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Twisting this way and pulling that

Tarufe Noveron twists and pulls as he tries his luck with a metal puzzle that he was playing with while at the Big Spring Boy's Club last week.



In life! today

Mark and Diana Heinis have five children, a nice house and what appears to be the good all-American life. However, an unwelcome intruder has made its place in their home. See life! on page 1B.

Bring a new pet home

Today is the last day for the "Home For The Holidays" special at **Big Spring Humane** Society. Dogs and puppies will be \$35, and cats and kittens will be



building

Louise Mexia uses a coat of glazing to a ceremic Christmas tree as she was working in the Big Spring Senior Center's artroom.

No respite from war:

Bombs and bullets ushered in Sarajevo's second Christmas Day under Serb siege, while fighters across Bosnia ignored a truce. See page 6A.

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•A listening ear:

In the voice of Bill Osbourne is a tenderness, often little more than the gentle assurance that he is listening. He listens for a living. See page

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Escapees still loose:

Two of the five inmates who escaped from the Denton County Jail were being pursued by authorities Saturday, the sheriff's office said. See page 2A.

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Wondering about encore: Part of the downside to winning 9 of every 10 games you've coached in the past few years is that folks are always asking what kind of encore you're planning. See page 8.

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Partly cloudy, high 55: Partly cloudy today and Monday, high of 55, southwest winds 5-15 miles per hour; tonight and Monday night, fair, low in the mid 20s.

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Gas prices: Who is to blame?

Local sources defend Fina over gas prices

By TIM JONES

Staff Writer

Gasoline prices, which many local residents say are out of line with those paid by customers in other West \$1.20 Texas cities, cannot be blamed on Fina Inc. and its local refinery, according to independent sources.

The American Automobile Association compiled statistics showing average U.S. wholesale price of gas at 50 cents - two cents of that total is for smog-reducing gasoline additives and to pay local taxes; eight cents covers both the cost of refining crude into gasoline and the oil \$0.80companies profits for the sales off the rack.

The U.S. average for distributor-retailer costs per gallon is 12 cents, covering marketing costs, including \$0.60advertising costs and profits for both distributors and

Total gasoline taxes of 38 cents includes 20 cents in state taxes and 18 cents in federal taxes, including the recent 4.3 cent federal tax begun Oct. 1. The 38 cent tax figure is the only constant figure. Both

the rack prices and distributor-retailer costs can, and \$0.20-The "Oil Daily" for Dec. 5 showed Big Spring's rack

price for Fina's unleaded gasoline as 42.11 to 44.58 cents for that week. The pricing fluctuation is due to discounts given to larger volume purchasers. The gallon of gasoline that we get out of the crude we

refine was costing us 33 cents a gallon that week of Dec. 10," explained local Fina refinery Manager Jeff Morris. "Add seven cents to run the refinery, and four cents for profitable income ... that totals up to 44 cents. The Mid-Please see DEFEND, page 7A

Working the holidays

Families adjust to absent members

By JANET AUSBURY

Christmas Day means food, gifts and family celebrations to most Americans. However, for some it is simply another day on the job.

Anthony Hill, a patrol officer with the Big Spring Police Department, was on Christmas duty last year as well as this year. He worked from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The schedule is made months in advance," said Hill "It's a standard rotation; it's not based on seniority or anything like that. I knew in April I would work Christ-

Neither Hill nor his family is particularly bothered by his having to work on Christmas. "They realize it's part of the profession," he said. This year, his Christmas involved family from out of

state, so they celebrated last week."It's time to start taking the tree down," he quipped. Gloria Gonzales, a jailer and booking officer for the

Howard County Jail, also worked Christmas last year as She is one of approximately eight jailers, but attribut-

es her two consecutive years of Christmas duty to the luck of the draw.

"I knew a month ahead of time." said Gonzales. "It's just a regular rotation, and I ended up with it." Her family has adjusted to having Christmas Day without her, but she would not mind spending a regular Christmas

"I wish I could, but it's part of my job and I'm here," said Gonzales. "I'll be done at 5 tonight and we'll celebrate Christmas then." Her Christmas Day hours are also 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gonzales did not expect Christmas to be an especially busy day for processing new inmates, but said jailers would undoubtedly have a few new residents. "Crooks never take the holidays off," she said. "Christmas is a little busy but not as much as usual."

She has one Christmas wish for next year: "I'm hoping I might get next Christmas off."

Christmas duty is not exclusively for law enforcement officers; many convenience stores are open Christmas Day. Seven-Eleven store manager Loretta Baker has Please see WORKING, page 7A

DOE seeking subjects of early radiation tests

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Energy Department is trying to find out what happened to people who were used for secret radiation experiments, sometimes without their

The department unveiled a toll-free "human experimentation hot line" Thursday. Anyone who has information about medical or scientific radiation experiments

conducted on humans is being urged to call.

The number is 1-800-493-2998, and the DOF says the phone will be answered 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST Monday through Friday by experts from the department's office of environment, safety and health. A spokesman said the number was established as part

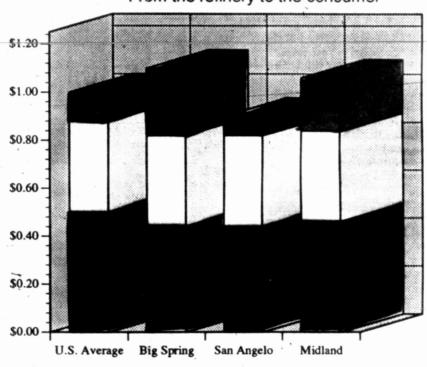
of the DOE effort to learn more about secret human experimentation conducted by the federal nuclear energy program in the 1950s and 1960s. DOE secretary Hazel O'Leary earlier this month said

and that some of the subjects were not aware of the O'Leary's office has started to release formerly secret Please see VICTIMS, page 7A

about 800 radiation tests were conducted on humans,

A Gallon of Gas

From the refinery to the consumer



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Fina manager airs complaints

TIM JONES Staff Writer

Jeff Morris, manager of the local Fina refinery, is making numerous criticisms of local county officials, this newspaper, and the general public's sometimes negative viewpoint of the impact the plant has on the community.

Morris says, "Fina does not feel welcome here. We're tired of this situation." The plant manager added he'd move the refinery to Midland if he had his way, but prohibitive costs make such a consideration moot.

The real problem, Morris noted, is "a continually decreasing local tax base and rising tax rates.

"Fina will pay its fair share of those taxes," he said, challenging those who would complain Fina has shirked some of its tax-paying responsibility by requesting abatements.

"Abatement isn't giving away," he explained. "When the Howard County Commissioners turned down Fina's third abatement request," in spring 1992, "they hurt the local tax base and restricted development by prohibiting our spending the \$33 Please see MORRIS, page 7A

Up on the rooftop ...

Clockwise from right, three youngsters briefly stop by and look as Santa waves to them; from his chair, Santa gives a friendly wave to folks that pass by; though not really the North Pole, a stuffed penguin sits by a sign as Santa sits and waits to talk to children in the aisle of the Big Spring Mall; Santa listens closely as Henry Reyna penders what he would like for Christmas; and A young Ashlee Von Hassell doesn't know what to make of the funny-dressed bearded gentleman whose lap she was sitting on while getting her photo taken. See You Magazine and Prime of Your Life, page 5B











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Briefs

Hospital CEO promises to be know all aspects

HOUSTON (AP) - After four months as Hermann Hospital's chief executive officer, David R. Page is finally finding time to get to know his institution in every way.

He acknowledges he's still having trouble finding his way from point to point, but he's adamant about wanting to get a firsthand look at the services his hospital offers.

"I've got to go out and kick the tires and sniff the soup, see if the parking lot works, see if the nursing schedule works," he said.

Page, 53, plans to check everything, from the more than 650 beds to the food offered in the employee cafeteria.

"If it's swill, I'll know it's swill. If it's good food, I'll know that too," he said, adding that the meals are pretty good.

Professor tracks

Christmas sky IRVING (AP) — Maybe there really was a little star of Bethlehem, the bright light that the Bible says sent the wise men on the trek that led them to Jesus' manger, a scientist

Physicist Richard Olenick came to that conclusion by recreating the astronomical conditions on Oct. 15 of the year 7 B.C.

Using a computer program, Olenick found that Jupiter and Saturn would have appeared so close together that their reflected brilliance might have made them look like one bright star.

If he's right, that light may have been the reflection that launched the wise men in search of a newborn Jewish king.

Olenick, the physics department chairman of the University of Dallas, a Catholic school between Dallas and Fort Worth, became interested a few weeks ago in what the sky was like that historic night.

Good Samaritan is buried for efforts

CONROE (AP) - Hundreds of people attended services here for a man killed this week in San Francisco when he tried to save a woman who was being attacked.

Michael Stuckey, an art student in San Francisco who recently turned 23, was buried Thursday in Conroe,

a north Houston suburb. Stuckey is credited with saving the life of Suzy Sloan, who was being attacked by a knife-wielding mugger Monday in San Francisco. Stuckey, a Conroe native, intervened and was

stabbed once in the chest. The young man was eulogized

Thursday as a gentle hero. 'Michael demonstrated God's selfgiving love by saving the life of Suzy Sloan," the Rev. Michael Jost said. "Michael did not know Suzy. All he saw was a woman in trouble, a woman being stabbed.

"Michael stopped evil from happening to Suzy Sloan," Jost said. "He absorbed the evil with his heart."

Police have arrested Robert White, a 35-year-old ex-convict in connection with the slaying and attack.

Stuckey's friends and relatives remembered the aspiring sculptor, who had recently sold one of his creations, as a serious and creative spirit who pursued a range of artistic interests.

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Wife of injured officer upset his assailant is out of jail

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH - The wife of an officer in critical condition after being struck by an allegedly drunk driver said Friday she's upset she has to suffer through Christmas while the driver is home for the holi-

Eugene Standerford, 55, of Dallas, was released from Tarrant County Jail Thursday night on \$10,000 bail. He was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated after the car he was driving struck Fort Worth policeman Alan Chick.

Standerford has been charged with DWI 12 times and convicted eight times, state records show.

'He shouldn't have even been able to have had a driver's license," said Lisa Chick, the officer's wife and also a member of the force. "He's out now, at home with his family at Christmas. I think it stinks.'

Test results released Thursday showed Standerford's blood alcohol level was 0.15 percent at the time of the accident. A level of 0.10 percent is a legal definition of drunkenness in Texas.

Chick, an 11-year law enforcement veteran, remained in a coma Friday evening at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, officers and members of the Tarrant County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving questioned why Standerford, who has a history of drunk driving, was allowed back behind the wheel.

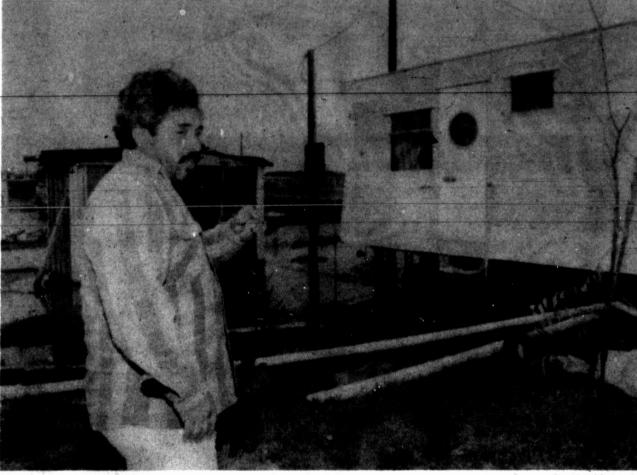
Paula Watson, president of the MADD Tarrant County Chapter, said she's been trying to contact four Dallas judges who she said handled some of Standerford's previous arrests.

"What we want to know from these judges is why did he get his driver's license back so soon," Ms. Watson said.

Fort Worth Police Chief Thomas Windham said he is angry that Standerford still had a driver's license, considering his previous record.

"After reviewing his record, I'm madder than hell about it," Wind-

Chick was helping a motorist start a statled pickup about 4 s.m. Wednesday when the white Cadillac" Standerford was driving struck the back of the truck, then hit Chick. because the neighborhood sits below



Jorge Oyervides of Edinburg points to the high water mark reached on his trailer home during a torrential downpour Dec. 17. One week after the flood, residents in this small colonia still hive standing water.

Flooded colonia ruins Christmas

The Associated Press

EDINBURG — Stopping their car at the edge of the floodwaters that had been stagnating in their neighborhood for a week, Gilbert and Viola Luna shook their heads in frus-

It was Christmas Eve, and they still couldn't get their car in to pick up the presents they left inside their

"This is what Santa Claus brought us this year," Luna said.

"I bought a lot of things for my granddaughters, but I tell them Christmas is going to be late," his wife added. At the Hoehn Subdivision, a low-

lying "colonia," despair follows an extremely heavy rainfall. Flooding is a plague for many colonias — poor, mostly Hispanic communities along the Mexican bor-

der that often lack paving and sew-

ers. Septic tanks overflow and toilets back up, creating health hazards.
Luna blamed Hidalgo County officials for not doing something fast about the colonia's poor drainage. But county commissioners said there is little they can do immediately

nearby drainage ditches.

They did approve an emergency \$80,000 to pump floodwaters away from the street and to provide portable bathrooms. Still, the waters have been slow to recede. The Lunas fled their mobile home

to stay with relatives on Dec. 17, when a 10-inch downpour set off the latest floods. Others have been unable to leave or unwilling to do so, afraid that looters would invade.

Tom Wilkins said the area never flooded when he and some partners developed the subdivision about 10 years ago. But he said new developments nearby have shifted drainage over the years.

'It doesn't sound like it's an isolated incident. It happened in lots of areas of the county," he said. "I think any time you see 8 to 10 inches of rain, you are going to see floods. It's a shame this happened this time

On Friday, Jorge and Sara Oyer-vides pulled their car through the slowly subsiding waters for the first time in a week. Their daughters, ages 11 and 15, waded out to the highway a week ago on their way to spend Christmas with their grandmother in Reynosa, Mexico, seven

The couple stayed behind to take care of their home and dogs. Oyervides paused when asked if he and his wife would spend Christmas with their children. 'There's a chance," he said wist-

fully in Spanish. "But we don't have money to bring them."

The migrant farm worker said he has invested \$6,000 to buy and improve his lot since the family moved to Hoehn Subdivision three

"If they gave it back," he said, "I'd move immediately.'

His neighbors, Manuel and Dominga Lira, were bundled in winter jackets inside their home, trapped by the flooding. With their phone out of order, they worried about how they would get help if Mrs. Lira's 99year-old mother fell ill.

"We can't take her outside in the cold," Mrs. Lira said.

Down the road, mud prevented Antonio Leal, a 15-year-old with cerebral palsy, from getting out of his home in his wheelchair or with a walker. His mother, Ninfa Leal, said county officials should do more to fix

Two escaped inmates are still at large

The Associated Press

DENTON - Two of the five inmates who escaped from the Denton County Jail were being pursued by authorities Saturday, the sheriff's office said.

"We've got investigators conducting a fugitive search," said Sue Morrison, a spokeswoman for the Denton County Sheriff's Department. "We're trying to find leads about where they might be.'

Around 8 a.m. Saturday, officers captured two of the escapees, officers said. The fifth inmate was fatally shot by a detention officer shortly after the escape.

The inmates broke out through a roof about 10:30 p.m. Friday, Ms. Morrison said.

Lenward Jay Anderson, 29, and Travis Dean McLeod, 24, were caught hiding in a vacant house

directly across from the jail complex. The house was part of a densely wooded, roughly square-mile area southeast of the jail where Denton County Sheriff's deputies first focused their search.

Officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Denton Police Department aided in the hunt. Dallas police lent a helicopter and Lake Dallas police loaned a search

dog.
The sought inmates were Shane Edward Bishop and Frederick Leonza Clark.

Bishop, 25, of Lake Dallas, was jailed in January on charges of possession of marijuana, robbery and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Clark, 25, of Denton, was jailed April 5 for theft, engaging in organized activity and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Inmate Todd Lee Peters, 23, of Iowa, was shot when he fought with a detention officer over the officer's gun, Ms. Morrison said.

The officer, who's also a certified peace officer, saw the inmates jump off the roof of the main jail, then retrieved his gun from his car and began chasing them, Ms. Morrison said. The officer caught Peters in a nearby apartment complex.

Peters was jailed in January on charges of cocaine possession with the intent to deliver and attempted

Prosecutors see trend moving from death penalty Hampton's past includes drugs, Jurors also may turn toward life

The Associated Press

DALLAS - Anthony B. Hampton, who has a lengthy history of breaking the law, recently was convicted for killing a Mesquite gas station attendant during a robbery that netted \$18 cash and a few lottery tick-

Hampton, 18, received a life sentence, a punishment some Dallas County prosecutors say is part of a disturbing trend toward against the death penalty.

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"It certainly gives us cause to anymore," said Norman Kinne, the county's first assistant district attor-

this isn't enough, what is?"
Three of the last six death penalty cases fought by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office have result-

guns and robberies. He spent his time in jail terrorizing guards and beating up fellow inmates. The jury agreed he would pose a continuing threat to society, but two

jurors believed hardships in his upbringing were severe enough to warrant sparing his life. The split vote meant an automatic life sen-

"The fact that you didn't get the love you thought you should have in your youth isn't an excuse for committing a death penalty offense," Kinne said. "I think it's an excuse that they were able to hang their hat on and avoid the death penalty.

Observers say juries may shy from death sentences because they hear more evidence about defendants' backgrounds and because mandatory prison stays with life sentences are becoming longer.

"It's a race to prevent the death sentence that's going on, and not so much a race for guilt or innocence," said Richard Dieter, director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington. "It used to be an afterthought. Now it's the main event."

prison terms because of stiffer sentencing laws. Many states now provide for life without parole. In Texas, capital murder defen-

dants sentenced to life must serve at least 35 years before they are eligible for parole. For crimes committed after Sept. 1, the minimum prison stay jumps to 40 years. There might be a growing awareness that a life sentence will really mean what it says now and that a

death sentence isn't really necessary," Dieter said. "When you give a life sentence, it really has some teeth to it now.' Wayne Huff, who has represented defendants in 12 death penalty cases, contrasted Hampton with

Daniel Joe Hittle, who was sentenced to death in 1990. Hittle was convicted of killing a Garland police officer and four other people while on parole for the murder of his adoptive parents in Min-

But Hampton "was still an 18year-old kid who'd never been to the penitentiary before," Huff said.

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Glasscock County SWCD ordering windbreak trees

GARDEN CITY — The Glasscock County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for its annual sale of windbreak trees. Order forms are available in the office and the deadline for orders is Feb. 19, 1994. Delivery date is March 3. 1994.

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Upland Cotton

Program announced

STANTON - USDA's Department of Stabilization and Conservation Service announced a preliminary 17.5 percent acreage reduction requirement for the 1994 Upland Cotton Program. The final percentage must be announced by January 1.

"This percentage is consistent with the 30-percent ratio of total stocks to total use of upland cotton, including all domestic, export and residual ASCS official Nestor Hernandez.



Choir director Sandy Wallace presented the Coahoma choir programs twice and it was a big hit each time. This group is the Coahoma Choir Kids, fourth through sixth grades. Also singing were the Kits grades, the elementary honors choir, Treble Makers and the junior high choir, Another Generation.

Elementary choir hard working group

By GLENDA CUMMINGS Staff Writer

COAHOMA . The elementary students at Coahoma performed for their parents on Thursday, Dec. 16, and repeated the performance on

Friday morning for the students. Sandy Wallace teaches music to the elementary and junior high students during class time every day. But to be in the choir, not only do the students have to audition, they have to eat lunch early and give up their lunch hour recess.

The kindergarten through third grades eat five minutes early twice a week, and on the other days, the fourth through sixth grades follow suit. The last day is for the junior high choir, which has already received honors in competition this

The choirs performed a number of songs, but perhaps most surprising was that they sang in Latin, Hebrew, Spanish and, of course, English.

The junior high peformed a number of selections, including one of the songs they learned for the Big

Country Honors Choir. They finished up with a '50s-type song. "Slow Dancing in the Snow" that had all the children in the audience snapping their fingers to the music.

Sandy Wallace came to Coahoma from Midland four years ago when her husband, Warren, was transferred here as the district Boy Scouts executive.

She says she enjoys the Coahoma students and is working hard to teach music and reading music in the classes to make the choir work easier for her and the students.

Know quail's needs when appraising your habitat

The first step in appraising your habitat is to know what habitat is and what the quail need. Rather than talking appraisal this time, let's just learn about habitat.

The size and shape of the Bobwhites' home range varies according to the quality of the habitat. Their range seldom exceeds 80 acres and usually averages between 20 and 40

The bobwhite has three basic requirements for life: cover, food and water. The one of these three where you are in shortest supply is the limiting factor. If you can identify this, you can take corrective action.

Since water is usually the problem in this area, let us look first at this factor. With adequate rainfall, bobwhites can usually meet their water requirements from moisture derived from the dew, insects, succulent vegetation, seeds and metabolic water (produced during digestion.) Sources of surface water (tanks, streams etc.) are usually not required but may be used if available.

Bobwhites prosper around "edges" and they are picky about their surroundings. In other words, if the surroundings aren't, the bobwhites won't be there. An edge is a transitional zone from one type of vegetation to another. If you clear a field and plant it, you will find a band grasses, forbs and brush around the field that is different from the field and the pasture.

This "edge" provides a secure highway for the quail to travel all around the field for food as well as nesting cover in areas where native grasses are allowed to reach maturi-

Benefits of the "edge" zone are



Cody Cummings

destroyed by plowing right up to the fences, spraying herbicides on weeds and brush around fences, overgrazing by cattle on both sides of fences. removing fence rows to make bigger fields, taking out windows and shelter-belts and clearing draws.

An edge zone of two to three feet is not suitable, twenty to thirty is more appropriate.

The best time to evaluate cover is

late winter because winter cover is

crucial to bobwhite survival. The

overhead canopy should be thick but

open about a foot and one half above

ground. Remember, quail look at the

world from about four inches above

Bobwhite need nesting cover,

roosting cover, loafing, screening

and escape cover. Nesting cover is

clumps of grass at least twelve inch-

es in diameter and at least eight to

ten inches tall. Roosting cover is veg-

etation with low, sparse, open

canopies that reduce the chance of

collision should flight during the

Loafing cover is used for resting

and dusting between morning and

evening feeding periods. Low shrubs

and vine such as shinnery oak, sand

plum thickets and sumac are excel-

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Christmas piano recital a nerve-wrecking experience for students By GLENDA CUMMINGS

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY - The United Methodist Church was the setting for the Christmas piano recital of Rena Harris' students on Thursday, Dec. 16. Twenty students of various ages are taking lessons and most memorized their music for the day.

> Harris said everyone was nervous, but all performed admirably and some most admirably

Ashley Hirt started, playing We Three Kings of Orient Are", followed by Blake Chudej with "Silent Night." Kina Langford played "The First when he played "Deck The Halls. Noel" and Zane Cummings, "Away in Deidra Harris played "Good King

a Manger," followed by Christina Harris with "Santa"s Workshop."

Krystal Halfmann played Bartok no. 1" and "Jingle Bells" and Drew Plagens gave a rendition of "Toyland." Suzanne Gilstrap played "O Come All Ye Faithful" and Jill Hoelscher played "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree." Jeanette Hidralgo played "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and "The Coventry Carol.

Kelly Chudej played "The Abominable Snowman". Brian Hillger, "Jolly Old Saint Nick," and Brandon Bednar's lingers liew over the

Wincesslas" and Lindsey Chudej played "Winter Holidays."

Aaron Bednar played "A Bach Minuet #1" and "The Christmas Song." Annette Karnes performed "The Twelve Days of Christmas," all twelve of them, and "I Heard the

Lori Hoelscher played "When

Michelle Fuchs performed *0 Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer.

Deidra Hirt was the last student to play with "King Winter" and "O Christmas Tree.

All the students were rewarded with applause from the audience

Santa Claus Gets My Letter," and and following the recital, they were served snacks and drinks. They exchanged presents with their teacher and made plans to continue their lessons when school resumes after the holidays.

> They will perform again at a spring recital before school dismisses for the summer vacation.

THE BEST OF **BIG SPRING**



Betty Gamboa, third from left, is the December recipient of the "Best of Big Spring Award." Also pictured are, left to right: Debbye Valverde, Greg Brooks, Betty, Tammy Watt, Terry Burns & Lynette Brooks.

Betty Gamboa has been employed at Blum's Jewelers for 22 years. She has two children, Gilbert Jr. and Rudy. She enjoys walking, jogging & watching her younger son play basketball & football. She also enjoys basketball & watching her favorite NFL team, the San Francisco 49er's.

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"The constitutional right of free expression is powerful medicine in a society as diverse and populous as ours."

John M. Harlan, Supreme Court justice, 1971

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More is involved in gas prices than just refining

Who is the blame for the price of gas in Big Spring? Many citizens have been blaming Fina refinery for the high costs and some zero in on the distributors and the people selling the gas at the pumps.

One thing being overlooked in this frenzy to place the blame for high gas on someone is the state and federal taxes on gas which we pay for every gallon we pump into our

What we pay in taxes is 38 cents - 20 cents in state taxes and 18 cents in federal taxes.

Does that have an effect on the price of gas? It most assuredly does. Subtract that from the \$1.18 price and we would only be paying 80 cents.

Supply and demand also goes a long way in determining the price of any sold in the United States. And, that includes

We demand gas and it is sold to us. Unfortunately, in Big Spring, there is not a high enough volume of users to allow businessmen to make a profit at much lower prices.

And, that is the main reason any businessman is in business - to make some money off his venture.

Cutting out the middleman has been a key allowing business such as Wal-Mart and H-E-B to offer lower prices for their goods. Each step between manufacturing and the consumer adds to the price of any product.

So, can gas prices in Big Spring be reduced? Probably. Will prices stay low, if dropped? That is hard to answer.

But, when looking for someone to blame for high prices remember there are more players in the gas game than just the this refinery.

Countdown to a new year, a new century

Countdown to the new year. Can it be there is only five more days left to 1993? And, that a whole new round, with 365 days, is almost upon us?

I have always found it funny that, no matter what is going on, the year, it flies. And, nothing is older than yesterday's news story.
Was it really only this year that the

Branch Davidian ordeal ended in a fiery blaze?

Can it be that Clinton has only been in office for one year? Given all the controversy surrounding the man, it seems like he has been in office for much longer.

Can it be a year has really gone by since the Cowboys won the Superbowl. And, here we are with another Superbowl ståring us down the throat. And, it seems some fans are already feeling the angst which accompanies debates on whether this, Cowboy team can provide a repeat performance.

