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In for a penny - 143 are fed

Washington Elementary students collect pennies in drive to aid Salvation Army

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Volunteers and jars of pennies helped serve the less fortunate on Thanksgiving.

There were 60 people involved in preparing the meals for the Salvation Army's annual dinner. The pennies, all \$211.25, were from Washington Elementary students who raised the money last month.

In early October, the students read a newspaper article about the plight of the organization. Salvation Army workers were afraid they would not be able to help residents during the holidays because they were low on money and food.

The elementary children came to the rescue and brought in their loose change during a penny drive. A check was presented to Tolcher and the money was used to purchase

food for Thanksgiving.

"I was totally flabbergasted by their penny drive. It was one of those things you don't expect. It restored my faith in the young people. Usually kids get a bad rap but these kids are learning the importance of being considerate and how to help others," Tolcher said.

Fourth grader Laura Fierro said she wasn't sure how much money she gave but "it was a lot of pennies."

Fourth grader Cole Pierce brought in a big jar of pennies and fifth grader Chris Ferguson rounded up about \$15 in the Lincoln coin.

Fifth grade teacher Paula Wilson organized the project and her class raised the most, \$32.94. Fierro and Pierce are in the same class, Mrs. Woodall's, and they raised a total of \$30.74.

Tolcher said the 60 volunteers included Girl Scouts who made

place mats and turkeys for table decorations, those who cooked the turkeys and prepared the meal along with others who delivered food to shut-ins on Thanksgiving Day.

"There were 143 people who came to the Salvation Army to enjoy a traditional dinner while an additional 111 meals were delivered to the homebound residents.

All elementary students are currently bringing in canned goods during a drive that started last Monday.

Residents can pitch in by bringing canned goods and other non-perishable items to the Big Spring cable office. New subscribers can get free installation if they donate eight or more items. Current subscribers can receive free connection to new services if they bring in eight or more items as well.



Salvation Army Major Roy Tolcher receives a check from some Washington Elementary students who raised money for the organization by bringing in their pennies. Pictured with Tolcher is Laura Fierro, Chris Ferguson and Cole Pierce.

Racing accident claims man's life

A Corpus Christi man died in an accident at a local race track.

Jack Edward Green was in town to participate in go-cart races at the old Howard County Airpark north of Big Spring. He was involved in an accident about 4 p.m. Friday.

According to a witness, Green was driving a 'type of go-cart where the driver lays down in the seat. He went around a curve and struck a wall. His go-cart had a 100cc Yamaha engine.

He suffered a fractured skull and massive head injuries. Green was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace China Long at 5:20 p.m.

Herald Staff Report

Pecan Show set for Dec. 5-6

The annual Howard County Pecan Show will be Dec. 5-6.

Entries must be at the Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in the Howard County Courthouse by no later than 5 p.m. Dec. 4. Growers can enter as many entries as they wish, but all must have been grown in Howard County. An entry con-

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Dear Santa, I want ...

The jolly elf hears the wishes of children

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Jolly Ole Saint Nick has journeyed from the North Pole to see what area children have on their wish lists.

Santa Claus arrived at Big Spring Mall on Friday and had lunch with a group of kids at 11 a.m.

He said many of the boys are asking for Power Rangers again this year. Others want remote control toys and books. Of course, the girls want Barbies.

One five-year-old boy said he wanted a truck, a cowboy hat and boots. Santa asked him, "Do you want the kind of hat and boots that cowboys who ride horses wear or the kind the football players wear?"

The boy replied, "I believe I want the kind like the cowboys who ride horses and bulls wear."

Santa said the children who are six months to two years of age are hesitant and sometimes scared to sit on his lap the first time.

"They have to walk by a few times and they need to get to

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Laurel Kerr is all smiles as she talks with Santa Claus during his arrival at the Big Spring Mall Friday morning. Dozens of children had lunch with Santa, celebrating his seasonal migration back to Big Spring.

GOP ask for specifics, Clinton gives 'principles'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asked by Republican congressional leaders for specific budget proposals, the Clinton administration is hedging until formal negotiations begin and providing only general "principles" for now.

Since a truce that allowed the government to end a six-day partial shutdown was declared, senior presidential advisers and Republicans in Congress have been sniping at one another in preparation for intense bargaining over the budget next week.

On Wednesday, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and the chairman of the House and Senate budget committees asked President Clinton to provide "specific legislative proposals on how you would accomplish (a budget) balance in seven years."

The president has said he will veto the GOP plan, which calls for balancing the budget by 2002, but includes squeezing \$270 billion in savings from Medicare and a tax cut of \$245 billion.

As part of a temporary spending bill, Clinton and the congressional Republicans agreed to a seven-year budget plan, but also to protect Medicare, education, the environment and other spending programs the president considers important.

