att-Int	93-47-1	19-24-4	—	—	—	—	—
Punts	5-37	4-41	—	—	—	—	—
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1	—	—	—	—	—
Penalties-Yards	5-25	5-4	—	—	—	—	—
Time of Possession	30:29	29:31	—	—	—	—	—

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Team	Player	Points
RUSHING—Boston College, Dukes 15-83, D. Campbell 11-42, Foley 4-(minus 1), Meckley 1-(minus 1), Tennessee, Garner 10-45, Hayden 7-33, Shuler 6-31, Phillips 4-26, Stewart 7-19, Mitchell 2-4, Brunson 1-1, Colquitt 2-(minus 2).		
PASSING—Boston College, Foley 23-46-1-268, Ryan 0-1-0-0, Tennessee, Shuler 18-23-0-245, Colquitt 1-3-0-8.		
RECEIVING—Boston College, Mitchell 9-186, Dukes 5-35, Cannon 3-43, Miller 2-34, L. Boyd 2-32, Laro 1-3, Grice 1-(minus 1), Tennessee, Fleming 5-102, Faulkner 4-35, Phillip 3-88, Davis 3-44, Silvan 2-(minus 5), Horn 1-5, Stewart 1-4.		

Cotton Bowl

Team	Pass	Rush	Ret	Yds	F	Pen	Time
Notre Dame	8 7 14 7-26						
Texas A&M	0 0 3-1						
ND-Dawson	40 pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick)						
ND-Bettis	26 pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick)						
A&M-FG Ventoulouis	41						
ND-Bettis	4 run (Hentrich kick)						
A&M-FG Ventoulouis	41						
ND-Bettis	4 run (Hentrich kick)						

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Team	Player	Points
RUSHING—Notre Dame, Brooks 22-115, Bettis 20-75, Mirer 13-55, Becton 5-26, Burris 2-8, Davis 1-8, Zellars 1-3, Texas A&M, Thomas 20-50, Mitchell 1-12, Pullig 9-11, Carter 3-5.		
PASSING—Notre Dame, Mirer 8-16-0-119,		

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Time of Possession

32:27	27:33
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Team	Rush	Ret	Yds	F	Pen	Time
RUSHING—Stanford, Roberts 17-98, Lasley 4-19, Milburn 9-19, Buckley 3-16, Butterfield 1-10, Brockberg 2-4, Allen 1-1, Stenstrom 5-(minus 14), Penn State, Anderson 13-40, O'Neal 11-38, Archie 2-10, Carter 3-7, McDuffie 4-5, Moser 1-4, Collins 1-3.						
PASSING—Stanford, Stenstrom 17-28-1-210, Armour 0-1-0-0, Penn State, Collins 12-30-1-145, Richardson 1-8-1-11, Sacca 0-0-0-0.						
RECEIVING—Stanford, Wetnight 5-71, Coor 4-55, Milburn 4-54, Armour 2-9, Cline 1-11, Calomese 1-10, Penn State, McDuffie 6-111, Drayton 3-21, Moser 1-11, Anderson 1-4, Grube 1-4, Thomas 1-1.						

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	18	10	.643	—
New Jersey	16	13	.552	2 1/2
Orlando	13	12	.520	3 1/2
Boston	12	17	.414	6 1/2
Philadelphia	8	17	.320	8 1/2
Washington	9	20	.310	9 1/2
Miami	8	19	.296	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	18	8	.692	—
Houston	14	11	.560	3 1/2
San Antonio	14	12	.538	4
Denver	7	19	.269	11 1/2
Minnesota	6	19	.240	11 1/2
Dallas	2	23	.080	15 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	21	4	.840	—
Seattle	18	8	.692	3 1/2
Portland	17	8	.680	4
LA Clippers	16	12	.571	6 1/2
LA Lakers	15	12	.556	7
Golden State	15	13	.538	7 1/2
Sacramento	10	16	.385	11 1/2

Mass.-Lowell 74, N.Y. Tech 63

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Niagara 94, Rider 82
Penn 78, Lehigh 68
Pittsburgh 91, Providence 85
St. Francis, Pa. 67, Md.-Baltimore County 59

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Villanova 79, Syracuse 61
West Virginia 88, Steaks 65
Wheeling Jesuit 65, Geneva 78

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 76, Arkansas St. 64
Carthage 74, Trinity, Tex. 51
Incarnate Word 60, W. New Mexico 47
NE Louisiana 87, Texas-Arlington 71
North Texas 89, NW Louisiana 78
Oklahoma 109, Lamar 92
Oklahoma St. 75, Southern Meth. 59
Rice 78, Monmouth, N.J. 57
Texas A&M 85, N. Illinois 73

FAR WEST

Arizona 87, Rhode Island 79
Chaminade 92, Nebraska-West 76
Colorado Col. 101, Maryville, Mo. 63
Gustav Adolphus 60, Cornell, Iowa 59
Illinois St. 64, St. Mary's, Cal. 44
Oregon St. 97, UC San Diego 39
Pepperdine 69, Drexel 56
Regis 93, Concordia, Ill. 80

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Coon-hunting writer shares poems in book

By LARRY REA
Memphis Commercial Appeal

A man hasn't lived until he's heard the music of hounds at a tree.

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It's a tonic like a tonic should be. — From "Yonder Light" by Bob Anderson, 1991

His hobbies combine the unlikely combination of coon dogs and poetry.

For Bob Anderson, the pen may

not be as mighty as a 12-gauge shotgun, but his poetry has been known to make even the toughest hunter shed a tear.

Anderson, 40, a veterinary pharmaceutical sales representative from Millington, Tenn., has written poetry about his hunting experiences since his teenage years in Brownsville, Tenn.

Until recently, only a few friends and family members knew of his love for poetry. But that has all changed since several poems were published last summer in a cookbook, "Outdoor Tables and

Tales" (\$14.95, Wimmer Companies, Inc.).

Many of Anderson's poems are about his coon hunting experiences. He became serious about coon hunting four years ago at the urging of friend Frank Allen Smith of Memphis.

One of his favorite poems is about his grandfather, H. E. Stanley of Brownsville, Tenn., who died at age 84 in October 1990 while the poem was being written. Read at his grandfather's funeral, the poem reflected on the times he had spent outdoors with his

grandfather.

Anderson keeps his poems in a thick spiral notebook, a filing system that he realizes he'll have to soon change because of a lack of space and the possibility the book might be lost.

Proceeds from the cookbook are going to a college scholarship fund established by the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association. Anderson's poems were his contribution to the project after the book's editor, Bob Neill of Leland, Miss., convinced him the poems would be a "perfect blend" with the book's

400-plus recipes and short outdoors-related stories.

Before the book was published, Anderson considered himself a closet poet, writing his poems on such things as napkins and discarded rags, later rewriting them into a spiral notebook.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd get this involved in writing poetry," says Anderson, who works out of his home, which is on a four-acre tract overlooking the Mississippi River near Meeman-Shelby State Park. "I'm just a person who likes to hunt who happens

to also write poetry."

At that, Anderson stops, smiles and says, "I'm sure I'm probably the only coon hunter who writes poetry. When it comes to writing or coon hunting, I've got to say I'd pick coon hunting in a minute ... but writing would be a close second."

It was Anderson's love for hunting that led him to write his first poem. He isn't sure when or where that poem was composed but he's sure it involved hunting. He grew up hunting in rural Haywood County.

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Weddings

Coleman-Boeker

Tracy Coleman and Lewis Boeker exchanged wedding vows Dec. 12, 1992, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Mark McMillan officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jake Coleman of Meadow. Mother of the groom is Mrs. Oscar T. Boeker of Forsan.

Their altar was decorated with red poinsettias, Christmas greenery and four tree candelabras adorned with greenery and red velvet bows.

Beth Spence played organ with Betty Downey at the piano. Vocalist was Carol Boyd.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wear a pure silk gown by the designers of the House of Bianchi. The gown featured an open scoop neckline with three-quarter length sleeves. A fitted basque waistline was complimented with a full peplum that encircled the waist and allowed the full ballgown skirt to sweep into a mid Cathedral train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of red and white roses, stephanotis, butterfly orchids and English ivy. Maid of honor was the sister of the bride, Casey Coleman.

Bridesmaids were Kim Baker of Big Spring and Jill Furlough of Atwater, Calif. Autumn Day of Meadow was Junior Bridesmaid.

Flower girl was Kayla Spence, the niece of the groom. Chad Dunnam of Big Spring was ringbearer. Best man was Bobby Little of Forsan.

Groomsmen were Jimmy Shoultz of San Angelo and Darrell Yarbrough of Forsan. Cliff Dunnam of Big Spring was Junior Groomsmen.

Ushers were Randy Pierce of Big Spring, Wayne Wilson of Forsan



MRS. LEWIS BOEKER

and brother of the bride, Jason Coleman of Meadow.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor of First Baptist Church. The bride's cake was four-tiered and decorated with fresh flowers of the bride's chosen colors.

The groom's cake was German chocolate and decorated with a flowing script "B."

A graduate from Meadow High School and Texas A & M University with a degree in journalism, the bride is presently employed by Gamco Education Materials.

The groom is a graduate of Forsan High School and Midland College with a degree in Petroleum Technology. He is currently employed by Conoco.

Following a ski trip to Copper Mountain, Colo. the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Fortune-Elliott

Michelle Fortune and Glen Elliott, Jr. exchanged wedding vows Nov. 14, 1992, at Landmark Baptist Church, New Chapel Hill. The Rev. Mike Daniels of Land Mark Baptist Church officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jim and Dixie Fortune of Tyler. Parents of the groom are Elbert and Ellen Elliott of New Chapel Hill.

Vocalists were Donnie Denard and Michael Daniels.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore white satin accented with tear drop pearls and sequins.

She carried white and purple roses with pearls and satin ribbons. Maid of Honor was Dawn Szabo of Big Spring.

Bridesmaid was Brandi Fortune of Tyler, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Erica George of New Chapel Hill, niece of the groom, and ringbearer was Bryant Coleman, son of the bride, of Tyler.

Best man was Donny Clark, Tyler and groomsmen was Randy Turner, Tyler.

Ushers and Candlelighters were Phillip Flake and Billy Fortune, brother of the bride, both of Tyler.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church's fellowship hall. The cake was three-tiered, with a miniature cowboy and bride wearing purple



MRS. GLEN ELLIOTT, JR.

cowboy hats and decorated with horseshoes.

A graduate of Big Spring High School, the bride attended Howard College and Tyler Junior College.

The groom graduated from Chapel High School, Letourneau University and Tyler Junior College. He is a banker.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, N.M. the couple will make their home in New Chapel Hill.

Sneed-Zuniga

Trenae Sneed and Oscar Zuniga exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 13, 1992, at 2500 Cheyenne. The Rev. Floyd Green officiated.

