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NEWS DIGEST



▲ A night on the town pleasant surprise

Peggy Pilger, Christopher Burke and Penny Burke were given a pleasant surprise Friday afternoon, as the trio was stopped along I-20 by a sheriff's deputy and given a night on the town courtesy of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.



◀ Missed opportunity

Mark Weakly fails to get the rope around the calf's neck during Friday's action at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. For results of the rodeo, see page 4-B.

Special cat offer

The Big Spring Humane Society has a Firecracker Cat Special on tap: All cats or kittens are \$25 beginning Monday. Adoption fee includes spaying/neutering, tests, wormings and shots. Call 267-7832.



◀ Lady Bullfighter

Prime's cover story features former Big Spring resident Patricia McCormick, who saw her first bullfight as a child, and made her debut in the bullring in 1951.

World

•EC questions Bosnian leaders: Members of Bosnia's governing council met with European Community foreign ministers to discuss Serb-Croat proposals to split the war-devastated republic. See page 3A.

Nation

•Deficit-reduction not done: Democratic leaders who will soon craft a compromise deficit-reduction plan must agree on some form of energy tax. See page 3A.

Texas

•Dallas NAS chopped: The presidential base-closing commission voted Saturday to accept the Pentagon's recommendation to close the Dallas Naval Air Station, making it the first big casualty in Texas for this year's round of base closings. See page 2A.

Sports

•Readying for the road: Seven members of the Big Spring Sidewinders are about to experience life on the road. For four of the club's members, however, it won't be that big of a deal. See page 1B.

Weather

•Partly cloudy, high in 90s: Today, partly cloudy. High in the upper 90s. Low near 70. South wind 10-20 mph. See extended forecast, page 8A.

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Proposed speed limit changes



Proposed and current speed limits on Third and Fourth streets are plotted on this map. Changes are meant to smooth out speed variations. The first of two readings of a city ordinance to make the changes was passed by a 4-3 vote of the Big Spring City Council last week. The final reading is scheduled for July 13.

Proposed speed limits face fight

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Proposed speed limit changes on Third and Fourth streets, designed to smooth transitions, are in trouble because of opposition to increased speeds believed to be potential hazards at some locations.

Several Westside businesses on those streets oppose the changes and the Big Spring City Council is split. It's doubtful whether the second and final reading of an ordinance to make the changes can pass July 13 because a council member in support of the changes may be absent. Last week, it passed on first reading by a 4-3 vote.

Those voting against the change specifically cited proposed increased speeds near Bob Brock Ford just west of Gregg Street, to go up from 30 mph to 40 mph, and similar increases east of Nolan Street. It's sometimes hard exiting the Ford dealership now, they said.

"It's a very dangerous spot," said Councilwoman

Stephanie Horton, who joined councilmen Chuck Cawthon and Mark Sheedy in voting against the proposed change.

The changes are too smooth speed transitions, said Ernie Morgan, chairman of the Big Spring Traffic Commission. Speeds on Third and Fourth would nearly mirror each other and up-and-down speed variations would be removed. The survey was conducted following requests two years ago and complaints of speed traps.

"It certainly needs some correction," said Councilman Charles Beil, who joined councilmen Ladd Smith and John Coffee and Mayor Tim Blackshear in voting to approve the changes. Beil may not be able to make the next meeting, City Manager Lanny Lambert said.

A list of 11 businesses that Cawthon said contacted him in opposition, including his own business, Chuck's Surplus, was presented to the council as well as traffic accident figures from the police department. Bob Brock Ford was among those listed. Of those found in the phone book, all are on the West Side.

"Most feel that it will create more traffic hazards," Cawthon said. "There have been 26 major accidents and 58 minor accidents on these two streets in past years."

An average 39 accidents per year occurred on those streets the past five years, police department figures show. There were 101 accidents on Third and 93 on Fourth. Of those, 11 were caused by following too close and seven for failure to control speed.

Cawthon also criticized increased speeds east of Nolan, which also would go from 30 mph to 40 mph. "I wouldn't mind a restudy of it," he said.

Proposed speeds were determined with counts of about 150 vehicles on each section of road by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Morgan said. The 85th percentile speed — for example, speed of the 85th vehicle out of a 100 count or 170th out of 200 — was used.

"I do feel that the (proposed) transitions are justifiable," Morgan said.

Cowboy poets keep Old West in memory for new generations

MARTHA E. FLORES
Regional Editor

In an age where asphalt has long replaced wagon trails, the life and loves of cowboys can still be found in poetry, song and stories.

The legacies of men and women who tamed the rugged West with their hands and determination, chronicle the past when nights on the range were common and the only company one could depend on was that of a guitar.

In conjunction with the 60th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo, 17 cowboy poets, singers and storytellers shared their talent and the West's history with a crowd of more than a 100. "Rodeo Time at the Crossroads" began at noon Saturday and continues throughout today at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Songstress Jean Beck entertained an early audience Saturday with songs about cowboys she knew and about the lifestyle she loves. The former Garden City resident taught herself to play the guitar as a teenager. Beck says the first song she learned was "Red River Valley."

"I was born into the heart of this country and love horses and the outdoor life," she said. "Most of the stories are true and have been around for more than a 100 years."

"My grandfather was a bronco buster and want my children to know about that life. I do this to keep it alive."

Beck travels throughout the Southwest

attending gatherings such as the one at the fair barn, as well as singing in the Abilene-based band, Straight to the Heart.

She was one of three women performing in the two-day event. "I think it is great to add a women's perspective," Beck said. "There is a place for women in keeping the heritage alive because they were a big part of making history."

"While the men were away, they stayed home taking care of everything, keeping the home fires burning."

Master of ceremonies Larry Scott, a deejay from Shreveport, La., said although there is not a large number of women participating in West Texas, there are many in Arizona and Nevada, where such gatherings were first established.

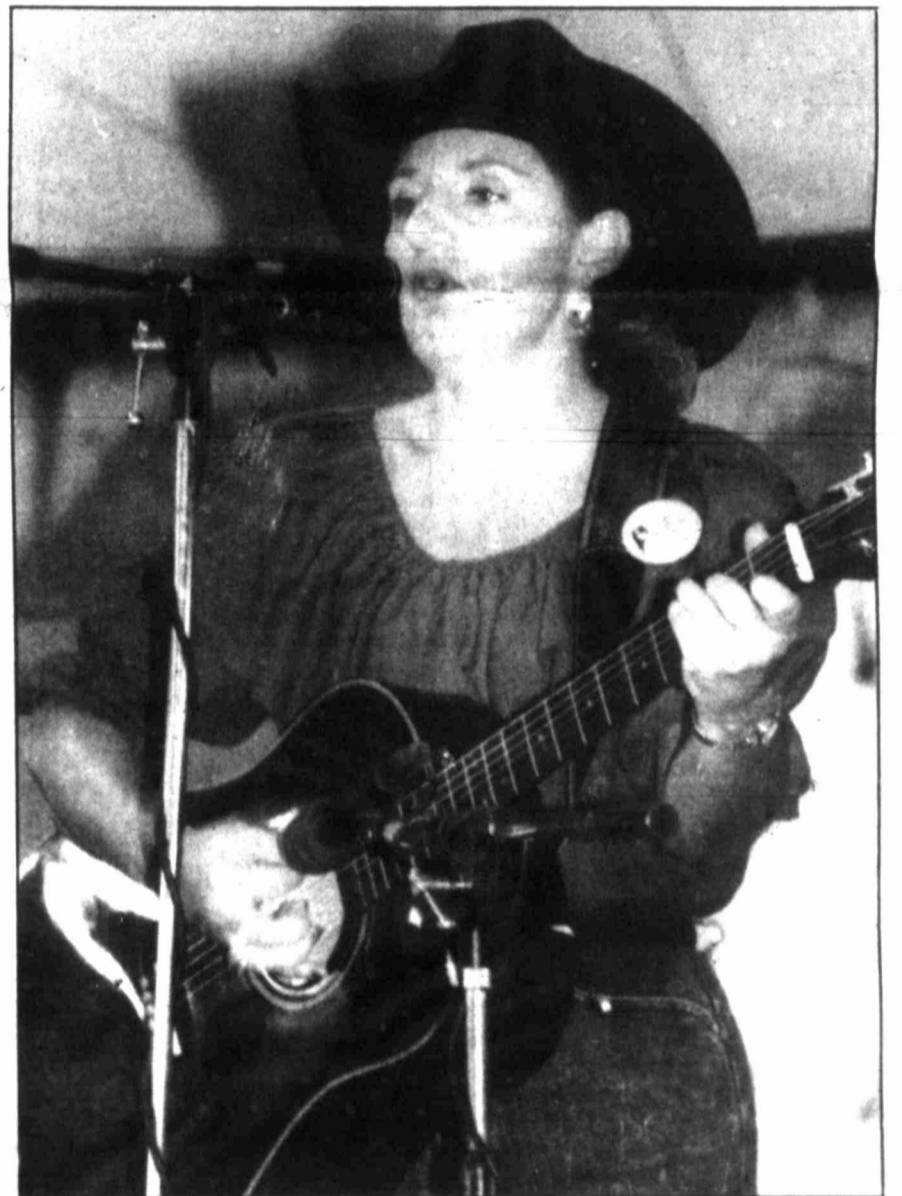
"There are some excellent women cowboy poets," he said.