Time. There is never enough of it in one day to do not only that needs to be done but to do the things that we really would like to do.

And, there are times when it seems one days blends into another with monotone of sameness. A week goes by and it can hardly be remembered for what happened in it.

So, here comes another year with a new number tacked on to the end. Ever notice how it takes about a month to remember to write the new year on your checks?

But, as we count down the final, dying days of 1993, there is another countdown which is really much more exciting.

And, that's the countdown to a new century.

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DD Turner

The year 2000. A brand new century. A new start.

It probably won't be that much different from 1900. After all, the same people will still be inhabiting this planet at the time. Sure, there will be new technological advances and life might be a little easier.

But, will we enter the new century still judging people on the basis of their golor, their religion, their sexual preference, their ideas? Or, will we have grown into that Star Trekian utopia where people are simple judged on the basis of who and what they can do. Color and the rest of it doesn't enter into a thing.

Maybe we can grow enough. Who knows. We still have six years to try. But, considering we have been trying at least since the 1960s and have only come a short way, it seems improbably that a new world will emerge from the old in six short, very short, years.

There is always hope as long as there are people willing to work toward this goal. So, maybe the impossible can be accomplished.

Now, that gives you something to look forward to in the year 2000.

DD Turner is the managing editor of the Herald. Her column appears Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.



"Please avoid saying anything that might hurt

its feelings."

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Point

Loans in low-income community: Clinton is on the wrong path

THOMAS J. DILORENZO

For Scripps Howard News Service

The Clinton administration recently proposed legislation to fund a network of "community development banks" that may eventually operate in every congressional district.

The Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act would provide as much as \$100 million a year in taxpayer money to designated "financial institutions," both for-profit and non-profits, involved in community development in low-income or disadvantaged

These organizations would make loans to non-profit groups unable to obtain loans from commercial

Commercial banks would be excluded from the program since, the administration claims, they are not primarily involved in "community development.

This represents a novel understanding of banking since all banks promote community development by making loans to homebuyers, entrepreneurs and others who buy property, create businesses and jobs, and otherwise improve their communi-

Despite their proposed exclusion from the new legislation, commer- or go bankrupt. They merely seel cial banks currently operate under more taxpayer-supported loans. federal mandates to provide community development loans.

Under terms of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, commercial banks are required to make a "sufficient" number of loans in communities where they do business.

Proponents of the new proposal, which include such "community development" organizations as the Center for Community Change in Washington, D.C., and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now in New Orleans, believe current bank loan practices are

Several statistical studies, including an annual Federal Reserve Board report, do show that whites are more likely to receive loans than non-whites. However, these studies report only outcomes; they do not demonstrate that racial discrimination, rather than credit-worthiness, causes the discrepancy.

In fact, Nobel laureate economist Gary Becker notes that if blacks did

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Beltway favorite Bobby Ray

Inman's failure to pay Social Securi-

ty taxes for his housekeeper doesn't

disqualify him from being secretary

of defense, says the Clinton White

House. "Double standard!" chorus

Americans who remember how the

issue sank the nominations of Wash-

ington outsiders Zoe Baird and

Kimba Wood (both women). There is

a double standard sure enough, but

not the ones raised by the grum-

In fact, the "nanny problem" has

done in four people, different

enough to puncture the insider and

sexism theories. Mrs. Baird's nomi-

nation for attorney general crashed

because the Connecticut lawyer

neglected to withhold taxes on two

servants who were illegal aliens. Judge Wood of New York, Clinton's

next A.G. choice, also had hired an

illegal. The judge broke no laws and

paid the relevant taxes, yet a once-

burned White House yanked her

anyway. Next, Charles Ruff, a well-

connected Washington lawyer, lost

out on a Justice Department post for

failing to pay taxes on a part-time

housekeeper. The same oversight

helped cost Boston Judge Steven

So there. The casualty count

includes one denizen of the District

Write the Editor

Brever a Supreme Court seat.

Admiral finds he is nanny-proof

face stiffer loan-approval tests than whites, default rates for blacks receiving loans should be lower than those of whites. They are not.

And if some banks are racist in their lending, they would forego profitable loan opportunities; in a free market, other banks would take advantage of this bias.

This is not to say that lending discrimination never occurs. However, competition among banks for qualified loan applicants minimizes discrimination by making it costly, and it does this far more effectively than regulation.

In essence, the new Clinton plan would turn community development political activists into money lenders. Newly created government "corporations," comprised of nine presidentially appointed board members four of whom would be "community spokespersons" representing "community groups" — would loan millions of dollars annually to political advocacy groups.

An entrepreneur who finances a new business with a loan usually risks some of his own money. If the project fails, he incurs the loss; if it succeeds, he reaps the benefits and repays the loan.

In contrast, tax-funded "community development" organizations do not bear risks the same way. If their projects fail, they do not lose money

Ultimately, a community banking program funded by Congress and directed by political appointees would almost certainly become another political pork barrel with members of Congress vying to funnel money to their districts.

There would be little or no check on making bad loans. Indeed, the very purpose of the program appears to be to extend loans to non-credit worthy borrowers.

The administration's community banking bill also would provide activist non-profit organizations with tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to push for ever-increasing government spending and regulation.

Community development has become another euphemism for big government: The proposed legislation would bankroll political activities intended to "grow" government even more.

Thomas J. DiLorenzo is a professor of economics at Loyola College in

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Any other inference is hard to draw.

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Counterpoint

Loans in low-income community: Clinton is on the right path

MARK A. PINSKY

For Scripps Howard News Service

Over the past two decades, a national network of community development financial institutions have emerged in response to the market demand for credit and related technical assistance in some of our most distressed communities.

More than 280 institutions currently lend and make investments in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and three American territories.

The community development industry comprises banks, credit unions, loans funds, corporate lenders and investors, and micro development loan funds.

These institutions — working in places like North Camden, N.J., South Central Los Angeles, and the Pine Ridge, S.D., Indian Reservation — share several common traits.

Their primary mission is community redevelopment, they grew from local initiatives rather than from outside speculation, and they measure success not only by economic gains but also by the contributions they make to revitalizing working class and poor communities.

Another trait they share is business discipline. Community Development Financial Institutions - known as CDIFs - are successful businesses that manage \$1 billion, primarily from private investors. To date, they have loaned more than \$2 billion with a collective loan

loss rate of about 1 percent — as good or better than banks and other conventional financial institutions.

Their sole business is community development in neighborhoods that are under-served by conventional lenders and investors.

President Clinton's proposal to support and expand this CDFI network is not — and should not — be just another federal hand-out program or a wasteful bureaucracy. If it is not used to reward performance and entrepreneurial innovation, if it does not reflect and build on the successes of the CDFI industry, and if it does not significantly increase access to affordable credit and capital in historically underserved communities, then it should not be enacted.

The current Senate and House versions of the president's plan, though funded at minimal levels, hold promise. We will meet that promise only if we use the proposed CDFI program as one part of a broader reinvestment strategy to leverage billions of dollars of new private sector financing into distressed urban and rural communi-

A major source of confusion surrounding the president's proposal is the misperception that CDFIs and conventional lenders - particularly banks and bank-affiliated community development corporations serve the same markets, and therefore compete.

In practice, their markets are complementary, with CDFIs filling market niches that banks have not reached. CDFIs commonly serve as bridges between conventional lenders and unconventional borrowers, creating new borrowers and opening new markets for the lenders while giving borrowers access to previously unreachable financial

This occurs in a variety of ways: CDFIs lend to borrowers with little or no credit history or collateral so that they can develop the lending track record to qualify for conventional bank loans; CDFIs manage pools of bank capital; CDFIs package loans for conventional lenders, and CDFIs participate in loans with banks, often with the CDFI in the higher risk position.

Bank officials in many communities appreciate the value that CDFIs bring to local economics. As Mike Mantle, president of Bank of America's Community Bank, recently explained, "Quite frankly, the Low Income Housing Fund (a San Francisco CDFI) can make \$10 million go a beck of a lot further than a har

This is not an argument for freeing banks and other conventional lenders from direct lending in their communities under the Community Reinvestment Act, as some in Congress have suggested. Recommendations to do this are wrong and should be rejected.

The need for credit and capital in these communities is not only great, it is also diverse. The goal of community development financing —to make economic markets work in distressed areas - will be met when all of the financial needs of the community are being addressed. Banks alone cannot do this feder-

al and state governments alone can not do this, and CDFIs alone can not do this. Together, with the active involvement of local residents, we Mark A. Pinsky coordinates the

Coalition of Community Development Financial Institutions, representing 300 financial intermediaries.



defense is in the less punctilious The Associated Press business of thwarting, scaring and killing the nation's enemies. If you

Today is Sunday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 1993. There are five days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on December 26th, 1893, Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung was born in Hunan province. On this date: In 1776, the British suffered a

major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War. In 1799, the late George Washing-ton was eulogized by Colonel Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace

and first in the hearts of his country-In 1862, 38 Santee Sioux Indians were hanged in Mankato, Minnesota, for their roles in an uprising that had claimed the lives of hundreds of

white settlers. In 1931, the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical play "Of Thee I Sing" opened on Broadway.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the

In 1943, 50 years ago, in the national football championship game, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins, 41-21. In 1944, in the Battle of the Bulge,

the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne

Division, surrounded by German

forces in Belgium, was relieved by units of the Fourth Armored Divi-In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play 'The Glass Menagerie' was first performed publicly, at the Civic The-

atre in Chicago. In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1975, the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Alma-Ata.

Ten years ago: Ailing Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov failed to appear at a key meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee.

Five years ago: Another body from the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 was found, bringing the confirmed death toll to 240.

One year ago: Milan Panic conceded defeat to Slobodan Milosevic a week after Yugoslavia's presidential election. "Time" magazine announced it had chosen Presidentelect Bill Clinton its 1992 "Man of

Today's birthdays: Actor Richard Widmark is 79. Comedian, composer and author Steve Allen is 72. Comedian Alan King is 66. Record producer Phil Spector is 53. Actress Jane Lapotaire is 49. Baseball catcher Carlton Fisk is 46. Former baseball player Chris Chambliss is 45. Indiana Governor Evan Bayh is 38.

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Environmental goals are still elusive

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year after pledging to accommodate the sometimes competing demands of industry and environmental protection, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt acknowledges, "We've had some failures.'

Talks aimed at cleaning up the polluted Everglades have collapsed, Western senators blocked a package that would have increased grazing fees, and a deal aimed at curtailing Pacific Northwest logging still must be approved by a federal judge.

The majority of it is work in progress," Babbitt says.

The attempts to impose the middle ground in settlements often have left both environmentalists and industry unhappy.

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"They've got to get away from cutting babies in half," said Michael McCloskey, chairman of the Sierra

"There were some unrealistic expectations right from the start that the new administration could make up for environmental losses over the prior 12 years," said Anthony Montrone of Arthur D. Little, a consulting firm that advises businesses and government on environmental matters. "The reality is you have to look at the economic consequences."

The administration has successfully brokered deals with timber companies and developers to set aside wildlife habitat in the South and in southern California, and a major redirection of federal water for California farmers and cities.

But the projects the Clinton administration headlined on its environmental marquee have suffered the most notable setbacks.

Babbitt's bid to resolve a sugar industry suit against Florida and the federal government resulted in a tentative deal in which sugar growers agreed to clean up farm pollution shrinking the lush Everglades. But the ensuing talks collapsed over how to implement the deal.

The unravelling of the Everglades deal followed the defeat by Western senators of Babbitt's range-land reform package, which sought to increase the fees charged to ranchers who graze their animals on federal land.

"They had to be stopped cold in their tracks," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, who considers Babbitt a strident environmental advocate and fought the range package.

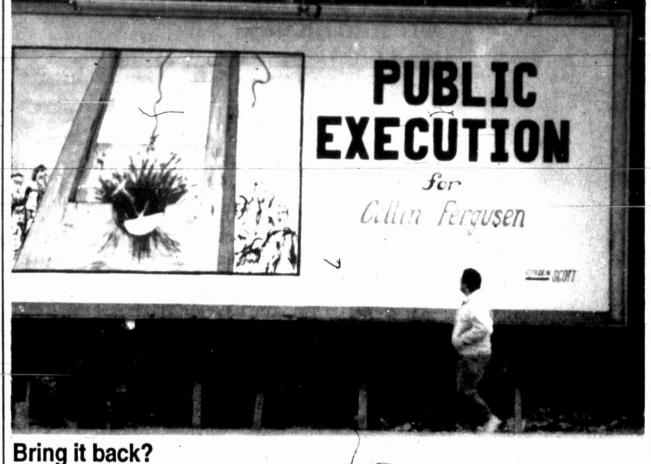
Babbitt said he would make "sub-stantial changes" in his plan to improve environmental conditions on the government-owned range land. He intends to bypass Congress and enact the plan through regula-

Environmental groups are concerned that Babbitt will water down a plan they already considered somewhat weak.

Still up in the air is the most highprofile environmental compromise of the year — the Pacific Northwest deal aimed at curtailing logging to save forest species including the threatened spotted owl.

The administration's solution. which pleased neither environmentalists nor the timber industry, still has to pass muster with a federal judge. Both sides have hinted at further litigation if the judge approves

The administration also underestimated the emotional underpinnings of the issues, Montrone said.



A pedestrian looks up at a billboard advocating decapitating Colin Ferguson, the man accused of shooting up a commuter train earlier this month in New York. A spokesman for the artist, Scott LoBaido, said a lot of people agree with the sentiment expressed by the billboard in Staten Island, including borough president Guy V. Moli-

Peale dies at age 95

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, who blended Christian and psychiatric principles into a message of "positive thinking" heard worldwide, died at age 95.

Peale died Christmas Eve in his sleep at his farm in Pawling, 60 miles north of New York City, from effects of a stroke he suffered about two weeks ago, the Peale Center for Christian Living said. His family, including his wife of 64 years, Ruth, was with him.

Peale guided the poor through the Depression and counseled presidents. He preached from pulpits, through best-selling books and in 54 years of weekly radio broadcasts.

President Clinton called Peale "an optimist, who believed that whatever the antagonisms and complexities of modern life brought us, that anyone could prevail by approaching life with a simple sense of faith."

"There is some poetry in his passing on a day when the world celebrates the birth of Christ, an idea that was central to Dr. Peale's message and Dr. Peale's work." Clinton said in a statement.

Former President Nixon said Peale was a close friend and counselor for

"Unlike some of his contemporaries, he believed that the mission of a minister was to change people rather than to change governments," Nixon said in a statement. "As a result, no religious leader of our time has had a more powerful and positive influence on the lives of millions of people all over the world.

Peale wrote more than 25 books, including "The Art of Living" and "You Can Win." His life story was the subject of a movie in 1964, "One Man's Way.'

Peale's watchword was "positive thinking" - the belief that faith, prayer and a hopeful outlook can solve life's most terrible problems.

His 1952 book "The Power of Positive Thinking" was the model for a flood of self-help books. It was the nation's non-fiction best-seller for nearly two years, and has sold nearly 20 million copies in 41 languages.

Peale had said that his own life proved true a central tenet of his teaching: "Do the best you can with what you have and you'll go far."

Peale was born May 31, 1898, in Bowersville, Ohio. He confessed that as a youth, he had "the worst inferiority complex of all" and developed his positive-thinking philosophy just to help himself.

Osbourne's heart, ears bear the grief of a town

The Associated Press

CADIZ, Ky. - In the voice of Bill Osbourne is a tenderness, often little more than the gentle assurance that he is listening. He listens for a living.

He listened to those grieving for 27 people, mostly children, killed in the fiery crash of a church bus near Carrollton five years ago. He listened when a military cargo plane plunged into an Evansville, Ind., motel and restaurant in February 1992, killing 16 people.

Osbourne is listening again. On Dec. 15, seven high school boys who believed in working for a living, going to church and listening to country music were killed in the wreck of a four-seat Honda Civic. The awful loss touched virtually every family in this town of 2,000

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The Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES - Nearly half of

Americans believe animals are a lot

like humans when it comes to emotions and reasoning ability, accord-

ing to a Los Angeles Times poll pub-

Also, half said they object to the

wearing of fur, while slightly more,

54 percent, said they oppose hunting

The nationwide survey of 1,612

adults was conducted Dec. 4-7. The

sampling error was plus or minus 3

While 47 percent of those polled

said animals "are just like humans

in all important ways," 51 percent

disagreed and 2 percent had no

Selected respondents indicated in

interviews that they equated ani-

mals' and humans' emotions and

reasoning ability. Some said animals

are entitled to basic rights, just like

Some cited religious convictions

for disagreeing, saying that people

have God-granted control over ani-

mals for utilitarian reasons.

people.

"There are just so many tie-ins in that community," said Osbourne, a member of a special Crisis Response Team of mental health professionals who came to Cadiz to help police officers, doctors, ministers and oth-

"People are very caring there. I was raised in a rural town of about 2,000," said Osbourne, who grew up in Springfield, Ky. "It reminded me very closely of my home area. The work ethic is strong, people see each other, they look after each other."

But because kinships and friendships run deep, almost everyone feels the anguish

As many as 10,000 people filed through the Trigg County High School gymnasium, past seven caskets, to pay respects to the boys; 2.000 attended their funeral. Trigg

County's entire 1990 population was 10,361.

In a town so small, each life touches others profoundly.

- The driver of the car, 17-yearold Steven Wallace, was the boyfriend of Rachel Richardson. When the car strayed across the center line, it was hit by a fourwheel-drive Toyota driven by Steven Richardson, Rachel's father.

- Sheriff Randy Clark, the first law officer on the bloody scene, had coached some of the boys in Little League baseball. Two victims were first cousins of sheriff's department employees.

- David Hale had watched the boys grow from babies, admired them and gave them after-school jobs at his game call factory. He learned of the accident from his daughter, teacher Amy Underhill;

the accident occurred in front of her

"For most people in this town, this hits them like a death in the family,"

Osbourne said. For the four years Peggy Say lived there, Cadiz was a refuge in her quest to free her brother, former

Associated Press journalist Terry

Anderson, from captivity in Lebanon. She and her husband, David, moved to Cookeville, Tenn., in 1992. "They kind of took us in and got wrapped up in what we were going through, especially during Christmastime," Say said. "They're very

supportive of people at times like Dr. Robert Sivley, executive director of the Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health Center in Hopkinsville, rushed in counselors hours after the

"All their kids go to one school kindergarten through high school in buildings side-by-side on one campus. Most people go to church and see each other on Sunday," Sivley said. "Clergy play a big role there because it's often the first place people turn with their troubles."

The May 14, 1988, crash near Carrollton of a bus bringing church members home to Radcliff from a Cincinnati amusement park about 100 miles away caught mental health agencies, churches and others unprepared for so much emo-

To Osbourne, executive director of Communicare Inc., a regional mental health center based in Elizabethtown, it demonstrated a need for a team of counselors ready to help in times of disaster.



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Clothes stores had a rough Christmas

If you sell big-screen TVs, stereos, kitchen appliances or home furnishings, you were in the right business this Christmas shopping season.

Clothes were another story. With a few big exceptions, clothing stores had a rough time, bringing in sales only by slashing prices.

Jeffrey Feiner, a Salomon Brothers Inc. analyst, said it appeared overall that retail sales in December would be up a decent 5.5 percent over last year's very strong Christmas season.

Shoppers were willing to spend, but by most accounts, they weren't exactly throwing money around.

Clintons indulged in

last minute shopping
WASHINGTON (AP) — Like many other American families, the Clintons of Washington waited until the last day to wind up their Christmas shopping, chatting good-naturedly with the crowds that stopped to

"This season has a special magic," Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a brief Christmas message she and the president videotaped for release today. "It may be cold outside, but we all feel an inner warmth."

For his part, the president said the greatest gift is the one within - "the emergence and the sharing of our better selves.'

Smallpox wins

a reprieve

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists were supposed to destroy the world's last remaining smallpox on New Year's Eve, but the plan caused such a furor that history's deadliest disease won a reprieve.

"We don't know just what the next step will be," said Chuck Fallis, a spokesman for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "They'll be meeting at some point after the first of the year to discuss it

Smallpox in 1977 became the only disease ever eradicated. But scientists preserved some of the live virus to study, frozen in 600 test tubes in heavily guarded laboratories at the CDC in Atlanta and at Russia's Institute for Viral Preparations.

The World Health Organization asked the agencies to genetically map one strain of the virus and then, by flipping a switch to heat the vials, destroy it all on Dec. 31, 1993.

The agencies agreed. The mapped two strains and are working on a third. But because those maps didn't yield enough information and because of a scientific outcry, WHO and the CDC agreed to postpone smallpox's execution.

Street kids line up for treat

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) -Raggedy street kids lined up at a table in a downtown Rio plaza for a

once-a-year treat of bread, cakes and soft drinks. Across town, soccer idols drew a

huge crowd for an informal exhibition game. The ticket price? Food donations for the poor. In Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city,

volunteers handed out 23,000 Christmas baskets, each containing 44 pounds of rice, beans and other staples, to residents of the miserable "favelas," or slums.

The doings are part of a campaign called Christmas Without Hunger. It culminates an unprecedented crusade to feed the estimated 32 million Brazilians who go hungry each day.

Gun owners trade weapons for toys

NEW YORK (AP) — Gun owners in a Christmas mood turned in their firearms in exchange for \$100 gift certificates to Toys "R" Us, handing over everything from revolvers to a James Bond-style single-shot weapon shaped like a pen.

By late Christmas Eve, nearly 250 guns had been turned in at the police precinct running the program in Manhattan's crime-ridden Washington Heights.

'It's the miracle at the 34th Precinct, it truly is," said Inspector Lawrence Loesch, a department

spokesman. Carpet-store owner Fernando Mateo started the toys-for-guns swap earlier this week by providing \$5,000 worth of certificates, which

soon ran out. Two anonymous donors gave \$10,000 more, and three Toys "R" Us executives put up \$10,000 of their own money.

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Sarajevans sprint across a section of a main road as they come under sniper fire from Serbian positions in the hills surrounding Sarajevo. Bombs and bullets ushered in Sarajevo's second Christmas day under Serb siege while fighters across Bosnia ignored a truce.

Bombs and bullets usher in Sarajevo's Christmas

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bombs and bullets ushered in Sarajevo's second Christmas Day under Serb siege, while fighters across Bosnia ignored a truce that was supposed to bring a holiday respite from war.

Thousands of worshippers packed two Roman Catholic churches in Sarajevo to celebrate Christmas and pray for peace.

"Jesus, I'm begging you, give these people bread and peace!" Monsignor Vinko Puljic, spiritual leader of Bosnia's Catholics, said in his midnight Mass sermon.

Government army officials reported a break in shellfire around midnight Christmas Eve, but dawn brought the rattle of more automatic-weapons fire and the sickening thud of mortar bombs. People were warned to stay indoors.

There was no immediate word on casualties, but a U.N. forces spokesman, Maj. Salvador Burguet, confirmed heavy shelling continued to plague parts of Sarajevo for the fifth consecutive day.

Since Thursday, 10 people have in Sarajevo.

He said there also was more fighting elsewhere, especially around the central Bestian town of Vitez, which has been sharply contested by Croat militias and the Muslim-led government army.

Conflicts raged despite Christmas truces affirmed Wednesday by leaders of the government and Croat and Serb communities. The latest peace negotiations, sponsored by the European Community, broke off Thurs-

There was one bit of good news in Sarajevo: A convoy carrying beans,

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mattresses and 60 tons of precious diesel fuel arrived Saturday. U.N. relief agency spokesman Ray Wilkinson said the trucks were held up initially by Serbs who tried to divert the convoy onto an impassable route.

A French U.N. soldier was killed Friday by gunfire "of unknown origin" in the Muslim enclave of Bihac in northwestern Bosnia, a French military spokesman said in Paris. French Defense Minister Francois Leotard was spending Christmas in the area with French troops.

Burguet said the soldier was driving an unarmored vehicle in the town of Pecigrad when he was killed, probably by a sniper. In Sarajevo, the 10 p.m. curfew

was suspended for three nights to allow people to attend church and family gatherings. Both the grand cathedral in Old Town and a makeshift church just 120 yards from the front line were filled to "We might be forgotten by every-

body else, but not by God," said 25year-old Oliver Mrkic, who attended services at the smaller church, decorated with the scene of the Last Supper painted by a local artist on a wall-sized sheet of plastic. "I've come here every year,

together with my friends of all religions," said Jerko Morovic, a 36year-old Catholic jammed among fellow Sarajevans inside the cathedral. "My friends — Muslims and Orthodox — are here with me every year.

"Only this year, some dear people are missing. They will never be with us physically, but they are in our

War erupted in April 1992 when Bosnian Serb nationalists rebelled after a vote by Muslims and Croats, who made up a majority of the population, to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

Kidnappers take off with money and hostages

The Associated Press

MINERALNYE VODY, Russia (AP) Four masked kidnappers took off early Sunday in an explosive-packed helicopter with five hostages and \$10 million in ransom after talks with the government broke down.

Officials at the government's emergency headquarters said the helicopter was apparently headed for Makhachkala, a town on the Caspian Sea, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Air control officials said the flight to the southern town takes about two hours.

Clouds and fog kept the gunmen on the ground Saturday while authorities tried to negotiate the release of the remaining captives: two teen-aged boys, two pilots and a bus driver.

As the weather began to clear toward nightfall, the kidnappers announced they planned to take off. Then they cut off all communica-

The kidnappers, armed with three automatic rifles and a pistol, seized about a dozen students Thursday morning in Rostov-on-Don, a river port 600 miles south of Moscow.

They herded the hostages onto a bus, then commandeered a military helicopter at an airport and began flying a zig-zag route south, report-

edly headed for Iran. They promised to free the remaining hostages in Makhachkala, but demanded to take aboard a special Foreign Ministry envoy, Valentina Petrenko, saying she would be freed once they reach Baku, capital of

neighboring Azerbaijan. However, the ITAR-Tass news agency said authorities feared the kidnappers would land in the Caucasus Mountains and escape, possibly in a car prepared by accomplices.

Eight hostages — seven teen-aged girls and a teacher - were freed Friday. Two of their classmates, both boys, were released Saturday at the airport in Mineralnye Vody, a mineral springs resort 800 miles south of Moscow. Police and elite "Alpha" comman-

dos surrounded the camouflagepainted Mi-8 helicopter while it was en the ground, ready to attack if ordered. But Petrenko, who was negotiating

with the gunmen, said on Russian television that the kidnappers showed her explosive devices and threatened to blow up the helicopter if attacked. The government demanded the

kidnappers free their remaining hostages in a statement ITAR-Tass described as an "ultimatum." But authorities did not set a deadline er threaten an attack, apparently fearing the kidnappers might harm the

The government guaranteed the kidnappers personal safety if all the hostages were released immediately and unconditionally.