Mother of the bride is Reene Casey of Big Spring. Parents of the groom are Connie Zuniga of Big Spring and Jim Zuniga of Austin.

The couple stood before an altar of white and black carnations. The bride was a black lace dress with gold trim and carried white flowers.

The cake was two-tier white with white and black roses.

The bride will graduate from Big Spring High School in January 1993 and works part-time in the photo lab.

A 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School, the groom works at Red Mesa Grill.

The couple will make their home here in Big Spring.



TRENAE AND OSCAR ZUNIGA

Pantyhose, tights still wildly popular

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stock in ladies' fashion hosiery should have plummeted with the hemlines last fall, but tights and opaque pantyhose have proven to be blue-chip at any length.

They now account for about 15 percent of the \$2 billion pantyhose market, compared with 1 percent or less five years ago, according to Frank Oswald, marketing consultant for Du Pont Fibers in New York.

"The continued-growth of tights is a major signal that women are not willing to give up their look, fit, comfort and wear life (durability)," Oswald says, adding that microfibre opaques are so durable "they even might outlast you."

Basic black is still the most popular opaque, but red and patterns are doing well, and shimmering colors are appealing for dressy occasions. Prices run to \$18 a pair for designer microfibre opaques.

"In our end of the business, which is casual tights, we've had an extremely strong season," says Fern Pochter, vice president of La Leg in New York. She says La Leg sales are up about 30 percent over a year ago.

"The opaque leg is still the number one leg look," she says. "It has worked with all the trends, both short and long."

With long skirts, she says, "If you're not wearing matching tights, you look like you're cut off at the ankle."

"Short skirts are still a fashion factor, and opaques work to cover the leg rather than leaving it bare."

Kathy Moskal's money also rides on opaques. "More women are getting into the tonal look with opaques because they connect your shoes and your skirt while elongating your silhouette and tying your outfit together," says Moskal, co-president of Hue.

For today's longer lengths, herringbone, animal prints, heavy lace

Save money on hosiery

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For women who consider the financial side more than the fashion side of stockings, Sue Goldstein has a plan.

"A pair of designer opaque hose for \$18 or \$25 doesn't wear any better than a pair for \$1.99," says Goldstein, the Dallas author of some 50 books on bargain shopping.

To save money, she suggests scouting last year's hosiery or discontinued styles through off-price department stores like TJ Maxx, Syms, Ross and Marshall's. Factory outlets are good bets, too, she says.

Then there are catalogs. The mail-order division for Hanes, L'EGGS and Bali offers "flawless" irregulars, Goldstein claims, at about 30 to 60 percent below retail. The National Wholesale Hosiery Division in Lexington, N.C., also offers discounts.

For catalogs or information: Showcase of Savings, L'EGGS Customer Service, Inc., P.O. Box 748, Rural Hall, N.C. 27098. Telephone 1-919-744-1790.

National Wholesale Hosiery Division, 400 National Blvd., Lexington, N.C. 27294. Telephone 1-704-249-0211.

and mesh tights are in step with platforms or ankle boots.

"Now that women are used to a black opaque leg, texture and pattern create a much fresher look under long skirts," says Gayle Goodman, public relations director for Hot Sox in New York.

She likes cotton and Lycra lace or mesh in black, natural and white because they soften the season's tweed and wool man-tailored separates.

Homfeld-McFadden

Katrina Diane Homfeld and Clifton Eugene McFadden exchanged wedding vows Nov. 28, 1992, at College Park Church of God. The Rev. F.M. Small, pastor of Iowa Park Church of God, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Kay Obel of Big Spring and Ray Obel of Bellville. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Sammy McFadden of Slaton.

Decorations included teal and mauve pew bows.

Marsi McFadden played piano. Vocalists were Michelle Davenport and Stephanie Mauch.

Given my marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight satin gown that featured an open portrait neckline with a wide satin collar. It was adorned with lace insets and demi candybox bows with satin ruffles forming the train.

She carried teal and mauve satin rosebuds trimmed with teal and mauve ribbon streamers.

Matron of honor was Susan Ward of Big Spring, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Trisha Sizenbach, Big Spring cousin of the bride; Shelena Quillin, Granbury; and Stacey Hawkins, Big Spring.

Flower girl was Jessica Homfeld, Odessa, sister of the bride. Ringbearer was Dakota York, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Shawn McFadden, groom's cousin. Groomsmen were Keith Posey, Hawkins, cousin of the groom; Lee McFadden, Midland; and Billy McFadden, Big Spring, brothers of the groom.

Ushers were Brandon Rodgers and Michael Sizenbach, cousins of



MR. AND MRS. CLIFTON MCFADDEN

the bride and groom.

Candlelighters were Justin McFadden and Sterling McFadden, cousins of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at College Park Church of God. The bride's cake was three-tiered with teal and mauve trimming.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School, and a 1992 graduate of Executive Secretarial School in Dallas. She is employed by Furr's Supermarket.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Coahoma High School who takes courses from Lee College.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple is at home in Big Spring.

Peeples-Steel

Pamela Louise Peeples and Richard Charles Steel were married Dec. 5, 1992, at Central Methodist Church in Dalhart. The Rev. Bruce L. MacDuffie, rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David H. Peeples and Barbara A. Peeples of Dalhart. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winston Steel of Dalhart.

Matron of honor was Andrea Hand, Sulphur, Okla. Bridal attendants were Ashlynn Wells, Austin, T.J. Frazier and Michelle Peeples, both of Dalhart.

Best man was Michael David of Amarillo. Groomsmen were Jeff Lloyd, Kirkland, Wash., Larry Steel, New York, N.Y., and Jay Peeples, Dalhart.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Dalhart Country Club. The reception buffet and dance was hosted by the bride's parents.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of



MRS. RICHARD STEEL

Baylor University in Waco, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

The groom is employed at State National Bank and the bride will be employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

After their honeymoon in Oahua, Hawaii, they will live in Big Spring.

Stork club

1992, 4:57 p.m.; parents are Raymond and Diana Martinez.

Danny Loepky, Dec. 29, 1992, 2:18 a.m.; parents are Neta and John Loepky.

Medical Center, Odessa

Mallory Virginia Greenhill, Dec. 8, 1992, 9:31 a.m.; parents are James and Lana Greenhill.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
Aaron Wayne Anderson, Dec. 30, 1992, 6:26 a.m.; parents are Jimmy and Monica Anderson.
Christa Roe Martinez, Dec. 25,

Saloga-Bynum

Teresa Gail Saloga of Hobbs, N.M. and Cecil Wayne Bynum of Big Spring were married Oct. 3, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Saloga of Hobbs.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Bynum of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartford of Tallahassee, Fla.

The bride graduated from Hobbs High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in accounting. The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School, employed by Cain Electric.

They will live in Big Spring.



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life! Deadlines

Deadlines for submissions to the Sunday life! section are as follows: Weddings, engagements, anniversaries: Wednesday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Must be written on Herald's form, available at the office, 710 Scurry, or by mail to out-of-town residents by calling 915/263-7331.

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Calendar

Today

- Bingo offered by the Lions, Elks, and Main Street Club, Monday-Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Lions Club, 1607 E. Third.

- The Salvation Army will have a dinner for area needy at 5:30 p.m. at their building, 308 Aylford, Monday through Friday.

- Toys of Christmas Past are featured at the Heritage Museum's holiday exhibit. Toys from the 1940s-60s will be on display through Jan. 23.

Monday

- There will be gospel singing at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.

- Howard County Youth Horsemen will meet at 7 p.m. at the Youth Horsemen Arena Clubhouse. For information call Paula Perry at 393-5617.

Tuesday

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St. has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

- Christensen-Tucker VFW Post 2013 will meet at 7 p.m. on Driver Rd. For information call 267-5290.

- Coahoma Senior Center Project Group will meet at 11 a.m. at the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Visitors welcome. For information call 394-4439.

- AARP will meet at 10 a.m. at the Kentwood Center. For information call 267-7046.

Wednesday

- Big Spring Senior Center will have ceramics class from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

- West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.

Thursday

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St. has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

- The Genealogical Society of Big Spring will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Howard County library conference room. Visitor welcome. Enter through west door. Doors must be locked after meeting begins.

- LULAC will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. For information call Nina at 267-2740.

- Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Friday

- Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

Saturday

- Maximum payout Bingo at 6:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn.

- American Legion Post #506 will have a shuffle board tournament at 2 p.m. Draw partners. 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

- Big Spring Squares will have a dance at 8 p.m. in the Squarena on Chapparral Rd. For information call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

- Big Spring Senior Citizen Center will have a Country/Western dance. Public invited.

Anniversary

The Egglestons

Billie L. and Mary E. Eggleston will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house reception from 2-5 p.m. on Jan. 3, 1993, at 1401 South County Rd. 1129, Midland. Hosts will be their children and grandchildren.

Mary Ellen McKee met Billie L. Eggleston at a party in the Morgan Community School House. They were married on Jan. 2, 1943, at the Fundamental Baptist Church, Big Spring, by Dr. Roland King. They have lived in Big Spring and Midland.

Their children are Kathryn Martin and Don Eggleston, both of Midland, and Mike Eggleston, Andrews. They have five grandchildren.

She is a salesperson for Carter Furniture, Midland, and he is in ranching and a livestock buyer.

About their marriage, the Egglestons said, "We attribute our 50 years of marriage together by letting the Lord lead our lives and considering each other's feelings, and having faith and trust in each other."

The Egglestons were members



BILLIE AND MARY EGGLESTON

of Trinity Baptist Church before moving to Midland five years ago. She was superintendent of the Sunday School department for 20 years. He was a deacon for 14 years and a Sunday School teacher.

K-Bob's also meeting place

When highway travelers get hungry, they start looking for a familiar place to stop and eat. Many people choose K-Bob's. The restaurant chain has become a popular landmark in five states.

Gabe Parsons of Amarillo started K-Bob's in 1966. He was unemployed at the time. The money he received from the sale of his wholesale and retail custom meat business in Clovis was running low and he was looking for a way to get some beans on the table.

He figured he had learned something about the restaurant business while owning his meat company, so he opened a small restaurant in Clovis.

"It had 32 seats," says Gabe, "and it's done well ever since it's been open."

He decided to call the restaurant K-Bob's because one of the menu items was shish-kabob.

Gabe was born in Eldorado and raised at Kress and Friona. He knows about small town life. He knows that most little towns don't have many nice places to go. So when he started expanding his restaurant chain he decided to build good solid structures that could be used for other events besides mealtime.

As a result, K-Bob's have



Tumbleweed Smith

become the center of activity in many communities. It's where the annual high school sports banquet is held and where service clubs hold their weekly meetings. And K-Bob's usually caters the town's main events during the year.

K-Bob's restaurants generally have done well in communities ranging in size from 10,000-20,000 populations.