Scott, like Beck, travels throughout the Southwest attending gatherings. He is not a poet, songwriter or storyteller, but he says he loves the folklore revolving around the West.

"When it comes down to it, there is nothing more real than a cowboy and his life," he said. "The stories told and songs sung tell about cowboy life, but they also tell of things everybody relates to."

"The more you hear them, the more you like them. They get a hold of you."

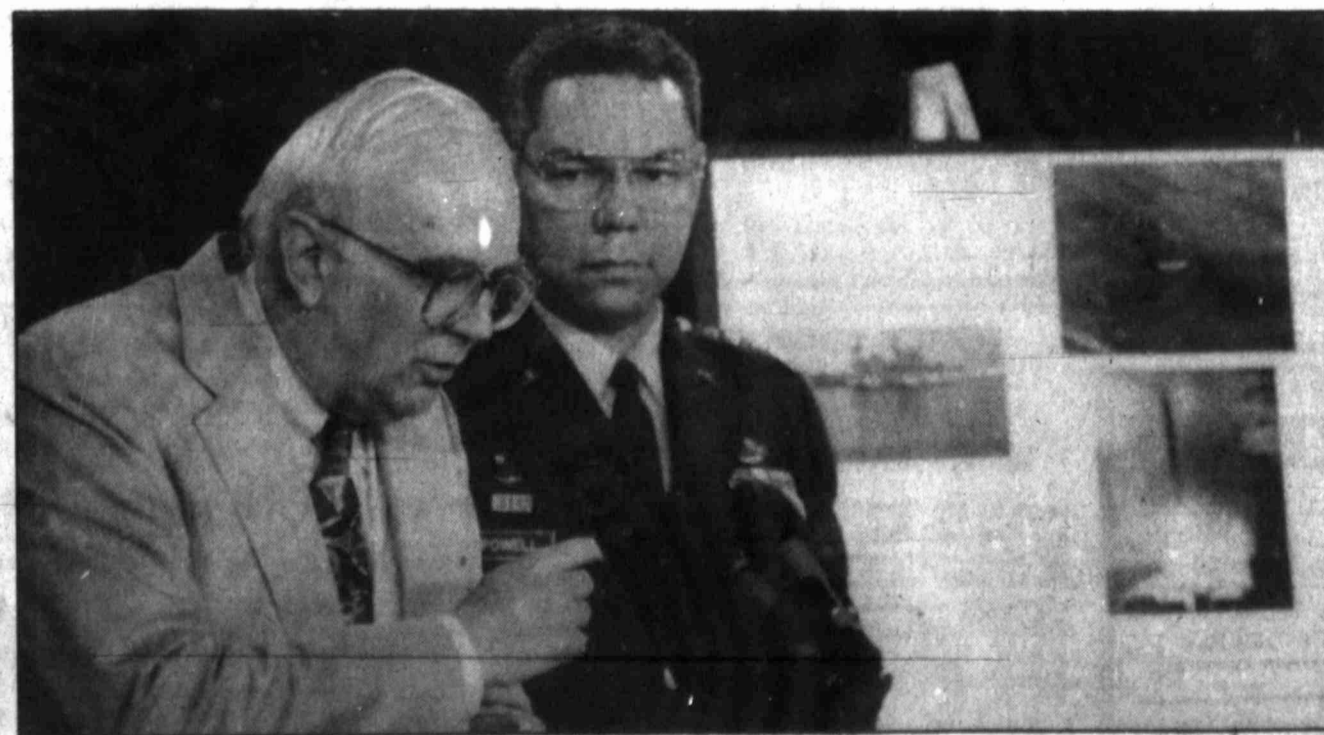
New Mexico poet Leon Autry, who has written 60 songs and 150 poems, said the gathering was **POETS, page 8A**



Jean Beck sings while she plays her guitar as she entertained those who attended the Cowboy Poet and Music gathering at the Howard County Fair-barns Saturday afternoon. The event, in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, will conclude Sunday with performances from 1-5 p.m.

U.S. launches missiles against Baghdad

Clinton says attack retaliation for 'compelling evidence' of plot to kill Bush



Defense Secretary Les Aspin answers questions about the attack U.S. forces launched against Iraq Saturday in response to a plot to assassinate former President

Bush. Joint Chiefs Chairman Colin Powell looks on. Aspin said the assassination attempt was not an act of a small group of people.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces launched Tomahawk missiles against an Iraqi intelligence target in Baghdad based on "compelling evidence" of a plot to assassinate former President Bush, President Clinton said Saturday night.

Clinton, speaking to the nation in a hastily arranged address from the Oval Office, said the planned attack against Bush was "directed and pursued" by Iraqi intelligence.

"We thank God it was unsuccessful," he said. "A firm and commensurate response was essential to protect our sovereignty," he said.

He called the plot against Bush "particularly loathsome and cowardly" because it was against the leader of the Gulf War coalition.

Clinton a U.S. investigation convinced him "there is compelling evidence that there was in fact a plot to assassinate former President Bush and that this plot, which included the use of a powerful bomb made in Iraq, was directed and pursued by the Iraqi intelligence service."

Clinton said he gave the order Friday to attack "the Iraqi intelligence service's principal command control facility in Baghdad."

He said the missiles were launched at 4:22 p.m. EDT. **see STRIKE, page 8A**

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EC officials meet Bosnian leaders

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Members of Bosnia's governing council met with European Community foreign ministers Saturday to discuss Serb-Croat proposals to split the war-devastated republic into three ethnic states.

Bosnia's president, Alija Izetbegovic, refused an invitation to the talks, underscoring divisions in the Muslim-led government. Izetbegovic bitterly opposes partition and has refused to discuss it at two sets of talks in Europe this week.

International mediators have urged the Bosnian government to at least consider the proposal in an effort to end the 15 months of bloodshed among the three warring factions: ethnic Croats, Muslims and ethnic Serbs.

But Denmark's foreign minister, Niels Helveg Petersen, said Saturday that the EC would not try to force the government to accept partition.

"Any negotiated settlement should be agreed by all three parties," he told reporters before the meeting.

He insisted new negotiations were needed, however, because of increased fighting between Croats and Muslims over territory.

Helveg Petersen was joined in Saturday's talks by his Belgian counterpart, Willy Claes, and Britain's deputy foreign minister, Douglas Hogg.

Responding to reports that the United Nations is considering pulling out its 10,000 peacekeepers if they come under further attacks, Hogg warned that "there could arise circumstances in which a withdrawal would become necessary."