It's Christmas

An unidentified British soldier wears a Santa hat perched on his helmet as he patrols a street in Belfast, Northern Ireland Saturday. The LRA's Christmas ceasefire brought peace to the province for the second day and there was widespread yearning that the three-day truce might be the forerunner of a permanent end to violence

NEW TAX RULES FOR INTANGIBLES

Intangibles are assets with economic value but no physical substance. They now qualify for new treatment under the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993. Common intangibles include franchise rights, trademarks, customer lists, and "goodwill."

Before the change, intangibles received inconsistent tax treatment. Some, such as patents and trademarks, were deductible over their legal life. Others qualified for deduction only if the taxpayer proved some limited life. Finally, good will, often part of a business purchase, did not qualify at all

With the new law, Congress brought order to the chaos. The law now mandates 15-year amortization for most intangibles. To compute the annual deduction, simply divide the intangible's cost by 15. (For example, if you paid \$30,000 for franchise rights, you can deduct \$2,000 each

In addition to a more consistent treatment of intangibles, the change means that goodwill qualifies for tax amortization. Goodwill occurs when a buyer purchases a business for more than the fair market value of the individual assets, Formerly, the buyers received no annual tax deduction. Under the new rules, the buyer can amortize the goodwill over 15 years.

Congress also created the potential for additional savings. Taxpayers may elect 15-year amortization on intangibles acquired during a given period before enactment of the law. Using an "all or none" approach, taxpayers may receive the new treatment for intangibles acquired between July 25, 1991, and August 10, 1993. This option could add savings for an owner who acquired goodwill as part of a business purchase. But proceed with caution. Once elected, the new rule applies to all intangibles, even those with lives less than 15 years. Consult us before making any elections.



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land terminal usually adds one or two cents to our rack price here.

According to Morris, "Fina supplies 100 percent of Big Spring's gasoline, about 75 percent of that sold in San Angelo and 50 percent of the retail outlets in Abilene and Lub-

Overall, Big Spring's population of about 22,000 is only about 10 percent of Fina's total marketing "golden circle" of more than 1 million consumers.

Charles W. Dunnam of Trio Fuels, one of three local "jobbers", whom some blame for an inordinate hike in the price at local pumps, defended his business saying it involved much more than simply trucking fuel from one location to another.

"No one else in any other business today has to bear out their costs. markups and profits like we do in the oil and gasoline business," Dunnam said.

He also noted there are "less obvious" equipment, marketing and advertising costs, some of them mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and state regulatory agencies.

Recently we replaced three underground fiberglass storage tanks spending more than \$30,000 to meet both EPA and Texas Water Commission mandates. The project did not change the property value one dime," Dunnam explained.

Jobber A who requested anonymity, added "Some of the mandated costs in my business are a \$150 fee to register each tank with the EPA. and third-party liability insurance costs per tank are \$3000 a year.

In the last eight years, since the inception of EPA mandates, about half of the "service stations" in Big Spring went out of business. During the same period, several oil companies, mostly independents, filed for bankruptcy ... I don't think it was because they were doing well."

Lloyd Norris, with the Town and Country office in San Angelo, said in a phone interview "Fina does have a captive audience in its regional market. People never will fully realize how much our industry changes daily.

Specifically, Norris was referring to the EPA's latest requirement, which must be met by a Jan. 1, 1994 deadline. "We used to not have to carry third-party liability insurance if outlets ad 12 or less tanks, but notice was given for all retailers to comply by the first of next month. Smaller outlets were previously exempt.

He noted that by 1998," requirements will be tougher. All storage "Big Spring, died Sanirday, Dec. 25, tanks must be excavated and replaced by that time. Each tank must be fitted with leak detection

equipment. Norris said "we ard currently implementing those required 1998 changes now, costing \$100,000 to \$150,000 per store. Smaller stations will be forced to close because they

cannot bear the costs to retrofit." Dunnam charged that some people have not been receptive to progress. "When Blue Bell came here, though, people began to realize that Big Spring's centrality in the 'golden circle' marketplace is mainly what attracted them here," he explained. Trio Fuels employs 118 people and "spends \$100,000 to pay monthly

fuel and payroll taxes." Jobber A said " I've always been totally supportive of Fina's local refinery and I also felt they should have been granted their third abatement request.

"The gasoline business is complex, and difficult to explain in a single article. There are textbooks written about it. The marketplace is really about supply and demand.

He explained, "For example, during last summer's 'gas war,' I was selling unleaded at a mere two cents a gallon profit margin. That one month we experienced a profit loss of \$10,000."

To show how high gasoline prices can be, he quoted world-wide prices of \$3 a gallon in Canada and \$5 a gallon in Japan.

"A lawyer friend of mine lives in New Orleans and works for Texaco," he continued. "I spoke with him the evening of Dec. 22. New Orleans rack prices are generally four cents lower than Big Spring's. Their price for unleaded gasoline was \$1.15, compared to \$1.10 here that same

day."
"On Dec. 23, it was still \$ 1.10 here; Midland went up to \$1.12 and Lubbock rose to \$1.15, respectively." Norris noted on Dec. 23, gas prices in San Angelo had gone back up to 99 cents for unleaded gasoline.

But, Norris added the combined federal and state taxes of ".3863 cents for unleaded and .4463 cents for diesel" has impacted the trucking

"Why is your local newspaper the same 50 cent price as a major metropolitan area newspaper that is four times your paper's size?" asked Jobber A. "It boils down to the fact that every business has to recover its operational costs, those figures

being roughly equal."
Officials at both Southwest Energy Distributors in Odessa and the Big Spring Fuel Company could not be reached. Management level officials who could have commented were already out of their offices until after

James Salvato, owner of Big

Spring Tire, said he and other gasoline retailers are no more to blame for high prices than anyone else.

"I'm a full service station," Salvato said. "During the last 10 years, the price spread between my outlet and self-service retailers pump prices I've kept consistent. I carry some 25 local businesses on a rotating charge with a moderate discount. I lube cars, sell tires and install shocks.

" I've traveled out of town and have seen prices elsewhere for less than what I'm paying here wholesale. So I understand the confusion. I have costs to be in business, and price my gas accordingly. I don't feel that the refinery is to blame, either."

County Commissioner William B. Crooker, who in a recent commissioners' court meeting requested the media investigate local gasoline prices, also refused to place blame on Fina.

"I've talked to Fina and Jeff Morris and I've accepted they have very little to do with high gasoline prices," Crooker said. "Since the third tax abatement request, that has been unfairly pinned, like a donkey's tail, to Fina and Morris.

Crooker defended the county's use of abatements saying, "The tax abatement policy is being used successfully statewide and it protects us. It boosts competitiveness and tends to attract industry. People need to understand that the process isn't particular to Fina.'

Big Spring City Manager Lanny Lambert said Fina "is one of the largest local businesses and has a significant impact on the local tax base. The city is unabashedly supportive of Fina and all of its employ-

Terry Burns, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, joined Lambert and others in decrying what he believes is an unjust "black eye" for Fina.

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She was born Oct. 31, 1904 in

Mertens and married Grady Dorsey

July 10, 1928 in Dallas. He preceded

She received her nursing degree in

Waxahachie, and moved in 1928 to

Knott, where her husband owned an

operated a gin. She later moved to

Big Spring and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Pres-

She is survived by four grandchil-

She was also preceded in death by

a daughter, Mary Alice Merrick; a

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Continued from page 1A million on refinery improvements that would have been been spent

The \$33 million would have offset Fina's third abatement request for most of the \$38 million Fina needed for making the capital improve-

Morris' disappointment with commissioners was undisguised when he said Precinct 2 Commissioner John Stanley slept during part of the hearing. "Maybe he missed hearing that \$33 million figure.

The reason Stanley gave Morris for voting against the request was that it was a complicated issue.

Stanley explained "First, I had open-heart surgery back in 1990. and occasionally since then, I get some fluid that builds up in my lungs and the medication's side effects can make me feel groggy

"Second, I have always felt that neither Morris nor Fina is to blame about local gas prices. We differed on the abatement issue but I felt that I represented what the majority of my precinct wanted from telephone calls I had received.

Stanley said "Fina is a major industry here and has been for lots of years. I never want to see that change.

Taxes is another area where Morris is concerned. "Since 1990, local taxes for all consumers have increased 14 percent. Fina's taxes have jumped from \$1.5 million to \$2.2 million, a steep 47 percent increase in its annual obligation.

"Fina's main capital expenses are paying those taxes and meeting federal and state environmental requirements. We're cutting jobs to pay taxes."

"If some members of the commissioners court do not understand the county's largest business, how can they create new business and diversity? Do they understand the County, further depleting those

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Brant, Carrollton; and Ben Brant,

New Mexico; four sisters: Sandra

Thompson, Big Spring; Lydia Reese,

Denton; and Yvonne Chavez and

Harriet Garcia, both of New Mexico;

Ruidoso, N.M.; and several nieces,

father, Orville Brant, in 1975.

Pearl Lawrence

He was preceded in death by his

Pearl C. Lawrence, 99, of Albany,

died Friday, Dec. 24, 1993 in a Big

Spring nursing home. Funeral ser-

vices will be held at 2 p.m. today in

the First United Methodist Church in

Albany, with the Revs. James I.

Edwards and Don Parker officiating.

Burial will follow in Albany Ceme-

tery under the direction of Godfrey-

She was born Sept. 18, 1894 in

Stephens County and married Albert

Lawrence Jan. 9, 1918. He preceded

her in death in 1957. She was a

homemaker and a member of the

First United Methodist Church in

She is survived by three daugh-

ters: Flo Scott, Winters; Betty

Williams, Big Spring; and Geraldine

Viney, Midland; four sons: Albert

Lawrence; Okmulgee, Okla.; Rayford

and Monroe Lawrence, both of Abi-

lene; and Charles Lawrence, Big

Spring; 19 grandchildren; 26 step-

grandchildren; and 23 great-grand-

She was also preceded in death by

a son, John Lawrence, and a daugh-

Martina Salgado, 96, of Stanton,

died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1993 in a

ter, Lucy Florine.

ther, Mrs. E.B. Sancnez,

of Mary Catholic Church.

nephews and cousins.

Neese Funeral Home.

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Brant, 37, of

Sands Springs,

died Friday, Dec.

24, 1993 at his

residence. A

rosary service

will be held at 7

p.m. tonight at

the Nalley-Pickle

& Welch Rose-



JEFF MORRIS

Howard County Overall Economic Development program the county prepared in 1990 ... have they even read it?," are a few questions Morris wants answered.

"Fina has cut costs everywhere, including some jobs, to stay competitive; while county government has increased its budgets and taxes.'

County Judge Ben Lockhart emphatically responded "I never, ever thought that the local high gasoline prices were Fina's fault." Lockhart noted "Everything I'm

stating is my reaction. I don't have to speak for any of the commissioners. I am the presiding officer over the court, and only vote in the event of a tie. Sometimes I'll jump in and second a motion... if the thing bogs

Lockhart is very aware of the planning report report. "We dropped the base figure for abatements from \$500,000 to \$100,000. I'll admit our current policy is in disarray, and I feel it needs to be revived.

"Abatement is an issue that will figure prominently in the Place 2 and 4 primary races and in the Nov. 1994 elections.

Morris further illustrated the tax issue: "Visualize this: for every barrel of crude pumped out of Howard

Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with ness. Funeral mass will be held at 2 the Rev. Chris Coleman officiating. p.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Stanton, with the Rev. Charles Larue officiating. Burial will He was born Sept. 14, 1956 in Big follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under Spring. He was raised in Sands the direction of Gilbreath Funeral

> She was born Jan. 5, 1897 in Presidio and married Nestor Salgado in 1914 in Presidio. He preceded her in death March 13, 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She is survived by three sons: Anastacio Salgado, of New Mexico: Andres Salgado, Stanton, and Ismael Salgado, Midland; two daughters: Jesusita Sanchez and Benina Montez, both of Stanton; 57 grandchildren; 140 great-grandchildren; and 30 great-great-grandchildren

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Felix Salgado and Israel

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worked five consecutive Christmases

"It's just another day to me," said Baker. "I work Christmas all the time." Her family is used to her absence on Christmas Day. "I have them conditioned to think the way I do-it's just another day," she explained.

Baker's family reserves Christmas Eve as their time to celebrate. Then, it's back to business as usual the next day. "Someone has to be open so people can get their chicken bouillon," quipped Baker.

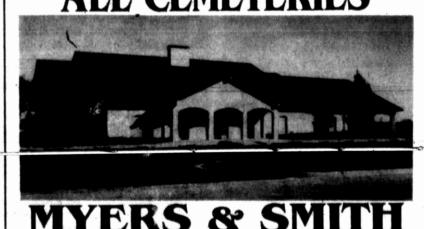
Batteries are Seven-Eleven's biggest rush item on Christmas Day. We sell out of batteries every Christmas," said Baker. "Everybody knows batteries aren't included in the gifts they buy, but nobody thinks to buy them ahead of time.'

For those who work on Dec. 25, gifts and big 'selebrations are not usually part of the day's plan. Turning work over to the next shift and going home may be celebration enough.

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reserves, picture the tax rate going up correspondingly. The load is being shifted from oil to people. All consumers will pay in increased housing, retail, commercial and manufacturing costs. That's already

Commissioner Bobby Cathey was another of those who voted against, Fina's abatement request. Morris said "he told me that Fina's enjoyed a 30-year 'abatement' due to historically high gasoline prices locally".

However, when contacted by telephone, Cathey declined to comment. Morris said he believes Cathey has taken an antagonistic stance with Fina as a result of a relative's expe-

rience as a contractor at the plant. Cathey Construction Co. was contracted to do some construction improvements at the plant, explained Morris.

'Jack Cathey (the firm's owner) was difficult to manage from a safety standpoint. I once threatened to remove him from an approved bidder's list, but he came up to guidelines and I never did."

Jack Cathey, Commissioner Bobby Cathey's brother, explained about the specific plant incident which "involved a crane boom hitting some overhead wires. That contact burned the wires down. I let go of the crane operator.

"After asking if anyone was hurt, Morris asked about me. I wasn't there when it happened. I feel it would not have happened had I been present."

Jack Cathey added "This gasoline price deal, it's not their fault. I'm not going to throw any water on the county'commissioner's court either.

"The abatement refusal has not caused me any problems at the plant. That refinery is my bread and butter. When they contract with me, they get their money's worth. I'm a radical, and you can say that.

Jack Cathey continued "So I will

tell you that I'm my own man and so is Bobby. However,I feel my brother votes his convictions and tries hard to do what the public wants.' Morris also contended the Big

Spring Herald damaged Fina's <u>abatement request.</u>

"I never said what the Feb. 23, 1992, editorial implied. I never said that if the abatement isn't granted. the plant might be sold. I never threatened that.'

Morris noted after the "sour taste" editorial was run, letters against Fina "were printed with no comments by editors. I'm upset about some unreliable information from bad sources that was printed, the poor timing, and the minimal editorial response in support of Fina. The Herald needs to step up to the plate.

"Basically, after that editorial ran, more information was gather, we were educated about the process and Mr. Morris needs to remember that the Herald did come out in support of the issue (March 22, 1992 editorial)," said Patrick Morgan, Herald publisher. "Whether it was too late or not, it seems it was already too late in the minds of the commissioners."

In addition, Morris said an unnamed county official approached him prior to the third abatement vote "and suggested that 'distributors control their maximum price. It would help your position, Jeff, if you do this.' My reply was mute. I was offended. I still am. Not only is that practice illegal, it's poor business, ethically.

"Next time, I'll call the Attorney General's office.

But, Morris' priority is making the point with the community that efforts to hurt Fina really affect everyone in Big Spring and Howard County much more adversely than any impact on the plant itself The plant is much more the communities' refinery more than Fina's."

Victims

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documents on past human experiments and bomb production by the DOE and its predecessor nuclear agencies.

Radiation experiments at the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory included at least 319 hospital patients, employees and convicts, according to a report by The Oregonian, a Portland newspaper.

The paper said a four-page summary of the Battelle experiments shows they ranged from injecting radioactive substances into volunteers to irradiating prisoners' sex organs with X-rays.

The Battelle list came to light ecause of inquiries about the

experiments on prisoners. Researchers also confirmed that at least 235 newborns were injected with Iodine 131, a weak radioactive

thyroid gland works'in young babies. The research on infants took place in Tennessee, Arkansas, Nebraska, Michigan and lowa. One scientist, Dr. Lester Van Mid-

designed to learn how the normal

dlesworth of the University of Tennessee at Memphis, said results of the newborn studies were widely published in the 1950s and 1960s and were well-known to experts in the field

He said the studies used radioactive isotopes that were only about one percent as strong as those used in similar tests on adults, and that there were no reported injuries or ill-effects to the babies.

The Hanford federal nuclear facility in southeast Washington was then releasing radioactive elements into the river from eight plutonium-proisotope, during a research series duction reactors.

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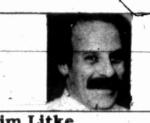
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Sports



Is there really a need for this?

Even in sport, maybe especially in sport, what goes around comes

Twenty years ago, to hear the people in power tell it, the greatest threats to basketball - and by extension, civilization — were long hair and short shorts.

Now those same people are convinced that it's short hair and long

And worse yet, they're actually trying to do something about it.

A rule just published by the National Federation of State High Schools requires that while on the court, players must have their shirts tucked in and their shorts anchored at the waist. It stipulates that an offender leave the game, redress and re-enter at the next dead ball.

Talk about killing trees for no good reason.

"In many cases, the pants were pulled down so far that it became embarrassing to the people by the anatomy that was showing," said Dick Schindler, assistant director of the federation, defending what has to be the silliest decision in sports this year by anyone in authority.

"I don't think that anyone sitting in the stands wants to see cracks on the rear-ends of players,

Frankly, if any group needed targeting by such an edict, it would seem to be plumbers or shoe salesmen or telephone-line repairmen, or any of the varied collection of guys who spend the waning hours of each afternoon hanging off the end of bar stools while most of the rest of the world is still wrestling with

But ballplayers?

The long and short of "saggin," as the look has been labeled, is not abcut mooning anyone, inadvertent or otherwise. It is about looking a certain way. And anyone with at least a passing knowledge of basketball has come to understand that the game has evolved to the point where it is as much about style as much as playing that way.

For anyone who believes differently, we offer as "Exhibit A" that noted role model and hoops trendsetter Michael Jordan, at whose doorstep the blame (or credit) for both the shaved-head and baggyshorts look must be laid.

Never mind that the recently retired Chicago Bulls' superstar adopted the first to beat a receding hairline and the second to cover a pair of North Carolina shorts that he always wore underneath to bring good luck. The point is that the style would never have caught on without some substance backing it up.

It was much the same way two decades ago when Julius Erving, Jordan's high-flying progenitor, ruled the basketball roost. Dr. J sported an large Afro hairstyle and skimpy shorts, and all the wannabes (though they weren't called such at the time) from the college ranks down through the playgrounds modeled themselves accordingly. And just like now, their elders were convinced the look was the first step down the road to ruin.

The influence of Erving and Jordan, and any number of other NBA style-meisters, is the reason kids dunk the ball instead of just laying it in and throw the pass behind the back or through the legs instead of always taking a more direct route. And yes, it must be conceded, this endless quest for more flair may also be the reason kid, most on calling so much attention to such fourishes - and by extension — thems lves.

The truth is, the fuac' duddies at the federation probably don't understand any of the above, a... almost certainly like it even less. But aside from the trash-talking and finger-pointing — and there are already enough rules on the books for dealing with those — all of those innovations have only made the old game better.

You'd think the sartorially impaired old boys at the federation would recognize as much. That they d be thrilled rather than bewildered, grateful rather than spiteful, pleased instead of threatened.

The game is faster and more spectacular, and if someone's shorts falls down every once in a while, perhaps even more entertaining. It just depends on how, and apparently, where, you look at it.

TO OUR READERS:

Because of early Saturday deadines, we were unable to report on late Saturday sports events. We regret any inconvience this may

Chadwick keeps wins coming at Howard



Howard College women's basketball coach Royce Chadwick, shown in this file photo, has compiled an 89.5 percent winning average in his 4 1/2 sea-

By STEVE REAGAN

Sportswriter

Part of the downside to winning 9 of every 10 games you've coached in the past few years is that folks are always asking what kind of encore you're planning.

After last season, Royce Chadwick

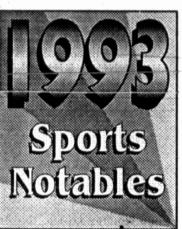
must be wondering, also. Chadwick, in his fifth season as coach of the Howard College Lady Hawks, is in one serious rut.

His teams just keep on winning and winning and winning.

Makes you feel sorry for the guy,

Since coming to Howard, Chadwick has compiled a 132-17 (89.5 percent) won-loss record. He has won the Western Junior College Athletic Conference coach of the year award four years running. During that time, his teams have been constant fixture at the Region V tournament, not to mention the JUCO top 20 poll.

But last year .. The 1992-93 basketball season was a breakthrough campaign for the Lady flawks, as they amassed a 35-1 record and was rated tops in the nation from Jan. 19 through the end of the regular season. They won their first Region V title and ended the season as consolation champs at the national JUCO tournament in



Tyler.

Quite a year, eh, coach? "I think last year marked the solid establishment of the program," he said. "In a lot of ways, it was a dream season. We got 35 breaks and 1 not-so-good break.

And it's not as if Chadwick and his team are resting on their laurels. As they broke for Christmas this season, the Lady Hawks were 17-0 and ranked second in the nation - and this is with a team that lost all but three players from last season.

Chadwick, who took the Howard job in 1989 after three seasons at Sam Houston State University, said the secret to his success is simple.

"You cannot recruit talent or cre-

ate talent without support," Chadwick said. "That has to come from administration and your boosters. The reasons we've been able to do the things we've been able to do is because of support we've gotten from the people in Big Spring.

"I left a Division I program to come here ... basically because support was lacking there and because support is abundant here at Howard College," he added. "And basically, all a coach is asking for is an equal opportunity to win.'

Winning is something the Lady Hawks have had no trouble accomplishing during Chadwick's years here. His first three teams went 27-5, 27-5 and 26-6, respectively, making the semifinals of the regional tournament each year.

But last season, Chadwick conceded, was special.

That team was willing to pay any price to prepare to win," he said. "And they thought they were going to win every night. I've never had a team that I didn't think would win the regional tournament, so when the tournament was over, that's when I knew I had something special ... because that's something we'd never done before.

Chadwick said lots of factors injuries, for instance – play a large • Please see CHADWICK, page 9

EDITOR'S NOTE - This is the first of a two-part series on Big Spring High School's two state basketball finalists. This first part is on the 1931 Steers; next Sunday the 1933 team will be featured.

But how many can tell you when the Steers made the boys' basketball state finals, now that

It's something that doesn't come up often, but the Steers have made the state basketball finals twice - 1931 and 1933. That's more than 60 years ago the times were different, the game was different, circumstances were different. After each score there was a center jump. There was no team bus the Steers traveled in the cars of whomever happened to be driving to the road games. The country was surviving through the Great

"First time I'd ever seen anyplace as big as Gregory Gym, said Thompson, referring to Gregory Gymnasium at the University of Texas. "Guys like me had never been to anyplace like

people, and it was the site of the state finals in those years. Most of the players from those teams are deceased, Thompson said, while others have moved away. But some still live in Big Spring, including Thompson, Weldon Wood, E.P. Driver and Thomas Hutto. All of the players were inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame.

team into a championship contender The '31 Steers won several tournaments throughout West Texas behind the strong starting five of forwards Hutto and David Hopper, center Elmer Pardue and guards Bill Flowers and Ted Phillips. Phillips was the team

captain.
We had the center jump back then after every basket," said Hutto, 82. "If you got up to 17 or 20, you had a heck of a ball game, that was a lot of points. Today it's just run and shoot, run and shoot. I wish I was at the age where I

between hoops today and hoops in 1931 was substitutions. The starting five was basically the team in 1931, and substitutes usually entered games only after the outcome had already been decided. In essence, the bench players were the ones the starters scrimmaged in practice. Hutto said Big Spring's top substitute was Jake Morgan, who starred on Please see '31 STEERS, page 9

Home for the holidays

Basketball star, former umpire begin long road back from tragedies made 1st

Hurley released from hospital

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Pale and weak, Bobby Hurley left the hospital Friday in a wheelchair, nearly two weeks after suffering collapsed lungs, broken ribs and fractures in an automobile crash.

The 22-year-old Hurley, wearing a festive Santa's cap and tinted glasses, offered a wan smile to onlookers as a nurse pushed him to the entrance of University Medical Center, where his parents waited

He said one word as he left, softly answering line to a reporter who asked how he felt.

"His lungs have to heal. He's got to get therapy on his knee," said Hurley's father, Bob Hurley Sr.

The Sacramento Kings' point guard and No. 1 draft pick would remain in Sacramento "for awhile" with his mother before heading home to New Jersey, the father

The family planned to celebrate Christmas together in Sacramento; the father said he hoped to return to New Jersey on Sunday.

"Our Christmas is here, everything is here," he said. "Getting Bobby home is the next step. Doctors recommended that Hurley

avoid flying until he recuperates further, saying a sudden loss of cabin pressure could affect his condition.

Hurley wore braces on his right leg and left arm and shoulder. His braced leg extended, he sat in the right front passenger seat, which was pushed all the way back.

Palermo begins rehabilitation

Minnesota guard Brian Davis, right, tries without success to stop Dallas

guard Jim Jackson from passing to an open teammate in Minneapolis

By The Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Former major league umpire Steve Palermo is home for the holidays, intent on resuming physical therapy after the New Year in his bid to return to umpiring.

Palermo, 44, has been recovering in Massachusetts since undergoing surgery there several weeks ago to repair spinal nerve damage from a 1991 shooting. Palermo was shot by a robber when he went to the aid of two waitresses in a restaurant parking lot in Dallas.

The delicate surgery could help Palermo recover full use of his limbs

to the majors.

The surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Mass., was aimed at separating scar tissue from the nerves in his spinal cord.

"We had to take it to the next level," said Palermo, who arrived home Dec. 17. "Certainly, there was great risk, but to get where I want to go, I had to go through with it. If I ever want to return to umpiring, I had to have this.'

Palermo described the procedure as being the equivalent of removing gum from hair - "the nerves being your hair.'

"And they had to do that without and enable him, eventually, to return damaging the nerves," he said.



Sacramento guard Bobby Hurley reaches for his seat belt after being released from the University of California-Davis Medical Center in

Mavs have sunk far since '80s glory days

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks were set. In only their seventh season, they won the Midwest Conference and the following year they were within a victory of the Two years later, afraid their win-

dow of opportunity for a title was closing, Dallas added veterans Rodney McCray, Fat Lever and Alex English and expected to contend for a few more titles.

