

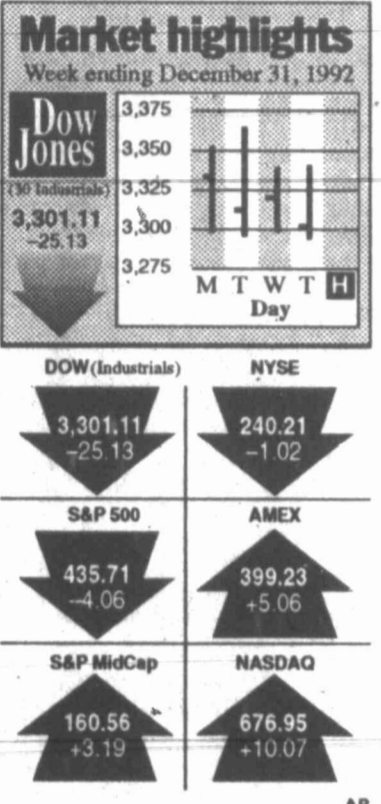
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NEWS DIGEST



Jack Buchanan named to JP post

Coahoma-area resident Jack Buchanan was named today by Howard County Commissioner's Court to serve as Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. Commissioners met in an executive session at 9 a.m. and appointed Buchanan to the post. Buchanan will serve the remainder of the term of retiring Justice of the Peace Willie Grant. Buchanan will stand in election in 1994. Buchanan is a Howard County native and graduated from Coahoma High School. He has been farming and ranching most of his life and served as a county commissioner from 1971-78. Buchanan has been semi-retired during recent years and can devote full time attention to his newly appointed position, county officials said.

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.

Weather

Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Light wind.
Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the lower 60s. Southwest wind 10-20 mph.
Extended forecast on Page 6A.

TONIGHT	TOMORROW	TONIGHT
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Richards says decision 'pretty close'

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards says she should soon decide who to appoint to the U.S. Senate. "I'm pretty close," Richards said Sunday while refusing to disclose who she has under consideration. Several published reports suggested that her options may have come down to U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs, and Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger. Richards said protests from civil rights leaders, gay groups and environmentalists hadn't knocked Chapman off the list. But she wouldn't say much else about her Senate choice during a news conference at the Governor's Mansion. "I'm going to talk about the Senate... this coming week," she said. According to published reports, Richards called Krueger to a surprise second meeting about possibly appointing him to the Senate. Krueger told The Houston Post



he met with Richards on New Year's Day in a second interview about filling the unexpired term of Lloyd Bentsen, who has been tapped by President-elect Clinton as treasury secretary. Sources told both The Post and the Houston Chronicle that Krueger and Chapman had emerged as finalists for the appointment to Bentsen's seat. Meanwhile, in an interview with The Dallas Morning News, former state attorney general Jim Mattox said he was the best candidate to keep the seat in Democratic hands. "The U.S. Senate seat will be

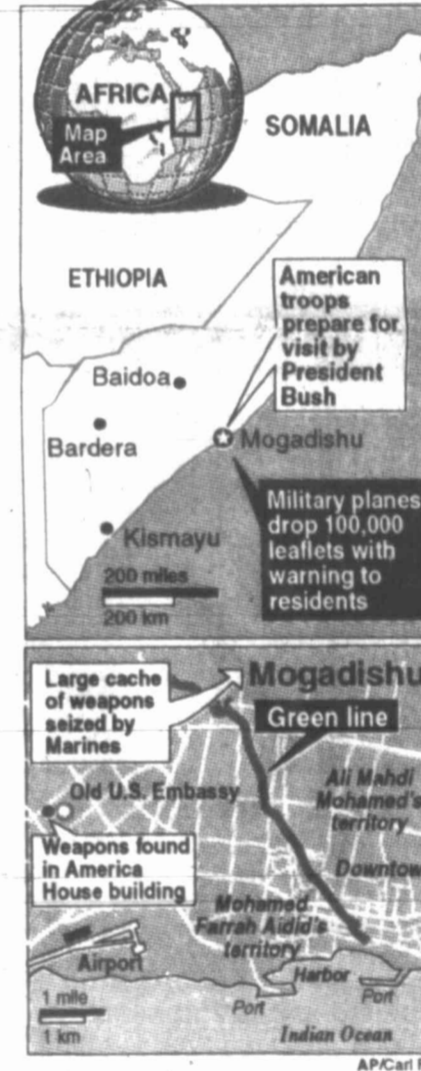
ahead of her (for re-election) on the ballot in 1994, and if she doesn't have someone strong that can unite the party like me, there could be some problems," Mattox said. Mattox clashed with Richards two years ago in one of the most bruising Democratic gubernatorial primary campaigns in Texas history. Bill Cryer, Richards' press secretary, said the governor has not decided on an appointee, a feeling echoed by Krueger. "I don't think we would have had a two-hour meeting if she had already made up her mind," Krueger said. The Chronicle said sources close to the governor say she hopes to announce her appointment choice no later than Wednesday. The railroad commissioner, who has run three statewide races, said he is concerned the Democrats might lose the seat if Chapman is picked to fill the seat until a special election is conducted, probably in May, to fill Bentsen's seat through 1994. "There is a difference between

becoming known and being respected," Krueger told The Post. "There is a difference between a new product and a proven and trusted product." Chapman, a Sulphur Springs lawyer, has never run statewide and Krueger said he might be unknown in many areas of the state. "I am concerned about any person's ability to carry a statewide race who begins by representing 3.5 percent of the state," Krueger said of Chapman. "If a person is in Washington fulfilling the duties of an appointed senator, then how in 120 days do you get known in 254 counties?" Krueger, 57, is a former two-term congressman from New Braunfels. He narrowly lost a 1978 race against then-incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. John Tower. In 1984, he ran third in a tight Democratic primary race for the nomination to run against GOP Sen. Phil Gramm. He was elected to the Railroad Commission in 1990. Chapman, elected to the U.S.

House in 1985, meanwhile, is drawing opposition from civil rights and homosexual groups who do not like his voting record. Richards arranged a weekend meeting between Chapman and state Rep. Glen Maxey of Austin, the Legislature's only openly gay member. "Mr. Chapman has some votes in his very recent past that are very troubling," said Maxey, who was a top aide in Richards' 1990 gubernatorial campaign. "I want to know what his attitude is about those issues." A Democratic source told the Chronicle that "Chapman was going to be it unless lightning struck. Lightning struck." Black leaders criticized Chapman for casting votes against the 1990 Civil Rights Act. Gay leaders criticized him for carrying an amendment to allow for discrimination against food handlers with AIDS, even though there is no evidence the disease can be spread through food. Environmentalists also attacked Chapman's voting record.