But both sides must still work out major disagreements on how those goals will be met.

"We cannot begin to resolve our differences until we first know what they are," the Republican lawmakers wrote Clinton.

In a response Friday, White house chief of staff Leon Panet-

ta wrote neither the president's budget nor Congress' plan satisfies the objectives of the fragile agreement reached last Sunday. But he said he was not prepared to cite specific disagreements.

Panetta instead listed nine "principles" Clinton would adhere to in negotiating a balanced budget "so that there is clarity as to what some of our primary concerns are."

He said the president wants high-quality medical care for the elderly under Medicare; adequate funding for Medicaid; tax fairness; the maintenance of education funding; sustained progress in environmental protection; adequate resources to move people from welfare to work; the preservation of the strength of America's farms; enough military spending to meet the nation's post-Cold War needs and continued veterans benefits.

But Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, said GOP leaders require line-by-line specifics, not "bromides and platitudes."

Earlier this week, after the deal was struck on the temporary spending bill, Panetta's suggestion the budget could be balanced in "seven or eight years" drew GOP outrage. The Republicans have argued seven years is not negotiable.

In Friday's letter, Panetta mentioned no schedule for reaching balance other than seven years. "We are willing to work hard to see if we can reach balance in seven years, but as our agreement makes clear, we cannot agree to any plan unless it protects our commitment to health care, education, the environment and tax fairness."

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World: Defying the wishes of their church, Irish voters decided to legalize divorce, but only by the narrowest of margins. Ireland's chief election official ordered an immediate recount. See page 8A.

STATE

Still cleaning

A team of American Red Cross volunteers are still helping residents with cleanup and repairs to homes damaged by flooding last weekend. See page 6A.

Wanted to come home

A psychiatric patient accused of fatally stabbing his 65-year-old mother while on leave from a veterans hospital wanted to spend the holidays with his family, his brother says. See page 6A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

80 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 40

Clear

Today, partly cloudy, high mid 80s, southwest to west winds 10 to 20 mph, gust; fair night, low near 40.

Perman Basin Forecast
Monday: Partly cloudy, high mid 80s, southwest to west winds 10 to 20 mph and gusty; fair night, low near 40.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high mid 80s; fair night, low near 40.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high mid 80s; fair night, low near 40.

Tonight



PARTLY CLOUDY

OBITUARIES

Gene Kerby

Funeral services for Gene Edward "Kerby" Kerby, 56, of Mesquite and formally of Big Spring, are scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995, at College Park Church of God with Pastor Joe Sizemore officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He died Thursday, Nov. 23, 1995, in a Dallas hospital after a sudden illness.

He was born Oct. 27, 1939, in Agnes, Texas. He attended Midway School in the Midway Community. He married the late Jolene Harrison Oct. 10, 1958. He married Lilly B. Turner in October 1982. He had worked for Gandy's, Pollard Chevrolet and owned and operated AAA Garage. He moved to Terrell from Big Spring in 1984. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, JoHonna Kerby; one brother, Sam Hugh Kerby and his father, Bob Smith Kerby.

He is survived by his wife Lilly B. Kerby, Mesquite; one son: James Dalton Kerby, Fort Benning, Ga.; four daughters: Debby Sue Rodgers, Coahoma; Sally Kay McDonald, West Towakonie, Texas; Treasa Jean Wells, Big Spring and Korina Jolene Richter, Coahoma; his mother: Treasa Kerby, Sand Springs; two brothers: Bobbie Lee Kerby, Sulphur Springs and Joe F. Kerby, Sand Springs; 14 grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Family visitation will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at College Park Church of God. Memorials may be made to P.O. Box 515; Terrell, Texas; 75160. Arrangements are under the direction of Roselawn Funeral Home Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

R.D. Gulley

Funeral services for R.D. Gulley, 70, of Andrews, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1995, at Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews. Rev. Earl Blair and Rev. Mike Henson will officiate. Interment will follow at the Andrews Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Nov. 23, 1995, at Permian General Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born Sept. 23, 1925, in Big Spring. He moved to Andrews from Eules in 1970. He was a member of the Means Memorial United Methodist Church and a bridge club. He retired as an agent from Missouri Pacific Railroad in 1988.

He married Doris Louise Gulley on Dec. 24, 1949.

He is survived by his wife Doris Louise Gulley, Andrews; two sons: Bill Gulley and Ralph Gulley, both of Andrews and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Means Memorial United Methodist Church choir.

Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Joe B. Matthews

Joe B. Matthews, 61, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, at his residence. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1934, in Dallas, Texas, and married Shirley Jean Ray on Sept. 2, 1955, in Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. Matthews was drafted into the Army in 1952 and served as a demolition specialist in the engineering corp during the Korean conflict. He came to Big Spring in December of 1954 and worked for the Fina Refinery as a complex operator for 36 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Matthews of Big Spring; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joe D. and LeAnn Matthews of Houston and Steve Matthews of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Rick Rakestraw and Jana and Nell Read, all of Austin; one brother: Sam Matthews of Clyde; and four grandchildren, Matt, Kaci, Jeremy and Spencer.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Paid Obituary

Manuela P. Rubio



RUBIO

Funeral services for Manuela P. Rubio, 75, of Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at Iglesia Bautista La Fe with Rev. Cesario Morin, pastor, officiating. A prayer service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 3, 1920, in Toyah, Texas, and married Herbert G. Rubio on Oct. 10, 1945, in Big Spring.

She came to Big Spring in 1925 from Toyah and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Iglesia Bautista La Fe where she taught Sunday School and was active in the WMU.

Survivors include her husband: Herbert G. Rubio, Big Spring; one daughter: Delia Tello, Big Spring; three brothers: Robert Luevano, Big Spring; Eleazar Flores, Pecos and Silverio Flores Jr., of Venice, Calif.; two sisters: Flora Lara, Pico Rivera, Calif. and Lucy Tejada, Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren and one aunt.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Cruz Ortega.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Donald Anderson

Funeral services for Donald Avis Anderson, 65, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, were Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City. He died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995, at his home after a sudden illness.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1929, in Bentonville, Ark. He was employed at Price Construction when he lived in Big Spring. He retired from Mitchell County in 1994.

He was preceded in death by one brother: Carl Anderson.

He is survived by three sisters: Faye Anderson, Colorado City; Winniford Bradford, Jay, Okla. and Fern Allman, Columbus, Ind. and four brothers: Johnny Anderson, Leander, Texas; George Anderson, Colorado City; Jimmie Anderson, Westbrook and Dale Anderson, Colorado City as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Marie Cunningham



CUNNINGHAM

Services for Marie Cunningham, 92, of Rowlett, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Leslie Boone, associate minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel 906 GREGG BIG SPRING

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Marie Cunningham, 92, died Friday. Services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

low at Trinity Memorial Park. She died Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, in a Dallas hospital.

She was born on May 5, 1903, in Durant, Okla. and married Russell E. Cunningham on Oct. 27, 1922, in Tishimongo, Okla. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1987.

She had lived in the Big Spring area most of her life and moved in 1988 to be with her niece.

She was a current member of the Judson Road Church of Christ in Rowlett.

Survivors include two sisters: Gladys Nix, Carlsbad, N.M. and Juanita Wright, Toyah; two brothers: Paul L. Biffle Sr., Longview and J.C. Dustin, Fredricksburg and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Richard and Lora Effie Stine Biffle; two sisters: Lucille Reid and Edith Biffle and two brothers: Collin Ray Biffle and Leon Biffle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Betty Sue Coon

Funeral services for Betty Sue Coon, of Midland, will be 3 p.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Terry Chapman, of Second Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Coon died Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, in a Midland hospital.

She was born May 11, 1927, in Big Spring to Eugene Burleson and Lillian Denton. After graduating from Big Spring High School, she attended Texas Tech University.

She is survived by her husband Aaron Coon of Midland; two sons, Patrick Coon of Midland and Christopher Coon of Lake Jackson; one brother, Wayne Burleson of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 2640, Austin, Texas, 78755.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Show

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sists of 40 pecans of a single variety. All blue ribbon winners are forwarded to the Western Regional Pecan Show for that level of judging.

The pecans will be processed at the Extension Office Dec. 5, and judging will take place beginning at 10 a.m. the morning of Dec. 6 at the Big Spring Mall.

Some growers will have pecans available for sale at the show and everyone is invited to come and watch the judging.

For more information on the pecan show, please call Extension Agent Don Richardson at 264-2236.

Santa

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know me before they'll come over and talk," Mr. Claus explained.

He added what he wants for Christmas is for the boys and girls to be good all year long.

Santa will be at the mall on Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. taking pictures with the kids, passing out candy canes and Christmas wishes to those who pass by. He will be there for a little while longer before he must go back to the North Pole to give the information to his elves so they can begin making the toys.

He said several of the girls who have plenty of Barbies are asking for stuffed animals this year because they wanted something new and different to play with.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

IN BRIEF

Ag service hosts annual meeting

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and its Extension Program Council will be conducting its annual meeting and educational activity Monday evening, at 7 p.m., in the Dora Roberts Community Center in the Comanche Trail Park.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist, San Angelo, will conduct the program which will deal with Property Rights of Land Owners. This issue was identified as one of the critical issues facing our county in the development of its Long Range Extension Plan.