War broke out in Bosnia after ethnic Serbs took up arms against Muslims and Croats who voted for independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. Serbs have overrun 70 percent of the country and the Croats much of the rest. More than 138,000 people have been declared missing



Serb soldiers in a special commando unit from the self-proclaimed Serb Republic of Krajina jump out of a helicopter during from time training near Benkovac, Croatia.

European Community members were meeting with Bosnian representatives to discuss the Croat and Serb plan for revividing Bosnia.

or dead.

U.N. officials on Saturday reported more fighting between the formerly allied Croat and Muslim-led government troops in central Bosnia, and government-controlled Sarajevo radio said Serbs and Croats were joining forces against the Muslims.

The officials also said airdrops of aid to the besieged eastern Bosnian town of Gorazde are landing too far away, and the pallets contain the wrong kinds of medicine. The planes have been flying nightly from Germany for nearly four months, dropping humanitarian supplies to refugees and residents isolated by

fighting.

Under the latest plan proposed to end the fighting, Serb, Croat and Muslim mini-states would form a confederation with a weak central government.

Although details of the scheme are unclear, it would likely give the Muslims a small, landlocked area around the capital Sarajevo and a separate enclave to the northwest.

Bosnia's 10-member collective leadership has failed to find a united response to the plan proposed by the leaders of Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic, and Croatia, another breakaway Yugoslav republic.

Briefs

Tampa police chief newest Clinton pick

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police Chief Eduardo Gonzalez of Tampa, Fla., is President Clinton's nominee to become director of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Attorney General Janet Reno said Friday that Clinton also intends to nominate New York attorney Jo Ann Harris, the Justice Department's one-time fraud chief, as assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division.

Harris, who gained notice by winning a tax-evasion case against the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the Unification Church, would be the first woman to head the division.

Gonzalez, 51, served from 1965-1986 with the Metro-Dade Police Department in Miami, Fla., rising from patrol officer to deputy director and getting to know Reno when she was the county's chief prosecutor. He has been Tampa's police chief since 1986, leading a force of 801 officers and 262 civilians.

Library of Congress worried about films

WASHINGTON (AP) — American movies of all types — including films made in the last 40 years — are deteriorating faster than archivists can preserve them, the librarian of Congress says.

Less than 20 percent of motion pictures made in the 1920s survive in complete form, Librarian James H. Billington said Friday. The survival rate falls to 10 percent for films made in the 1910s.

Adding to the crisis is the deterioration of acetate "safety film," the medium hailed as an improvement over the more unstable, highly flammable nitrate-based film used until the 1950s.

Preservationists recently discovered that if safety film is not stored properly at low temperature and humidity levels, its colors fade and it becomes susceptible to irreversible decay.

Slight decrease seen in food stamp recipients

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 27.35 million people received food stamps in April, down slightly from the record high set in March, the Agriculture Department said.

In March, 27.38 million people received food stamps, more than one out of 10 Americans.

Food stamp participation has been growing steadily since last year, and April's figure is nearly 1.5 million higher than in April 1992. Nearly 8 million people have been added to the food stamp rolls since the beginning of 1990, the department said Friday.

"While our economy shows some optimistic signs, we have a long way to go," said Agriculture Secretary

Mike Espy.

Espy said it is not uncommon for participation to drop slightly in the spring and summer as people find seasonal employment.

The April benefits cost nearly \$1.9 billion, averaging \$68 dollars per person.

NRC adds two plants as 'problem-plagued'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has added a nuclear plant near New York City and another near Bay City, Texas, to its list of problem-plagued facilities.

The New York Power Authority's Indian Point plant and Houston Lighting & Power Co.'s South Texas plant were added Friday to the list of facilities, now totaling five, that the NRC has determined need close scrutiny.

The list is updated by the NRC twice each year after a review of nuclear plant performance and safety. Plants must show sustained improvement before they can be taken off the watch list.

No plant was removed from the list this time. Three made repeat appearances, including another New York Power Authority plant, the James A. FitzPatrick in Oswego, N.Y. The others were Dresden Station at Morris, Ill., and Brunswick, near Southport, N.C.

The NRC cited a decline in maintenance, emergency preparedness and safety at Indian Point Unit No. 3. The NRC blamed poor management for "ineffective review and correction of problems and an increasing number of plant deficiencies," but noted recent improvement under the leadership of a new resident manager.

It said the South Texas plant showed deficiencies in "operations, maintenance and testing, and engineering support, as well as weaknesses in management."

South Texas Units 1 and 2 are closed for maintenance and refueling.

U.S. tanker struck by shell in Mogadishu

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. government-owned ocean tanker, the SS American Osprey, was struck by a shell while discharging fuel at pier side in Mogadishu, Somalia, the Navy said.

The shell, which the Navy said may have been a rocket-launched grenade, tore a 4-inch hole about 12 feet below the main deck on the starboard side of the ship.

The ship's master reported no fires, no flooding and no injuries, but the ship was leaking cargo fuel after the Friday incident, according to a statement by the Navy's Military Sealift Command.

The ship is part of the Navy's Afloat Prepositioning Force based on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia. The ship was serving as an off-shore petroleum discharge tanker in support of the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Somalia.

Tax bill talks focus energy, social programs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House and Senate Democratic leaders who will soon craft a compromise version of President Clinton's deficit-reduction plan must balance the liberal urge to spend more with the conservative desire to spend less — and agree on some form of energy tax.

Just hours after the Senate narrowly approved its version of the bill Friday, each faction of the Democratic Party served notice that it would not give in to the other.

Either way, Clinton wants a package that will claim to cut the deficit by \$500 billion and include hefty tax hikes on the wealthy.

Fiscally conservative Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., who stubbornly forced changes in the measure this month, said the bill would have to contain more spending cuts than tax increases.

"There are several senators, including myself, who in no way are committed to vote for the final" compromise bill, he warned.

And in an interview, liberal Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said, "We have to raise more revenues."

The Senate bill, and the House measure approved last month, would both trim \$500 billion off budget shortfalls by 1998 and consist roughly of half tax increases, half spending cuts, Democrats say. Both are dominated by a doctrine Clinton and his party preached throughout last year's election campaigns — higher levies on the rich and business.

But when Democrats from the two chambers begin piecing together a compromise bill, probably in three weeks, they're going to have to make choices.

How big should the measure's energy tax be, and whom will it hit? Who should be given tax breaks, and how big should the relief be? Is there

room to expand social programs, such as food stamps? And how deep should cuts be in Medicare, the giant health-insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

Clinton predicted Friday that the final product would be "a bill that in some way is superior to both bills and will have broader support."

In his weekly radio address broadcast Saturday, Clinton said, "The negotiations will be difficult but I'm going to work hard to keep the essential characteristics of the economic plan that I believe so deeply in."

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said of those talks, "We won't be neutral. We'll be very involved."

Striking a deal will involve more than dollars. Congress must approve the compromise, and leaders have little slack to work with: the House approved its package by 219-213 last month, while the Senate's 50-49 pas-

sage Friday came only with the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Al Gore.

The chief hurdles negotiators will face include:

—Energy tax: The House approved a \$72 billion levy on a broad range of energy sources, similar to a plan Clinton proposed. The gasoline tax would increase by about 8 cents per gallon, and higher taxes would hit electricity, natural gas, coal and oil. The Senate approved a narrower, 4.3 cent increase in the tax on gasoline and truck fuels, raising \$24 billion.

Conservatives want to keep the tax as low as possible, saying it is harmful to business. Liberals know that the higher the levy is boosted, the more money there will be to restore cuts in Medicare and other programs.