Somalia Leaders of country's warring factions hold talks aimed at ending blood-letting

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Leaders of Somalia's warring factions held talks in this capital today aimed at ending the bloody rivalries that led to mass starvation and a complete breakdown of order in their land. The U.N. presence at the negotiations provoked a deadly demonstration over the status of Ethiopia's breakaway northernmost province, Eritrea. Witnesses said at least four people were shot to death and scores wounded when Ethiopian forces fired on students protesting efforts to send U.N. observers to an April referendum on independence in Eritrea. At the conference, President Meles Zenawi called on the clan leaders to implement a cease-fire, establish a national police force, disarm gunmen and establish a national government. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali also urged conference participants to end the anarchy in their famine-wracked nation. "It is time to recreate the Somali state so that it may fulfill its role in the community of nations," the U.N. chief said. But the prospect of anything emerging from the U.N.-sponsored conference talks was unclear, and three faction leaders stayed away. In Somalia, the U.N. Children's Fund pulled its last three foreign workers out of the southern port of Kismayu following the weekend murder of an agency employee. And in another hostile act targeting a foreigner, a U.N. peacekeeper in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, escaped harm Sunday night when a gun wielded by a Somali failed to fire, a U.N. spokeswoman said. The gunman's motives in the attack on what was believed to be a Pakistani soldier were not known. The talks in Addis Ababa were being mediated by Boutros-Ghali, whose organization will be responsible for policing neighboring Somalia when the U.S.-led forces of Operation Restore Hope leave. Bush administration officials say they want to pull out the first U.S. troops as early as month's end, a



jeered and spat at in the streets of Sarajevo, the besieged Bosnian capital, when he appealed to its residents to give peace talks more time. Hopes for bringing Somalia's major political players together got a boost on Sunday when Aidid agreed after days of waffling to send a delegation to Addis Ababa. Aidid showed up for the meeting. But his arch-rival, Ali Mahdi Mohammed, did not, sending a representative instead. The two warlords had boycotted the last U.N.-sponsored talks, on Dec. 4. At least three groups stayed away from today's meeting, but it was not immediately clear why. They were: the Somali National Front of ousted despot Mohammed Siad Barre, the Somali Democratic Front, and a wing of the Somali Patriotic Movement. Since Siad Barre's January 1991 ouster, clan warfare and rampant looting have combined with drought to create a famine that killed at least 350,000 Somalis. Two million more are considered at risk of starvation. U.S.-led forces landed in Somalia nearly a month ago to stem the looting of international aid shipments. In Kismayu, the slaying of 28-year-old Sean Devereux on Saturday shocked his colleagues and served as a grim reminder of how dangerous Somalia remains despite the presence of more than 25,000 foreign troops. "Obviously we want the security to improve, but (aid) people have been through the worst and they know their lives are on the line and will continue to be on the line," said Cynthia Osterman of CARE International. "I don't think the military can be on every corner," Osterman, of Toledo, Ohio, said. Devereux, an Irishman from Yately, England, was slain as UNICEF was planning the resettlement of more than 50,000 displaced people in Kismayu, 300 miles south of Mogadishu on the Indian Ocean. Mark Stirling, head of the agency's Somalia operation, said the resettlement program would be put on hold until the security of his staff can be assured.



Swinging buddies

Despite the cold and wet weather, Stacy Armstrong holds Jace Mince on her lap as the two swing together in front of the Northcrest Apartments Saturday afternoon.

Vandalism perpetrators are difficult to catch

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer
Episodes of vandalism causing damage to windshields, plate glass windows and tires occur an average of five times a year and are difficult cases to solve. "In vandalism cases, there is very little evidence left behind," said Lt. Scott Griffin of the Big Spring Police Department. "When we solve one we usually solve a string of them because it is usually the same offender." The latest vandalism spree occurred early Saturday morning

with 48 punctured tires in 18 separate reports. The wave of criminal mischief caused an estimated \$5,000 damage. 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. When the Big Spring Herald spoke to residents reporting the vandalism who were available, they expressed surprise at the

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Big Spring Police
damage. No one said they heard anything unusual throughout the

previous night. "Normally, the damage is done in 15 seconds then they are gone," Griffin said. The criminal mischief is thought to be done by juveniles, he said. Last summer, business owners on 3rd and 4th streets came to work one early morning to find their front windows and doors. September 1991 over a weekend, 20 reports of windshield vandalism was reported. Estimated damage ranged from \$500 to \$1,500. In November within a two week period, vandals damaged about 15 windows by shooting ball bearings

with a sling shot, Griffin said. The summer and November spurts were two of six episodes for 1992. Vandalism offenses are usually classified as criminal mischief Class B misdemeanor, Class C misdemeanor or third degree felony dependent on the amount of damage. Class B misdemeanor falls between \$20 to \$200. Class A falls between \$200 and \$750. Third degree felony involves damage valued at more than \$750. Misdemeanors carry a fine and possible county or city jail time.

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Mermaid National Weather
The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Permian Basin Weather
Tuesday: Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs near 60 to the mid 60s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Thursday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

National briefs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM, Mass. — When the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court first convened in Salem 300 years ago, its first act was to halt the witch hunt hysteria.

The state's highest court planned a special session back in Salem today to commemorate its distinction as the oldest appellate court in continuous existence in the Western Hemisphere.

The court stopped the witch trials, which had resulted in 20 executions, immediately after convening Jan. 3, 1693.

The five appellate cases it was to hear today involved more pedestrian matters: a challenge to lead paint regulations, a medical insurance dispute, check forgery, physician liability and the admissibility of a juvenile's statements to police in a manslaughter case.

NEW YORK — U.S. and Canadian forces have quit searching for three French citizens who left Rhode Island last month aboard a 42-foot catamaran bound for Martinique, the Coast Guard said.

The twin-hulled sailboat left Portsmouth, R.I., on Dec. 8, and was reported missing when it did not reach Fort-de-France, the main port of the French Caribbean island, as scheduled Dec. 23, the Coast Guard said.

The search by Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Canadian Armed Forces planes resumed Saturday after a hiatus New Year's Day because of bad weather.

But it was called off Sunday when there was no sign of the L23 by nightfall, said Petty Officer William Stone.

The search would only resume if "somebody spots something," Stone said.

WELCH, W.Va. — A Christmas tree fell against a kerosene heater, igniting a fire that killed two children, authorities said.

Jasmine Horton, 2, and her 10-month-old sister, Shenique Horton, died late Saturday when they were trapped in a den by the flames, fire Chief John Ingole said Sunday.

The children's mother, Kiston Horton, 22, was hospitalized in critical condition with burns over 90 percent of her body, a nursing supervisor at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said.

Her companion, Thomas Vineyard, 28, was in fair condition with burns to his hands and back of his head, Ingole said.

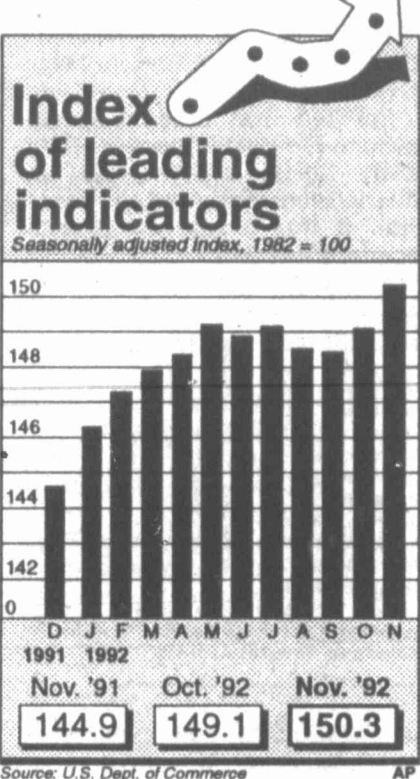
Vineyard told authorities he tried to drag the burning tree to the front door. As a result, the flames blocked him from going back inside to save the children, Ingole said.