It's amazing how things that seemed so right at the time now look

"We were a teal in its prime and we did everything we could to win championships," Rick Sund, Dallas vice president of basketball operations, said this week.

"We were a very good club that couldn't knock out Los Angeles or Portlan . We could take them the distance, but we couldn't knock them out. When you do that, teams look at you as a come etitive club," Sund

Things got real bad real fast for

Lever's knees were horrible, McCray did little and center Roy arpley was kicked out of the league for using drugs. Sam Perkins went to Los Angeles as a free agent. Suddenly, even making the playoffs seemed like a fantasy.

Realizing the severity of the situation, Mavericks owner Donald Carter decided during the franchise's 11th season that it was time to rebuild. Carter told Sund and general manager Norm Sonju to dust off the blue-

print they used to turn an expansion

"We wanted to do things very similar to the way we did it in 1980," Sund said. "We said we'd trade for future draft picks, get our nucleus through the draft, then sign some free agents."

and see if they could do it again.

Rolando Blackman, the franchise's all-time leading scorer, was sent to New York for a 1995 first-round draft pick. McCray went to Chicago for the first non-lottery pick Colden State has and two second-round

Dallas used its own picks to find players to build around. Jim Jackson came first and Jamal Mashburn followed. Both are under long-term deals, though Jackson waited 54 games into his rookie year before

year plan and things seem to be progressing slowly - if at all. The Mavericks are 2-23, have tied

But now it's year two of the five-

a 20-year-old NBA record with a 20game losing streak and the players are loudly opposed to new coach Please see MAVS, page 9

'31 Steers

Many local sports fans likely can tell you when the Big Spring Steers last made the football state finals. 1953 b that's the one year

it's hoops season?

Depression.

Squeaky Thompson, 79, of Big Spring can tell you who played on those teams and what happened to them. He was the manager on the '31 team and a substitute on the '33 squad.

Gregory Gymnasium held 7,000

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Another huge difference

state trek By DAVE HARGRAVE Sports Editor

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said. The Steers cruised through the regular season with a 23-2 mark some of their victims included W.C. Stripling (Fort Worth), Warner Memorial University, Lubbock, Snyder, Roby and Cosden Refinery. They took the Western half of the District 8 title and headed into a three-game district championship series against the Eastern champ,

The Herald said going into the series that if the Steers won, it would be "the first time in history the Steers beat out Abilene in anything in the sports line." The Steers accomplished that first, winning the first game 26-22 and the second game 26-21.

The win gave Big Spring its first "major" district championship, the Herald reported. The day after the win at Abilene, the Steers and coach Bill Stevens were guests at a Lions Club luncheon at the Settles Hotel.

Enthusiasm for the *Battling Bovines" (as the Herald called the Steers) was soaring. In the bi-district championship series, Big Spring swept Breckenridge by scores of 24-23 and 31-24. Fans had to be turned away because of the overflow crowd for the second game in Big Spring. The Steers played basketball and went to school at what is now Runnels Junior High.

Beating Abilene qualified the Steers for the two-day, 14-team state tournament in Austin. Their opponent in the first round was Yancey, which made the state finals because El Paso was disqualified. El Paso had not paid its registration fee in time.

Yancey won 31-25. The Steers season ended with a 27-3 record. The Herald, displaying a lack of

objectivity that was common in those days, wrote after the loss: "Those that saw the game, however, say the Steers didn't play basketball. Had the game just been another game, there is little doubt but that the Steers would have socked the Medina County representatives with much gusto."

Whatever the reason, Yancey had stopped Big Spring in the first round. The Steers stayed Saturday to watch the remainder of the tournament, Thompson said. Even after 62 years, tough losses never die.

"If we would have played the way we were capable of playing, we could have gone a lot farther,

"We got beat by a team that was a lot smaller than us, but of course we were scared to death," Thompson said.

Hutto graduated in '31, and the Steers came up one game short of a return trip to the state tournament in 1932 when they lost to Breckenridge in the third game of the bi-district playoffs.

1933 turned out to be a different story.

Chadwick

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part in a team's success, but also credits his wife Lisa, an assistant coach at Howard for three years, and current assistant Terry Gray for much of the team's good fortune.

"Lisa helped us before Terry did, and both of them have done a great job for us," he said. "Both of them were a very big part of helping us

during that 35-1 season. But of course, it finally all boils down to the talent on the court. You can be the greatest coach to walk the earth since Dr. Naismith hung up his peach baskets and it won't do you any good if the talent isn't there.

In other words, you've got to be able to recruit.

"We look for the best basketball players we can and try to build a system around them," Chadwick said. "I think our system has evolved tremendously ... Our first team walked it up the floor, and we lost in the regional tournament by two points. This year's team is very much

Sooners romp past Tech in Hancock Bo

By The Associated Press

EL PASO — There was no championship on the line in Friday's John Hancock Bowl.

That didn't matter to Oklahoma. The Sooners felt like they won one

The No. 19 Sooners (9-3) rolled to a 41-10 victory over Texas Tech (6-6) to record their fourth convincing win over a Southwest Conference opponent this season. Oklahoma is 2-0 in the Hancock Bowl and Tech is 1-

"We beat them pretty bad," said Oklahoma quarterback Cale Gundy, who completed 15 of 26 passes for 215 yards and three touchdowns. "I know some of my teammates will tell you we are Southwest Conference champs.

The Red Raiders, who ended a five-game winning streak, finished second in the SWC. Oklahoma also beat conference champion Texas A&M 44-14 in the second game of the season.

"We are the SWC champions of 1993," said Sooners nose tackle Ricky Wren. "Southwest Conference champions - Oklahoma Sooners."

Coach Gary Gibbs would not touch such statements, however.

"Unless we merged in the last 30 minutes, I will stay away from claiming the SWC title," he said. "But we are a very solid football team on solid footing.'

Gundy, the game's MVP, withstood record for touchdowns in a bowl

He was sacked six times and



a ferocious pass rush to set a school Oklahoma quarterback Cale Gundy, right, is chased by Texas Tech nose tackle Tyorne Brooks during the second quarter of the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso Friday.

endured several rattling hits, but time the two teams met, in a 1992 (12) and passing yards (341). again proved he could dominate the season opener, Gundy set school

Red Raiders. The first and only other records for consecutive completions credit," said Tech defensive end Shawn Jackson, who sacked Gundy

Gundy's throwing was complemented by the running of freshman Jerald Moore. He rushed 15 times for 85 yards and two touchdowns -- a 32-yarder midway through the fourth quarter and a 6-yard burst as the game ended.

The running back who drew the most attention entering the game, Tech's Byron "Bam" Morris, wasn't a factor. He rushed 27 times for 95

It was only the second time Morris, the nation's second-leading rusher, was held under 100 yards this year.

yards and the Red Raiders' only

"Their linebackers were keying on me," he said. "Everywhere I went, there they were.'

The Sooners established dominance early, scoring on their first two possessions.

'Oklahoma's a good team," Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "They didn't make any mistakes and outplayed us early. I felt like we played not to lose

early instead of playing to win." Oklahoma led 28-3 at the half, taking advantage of linebacker Mike Coats' interception of Robert Hall's pass, Coats picked off the pass with 34 seconds remaining and returned it 43 yards to the Texas Tech 27.

"I felt good about making a big play for our team," he said.

Gundy had one incompletion before hitting running back James Allen on a 12-yard shovel pass to move Oklahoma to the 15.

On the next play, Gundy hit a wideopen Rickey Brady in the end zone for the score with five seconds left. It was the second TD of the half for Brady, the Sooners' leading receiver this season, who finished the game "You have to give Gundy a lot of once. "We tried to put pressure on with four catches for 35 yards.

Eaton eyes retirement as injuries keep him sidelined continue to be associated with the

"It's tough to just sit and watch the games on TV. I get upset when someone drives the

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — For the pain of his debilitating lower back injury, there are hours of therapy and muscle-stretching exercises. But there is no cure for Mark Eaton's frustration.

"It's tough to just sit and watch the games on TV," the 7-foot-4, 300pound Utah Jazz, center said. "I get upset when someone drives the lane. Uncontested layups still bother me."

The four-time NBA shot-blocking champion has been able to do little more than watch this season. Swimming, weightlifting and massage - to relax irritated tendons and roster are dim. ease his degenerating disc - have "I really haven't gotten out on the

stand longer and reduces the full workout," Eaton said.

spasms," Eaton said. "I can function in a normal person's world - pretty much — but when I try to push it on

to the world of extensive exercise ...

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Time, he grudgingly admits, is against him. Eaton, in the final year of his contract, turns 37 in January. While he hopes for a miracle, without sudden and rapid improvement prospects for a return to the Jazz

had only a modest effect.

basketball court because it's rather

"That's allowed me to sit and pointless if I can't make it through a

Jazz owner Larry H. Miller wishes Utah's longtime icon of interior defense well. But Miller has doubts Haton will he able to come back from the pain which put him on injured

reserve during fall camp. He recalls a recent visit to Eaton's home near Park City, where he took in a Jazz game on TV with his big

"When I saw how the pain was affecting him, I really got discourraged about his chances of ever coming back," Miller said.
"We're integrating our plans,

that he would be playing when

White's knee, injured in the Nov. 20

victory over Alabama, failed to heal

While Simmons was named the

Gray MVP, Rutgers defensive back

Malik Jackson was named top player

for the Blue. He had a game-high 14

tackles - 12 unassisted - and got in

The Blue scored its only touch-

down in the first quarter. Marcus Lee

of Syracuse scored on a 7-yard run

Then the defenses took over,

allowing only a pair of field goals in

the final minute of the first half. Scott

Etheridge of Auburn kicked a 45-

yarder for the Gray with 44 seconds

left, but the Blue moved into position

for Oregon's Tommy Thompson to

connect on a 47-yarder with just 12

to cap a seven-play, 79-yard drive.

several monster licks.

seconds remaining.

offensively and defensively, not to have him come back," he added. "It would give us a nice little boost (if Eaton recovered), but we're not counting on ik."

In Eaton's place, the Jazz have gone with Felton Spencer, a 7-footer scoring 8.7 points and pulling down 7.5 rebounds per game.

"He's getting better and better," Eaton offered. "He's taking full advantage of the opportunity given to him."

again dons a Jazz uniform, he may

could do well. **Utah center Mark Eaton** "He might have to look at that thing called, 'Life After Basketball,'

Miller added. "We could take a look at a number of things." During his off-time, Eaton already

team. Miller won't be specific, but

says "there are a lot of things Mark

has delved into broadcasting, doing weekly television and radio sports shows. He also has been involved in a private organization, which he declines to identify, that offers wilderness and basketball camp experiences to troubled youth.

"The wilderness camp is in (Wyoming's) Bridger-Teton National Forest, in grizzly habitat," Eaton explained. "In the woods, it's just vou and bears. If you act properly, the bears keep away. If you don't, the bears come to visit.

Auburn QB leads Gray past Blue but didn't learn until a week earlier

By The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Kelvin Simmons wasn't even supposed to play in the Blue-Gray all-star game. He turned out to be the most valuable player Saturday.

Simmons, a late addition to the game in place of injured Auburn quarterback Stan White, completed 16 of 25 passes for 171 yards as the Gray rallied for a 17-10 victory, scoring two fourth-quarter touchdowns less than a minute apart.

Simmons, who directed Troy State to the Division I-AA semifinals, set a Blue-Gray record by completing seven straight passes on a gametying drive early in the fourth quarter. He threw on six straight plays to move the ball from the Gray 21 to the Blue 7. After a run, Simmons went back to the air for a 3-yard scoring toss to Dorsey Levins of Georgia Tech to make it 10-10 with 10:23 remaining.

After the ensuing kickoff, Tulsa quarterback Gus Frerotte completed a 34-yard pass to teammate Chris Penn to move the Blue to the Gray 49. But on the next play, Washington's Beno Bryant fumbled for the second time in the game, Georgia's Greg Tremble scooped it up and ran 52 yards down the left sideline to the Blue 4.

Simmons finally threw an incom-

pletion, but it didn't matter as Maryland's Mark Mason took a pitch and cut to the middle for a 4-yard touchdown run with 9:25 left in the

It was not a perfect day for Simmons, who squandered one scoring chance in the third quarter when he was picked off by Purdue's Jimmy Young in the end zone. He also gave the Blue a final opportunity when Jerry Freese of Northeastern State picked off a pass with 1:55 remaining and returned it to the Gray 28.

But Mike Pattison of Washington State was sacked by East Carolina's Bernard Carter for a 9-yard loss on first down, then Pattison failed to convert on fourth-and-4 at the 22 when his pass sailed behind his

receiver with 46 seconds left. Simmons, a native of Mobile who played about 40 miles south of Montgomery at Troy State, thrilled his homestate crowd and may have improved his stature with NFL scouts concerned about his 6-foot height.

He was an alternate for the game,

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Ouinn Buckner and the triangle offense he's implemented.

As easy as it would've seemed to improve on an 11-71 year, the Mavericks are making it tough. They're once again challenging the 1972-73 76ers' dubious 9-73 futility

"Last year was a year in which we totally stripped it down knowing we'd challenge for the worst record," Sund said. "This year, we didn't think we'd have a chance at it, but with our start that's a real possi-

Nearly one-third of the season is over and the only way Dallas can win

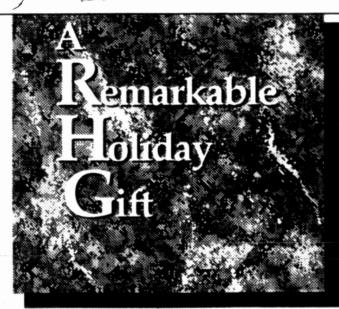
is by playing Minnesota in Minneapolis. The Mavericks have done it twice, including Thursday's 93-89 victory that ended their losing

Still, Sund said he's found a few

silver linings in this cloudy year. "Compared to last year, we're in so many more games," he said. "With the exception of about a half dozen games, we've had a shot at

Sund points to having seven players with less than two years' experience as both a reason for the bad record and as hope for the future.

And at this point, hope is all the Mavericks have.



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player picked up in a fit of pique dur-Hawaii in November.

Greg Norman hugs the British Open Golf Championship trophy on July 18 at Royal St. Georges golf club in Sandwich, England. Norman railied past Nick Faido on the last day of the tournament to win the trophy.

The 1993 Sports Year in Review Trivia Quiz

(Two points ach except where streak? **JANUARY**

1. What was the final score of the Buffalo-Houston playoff game in which the Bills overcame a 35-3 third quarter deficit to stage the greatest comeback in NFL history?

2. Who was the first American to ever be promoted to Grand Champion in Sumo wrestling? 3. Who was the only person elected

to the Baseball Hall of Fame? 4. Which NHL player set a league

record by reaching the 30-goal mark for the 14th consecutive season? FEBRUARY

1. Who won the Daytona 500? 2. Which team tied an NHL record

with 17 consecutive losses? 3. Who won the Long Distance

Shootout and Slam Dunk contest during NBA All-Star weekend? (one point each) 4. Which school set an NCAA

Division I women's basketball record with its 50th straight win? MARCH

1. What team beat Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament, marking the first loss for the Blue Devils before the Final Four since

2. Who won the Sullivan Award as the top American amateur athlete?

3. What Canadian couple won the pairs competition at the World Figure Skating Championships and in so doing became the first non-

Russian couple to do so in 10 years?

4. Which driver became the first in 27 years to win his first IndyCar

5. Who won the NIT?

1. Who pitched the first majorleague no-hitter of the year?

2. Who stabbed Monica Seles? 3. Who set the NBA record for most three-pointers in a game with

4. Who became the first player in major-league history to hit home runs from both sides of the plate in

the same inning? 5. Who won the Masters?

6. Who won the PBA Tournament of Champions, becoming the first black bowler to win a PBA triple crown event? MAY

1. Who won the Kentucky Derby? 2. How much will a gold medal be worth to a member of the U.S. Olympic team?

3. Which wrestler won his 11th straight national wrestling title at the National Freestyle

Championships? 4. Who won the Indy 500?

1. Who won the French Open men's and women's singles titles? (one point each)

2. Who won the U.S. Open golf championship? 3. Who was the first player select-

ed in the NHL amateur draft? 4. Who was the winning jockey in the Belmont Stakes?

JULY 1. What was the length of time it took the San Diego Padres and Philadelphia Phillies to play a dou-

bleheader on July 2?
2. Who did the New York Mets beat to end Anthony Young's major-league record 27-game losing

3. Which former Olympic medalist diver decided to retire while standing on the platform at the U.S. Olympic Festival? 4. Who won the Tour de France?

AUGUST 1. Who became the first secondgeneration winner in Formula One

auto racing history with a victory in the Hungarian Grand Prix? 2. Who pitched two no-hitters for Long Beach, Calif., in the Little

League World Series? 3. Who became baseball's first 20ame winner in 1993?

4. Who won his fourth consecutive pole vault title at the World Track and Field Championships?

St. 11 at 1. When y was awarded the 2000 **Summer Olympics?**

2. Which woman runner broke the world record for the 10,000 meters by almost 42 seconds?

3. Who stepped down as captain of the American Davis Cup team?

4. Who hit four home runs in one

game? 5. Who won the Pernell Whitaker-Julio Cesar Chavez fight?

OCTOBER 1. Who was the first woman goalie to be credited with a win in profes-

sional hockey history? 2. What was the count when Joe Carter homered off Mitch Williams to

win the World Series? 3. Who set the NCAA all-division football record for most yards rush-

ing in a game? 4. On the same weekend, an NCAA Division I player returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and an NFL player returned two punts for touch-

NOVEMBER 1. Who won the Breeders Cup

downs. Who are they? (one point

2. Who is the paraglider who landed in the ring during the Evander Holyfield-Riddick Bowe fight? 3. Whose record did Don Shula

break for most career coaching victories in the NFL? 4. Who won the Grey Cup, the CFL

verison of the Super Bowl? DECEMBER 1. Who won the Grand Slam Cup,

the richest event on the men's tennis

2. Who won the Heisman Trophy? 3. Who finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting?

4. What was the first NFL team to make it into the playoffs?

ANSWERS JANUARY

each)

1.41-38. 2. Chad Rowan of Monolulu.

3. Reggie Jackson. 4. Mike Gartner of the New York

Rangers. FEBRUARY 1. Dale Jarrett.

2. The San Jose Sharks. 3. Mark Price and Harold Miner.

4. Vermont. MARCH 1. California. 2. Speedskater Bonnie Blair.

3. Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd 4. Nigel Mansell. 5. Minnesota beat Georgetown 62-

1. Chris Bosio of Seattle. 2. Guenter Parche.

3. Brian Shaw of Miami.

4. Carlos Baerga of Cleveland. 5. Bernhard Langer.

6. George Branham III.

1. Sea Hero.

2. Under terms of a \$7.6 million bonus fund established by the USOC, gold medals will earn the recipient \$15,000. Other medalists will be awarded \$10,000 for silver and \$7,500 for bronze while a fourthplace finisher will receive \$5,000.

Heavyweight Baumgartner. 4. Emerson Fittipaldi.

1. Sergi Bruguera and Steffi Graf. 2. Lee Janzen.

3. Ottawa selected center Alexandre Daigle 4. Julie Krone who became to first

woman to win a triple crown race.

1. 12 hours, 5 minutes. 2. The Florida Marlins.

3. Scott Donie. 4. Miguel Indurain of Spain.

AUGUST 1. Damon Hill, son of the late

Graham Hill. 2. Sean Burroughs, son of former

major leaguer Jeff Burroughs. 3. Jack McDowell.

4. Sergei Bubka.

SEPTEMBER 1. Sydney, Australia.

2. Wang Junxia of China.

3. Tom Gorman. 4. Mark Whiten of St. Louis.

5. Neither. It was a draw.

OCTOBER 1. Erin Whitten of the Toledo Storm in the East Coast Hockey

League 3. Carey Bender of Coe College

who rushed for 417 yards on 33 carries in a 69-7 win over Grinnell.

4. Leeland McElroy of Rice and

Eric Metcalf of Cleveland. **NOVEMBER**

1. Arcangues. 2. James Miller.

3. Former Bears coach George 4. Edmonton beat Winnipeg 33-23. DECEMBER

1. Petr Korda 2. Florida State quarterback Charlie Ward.

3. Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler.

4. The New York Giants.

SCORING

90-100 — Phi Beta Kappa, sports history

85-89 — College graduate, Summa Cum Laude. 80-84 — College graduate, Magna

Cum Laude. 70-79 — College graduate. 56-69 — High school graduate. 0-49 — High school dropout.

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His action followed similar incidents at tournaments in Potomac. Md., and Pine Mountain, Ga.

Azinger, 33, who scored the first major tournament victory of his The duration of Daly's suspension career in August in the PGA, was from tournament play was not diagnosed in December as suffering announced bet will extend into the from lymphoma in his right shoulder 1994 season, Beman said. The American Ryder Cup victory,

the centerpiece of a sweep of three international team matches, served as the on-course highlight of the year while Nick Price of Zimbabwe dominated individual play. In the biennial Ryder Cup matches

against Europe's best, American captain Tom Watson's forces fell behind over the first two days of play. Only a critical, 2-up triumph by Chip Beck and John Cook over Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie and Daly, the longest hitter in golf and

the decision by European captain Bernard Gallacher to sit down Seve American hopes alive. In Sunday's singles matches, Europe appeared on the verge of vic-

Among the key victories were Jim ble for the trophy.

1991 at Kiawah Island, S.C.

tory before late-match American ral-

lies pulled out a dramatic 15-13 deci-

sion that retained the cup won in

when joy mixed with tears Gallager, 3 and 2 over Spanish ace Seve Ballesteros, the 1 up comeback of Davis Love III against Costantino Rocca of Italy, Ray Floyd's 2-up decision over Jose Marie Olazabal of Spain and the 1-up rally that enabled Beck to beat Barry Lane.

Veteran Lanny Wadkins volunteered to sit down after Europe's Sam Torrance was unable to play in those closing singles and later was rewarded for his unselfish action by being named to succeed Watson as captain of the 1995 American team.

The United States also won the Dunhill Cup at St. Andrews, Scotland and Fred Couples — a member of all three winning teams — combined with Love to successfully defend their World Cup title.

"A great season for the Americans," Price said. And it was a pretty good one for the popular man from Zimbabwe,

After taking the Players Championship early in the year, Price went on to a leading four American victories. "Winning the Players just set it up

for me," he said. "I just went on a roll after that." Price won six times around the world and had total winnings of

about \$2.8 million. He swept all the major seasonal honors on the U.S. tour, gaining a single-season record \$1,458,456 in Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer in / money-winnings, taking the PGA Saturday afternoon matches kept Player of the Year title and the Vardon Trophy for the best scoring

average, 69.11. Australian Greg Norman actually had a better scoring average, 68.90, but, troubled by a shoulder injury, did not meet the required minimum of 60 rounds and thus was not eligi-

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one of sadness.

A series of late-season, off-thecourse incidents transformed a year

of joyous American triumphs into

Instead of being remembered as the year American men swept all

international team competitions,

1993 now will be recalled as the sea-

son in which Heather Farr lost a

lengthy battle with cancer and Paul

Azinger began a struggle with the

Farr, once the most promising

young player on the LPGA Tour. died

in November at the age of 28 after

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almost immediately. His physicians

said this particular form of the dis-

ease has a 90 percent recovery rate.

Azinger, who won three times in

1993, said he hoped to return to play

And, in another incident that over-

shadowed on-course activities, trou-

bled John Daly ended the year as he

began it: under suspension and with

one of its greatest gate attractions,

was undergoing an alcohol rehabili-

tation program at the start of the

After successfully completing that

treatment, Daly rejoined the pro

tour, then was suspended by com-

missioner Deane Beman after the

ing an unofficial tournament in

in six or seven months.

his career in jeopardy.

fighting the disease for five years.

"Of all the shadows that cast over the game of basketball, his was the biggest." - Bob Knight on Henry Iba, who died at age 88.

"World War II was must-win." — Mary Levy, Buffalo coach, responding that after two straight Super Bowl defeats, the Bills third chance is a must-win situation.

"I was my mother's third choice. I don't feel I was any less loved than the rest of them. It doesn't make a difference with me. The main thing is that I'm their last choice." — Dan Reeves, saying he had no qualms about being the Giants' third choice for coach.

"A lot of people are wondering about us getting fat and sassy. But the memory of going 1-15 has burned a hole in our brain. That will keep us inspired for awhile." -Jerry Jones, Dallas Cowboys' owner.

"I played a kids' game and got paid for it. I tried to play the way I was taught and I owe a debt of gratitude to the coaches I played for - in high school, in college and with the Bears. You are an extension of these people." — Walter Payton, the NFL's top rusher on entering pro football's Hall of Fame.

"Arthur Ashe's passing away makes this a very sad day, not only for the world of sports, but the entire world in general. Not only was Arthur a leading figure and pioneer for minorities in sports and business, but also in the fight against HIV and AIDS. He was one of the best men of his generation, and his loss is a loss for all of us." - Magic Johnson on Arthur Ashe.

"I don't want to stay too long and I'd rather be premature in leaving baseball than stay too late and have to retire in an awkward position." — Nolan Ryan, announcing his retire-

"I told you I wasn't going to fool around." - Riddock Bovve, about his 2:19 fight with Michael Dokes.

"I kept myself busy with other Anderson's 2,000th win. things, I didn't think about my cancer on a day-to-day basis, that cer- "On the ice V do not feel like a tainly helped me get through it. I've been very positive since the beginning, I think that's my nature. ... Anytime you have some adversity, you must have courage." Pittsburgh Penguins star Mario Lemieux on dealing with Hodgkin's disease.

"I'm looking forward to playing the Pittsburgh Penguins for the Stanley Cup in the Bird Series." - Tony Tavares, president of the NHL's new California franchise, the Mighty

"It's like recruiting for college, only the money's on the table inste d of under it." - Bruce Coslet, New York Jets coach, on free agency in football.

"When Bob Knight comes out and 40,000 red sweaters stand up, what do you think the officials do? Custer had a better chance at Little Big Horn. You don't pick against Indiana in Indianapolis too often." — Pete Gillen, Xavier coach.

"I don't look at myself as a peacemaker. I look at myself as an intimidator. Intimidation is important in this sport and I can intimidate as well as anybody else in this league.' Phoenix Suns star Charles

"In sports, somebody is trying to stop you from doing you best. In the classroom, the only one stopping you is you." — Mike Krzyzewski, Duke basketball coach.