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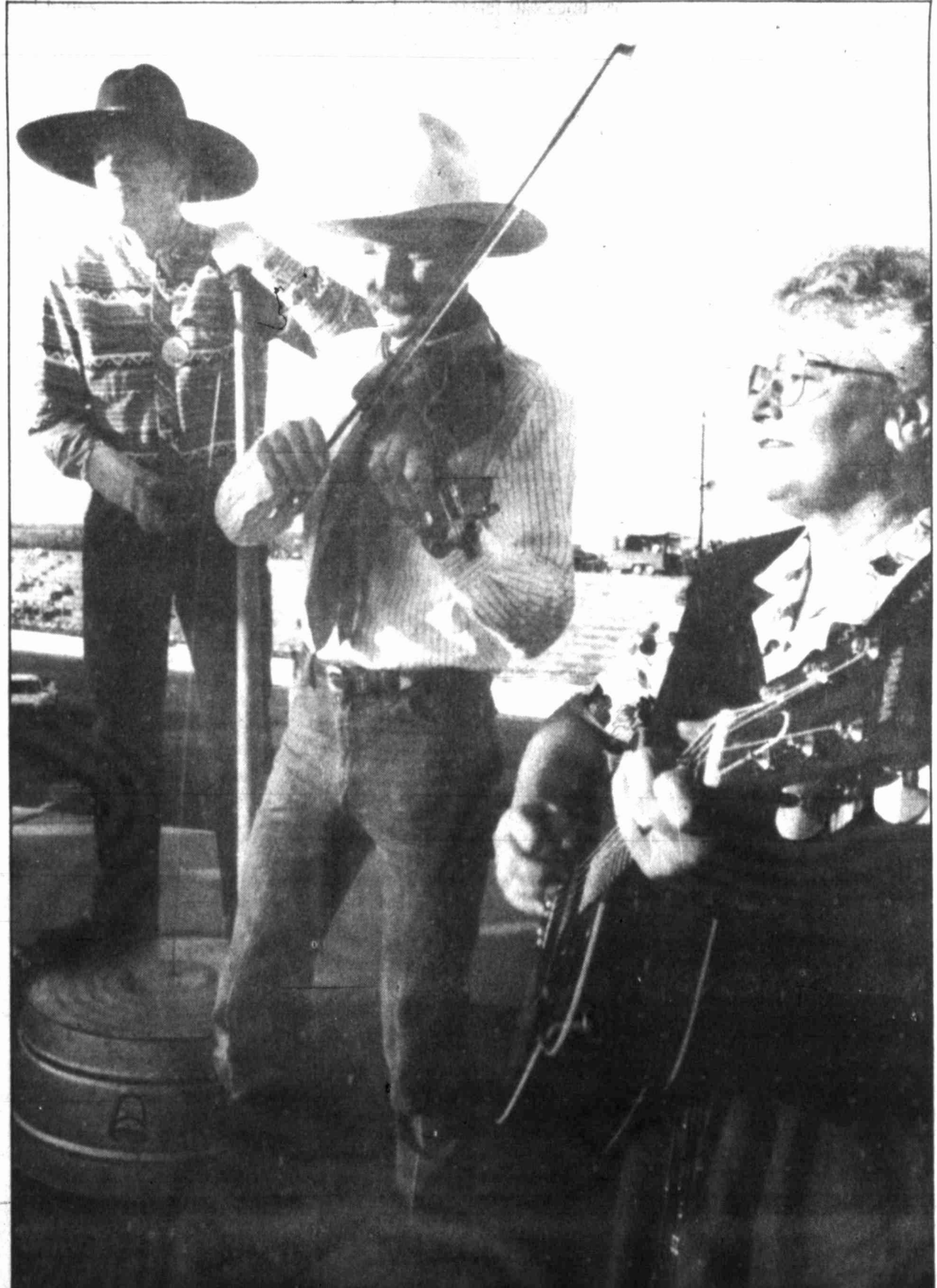
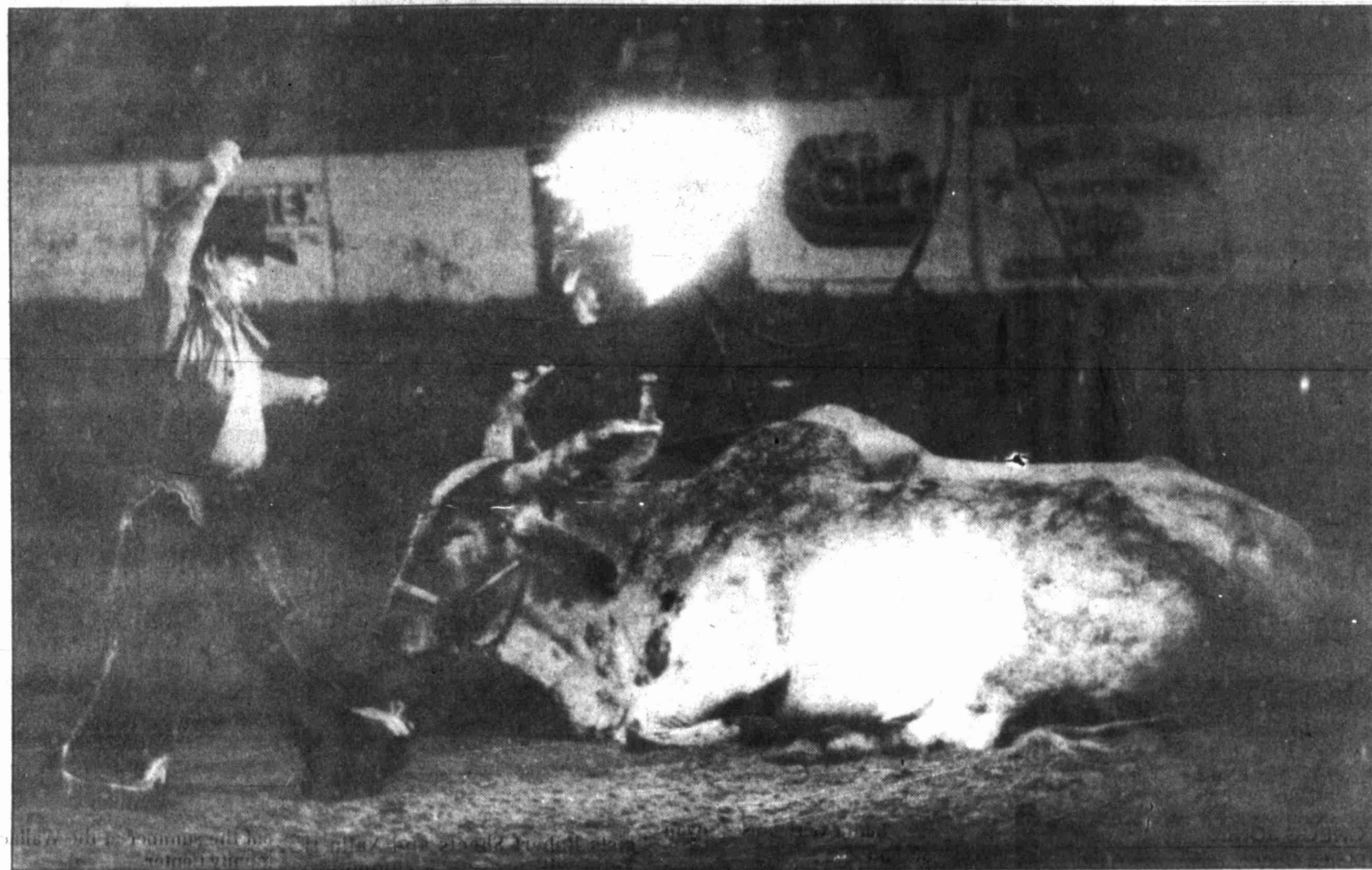
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A rootin' tootin' time in the town



A plethora of rodeo events around Big Spring this week were available to those who enjoy the busy life. Clockwise from the top left photo: representatives of the Big Spring Mall wave and throw candy as they drive along Main St. during the annual Rodeo Parade Saturday morning; local "mountain man" Bob Ballard sits in front of his covered wagon, set up to show visitors how the pioneers lived; Cec Whatley looks at a collection of spurs that were being offered for sale at the Bit and Spur Show Saturday at the fairgrounds; Washtub Jerry, Glenn Moreland and Chris Moore play their instruments as they greet spectators at the entrance to the Rodeo Bowl Friday evening; Stan Paregien tells a story about his dog during the Cowboy Poet and Music gathering Saturday; dressed as a clown, Laurel Kerr rides around on her stickhorse during the Young'un's Roundup Saturday; a parade spectator waves at the participants along Main St.; Collin Joe McMillan, Darrick Shifflett and Jessica Brooks wait to participate in the stickhorse parade; Timmi Blackshear waves to a friend as she rides with father Tim Blackshear during the parade; rodeo performer Leon Adams swings a bag of flames around bulls Geronimo and Apache during an act Friday evening.