Each restaurant is operated by the owner, who buys supplies from the company store in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Each restaurant pays a fee to be affiliated with K-Bob's.

K-Bob's holds the copyright on its salad wagon. No other restaurant is supposed to serve salad from a wagon the way K-Bob's does.

Gabe opened his second restaurant in Hereford and promptly sold it to his brother. They operated the two restaurants for a

few years with no thought of franchising or expanding.

In 1971 at Plainview, Gabe opened the third K-Bob's restaurant. Others followed in Borger and Lubbock. There are now 51 K-Bob's restaurants in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The menu has changed dramatically over the years. "We just had 9 menu items when we started," says Gabe. "The whole menu was printed on a sheet of paper 6 inches wide and 10 inches tall. It was all steaks and kabobs except for a chef salad, jumbo fried shrimp and a hamburger."

Kabobs have always been a popular meal down through the years at all K-Bob's restaurants. The number one menu item, however, is the merchant's steak. It was originally priced at \$1.35 and that included a drink and a salad. "We've probably sold more of those than all the other items combined," says Gabe.

New K-Bob's have just opened in Artesia, New Mexico; Beeville, Texas and Weatherford, Oklahoma. Gabe hopes to open at least 4 new restaurants in 1993.

Gabe no longer owns K-Bob's but he's involved as a consultant and does public relations for the chain.

Bob Lewis of Big Spring, also known as Tumbleweed Smith, is a speaker, broadcaster and journalist who produces literary sketches of people and places in Texas.

Keeping tradition of Christmas cleaning

On December 24th I "police the area" a minimum of fifteen times. I will tolerate no candy wrappers on the floor, no football cards on the stairwell, no dirty socks sticking to the coffee table, and no chewing gum wads stashed in the creche. On December 24th I want my house to be neat and tidy. It isn't a request, it's a commandment.

I begin Christmas cleaning the day after Thanksgiving. To have an immaculate home on Christmas Eve becomes my solitary goal. Carpets are shampooed, walls scrubbed, drapes laundered, cupboards reorganized, and windows washed. Anything that doesn't try to crawl away or protest verbally is covered with a fresh coat of polish. I have no logical explanation for putting myself through this grief every year, but Christmas cleaning has been a time honored tradition of the women in my family for generations. It's a genetic thing.

By the evening of the 24th my house looks precisely the way I want it to look. As I add the finishing touches to the centerpiece



Christina Ferchalk

and light the candles I say, "Now, doesn't our home look nice tonight. Wouldn't it be grand if it could stay this way, even for a little while?"

But the house won't stay nice, not even for a little while, it just isn't in the cards.

Come early Christmas morning all bets are off. Between December 25th and January 2nd my house will be trashed. It happens every year. In my younger days, when I was considerably less experienced, I tried to keep a lid on the mess.

Every evening, after the kids were tucked in, I'd put all their toys back in boxes and stack the boxes neatly under the tree. I'd dust, vacuum, sweep and straighten. These days I don't waste my time on such foolishness. I turn a blind eye to the

havoc, the chaos, the chocolate covered cherries smashed into the rug.

During Christmas week, I will not clean. I'll consent to washing dishes, cooking meals, throwing a load of dirty towels into the Maytag, cutting the sticky candy cane remnants from the cat's backside, and occasionally shoveling a path from the tree to the nearest exit, but I refuse to do any serious cleaning until the kids are back in school.

After a few days the house is becoming gamey. We're knee deep in litter, no one can recall the color of the carpeting, and finding your way to the kitchen sink requires a compass and the North star. I need to get away. It's time to visit my folks.

My parent's house is so quiet. There are no siblings willing to fight to the death over ownership of the last marshmallow Santa squashed in the toe of a stocking, no marathon Nintendo games in progress, no dogs barking to the tune of "Jingle Bells" over and over.

My parent's house is so clean. Their tree looks exactly as it did the day it was trimmed. No one has replaced the garlands with toilet paper or hung a pair of underguitches on the bottom branch. I ask my mother if I can't please, please, come home and be her little girl again. She tells me there will come a day when my home, like hers, will be clean and quiet, and when that day comes I'll be so bored I'll want to scream.

I go home. By the looks of my living room I can assume that the huns have attacked and the fleet's in. The tree sways at a 90 degree tilt. The angel on top needs both hands to hang on. There is a look of horror in her eyes. "Buck up," I tell her. "My mom says all of this will change someday, and that we're going to hate it."

I don't think the angel bought it either!

Christina Ferchalk is a columnist for Thomson News Service.

Lubbock could be windmill capital

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — Housed on a small ranching operation in a Nebraska town is a collection of some of the finest windmills in the world, say Lubbock collectors.

And Billie Wolfe, with the help of a task force, the Ranching Heritage Association and Texas Tech University regents, is working on a plan to bring those windmills to Lubbock.

"It's probably the top windmill collection in the nation," said Alvin Davis, vice president and general manager of the Ranching Heritage Association, who first told Mrs. Wolfe about the collection. "It would make us the windmill capital of the nation."

Plans are to purchase the collection including 46 restored windmills, the oldest dating back to 1854, from a private collector for \$225,000 — of which half of the required \$50,000 down payment has already been pledged.

Mrs. Wolfe, a retired Tech faculty member and windmill enthusiast, modestly admits that she supplied all of the money for the initial payment in hopes that others will follow suit.

"I've pledged the money, and I am committed and dedicated to this project," she said. "It means that much to me because I know what (the windmill) means as a legacy to this area. The steam engine would never have crossed the United States without the windmill. The whole Great Plains area owes its life to the development of the windmill."

"This is our legacy; this is the legacy of our area. Lubbock wouldn't be here today without the windmills."

Mrs. Wolfe added that the collection, which is owned by Don and Sue Hundley of Mitchell, Neb., is in mint condition.

"They are absolutely wonderful windmills, and as you know, there won't be many more," Mrs. Wolfe said. "When I saw it, I knew that if we could possibly acquire it, we should."

The collection also includes 15 samples that windmill salesmen used, 171 windmill weights, 64 photographs, signs and parts lists, 15 steel vanes, 55 pumps, seven original wheel sections with original paint, 13 miscellaneous items such as weather vanes, equipment and supplies such as a Babbitt machine and radial saw and three unrestored windmills.

Mrs. Wolfe's first project proposal to the Ranching Heritage executive committee was approved unanimously, she said. In May, she presented the project to the Tech board of regents, and in June, she traveled to Nebraska to view the collection.

"Right now, I am working on getting the money and getting a contract drawn up with the foundation," she said. "It just takes time."

Mrs. Wolfe will lead the effort to try to raise the remaining money needed to complete the project. In addition to the balance of the purchase price, she estimates another \$75,000 will be required to transfer the windmills to Lubbock and

Military

Marine Cpl. Ronald E. Pettit, son of Jeanne Y. Batties of Sterling City, recently deployed with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C. for six months to the Western Pacific.

The 1989 graduate of Sterling City High joined the Marine Corps in Oct. 1989.

Marine Cpl. Bradley M. Kilby, a 1989 graduate of Lamesa High was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Fla.

Marine Sgt. Danny E. Guzman, son of Tony H. and Irene E. Guzman of Big Spring, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

The 1982 graduate of Big Spring High joined the Marine Corps in Oct. 1983. His wife, Sylvia, is the daughter of Humberto and Patsy Padilla of Big Spring.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You express your more-mellow side as plans change. You might feel as if your style is cramped by work or a higher-up's input. Try to bring different family members together. Tonight: Off to the movies.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You might be overly concerned about a child or, if single, a potential loved one. Your attempts to lighten the situation might not work today. Tonight: Reflect on what you want.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are still enjoying the social aspects of the season. Notice what you are neglecting because of your transformation into a social butterfly. You might feel restricted financially. You are surprised and delighted by a friend. Tonight: You are the party.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a hard look at what you are projecting and see if it is consistent with what you want. A partner might be responding to your mixed signals. Be creative! Discussions and help another understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Tune in to a parent.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stretch and take a risk. Staying put hasn't been working for you. Your openness to other styles and ideas gains another's admiration. Pace yourself, as you might not have enough energy to do everything you want. Tonight: Be ready, willing and able.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might see a domestic issue differently today. Warm and open talks with an associate bring new views and a better rapport. Doors open because of your willingness to move past your rigid

views. Tonight: Discuss a potential investment and long-term goals.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You discover you can do no wrong today, as friends are playful and seek your company. A family member or roommate could be jealous. Romance heats up. Tonight: Follow another's lead.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dig into a project you have been putting off; you will feel much better once you get this one done. Look to reducing the red tape in your life. Take time for a special family member whom you adore. Tonight: Let your friends drag you out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go with spontaneity today and you won't be disappointed. You might zoom in one direction and then change your course. Focus on creativity. Tonight: Take a loved one out for dinner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might not feel up to snuff today. You might need to slow down and do something just for you. Take a walk or browse through a favorite store or art gallery. You gain an insight that might change your outlook. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be more uptight than you realize. A discussion or visit with a friend allows you to relax and worry less. You get what you want in an indirect way. Venus in your sign adds to your allure and draws a loved one even closer. Tonight: Return phone calls.
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Tips for saving energy in the kitchen

Protecting the environment has become a top priority. While the future of the environment lies to a great extent in the hands of government leaders and set policies, grassroots efforts to curb energy use can also make a significant impact on the state of the planet.
 Follow these tips to use less energy in the kitchen:
 • Use the smallest oven possible to cook; larger ovens may use more energy than is necessary, which can contribute to environmental damage.
 • Save glass jars and plastic



Naomi Hunt

containers and use them instead of aluminum foil or plastic wrap to store leftovers.
 • Take advantage of a crock pot, which uses little energy, for soups and stews or other dishes that take

a long time to cook.
 • Cook with a pan that is the same size as the burner when cooking on an electric stove. If a six-inch pan is heated on an eight-inch burner, more than 40 percent of the heat generated by the burner is lost.
 • When possible, keep the lid on a pot or pan during cooking. Spaghetti heated in a pot without the lid requires three times as long to cook as spaghetti heated in a covered pot.
 • Keep metal grease-catching burner pans clean. Clean, shiny

pans reflect heat up toward the cookware, whereas dirty, blackened ones absorb heat and reduce cooking efficiency.
 • Turn off electric burners a minute or so before a dish is fully cooked; a red hot burner will continue to generate heat.
 • Contact the gas company if gas flames are yellow rather than blue. Yellow signals that the gas is not burning efficiently.
 Naomi Hunt is Howard County Extension Agent — Home Economics.