"I'd have to manage 10 more years

to match him, when you think about it. I've said it for years and years, he's the best." - Tony LaRussa, Oakland manager, on Sparky

woman. I'm a hockey player. I don't think of myself as the first woman hockey player." — Manon Rheaume, after making her debut as pro hockey's first female goalie.

"It's a tragedy. Right now, everybody is talking about concentrating on college and high school hockey. But next fall, when the best players from the 10 best hockey nations in the world stop coming to Bloomington, the fans will realize what they've lost." - Bobby Smith on the Minnesota North Stars' move to Dallas.

"Jimmy may have passed in the physical, but he will live within me in the spiritual for the rest of my life." - Dereck Whittenburg, former Wolfpack player, on the death of Jim Valvano.

"We're the Bad News Bears and have been playing terrible ball. We have to get our act together real soon. Hell, the Florida Marlins are ahead of us." — Bret Saberhagen, New York Mets pitcher, on the lastplace Mets.

"It was like the Red Sea. When I got there, it parted for me." — Jerry Bailey, jockey on Kentucky Deby winner Sea Hero, on the hole that opened near the 16th pole.



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IRVING -Redskins love t Cowboys grief. An a plateful on Sund

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Oilers Pardee return

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Dallas seeking payback

By The Associated Press

IRVING - The Washington Redskins love to give the Dallas Cowboys grief. And they can dish out a plateful on Sunday if they upset the defending Super Bowl champions.

The Skins have had a miserable season, but at the top of their highlights reel is a 35-16 opening day victory over the Cowboys. Of course, Dallas hadn't signed Emmitt Smith to a new contract, so he didn't play that

The Cowboys are vowing not to let the Redskins spoil their season.

"If anyone thinks we'll overlook the Redskins because of their record, they are wrong," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "This is Washington and we know how tough the series has been with the Redskins. We would never overlook them.

"I think the most important thing is to get a bye and the homefield advantage in the playoffs. We know what trouble Washington can cause. We realize what we have to do, since this is Washington we are playing."

The Cowboys (10-4) were 16-point favorites over the Redskins (4-10), but Smith said he isn't fooled.

"Washington is still a great team and I've got a lot of respect for them," Smith said. "If we're not 100 percent ready they can beat us."

Defensive tackle Russell Maryland said a game against Washington takes on an extra meaning.

"The Skins are our big rivalry game and they beat us up in September," Maryland said. "They'd love to come in here and trip us up. We won't overlook them. We know they can beat us. It's always a special game for us when we play Washington. We're not going to let them come in here and beat us on

On Sept. 6, Mark Rypien threw three touchdown passes and Brian Mitchell rushed 21 times for 116 yards in the victory over the Cowboys.

"That was probably their best game of the season and our worst game," said Dallas coach Jimmy

Dallas, which has clinched a playoff spot, needs to beat Washington to pace with the New York Glant for the NFC East championship. The Giants and Cowboys meet in the regular season finale in New York on Jan. 2.

Smith goes into the game 62 yards behind Jerome Bettis of the Los Angeles Rams in the chase for the NFL rushing title. The Redskins have

had trouble stopping the run. Washington coach Richie Petitbon said "our defense has been struggling against the run, but turnovers and sacks can make up for a multitude of sins. Dallas is the defending Super Bowl champion and they need to finish strong. We can play a spoil-

er, just like we did against Atlanta." No team has swept the Washington Dallas series since Washington did it in 1987.

Oilers owner: Pardee to return in '94

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston coach Jack Pardee, who overcame a 1-4 start and the death of a player to lead the Oilers to their second AFC Central title in three years, will return for a fifth season in 1994, says owner Bud

Adams. Adams has resisted several outcries from fans and media to fire Pardee, including two challenges

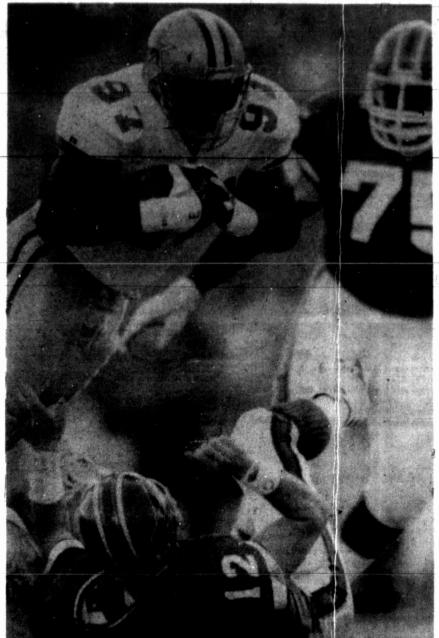
this year. "He'll be back," Adams told the Houston Chronicle. "Jack's done a real good job. After everything that's happened, it would look pretty stupid to do it (fire him), wouldn't it?"

Pardee's leadership was questioned after the Oilers blew a 32point, third-quarter lead in the 41-38 playoff loss at Buffalo last January. His low-key approach also was scrutinized when Houston lost

to the Rams and Bills to drop to 1-4. Houston's turnaround quickly followed and the Oilers were the NFL's hottest team entering Saturday's game against the San Francisco

49ers Houston had won nine straight, including last week's victory over Pittsburgh less than a week after the death of Jeff Alm.

"I don't see any reason to make a change," Adams said. "We overcame a lot of distractions and adversity, and it started at the top with Jack. A coach has to produce, and I think he has."



Dallas defensive end Jimmie Jonas leaps over Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly for a first quarter touchdown after recovering Kelly's fumble during Super Bowl XXVII in Pasadena, Calif. Jan. 31.

NFL survived free agency; **Cowboys regained throne**

By The Associated Press

Free agency came to the NFL in 1993.

The world didn't end. In fact, the year ended with even more dollars in the offing for the league — a new television contract with a new network, Fox, taking the NFL from CBS in a package that will bring the league \$4.42 billion over the next four years, an increase of about 20

And that's not counting an extra \$280 million that will be forthcoming when Jacksonville and Charlotte pay the franchise fees that will enable them to become the NFL's 29th and 30th teams in 1995.

This was the season that some owners have been dreading for years, the season that most players with more than five years in the NFL were free to sign with any team.

Dozens took advantage — led by Reggie White, who jumped from Philadelphia to Green Bay for a package that paid him an average of \$4.5 million over three years, \$7 million this year, before next year's salary cap.

But it hardly showed on the field, except perhaps in more ragged play by teams that lost old players and absorbed new ones.

As the regular-season wound down, there was only one surprise among the contenders for the Super

Year In Review

old newcomer, the New York Giants, who won NFL titles in 1986 and 1990, who rebounded under new coach Dan Reeves from 14-18 in two

seasons under Ray Handley. The Giants were competing for the NFC East title with the Cowboys, who lost their first two games during Emmitt Smith's holdout, then won seven in a row. They trailed the Giants by a game heading toward a showdown between the two Jan. 2 at Giants Stadium.

The other contender in the NFC was the same as usual — San Francisco, where Steve Young was combining with Jerry Rice and John Taylor to work the same offensive miracles Joe Montana used to.

Montana, meanwhile, was in Kansas City, traded after recovering from an elbow injury that kept him Bowl title won by Dallas 52-17 over out two seasons and cost him his job Fred Barnett went down, then Buffale last season. And that was an to Young. He had the Chiefs vying for promptly lost six straight.

the top slot in the AFC with Buffalo and Houston, which recovered from a 1-4 start to win nine in a row despite a series of injuries and the

suicide of defensive tackle Jeff Alm. The season's major landmark belonged to Miami coach Don Shula, who beat Philadelphia 19-14 on Nov. 14 for his 326th win, one more than George Halas.

Despite playing without quarterback Dan Marino, who tore his Achilles tendon Oct. 10 in Cleveland, the Dolphins won two more to improve to 9-2 before losing three straight at home.

One of those wins was an unforgettable 16-14 Thanksgiving Day victory in the snow in Dallas in which Miami got a chance for the winning field goal after the Cowboys' Leon Lett mistakenly touched a live ball after a missed field goal attempt.

But unforgettable games were in the minimum in a season in which the norm seemed to be 9-6 and 18-12 games settled entirely by field goal kickers — San Diego's John Carney kicked six field goals in each of the Chargers' first two wins, but the team scored no touchdowns.

One reason for that was injuries to quarterbacks like Marino and Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham. The Eagles had won four straight when Cunningham and wide receiver





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PPG Cup Points Winner - Nigel Mansell **Major Races** Phoenix - Mario Andretti Long Beach - Paul Tracy Indy 500 — Emerson Fittipaldi Detroit - Mansell Road America - Tracy Toronto — Tracy

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Daytona 500 - Dale Jarrett Winston 500 - Ernie Irvan Coca-Cola 600 - Earnhardt Southern 500 - Mark Martin Endurance

Daytona - P.J. Jones, Rocky Moran and Mark Sebring — Juan Manuel Fanglo II and Andy

Le Mans - Peugeot (Geoff Brabham, Christophe Bouchut and Eric Helary)

Formula One San Marino --- Alain Prost Monaco — Ayrton Senna France - Alain Prost Britain --- Alain Prost Germany - Alain Prost

BADMINTON World Championships

Men's singles - Joko Suprianto, Indonesia Men's doubles - Ricky Subagja and Rudy Gunawan, Indonesia Women's singles — Susi Susanti, Indonesia

Women's doubles - Nong Qunhua and Zhou Lei, China Mixed doubles -- Thomas Lund, Denmark, and Catrine Bengtsson, Sweden

U.S. Open Men's singles - Marleve Mainaky, Indonesia Men's doubles - Lund and Jon Holst-

Christensen, Denmark Women's singles — Lim Xiao Qing, Sweden Women's doubles - Young-ah Gil and Soyoung Chung, South Korea Mixed doubles - Lund and Bengtssor

U.S. Nationals Men's singles - Andy Chong Men's doubles - Tom Reidy and Ben Lee

Women's singles — Andrea Andersso Women's doubles - Andersson and Traci

Mixed doubles - Chong and Linda French BASEBALL

World Series — Toronto Blue Jays American League — Toronto Blue Jays National League - Philadelphia Phillies Leading Hitters - AL: John Olerud, Toronto; NL: Andres Galarraga, Colorado

HRs - AL: Juan Gonzalez, Texas; NL: Barry Bonds, San Francisco RBIs - AL: Albert Belle, Cleveland; NL: Bonds SBs - AL: Kenny Lofton, Cleveland; NL: Chuck

Carr, Colorado Runs - AL: Rafael Palmiero, Texas; NL: Len Dykstra, Philadelphia Hits - AL: Paul Molitor, Toronto; NL: Dykstra

Cy Young Award - AL: Jack McDowell Chicago; NL: Greg Maddux, Atlanta ERA - AL: Kevin Appier, Kansas City; NL: G.Maddux

Wins - AL: McDowell; NL: John Burkett, San Francisco, and Tom Glavine, Atlanta Saves — AL: Jeff Montgomery, Kansas City, and Duane Ward, Toronto; NL: Randy Myers,

Strikeouts - AL: Randy Johnson, Seattle; NL: MVP - AL: Frank Thomas, Chicago; NL: Bonds Rookie of the Year - AL: Tim Salmon, California; NL: Mike Piazza, Los Angeles

Manager of the Year - AL: Gene Lamont. Chicago; NL: Dusty Baker, San Francisco NCAA Division II - Tampa NCAA Division III - Montdair State, N.J.

BASKETBALL NBA — Chicago Bulls Playoff MVP - Michael Jordan, Chicago Regular Season MVP — Charles Barkley, Phoenix

NCAA - North Carolina NIT — Minnesota NCAA Division II — Cal State-Bakersfield NCAA Division III - Ohio Northern NAIA Division I - Hawaii Pacific NAIA Division II - Willamette, Ore JUCO Division I - Pensacola, Fla. JUCO Division II - Owens Tech, Ohio JUCO Division III - Onondaga C.C., N.Y.

Women NCAA DMsion I — Texas Tech NCAA Division II - North Dakota State NCAA Division III - Central, Iowa NAIA Division I - Arkansas Tech NAIA Division II - Northern Montana JUCO Division I - Kilgore, Texas JUCO Division II - Illinois Central JUCO Division III - Hudson Valley C.C., N.Y.

BIATHLON World Cup

Men - Mikael Lofgren, Sweden Women - Anfisa Rezisova, Russia World Championship

10km - Mark Kirchner, Germany 20km — Andreas Zingerie, Italy 20km relay — Germany 30km relay - Italy Women

7.5km - Myriam Bedard, Canada 15km — Petra Schaaf, Germany 15km relay - France 30km relay — Czech Republic National Championships

10km - Duncan Douglas 20km - Ian Harvey

7.5km - Angle Stevenson 15km - Beth Coats

BORSLEIGH World Cup Two-man -- Guenther Huber and S. Ticci, Italy

Four-man - United States Combined - Brian Shimer, United States World Championships

Two-man - Christoph Langen and Peer Joechel, Germany

Four-man - Switzerland II (Gustav Weder, driver)

BOWLING

PBA National Championship — Ron Palombi, U.S. Open - Del Ballard, Jr.

Tournament of Champions — George Branham ABC Masters - Norm Duke

Showboat Invitational — Gary Dickinson

Sam's Town Invitational - Tish Johnson U.S. Open - Dede Davidson WIBC Queens - Jan Schmid BOXING

(End of Year)

Heavyweight — Evander Holyfield Light Heavyweight — Virgil Hill Middleweight - John David Jackson Welterweight -- Crisanto Espana Junior Welterweight --- Juan Martin Coggi Lightweight - Dingaan Thobela Junior Lightweight --- Genaro Hernandez Featherweight — Yung-kyun Park Bantamweight — Jorge Julio Flyweight — David Griman

Heavyweight — Lennox Lewis Light Heavyweight — Jeff Harding Middleweight — Gerald McClellar Welterweight - Pernell Whitaker Lightweight — Miguel Gonzalez Super Featherweight - Azumah Nelson Featherweight — Goyo Vargas Bantamweight — Jung-II Byun Flyweight — Yuri Arbachakov

Heavyweight — Evander Holyfield Light Heavyweight — Henry Maske Middleweight - Roy Jones, Jr. Welterweight — Felix Trinidad Junior Welterweight - Charles Murray Lightweight - Fred Pendleton Junior Lightweight - John John Molina Featherweight — Tom Johnson Bantamweight - Orlando Canizales Flyweight — Pichit Sithbangprachan

World Championships > Super heavyweight — Robert Balado, Cuba Heavyweight — Felix Savon, Cuba Light heavyweight - Ramon Garbey, Cuba Middleweight — Ariel Hernandez, Cuba Light middleweight - Fransisc Vastag,

Welterweight — Juan Hernandez, Cuba Light.welterweight — Hector Vinent, Cuba Lightweight - Damian Austin, Cuba Featherweight - Serafim Todorov, Bulgaria Bantamweight - Alexander Christov, Bulgaria Flyweight - Waldemar Font, Cuba Light flyweight - Nshan Munchian, Armenia

U.S. Amateur Championships 106 - Albert Guardado, Topeka, Kan. 112 — Russell Roberts, Gretna, La. 119 - Aristead Clayton, Baker, La. 125 — Julian Wheeler, Virginia Beach, Va. 132 - Abayomi Miller Toledo Obio

139 - Lupe Suazo, Tucson, Ariz. 147 - Hector Colon, Milwaukee 156 - Wayne Blair, Miami

165 - Eric Wright, Fort Hood, Texas 178 — Antonio Tarver, Orlando, Fla. 201 — Derrell Dixon, Lynnwood, Wash. Over 201 - Joel Scott, Albany, N.Y.

CANOE-KAYAK Sprint World Championships Kayak

500 singles - Mikko Kolehmainen, Finland 1,000 singles — Knut Holmann, Norway 500 doubles — Kai Bluhm and Torsten Gutsche, Germany

1,000 doubles - Bluhm and Torsten Gutsche 1.000 fours — Phomas Reineck, Oliver Kegel,

Andre Whollebe and Mario Von Appen, Germany 500 singles - Birgit Schmidt, Germany 500 doubles - Anna Olsson and Agneta Andersson, Sweden

500 fours - Birgit Schmidt, Ramona Portwich, Anett Schuck and Daniela Gieue, Germany Canoe 500 singles - Nikolay Buhalov, Bulgaria

1,000 singles -- Ivan Klementjev, Latvia 500 doubles - Gyorgy Kolonics and Csaba Horvath, Hungary 1 000 doubles - Arne Nielsson and Christian

Frederiksen, Denmark Sprint National Championships

500 singles - Peter Newton, Bellevue, Wash. 1,000 singles - Mike Herbert, Rogers, Ark.

500 doubles - Newton and Mike Harbold,

World Championships

Team Foil - German

Epee --- Oksana Jermak

Team Foil — Germany

Team Epee - Hungary

National Championships

Team Foil - NYAC

Team Sabre - NYAC

Team Foil - Penn State

Team Epee - Salle Aurio

Team Overall - Columbia

Men's Team Foll - Yale

Men's Team Epee — Columbia Men's Team Sabre — Columbia

NCAA Division I - Maryland

NCAA Division II - Bloomsburg, Pa.

Women - Oksana Bajul, Ukraine

NCAA Division III - Cortland State, N.Y. P.

Pairs - Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler,

Dance - Maya Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin,

Pairs — Stephanie Stiegler and Lance Travis Dance — Rene Roca and Gorsha Sur

Pairs - Marina Eltsova and Andrei Bushkov,

Women's Team Foll - Penn State

Composite

Men's and Women's

FIELD HOCKEY

FIGURE SKATING

World Championships

National Championships

Men - Scott Davis

European Championships

Women - Nancy Kerrigan

Dance - Usova and Zhulin

Super Bowl — Dallas Cowboys

AFC Champion - Buttalo

NFC Champion - Dallas

Super Bowl MVP - Troy Aikman, Dallas

Offensive Player of the Year - Steve Young,

Offensive Rookie of the Year - Carl Pickens,

Defensive Rookie of the Year - Dale Carter.

Coach of the Year - Bill Cowher, Pittsburgh

Outland Trophy (fineman) - Rob Waldrop,

Heisman Trophy — Charlie Ward, Florida State

1992 National Champion - Alabama

MVP - Steve Young, San Francisco

Defensive Player of the Year - Cortez

Men - Dmitri Dmitrenko, Ukraine

Women - Surva Bonaly, France

NCAA

State

College Women

Canada

FOOTBALL

San Francisco

*Cincinnati

Kennedy, Seattle

Team Epee - Italy

Foil - Alexander Koch, Germany

Epes - Pavel Kolobkov, Russia

Sabre — Grigory Kirlenko, Russia

Foil — Francesca Bortoluzzi, Italy

Foll -- Michael Marx, South Bend, Ind.

Sabre - David Mandell, New York

Foll - Felicia Zimmerman, Rush, N.Y.

Epee -- Leslie Marx, South Bend, Ind.

Team Sabre - New England Division

Men's Foil - Nick Bravin, Stanford

Men's Epee — Ben Atkins, Columbia

Men's Sabre — Thomas Strzalkowski, Penn

Women's Foil - Olga Kalinovskaya, Penn

Epee - Ben Atkins, New York

Team Epee - Salle Santelli

Washington
1,000 doubles — Newton and Harbold
1,000 fours — Curt Bader, Bloomfield, Iowa;
Calif. Steve Kelly, Mitch Kahn, San Clemente, Calif.; Steve Kelly, Indianapolis; and Chris Ball, Irvine, Calif.

500 singles — Traci Philips, Honolulu 500 doubles - DeAnne Hemmens, San Diego, and Alexandra Harbold, Washington 500 tours — Philips, Hernmens, Harbold and Tara Beyer, Honolulu Canoe

500 singles - Jim Terrell, Newport Beach,

1,000 singles - Zsolt Molnar, Newport Beach, 500 doubles — Stewart Carr, Indianapolis, and Jim Terrell Terrell, Newport Beach, Calif.

1,000 doubles - Carr and Terrell Slalom World Championships

Single canoe - Martin Lang, Germany Double cance - Miroslav Simek and Jirl Rohan, Czech Republic Singles kayak - Richard Fox, Britain

Single kayak - Myriam Jerusalmi, France Slalom National Championships Single canoe — Lecky Haller, Bethesda, Md.

Double cance - Elliott Weintrob and Martin McCormick, Potomac, Md. Single kayak — Scott Shipley, Poulsbo, Wash. Women

Single kayak - Dana Chladek, Kersington,

CYCLING

Tour de France - Miguel Indurain, Spain Tour duPont — Raul Alcela, Spain Vuelta de Espagna - Tony Rominger,

Giro d'Italia - Indurain Tour de Suisse - Andy l-lampsten, Boulder,

World Pro Road - Lances Armstrong, Plano

Texas U.S. Pros — Armstrong

Paris-Roubaix - Gilbert Duclos-Lasalle, France Tour of Andalusia - Julian Gorospe, Spain Tour of Sicily - Michele Bartoli, Italy Tour of Valencia — Gorospe Road Mexico - Laurent Fignon, France Paris-Nice - Alex Zulle, Switzerland Basque Tour - Rominger

Milk Race - Chris Lillywhite, Britain San Sebastian Classic - Claudio Chiappucci,

Tour of Galicia - Hampsten Tour of Catalunya — Alvaro Mejia, Colombia Track World Track Championships

1km tempo - Florian Rosseau, France 4km individual pursuit - Graeme Obree, Britain Sprint - Gary Niewand, Australia Keirin - Nei Tandem - Frederico Pairis and Roberto

Chiappa, Italy Motor pace - Jens Veggerby, Denmark Women

3km individual pursuit — Rebecca Twigg. Sprint - Tanya Dubnicoff, Canada Points race - Ingrid Haringa, Netherlands

EQUESTRIAN Dressage World Cup Monica Theodorescu, Germany, on Ganimedes Show Jumping World Cup

Ludger Beerbaum, Germany, on Almox Ratina

USET Show Jumping Championship Barney Ward, Brewster, N.Y., on Rapier USET Three-Day Spring Championship Bruce Davidson, Unionville, Pa., on Happy Talk USET Three-Day Fall Championship David O'Connor, Upperville, Va., on Wilton Fair

Arizona

Lombardi Trophy (linemen) - Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame Maxwell Award (player) — Ward Davey O'Brien Award (quarterback) - Ward Vault- Dominique Dawes

Doak Walker Award (running back) - Byron "Bam" Morris, Texas A&M Defensive player of the year — Waldrop Butkus Award (linebacker) - Trev Alberts,

Jim Thorpe Award (defensive back) — Antonio Bear Bryant Award (coach) - Terry Bowden,

NCAA Division I-AA Player — Doug Nussmeie NCAA Division II Player - Roger Graham, New

1992 Bowl Games Gator Bowl - Florida Hall of Fame Bowl - Tennessee Citrus Bowl — Georgia Orange Bowl — Florida State Rose Bowl - Michigan

Cotton Bowl - Notre Dame

Sugar Bowl — Alabama

Fiesta Bowl - Syracuse

NCAA Division I-AA - TBD Dec. 18 NCAA Division II - North Alabama NCAA Division III - Mount Union, Ohio NAIA Division I - East Central, Okla. NAIA Division II - TBD Dec. 18

GOLF

Masters — Bernhard Langer U.S. Open - Lee Janzen British Open — Greg Norman PGA Championship — Paul Azinger U.S. Amateur - John Harris U.S. Amateur Public Links - David Berganio Seniors

Senior TPC - Jim Colbert U.S. Senior Open - Jack Nicklaus Women Dinah Shore - Helen Alfredsson LPGA Championship - Patty Sheehan

PGA Seniors Championship — Tom Wargo

U.S. Women's Open - Lauri Merten du Maurier Classic — Brandie Burton U.S. Amateur - Jill McGill U.S. Amateur Public Links - Connie Masterson nternational

Ryder Cup — United States Walker Cup - United States

College NCAA Division I Team-Individual --- Florida: Todd Dempsey, Arizona State NCAA Division II Team-Individual — Abilene

Christian: Jeev Singh, Abilene Christian NCAA Division III Team-Individual - UC San Diego; Ryan Jenkins, Methodist NAIA Team-Individual - North Florida; Jamie

Burns, North Florida NCAA Team-Individual — Arizona State; Charlotta Sorenstam, Texas

GYMNASTICS

World Championships

All-around - Vitaly Scherbo, Belarus Floor exercise — Grigory Misiutin, Ukraine Pommel horse - Gil-su Pae. North Korea Still rings - Yuri Chechi, Italy Vault - Scherbo Parallel bars - Scherbo High bar — Sergey Charkov, Russia

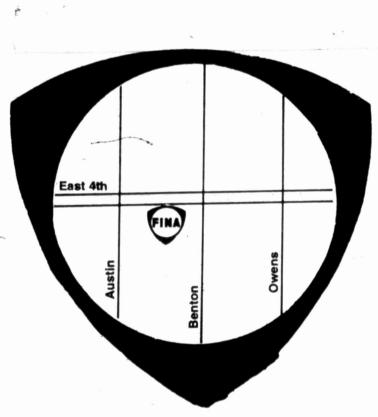
Women All-around — Shannon Miller, United States Vault - Elena Piskun, Belarus Uneven bars - Miller Beam - Lavinia Milosovici, Romania

Floor exercise — Mille National Championships

All-Around - John Roethlisberger Floor Exercise — Kerry Huston Pommel Horse - Chris Waller Still Rings — Roethslisberger Vault - Bill Roth Parallel Bars — Chainey Umphrey High Bar - Steve McCain

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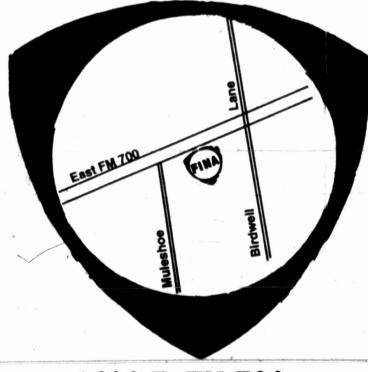
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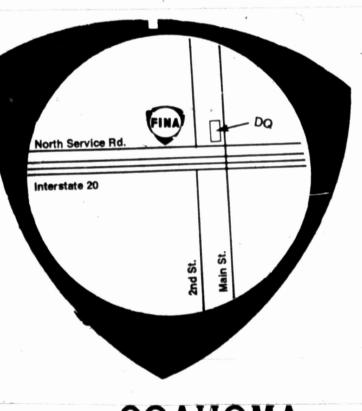
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 Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

•The Big Spi ng Senior Citizens Center will have ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older

•High Adventure Explorers Post 519 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VA Medical Center room 212. Ages 14-

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.

•There will be a Country/Western music & singing at the Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn, at 7 p.m. Public invited.