Progress reports on other issues extension has directed its educational program efforts this past year will also be featured. A highlight of the evening will be the recognition of some of our Extension Leaders for their contributions to these efforts. The State National Bank of Big Spring and NorWest Bank will sponsor the evening's meal.

An RSVP by Monday, at noon, on Nov. 27, would be appreciated in order that meal arrangements can be completed.

Pecan show offers baked goods division

The annual Howard County Pecan Show will feature a baked goods division again this year.

Participants may enter any or all categories, but are allowed only one entry per category. The entries will consist of one cake, pie, or loaf of bread, eight cookies, or eight pieces of candy. Pecans must be an ingredient in the recipe, not just decoration or part of the icing. Entries will be judged the morning of Dec. 6 at the Big Spring Mall and ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category.

For more information, please call Extension Home Economist Dana Tarter at 264-2236.

Coat drive continues

The Big Spring Woman's Club will have a "Coats for the Needy" drive through November. People are encouraged to donate their used coats (must be in good condition).

Coats can be dropped off at Harris Lumber and Hardware, 1515 E. FM 700, and Sun Country Realtors, 600 Gregg St., or call Amy Overton at 263-8448.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. For more information, contact Gina Garza, 263-7331, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY •St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club. Lic. #3-00-786055-1. •Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY •Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•A1-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

DID YOU WIN?

LOTTO: 10, 24, 31, 42, 47, 50 PICK 3: 9, 4, 6 CASH 5: 6, 15, 16, 23, 22

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday:

•CAROLYN SUE HALE, 28, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct by urinating in a public place.

•TOM GUZMAN, 36, of Route 1 Box 437, was arrested on outstanding felony charges of driving while intoxicated. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$5,000 bond.

•FRANKLIN HARDY, 25, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JASON MICHAEL MUNDELL, 18, of 1502 East 16th, was arrested on outstanding local and DPS warrants.

•MANUEL AGUIRRE, 20, no address given, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

•LARK DIANA BLAIR, 35, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JERALD PALMER, 34, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ISMAEL FLORES, 24, of 1314 Utah, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

•RAYMOND VERA GONZALES, 25, of 1112 Grant, was arrested for public intoxication.

•BENNY ISLAS, 31, of 4115 Parkway, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 600 block of East 16th, 1700 block of Johnson, 1000 block of North Main, 500 block of East 15th, 1000 block of East 11th Place, 900 block of East 13th, 700 block of Dallas and in the 1600 block of Young.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 1000 block of North Main.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 1500 block of Austin, 1800 block of Rannels, 700 block of Pine, 200

block of West Marcy, 1000 block of North Lamesa, 1100 block of North Aylesford, 1000 block of East 15th, 1000 block of Birdwell, 1700 block of East Marcy, 2500 block of Chanute, 1200 block of Rannels and 1100 block of Gregg.

•THEFTS in the 2000 block of Gregg and 800 block of Lorilla.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 3400 block of West Highway 80.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 2500 block of Hunter and in the 2600 block of Wasson.

•HARASSMENT in the 500 block of West 17th.

•LOUD PARTIES in the 800 block of Nolan, 1200 block of Austin and 2500 block of Chanute.

•THEFT OF GAS in the 1800

SHERIFF

block of Gregg.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday:

•RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ, 30, of 1508 Wood, was arrested for driving while license suspended and a DPS warrant out of Nolan County. He was later released on bonds totaling \$1,825.

•AMY LYNN CHRISTIAN, no address given, was arrested on an outstanding Sterling County warrant for driving while license suspended. She was later released on a \$500 bond.

•JUVENILES SPRAYING GRAFFITI on the interstate near Coahoma.

•SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE on FM 2183.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASSING at Town and Country in Coahoma.

•CIVIL PROBLEM on Sterling Road.

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CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4 BIG SPRING 263-2479 TOY STORY (G) ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS (PG-13) MONEY TRAIN (R) GOLDEN EYE (PG-13)

La Vie's d'Elegance Beauty Supply We Serve The Public Make Up Inventory Sale 35% OFF FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Give a Present with a Future Give a gift that keeps on giving this holiday season—a high-quality investment. There's something for everyone on your list—stocks, bonds, mutual funds and much more. Edward Jones

'It's Christmas time in the city' - ALREADY!

Residents shop 'til they drop

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

You may have to park out in the south 40 between now and Christmas if you want to get any shopping done.

The parking lot at the Big Spring Mall was full both Friday and Saturday with people taking advantage of the year's busiest shopping weekend.

Anthony's offered people special prices for four hours Friday morning and the store was packed until at least noon.