Humane society

"Muffin" solid white short haired cat. She is spayed and declawed. She is quiet and loves people. Perfect for a one-cat family. Box trained.
 "Pumpkin" 6 month old kitten. Peach tabby short haired coat. Beautiful coat and loving personality. Playful and box trained, spayed female.
 "Samantha" basset hound mix. Black, brown and white short haired coat. Floppy ears and bowed legs. Outgoing and personable female.
 "Elvis" cock-a-poo mix. Small dog with a gold curly coat. Very active and outgoing. Loves everyone. Neutered male.
 "Mittens" small black dog with curly coat and white mittens. Curly tail. Must be an indoor/outdoor dog. She is very protective and would be a great watch dog. Spayed female.
 "Luther" doberman mix. Black short haired coat with tan german markings. Docked tail. Large and tall. Good active watchdog. Neutered male.
 Rottweiler mix puppies. Black short haired coat with tan feet. Both are females. Get along well with people.
 "Aquarius" striking black and white border collie. Soft, long black coat with white blaze up face, paws, chest and tipped tail. She is very intelligent and attentive. She loves water. Spayed female.



"Wednesday" solid black short haired spayed female cat. She is petite and loves people and attention. She has large, gold eyes and a sleek, shiny coat. Box trained and has a sister named "Morticia."

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How does your herb garden grow?

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Herb plants rarely do as well on windowsills as might be inferred by all the mail-order catalogs advertising collections of potted thymes, chives and basil.
 What to look for in an herb for indoor growing is a plant that thrives at cool room temperature, is attractive and has intense aroma and flavor.
 This rules out mint, which is too gangly; basil, which languishes unless basking in summer sun, and chives, which is too mild — one meal might decimate a clump. It does not rule out rosemary, though.
 Rosemary is a perennial shrub that grows wild on sun-drenched, chalky cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean. There, winters are cool but seldom frigid, and the soil tends to be dry.
 Such conditions can be approximated on a sunny windowsill (at least four hours of sun) in a cool room of a house. The parched air in most homes in winter does rosemary no harm, and may even remind the plant of its native haunts.
 To complete this simulated Mediterranean hillside, a potted rosemary plant should be allowed to almost dry between waterings. Extra sand or perlite in the potting soil, and an unglazed clay flowerpot further lessen the possibility of overwatering.

balsamic aroma into the air.
 The taste of rosemary is potent, so only a small amount is needed for flavoring.
 Pinching off a few sprigs here and there does the plant no harm and can be part of training the plant into a desired form.
 Herbalists credit rosemary with diuretic, stimulative, astringent and anti-spasmodic properties. Medicine uses aside, a few snips of fresh rosemary greatly improve the taste of a minestrone soup or a pizza.
 You can grow rosemary plants from seed, but be forewarned. Expect only about a 10 percent germination rate. And even under ideal conditions, germination takes at least three weeks.
 If you know of a rosemary plant from which you can take cuttings, this method of propagation is quicker and more reliable than seed-sowing.
 Cut off shoots a few inches long, strip them of their lower leaves, then insert them into a growing medium such as half peat and half perlite.

'The Passage' home for those dying of AIDS

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CORPUS CHRISTI — A two-story brick apartment building, constructed in the 1920s, was home to several families over six decades in an older central neighborhood. Vacated in the late 1980s, it deteriorated and attracted only unwelcome visitors like vagrants and drug abusers.
 Today, the building has been renovated and once again is a home — to South Texans dying of AIDS.
 The completion of the hospice-like facility, called The Passage, is a milestone for a handful of members of the now-defunct Mayor's Commission on HIV/AIDS, who resolved two years ago that the city needed a residential facility for AIDS patients who are expected to live less than six months. The building will be dedicated Jan. 15.
 The idea for The Passage was inspired by David Evans, a local man with AIDS, who knew of several people with the disease who had died alone.
 They formed HIV/AIDS Housing Center Inc. in January 1991 and began looking for an appropriate location for the home. They raised more than \$500,000 in donations,

"God opened up a lot of eyes and ears. It's been a long haul, but it's been a wonderful experience to have been through."

Anne Dunn, former director, The Passage

grants and volunteer help to purchase, renovate and furnish The Passage.
 "It's a major miracle," said Anne Dunn, former director of The Passage, who led the fundraising. "God opened up a lot of eyes and ears. It's been a long haul, but it's been a wonderful experience to have been through."
 Mayor Mary Rhodes said she marvels at the group's ability to marshal community support for the project, which she said could have become a controversial endeavor.
 "You expect that kind of community support for something like KidsPlace," Ms. Rhodes said, referring to the playground in Cole Park built last year by volunteers. "But this is different. Many people with AIDS have been ostracized. It says a lot when the community comes together to help in this way with a problem that is killing

people."
 For the past 11 months, The Passage has operated out of a small two-bedroom house on the same property. The smaller house was renovated earlier this year by a volunteer effort led by the local chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.
 Volunteers late last week began moving furniture and equipment into the permanent facility, which was ready for clients in mid-December. The location is kept secret to protect the confidentiality of the residents.
 While the small house could only accommodate three clients at a time, the permanent facility has six bedrooms and space for seven AIDS patients, said Chris Anderson, director of The Passage.
 Four full-time and two part-time caregivers will tend to clients, preparing their meals, giving them medications and, in general, trying

to make their last months and days as comfortable as possible.
 Regardless of their financial situations, clients are cared for at no charge.
 "Most people who are in the final stages of AIDS are destitute. They have no money and no insurance left," Anderson said. "And, unfortunately, many don't have a home or a family that can give them the extra help they need."
 Since the temporary facility opened in February, it has served 14 clients. Most of those people have died, but a few got well enough to go home for a while, Anderson said.
 "It's such a comfortable, home-like environment that some of our clients have gotten better," Anderson said. "The love and care really make a difference."
 Alice Caraway said she'll be forever indebted to The Passage. Her son, Jimmy, died at the facility in April.
 Ms. Caraway couldn't afford to give up her job as a bus driver for the Corpus Christi Independent School District to care for her son.
 When her son was bedridden, unable to walk or speak, The Passage gave him the care she couldn't provide.

Snakes to ministry
 Columbia native Rev. Celimo Ororio, shown recently in Scarso, specialized in healing rattlesnake bites before becoming a minister. He now sees snakes as just another of God's creatures, keeping at least six of them in his home.

New in food: Low fat, frozen

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PITTSBURGH — Weight Watchers Food Co. has introduced Smart Ones, a line of 10 low-fat frozen entrees, each with 1 gram of fat or less.
 The 10 varieties: Angel Hair Pasta, Shrimp Marinara with Linguini, Lemon Herb Chicken Picatta, Roast Turkey Medallions

and Mushrooms, Chicken Chow Mein, Chicken Francais, Lasagna Florentine, Chicken Mirabella, Pasta Portafino and Fiesta Chicken.
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Courtesy photo
Students from Glasscock County 4-H club made a good showing at the recent food and nutrition competition in Pecos. They took home awards in many categories.

Glasscock makes good showing at 4-H contest

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Glasscock County 4-H leaders are proud of their group's showing at the recent District VI Food Show in Pecos, Dec. 5. Michael Schraeder won second in the senior nutritious snacks and desserts category. Karla Jones won third in senior main dish. Chris Schraeder won first in senior bread and cereal. Kaci Kohls took second in intermediate beef. Krystal Halfmann won fourth in junior bread and cereal. Amy Weishuhn won first in intermediate

snacks and desserts. Deidra Hirt won second in the junior main dish. Ashley Hirt won third in junior fruits and vegetables. Kayla Kohls won first in junior lamb division. Jill Hoelscher took first in junior pork. Tiffany Wheat got second in intermediate fruits and vegetables. Chad Hirt won first in intermediate pork. Kallie Kohls won first in senior lamb. Other participants included Lori Hoelscher, junior nutritious snacks and desserts; and J'Layne Niehues, intermediate main dish.

This 'n That

A community news column

Neighborhood has party

The 20th Annual Cecilia Street Christmas Party was held December 11, 1992 at the home of Anton and Treva Hall, 2205 Cecilia. Among the guests were Fay Wheeler, Marvin and Lola Lamb, who has lived on Cecilia Street since 1963. In December of 1964, Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Hurley who lived at 2104 Cecilia entered 20 residents in the street lighting contest. December of 1972 Helen Hughes, Vicky Knoepfel and Frankie Bond decided to have a yearly street party. Bobby and Helen Hughes hosted the party that year. Guests attending this year's party are as follows: Fay Wheeler, Lola and Marvin Lamb, Frankie Bond, Hildred and Jerry White, Anna and Wayne Walker, Kim Messner, Joe Mark and Deanna Adams, Jim and Robbie Billings; Art, Elaine and Misty Dehlinger and Nancy and Wayne Jones.

Vigil plans noted

MIDLAND — Professional Women for Life's Candle Light Vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 22 at Midland County Courthouse.

The theme is "Our Compassion Is Saving Lives... Come Light A Candle With Us."

The Candle Light Vigil honors the memory of babies lost through the lack of information that leads to abortion.

Tribute to King set

ODESSA — "Sing for King: A Gospel Explosion," featuring choirs from churches in Odessa and Midland, will be held from 2-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, in the gym at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

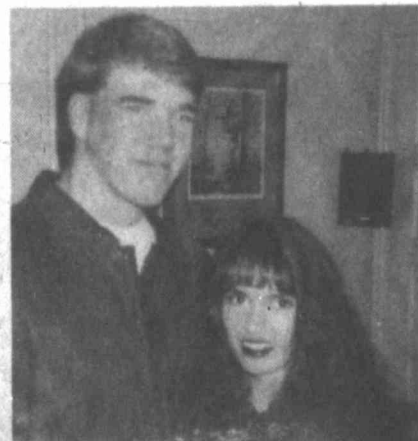
"The program is a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions to the religious community and society as a whole," says Larry Iglehart, student coordinator for the University Sociology and Social Work Club which is sponsoring the event.

Tickets for the celebration are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Proceeds from "Sing for King" benefit the club's scholarship and charity projects.

For more information, contact club advisor, Dr. Robert C. Rhodes at 367-2309.

This 'n That, a community news column, will run Sundays in the Herald life! section. Submit your new items in writing to: This 'n That, life! department P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or drop them by the Herald office, 710 Scurry, to the attention of Debbie Linccum, life! editor.

ENGAGED — Sky Parks of Big Spring and James Williamson of Anchorage, Alaska will be married on Jan. 21, 1993, at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. She is the daughter of Robert and Vicki Parks of Big Spring. He is the son of Melvin and Ella Williamson of Big Spring. The Rev. Robert Parks will perform the ceremony.



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Veteran: Straight talk about gays

DEAR ABBY: All the negative hype about gays in the military is nonsense. Alexander the Great was gay. Julius Caesar was gay. Legendary Greek warriors were gay. And gays have died on all the battlefields of America's wars.

Straight men have been showering and going to the bathroom beside gay men all their lives. I've worked in the theater for 40 years. Heterosexual actors work beside and change clothes beside gay actors. Straight stagehands use the same restrooms as gay men. There has never been a problem.