Herald photos by Tim Appel

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A quick chat with Mr. Alexander

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports writer

HOUSTON — Talking with Les Alexander on the telephone doesn't take very long. It feels like asking questions on a short roller coaster ride.

After the molasses-slow pace his purchase of the Houston Rockets took, Alexander is ready to move at a faster gait, much faster. That includes talking with the media. He's succinct to say the least.

COMMENTARY

Ask for a 10-minute, get-acquainted interview and he suggests one minute.
"I know I'm rushing you, I'm sorry, but I'm not a publicity hound

and some guys are," he said. "I have a lot to do."

Would another time be better?
"No, I just want to get it over with, ask me a few more questions," he said.

So, let's quickly gallop through the mini-inquisition and get on to the baseball scores.

Was he surprised at being labeled a carpetbagger and put in the same mold as unpopular former Houston Astros owner John McMullen before he even bought the team?

"I never thought about it, so how could it surprise you?" Alexander said.

Pause.

How do you feel about it now?

"I thought it was unfair."

Rockets minority owner Tilman

Fertitta and Sugar Land millionaire John Moores tried to match Alexander's \$81 million offer to Charlie Thomas to purchase the Rockets franchise.

Alexander upped his offer to \$85 million and claimed that blocked the Fertitta-Moores bid. A judge agreed, refusing to issue an injunction to hold up the sale, expected to be completed soon.

How do you rate the Rockets' sale with other business deals you've made?

"It was tough, very tough. It was lawyer-generated and anything lawyer generated is always tough."

Can you describe it?

"The best way to describe it is I thought I was doing something simple but enjoyable, to buy an NBA team. It was challenging but I

didn't expect all the aggravation that went along with it."

Although the deal has not been completed, will he begin making decisions involving the club?

"Yes, I'm doing that."

Will you be active with the NBA draft?

"Yes, I will be."

McMullen was portrayed as a long-distance owner, who seldom spent time in Houston. It was convenient to suggest that Alexander, another outsider, would keep the same profile and that he could even move the team out of the city.

Alexander was further linked to McMullen because, although he currently resides in Boca Raton, Fla., he grew up in New Jersey, not far from Montclair where McMullen now resides.

Family feels an affinity for New York hurler

By The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — While the New York Mets' Anthony Young has tied the record for the longest losing streak ever by a pitcher, the family of the man with whom he shares the mark is hoping Young finally wins.

"It's tragic that so much negativity is following Anthony," said Curtis Cree, the grandson of the other pitcher to lose 23 games in a row, Cliff Curtis. "It seems to me that anybody who gets to be a pro athlete is gifted physically, mentally and emotionally. And he's been under so much adversity. Maybe he'll break out of this in a big way, like pitching a no-hitter."

Young, who will start again Sunday against St. Louis, will settle for less. Just a win would end all of his attention for failure.

But another loss would give him the undisputed claim to the longest losing streak ever for a big-league pitcher. A half-century after his death and 82 years after his own pitching travails, Cliff Curtis would finally slip back into obscurity.

Clifton Garfield Curtis would delight in all the attention he has belatedly received for his 23 straight losses in 1910 and 1911 with Boston of the National League.

"I think he'd love this," said his daughter, Mary Curtis Cree, who was born the same year her father set the record. "My dad was a great wit. He had a wonderful sense of humor."

Curtis, discovered by a scout on a sandlot in his hometown of Delaware, Ohio, might have lost a lot on the field but didn't come up short off it. All these years, after his death in 1943 from a heart attack after fighting a grass fire that got out of control, Curtis is still a small town legend in nearby Utica, where he

lived with his wife and daughter and ran the local Ford dealership.

"I'm told he liked to play poker, eat popcorn and drink beer, so he must have been a good guy," Curtis Cree said.

"I still have people stop me on the street and say, 'I remember your grandfather. He was a nice guy and he did a lot of things for me.'"

Curtis' family holds onto the stories, not the losses.

There is the diamond-and-sapphire ring that Curtis won in a poker game on a train ride. His daughter wears it to this day.

There were the famous players — Walter Johnson, Casey Stengel — who were teammates. But he had to be prodded to talk about them.

There is a circular tablecloth of red, green, blue and gold that he embroidered in hotel rooms while waiting for the next game. "It kept his fingers loose," his granddaughter, Mary Cree, said.

There were his hobbies: playing golf, bowling, a businessman's basketball league and, always, baseball. He coached Utica High to the state tournament in 1930.

And there was his family. His grandson has a letter in which Curtis wrote from a road trip that he had married "the most beautiful girl in Delaware."

He was a pillar of the community and a doting father.

"I was spoiled, spoiled, spoiled," his daughter said, laughing. "I didn't see too much of him from babyhood until I was older. But I remember one spring when I was around 5 he bought me a bike and taught me how to ride it. He had come home from spring training because someone had spiked his ankle and he came back home to recover."

During his 5-year major-league career with Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Brooklyn, he had a record of 28-61 but a respectable 3.31 ERA.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

City champs

The International League Rebels pose with the city championship trophy they won recently. In the front row, from left to right; Maurice Martinez, Jay Kuykendall, Alex Rodriguez, Mike Pearson and James Morlion. In the back row; coach Tom Kuykendall, Joseph Yanez,

Heath Muller, Josh Hernandez, Aaron Boadle, Eddie Galvan, Gilbert Rubio and coach Terry Brumley. Not pictured; coach Gilbert Rubio Sr. and Rey Chaverria.

Braves down Astros, 6-5

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Damon Berryhill is quickly becoming Mr. Clutch for the Atlanta Braves.

A pair of deflected grounders with two outs in the ninth inning — the second a decisive RBI single by pinch-hitter Berryhill — gave the Atlanta Braves a 6-5 victory Saturday night over the Houston Astros.

It was Berryhill's third hit this season to win a game in the final inning. He did it April 30 with a home run in the 11th inning of a 3-2 victory over St. Louis, and again on May 31 in a 2-1 win over San Diego.

"It's just a case of getting the opportunity," said Berryhill, who shares the catching job with Greg Olson. "I'd prefer playing and getting 3-4 at-bats before that situation comes up, but I don't find that the pressure is any different."

Berryhill's hit in the hole on the right side went off first baseman Jeff Bagwell's glove to second baseman Craig Biggio. But his throw home

from short right field was too late to get pinch-runner Bill Pecota, who scored from second.

The winning rally began when shortstop Andujar Cedeño failed to come up with a grounder by Olson that deflected off the foot of Houston reliever Doug Jones (3-6) for an infield single. Pecota ran for Olson and reached second on a single by Mark Lemke.

Atlanta reliever Mike Stanton (2-3) blew a chance for his 21st save when Andujar Cedeño had a two-out RBI single after the Astros pulled to 5-4 in the ninth on a throwing error by first baseman Brian Hunter after Stanton walked two batters.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Support groups will be listed regularly in Thursday's life! section. Bingo listings appear on Sunday Springboard.

Today

•Ride in an airplane, see a flying dinosaur or pretend you are an astronaut, throughout the summer. Flight Exhibit at the Heritage Museum. Call 267-8255 for information.

•Rodeo activities at the Howard County Fairgrounds include: Devotional, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Cowboy poets, 1-5 p.m., Bit and Spur show, 1-5 p.m. Show barns.

•Maximum Prize Bingo is offered at the Lions Building, Monday-Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. 1607 E. 3rd Street. Lion's Lic. #12372690748, CIA Lic. #17521878011, HARC Lic. #30008084854.

•St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. Lic. #3-00-786055-1.

•Bingo at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Lic. #1751274202. Maximum payout.