DOVER, Del. — The state's new governor wasn't even on the November ballot. Of course, he won't be in office for long either.

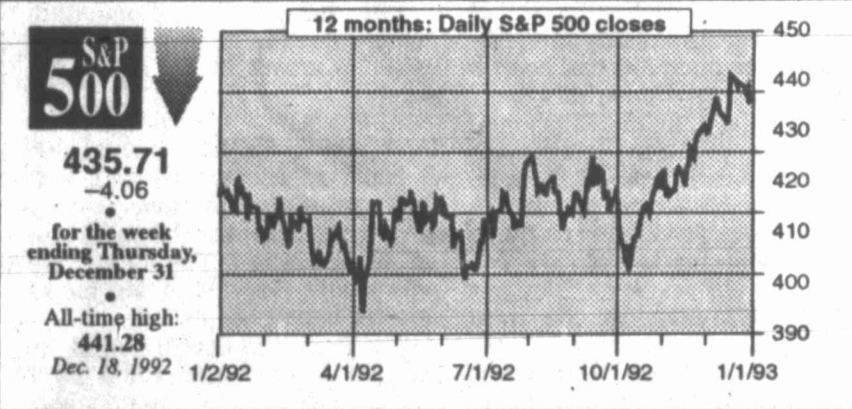
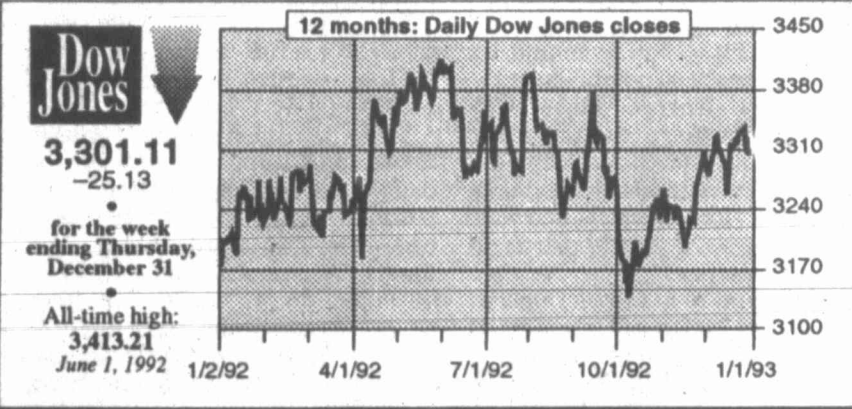
Dale E. Wolf, lieutenant governor since 1989, will fill the top job for 16½ days — between outgoing Gov. Michael N. Castle and his elected successor, Thomas R. Carper.

Republican Wolf, 68, took the oath on Sunday — twice in fact. Once shortly after midnight, then later before 150 friends and elected officials at the state house.

Castle, a Republican who was barred from seeking a third term, was elected to Congress in November.



Market roundup



Oil/markets

February crude oil \$17.27, down 21, and March cotten futures 58.40 cents a pound, down 40; cash hog is 50 cents lower at 42 cents even; slaughter steers is steady at 78.50; February live hog futures 44.02, up 40; February live cattle futures 77.45, up 53 at 10:03 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Index	Volume	Current	Change
ATT	51		nc
Amoco	49 1/2		+ 1/4
Atlantic Richfield	115 1/2		+ 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	15 1/2		- 1/4
Cabot	43 1/2		nc
Chevron	69 1/2		+ 1/4
Chrysler	32 1/2		+ 1/4
Coca-Cola	42 1/2		+ 1/4
De Beers	117 1/2		+ 1/4
DuPont	47 1/2		nc
El Paso Electric	2		nc
Exxon	61 1/2		+ 1/4
Fina Inc.	60 1/2		+ 1/4
Ford Motors	43 1/2		+ 1/4
GTE	34 1/2		- 1/4
Halliburton	28 1/2		- 1/4
IBM	51 1/2		+ 1/4
JC Penney	78 1/2		+ 1/4
Mesa Ltd. Pfd.	4 1/2		- 1/4
Mobil	43 1/2		+ 1/4
New Atmos Energy	23 1/2		- 1/4
NUV	11 1/2		nc
Pacific Gas	33 1/2		+ 1/4
Pepsi Cola	41 1/2		- 1/4

Company	Change
Phillips Petroleum	+ 1/4
Schlumberger	- 1/4
Sears	- 3/4
Southwestern Bell	+ 1/4
Sun	nc
Texasaco	+ 1/4
Texas Instruments	- 1/4
Texas Utilities	nc
Unocal Corp.	nc
USX Corp.	nc
Wal-Mart	- 1/4

Records

Sunday's high temp.	55
Sunday's low temp.	35
Average high	55
Average low	35
Record high	74 in 1922
Record low	-8 in 1947
Rainfall Sunday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.62
Year to date	0.00
Normal for year	00.04

*Statistics not available.

Deaths

Katie Nelson

Katie Nelson, 60, Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1993 after a long illness.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church officiating. Arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born July 6, 1931 in Cedar Lane. She married Allen D. (Buddy) Nelson on Dec. 21, 1948 in

Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1988. She was a Baptist. She lived in Howard County from 1935 to 1950; moving to Salt Flat in 1951 and returning to Big Spring in 1976. She worked at the Big Spring State Hospital from 1976 to 1990 retiring due to ill health.

Survivors include three sons: Tom Miears, Duvall, Wash., Dale Nelson, Midland, and Terry Nelson, Dell City; two daughters: Toni Gilmore, Salt Flat, and Beth McFall, Brenham; two sisters: Viola Nelson, Millington, Tenn., and Alice Ann Rizzo, Gardendale; one brother, Johnny Dorries, Odessa; 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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Katie Nelson, 60, died Sunday. Graveside Services will be 3:00 P.M., Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Section B

Big Spring Herald

Spring board

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Support groups will be listed regularly in Tuesday's paper on page 2-B.

Calendar

- Tuesday**
- 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.
 - 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.
- Wednesday**
- 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.
- 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.
- Monday**
- The Salvation Army will have a dinner for area needy at 5:30 p.m. at their building, 308 Aylford, Monday through Friday.
 - The Howard County NAACP will meet 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Cross-cultural awareness

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Traveling to China for international business and coordinating daily manufacturing tasks, Big Spring Jie Li, 35, is a link between local industry and worldwide trade.

Li is a manufacturing engineer at Fiberflex Inc. and has lived in Big Spring for almost two years.

"I liked to try to repair this and repair that, when I was little," Li said. "I'd fix a radio or whatever, so I developed an interest in doing things hands on."

The son of an investment engineer and retired economist, Li was born and raised in Beijing, China, living there until age 18.

He entered the Northwest Institute of Light Industry at Xi'ang in central China and began on his path to becoming a projects coordinator for one of 10 major industrial ministries in the country. He also competed with the university volleyball team.

After receiving a bachelor's in engineering in 1982, Li started working for the Ministry of Light Industry.

His job was to manage projects like monitoring the country's supply and demand of consumer goods. He used economic tools such as market research and feasibility studies — all with the cooperation of other government agencies.

He shouldered much responsibility because "at that time China had just started reform, like importing new technologies," he



Personalities...

said. By 1986, going overseas was popular in China, so Li decided to further his education in the United States, he said.

The 29-year-old met requirements for admittance into the graduate programs at many universities, also qualifying for aid including fellowships.