"Because of the specials, we were quite a bit busier than last year. I would think we did 10 to 15 percent better overall this year compared to last year. We sold a lot of shoes, a lot of people will be getting tennis shoes for Christmas this year," said Bill Conner, Anthony's assistant manager.

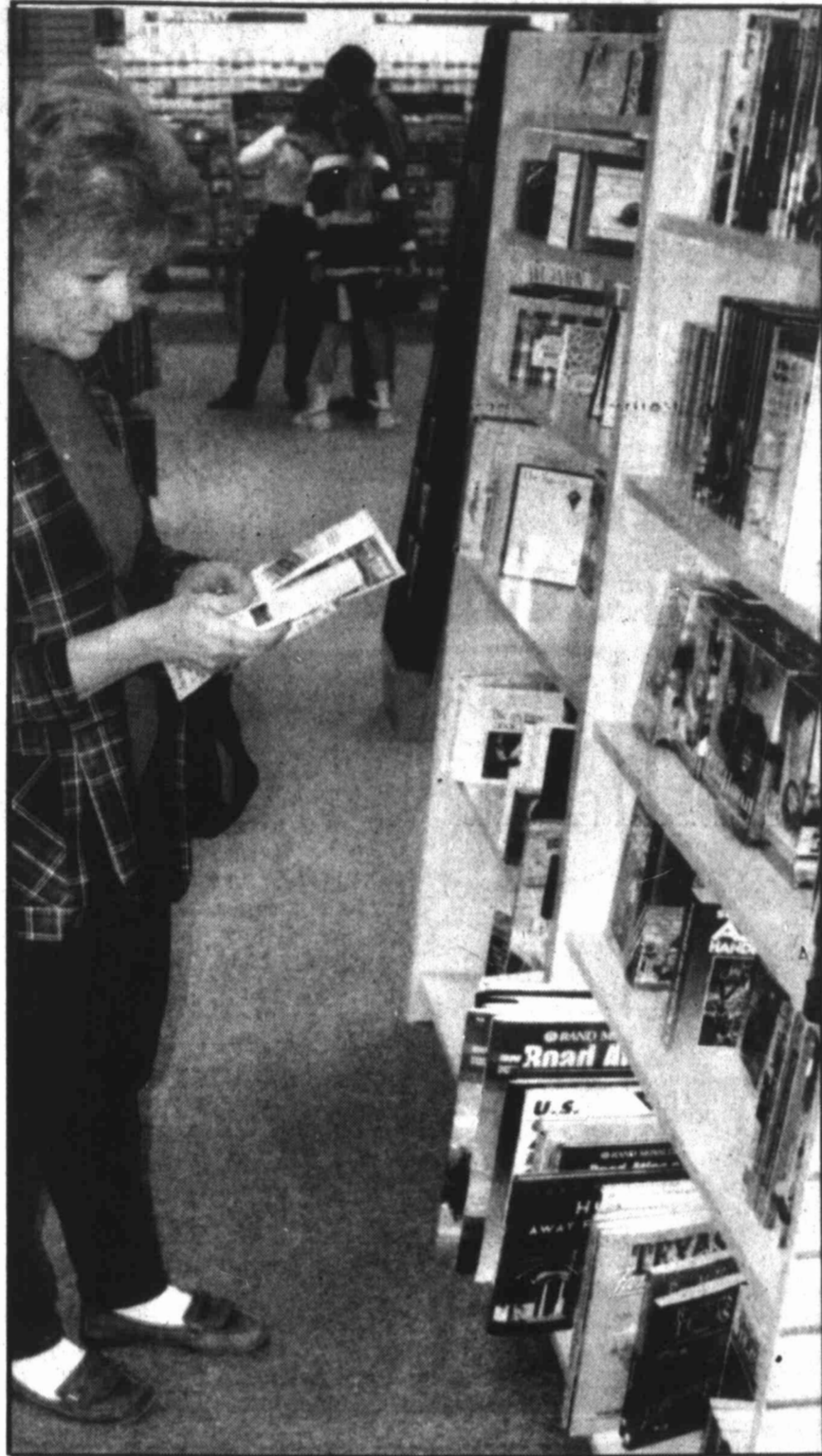
John Heiden, Anthony's store manager, echoed Conner's statement stating they were busy most of the day. The mall stayed open an hour late Friday and Saturday but the store wasn't any busier than usual.

Heiden added, "Beginning, Dec. 14, we will stay open every weeknight until 9 p.m. and until 7 p.m. on Sundays."

On Cue, like Anthony's, is in the mall for their first Christmas this year. Manager Mike Brock said they were almost as busy Friday compared to their grand opening in September.

Brock said, "The popular items on people's lists seem to be the new Garth Brooks and Beatles music along with computer software and we sold a lot of books."