Of course, the theater was racially integrated long before the nation's churches, schools and military institutions. It has always judged people by their character and talent, rather than by the superficial.

Furthermore, if gays are not asked to state their sexual orientation, they will most likely keep it to themselves and reveal themselves only to those who are likely to be sympathetic.

The legal admission of gays into the U.S. military will be as easy or as difficult as Gen. Colin Powell and the Joint Chiefs of Staff want it to be. I'm signing my name, but if you use this, sign it ... A GAY VETERAN IN NEW YORK CITY

DEAR VETERAN: I think you



Dear Abby

are probably right. Because so many gays are still in the closet, there are no reliable statistics on how many gays are serving honorably in the military, but a fairly good estimate would be 10 percent.

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for "Cheated in Memphis," the little boy who was born on Dec. 25.

Many years ago a famous writer (I believe it was Robert Louis Stevenson) gave his birthday to a little girl who had been born on Christmas Day. I remember the publicity when that "little girl," who had grown up and reached a venerable age, bequeathed the famous author's birthday to another child whose birthday was on Dec. 25.

I have had so many birthdays that I feel I no longer need one. Although I am not a famous writer and my birthday is not in June or July, I will happily give my Jan. 27 birthday to "Cheated in Mem-

phis." — MRS. S.V.H. UPJOHN
DEAR MRS. UPJOHN: What a generous — and charming — lady you are. Unfortunately, "Cheated in Memphis" didn't sign his (or her) name, but if he (or she) is a daily Dear Abby reader, your offer will have been officially extended.

DEAR ABBY: I know that a person can have his name changed legally if he wants to, but is it possible to change his birth date?

I am 11 years old and my birthday is Dec. 25, and ever since I can remember, whenever I got birthday presents, I was told, "And this is also your Christmas present."

Abby, I don't think that's fair. Is there a way I can change my birthday to sometime in June or July? — CHEATED IN MEMPHIS

DEAR CHEATED: Not officially. Your date of birth is on your birth certificate, which is part of your permanent record. However, if you want to celebrate your birthday on the Fourth of July, nobody can stop you.

P.S. Queen Elizabeth II's birthday is in April, but she celebrates it in June when the weather is better in London.

Newcomers

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Raymond and Lella Bissonette, Del Rio. He works at Commanche Trail Nursing Home.

Anthony and Valarie Hill, and daughter, Lauren, 1½, Roy, Wash. He works for the City of Big Spring. Jim and Donna Fann, and daughters: Tracy, 9, and Tammy, 6, Sweetwater. He works at Pollard Chevrolet.

Derek and Mary Lynn Roberts, Dallas. He works at Fina Oil & Chemical.

Titus and Connie Earl, Shreveport, La. He works at Commanche Trail Nursing Home.

Odie and Lynn Earl, sons: Hughie, 19, Matthew, 14, Eli, 12, and daughter, Rebecca, 16, Beaumont. He is retired and she works at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Greg and Kathy Pollard, Post. He works at Fina Pipe Line.

Wiley Gregg, Odessa. He works at Fina Oil & Chemical.

David and Beverly Mohn, Wyomissing, Penn. He is retired.

Gary and Hyopun, Osburn, and sons: Curtis, 5, and Kevan, 6 mos., Homestead, Fla. He is retired.

Ronald and Jynette Suggs, Minot, N.D. He does construction and oil field work.

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Snow bored

Arielle Hawney, 4, appears bored as her father pulls her on a sled through the streets of Port Angeles, Wash., recently. The area was hit with six inches of snow Tuesday and more was expected.

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Menus

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS
MONDAY — Country fried steak; mashed potatoes; mixed vegetables; rolls; fruit and milk.
TUESDAY — Beef stew; tossed salad; stewed tomatoes; cornbread; cake and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Baked chicken; blackeyed peas; mix vegetable salad; cornbread; custard and milk.
THURSDAY — Fried catfish; potatoes; spinach; cornbread; cake and milk.
FRIDAY — Beef roast with brown gravy; mashed potatoes; mixed vegetables; rolls; peach cobbler and milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST
TUESDAY — Cereal; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Jelly donut; juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Buttered oats; toast; juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Sausage & eggs; biscuit; juice and milk.

STANTON LUNCH
TUESDAY — Hamburger steak w/brown gravy; cream potatoes; English peas; spiced fruit; hot rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Beef and cheese enchiladas; pinto beans; Spanish rice; chocolate cake; cornbread and milk.
THURSDAY — Scalloped beef and potatoes; cole slaw; banana pudding; hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY — Pigs-in-a-blanket; carrot and pineapple salad; broccoli w/cheese sauce; cookies and milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST
MONDAY — NO SCHOOL.
TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Sausage and pancake on a stick; syrup; juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Ham and eggs; biscuits; jelly and butter; juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice and milk.

FORSAN LUNCH

MONDAY — NO SCHOOL.
TUESDAY — Chicken and noodles; blackeyed peas; salad; crackers; fruit pie and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Steak fingers; gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; pears and milk.
THURSDAY — Barbeque on a bun; French fries; salad; pickles and onions; brownies; applesauce and milk.
FRIDAY — Stew; corn; cornbread and crackers; cookies; peaches and milk.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Pancakes; little sizzlers; juice and milk.
TUESDAY — Pancake pups; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Cheese toast; juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal; juice and milk.

WESTBROOK LUNCH
MONDAY — Fish fingers; tartar sauce; potato wedge; cole slaw; hush puppies; pears and milk.
TUESDAY — Pizza; English peas; peanut butter and crackers; peaches and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Frito pie; pinto beans; new potatoes; pineapple tidbits; cornbread and milk.
THURSDAY — Green enchiladas; Mexican salad; corn; apple crisp and milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburgers; lettuce; tomatoes; onions; pickles; French fries; cookies and milk.

GARDEN CITY LUNCH
MONDAY — No school.
TUESDAY — Chicken strips; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Frito pie; pinto beans; salad; corn bread; fruit cup; milk.
THURSDAY — Beef and vegetable stew; cheese sticks; crackers; cinnamon rolls; milk.
FRIDAY — Sausage on a stick; macaroni with cheese; spinach; hot rolls; pears; milk.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Glazed donut; chilled pear half; cereal; milk.
TUESDAY — Honey bun; sausage patty; apple juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin; fruit punch; cereal; milk.
THURSDAY — Biscuit and sausage; orange juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Nutty bar; grape juice; cereal; milk.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY LUNCH
MONDAY — Steak fingers; gravy; mashed potatoes; English peas; chilled sliced peaches; hot rolls; milk.

TUESDAY — Italian spaghetti; buttered corn; spinach; hot rolls; chocolate pudding; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Corn dog; mustard; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; cherry cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY — Fried chicken; gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburger; french fries; catsup; pinto beans; butter cookie; milk.

BIG SPRING SECONDARY BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal; milk; chilled pear half; glazed donut.
TUESDAY — Sausage patty; honey bun; milk; apple juice.
WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin; cereal; milk; fruit punch.
THURSDAY — Sausage and a biscuit; milk; orange juice.
FRIDAY — Cereal; nutty bar; milk; grape juice.

BIG SPRING SECONDARY LUNCH
MONDAY — German sausage; or steak fingers with gravy; mashed potatoes; English peas; chilled sliced peaches; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY — Hamburger steak with gravy; or Italian spaghetti; buttered corn; spinach; carrot sticks; hot rolls; chocolate pudding; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Baked ham; or corn dog with mustard; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; cole slaw; hot rolls; cherry cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY — Stew; or fried chicken with gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; milk.
FRIDAY — Tuna salad; or hamburger; french fries with catsup; pinto beans; lettuce and tomato salad; corn bread; butter cookie; milk.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST
(No school Monday)
TUESDAY — Sweetened oatmeal, toast, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Biscuits with sausage, fruit and jelly.
THURSDAY — Pancakes on a stick, syrup, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal with fruit, toast and milk.

COAHOMA LUNCH
TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets and gravy, green beans, macaroni and cheese, pull-a-part bread, milk and fruit. (no salad bar)
WEDNESDAY — Baked cheese with sew, carrot sticks, fruit, milk and crackers.
THURSDAY — Chalupas with cheese, pinto beans, salad, Mexican cornbread, peaches with whipped topping, milk.
FRIDAY — Hot dogs with chili, french fries, ranch style beans, milk.

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Guidelines For Screening Mammography Established by the American Cancer Society.

- 35-40 years of age - One baseline mammogram.
- 40-50 years of age - A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.
- 50 years of age and over - An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.
- Asymptomatic women under 50 years of age with significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risk factors include previous breast cancer and family history of cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

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Section D



Dan Wilkins

Plan for dividends

Many investors buy common stock for future growth and the current income they receive through dividends.

Dividends are usually paid quarterly to stockholders of record. It's important, therefore, to plan your buying and selling in advance if you want the stock's next dividend.

To do this, you must understand three important dates: the ex-dividend date, the record date and the pay date.

Ex-dividend Date

This is the date a stock goes "ex" or without dividend. It begins the time between the announcement and the payment of the next dividend. If you buy your shares during this interval, you're not entitled to the dividend. You've bought "ex" or without dividend.

The ex-date is generally about three or four weeks before the dividend is paid to shareholders of record. It's a functional interval that allows the company's transfer agent to prepare the next dividend check. Beyond the ex-dividend date, they would not have time to record the new owner's name on the shareholder records. They need a specific cut-off date, and the ex-dividend date is it.

Don't feel you're being cheated of a dividend if you buy or sell during the ex-dividend period. Typically, the stock's price moves up by the amount of the dividend as the ex-date approaches. It falls by the amount of the dividend after that date.

If you see an "x" in the newspaper by your stock or mutual fund, it has gone ex-dividend on that date. You'll generally see that it also opened lower by the amount of that dividend.

Record Date

The record date is the date on which you must officially own the security to be entitled to the dividend. The record date is usually four business days after the ex-date when talking in terms of normal cash dividends. This allows the new owner time for the trade to be cleared and settled.

For your planning purposes, however, don't be as concerned with the record dates as much as with the ex-dividend date because the ex-date actually determines if you're entitled to the dividend.

Payment Date

This is the date on which a declared stock dividend is scheduled to be paid.

All these dates may appear confusing, but they're necessary so the proper owner receives the dividend.

Unlike bonds, where the holder receives interest to the day of sale, stockholders must be of record on the company's books to get the quarterly dividend. These three dividend dates assure there's no confusion as to who gets the payment.

Financial Focus is a reader service of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., 267-2501. Local investment representative is Dan Wilkins.

Ag EXPO coming



Last year's West Texas Ag Expo drew more than 5,000 people to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. This year's expo, beginning Friday, is expected to draw more people to see the 62 exhibits and programs.