As he attended school in Buffalo, N.Y., he developed a love for photographing the landscape.

"The first time I got some extra money, I bought a camera," he said. "New York was very beautiful — the trees in the summer. I'd go out and ride my bicycle and stop and take pictures."

He received a master's in business at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1989.

"Working in China, I realized I needed management skills as well as engineering skills to know the basis of a country's economy," he said. "In dealing with people and foreign countries, you have to know the business side, you can't just talk machines."

That same year, Li married his wife, Wei Wei, and went back to China for the ceremony.

"Not being with my family is

what bothers (my wife and I)," Li said. "There's no way to bring them here because they love their home. We miss them and they miss us more because we are their children."

After returning to the U.S., Li entered American University in Washington D.C. but soon plunged into the job market landing in 1991 Fiberflex as his first engineering job-in the U.S.

The past year has been a busy one for the company.

This year, Li has spent a total of five months in China for Fiberflex with other local engineers and technicians to set international trade in motion.

"This is the first major international project for Fiberflex," he said. "Next year, we'll be looking to countries like Russia and South America."

His role is one of facilitator as well as engineer.

"There is a lot of cross-cultural stuff where it is very easy to have miscommunication," he said. "I can give some advice to the managers" about business negotiations in China.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why are



Jie Li, a native of Beijing, China, lives and works in Big Spring. Part of his job is helping forge cultural understanding between local business people and those in China.

you here (in Big Spring)? They think because I am a foreigner that I should be in a big city," Li said. "I'm at a small, good company that has a lot of potential to deal internationally. There's a lot of activity going on now."

Hoping to help Big Spring become more involved in global

business, Li maintains his self-confidence by a positive work ethic.

"Life is short so you've got to build yourself; make more sense of it all," he said. "If you can work and make a contribution to other people through working, you can become recognized by society."

'To any serviceman'

Letters to overseas soldier lead to love

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIEDMONT, Okla. — He was a Fleet Post Office number. She was a return address in a place called Piedmont, Okla.

But there was a war going on, and he had been at sea for months, and she wanted to support the patriotic cause.

Of the thousands of letters that crossed the sea during Desert Storm, one inspired a romance that became a marriage early Friday morning.

Karen Brueggen and Ray Stark, of Lubbock, will celebrate a new beginning as the new year rings in.

Their wedding at a small rural church near El Reno will involve nearly the entire congregation, be decorated with party balloons on the pews and confetti in the air and write an intimate ending to a "generic" letter that was addressed to "Any Service Member."

Ms. Brueggen got involved in the

many letter-writing campaigns that supported servicemen during Desert Storm. She sent simple first letters ("Hi, hope you're doing OK"), and invited them to write back.

She received 30 replies, too many to answer personally. She passed them out at her church, Mount Zion United Methodist, yet still sent a note to assure each one he would be getting a letter from someone.

And on the USS Independence sitting in the Persian Gulf, a young sailor waited for announcements from the public affairs office about incoming mail. The first few times he went to get his share of the "generic" letters, all had been handed out.

When finally some were available, he selected an envelope with an Oklahoma postmark. It was as close to his Lubbock roots as he could get.

Stark's onboard job involves the NATO Sea Sparrow, a missile

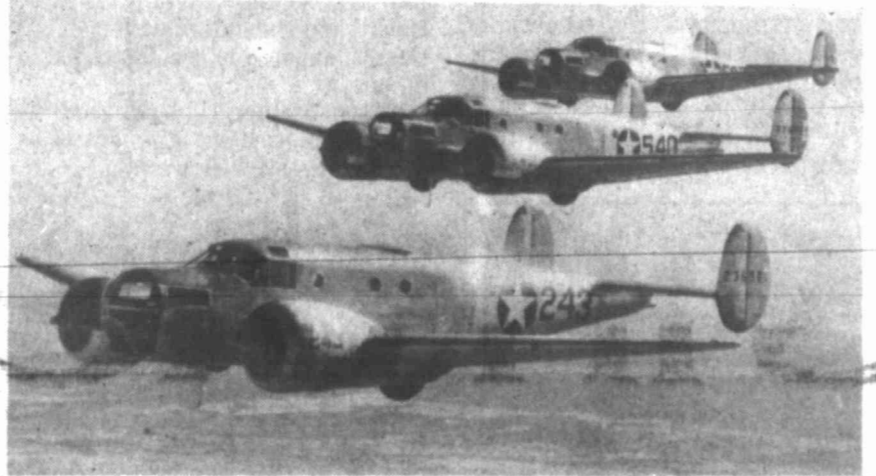
defense system; in the Persian Gulf he stood 12-hour watches, which gave him 12 hours "open." Mail meant a lot.

By the time he opened his letter from Piedmont, "we hadn't seen land for close to three months, except to anchor close to some little islands." Obscure lights from those small pieces of land were the single human contact off the ship. Though Ms. Brueggen had "adopted" this sailor out to the church's choir director, she also wrote to him.

When she traveled to visit relatives in California on Jan. 16, 1991, the day coincided with the onset of the combat in Iraq, and also with the Independence docking in San Diego. Ms. Brueggen arranged meetings with some of her correspondents, including a dinner with Stark.

"We went out to supper," he said. "We just got to talking. We

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Big Spring Bombardier School, a training facility for World War II pilots, will be featured in a summer exhibit on flight at the Heritage Museum.

Wings over Big Spring

Museum sets summer flight exhibit

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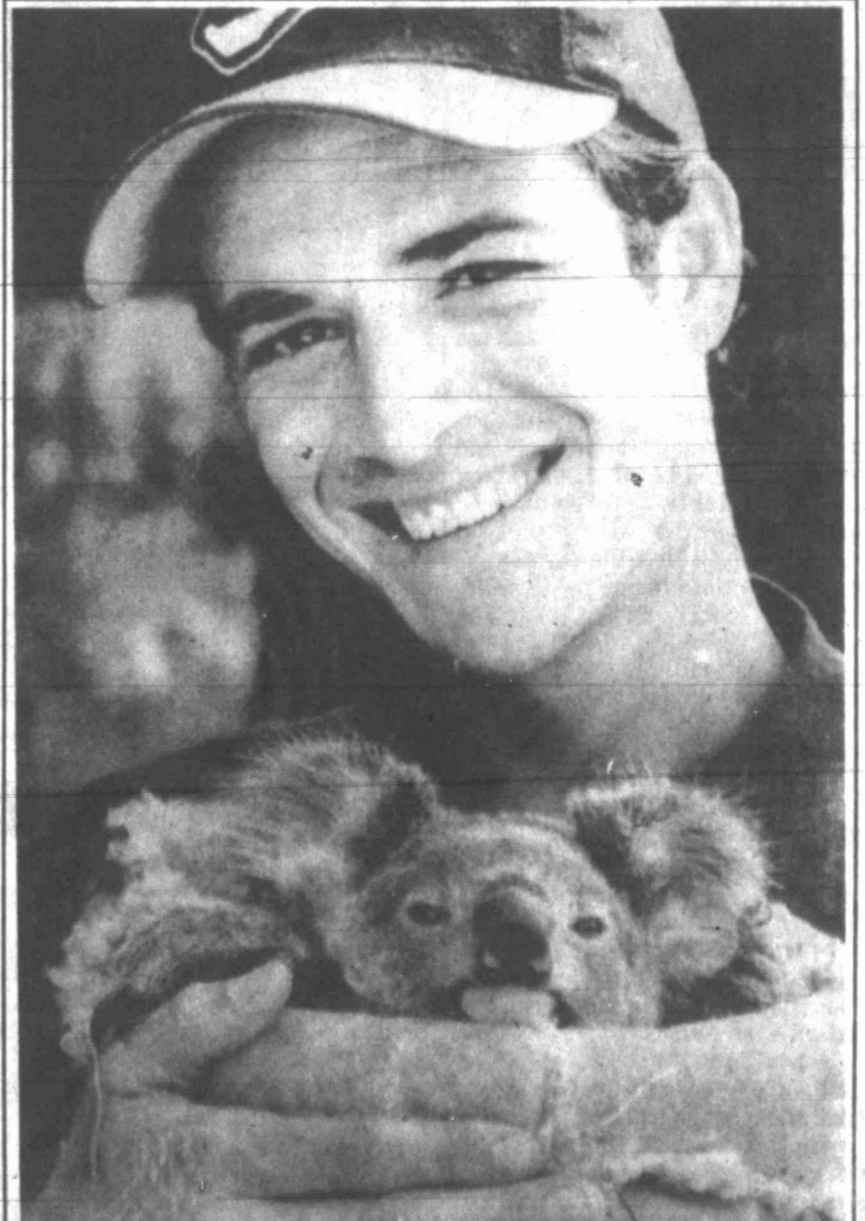
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The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Permian Basin Weather
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Thursday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