 Big Spring Alliance for the mentally ill will meet 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Co. Mental Health Center, 4th and Runnels. For information call 267-7380. Friday

•Tonight games of Dominoes, forty two, bridge, and chicken track from 5:00-8:00 p.m. 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Spring City Sr. Center will have a country/western dance. Public invit-

•The Spring City Senior Center will have free fashion painting classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. Saturday

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

Monday •There will be gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Drive at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For

information call 393-5709. •Women's Aglow will have their monthly meeting 7:15 p.m. at Days Inn. Optional Buffet 6:30 p.m. For information call Kay Bancroft.

 Howard County Youth Horseman meeting 7 p.m. at Howard County Youth Horseman Arena Clubhouse. For information call Paula Perry **393-5617**.

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

•VFW Post #2013 will meet 7 p.m. at VfW Hall.

 Coahoma Senior Center Project group meeting 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Visitors welcome. For information call 394-4439

•A.A.R.P. will meet 10 a.m. at Kentwood Center. For information call 267-7046.

Wednesday •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 is available for area needy

My mom has MS

Coping with disease gives Heinis family new perspective

Mark and Diana Heinis have five children, a nice house they are remodeling, a Christmas tree in the living room and what appears to be the good all-American life.

However, an unwelcome intruder has made its place in their home and forever changed the way they live. Its name is multiple sclerosis, and Diana is its target.

At age 35, Diana is slender, pretty and stylish. Only when she gets up and walks does one notice her mobility would be better suited to someone twice her age.

Diana's journey into the netherworld of MS began nearly four years ago, when she had her first attack of severe headaches and chest pains.

"I thought I had a brain tumor because of the headaches," recalls Diana. She went to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center twice. Diana was initially referred to doctors in Lubbock, then to a doctor in Houston.

"The doctor in Houston told me I had childhood traumas coming out and I just needed a good psychiatrist," Diana said.

In February 1991, after several months of going to doctors in Lubbock, Houston and Midland and having numerous tests performed. Diana was finally diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis.

An analysis of her spinal fluid revealed formations indicating the presence of the disease. Magnetic resonance imaging scans of Diana's brain had been performed previously, but lesions characteristic of MS did not show up until last March, when a scan performed in Midland showed lesions on Diana's spinal cord near the

"My type of MS is what they call chronic progressive," said Diana. Her muscles have become weaker and her eyesight has worsened. Even her cognitive skills have been affected.

"Every once in a while, I feel so silly," she said. "I lose my train of thought and have to be prompted about where I was at."

The weakening effect of the disease, combined with various medications Diana takes to control her symptoms, has drastically lowered her immune system's capabilities to fight off routine infections.

"It's like AIDS," said Diana. "The MS itself is not fatal, but I could catch pneumonia and die." She has been in and out of Scenic Mountain Medical Center for months with a virus she cannot fight.

The Heinis family has rallied to help preserve the normality of family life even with Diana's difficulty in moving around and her frequent hospitalizations. Mark is adding a handicapped-accessible section to the house so Diana will have easy access to a bedroom, shower, and the lower floor

of the house. "It scares me that I'll be downstairs and the kids will all be upstairs," said Diana. "But we have an intercom system now. If I need anything,

I can let them know. A ramp is also being added to the outside of the house so Diana can more easily use her motorized wheelchair. Inside the house, Diana relies on a walker to help her mavigate distances further than a few steps. Stairs are her greatest chal-

Sometimes I hear the kids say, 'I don't feel like walking up all those steps,' and I tell them, 'Just be glad you can walk," she said.

A home health nurse visits Diana at least twice a week to draw blood, check her vital signs and catheterize her to receive medicines intravenous-

Routine chores that do not require medical intervention are handled by husband Mark when his job as a firefighter does not take him away from home. "Mark's been wonderful," said Diana. Please see MS, page 3B.



Story by Janet Ausbury

Photos by Tim Appel

In the photos: At left, Diana Heinis, seated, is surrounded by, clockwise from top right, husband Mark, son Adam, daughters Cortney and Neisha, son Chad and daughter Erin. Below, Mark gets some help from Chad on the extra room he's adding to the house. At bottom, Chad Heinis reads a story to Diana and Cortney while Adam and Neisha color.



The Heinis children have picked up much of the responsibility as well. Daughter Erin, 13, makes dinner, cleans, and attends to her mother. Son

Chad, 7, reads to the younger-children. Twins Adam and Neisha, 6, are becoming adept at cleaning. Youngest daughter Cortney, 4, does what most children her age do. "Cortney's good at making messes," Diana quipped.

Erin is philosophical about the lifestyle adaptations the Heinis family has had to make. "We haven't made that many changes," she said. "We've had to change the way we look at life."

Diana said her disability has made her children very accepting of people who are handicapped or otherwise different. "It's like they don't even notice," she said. "They don't stare at someone who staggers or uses a wheelchair, because that's what they're used to seeing."

The younger children are also accustomed to seeing medicine bottles around the house and do not have to be told to stay away from them.

Diana said her condition seems to have stabilized except for the virus that periodically makes her extremely ill. She has accepted her disability and tries to live her life as normally as possible.

"I still drive once in a while, if I need to run to the grocery for something," she said. "But I won't get on the interstate or anything like that. Not with my eyes and motor reactions the way they



Hamilton's anvil shoot is annual blast from the past

Perhaps the most unique event in Texas is held annually in Hamilton during the pre-dawn hours of November 11. It's also one of the longest-running celebrations in the

World War One ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. When the armistice was signed in Europe, word spread around the world as quickly as it could in those days.

The word got to Hamilton, Texas about 4 a.m. on the morning of November 11, 1918. The telegraph operator who received the message was anxious for everybody in town to get the news. He went to Frank Holmes's house and woke up Frank and his father.

Frank was a blacksmith who was scheduled to go to war on Nov. 12. He was thrilled to learn that his services were not required. To celebrate, he and his father got out two anvils. They turned one anvil upside down, filled the forge hole with black powder and left a trail of powder from the forge hole to the edge of the

They put the other anvil right side up on top of the bottom anvil, positioning it so the trail of black powder was exposed.

Earlier. Frank had built a fire and put the tip of a long metal rod in the coals. When he got his anvils ready, he reached for the metal rod, made sure it was red hot, took it over to the anvils and touched the black



powder with the glowing rod. The result was a very loud explosion.

The noise woke the residents of Hamilton. When they started coming out of their homes to see what was happening, they learned the war was over. There was no going back to bed that day in Hamilton.

The telegraph operator chose the anvil method of alerting the populace

contacing the manager of the cotton gin, which had aloud steam whistle. But it would take a long time for the engine to build up enough steam to piow the whistle.

Anvil shooting is an old way of celebrating. Frank Holmes and his dad used to shoot anvils on special occasions such as Christmas or the 4th of July. It was sort of the custom back then, during the days before fireworks became so popular. Black powder cost about a dollar a can, and you could get many explosions from a can of black powder.

In 1919, they staged the anvil honor the men from Hamilton who

over the gin method. He considered home. The celebration continues today, using the same two anvils and the same long rod used in 1918.

> American Legion Post 222 sponsors the anvil shoot every November 11. It's held on the Post grounds on Highway 281 just north of Hamitlon. About 150 people show up at 4 AM to shoot anvils. The Legion auxiliary provides a breakfast of sausage, biscuits and gravy for everyone there.

The shoot used to be held downtown. After the shoot the crowd adjourned to Edmiston's restaurant for a sunrise breakfast.

The anvil explosions are loud. There are reports of hearing them as shoot again on November 11 to far away as ten miles. The blasts excite dogs so much that some dog served in the war and were back Please see Tumbleweed, page 2B.

Miller-Haase

Julie Anne Miller and David Andrew Haase, both of San Angelo, were married on Dec. 4, 1993, at First Baptist Church, Big Spring. Dr. Kenneth Patrick performed the cere-

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Miller, Big Spring. Mother of the groom is Mrs. Carol Haase, South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

The couple stood before an altar with matching brass candelabras with mixed greenery centered with pink roses and alstormaria.

Beth Spence played piano and organ. Vocalists were Terri Roan and Dr. Kenneth Patrick.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white taffeta gown with beaded bodice and sleeves, and a cathedral length train.

She carried a bouquet of cascading candia roses with English ivy and iridescent pearls.

Matron of honor was Terri Roan, sister of the bride, of Irving. Bridesmaids were Tessa Brooks,

Coahoma; Jennifer Madrid, Temple; and Kirsten Wilkins, Waco.

Flower girl was Julia Easley, cousin of the bride, Odessa. Ringbearers were Cole Roan, nephew of the bride, Irving, and Zak

Andrus, nephew of the groom, Auburn, Wash. Best man was Steven Haase,

brother of the groom, Wichita Falls. Groomsmen were Jarod Haase, brother of groom, Lawrence, Kan.; Carey Fraser, cousin of the bride, San Antonio; and Kris Wheless, San

Ushers were Scott Roan, Irving; Matt Moborovich, Mill Valley, Calif.; their home in Fairborn, Ohio.



MRS. DAVID AND, EW HAASE

and Scott Draper, San Angelo. Following the ceremony a recep-

tion was held in the parlor. The bride's cake was a three tiered white wedding cake decorated with pink roses.

The groom's cake was a monogrammed chocolate cake.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High and Angelo State University. She presently works for Angelo Community Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of South Tahoe High School, Air Force Academy, University of Southern Mississippi and Air Force Institute of Technology. He is presently employed with the U.S. Air Force.

After a wedding trip to Lake Cameron Andrus, Auburn, Wash.; Tahoe, Calif., the couple will make

Schuelke-Schafer

Heather Schuelke, San Angelo, and Todd Schafer, Fort Worth, exchanged wedding vows Dec. 18, 1993, at First Baptist Church in Ackerly. Bro. Jim Mosely, of First Baptist Church in Westbrook, performed the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Jim and Mary Schuelke, Ackerly. Parents of the groom are Marck and Dans Ruth Schafer, Garden City.

The couple stood before an altar decorated with two brass candelabras, ribbons, bows and flowers in

Christmas colors.
Zelda Bilbo was the organist and
Jeanette Brown played the plano Vocalists were Lynn Grigg and

Steve Moses. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory shantung gown with a sweetheart neckline. Victorian sleeves and a bodice overlaid in imported Austrian lace. It had a chapel-length train and a peplum outlined with beaded Austrian lace.

She carried a bouquet of Christmas greens, calla lilies and white roses. Maid of honor was Luci Schuelke,

sister of the bride, Weatherford, Okla.; and matron of honor was Danetta Gressett, sister of the groom, Sterling City. Bridesmaids were Tarah Schuelke,

cousin of the bride, Lenorah and Kristen Monger, Big Spring. Flower girl was Kandace Schuelke,

cousin of the bride. Ringbearer was Caleb Gressett, nephew of the groom, Sterling City.

Best man was Greg Kingston, Midland. Groomsmen were Phil Carter, San Angelo; Mike Salisbury, San Angelo; and Termite Kendrick, Big Spring.

Ushers were Shon Parker, San Angelo; and William Gressett, Sterling City, brother-in-law of the



Zachery Carl Pflager, Dec. 10, 1993, 2:08 p.m.; parents are Mr. and Mrs. Reid Pfluger. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eston Hollis, Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pfluger, San Angelo.

Anna Marie Elizabeth Carrillo, Dec. 8, 1993, 2:02 p.m.; parents are Marlene and Ismael Carrillo. Grandparents are Juan and Lydia Jojola, Big Spring.

Tyler Wayne, Dec. 21, 1993, 2:27 p.m.; parents are Suzy and Jimmy Shaeffer. Grandparents are Dwight and Debbie Perkins, Big Spring, and Harry and Juanita Shaeffer, Hewitt.

Keveen Davona Gilbert, Dec. 20, 1993, 1:38 p.m.; parents are Kevin



MRS. TODD SCHAFER

Candlelighters were Clint Schuelke, Lenorah, cousin of the bride; and Dusty Gressett, Sterling City, nephew of the groom.

A reception followed at the church. The bride's cake was three tires with cream colored icing and decorated with live roses. It was topped with a cowboy and his bride. The groom's table, decorated in green, held a red velvet cake with cream cheese icing.

The bride is a graduate of Sands High School who attended Angelo State University. She will continue her studies at Tarleton State in Stephenville.

The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School and Angelo State University. He has a BS in animal science and an MS in animal nutri-

They plan a delayed wedding trip to Colorado this summer and will live in Fort Worth.

and Deborah Gilbert. Grandparents are Patsy Hambrick, Gaylin Gilbert, both of Big Spring, E.J. and Darlene Lemaster, Colorado City, and Jerry and Janice Underwood, Phoenix, Ariz.

Paul Isaiah Salazar, Dec. 16, 1993, 8:00 a.m.; parents are Paul and Sylvia Salazar. Grandparents are Aurelio and Delores Salazar, Big Spring.

Kimbra Leigh Rodriguez, Dec. 15. 1993, 1:56 p.m.; parents are Janie Perez and David Rodriguez. Grandparents are Yolanda and Jessie Perez, and Juan and Precilla Rodriguez.

Kevin & Jessica Pirkle of Ballinger announce the birth of their son, Caleb Lee, born December 15, 1993 at 6:45 pm weighing 7 lbs. 14-1/2-oz. Proud grandparents are A.J. & Darlene Pirkle and Rick & Debbie Hamby.



The Grants

Jack and Laura Grant of Houston. 1943. formerly of Big Spring, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 24, 1993.

Jack was born in Big Spring, and Laura was born Laura Henderson in Beula. They were married Dec. 24,

They have three children: Cindy Kurtz, Houston, Cathy Wilson, Forney, and Nelson Grant, Galveston. They also have 11 grandchildren.

They lived in Big Spring until 1969.



FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1993

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You sense an increase in your energy level today. Use it to reach out for a parent or boss, or just to look to the next year and what it will bring. Recognize how important communications are at the workplace. Conversations are critical to moving on. Tonight: Look ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be aware of what you want from life. Look to the future and a possible trip. Accept an opportunity to take a drive and visit friends. Changes and decisions made today could open up your life. Tonight: Go for the exotic. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A partner lets you know in no uncertain terms how deeply you're cared for. One-to-one relating is intense, and you feel as if something important is about to happen. Don't push another too far. Be aware of the strong link between finances and partnership. Tonight: Snuggle in. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partners seem troublesome now and are taking a strong stance; don't let it get to you. You know what to do. Take time to think things through, and listen to a trusted adviser's recommendations. Tonight: Vanish and get a good night's sleep. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your thoughts are on work or a favorite hobby. Take action to eliminate stress. If you complete projects, you'll feel better about life. Opportunities for true understanding abound. Be willing to make resolutions early for the new year. Tonight: Be where the party is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Activity surrounds a parent, other loved one or authority figure. Romance is intense, and sizzling moments are just around the corner. Tonight: Be where the action is. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have been thinking about another at a distance. Enhanced communications on the home front have you opening up to change. Concentrate on what you really want. Tonight: Make a phone call to a loved one at a distance. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One-to-one talks will reveal how much someone cares about you. Be willing to share what is on your mind and to work through a recent problem. Your awareness of what is important is critical. Actions taken today could affect the outcome of a partnership. Tonight: Be a love. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be careful dealing with partners today. Resist your normal tendency to try impressing another. Others need to call the shots today. If you permit that, you will be pleased with what occurs. Tonight: Accept an invitation. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need plenty of rest. Work on a system to eliminate bothersome red tape. Still, you can be a force to be dealt with today, and others know it. Your personality and insights are in high gear. Tonight: You call the shots. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Much that goes on today is behind the scenes. Romance, mystery and creativity are highlighted. Today is the beginning of a new period. Be willing to express disappointment with someone. Tonight: Release tension. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fun and games surround the home front as you hear news that makes you happy. Be aware of how important a key friends in its. Be willing to accept another's loving gesture. Join friends for an after-the-celebration event. Tonight; Invite a friend over.

IF DECEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will be filled with energy and determination during the extraordinary year ahead. Focus on getting what you want. If single, a new friend is likely to enter your life. If married, look to achieving some of your many goals. Positive changes at work will be highlighted. You will make adjustments that others find remarkable and will express yourself with greater force and magnetism. Be careful when expressing anger, you might go overboard at times. GEMINI stimulates your mind.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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and Judy P. Williams, Forsan. Army Spec. Faustino Gonzales Jr. has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. He is stationed

Gonzalez, Big Spring.

Germany.

Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher S. Sayles, a 1991 graduate of Coahoma High School, recently returned from a combined arms exercise in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

He joined the Marine Corps in Jan.

Army Reserve Pvt. Juan M. Nieto has graduated from the unit supply specialist course in Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. Nieto is the son of Sirilo E. and

Rosa D. Nieto, Big Spring.

Army Pvt. Robert J. Williams has graduated from the unit supply specialist course in Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.
Williams is the son of Clarence E.

Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. YOUNG 1993 graduate of Gardendale

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Shatner tells his 'Star Trek Memories'

New books at Howard County Library include:

'Star Trek Memories' by William Shatner with Chris Kreski.

While many books have attempted to tell the real, behind-the-scenes Trek story, the tale can best be told through the voice and privileged per-spective of a man who actually lived through it all. That man is William Shatner (also known as Captain James Tiberius Kirk).

Filled with heartfelt warmth and genuine fondness that can only exist among colleagues who have spent years together through thick and thin, Star Trek Memories also includes more than 120 photographs and illustrations (many of which appear for the first time in these pages). William Shatner's Star Trek Memories is the definitive reminiscence of the show that has become a true cultural phenomenon.

"Natural Wonders and Disasters" by Billy Goodman.

The earth is an active and changing place. Sometimes its movement is too subtle to see. For example, the Atlantic Ocean is slowly expanding. Sometimes its movement is drastic. dramatic and hard not to notice, such with volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes and the spectacular droop of a high waterfall.

This book introduces all of these natural happenings and many others through clear and easy to understand text and startling photographs. Many of the earth's activities are dramatic and beautiful while others have tragic consequences for humans but this book describes both the wonders and disasters with inspired awe.

*The Civil War - Strange and-Fascinating Facts by Burke Davis. This almanac, capped with extraordinary humor and surprise, is the result of a lifetime of reading and writing about the Civil War.

The years 1861-1865 introduced into American Life the first successful submarine, the snorkel, the periscope, flame throwers, aerial reconnaissance, the income tax, the first black U.S. Army officer - among a host of unusual first. It will come as a surprise for instance, to learn the Civil War was known by at least twenty-five names - the War for the Union, the Great Rebellion and the War of the Sixties.

From the vast panorama of Mr. Davis' material comes an exciting romantic, still-alive conflict that nized to provide insight on: promises to keep its grasp on the American imagination.

Getting The Most For Your Medical Dollar" by Charles B. Inlander and Karla Morales.

The cost of health care is raising daily and this is the first book to help you find the best medical care in the best setting at the best price. Chockfull of answers to the questions patients need to raise if they are to



Betty Condray

become hard-nosed medical consumers, it is sure to become the health Bible for millions of Americans.

All of the helpful suggestions and practical methods provided are backed by the People's Medical Society whose tens of thousands members have given their insights and serve as a testing ground for everything printed between these covers! This book may be the most useful and important health book you'll ever read.

"Ships And Shipwrecks Of The Americas - A History Based On Underwater Archaeology" edited by George F. Bass.

Ships and shipwrecks of the Americas brings together for the first time the remarkable work of leading nautical archaeologists. Every phase of American history is represented. Caribbean treasure-wrecks, like the Atocha off of the Florida Keys, bear witness to the incredible riches borne away by the Spanish galleons. The famous Philadelphia, raised from Lake Champlain and the brig Defense recently excavated in Maine, emphasize just how important naval warfare was in the War of Independence.

The research described in these pages casts new light on life belowdecks and on the sometimes tragic last hours of sailors and sea captains whose ships opened up the water ways of the New World. The test is accompanied by photographs, marine paintings, diagrams, charts and maps to further enhance the

"Dream Dictionary" by Tony Crisp. This books offers the ultimate guide to your inner self. It is an easyto-use A to Z reference book that will carry you through one of the most enlightening journeys of your life the exploration of your own subcon-scious mind. Based on material from thousands of dreams gathered during 22 years of research, Dream Dictionary is alphabeticall Archetypes and how to work with them; Dream symbols and their meaning; Nightmares and how to banish them; Predictive dreams and warnings; Problem solving through dreaming; Recurring dreams and their significance and Unlocking your creative potential. In addition it offers useful techniques for processing your own dreams quickly and easily. So relax - and sleep your way to greater awareness.

Tumbleweed

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owners take their animals for a drive during the two hour duration of the at Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt, anvil shoot.

veterans have not passed on, but the appreciation of their efforts is celebrated every November 11, providing a blast from the past that echoes All of Hamilton's World War One down through the generations.

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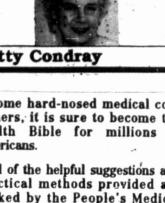
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•The Permian Basin Regional

Council on Alcohol and Drug abuse

is offering a community re-entry

group meeting at noon, at 905 N

Benton. For information call 263-

Support Group for battered

women will meet at 2:30 p.m. For

information call 263-3312 or 267-

•New Phoenix Hope group of

Narcotics Anonymous will meet at

8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal

•Al-Anon will meet at 8 p.m., at

First Thursday of every month,

cancer support group meets at 7

p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical

Center. Call Beverly Rice at 263-

•Turning Point A.A. will meet 8-

9:30 p.m. at St. mary's Episcopal

Church, 10th & Goliad. This meeting

is open to all substance abusers.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center,

small cafeteria on the first floor.

7361, ext. 7077 for information.

Church, 1001 Goliad.

THURSDAY

VA aims to end homelessness

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown announced Dec. V several new initiatives designed to curb homelessness among veterans, including an increase of \$20 million in funding over last year for new VA assistance programs and grants to other public and private-sector groups, and a national summit on homelessness among veterans set for Feb. 24-25 in Washington, D.C.

Brown also announced that Dale L. Renaud, VA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, has been appointed as Brown's special assistant on homelessness. Renaud will oversee VA's homeless assistance efforts nationwide and increase coordination with federal, state, and local government agencies: veterans groups; and nonprofit homeless organizations.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) will be issuing identification badges to World War II veterans on request who plan to attend U.S.-sponsored events in June commemorating the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France. The badges will be issued only to veterans and will cover immediate family members planning to attend one or more of the following ceremonies:

June 5 Airborne Ceremony, St. Mere Eglise: June 6 U.S. Army Ranger Assault, Point Du Hoc; Utah Beach Commemoration, Utah Beach, Normandy; U.S. National Ceremony, U.S. Cemetery, Colleville Sur Mer.

Applications for the badges are available by writing to World War II Commemoration Committee, ATTN: Veteran Identification Program, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the establishment of 34 new or expanded post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment programs at VA medical centers, bringing to 110 the number of such specialized programs nationwide.

Selected from a competitive field of more than 100 different proposals from VA facilities nationwide, these programs include 16 new ones and the expansion of 18 currently suc-



Pat Atkins

cessful programs.

On Dec. 18, members of Girl Scout Troop #167 visited residents on the Nursing Home Care Unit and passed out angels and snowmen ornaments

that they had made. Carolers from the First United Methodist Church Youth Group entertained residents on the Nursing Home Care Unit on December 20,

Special thanks are extended to these caring young people.

Thanks to Johansen Landscape and Nursery for their donation of beautiful poinsettias. The flowers were placed in all inpatient and outpatient areas for the enjoyment of patients, visitors, and staff. THANKS JOHANSEN!!

Thanks to VA employees, 30 elderly housebound residents of Big Spring will receive Christmas this year. The Tree of Hope is one activity of our Care and Share Program. Information about the elderly residents is provided by Mobile Meals and Senior Citizens Center. Medical Center staff adopt one of the recipients and provide Christmas gifts to that person. The joy of giving is certainly evident through this program.

SANTA VISITS PATIENTS Santa distributed fruit, donated by the Non-commissioned Officers Association, Abilene, Texas, to all inpatients on December 20. To the delight of everyone, he also visited with patients and staff in the outpatient waiting areas. No one seems to get too old to enjoy a visit from

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

A door decorating contest was held at the medical center and the following services/sections were winners in

DOOR WREATHS

Modern-Medical Administration Service Ambulatory Care/Processing Section. Traditional - Information Resource Management Service Commercial - Dietetic Service Original - Dental Service.

DECORATED DOORS Original - Agent Cashier, Humorous - Operating/Recovery, Western - Medical Care Cost

Traditional - Medical Records Section, Medical Administration Service and Personnel Service received participant awards.

Veterans, visitors, and employees look forward to his each year; and we want to give a special thanks to the participants. They were all very

On December 20, 1993, Medical Center Director Conrad Alexander was honored by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 when he was presented with a plaque inscribed, "For Dedication and Service to Our Veterans. We Thank You."

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES A special West Texas welcome is extended to the following new

Tina Hill, Medical Administration

Service; Maxine Myers, Dental Service; Kenneth Hagins, Socorro Mata, and Roberta Gonzales. Canteen Service; Audrey Baker, Nursing Service; Charles Smith, Donald Wilkinson, Fred Hernandez, Maurice Hernandez, Environmental Management Service; John Moore, Alfonso Vera, David Wanner, Felipe Garcia, George Stevenson, and Barry Beasley, Engineering Service; Larcarnly Cross, Voluntary Service; Jimmy Luevano, Fiscal Service; Mary Ann Fitzgibbons, Laboratory Service,

Happy New Year to the residents of Big Spring and surrounding communities from all the staff of VA Medical Center Big Spring!!

Deloris Albert, Acquisition & Materiel

Management Service, Delia Tello,

Medical Service, and Paul Wyatt,

Pharmacy Service.



Groups The following is a list of support

groups available to Big Spring residents throughout the week. To add a listing or make a change, call 263-7331, as for Kimberley.

. VOICES, a support group for victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, and any other crime of indecency. For information call Rape Crisis/Victim Services at 263-3312. MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen will meet at 7:30 p.m. 615 Settles.

New Phoenix Hope group of Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 8:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•The Salvation Army will have a drug education program at 7 p.m. at the Salvation Army building, 308 Alford.

•Turning Point A.A. will meet from 8-9 p.m. at St. Mary Episcopal Church, 10th & Goliad. This meeting is open to all substance abusers. TUESDAY

•On the first Tuesday of each month a group called Support for MS.

Howard recognized

Accounting.

"Who's Who Among Students in

American Universities and Colleges'

will include 54 East Central

University students in the 1994 edi-

Howard, senior majoring in

Among those is: Jacky Shay

The students were selected as out-

New residents of Big Spring wel-

comed recently by Joy Fortenberry

and the Newcomer Greeting Service

and Related Diseases meets at 7 p.m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Public invited. For information call Leslie at 267-1069. Adults Molested as Children will

meet from 5:15-7 p.m. For information call the Rape Crisis/Victim Services at 263-3312.