•Sacred Heart Church Youth Center, 509 Aylford will have bingo on Sundays from 7-10 p.m. Lic. #BL17561723804.

•American Legion Post #506 will have a Shuffle Board Tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Entry fee is \$2.00 Draw for partners 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

Monday

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

•Big Spring Humane Society is sponsoring a Firecracker cat special today through Sunday. Cat adoptions are \$25 including spay/neutering, vaccinations and medical screenings. Call 267-7832 for information.

Tuesday

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

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

Thursday

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizen Center offers art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. And bingo from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

•In honor of the planned retirement of Drs. Nell and Virgil Sanders, Medical Arts Clinic will have a reception for former and present patients and employees from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments.

•The Genealogical Society of Big Spring will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room. Visitors welcome. Enter through west entrance.

•LULAC Chapter #4375 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. For information call 267-2740.

Friday

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

•Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 8-11 p.m. Area seniors invited.

•Spring City Senior Center: Fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Ages 55 and older.

Saturday

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

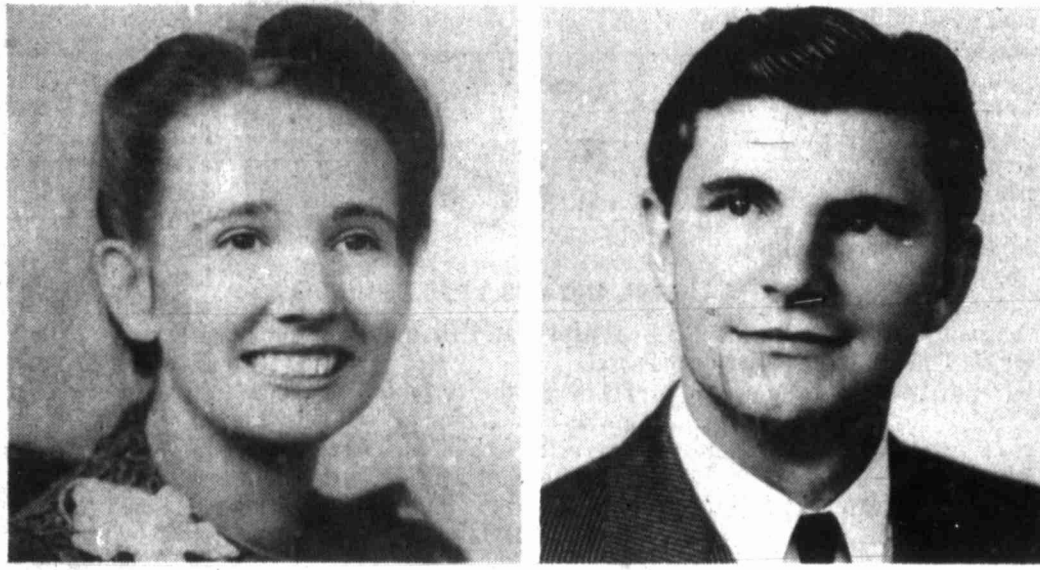
•The Howard County Coalition for the Environment will be collecting smashed and cleaned steel, aluminum, and plastic #1 & #2, and bundled or bagged newspapers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Big Spring Herald.

•The West Texas Orchid Society will meet at 2 p.m. at the greenhouse of Morris Biffle, 3703 Cottonflat Rd., Midland. For information call 699-1840.

•25th Annual Highland 4th of July Parade. Parade starts at 10 a.m. Line up at corner of Stonehaven and Highland Dr. at 9:30 a.m. All ages - anyone can be in the parade. For more information call Karen Fraser at 267-1018 or Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538.

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HEALING Years



In the photos, counterclockwise from top right - Dr. Virgil Sanders poses with a photo of his brother, Preston, who practiced with him in the early years; Dr. Nell Sanders shows her sense of humor in a room bursting with picture of young patients; Dr. Nell and Dr. Virgil in 1942; Dr. Nell with a patient; longtime employees Betty Reagan, left, and Charlene Smith plan to stay on at Medical Arts; the doctors at home with dog, Boomer; a sign on the counter warns patients of the planned retirement; and maid Paul Diaz Franco, who plans to stay on at the clinic, cleans its front entryway.

photos by Tim Appel
story by Mickie Harrington

Dr. Virgil Sanders and Dr. Nell Sanders are "taking down their shingles" to retire from medical practice on Wednesday after serving the Big Spring area since 1945.

The Medical Arts Clinic, a former hospital on Gregg and 8th Streets, will remain open Monday through Friday until it is sold - though not staffed by the Drs. Sanders' healing hands. Three long-term employees - Betty Reagan, Charlene White and Paula Diaz Franco - will remain on duty.

The 25-bed hospital and clinic was built by Drs. Virgil and Nell Sanders and his brother, Dr. Preston R. Sanders. Costing about \$150,000, it opened Feb. 1, 1949, according to the Big Spring Herald of that date.

The Medical Arts staff at that time was Dr. Preston Sanders, specializing in obstetrics and pediatrics; Dr. Nell White Sanders, specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat; and Dr. Virgil Sanders, who devoted his energies to general practice and bone injuries. The Sanders brothers are Big Spring natives.

Dr. Preston Sanders died in 1950 and his staff position was later filled by Dr. Floyd Mays for 26 years. Mays retired Jan. 1, 1978. Three others: Dr. Marjorie Kilpatrick, surgeon; Dr. Thorpe Gillespie and Dr. Reuben E. Koenig worked at the clinic two, one and three years respectively.

Dr. Virgil Sanders, a 1932 graduate of Big Spring High School, said there were two main reasons for his decision to study medicine.

"Preston was a doctor and I thought, 'If he can do it I can,'" Dr. Virgil said, adding that, while working at Cathey Implement Company as a young man, "I used to see Dr. Hall and Dr. Bennett hurrying to their offices in the Petroleum Building with their tires squealing around the corner.

"I thought they must be really important men."

The Sanders' met as fellow students at the University of Texas Medical School, doing Pre-Medical work in 1939. They graduated and married in 1942.

Dr. Nell - who had worked as an RN and laboratory technician to earn money for medical school - pursued her post-graduate work in the Baltimore Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital. "The plane ticket cost more than my salary, which was \$10 a month, and Virgil really hollered at that," said Dr. Nell.

Dr. Virgil worked two years as plant surgeon for Bethlehem Steel Company in Baltimore, while Dr. Nell did her residency. Then he interned at Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio.

The couple came to Big Spring in 1945, practicing a year in the old Malone-Hogan Hospital and then in Stanton three years before building Medical Arts.

The Sanders' Medical Arts Hospital had another service - it trained and graduated 169 Licensed Vocational Nurses from Sept. 1952 to Feb. 1, 1968. Many are still working in the Big Spring area.

Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital is known for keeping its employees long term in a family-like atmosphere.

Betty Reagan, accountant-office manager, came as a relief worker Jan. 3, 1950 for two weeks, and is still working.

"We are just like a family, staff and patients are all friends," said Betty, "not like employer-employees."

Charlene Smith started working in the clinic office March 25, 1953 and will continue on the staff after the doctors' retirement.

"These two fit together like hand in glove," said Dr. Nell. "They alternate each month the accounting and office management chores."

Paula Diaz Franco, the maid, has been an employee at Medical Arts for 29 years. Speaking of family, Letha Woods was an LVN student who worked 20 years for the hospital. Then her daughter, Wanda Arencibia, also an LVN student, worked five years there.