He added they rang up at least 400 sales on Friday and stayed



Debra Kuykendall looks at an item from the shelf while Christmas shopping at On Cue in the Big Spring Mall the day after Thanksgiving. On Cue registered more than 400 sales Friday, traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year.

come into the store and write down a few items you really want and give the slip of paper to an employee. They will keep a file for you and your friends and family come in and ask to see what you have requested.

about half of the shoppers were looking for ideas while the other half did some buying.

Lots of residents were also taking advantage of the four-day weekend by taking in a movie such as "Ace Ventura-When Nature Calls" and the new James Bond flick "GoldenEye."

Other shoppers had their Christmas lists out to look for just the right gift for their loved ones. Clothes, cosmetics, jewelry, books, nutrition items, entertainment, sports gear, food, home appliances and many more ideas can be found at the mall and at other stores in town between now and Christmas.

Remember, you have just 28 shopping days until Dec. 25, not including Sunday.

Interiors by Roberta recently moved from its downtown location to the mall next to On Cue. Sales clerk Becky Roberts said

'Everyone welcome' to Coahoma parade

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

COAHOMA - The Coahoma Lions Club's annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited, either to watch or to participate, says Parade Chairman Doyle Fowler. Entries have already been received from a dozen groups.

This year's parade will feature many antique cars and wagons, with cars and equipment from the Howard County Sheriff's Department, the highway patrol, and the fire department.

Bands are iffy, Fowler says. Colorado City and Forsan bands have been invited, but their participation may depend on the fate of their respective teams in the playoffs. Coahoma High School's band may be participating at an out-of-town tournament that day. Any area bands will be more than welcome, says Fowler.

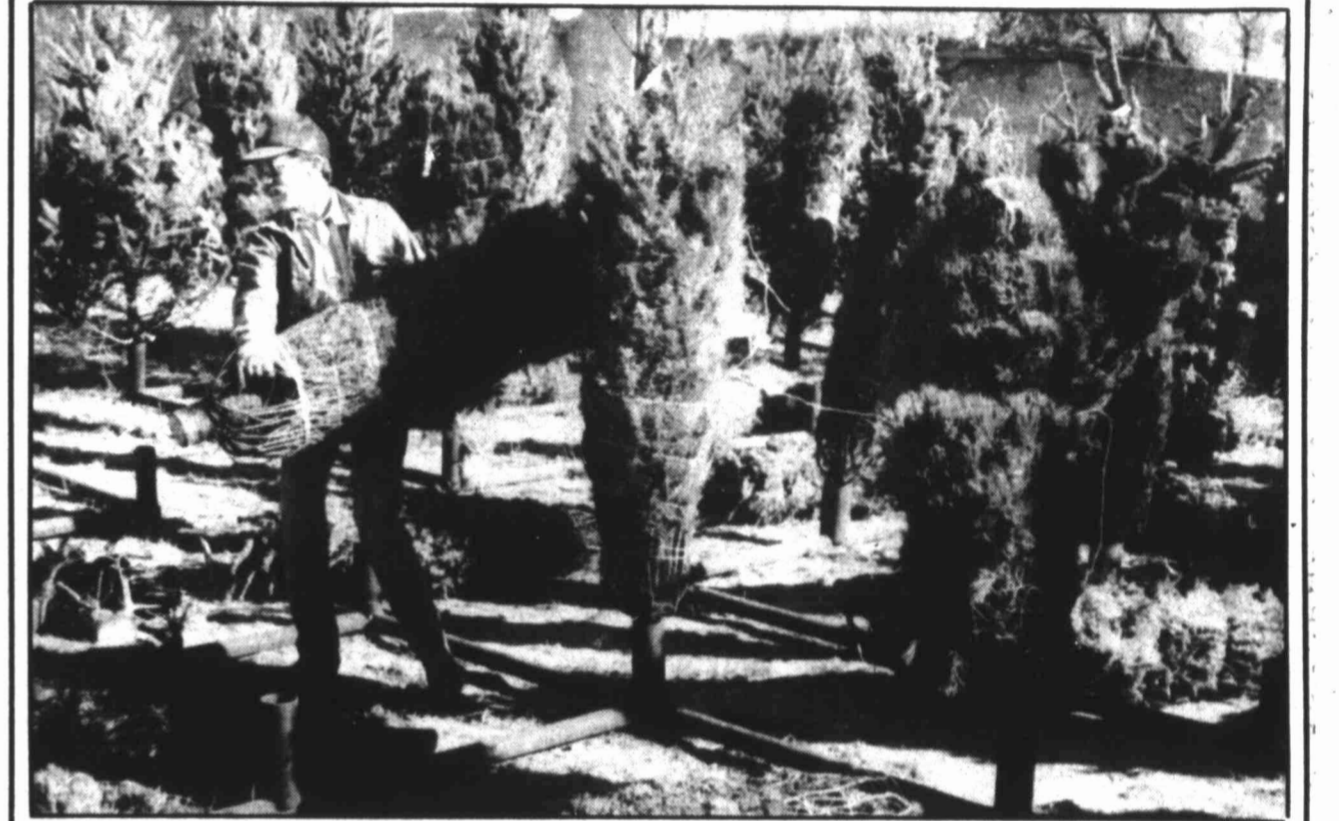
Howard County's popular rodeo personality, Quail Dobbs, will be there, and Santa is scheduled to make an appearance. Several local cowboys have promised they and their trusty steeds will grace the parade route.