•Family Support Group for current and former patients and families will meet at the Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, at 6 p.m. For information call Scott Augustine at 263-0074.

•Al-Anon will meet at 8 p.m., 615

 Diabetic support Group for all seniors. 2 p.m at Canterbury south. For information call 263-1265.

 Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child will meet the first Tuesday of each even-numbered month at 7:30 p.m. in room 113 of the Family Life Center Bldg., First Baptist Church, 705 W. March. Enter by the SE door. For information call 267-2769.

 Dec. 14 - Widows and widowers support meets at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church parlor. Sandwiches will be available. WEDNESDAY

•Gambler's Anonymous will meet

continued success.

Bristow scholarship

GRAND FORKS, ND - Burke

Bristow, from Big Spring, Texas, was

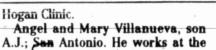
awarded the UND Aerospace

Foundation Scholarship on Nov. 5,

standing leaders by campus nomi-Dakota's Center for Aerospace nating committees and editors of the Sciences Awards Banquet, held at annual directory based on their acathe UND Memorial Union Ballroom. demic achievement, service to the community, leadefship in extracurricular activities and potential for

Burke is a sophomore majoring in Aeronautical Studies. He is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the North Dakota Air National Guard.

The UND Aerospace Foundation Scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated superior leadership and academic excellence throughout their studies at the 1993, at the University of North University of North Dakota.



state/hospital. She works at Malone & Hogan Clinic. James and Melissa Lujan, and sons, Justin and Jonathan; Odessa.

He works for the fire dept. Bobby and Sharon Waight, son, Kiefer; Midland. He works for

Manuel R. and Rima Carrsco, Gamco Industries. Ted and Melissa Tarbet: San daughter, Molle; Queens New York City. He is a M.D. at Malone and Angelo. He works for Fina Oil &

Chemical.

Eddy and Nancy Spurgin; Lubbock. He works for soil conservation service. She works as an occupational

Gaylon and Sue Ellison; Midland. He works for Wilson Construction. She is a student at Midland College. Lois Shannon; Bedford. She is a retired florist designer.

Scott and Becky Ragle; Austin, Arkansas. He works for B.S.I.S.D. She works for Marcy School.



Debra DeWeese and Daniel Heckler, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on Jan. 15, 1993, in Las Vegas, Nev. Her parents are the late Joe and Mary Jabor of Big Spring, and Donna Adams and the late Carlton Adams of Big Sandy. His parents are Wilma Heckler and the late Gus Heckler, Luther.

MS

Continued from page 1B.

Mark added that normal, everyday procedures such as going grocery shopping require additional effort. "You have to plan a few minutes more," he said.

Diana and Mark are particularly irritated by the lack of handicapped access to buildings in Big Spring, even those that are labeled handi-

capped-accessible.
"Some of the doors open the wrong way - you can't pull them open from a wheelchair," said Mark. Many buildings also have the proper doors but no ramps for wheelchairs, or will have handicapped-accessible entrances but no restroom accommodations for the wheelchair-bound.

Diana is also bothered by the stares she draws from people in stores. "Some people are rude. They need to be more aware of the handi-capped in general," she said.

Before her illness struck, Diana worked at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and attended Howard College. She had to leave both behind. Her full-time job now is coping with the daily challenge of

"It's not hereditary, and doctors don't know what causes it," said Diana. "Hopefully, some day they'll find a cure. I'd like to see a vaccine so I could be sure none of my chil-

dren will ever get it." Even in the face of such a debilitating disease, Diana has fully retained her sense of humor. "Of course I'm stronger than I thought I could be at dealing with this," she said. "You'd have to be, with five

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Big Spring native Sgt. William Allred works on plumbing for a U.S. sterilizer at Moscow's City Hospital number one. He was working in Moscow during the historic political crisis there.

Allred had front-row seats as history unfolded

Special to the Herald

MOSCOW, Russia - While millions of viewers watched Russia's October political crisis on television, Big Spring native Sergeant William Allred was in Moscow, watching the historic events unfold in person.

Allred, a prime power specialist with B Co., Prime Power Battalion (Provisional) in Heidelberg, Germany, was part of a 52-member team of soldiers and civilians in Moscow Sept. 19-Nov. 15 on a humanitarian mission to deliver and install U.S. medical material at nine hospitals in the Russian capital.

The team, led by the 7th Medical Command, consisted of a clinicians, translators and soldier-specialists in medical equipment, engineering, and logistics. Team members were first housed at the Mir Hotel, adjacent to the U.S. Embassy and directly across the street from the Russian White House. The location was the scene of

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I have an

aunt whose only interest seems to be

tracing our family's roots and finding

who our ancestors were and things

like that. She is proud of it and I find

it interesting, but is it possible to

become too absorbed in a hobby or

times of relaxation and refreshment.

For many people a constructive

one occasion Jesus told His busy dis-

ciples to "Come with me by your-

dentally, includes a number of

At the same time any hobby - just

like anything else — can come to

absorb us too much and keep us

from our responsibilities. When

taken to an extreme, an innocent

genealogies.)

take it too seriously? - Mrs. G.B.

a historic drama that began when President Boris Yeltsin dissolved parliament Sept. 21 and ended in a bloody, two-day battle for control of the White House Oct. 3-4.

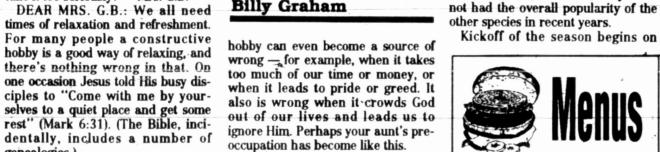
"It was interesting to be here during such a change in this country. I was concerned about our welfare. I felt good after we moved out of the hotel, but I missed my front row seat," said Allred, 30, son of Connie Allred of Big Spring.

Despite his proximity to the turbulent events, Allred and the other team members remained safe. Two days before shooting began, Embassy officials moved the team to a new hotel about six miles from the Mir. The soldiers resumed work after a delay of about five days caused by demonstrations and the decisive military assault on the White House.

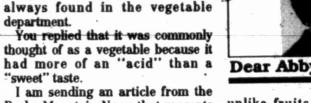
While some team members hold fond memories of the previous assistance missions, most say memories of the Moscow experience will be

Don't crowd God out of life

Billy Graham



Encourage your aunt to rethink her priorities in life. One of the things she should have learned by delving into the past is that life is short, and soon it will be over.



I am sending an article from the Rocky Mountain News that presents a better explanation. — EILEEN PRICE, FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR ABBY: A reader in

Vancouver asked why the tomato

was classified as a fruit when it was

DEAR EILEEN PRICE: Thank you This may tell my readers more about tomatoes than they want to know, but I found it fascinating:

'Although the tomato is botanically classified as a fruit, in 1893 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is a 'It seems a tariff had been placed

on vegetables but not on fruits entering the country. The Collector of Customs for the Port of New York knew an opportunity when he saw were vegetables!

"Importers sued, and eventually the courts were called upon to decide. The unanimous bench delivered the opinion that since tomatoes were generally served at dinner with which constitute the principal part of the repast — they are vegetables,

By MICHAEL KELSEY

County Extension Agent

in West Texas.

The changing of the season is a

very unique time of year to observe.

We do not have the luxury of vast

forests of trees to watch in the Fall

nor the blankets of flowers and

green every Spring. In fact, we feel

very lucky to have a white Christmas

While the four seasons are very

familiar to everyone, there is a sea-

son that begins this time of year that

is sure to send a large group of peo-

ple in a bustling hurry. It is common-

members that are actively preparing

for this annual season which begins

in late December and runs through

the middle of March. While prepara-

tions began several months ago, the

end results of many long hours of

work and hundreds of miles traveled

will be determined at seven major

stockshows this Spring.

That's right, folks, seven major stockshows. These shows provide the opportunity for 4-H and FFA mem-

bers to exhibit their livestock pro-

jects before a judge. There are four

main livestock species that Howard

County 4-H members may exhibit.

These include beef cattle, sheep,

hogs and capons. Rabbits is another

species that interests several of our

4-H members, however, they have

Kickoff of the season begins on

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak:

CENTER

Howard County has over 60 4-H

ly known as "Stockshow Season."



Classifying the tasty tomato

unlike fruits which are usually served for dessert.

Tomatoes have other uses as well: "Place slices of tomatoes on tired. burning feet. Wrap, then elevate for 15-20 minutes. The acidity draws out the burning sensation. For sunburn: Soak tomatoes in buttermilk and apply to skin. Also, a warmed slice of tomato will help draw the infection from a boil.

"A bath of tomato juice will neutralize skunk odor. Garlic and onion odors can be removed from hands with a slice of fresh tomato!

"Tomato juice is also a hangover one, so he announced that tomatoes remedy. Its high fructose content speeds the body's alcohol burning

"For splinters, sprinkle salt on the area, cover with half a cherry tomato, bind with plastic wrap (to prevent gushy mess), and leave on (or after) the soup, fish or meats overnight. By morning, the splinter will pop right out."

DEAR ABBY: We are the parents (Postage is included.)

4-H members travel to Odessa for

the Sand Hills Quarter Horse and

Hereford Show. Three steers and five

lambs will be representing Howard

Jan. 20-22 marks the next show

for county 4-H and FFA members.

This is the date of the annual

Howard County Junior Livestock

Show. Entries for this show are not

due until Jan. 7, but many entries

have already been turned in. The

projections for this show indicate a

greater number of exhibits and

exhibitors when compared to last

The last day of January will be

spent in route to Fort Worth for the Southwestern Exposition and

Livestock Show. Twenty-six 4-H

County exhibiting two heifers, twelve

lambs, nine barrows, and twelve

Immediately after, the long trip to

One barrow, 12 steers and 15 lambs

will be exhibited by 19 Howard

County 4-H members at this West

Texas show. Following El Paso and a

one week break, twenty-two Howard

County 4-H members will travel

south to the San Antonio Livestock

Preparing for the five-and-a-half

hour drive are twelve steers, sixteen lambs and three barrows. The next

major show on the list is the Houston

Livestock Show and Rodeo, Billed as

mashed potatoes; carrots; rolls; fruit

TUESDAY - Baked chicken; broc-

coli w/cheese sauce; mashed pota-

WEDNESDAY - Beef stew; apple-

sauce: stewed tomatoes; cornbread;

gingerbread and milk.
THURSDAY - Hamburger steak;

green beans; fruit salad; rolls; cook-

toes; rolls; brownies and milk.

year's show.

of a beautiful - and very bright son who is 18 months old. Our problem is his grandmother, my mother-

Although she is capable of speaking perfect English, she deliberately talks to the baby in a foreign language. She says it will be easier for him to learn this second language if he is exposed to it at an early age.

I agree with that, but I think the baby should learn to speak English first - and after he has mastered the English language, he should be taught a second language.

My husband and I have been having some rather heated arguments about this and would appreciate your opinion. —NO. I.D. PLEASE DEAR NO. I.D.: Your husband wins

this one. According to Margaret Sapir, national director of Berlitz Jr., a language teaching service, the earlier a child is exposed to a foreign language, the easier it will be for him to acquire it. Oddly enough, it will not confuse the child.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 62054-0447.

"Montana" small sheltie mix, grey female.

4-Hers get new off to busy start Thursday, when six Howard County

and two barrows.

members will exhibit three steers, four lambs and one barrow. With all the excitement of preparing, traveling and exhibiting at each of these stockshows, it might seem

up to par. While it is difficult, academics are stressed in all 4-H programs as well as by all of the major stockshows as the key to success in any chosen career. Because of this, there are several of our 4-H members who have

members will represent Howard excelled in academics and are qualified to apply for several scholarships offered by these major stockshows. It should also be mentioned that El Paso for the Southwestern International Livestock Show begins.

these 4-H members will not make these trips alone. Parents and volunteer leaders spend many hours working with these young people and assisting with their projects. Many families use stockshows as their vacations where they spend time together doing something the whole family enjoys.
On behalf of the Extension office

here in Howard County, I would like to wish all our 4-H members the best of luck with their projects. We also wish you the safest and happiest of holidays for you and your family.

lifel Deadlines Weddings, engagements, anniversaries: Wednesday at noon for Sunday publication.

noon.

the largest junior livestock show in the world, sixteen Howard County 4-H members will exhibit their projects including eleven steers, six lambs,

The show season winds up in mid-March with the San Angelo Stock Show. Five Howard County 4-H

hard for these 4-H members to find time to study and keep their grades

Stork Club, Who's who, This-n-that: Thursday at Humane



Today is the last day for the "Home For The Holidays" special. Dogs and puppies will be \$35, and cats and kittens will be \$25. Covers spay/neuter. vaccinations, testing and rabies shot. "Bridget" pictured above would be a great pick. She is a small black and tan beagle mix, docked tail, very gentle spayed female.

and tan longhaired coat, pointed nose and pricked ears, spayed

"Polly" black cocker spaniel mix, spayed female.

"Trick" black and white border collie, pretty male.

"Rainy" doberman pup, black and tan female. "Snickers" Australian shepherd

mix, red wavy coat, spayed female. 'Chief' gorgeous border collie,

black and white long coat with tan evebrows, lean neutered male, energetic and young. "Sparky" adorable 11 month old

black and white pup, bright blue eyes, male good with kids. "Bucky' outgoing rat terrier, white shorthaired coat with black and

brown spots, docked tail, ears up, small neutered male. "Westie" orange and white Japanese Bobtail kitten, corkscrew

tail, around 6 months old male. "Tangerine" chocolate point siamese mix kitten, around 8 months

old, blue eyes, spayed female. "Bim" elegant seal point siamese kitten, cream coat with dark brown points and blue eyes, longer coat, around 8 months, male.

"Les" affectionate black and white tuxedo kitten, shorthaired coat, around 4 months old, male.

"Heather" siamese mix cat, cream coat with chocolate tabby points. blue eyes, loves people, spayed

"Meeny" orange and white short-

haired kitten, playful male. Shepherd mix pups, black with tan

markings and brown with black markings, ears up, will be larger dogs, males and females, around 3-4 months old, good with people.

Cats are just a \$35 adoption fee, dogs are just \$45. This includes SPAYING OR NEUTERING, their vaccinations, wormings and their rabies shot. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a 2 week trial period.

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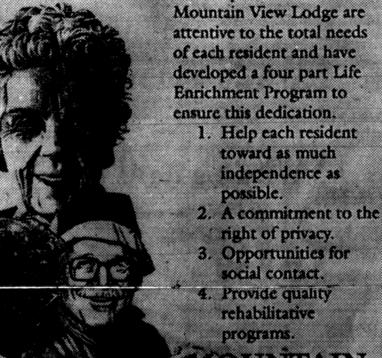
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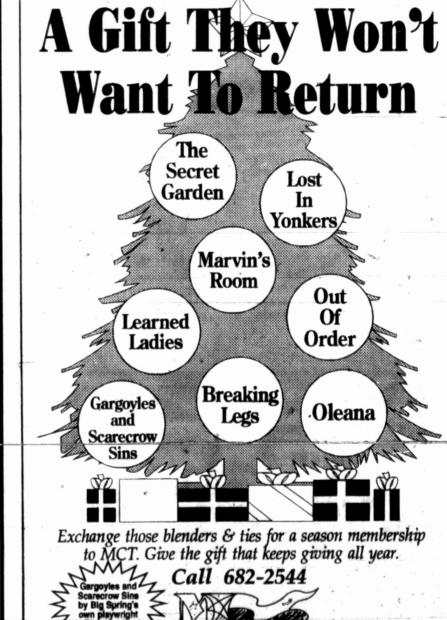
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Start 1994 off right:

Make resolutions you can keep

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Features Editor

About this time each year, many people make promises to themselves and others - to change, 2 improve, end bad habits.

But many people make promises they can't keep and set goals they can't reasonably attain. Several local health professionals said there is a better way to make New Year's resolutions and keep them.

"Start with things easily attained," said Brenda Cina, a social worker for Big Spring State Hospital. "Don't aim for things you can't see the results of. Say you want to spend more time with grandchildren, or with friends. Make those resolutions and start with just one day a week."

"Whenever we talk about resolutions, the biggest one for seniors is to keep things in perspective," said Charles Gagnon, program director for Reflections. "A good one is to try to keep your stress level at a

minimum and not try to do too much. Making too many promises leads to disappointment.

Cina said senior citizens especially should be certain to make resolutions they want, not those someone else wants for them.

Gracie Young, head nurse for the VA Medical Center's nursing home care unit, urged setting realistic goals.

When she polled the center's residents about their New Year's resolutions, Young found most said, "Get well and go home," or "Get off the treatments/medication."

Resolutions like that can set a person up for disappointment, Young pointed out. Those are things people normally cannot con-

"American culture is so programmed to think that if they're in a nursing home, they're sick," she said. "We try for reality orientation, living in the 'now.' We don't want people trying to go back to the past.

"Know your own abilities and strengths," said Gagnon. "The biggest resolution I would have for everyone is to be real. It's good to have goals. Keep those goals realis-

"Plan to do at least one or two things a week that you enjoy," Cina said. "Maybe it's taking a bath with bubbles or reading a favorite

Young suggested a resolution that would work for anyone: Realize my potential.

"That's probably one of the best you can make," she said.

Facing phobias

Sudden fear attacks can be treated

By WANDA DENSON Prime Writer



Max Green

When should debt be used? If I buy on installment payments, how much will the item actually cost? Is the item a necessity and/or a luxury?

There are two different thoughts on the above questions. Those who have accumulated wealth say never buy non-productive items on the installment plan. Those who have not accumulated much wealth say to buy everything on credit.

Why the big difference? Well, here is not a part answer for either argument. The experts, that is the financial planners, have gone so far as to say that your age is relevant in determining your total amount of

Let's look at a few facts. A house that cost \$50,000.00 is purchased for 10% down and 20 years to pay the balance. The going interest rate is 8%. How much will the house cost. Please follow some quick calculations. Turn to your amortization tables and you will find that your monthly payment on \$45,000.00 for 20 years is \$376.41. Multiply the monthly payments for 240 months and your answer will be \$90,338.40. Your house will cost you \$95,338.40 with your total interest cost being \$45,338.40. As the interest rate changes so will the total cost of the

There are two ways of stating interest. In purchasing a house, generally the interest is figured as "simple" interest. That is, you recalculate the interest due after each payment.

The correct calculation is the interest rate times the principle divided by 265 days and multiplied by the number of days to the date of the next payment. "Add on" interest is the interest rate for one year multi-plied by the number of years it will take to pay off the note. The "add on" interest is considerably more than simple interest. This is the reason that those using "add on" interest are now required to state the

simple interest rate. When you decide to buy on the installment plan always inquire about the interest rate. Then, multiply the monthly payments by the total number of payments. This will tell you how much the item will really cost. You may decide that it will be better to save your money and pay cash instead of making installment

It is my opinion that a family will be better off to pay off their debts as soon as possible, then start saving money and pay cash for those items that you need and/or want. You are much better off to borrow money to make money than you are to borrow money for a vacation.

An investment makes money, a vacation is wasted money. There is not any profit earned on a vacation. The last item in borrowing money

is the age factor. Beginning in your 20s to 30s you need to get started, 30s to 40s is expansion, 40s to 50s is stabilizing, and your 50s to 60s should be devoted to paying off all

This is not hard and fast rule, and financial planners do not necessarily agree that this is the best. Remember that the new year is right around the corner and you may want to make a new year's resolution regarding debt. Have a Happy New



Recently, while at the airport, I noticed an older woman who appeared to be ill.

Beads of perspiration formed on her forehead, her knuckles were white from clenched fists. She hung back as dozens of passengers boarded the plane. Finally, she approached a flight attendant and asked, "Will you allow me to wait to get on the plane until just before takeoff? You see I suffer from claustrophobia but today I have to fly." Her request was granted.

Claystrophobia - fear of closed spaces - is only one of many phobias that affect millions of Americans. According to the Phobia Society of America, phobias and related anxiety disorders are the most common mental health problems in the United

PSA defines a phobia as a severe anxiety reaction to a situation, animal or object that poses no real threat to life or safety and that doesn't produce fear in non-phobic people. The fear almost always includes terror of being trapped and unable to immediately get away from

Phobias impose restrictions on the lifestyle of persons afflicted by the problem, sometimes with serious consequences. For example, one doctor says that claustrophobia may be severe enough to prevent patients from entering a crowded room such as the doctor's office. Some put off having CAT scans or other important / examinations that require them to lie still for extended periods inside a

In some cases, the phobic person alters his or her lifestyle to the extent of avoiding social events altogether. The president of PSA, a former phobic victim, says when she thinks back to the years she suffered betraying me during a panic attack."

Symptoms accompanying panie attacks: sweating, shortness of breath, choking sensations, heart palpitations, chest discomfort and trembling are at first often mistaken for a heart attack.

Phobias and panic disorders can lead to additional complications including depression, family difficulties, and persistent anxiety. In an attempt to relax and overcome those feelings, some people turn to alcohol or other drug abuse which only compounds their problems.

The National Institute on Mental the condition.

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from a phobia one word grabs berisolation. "Isolation from friends and family members I was too embarrassed to tell, isolation from healthprofessionals who didn't know what was wrong or how to help me. And isolation from my own self when I felt as if my mind and body were

On the other hand, physical disorders, because of similar symptoms, may be incorrectly labeled a phobia. Persons experiencing symptoms should consult their doctor to rule out physical disorders such as those of the thyroid, heart arrhythmias, hypoglycemia or neurological disor-

Health reported that seven out of every hundred Americans suffer from phobias. No one is immune; phobias can strike at any age without warning. Outgoing, intelligent people are often targeted by a phobia. A phobia may come and go quickly but if it lasts several months, help may be required to overcome

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Jan. 1 peas rooted in tradition

When I was growing up in Nebraska, my family never ate blackeyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck. I guess we lived too far from the South, where some say the tradition started.

My sister-in-law served black-eyed peas and cornbread the first New Year's Day I spent in Texas. She told me of the custom, adding "this means you won't go hungry in the New Year.'

She was right. I didn't go hungry. But I was intrigued with the idea, and in the intervening years, I usually served the traditional fare to my family on January 1.

So it was with interest that I read "Hopping John Gets the Year Off to a Flying Start" in the December issue

HOPPING JOHN

"For almost 30 years my wife, anice L. Wiggins, has prepared the following recipe on New Year's Day."

Steps: Black-eyed peas

- 1. Empty 1-pound package of black-eyed peas into a colander, rinse thoroughly in cold water while removing pebbles and defective peas.
- 2 Place two smoked ham hocks in a pot containing about 3 inches of cold water. Cover the pot and place it over a very high flame
- 3. Once the water begins to boil add the rinsed black-eved peas. Lower flame. Season to taste with salt, bay leaf. cavenne pepper, black pepper, garlic powder, Cajun spice. Replace lid.

Many cultures take credit for the origin of the tradition. Since Roman times, people in France and elesewhere in Europe have associated the New Year with beans and good luck. As a matter of fact, black-eyed peas are not true peas at all, but a type of African-Americans claim the tradi-

tion is their own, pointing to the fact that it was their ancestors who introduced the cultivation of both blackeyed peas and rice to this continent. Japanese-Americans in California

say their forbears brought the custom of eating black-eyed peas on providing a very high quality protein.

Jean Warren

New Year's Day with them to this country, Another Japanese tradition, dating back to the 1300s, calls for the head of the house to go through all the rooms at midnight on the last day of the year carrying a box of roasted beans that he scatters, chanting "Out with demons! In with

Pork is usually added to the peas. of Smithsonian. Author Sue Hubbell Folklore tradition holds that you're researched the old custom and came supposed to eat pork on New Year's

> 4. Stir periodically, add small amounts of water as needed. Cook until done

Steps: Steamed rice

- 1. Empty 2 cups of white rice into a colander, rinse thoroughly in cold water while removing defective grains.
- 2. Place rinsed rice in pot and cover with
- Cover pot with lid and place over high flame. Once steam appears, turn off flame and let rice steam until cooked.

Serve with: 1) one large chopped onion, 2) hot sauce and 3) corn bread. This recipe serves 6 to 8 New Year's Day

William H. Wiggins jr., Professor of Afro-American Studies and Folklore, Indiana University. Bloomington up with some interesting theories Day because a hog roots forward, unlike a chicken, for instance, which scratches backward.

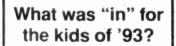
The author (Ilubbell) first ate black-eyed peas served with rice when she moved to the Ozarks. Her hostess explained, "Some say you'll have as much money as the peas you eat. Some cook up the rice with a piece of money in it, and the person who gets the money in his or her serving will be rich."

From a nutritional standpoint, black-eyed peas, or other beans, are a great combination. Each, separately, lacks certain different amino acids. When combined, they complement and supplement each other,

The term "hopping John," as black-eyed peas are called in some areas of the United States, may go back to long ago days when fires marked New Year's festivals in many parts of the world. People danced

around them and "hopped" across. Black-eyed peas are served with a variety of side dishes. In North Carolina, they are often served with collard greens; both represent money. The peas are the change and the greens are folding money.

However you serve your blackeyed peas this year, enjoy them. And Happy New Year!







by Betty Debnam

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Visit to Mormon Square

In September while visiting friends in Salt Lake City we were fortunate enough to be taken to visit Mormon Square in the heart of downtown.

It covers 10 acres and was set aside by the pioneer Mormons to honor their religion. It contains the magnificent Mormon Temple, the remarkable Tabernacle, an historical museum and a host of other structures along with statutes and some of the most beautifully landscaped grounds I have ever seen.

There are free audio tours and many guides to make the tours of the square more pleasant and educational for the visitor. We were fortunate enough to have a beautiful, dedicated and informative young lady as our guide. Since our group was small she found time to tell us quite a lot of his-

No one is permitted to tour the temple (unless you are of the Mormon faith), but the tabernacle is open to the public and recitals are free. I'm sure everyone is familiar with the 325 member Mormon choir as it is world famous. The acoustics in the tabernacle are remarkable. The building is dome shaped, 250 feet long, 150 feet wide and 80 feet high. It seats 6500 people.

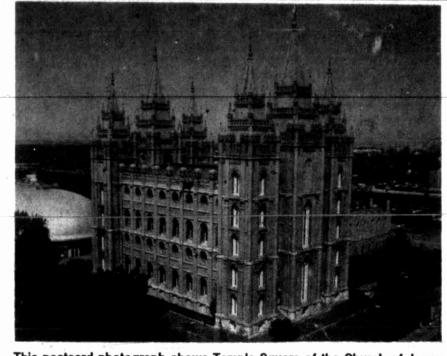
It is made of sandstone and white pine, and there are no nails in the structure, only pegs and thongs. The arched supports are of wood.