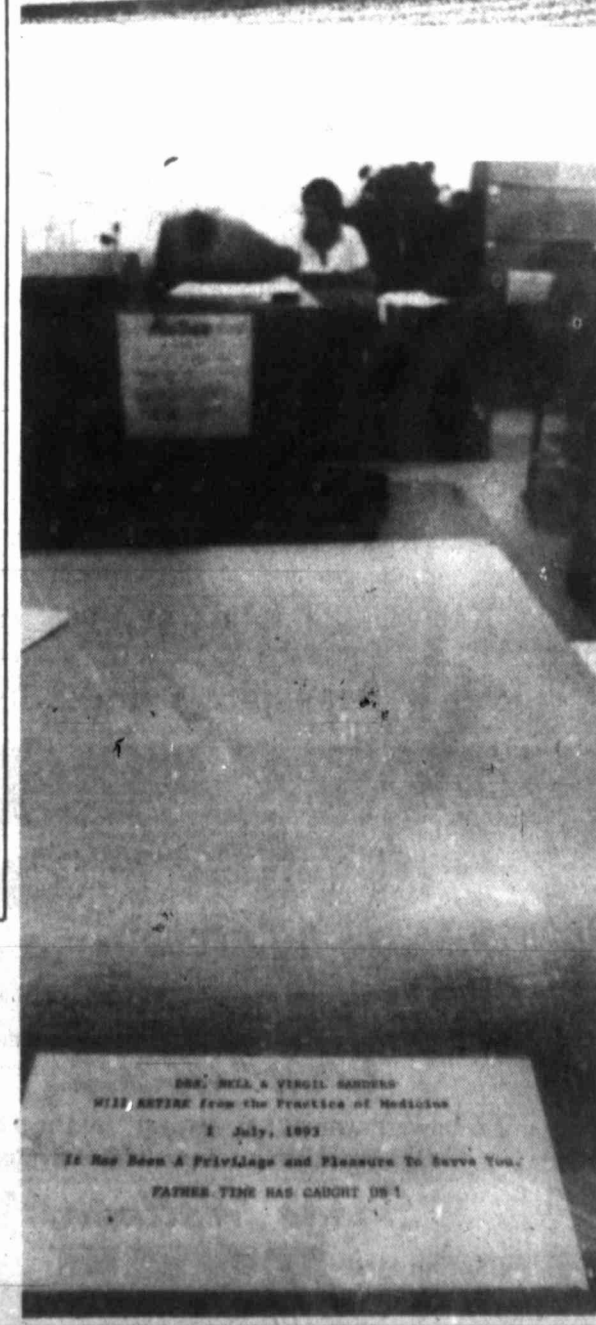
Later, Woods' two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Viera Arencibia, were born at the hospital and worked there many years.

Virgil Long, lab and x-ray technician of Bentwood, Ark., worked 32 years for the clinic and hospital, until his retirement in 1981. Dr. Nell bought him a three volume set of "Clinical Methods and Diagnosis" books by Gradwohl-Kouri from which he learned technology.

"I've enjoyed my 30 years here working with Dr. Nell and Dr. Virgil," he said in 1979. "There is a difference in working with someone and working for them."

Dr. Virgil and Dr. Nell have three children they adopted from the hospital nursery: Ann, Mark and Randy. Ann works in the computer field in Irving; Mark lives and works on their farm in Glasscock County; and Randy lives in Michigan City, Ind. The Sanders' have five grandchildren.

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Farmer's wife has the soil in her blood

By JOHN C. BOYLE
Thomson News Service

Mary Frances Tomko loves the smell of fresh dirt.

"It's kind of nice in the spring when they turn the dirt for planting — it's got a fresh kind of smell," said Tomko, the wife of Virginia farmer Billy Tomko for 27 years. "A lot of people never realize that or have had the chance to experience these things."

Spoken like a true farmer. While living off the land offers benefits Mary Frances wouldn't trade for a slice of suburbia, she knows the life of a farmer's wife is not an easy path.

"You learn to depend on the Lord a whole lot when you're a farmer's wife," said Mary Frances, 44.

Mary Frances' father was also a farmer, so she was no stranger to the life. She also was no stranger to the Tomko family — she grew up on a

farm just across the road from the Tomko place on Virginia Route 625. "We've known each other all our lives," said Billy, 57.

"It's kind of unique," she adds. The two forged a marriage and a partnership that has proved successful in both realms. She does the bookkeeping for the farm, tends to the extensive vegetable garden, takes care of the house and does the cooking. Through the years she has worked off and on as a secretary and a teacher's aide. She and her husband raised a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Eddie, both now grown.

On top of these responsibility, she helps out with some farm chores, runs for parts for the farm equipment, takes meals to the fields and occasionally helps run the heavy machinery — whatever it takes to make their 300-acre operation profitable.

"If he gets real desperate at harvest, I'll help him harvest peanuts,"

she said. Vacations are a rare pleasure. "It's hard to leave in the summer," Mary Frances said. "You just can't take that time away."

Jan Chappell knows all about the farmer's life. For 25 years, she's been married to Earl Chappell, who like his father and grandfather before him, works 1,140 acres in Dinwiddie County.

"You don't get too many vacations married to a farmer," she said with a laugh. "In 1976, we went to a soybean convention in Kansas City for about two weeks. In '85 we took a weekend and went to Pennsylvania, and that's it. You just don't go anywhere with a farmer."

Don't get the idea that Chappell dislikes her life. Quite the contrary. "I'd never trade the life I've got," she said. "It's very hard, but I'd never trade it."

Like Mary Frances Tomko, Jan Chappell's father was a farmer. The

soil is in her blood, so to speak. "Farmers are breeders of their own," she said.

She too does the bookkeeping work for the farm and helps with farm chores, especially during the busy planting and harvesting seasons. She's driven tractors, combines and farm trucks and boasts that "I can handle a truck just like a man."

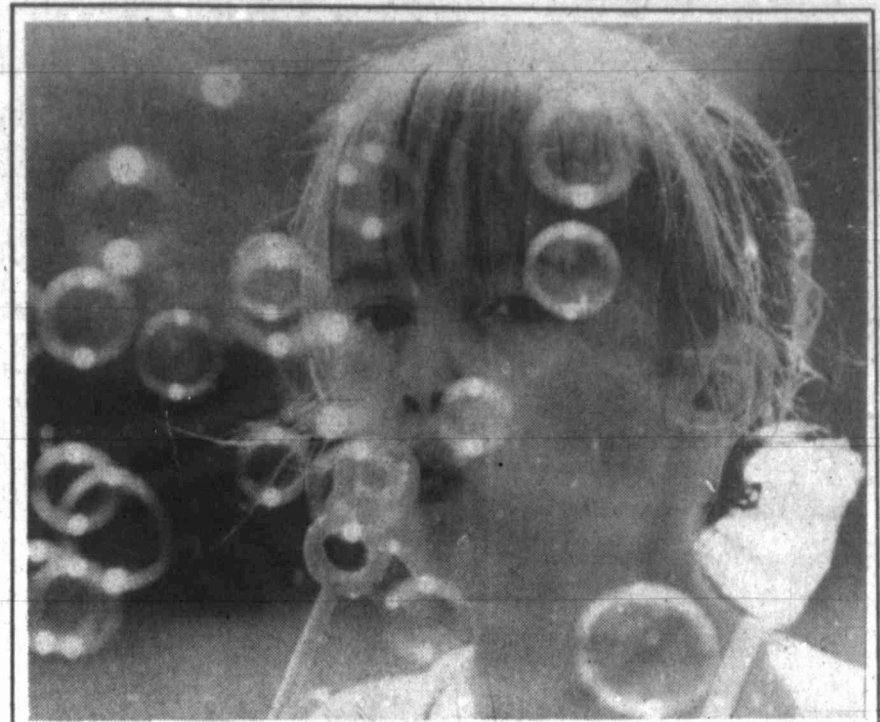
In addition to handling the household chores and cooking, Jan also works full-time as a federal employee at Fort Lee.

"I work 7 to 3:30 so I can get home and help with the farm work," said Chappell, 45.

Phillip E. Smith, a Sussex County, Va., farmer who works 1,200 acres of soybean, peanuts and wheat, knows just how tough farming can be on a relationship.

His advice to women considering a life on the farm?

"Stay away from it," he said with a laugh.



Bubble bubble
Anika Ridgeway, 4, of Daytona Beach, Fla., blows bubbles in the warm breeze one recent afternoon.

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Former Harte-Hanks media magnate forms new company

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Two short years ago, media magnate Bob Marbut was a businessman in search of a new challenge.