62 exhibitors, special programs on tap

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

The West Texas Ag Expo with more than 60 exhibits and two days of scheduled programs will bring the latest technology and updated training to area farmers and ranchers.

The second annual expo at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will begin Friday continuing through Sunday. Sixty-two exhibitors from within the state and as far as Nebraska and Kansas will have booths, said Marae Brooks, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors and Convention Bureau and expo co-chairperson. Exhibits range from crop insurance to computer software, she said.

This year the expo program coordinators decreased the number of programs due to the last year's over-scheduling. "We felt last year worked well," Brooks said. "We reduced the number of programs because so many people did not get to enjoy all the programs."

The reduction did not effect the overall size of the expo. With four less exhibitors this year Brooks says it is "right on target."

More than 5,000 people attended the expo last year, she said. Brooks anticipates exceeding the figure this year.

Kicking off the expo will be an agricultural appreciation dinner with State Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo. Sims is a member of the Texas Agriculture Council and the Agribusiness Advisory Council. He has farmed in Concho County and is the former managing editor of The Ranch Magazine. Sims has been the executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse Association. He also served as assistant Howard County Extension Agent in 1956 through 1960.

After the dinner, a private showing of the expo will be given.

Saturday morning events begin at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast for exhibitors at the Cactus Room at the Howard College Student Union Building.

The doors open to the public at 10 a.m. with programs scheduled throughout the day. Doors close at 6 p.m. Sunday the doors open to the

public at 1 p.m. with programs scheduled throughout the day. Doors close at 5 p.m.

State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, will be the keynote speaker at 1 p.m. Saturday. Counts is a three-

term legislator. Admission is free to the expo. The Saturday breakfast cost is \$4.75.

For more information contact Brooks at 263-7641.

West Texas Ag Expo Program Schedule

Friday

6 p.m. - Agricultural Appreciation Dinner at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room

7 p.m. - State Sen. Bill Sims will speak at dinner

8 p.m. - Expo Private Showing

Saturday

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. - Exhibitors Breakfast at Howard College Student Union Building Cactus Room

10 a.m. - Doors open to public

10 a.m. - Cotton Update; Landscaping programs

11 a.m. - Cotton Inserts program

1 p.m. - State Rep. David Counts will speak

2 p.m. - Style Show

3 p.m. - Chemical Weed Control

4 p.m. - Quail Management program

6 p.m. - Doors close

Sunday

1 p.m. - Doors open

1:30 p.m. - Pleasure Horse Care program

1:30 p.m. - Pesticide Certification Training

5 p.m. - Doors close

*Programs are subject to change



Associated Press photo

The area around the Houston Ship Channel is the most crowded in the world for refiners and petrochemical producers. Some company officials say they're looking for an upswing in business in 1993. This recent aerial shows the Phibaro Refining Co. in the foreground with the Houston refinery of Lyondell Petrochemical Co. in the background.

Chemical industry outlook optimistic

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA, Texas - "Nowhere to go but up" may be a backhanded bit of optimism, but chemical manufacturers and oil refiners say they hope it applies to them in 1993 and the years ahead.

Despite a 1992 described almost universally as mediocre to lousy, officials from chemical manufacturing and oil refining companies say they're looking for an upswing in 1993 and over the next few years, though the road of improvement may be a rough one.

By most all accounts, 1992 has not been a pleasant time for many chemical manufacturers and refiners, who generally enjoyed strong growth through the mid- to late-1980s.

"The world petrochemical industry is in the midst of a cyclical downturn," says Bruce Pickover, a vice president at Tarrytown, N.Y.-based consultants Chem Systems Inc.

"We believe 1992 represents the bottom of the cycle in both refining and chemicals," adds Bob Gower, president and chief executive officer of Lyondell Petrochemical Co. Gower, who heads a company that employs almost 1,500 workers in the Houston area, calls 1992 a trough in the up-and-down fortunes of the chemical and refining industries.

In many quarters, supply of chemicals is running well ahead of demand, helping to drive down prices and profitability. Industry officials say strong markets in the United States and overseas led to overexcited manufacturers of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride and other chemicals that eventually become milk jugs, car bumpers and trash bags.

The result, they say, was a rash of expansion that left production capacities swelling well ahead of demand and actual production

rates. "The growth of global supply of chemicals has really been faster than the global growth of demand," notes Allen Lenz, director of trade and economics for the Chemical Association in Washington, D.C.

From 1989 to 1992, for instance, high-density polyethylene saw a 33 percent increase in U.S. production capacity, according to statistics cited by Occidental Chemical Co. President and Chief Executive Officer Roger Hirl. At the same time, Hirl said, actual production grew less than 20 percent.

That's left many plants running well below full-speed, a development that becomes significant when one considers that earnings often follow operating rates, according to industry officials. While low-cost producers have still managed to do fairly well in previous downturns, analyst Pickover says, the quickening spread of advanced technology has made significant cuts in the difference between high-end and low-end producers.

Gasoline has also had its problems. One of the principal products of Southeast Texas-area refineries which also depends on some local chemical plants for its additive, gasoline wasn't the consumer favorite some expected it to be. While crude oil prices stayed higher than expected through much of the year, refineries found themselves spending more to put out a product that fewer people wanted in 1992.

Still, refiners and chemical manufacturers say they expect 1993 to be a little better.

"We've passed the bottom of the cycle," says economist Lenz.

Both the refining and chemical manufacturing businesses have strong ties to consumers, average Janes and Joes who fill up the tank on their way to work and perhaps

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The Record Shop is remaining a fixture on Main Street

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

The Record Shop is here to stay. After a three-month relocation effort to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, owner Jake Glickman says the renowned shop will stay in Big Spring.

Glickman began to move inventory from The Record Shop, which was established in 1942 by his father, Oscar Glickman, and military shop in October, but after a few months of high overhead and low record sales he decided to bring everything back home.

"It is a used-record market and people did not want to pay the price for unused records," he said.

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Jake Glickman
Owner, Record Shop

"I wasn't happy there. My roots are in Big Spring."

Glickman roots are not only in Big Spring, but in the record business. Throughout the years he was a part of the business and then taking over in 1984 when his father died.

Throughout the decades, the shop became known for its large stock of albums, 45s and later stocked cassettes and compact discs. The shop achieved

worldwide fame as a place to find rare and out-of-date recordings. "My dad did not return anything," young Glickman said.

Because of its intensive collection, it drew record buyers from across the United States, Germany, France, England and Australia.

Jake continues to do business in the fashion his father did. He also actively seeks vintage unused recordings to add to his inventory.



No, the sign in the door only means the store is closed for the day. The Record Shop on Main Street will remain a fixture, offering a wide variety of LPs, cassettes, 45s and CDs.

File photo

Expo supports farm business

The agricultural event of 1993 for West Texas will be happening next weekend in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College here in Big Spring.

The first Expo was held last January after a group of local agricultural leaders began to discuss something big for this important industry in Howard County in early fall of 1991. It was more successful than even the most optimistic among us had nerve enough to hope so!

Not only did we have an outstanding group of exhibitors and educational programs associated with it, but the local agricultural industry came out in full force to support it! Farmers and ranchers and their families that I had not ever seen at any other similar event came out to the Expo! That was great!

The Ag Expo is for our industry and for those that support it. Too often I hear complaints from some producers about the failure of our community to recognize the importance of agriculture to our economy. I once felt this to be a problem, myself.

But things change. The loss of Webb Air Force Base followed by the collapse of the oil boom in the early '80s really focused attention on an industry that had been here all along, agriculture. This multi-million dollar industry all of a sudden began to be seen by a lot of folks in an entirely different light. Ask any local businessman how his business was during those recent years of crop failure in our area and I feel like he or she can tell you what they think about agriculture.

We recently completed, along with TU Electric of Big Spring, an Agricultural Increment Report for Howard County, a report that estimates the total ag income for



Don Richardson

the county in 1992. This report based on figures obtained from our various leadership in the Agricultural industry, has been estimated at roughly \$56 million! This represents big bucks in anybody's book!

Our economists have devised an agricultural value to an ag community such as ours and have determined that for every dollar earned by a farmer from a bale of cotton has the multiplier effect of \$3 in such a community. Other agricultural enterprises have close to that same calculation.

Conservatively computing this figure, agricultural income to Howard County could very well mean over \$160 million to our local economy! If that doesn't convince some folks of the importance of agriculture to our county, I just give up!

The point of this article, I suppose, is that most people here do recognize the importance of the vital industry, not only to Howard County, but to our state and nation, as well, and that this community is supporting this recognition by hosting the West Texas Ag Expo again here in Big Spring. Let's all get out and support Ag Expo! It is for all of us as we are all affected in some way or another by this industry!

In addition to the outstanding exhibits that will feature the latest in agricultural equipment and sup-

plies, educational programs about the latest in cotton production and brush control will be featured, allowing producers to obtain continuing educational credits from the Texas Department of Agriculture for sustaining their private applicators licenses. In addition, a special program conducted by TDA officials will offer a one hour credit to all city, county and other governmental employees and other individuals needing such credits for commercial/non-commercial licenses. Other programs will feature horticulture, meat goat production and the latest update on stock shows.

An all natural fabric style show will also highlight the event this year with local people modeling the latest in high fashion from local merchants. Care of these fabrics will be featured at a special educational program, as well.

The Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Annual Agricultural Appreciation Day Banquet on Friday evening in the East Room of the coliseum and will recognize Howard County's "Farmer of the Year." Senator Bill Sims will be guest speaker at this event. Our own State Representative, David Counts, will address those in attendance on Saturday at a special program just prior to the style show.

Once again, this event is for us all! We all have a stake in agriculture and we all need to come out and support this community sponsored recognition event saluting this important industry! See you this weekend at the expo!

Don Richardson is the agricultural extension agent for Howard County. His column appears each Sunday.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

After 25 years

Helen Fortenberry, third from left, retired Friday from the Coahoma State Bank after working there for 25 years. With Fortenberry are three others with long pasts at the bank:

Lanelle Witt, left, with 19 years experience; Linda Robertson with 26 years employment; and Bill Read, a 31-year veteran with the bank.

Try on these resolutions for '93

When it comes to New Year's resolutions, most of us find they are easy to make but sometimes hard to keep. Although intentions are noble, the spirit often falters, and we finally decide about February that the whole idea was a fantasy.

So for this new year — 1993 — why don't we all accept the fact that we're not going to be able to lose 20 pounds or stop smoking or quit hollering at the kids or keep the house picked up or write grandma more often?

Forget it. Why not look at some insights and changes in behavior that will make a nicer, wiser, more honest and kind neighborhood in which we live.

Some of these suggestions are mine, some are borrowed, but I commend them to you for your New Year's resolutions this time around.

1. I will speak ill of no man and speak all the good I know of everybody. (Let the refining and improving of your own keep you so busy that you have little time to criticize others!)