National briefs

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SALEM, Mass. — When the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court first convened in Salem 300 years ago, its first act was to halt the witch hunt hysteria. The state's highest court planned a special session back in Salem today to commemorate its distinction as the oldest appellate court in continuous existence in the Western Hemisphere. The court stopped the witch trials, which had resulted in 20 executions, immediately after convening Jan. 3, 1693. The five appellate cases it was to hear today involved more pedestrian matters: a challenge to lead paint regulations, a medical insurance dispute, check forgery, physician liability and the admissibility of a juvenile's statements to police in a manslaughter case.

NEW YORK — The Queen Elizabeth 2 is off on its first world cruise since running aground off Massachusetts and gashing its hull in August. "I wouldn't travel any other way," said M. Ruth Smith, a woman from Sydney, Australia, who was en route to Los Angeles. About 300 passengers were taking the full 104-day world voyage, at prices ranging from \$28,905 per person for the cheapest double cabin to \$498,625 for a luxury duplex apartment. Others paid less to take parts of the cruise, which left port Sunday.

The 937-foot ship struck submerged rocks last August while traveling from Martha's Vineyard, Mass., to New York. No one was injured; all 1,815 passengers were evacuated. Cunard Line, the ship's owner, canceled nine transatlantic voyages and two cruises while a 74-foot gash in the hull was repaired in a German shipyard. The ship, which also underwent a \$7 million facelift, resumed transatlantic service last fall.

NEW YORK — U.S. and Canadian forces have quit searching for three French citizens who left Rhode Island last month aboard a 42-foot catamaran bound for Martinique, the Coast Guard said. The twin-hulled sailboat left Portsmouth, R.I., on Dec. 8, and was reported missing when it did not reach Fort-de-France, the main port of the French Caribbean island, as scheduled Dec. 23, the Coast Guard said. The search by Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Canadian Armed Forces planes resumed Saturday after a hiatus New Year's Day because of bad weather.

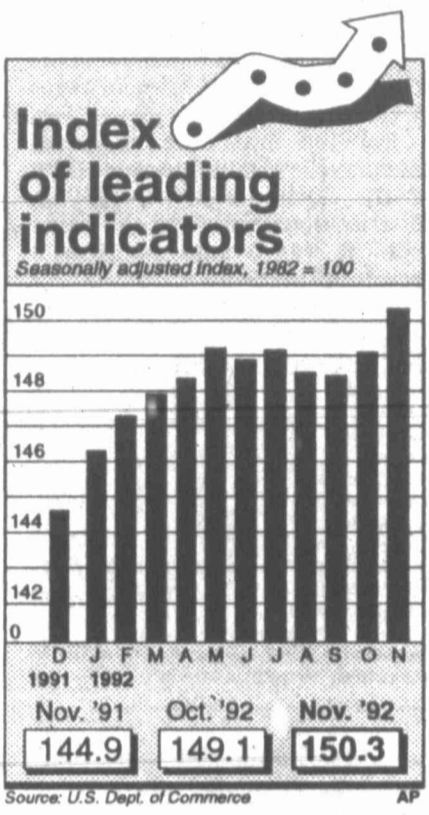
But it was called off Sunday when there was no sign of the L23 by nightfall, said Petty Officer William Stone. The search would only resume if "somebody spots something," Stone said. The vessel was not fitted with a radio beacon device that can signal a distressed craft's position, the Coast Guard said.

WELCH, W.Va. — A Christmas tree fell against a kerosene heater, igniting a fire that killed two children, authorities said. Jasmine Horton, 2, and her 10-month-old sister, Shenique Horton, died late Saturday when they were trapped in a den by the flames, fire Chief John Ingole said Sunday.

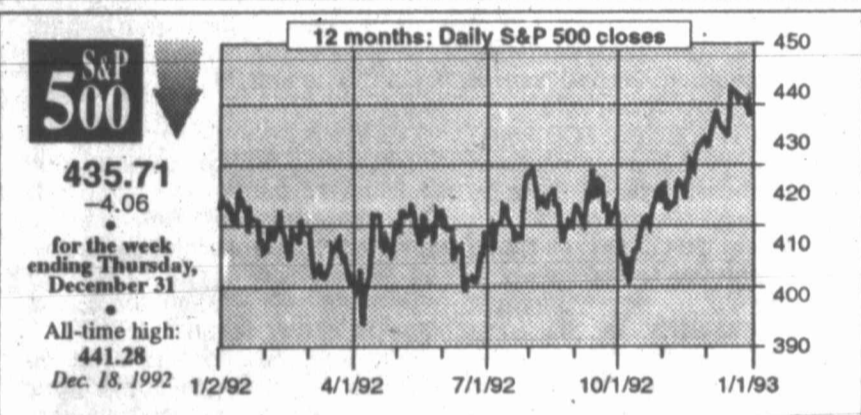
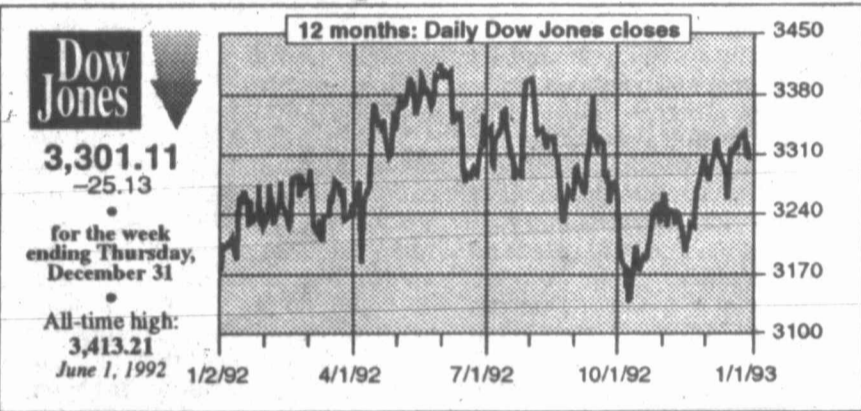
The children's mother, Kiston Horton, 22, was hospitalized in critical condition with burns over 90 percent of her body, a nursing supervisor at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said. Her companion, Thomas Vineyard, 28, was in fair condition with burns to his hands and back of his head, Ingole said. Vineyard told authorities he tried to drag the burning tree to the front door. As a result, the flames blocked him from going back inside to save the children, Ingole said.