Everyone is welcome to participate, Fowler emphasizes. Walking groups, bicycle riders, antique cars, horses and buggies - there are no prizes and no competition, just an appreciative audience.

Whether you want to be in the parade or just watch, be sure to come. "Everybody's down in the dumps and needs something to brighten them up," Fowler says. Coahoma's Christmas parade is sure to do the job.

For more information, or to enter the parade, please call Doyle Fowler at 393-5994 or Jack Buchanan at 394-4000.

'OH CHRISTMAS TREE'



Members of the Big Spring Optimists Club were kept busy Friday afternoon as they unloaded trees off a truck, ready for sale. The Christmas trees were put up for sale beginning Saturday.

Salvation Army helping Santa to provide toys

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

The stores are filled with toys and games and dolls, and children are beginning to dream of presents under the tree.

With all the hustle and bustle, take a few minutes to remember all is not merry and bright everywhere, and to make sure all the boys and girls have a toy and a tree to put it under, Santa needs some help.

The Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer program provided 597 toys costing \$8 or more last year to children in Big Spring

and Howard County, and 566 costing \$5 and under.

Each child who receives a gift from the Christmas Cheer program receives one large and one small toy. Toys are needed for children of all ages.

The Toys for Tots program helps a lot, says Danelle Castillo of the Salvation Army, and so does Big Spring's anonymous Santa.

The unknown Santa has indicated this year he or she will provide gifts for children two to five years in age. Last year the individual provided 384 bicycles distributed to children helped by the program.

Gifts, preferably unwrapped, may be taken to the Salvation Army's office at 811 West Fifth Street, or to the emergency shelter at 308 Aylesford.

Food baskets will be distributed to needy families during the Christmas season as well. Canned goods are needed for the baskets, as well as hens and turkeys. The hens are given to smaller families, and the turkeys to larger ones. Canned goods, hens and turkeys may be taken to the office or the emergency shelter.

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EDITORIAL

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Cicero, Roman orator, c. 58 B.C.

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Charles C. Williams
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Giving does much for the heart and soul

The season for giving is upon us and our pocketbooks will be called on to support various charities in town.

There are many to choose from - the Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Toys for Tots, coat drives, canned food drives, Angel Trees and many, many others.

It seems everyone has their hand out at Christmas to help the needy, a worthwhile endeavor.

In fact, not only is giving good for others, it is good for ourselves. It helps our hearts and our souls when we find a moment to extend a hand a share what we have, no matter how little or large.

At Thanksgiving, we remember to look at the good things. At Christmas, we need to do the same - remember there is always someone worse off than we are. In fact, this is an attitude well worth adopting every day we live.

While we shop for Christmas goodies and presents, find that extra dollar or two and donate it. It will do good to your heart and head and provide a little relief for someone less fortunate.

Letters to the Editor

Help, homes for pets needed

Editor: I recently had problems with a stray cat. I called the Humane Society. They said they were full and could not take anymore animals.

I told them that the cat was Persian and I thought he might have a better chance at their place and they agreed.

Going to the shelter was a heartbreaking experience. I could not believe the tremendous number of unwanted dogs and cats at the shelter.

If you are lonely and/or living alone, if you are thinking about getting a pet for a child, please consider adopting a pet from the Humane Society. They usually have a large selection of puppies and kittens.

Maybe you might consider a medium or large size dog to have in the backyard to warn you of prowlers, if you already have a pet please have it neutered.

I know \$40 is a lot of money to most people especially when there are so many that people want to give away, but stop to think your new pet will have all the shots it needs, be vaccinated and neutered.

These folks are doing a big job with very little resources. If you could help them out in anyway, whether it be adopting a pet, volunteering or a donation, please consider doing so.

These folks could really use your help.