2. I will hold myself responsible



Linda Roger

for higher standards than anyone else expects of me. I will not excuse myself. (If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.)

3. I remember that Andrew Jackson said: "One man with courage is a majority. (Don't be afraid to take big steps. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.)

4. As a business person I must remember this: "When you dance with a customer, let him lead."

5. As a working person, I will take heed of the words of Gary Player: "The harder you work, the luckier you get." (Success comes before work only in the dictionary.)

6. As I age I shall keep in mind that the secret is to become wise before I get old.

7. If I am a boss I will praise in public and criticize in private.

8. If I am a youngster I need to realize that life doesn't come with an instruction book. That's why we have mom and dad.

9. I will keep in mind that no one ever went broke by saving money. (Wealthy people miss one of life's great thrills — making the final car payment.)

10. I promise to do the best with what I have, knowing that success is best measured by how far you've come with the talents you have been given.

11. I will show real generosity by doing something nice for someone who'll never find it out. (The final test of kindness is to do something for people who can be of no possible value to you.)

12. I will forgive and forget because sour grapes make for a lousy wine.

There are a dozen resolutions for you — one for each month. Try a few of them and if you fail, well, remember it's not how far you fall, but how high you bounce.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Linda Roger is the executive vice president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. Her column appears each Sunday.

Outlook

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sip from a plastic soda bottle while motoring along in a car that owes much of its hardware to the chemical industry. With the national economy showing signs of improvement and developing countries expected to continue their increasing consumption of chemical-based products, markets should begin to take up the demand slack created by over expansion and bring increasing utilization of production capacities, officials say.

"The key, of course, is whether the economy picks up. There's just no question about that, and we believe the economy is picking up," according to Lyondell's Gower. Supply and demand are running fairly close in the refining sector, he says while recent and expected refinery shutdowns will leave surviving plants in better shape.

John Lauer, president and chief operating officer of the B.F. Goodrich Co., forecasts slight improvements for polyvinyl chloride, a product which is the focus of the company's La Porte facilities outside Houston. Used in home flooring, siding and pipe, among other things, PVC finds much of its demand drive in the strength or weakness of new construction, Lauer says.

"It is clear that a steep change in housing has some effect" on demand for the plastic, according to Lauer, who notes that PVC producers began seeing an increase in capacity utilization rates in 1991. "So (Southeast Texas) is looking very, very good where we're concerned," he says.

As countries in regions like Asia and North Africa continue to expand, they too should require more

plastics, boosting demand for exports from the United States, officials say. And more countries around the world are moving to free-market economies, leaving them more open to imports as government subsidies are reduced or eliminated.

But better days aren't exactly just around the corner.

In other chemical manufacturing sectors, things may take longer to level off. Polyolefins (polypropylene and polyethylene) are in such great supply that demand may not balance the equation until the latter part of the decade, says Robert Bauman, another Chem Systems vice president.

And some industry authorities say the recovery will be sluggish, taking several years to show itself in terms of job growth and plant expansion.

"I don't expect rapid growth," says Lenz.

"1993, even though there's a smattering of confidence in the U.S. economy, is not going to be an easy year," notes Oxychem chief Hirl.

Many of the same nations that are expected to increase their use of plastic products also have plans to build production facilities at home instead of buying from countries like the United States.

Capacity has been or is being built in many developing countries that have been traditional export customers for the excess capacity from more technologically advanced nations, according to Chem Systems' Bauman.

"In most cases, these capacity additions are greater than domestic demand, which means that these plants will compete for

the remaining regional export market," Bauman said.

Also, a growing environmentalist movement is leading to a negative perception of plastics by some consumers, Bauman claims, posing the possibility of additional drag on already slow demand growth. Though presently unprofitable in many cases, recycling is still being pursued, which could up costs for plastics producers, he says.

Job growth and expansion in many chemical manufacturing sectors aren't expected to begin again for a while, many say.

New jobs in refining will likely come more from efforts to find lower-cost production tacks rather than all-out expansion of capacity, according to Lyondell's Gower, who says making fuels and lubricants cheaper will likely be more of a focus than making more of them.

"I think it'll be a year or two before companies start increasing their staffs," says Chem Systems' Pickover.

Even Goodrich's Lauer, who sounds excited about the coming year, calls his company cautiously optimistic. While Goodrich expects things to pick up, the company is doing its financial planning based on no improvement from 1992 to 1993, he says.

Meanwhile, Oxychem's Hirl joins Bauman in pointing out that as planned production capacity goes on line for petrochemicals like ethylene, supply and demand will take far longer to even out, meaning that expansion and more work will be as far away as three to five years.

That may be slightly counteracted by plant closures.

Nation's rig count slips down to 992

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The nation's rig count slipped by six during the last week of 1992, dropping to 922, Baker Hughes Inc. said today.

Despite the decline, this week's count continued a more than two-month trend of exceeding the total for the same week a year ago. Last year at this time the count stood at 764, Baker Hughes said.

Before October, the count had not surpassed the previous year's tally for more than 18 months. The rig count is the widely watched index of domestic drilling activity.

The total represents the number of rigs actively exploring for — not producing — oil and natural gas. Of the rigs running this week, 368

were exploring for oil, 527 for gas and 27 were listed as miscellaneous.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The count peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom. This summer, the count dropped to a record low of 596. The previous low as 663 in the summer of 1986.

Of the major oil producing states, Oklahoma's count declined by six, New Mexico was down three, Kansas dropped two and Texas was down one. California added three rigs and North Dakota was up by two.

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Raymond Cisneros; Revocation probation.
Kenneth Edward Steen; DWI, \$450. fine, 2 years probation, 8 hrs. community service, \$202. court cost.
Henry E. Spears; DWI 2nd, \$400. fine, 2 years probation, 8 hours community service, \$202. court cost.
David Owen Kinard; DWI 2nd, \$450. fine, 2 years probation, 8 hours community service, \$202. court cost.
James Daniel Parker; Driving with license suspended, \$200. fine, 6 months probation, \$137. court cost, 8 hours community service.
Alejandro Torres; DWI, \$450. fine, 2 years probation, 8 hours community service, \$202. court cost, 90 days driving privileges suspended.
Alejandro Torres; Order, occupational commercial license.
David Cruz; Driving with license suspended, \$200. fine, 6 months probation, \$137 court cost, 8 hours community service.
Ervin Richard Newby; Probated judgment, DWI 2nd, \$500. fine, \$227. court cost, 15 mos. probation, 9 mos. jail, 2 yrs. driving privileges suspended.
Brian Keith Ferreri; DWI, \$1000. fine, 6 mos. probation, \$202. court cost, 8 hrs. community service.
Neal Ray Chambers; Revocation probation, 45 days jail, \$199.50 court cost, \$400. fine.
James Robert Gunn; Revocation probation, \$500. fine, \$197.50 court cost, 180 days jail.
Joe Edwin Johnson; Revocation probation, \$500. fine, \$199.50 court cost, 180 days jail.
Gary Wayne Rawls; DWI 2nd, \$750.

fine, \$202. court cost, 30 days jail.
Roberto Paredes; Assault, 10 days jail, \$202. court cost.
Martin Rios; Possession marijuana under 2 oz., 30 days jail, \$167. court cost.
Deanna Powell; Deferred adjudication.
Grafton Williams; Deferred adjudication.
Santiago Abreo; Order dismissal.
Darrell Miller; Order dismissal.
Henry O. Washington; Order continuing probation.
Robert Dale Hutchesson; DWI, \$450. fine, \$202. court cost, 4 hrs. community service.
David Arnulfo Garza; Driving with license suspended, \$200. fine, \$137. court cost, 4 hrs. community service, 10 days jail.
Mark Layne Taylor; Deferred judgment.
Antonio R. Hernandez; Possession marijuana under 2 oz., \$193. fine, \$132. court cost.
Audrey Mae Littlejohn Valentine; Revocation probation.
Audrey Valentine; Theft, 60 days jail, \$147. court cost.
Daniel Ray Heckler; Failure to appear, \$200. fine, \$98. court cost.
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118th DISTRICT COURT RULINGS
James W. Leffler & Dorothy A. Leffler vs City of Big Spring and its zoning board of adjustments; final judgment.
Mary Houston vs Scent Mountain Medical Center, Inc. dba Scent Mountain Medical Center; judgment.
Royce L. Carson & Cindy Denise Carson; final divorce.
Tonya Diane Baker & Gilbert Vasquez Rodriguez; final divorce.
Donald Lee Rich & Myra Griffin Rich; final divorce.
William Neil Klein; name change.
Rhonda Joyce Carter & Bill Horace Carter; amended final divorce.
Irene Johnson Maxwell Gaines & Edward D. Gaines; final divorce.
Barbara Morrison vs Furr's Supermarket, Inc. & Vand Pure H20, Inc.; order dismissal with prejudice.
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market, Inc. & Vand Pure H20, Inc.; order dismissing third party action.
Irma Franco & Johnny Lara; final divorce.
Co-Ex Pipe Co., Inc vs Post Pipeline, Inc. dba Quick Lay Pipe Co.; agreed judgment.
Fred M. Munoz & Maria E. Munoz; final divorce.
Fred Castillo vs Cigna Insurance Co. of Texas; agreed judgment.
Carla Laverne Warrington vs Dennis Gail Warrington; order transferring suit.
Woody Enos vs Dennis R. Knecht; order dismissing with prejudice.
Jimmy Tucker dba Tucker Construction vs Jerry Smith, individually and dba Kana Resources; judgment.
Ketty Allison Powell vs Kendall Wayne Powell; family violence protective order.
Douglas E. Wagner Jr. & Molly Elaine Wagner; final divorce.
Michael Andrew Veach & Beth Rene Veach; final divorce.
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By PAULA ANCONA
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The thought of speaking to groups, strangers or authority figures horrifies many of us as much as the latest Stephen King movie.

But practice and simple guidelines can ease the fear and make you a better speaker, too. Today's column builds on last week's installment by giving you more ideas for better formal and informal speech. Next week I'll focus on persuasive speaking.

First, though, here are some tips to take some of the potential awkwardness from speechmaking:

- Don't tell your listeners that you're nervous. They probably won't notice. Divert yourself and them by plunging into a story or visual aid. Think of your nervousness as positive energy instead of a problem.
- Don't use visual aids (flip charts, overheads, slides, dramatizations) unless you have

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practiced using them. If you fumble, that's what your audience will remember about you.

• Keep it simple. Use specific, plain language. Avoid unfamiliar acronyms. Use contractions (can't, don't) to maintain an easy tone. Use your regular conversational voice. Don't go overboard on facts, examples or visual aids.

• Don't slap your listeners with anger, sarcasm or fighting words. They'll be more receptive without those negatives.