DOVER, Del. — The state's new governor wasn't even on the November ballot. Of course, he won't be in office for long either. Dale E. Wolf, lieutenant governor since 1989, will fill the top job for 16½ days — between outgoing Gov. Michael N. Castle and his elected successor, Thomas R. Carper.

Republican Wolf, 68, took the oath on Sunday — twice in fact. Once shortly after midnight, then later before 150 friends and elected officials at the state house. Castle, a Republican who was barred from seeking a third term, was elected to Congress in November.



Market roundup



Oil/markets

February crude oil \$18.29, down 21, and March cotton futures \$8.40 cents a pound, down 40; cash hog is 50 cents lower at 42 cents even; slaughter steers is steady at 78.50; February live hog futures 44.02, up 40; February live cattle futures 77.65, up 53 at 10:03 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Name	QUOTE	CHANGE	from close
ATT	51	nc	
Amoco	49 1/2	+ 1/4	
Atlantic Richfield	115 1/4	+ 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	15 3/8	- 1/8	
Cabot	43 1/2	nc	
Chevron	43 1/4	+ 1/4	
Chrysler	32 1/2	+ 1/4	
Coca-Cola	22 1/2	+ 1/4	
De Beers	117 1/2	- 1/4	
DuPont	47 1/2	nc	
El Paso Electric	2	nc	
Exxon	61 1/2	+ 1/2	
Fina Inc.	60 1/2	+ 1/4	
Ford Motor	43 1/2	+ 1/4	
GTE	34 1/2	- 1/4	
Halliburton	38 1/2	+ 1/4	
IBM	51 1/2	+ 1/4	
JC Penney	78 1/2	+ 1 1/2	
Mesa Ltd. Pft. A.	4 1/2	- 1/4	
Mobil	63 1/2	+ 1/4	
New Atmos Energy	23 1/2	- 1/4	
HUV	11 1/2	nc	
Pacific Gas	33 1/2	+ 1/4	
Pepsi Cola	41 1/2	- 1/4	

Phillips Petroleum	25 1/2	+ 1/4
Schlumberger	56 1/2	- 1/4
Sears	45 1/2	- 1/4
Southwestern Bell	73 1/2	+ 1/4
Sun	28	nc
Texaco	60	+ 1/4
Texas Instruments	48 1/2	- 1/4
Texas Utilities	42 1/2	nc
Unocal Corp.	24 1/2	nc
USX Corp.	33 1/2	- 1/4
Wal-Mart	63 1/2	- 1/4

Mutual Funds	13.40-14.22
Amcap	13.40-14.22
I.C.A.	17.89-18.98
New Economy	24.46-28.07
New Perspective	12.30-13.85
Van Kampen	15.72-16.53
American Funds U.S. Gov't	13.99-14.69
Pioneer II	18.57-19.70
Gold	327.30-328.30
Silver	3.61-3.64

Records

Sunday's high temp.	55
Sunday's low temp.	55
Average high	55
Average low	26
Record high	74 in 1922
Record low	0 in 1947
Rainfall Sunday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.62
Year to date	00.00
Normal for year	00.04

Deaths

Katie Nelson

Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1988. She was a Baptist. She lived in Howard County from 1935 to 1950; moving to Salt Flat in 1951 and returning to Big Spring in 1976. She worked at the Big Spring State Hospital from 1976 to 1990 retiring due to ill health. Survivors include three sons: Tom Mears, Duvall, Wash., Dale Nelson, Midland, and Terry Nelson, Dell City; two daughters: Toni Gilmore, Salt Flat, and Beth McFall, Brenham; two sisters: Viola Nelson, Millington, Tenn., and Alice Ann Rizzo, Gardendale; one brother, Johnny Dorries, Odessa; 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
267-8288
Katie Nelson, 60, died Sunday. Graveside Services will be 3:00 P.M., Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Spring board

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

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.
 - 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 Square on Chapparral Rd. For information call 393-5693 or 267-7043.
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Cross-cultural awareness

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Traveling to China for international business and coordinating daily manufacturing tasks, Big Spring Jie Li, 35, is a link between local industry and worldwide trade.

Li is a manufacturing engineer at Fiberflex Inc. and has lived in Big Spring for almost two years. "I liked to try to repair this and repair that, when I was little," Li said. "I'd fix a radio or whatever, so I developed an interest in doing things hands on."

The son of an investment engineer and retired economist, Li was born and raised in Beijing, China, living there until age 18.

He entered the Northwest Institute of Light Industry at Xi'ang in central China and began on his path to becoming a projects coordinator for one of 10 major industrial ministries in the country. He also competed with the university volleyball team.

After receiving a bachelor's in engineering in 1982, Li started working for the Ministry of Light Industry.

His job was to manage projects like monitoring the country's supply and demand of consumer goods. He used economic tools such as market research and feasibility studies — all with the cooperation of other government agencies.

He shouldered much responsibility because "at that time China had just started reform, like importing new technologies," he



Personalities...

By 1986, going overseas was popular in China, so Li decided to further his education in the United States, he said.

The 29-year-old met requirements for admittance into the graduate programs at many universities, also qualifying for aid including fellowships.

As he attended school in Buffalo, N.Y., he developed a love for photographing the landscape.

"The first time I got some extra money, I bought a camera," he said. "New York was very beautiful — the trees in the summer. I'd go out and ride my bicycle and stop and take pictures."

He received a master's in business at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1989.

"Working in China, I realized I needed management skills as well as engineering skills to know the basis of a country's economy," he said. "In dealing with people and foreign countries, you have to know the business side, you can't just talk machines."

That same year, Li married his wife, Wei Wei, and went back to China for the ceremony.

"Not being with my family is

what bothers (my wife and I)," Li said. "There's no way to bring them here because they love their home. We miss them and they miss us more because we are their children."

After returning to the U.S., Li entered American University in Washington D.C. but soon plunged into the job market landing in 1991 Fiberflex as his first engineering job in the U.S.

The past year has been a busy one for the company.

This year, Li has spent a total of five months in China for Fiberflex with other local engineers and technicians to set international trade in motion.

"This is the first major international project for Fiberflex," he said. "Next year, we'll be looking to countries like Russia and South America."

His role is one of facilitator as well as engineer.

"There is a lot of cross-cultural stuff where it is very easy to have miscommunication," he said. "I can give some advice to the managers" about business negotiations in China.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why are



Jie Li, a native of Beijing, China, lives and works in Big Spring. Part of his job is helping forge cultural understanding between local business people and those in China.

you here (in Big Spring)? They think because I am a foreigner that I should be in a big city," Li said. "I'm at a small, good company that has a lot of potential to deal internationally. There's a lot of activity going on now."

Hoping to help Big Spring become more involved in global

business, Li maintains his self-confidence by a positive work ethic.