Finding it didn't take long. The former president and chief executive officer of Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. has formed Argyle Communications Inc., an umbrella company for acquiring television stations and cable systems.

"I knew I wanted to do something else but I didn't know what," said Marbut, who left the Harte-Hanks top post in 1991 and within a year began the steps to form Argyle. "I talked to lots and lots of people and went down lots and lots of roads."

He may be traveling a new path, but it's hardly unfamiliar territory.

Marbut, during his 20 years as Harte-Hanks president, led the San Antonio company as it grew from a private, mainly family-owned newspaper business into a more diversified public media company and then returned to being a private firm.

"That was fun to work in that environment and to be involved in trying to build something, because each one of those was a building challenge," said Marbut, 58, during a recent interview.

In creating Argyle, Marbut joined E. Blake Byrne, formerly of LIN Broadcasting in New York; Robert J. Owen, formerly of Cencom Cable Associates Inc. in St. Louis; and Harry T. Hawks, formerly of Cumberland Capital Corp. in Dallas.

Marbut is chairman and chief executive officer; Byrne oversees television for Argyle Communications Partners, Argyle's limited partnership; Owen oversees cable operations; and Hawks is vice president for finance.

They named Argyle after the avenue in San Antonio where Marbut lives. "Either that, or my socks," Marbut joked, adding that the principals wanted an innocuous-sounding company name.

Already, Argyle is making a name for itself in the television world. It has agreements for its Argyle Television Holding Inc. to purchase four television stations from Times Mirror



Media magnate Bob Marbut poses in his San Antonio office. The former president of Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. formed Argyle Commu-

nications Inc., an umbrella company for acquiring television stations and cable systems.

Co. for \$335 million in cash and securities.

Ibra Morales, a Cuban immigrant who has been vice president of Katz American Television, is chairman and president of Argyle Television Holding. DLJ Merchant Banking Inc. of the securities firm Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette is an equity partner in the deal.

The sale of two of the stations, KTVI-TV, an ABC affiliate in St. Louis, and WVTM-TV, an NBC affiliate in Birmingham, Ala., is expected to close around the end of June.

The sale of the other two stations, KDFW-TV in Dallas and KTBC-TV in Austin, both CBS affiliates, should close around year's end after license renewals are complete with the Federal Communications Commission.

Marbut said he hopes to take Argyle's television operation public, possibly within three years as it acquires two or three more stations.

Meanwhile, Argyle Communications has formed a partnership with Time Warner Cable to acquire cable

systems. Marbut said he's glad to be working with Time Warner, with its cable technology and clout.

"This is not an environment for real small operators getting in the way of the big elephants because they can hurt you and not even know they're doing it," he said.

As his company moves into cable, Marbut foresees Argyle becoming involved in the interactive technology now attracting so much attention with its promises of consumer choice. "I don't see how we can avoid it," Marbut said. "I think there's a lot of opportunity there if it's taken at the right pace and done in a marketing sense, not just because it's a gee-whiz technology kind of thing."

Marbut also doesn't rule out the newspaper business for Argyle, though he believes broadcast television and cable offer more investment opportunities for now.

"I think newspapers are going to emerge from the bottom of what has been a tough, tough cycle for them and some are going to do very, very

well," Marbut said.

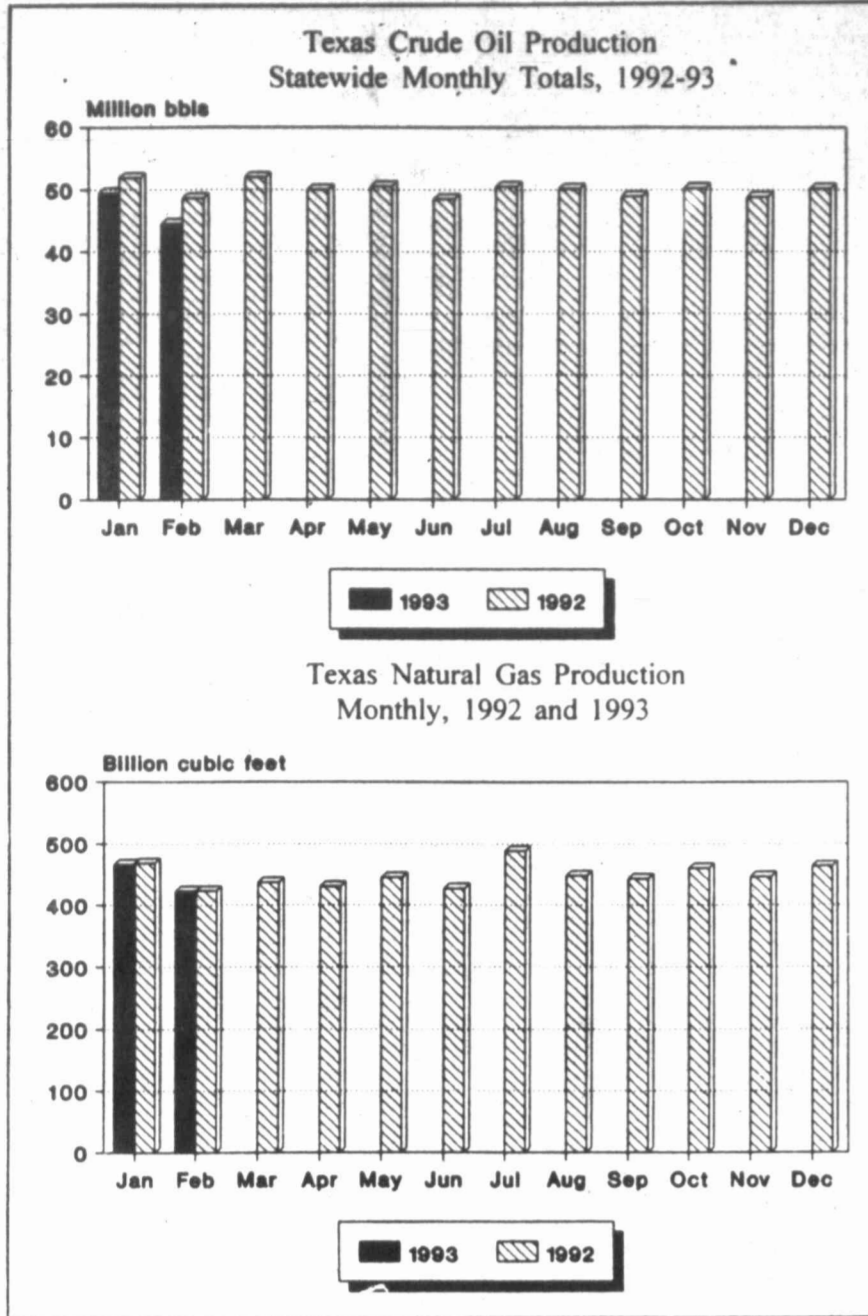
As with other media, Marbut believes newspapers must make quick decisions while carefully marketing to consumers' information and entertainment needs. He advocates a team-oriented approach instead of complete separation of editorial, sales and production departments.

In the constantly-changing communications field, Marbut said, strategic planning is the key. He compares the business to an unpredictable stream.

"It's all going in one direction, but the stream is so wide that some parts don't go as fast as others," Marbut said. "You have sandbars along the way. You have little false tributaries that don't go anywhere. And people are going to try all of these things. And there are rapids, and there are places where you can get in deep trouble."

If that's scary for some, it's a challenge for Marbut.

"There are a lot of opportunities now for creativity, for marketing savvy, for some risk-taking," he said. "It's kind of exciting."



U.S. unemployment increased last week

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for jobless benefits shot up last week to the highest level in nine weeks, leaving analysts with mixed opinions over the direction of the labor market.

Economist Samuel D. Kahan of Fuji Securities Inc. in Chicago said the increase "basically left the claimant level within the range it has been at for at least three months, suggesting that the labor market is not much

different from what it's been all along."

But Marilyn Schaja, an economist with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York, contended the increase suggested "the improvement which has recently taken place in the labor market is stalling."

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