- Have a purpose in everything you say, even if it's just small talk.
- If you use notes (most people need them) make them simple and easy to follow. Don't read straight from them, use them as a guide. If you type an outline or manuscript, double or triple space it. Don't use staples or arrange your papers in such a way that they'll make noise. Write reminders to yourself in the

margins about your delivery (point to screen, pick up the pace).

• Maintain effective eye contact by dividing your audience in eight to 15 sections (fewer with a smaller group). Address each section for a while before moving to the next. If you feel you're floundering, look back to the section that seemed to give you the most positive feedback.

• Watch out for these actions that drain attention away from your message: pacing, standing frozen, leaning, scratching, fiddling with an object, gesturing with a pen, covering your mouth, looking away from the audience.

• When you're asked questions after your talk, maintain eye contact with the questioner as you begin to answer. But move your eyes elsewhere as you finish, lest the questioner think he or she has the floor for more questions.

• Give your answer as a headline or lead sentence that showcases the heart of your response immediately. If you're not direct you'll look like a windbag, or like you're withholding information.

• When concluding your talk, don't use the same phrasing you've been using all along. Find a fresh way to wrap up your main points

and leave the audience with a memorable last line. Let it sink in for a moment before saying "thank you."

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Economic prediction for upcoming year

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Twenty economic predictions for 1993:

• It will be a better year than 1992.

• A better year, but not a great year.

• Despite the euphoria that goes with a new president, the economy will improve only moderately, with much of the improvement coming in the second half of the year.

• Economic problems in Europe and Japan will make it harder for U.S. manufacturers to sell more American goods overseas.

• The unemployment rate will come down grudgingly, staying close to 7 percent for much of the year.

• Mountain Valley spring water from Hot Springs, Ark., will be a popular beverage, especially at Washington, D.C., dinner parties.

• College tuition again will rise at twice the rate of inflation, prompting educators to explain that tuition is increasing but at a decreasing rate.

• Social Security benefits will rise 3 percent to keep pace with the cost of living. The average monthly benefit for an aged couple, both of whom receive benefits, will be \$1,106. Workers will pay Social Security taxes on the first \$57,600 of income in 1993. They will pay Medicare taxes on the first \$135,000.

• Sen. Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., will replace the newly appointed Treasury secretary, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Moynihan will renew his call for a reduction in Social Security taxes.

• Congress will approve, and President Clinton will sign, a bill granting workers up to 12 weeks of

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unpaid leave for family emergencies. The new law will apply to companies with 50 or more workers.

• A baseball player will create a national sensation by giving back part of his \$2 million salary after hitting only 225 and sitting out much of the season with injuries.

• A business school graduate will surprise and amaze his friends by marrying a classmate who tells him she doesn't want to work, she just wants to stay home and have children.

• As the economy improves, the high cost of health care and the lack of health insurance for millions of Americans will become the Clinton administration's No. 1 problem and priority. Reforming the present system will not be easy.

• After much haggling, the North American Free Trade agreement with Mexico and Canada will be approved by Congress.

• Ten banks will offer you a credit card. At least one card will be decorated with your college coat of arms.

• Graduating seniors in the college class of 1993 will have a tough time finding the jobs they want in the places where they prefer to live. Companies will continue to hire sparingly, even though their sales and profits will improve.

• Real estate agents will have their best year since 1979. Some home buyers will insist on bathtubs with built-in Jacuzzis.

• Selling a car for the sticker price, with no bargaining, no inflated numbers and no phony consultations between salesman and sales manager, will gain popularity. More dealers will try it.

• The inflation rate will stay in the 3 percent range.

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Foreclosure still an ugly reality for many Americans

By DEBBIE CARVALKO
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It's like watching a loved one die. But this loss brings a different kind of anguish.

"When someone's had a death in the family, everyone comes around and says, 'I'm sorry.' With foreclosure, nobody does this," said Kathy Barrett.

Two years ago, Barrett and her husband lost their home of 18 years — a white, three-bedroom colonial in Middletown, Conn. — when they could no longer keep up with the mortgage payments. Today, she's still dealing with it.

"It's a rough road back, a very rough road," said Barrett. Despite a slowly improving economy, foreclosure remains an ugly reality for thousands of Americans nationwide. As of the end of September, foreclosure proceedings had begun on 174,220 homes across the United States, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

The causes are many. But the statistics cannot begin to hint at the personal pain and family turmoil that foreclosure brings. No matter how the numbers stack up, each person who has lost or is losing a home feels desperately alone.

In public, people suffer in silence. In private, couples argue. They blame each other. Children are frightened. Marriages are torn apart. Some people consider suicide.

For it is more than wood and bricks being taken away. A home is

synonymous with memories. It is security. It is independence. It is the greatest tangible sign that all labors past have brought some success.

"People get caught up in a cycle of shame," said John Ringwald, a New Haven, Conn., psychologist. "And it's natural not to talk about it."

Niles is glad he doesn't own a weapon.

"I have not contemplated taking my own life," said the articulate Englishman living in Waterbury, Conn. "But I have said it is a good thing that I don't own a gun because, in a moment of depression, you could pick up that gun... and in a flash destroy yourself."

A data/telecommunications engineer for 25 years, the 56-year-old Niles moved from New York state to Connecticut after landing a job advertised in the Wall Street Journal. His salary was \$48,000, enough to finish putting his three sons through college.

In January 1990, Niles and his wife found a two-bedroom condominium in Waterbury for \$78,000. The mortgage was just \$700 a month. It was close to work, on the bus line.

Times were good. "The greatest pleasure was the joy of moving in. We had been approved when banks were ailing and mortgages were not easy to get," said Niles.

Six months later, Niles was laid off. He has been unemployed for nearly two years. His wife left after one year. She took the car.

Facts about foreclosure

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Most lending institutions treat each foreclosure proceeding on a case by case basis. But there are some rules of thumb for homeowners, said Todd Luckey, mortgage officer with the Shawmut Mortgage Co., which handles mortgages for Connecticut National Bank.

• Technically, a homeowner is in default if the mortgage hasn't been paid by the day after it is due. But most banks provide a 15-day grace period where no late fee is charged.

• At 30 days overdue, it becomes a "serious breach" and names are reported to the credit bureau.

• Foreclosure usually doesn't begin until payment is at least 60 to 90 days overdue. Those who

have good payment histories and pledge to make good on the monies owed may get even more leeway.

• You have the right to a foreclosure hearing in court. If you lose, you generally have up to six months to vacate your home, though most people leave sooner.

• The best way to stave off the proceeding is to contact the banks when you first encounter financial difficulty and try to work something out.

Some banks will write you a new mortgage using a variable interest rate, which is usually lower than the fixed rate most people now have. Other banks will allow you to make partial payments.

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He exhausted his savings paying the mortgage the first six months he was unemployed. Then, for a while, he made half payments on the mortgage. Then the unemployment checks ran out.

For eight months, Niles has paid nothing on his mortgage. He's had to apply for welfare and food stamps. "It's humiliating," he said.

In October, the bank sent a letter demanding all \$4,900 in back payments or foreclosure would begin. Niles doesn't have the

money. He doesn't even try to communicate with the bank anymore. He said officials are abusive instead of sympathetic.

"I'm just frightened," he said. "One step away from being homeless and a bag person on the street."

But he's not quitter.

He's written 500 letters looking for a job, made countless calls, and visits the library daily to look for leads in newspapers. At the library, Niles also found his greatest "mental support" — an

unemployment support group that meets Thursday mornings.

He sees hope for the future.

In his first 15 months of unemployment, Niles got only six inquiries in response to his job letters. But since early November, he's received 14. Most are for out-of-state positions.

"There is real fear about what is going to happen," Niles said. "But in order to continue, you have to put that behind you. This makes you a stronger person. You have to be, or you'll... lose hope."

A smile crossed her face as Denise let the memories float back.

Her 22-year-old daughter's college graduation party was held in the back yard of the three-bedroom raised ranch in Derby, Conn., this year.

The christening parties for her 12-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son were both held in the home.

Best of all was the wedding — her sister's — with 120 guests. "The house was like a zoo. We rented a gazebo and my little daughter was flower girl," said Denise, 41.

Memories may soon be all she has left.

Denise expects to get a court date for final foreclosure proceedings by Dec. 29. The family — Denise, her 48-year-old husband, four children, two cats, a dog and several fish — will probably have to leave by April.

"You work all your life to own a house, then it is torn away real quick and there is nothing you can do about it," Denise said. "After we're foreclosed on, who's going to

open their door and say, 'Sure have a rent?'"

As for now, few people know of the family's situation.

"The children would be devastated" if anyone found out said Denise. The two younges wouldn't even let her apply to get free lunches at school, because their friends would know they are poor.

To her husband, Bob, discussing the disaster with an outsider would be like "pouring salt in an open wound," she said.

What a contrast to 1979, when Denise and Bob, a union steam fitter, were married. It was the second marriage for both.

The construction business had been terrific for years. Bob was pulling in fat paychecks, \$600 to \$700 a week. Denise earned about \$90 a week as a part-time office worker.

The house was in a good, middle-class neighborhood with stores and schools nearby, plenty of room for Denise and Bob and his two daughters. And for just \$70,000.

The couple had a baby daughter about a year after they moved in. Their son was born a year later. Denise started a small business in her basement so she could spend more time at home with the kids.

The two eldest girls went off to college. Denise and Bob felt comfortable taking out a second mortgage to pay their tuition, which exceeded \$10,000 a year at each school.

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Pennsylvania organization rescues homeowners facing mortgage trouble

By DEBBIE CARVALKO
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One might picture foreclosures as sharks, rapidly reproducing in the Sea of Recession. Many homeowners being circled cannot swim past them, so they flounder and see their lives torn to shreds.

Unless they live in Pennsylvania.

There, a legislative lifeguard called HEMAP — the Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program — has rescued residents from foreclosure for years.

Under HEMAP, a state agency makes mortgage payments for up to three years. The loans must be paid back at a 9 percent interest rate.

Since unemployed workers and their supporters rallied HEMAP into place in 1984, it has helped 13,885 homeowners to keep their homes.

"It's an extremely compassionate program and recognizes homeowners may have difficulties that are just beyond their control," said HEMAP director Fred Reed.

Those difficulties can include job layoff, serious injury or business failure.

The problems cannot be due to obviously poor financial decisions — such as buying luxuries rather than paying the mortgage. And applicants must first liquidate any assets like stocks and bonds.

Applicants must also demonstrate that they have a

"reasonable prospect" of being able to resume mortgage payments within three years. To determine that, HEMAP officials investigate the work history, experience and training of applicants.

Those accepted — about 35 percent of applicants — receive either a one-time loan to bring delinquent

mortgages up to date, or continuous payments covering part or all of the monthly mortgage.

About \$113 million has been paid out to date to protect homeowners; \$25 million has been paid back. Repayment begins after homeowners are back on firm financial footing.

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