"Life is short so you've got to build yourself; make more sense of it all," he said. "If you can work and make a contribution to other people through working, you can become recognized by society."

'To any serviceman' Letters to overseas soldier lead to love

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIEDMONT, Okla. — He was a Fleet Post Office number. She was a return address in a place called Piedmont, OK.

But there was a war going on, and he had been at sea for months, and she wanted to support the patriotic cause.

Of the thousands of letters that crossed the sea during Desert Storm, one inspired a romance that became a marriage early Friday morning.

Karen Brueggen and Ray Stark, of Lubbock, will celebrate a new beginning as the new year rings in.

Their wedding at a small rural church near El Reno will involve nearly the entire congregation, be decorated with party balloons on the pews and confetti in the air and write an intimate ending to a "generic" letter that was addressed to "Any Service Member."

Ms. Brueggen got involved in the

many letter-writing campaigns that supported servicemen during Desert Storm. She sent simple first letters ("Hi, hope you're doing OK"), and invited them to write back.

She received 30 replies, too many to answer personally. She passed them out at her church, Mount Zion United Methodist, yet still sent a note to assure each one he would be getting a letter from someone.

And on the USS Independence sitting in the Persian Gulf, a young sailor waited for announcements from the public affairs office about incoming mail. The first few times he went to get his share of the "generic" letters, all had been handed out.

When finally some were available, he selected an envelope with an Oklahoma postmark. It was as close to his Lubbock roots as he could get.

Stark's onboard job involves the NATO Sea Sparrow, a missile

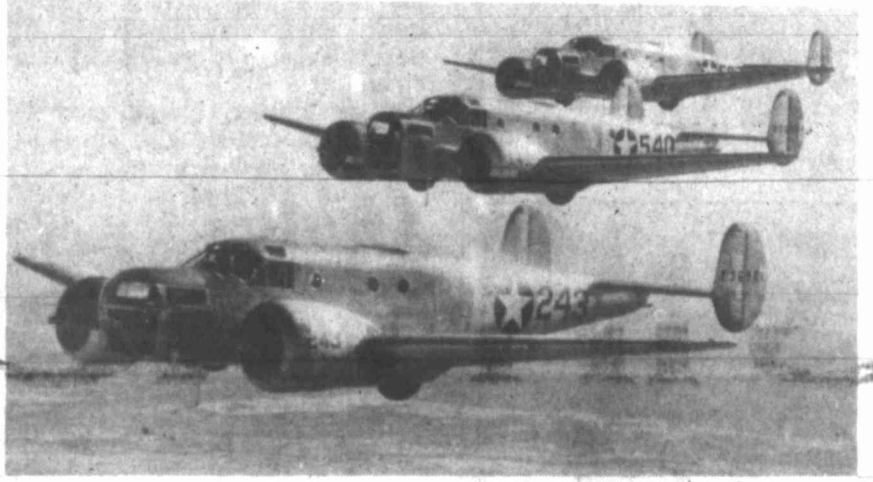
defense system; in the Persian Gulf he stood 12-hour watches, which gave him 12 hours "open."

Mail meant a lot. By the time he opened his letter from Piedmont, "we hadn't seen land for close to three months, except to anchor close to some little islands." Obscure lights from those small pieces of land were the single human contact off the ship. Though Ms. Brueggen had "adopted" this sailor out to the church's choir director, she also wrote to him.

When she traveled to visit relatives in California on Jan. 16, 1991, the day coincided with the onset of the combat in Iraq, and also with the Independence docking in San Diego. Ms. Brueggen arranged meetings with some of her correspondents, including a dinner with Stark.

"We went out to supper," he said. "We just got to talking. We

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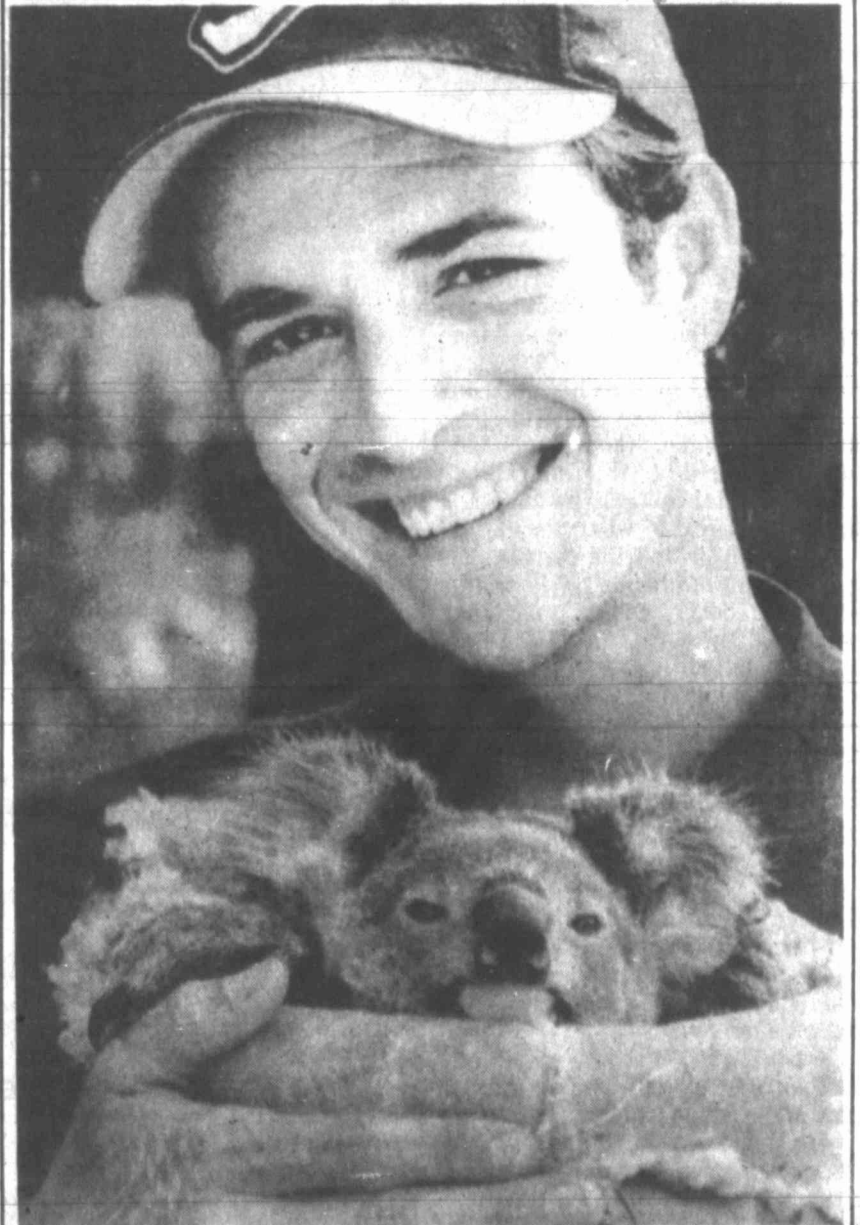
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Do the back-out boogaloo if he won't dance

DEAR ABBY: You messed up big when you told "Frustrated" she needs to "mature." (She loves to dance, but her fiancé isn't much of a dancer; she offered to pay for 10 dancing lessons, but he refused.) I think she should postpone (or cancel) their wedding until HE matures. If he won't do her this one small favor, there will be bigger disappointments ahead if she marries this selfish man. Abby, please get this in the paper fast before it's too late. — AMY IN ALABAMA



Dear Abby

We attended dinner dances frequently as members of several organizations. While I was tapping my toes to the rhythm of the dance music, my husband sat there with a stony-faced frown, hating every minute of the evening after his belly was full. Have you ever dressed to the hilt on New Year's Eve and sat watching everyone dancing and having a good time, while you count the minutes before midnight so you

can go home? It's pure torture! Have you ever taken a seven-hour car trip and couldn't turn on the radio because even "elevator music" gave your husband a headache? Well, I have, so now you know why we aren't married anymore. — ANONYMOUS IN PEORIA

DEAR ABBY: I am frustrated by your advice to "Frustrated." Dancing is not the issue. Refusing even to try in order to please her is. I married a man who would not engage in any of the activities I most enjoyed. It was always a bone of contention. I wish I had had the maturity to call it off. I hope it's not too late for "Frustrated." This time you should have advised them to both get counseling. — SAN DIEGO

"Frustrated" missed the mark. Abby, this is not about dancing. It's about compromise.