The giant organ has 11,623 pipes The original ones were made of hollowed straight grained pine and some are still in service but most have been replaced. We stood at the very back and the

organist dropped a pin onto the table. You could hear it plainly. At the recital it sounded as if you were sitting at the organ yourself. When we left the tabernacle, our

guide told us the story of the large statue of a seagull on the grounds. The Mormons were persecuted

everywhere they went until at last they came to Utah. They were industrious and held firmly to their reli-



This postcard photograph shows Temple Square of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah. The temple in the center and the tabernacle are visited by millions each year.



In next month's Prime, Myrtle takes us on a tour through the Bingham Copper Mine near Salt Lake

gion. Their trip into Utah was filled with hardships, some even lost livestock and were forced to walk the remainder of their journey.

At any rate they planted and raised a good crop that first year. It was ready for harvest when millions of crickets came in and were devouring everything in sight. The pioneers tried desperately to kill them but could make no headway. There were

In desperation the elders called all the settlers together to pray for aid, because without the harvest they knew the colony would starve to death during the winter months. In the nick of time great swarms of gulls came in and gorged themselves on the crickets, saving the colonists from starvation.

The beautiful statue was erected in honor of the gulls and the creator create it is too much for my imaginawho sent them. While we were tion to grasp.

While we were admiring the grounds, a bride and groom emerged from the temple. Our guide told us it is the highest honor to be married inside the temple and only those of the faith are permitted that honor. They feel a marriage performed in the temple lasts forever, not just for this lifetime.

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It is interesting to note that these sturdy people erected the temple from native granite quarried on a neighboring mountain. They dragged the blocks down to the area with oxen. It took 40 years to complete.

On another day we drove to the mountain where they secured the granite. One has to admire the courage and dedication these early settlers had. The building is truly a work of art, and the labor spent to

Reflecting on WW II

Facts shed light on what led to Japanese attack, U.S. response

By BILL BIRRELL Special to Prime

"The Day of Infamy" A recent AP release was titled: 'War time files show Churchill had

prior warning of the attack on December 7, 1941. A new book by Barry Deneberg, "The True Story of J. Edgar Hoover" discloses that the FBI chief was also informed of an imminent attack on

the U.S. by Japan. The author writes that British intelligence had been intercepting Japanese requests from Germans concerning similar strikes by Nazi pilots in Europe.

Also, a turncoat Nazi spy who came to the U.S. by submarine was relaying information to Germany, but also giving information of Japanese plans to the FBI.

The book about Hoover describes him as a vain, eccentric political hack who put no faith or interest in intelligence from foreigners.

I remember inferior items sold in dime stores stamped "Made in Japan." I remember news reels and magazine stories and pictures of atrocities of Japanese soldiers against Chinese civilians.

feeling toward Japanese, whom are regarded as Third World people, put us dangerously off-guard and naive. U.S. military and Navy equipment and campaigns were left over from WW I. The Army and Navy ranks

Possibly our disgust and superior

were pitifully small. Meanwhile the "Japs" were building a superior force with superior ships, planes and weapons. They also had a decade of combat experi-

Here are some historical facts that lead to animosity of the Japanese Empire toward the United States:

On Jan. 26, 1940, our trade treaty with Japan was allowed to expire. July 1940 aviation gasoline shipments were banned with an embargo on scrap metal. July 1941 Japanese assets in the U.S. were frozen.

Japan meanwhile, continued aggression in China while negotiating for American recognition of her "new orders in Asia."

MORE PRIME ON PAGE 12B

special Japanese envoy arrived in Washington to discuss peace. His arrival was widely featured in the press and news reels calming American fears of a possible war.

On December 6, 1941, Pres. Roosevelt personally appealed to the Japanese Emperor for peace. On Dec. 7, a Japanese reply was transmitted to Secretary of State Hull, but the Japanese fleet had set sail for the attack on Pearl Harbor on November

Rumors were widespread that Churchill and Roosevelt had set up the attack to force U.S. entry into the war. Admiral Kimmel and Lt. General Short were given Congressional censure and relieved of command for not being on alert. According to the book about J.

ever passed to Pres. Roosevelt from the FBI because Hoover wouldn't accept it. Some writers reveal that the military leaders did expect an attack, but

they did not know where it would

Edgar Hoover, no information was

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese may have expected Americans to seek for peace in the Far East, but the sudden attack on a sleepy Sunday morning awoke and united this nation as never before or

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Nov. 14, 1941, Saburo Kuruse, enlist in a branch of the military ser-

Civilians started Victory Gardens, recycled paper, metal, etc. and accepted rationing of rubber, sugar, gasoline and other products that were needed by the military. Women joined men in working in defense plants and ship yards. Aircraft factories were built overnight.

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These days, communication's in the cards

By MARY RANDLE **Prime Writer**

Have you put up your Christmas cards yet? Did you get more or less than last year?

Greeting cards are very big business. Christmas cards are probably the biggest seller, with Valentine's and Mother's Day next in line. Every time I open one of my desk

drawers, I see cards waiting to be sent - Happy Birthday, please get well, so sorry about your loss of a loved one, I miss you, and on and on. I don't think we realize how impor-

tant cards are to us in our everyday life, or how many kinds of cards are available. I hadn't noticed how many kinds of cards there were until I looked for a 90th birthday card for my mother.

I thought I couldn't find one - surprise, they even had cards for those celebrating the century mark. There were all kinds of cards - to celebrate a divorce, or be sad about it, console pet lovers on the loss of a beloved friend, Merry Christmas to a special

hairdresser - about anything you might need.

There were funny cards, religious ones, and the newest trend - ethnic cards, and cards in languages other than English. One of the cards I bought has the word "Crown" on the back. This means at least ten million of this card have been sold.

If you agree that greeting cards are big, you are right. The leader is Hallmark, "When you care enough to send the very best." In 1992 we spent 5.6 billion dollars on cards, not counting those in boxes. Hallmark ranks in the top ten American businesses with 22,000 stores; we have two here in town.

Of course they sell other things, puzzles, party goods, small gifts, and special Christmas ornaments. I always enjoy visiting the local stores.

American Greeting is also a large company; and most of us have heard of "Current" cards. The company started in the basement of a Denver housewife trying to earn extra money. The growth of this homegrown company has exceeded her wildest dreams.

We've had greeting cards with us for a long time, although in the beginning I dare say they weren't very close to those we send today.

When he started, Mr. Hall. Hallmark's founder, had to display his cards in shoe boxes. Recently when the company was looking for a name for a new line of cards, they came up with "Shoe Box." so the next time you see this on a card just remember the card business wasn't always so large.

When I was growing up, we would take paper and make our own cards. On Valentine's Day all the red construction paper in town was cut into various sizes, and sweet messages, or not so sweet, carefully written in the hope someone's heart would beat a little faster.

Recently we finally cleaned the little house, but I must admit it is still a work in progress. We found more boxes of our parents' belongings. In every box were cards, some from us as children, others from family and friends, some gone now but not forgotten, because we have the cards to help us remember.

We put together some cards and took them to my mother. Her face lit up, and as she sat back to enjoy them, you could see the years fall away. The cards had brought back happy memories of times past.

Just how much does a card mean in this day of rapid communication? It's so easy to pick up the phone to say "hello," or catch up on the news. Instant gratification, and that's all right. But five years from now, will they remember that phone call, or the card you sent, maybe with a short message?

We feel this especially at Christmas, when we hear from faraway friends and relatives, how their families are and what they are doing. Maybe we will go back through the cards we received last year. The first year we lived in Big

Spring, we did our cards early, but we didn't hear from many friends. When we moved we found them on the top shelf in this closet, stamped and ready to mail, a little late. It still happens, last year for exam-

ple, so we sent cards at Easter and Please see Randle, page 12B.

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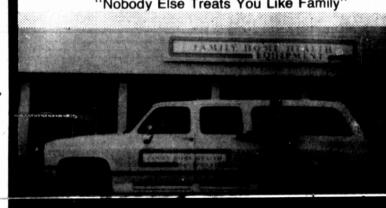
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TU rate hike plea goes before PUC

DALLAS (AP) — The head of TU Electric has told the state Public Utility Commission the rate increase he's seeking would keep his utility's fees below the national average.

"The national average rates would still be a good bit higher than those charges in our service territory," Erle Nye, TU's chairman and chief executive officer, told commissioners in Austin on Monday.

Nye is seeking a 15.3 percent fee hike. If he gets it, he says no more price jumps for the base rates will be sought for at least five years.

During TU's last rate case in August 1991, Nye promised publicly that the company's next rate increase request would not exceed 10 percent.

If TU's request is granted, the Dallas-based utility could generate \$760 million in extra revenue.

Utility officials say they need the extra money because costs are rising on the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant in Glen Rose and because of the company's overall financial condition.

TU serves 2.2 million customers, roughly one-third of the state's electric ratepayers in North, East and West Texas.

Spears Herald's **Employee of Month**





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Veta Spears was selected as the Herald's Employee of the Month for December. Debbie Lincocum was chosen as the Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter. Honorable mention for employee of the quarter was Carlos Gonzalez.

Nominees for employee of the month were Gonzalez, Conrad Mezick, Lawanda Zant, Shelli Webb, Lincecum, Janet Ausbury, Glenda Cummings and Dana Hicks.

Planning commission hosts general meeting

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission will host a general membership meeting Jan. 12, 1994, at the Big Spring Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and costs \$15 per person.

Guest speaker at the noon luncheon will be Teel Bivins, state senator for District 31.

Ribbon cutting for College Park Bingo

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. to officially welcome College Park Bingo to the Big Spring business community.

HC pecan growers win regional show

Local pecan growers, Rick Campbell and Bennie McChristian won first place and second place, respectfully, in the Barton and Schley competition at the recent Western Regional Pecan Show in Fort Stockton. These winning entries, along with the winners in the other varietal divisions, will be forwarded on to the State Pecan Show in Austin later in 1994.

Participating in the regional show were 259 entries, judged by Dr. Sammy Helmers, retired Extension Horticulturist from Garvin, Texas, and John Bednaud, Extension Horticulturist from San Angelo.

Campbell's entry won out over the other Barton entries with its impressive showing of the following statistics: Weight of 10 nuts - 87.73 grams (calculated to be 51.69 nuts per pound (in shell); 51.56 grams of edible kernel or a 58.77 percent edible

McChristian's Schley was only .36 percent behind the first place entry in percent edible kernel. Other statistics included 77 grams weight for 10 nuts, 58.90 nuts per pound and 45.82 grams edible kernel. The per cent edible kernel for this entry was

59.51 percent. Other Howard County pecan growers with qualifying entries in the regional show included Bettye McChristian, Roy Hester, D.D. Johnston and Wayne Johnson.

Adventures in goating

Garden City syndicate takes a chance on Boer goats

GLENDA CUMMINGS

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY - Several years ago, the idea of a meat goat industry having real potential for agricultural producers in Texas was only that -

In the past three years, the idea has become reality for seven area families.

Ernie Schwartz, Randy Halfmann, Larry Halfmann, Mike Batla, Hugh Schaffer and Donna Eggemeyer formed the Wes-Tex Boer Goat Syndicate in January, and sent Glasscock County Extension Agent Norman Kohls to New Zealand to purchase Boer goats.

These families already had interest in goats, and the possibilities for improving the quality and growth of the meat goat industry made the decision for them.

The word "boer" is derived from the Dutch word meaning farm, and was probably used to distinguish the farm goat from the Angora goat which was imported into South Africa in the 1800s.

Boers were incorporated into the National Mutton Sheep and Goat performance Testing Scheme in 1970, making it the only goat breed involved in a performance test for meat production.

Because of this and the increased worldwide demand for goat meat, the Boer has become the main factor in goat improvement programs in less developed countries.

Boers have the necessary characteristics (large size, uniform body structure, fast growth rate, prolific breeding seasons) lacking in Spanish meat-type goats common to West Texas.

The Boer is also appealing asone of its most valuable contributions is brush control. It exists on a wide variety of plants, but mostly on

In late January, Kohls traveled to New Zealand and purchased for the syndicate one-half interest in 10 of the best nannies owned by Landcorp Farming Limited and one Boer billy, Six Pak () AHH()

The billy arrived in the United it weighed 280 pounds and, after quarantine, it was closer to 140 pounds. This was understandably a great concern to the syndicate. It has since gained weight and is doing

After time spent in quarantine in New York, Six-Pak was delivered to Lampasas on Aug. 17, and the firstever North American Boer Goat show and sale took place. Syndicate officials' children did the showing and selling.

The sale was memorable, because of the prices of the purchased animals. The top-selling billy went for \$11,000 and the top nanny for \$10,000. The lowest selling price was \$7,000. These prices were an indication to syndicate members of what the future will hold for them.

By the end of August, Debra and Ernie Schwartz had built a barn and embryo laboratory with the help of the other syndicate members, and three pure-bred Boer kids had been

Breeding season started in September. Because no one knows the best cross, Angora, Spanish and Nubian nannies were chosen and exposed to the Boer billy. In 145-155 days, those nannies will begin

A professional embryologist flew

What makes Boer goats a better breed?

GLENDA CUMMINGS Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY - Contrary to what West Texans might think, the most widely eaten meat is goat. Cabrito is fairly common is Texas, but the demand for goat meat is not.

The Chinese eat it as "scalded goat." When they purchase goat it is treated as hogs were by settlers in years past, using almost every part

Low levels of intramuscular fat result in a fine-grained, lean, mild flavored meat that responds to roasting, marinating or grilling.

It is low in cholesterol and is recommended more and more by doctors for health reasons. This world-wide demand for goat

meat makes Boer goats the perfect breed for producers. They gain weight faster and dress out heavier than other breeds. A comparison of a Boer and a Nubian billy kid raised by a Wes-Tex

Boer Goat Syndicate member shows the superiority of the breed. The nannies were fed together, on identical rations from Sept. 7. Both nannies had single billy kids, the Nubian weighed 51/2 pounds at birth as opposed to the Boer's eight

The Nubian was not weaned until the 12th week, when it weighed 45 pounds. The Boer was weaned in the ninth week at a weight of 55



Debra Schwartz keeps careful records of the results of each sonogram performed by Hank Thompson, D.V.M. The records will provide percentages of returns on implanted frozen embryos.

At 14 weeks, the Nubian weighed in at 48 pounds and the Boer at 68

This kind of weight gain and potential for such weight at nine and 12 months, makes the Boer goat a good production bet.



Pictured are a pure-bred Boer billy kid and a Nubian billy kid, both the same age. The size difference is the factor that made producers interested in the breed for the United States.

in from New Zealand in October to do the transplants. The syndicate's one-half interest in the nannies from New Zealand vielded 44 frozen embryos. These were implanted in 23 Spanish, Angora and Nubian

The services of the embryologist are a part of the one-half interest. Some families also purchased extra eggs from the embryologist at about

\$500 per egg. Sonograms performed on the nannies show a 70 percent return so far. Syndicate members were pleased at this news because the expected return for frozen embryos is 40 percent to 50 percent. The return is partly because of the condition of the nannies; an indication that they are doing well in their pro-

By late March, kidding will begin and officials will have an indication of the actual return by the number of live kids. This area will see the first pure-bred Boer kids from frozen embryos born to surrogate

The popularity of the breed is becoming increasingly obvious, judging by the fact that every major stock show will offer competition for goats this year.

*Our hopes and plans for the future are to create an even better

breed from cross-breeding." Randy

Halfmann said These families are receiving world-wide inquiries. One international businessman has contacted Kohls, wanting to import 40,000 pounds of goat meat a month to his

"This venture is big, to such a degree that I'd say my phone bill has quadrupled because of the inquiries about it." said Kohls.

"We want this to establish this for our children," smiles Randy Halfmann. "Someday, we could be working farms similar to Landcorp with

Chamber priorities for 1994 spelled out

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas! Now I hope it carries you through to have a happy and prosperous New Year!

New Year for the chamber always means new officers and directors, and with them come some new priorities and directions.

Under the leadership of President Jeff Morris, since he chaired the Tourism Long Range planning committee, restructuring the direction of the Convention Visitor Bureau will be a priority. However, it won't be the top priority item. Actually, in the planning retreat where the program and priorities were worked out, i came in as priority number four.

The top priority for the chamber in the coming year will for the chamber to be the facilitator for developing a "Community Vision."



Terry Burns

Yes, we know that the new "master plan" is being developed, but that is going to focus on the physical part of the community, the infrastructure, and the board wants the chamber to play a key role in deciding "what the community wants to be" and how to

Priority number two will be to establish and pursue a proactive retirement solicitation program. In prior communities that I have served, we averaged over 100 new

retirement families a year, with a median income of over \$30,000 a year. That's the equivalent of a very nice industry every year. These people have high disposable incomes, and tend to be very strong community supporters.

Priority three will be for the chamber to take stronger steps to be a better spokesman for the business community on the local level, as well as state and national. We will continue to stay out of partisan politics, but concentrate on issues that are important to our business communi-

I mentioned that priority four would work on implementing the recommendations of the Tourism Planning Committee, and priority five calls for the chamber to facilitate a better partnership between business and education on what

business needs, to foster the teaching of economic issues.

These five priorities will be the primary thrust of the chamber. Oh, we'll continue to do the routine items that we always do, and there is some carry over of items that are high priority and will be continued. such as the extension of I-27, cultural affairs, and working on the image of the chamber.

I think you can look for the chamber to have a strong, active year this coming year. If you are in business, and aren't a member of the chamber, you certainly should be. The chamber is the only organization owned by and working for the business community. Shouldn't you be in the chamber in 1994?

Terry Burns is the executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

TCFA says ample supplies should cause beef prices to drop

The Associated Press

AMARILLO — Ample beef supplies next year should cause prices to drop slightly at the butcher's

counter, a cattle group says.

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association estimated Wednesday that beef production in 1994 will grow 2 per-

cent to hit near 24.2 billion pounds. "We're keeping more mother cows producing more calves," said

Richard McDonald, TCFA executive vice president. "We should see the down side of the cycle by 1997 or

The Amarillo-based group gave an upbeat review of feedyard activity

during the past 12 months, when the 5.3 million head of cattle fed in the Lone Star-State set a U.S. record. Analysts' outlook for 1994 was a little guarded.

"We're not pessimistic, but realistic because of the expected increases in pork and poultry production,"

By the end of this month, McDonald said, 5.3 million cattle will have been herded through Texas feedlots in 1993. Texas' previous record of 5.2 million head was set in 1986.

Severe cold and snow in Kansas and Nebraska last winter lured cattlemen to Texas feedlots instead of



With all the excitement of Christmas still with us and New Year plans in the making, it is a little hard to realize something as big and important to Howard County as the annual West Texas Ag Expo is right around the corner - Jan. 7-8, 1994, are the

In last week's article I discussed some of the activities associated with livestock that will be offered at this year's Expo. This week I am going to highlight the field crops and related programs to be featured this year.

Dr. Charles Allen and Charles Stickler, extension specialists in entomology and agronomy, will discuss what's new in cotton insect control and other cotton production practices. A one hour CEU credit can be obtained for holders of TDA private applicators licenses by attend-

ing this program. Mr. Charlie Englehardt of Englehardt Enterprises, Lincoln, Ill., will be on hand to discuss farm-home record keeping with computers that includes how to maintain pesticide records (including training programs). Another one hour of CEU's can be obtained at this program, as

well, for those needing such credits. Rounding out these programs will be a presentation by Dr. Jackie Smith, extension economist, from Lubbock, who will be here to give us an update on the impact the recently approved NAFTA may have on West Texas agriculture. This program should be a must for almost anyone remotely connected with agriculture.

Horticulturists will sure want to be on hand to hear one of the state's foremost authorities in horticulture, Dr. Bill Welch from Texas A&M University, and his presentation on landscape management under West Texas conditions.

Dr. Welch is in demand all over the state and we are priviledged to have the opportunity to have someone of his calibre here in Big Spring for this presentation. Accompanying Dr. Welch in the horticultural presentations will be the popular Debbie Benge, horticulturist with Midland and Ector counties, who will discuss tips on successful home gar-

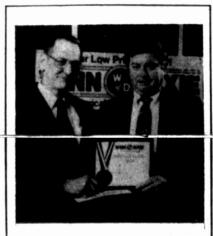
If you missed last week's article, I discussed the programs that will be presented on horses with A&M's Dr. Doug Householder; Janet Sides, from her Crosby-based Kryonkinetics Company, with her presentation on Freeze Branding (call our office for details on how to get your horse freezebranded during her visit to Big Spring ... you can't just drive up with your horse and expect to get a brand slapped on him!); local law enforcement officers and a representative from Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will be here to discuss livestock theft prevention

Some top state and national agricultural figures are expected to be here for this year's Expo so be prepared to attend one of THE agricultural attractions in Texas this year as Big Spring plays host to this popular event.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is making arrangements for the annual Agricultural Appreciation Day banquet on Friday evening which opens the Expo officially. Be sure and contact their office for tickets. They are free of charge but you need them to get in and to assist in arrangements for the meal.

Top farm and ranch exhibits from all over the country are expected to participate in this year's ExPo. Be sure and be prepared to take advantage of these and all the other many attractions this event offers. It's all free of charge and anyone who is the remotely concerned with agriculture (and who isn't?) should not want to miss out on any part of this year's show. Watch next week's column for additional Expornews!

Don Richardson is the county extension agent for Howard County.



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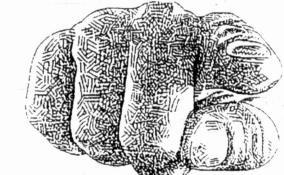
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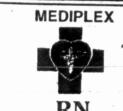
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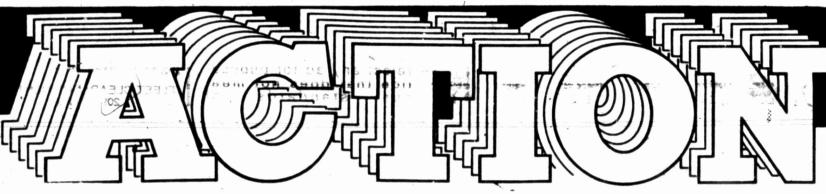
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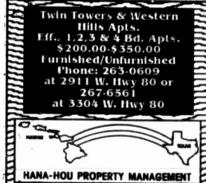
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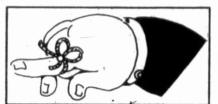
As the end of the year approaches, there are certain Social Securityrelated matters you should know

If you have a child age 1 or older who doesn't have a Social Security number, make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. The law requires you to list a Social Security number on your tax return for all dependents over age 1.

If you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce or any other reason), make sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records. If you don't do this, there may be problems posting your earnings to Social Security files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

If you're already getting Social Security benefits and you moved this year, make sure we have your correct address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank forget to tell us about a change in their mailing address.)

It's important we have your correct address because early next year,



Gloria Hopkins

Social Security will be sending out forms that shows the total benefits you received in 1993. You may need this form for income tax or other

If you receive Social Security and work, remember that you can earn more money in 1994 before your benefits are reduced. If you're under 65, you can earn up to \$8,040 next year with no reduction in benefits. If you're 65 to 69 you can earn up to \$11,160 in 1994 with no reduction. If you're 70 or older, there is no limit on your earnings.

If you received benefits and worked in 1993, you need to report your earnings to Social Security by April 15, 1994. The 1993 limits were \$7,680 for people under 65 and \$10,560 for people 65 to 69. Filing

an income tax return does not fulfill the requirement to report earnings to Social Security. A separate report must be made to us.

Our final reminder has to do with Medicare.

Did you decide not to take Part B of Medicare when you were first eligible for it? Or did you have Part B once and then dropped the coverage? If you fit into either of these situations, you'll have a chance to sign up for Part B during the annual enrollment period that runs from January 1, 1992, through March 31, 1992. This three-month period offers a second change to those who did not enroll when they were first eligible and those who dropped their coverage in the interim. If you enroll during the annual enrollment period, coverage will begin July 1, 1994.

1993 was a good year for those of us working in the Big Spring Social Security Office. We would like to extend our thanks to the beneficiaries, recipients and all those who work with us on a day to day basis.

And, on behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a happy 1994.







Festive doors

Pictured above are some of the decorated doors at Comanche Trail Nursing Center. They conducted a contest for residents' decorated doors Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Judges were Joy Boyd from Joy's Hallmark and Steena Wilkerson from Herman's Restaurant. Naomi Wright and Clara Horton, roommates, receive first place for their door decoration of Santa's shoes going down a chimney. Birdie Black received second place and Bessie Laws received third.

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By The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The U.S. government is no penny-pincher, as Medicare recipient Joanna Gurn can tell you. After all, she got a check in the mail recently for one

Ms. Gurn, 72, laughed when she first opened the letter. However, now she thinks the check is a "ridiculous waste."

A few weeks ago, after a doctor's appointment, she wrote a check for \$17.36. Medicare later determined that she only owed \$17.35 and sent her a check for the difference.

The more she thought about it, the less humor she found in the government spending money on making the check and sending it to her - just for a measly penny refund.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — A carrot a day may help keep the eye doctor away.

It's true. Researchers are proving that Mom was right. Eating carrots is good for your eyes, especially when it comes to age-related macular degeneration (ARMD), the leading cause of blindness among older

However, carrots won't do the job; they don't have everything a person

Hearing aid use requires adjustment

By BILL WARNER

Prime Writer

The following is a excerpt taken from an article written by Stuart Gatehouse, Ph.D., and Mead C. Killion, Ph.D. This article appeared in "Hearing Instruments" Volume 44, Number 10, 1993: Hearing Aid Brain Rewiring Accommodation Time.

Every practicing hearing aid dispenser knows that it may take a considerable amount of time for the listener to "get used to" new hearing aids. The conventional 30-day trial period may not be adequate to allow the brain to reqire or remap itself.

Sometimes it takes weeks or months to properly evaluate the benefit of a particular hearing aid. The brain must accommodate to the new sounds it hears and this takes time, more often than not what we see is the new user will take the hearing aid off and place the aid in a drawer.

The major complaint is, "This thing makes too much noise," or "I can hear better without it." Hearing aids do not work well in a drawer, they must be worn in the ear for at least four (4) to six (6) hours a day or

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Yet in four to six weeks of constantly wearing these inverting goggles, you become able to do all of those things. The world is back the right way up. When you finally take the goggles off, however, you go through a period of time in which you can not ride a bike, read, write, etc. To all appearances, the visual system has somehow rewired itself. With this information at hand it is only natural to assume that the auditory system reacts in a similar fash-

So what are the implications for practice? Experimental evidence suggests that it can take time for the benefits of the availability of particular speech cues (sounds) to become apparent, so that comparactive trials of hearing aids might need more than the usual few days that new users of hearing aids give them-

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