How many times in her married life will she be required to attend business functions and sporting events that she has no interest in attending?

And this selfish man can't even take 10 dancing lessons to make her happy? This marriage will never work — and it won't be HER fault. — ONE WHO KNOWS IN SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: "Frustrated" should use the money she offered to spend on dancing lessons for her fiancé and treat him to a couple of sessions with a psychiatrist. He needs to know the real reason he doesn't like to dance. It could be symbolic of why he isn't comfortable facing her — or getting close to her — or enjoying doing something that requires him to be in unison with her.

Chances are, if he doesn't enjoy dancing with his fiancée, he probably won't enjoy doing anything more intimate with her. Have I made myself clear, Abby? — INSIGHTFUL IN CHICAGO

DEAR INSIGHTFUL: Yes. Very.

Jacqueline Bigar

FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1993
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Circumstances force you to show your hand. Understand where another is coming from. Listen to your instincts concerning a parent or family member. Tonight: Grin for a friend over a bite to eat.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You might be jolted by what you hear and where you are heading. Open up conversations that revolve around money. Be more in touch with what you want and with your image. Tonight: Put on the answering machine and vanish into your own world.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have what it takes to manage a volatile situation that revolves around finances and your well-being. Postpone an important long-distance call to later in the afternoon. You gain new understanding by talking it out. Tonight: Hold on tight.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might no longer be able to keep your cool with a partner or associate. Your temper flares and you might lambaste a loved one if you are not careful. Look at the real issues. Tonight: Play ghost and disappear.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be more tuned into a friend or child who means much to you. You might have a hard time reacting to present circumstances. Realize you may be exhausted. Be sensitive to all your options. Tonight: Accept an invite out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be ready to move quickly and take action, as a friendship could interfere with your goals and needs. Be ready to handle the unexpected and flow from one issue to another. Recognize your limits. Tonight: Work late and then go out.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Push comes to shove today. Your perpetual juggling act tumbles down as demands are made in nearly every sector of your life. Reach out for a solution — it's easily obtained if you are open. Tonight: Go with a special invitation.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tune in to a partner when matters seem to explode and you need to look at what is happening. Touch base with an associate who may be confused, misinformed or "acting up." You build on stronger ground. Tonight: Add some heat to your night.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might be shaking your head at some news you hear today. Go along with a partner's scheme and be willing to adjust to just a change. Allow others to show their colors and you get the information you need. Tonight: Wherever the party is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You might be so stressed out that you have difficulty finishing up your work. Be more in tune with a partner and listen carefully to what is being said between the lines. Recognize your own limits and restructure accordingly. Tonight: Soak away stress.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Maintain a sense of humor at any cost today. When your buttons are pushed, you might feel out of sync. Maintain your perspective and lighten up. You discover you can work through your current problems. Tonight: Be forgiving of a loved one who has been hurt.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be overly pressured by a family member or roommate. You need to look at a love relationship and decide which way it is going. Be more tuned in to what you want. Alternatives will present themselves. Let go of bitter feelings. Tonight: Remember, your home is your castle.

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"DAD, HOW 'BOUT GIVING ME A RIDE INTO THE SUNSET?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

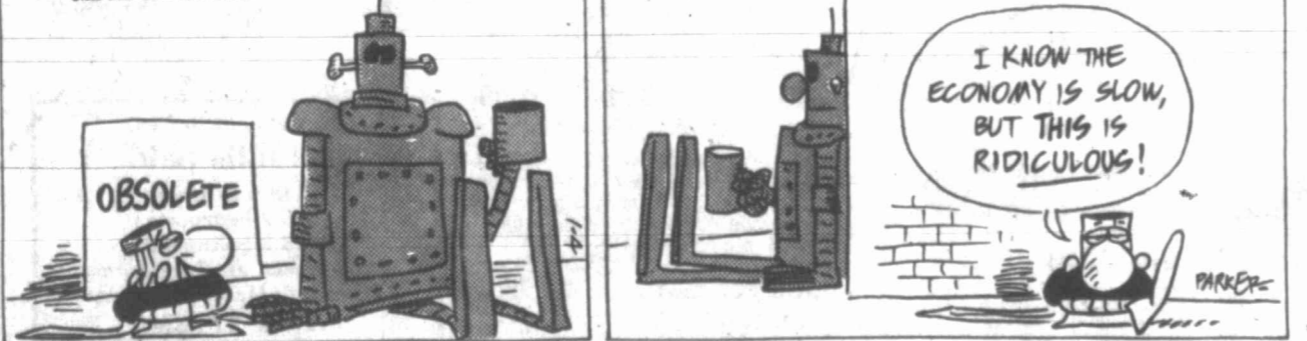


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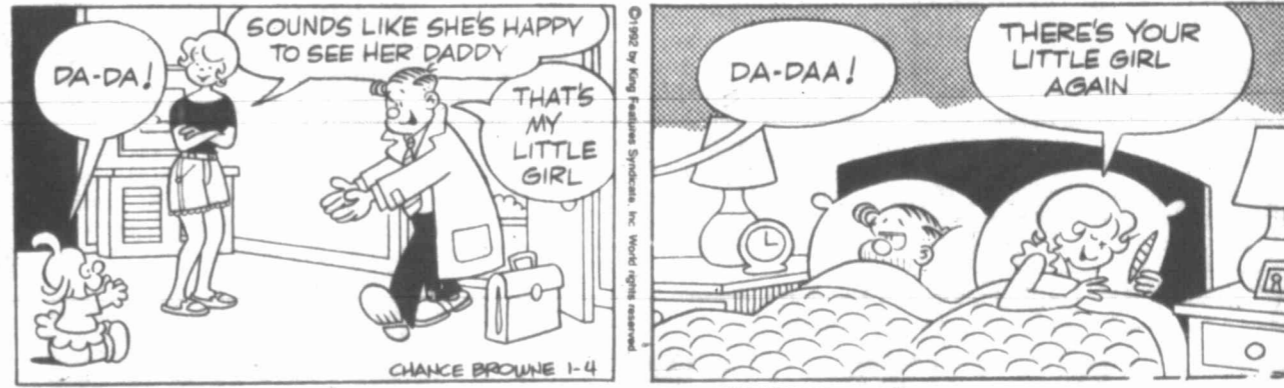
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