Thank you,

Carol Smith
Big Spring

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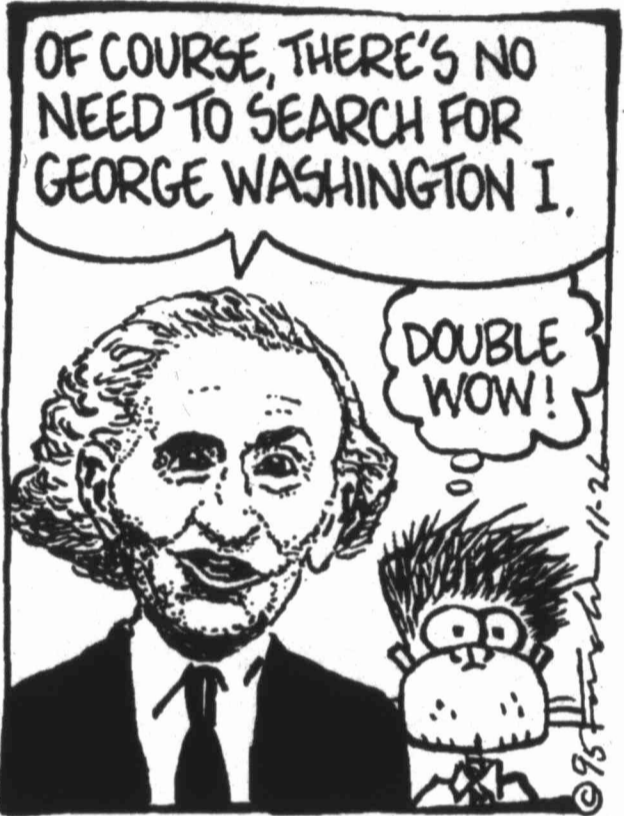
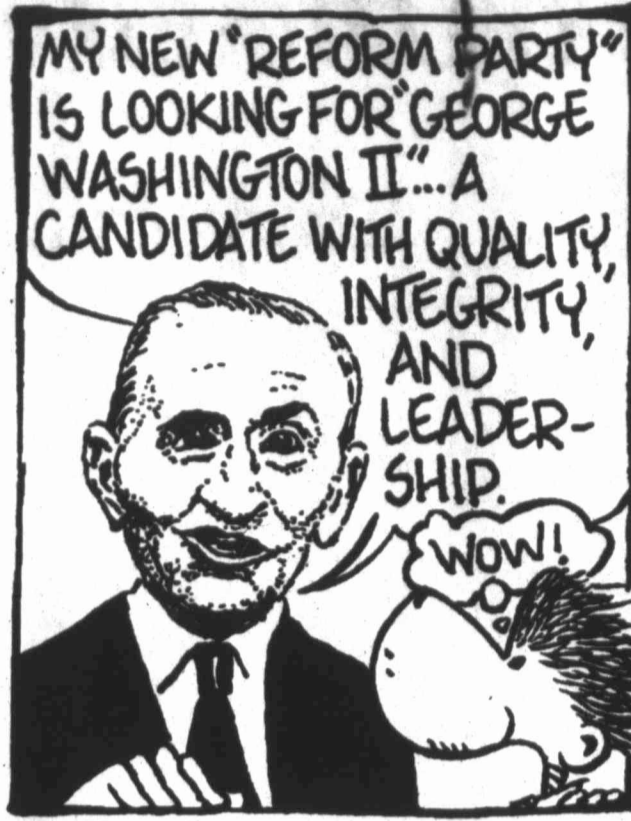
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THADEUS & WEEZ by Charles Pugsley Fincher



Budget deal taking shape

WASHINGTON CALLING

WASHINGTON — Phase II of the great budget battle of 1995 gets under way when lawmakers return from Thanksgiving break, but parts of the deal already are taking shape.

Look for a compromise on tax cuts — \$150 billion, rather than the \$245 billion the GOP wants or the \$90 billion sought by Democrats.

Best bets:
— No capital gains cut this year, but a gradual reduction, beginning next year, from 28 percent to 20 percent.

— The earned income tax credit will be trimmed and targeted to the more needy, and the tax credit for parents sending their kids to private schools will be nixed.

— Enhanced IRAs will fly, as do changes aimed at holding the growth in Medicare spending to 6 percent a year.

A sizable chunk of additional spending will be taken out of the federal payroll — remember all those non-essential workers? — with the State Department taking an especially hard hit.

Still up in the air is a controversial proposal to revamp the way the consumer price index is figured.

Sen. Phil Gramm's presidential ambitions are taking a toll on his Senate voting record. The Texas Republican has missed 10 percent of roll call votes — 53 in all — this year. That's more than any other senator and the worst record of any of the four running for president.

Archival Bob Dole has missed only two votes. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania missed nine and Dick Lugar of Indiana missed 26.

Don't be surprised if there aren't substantially more NATO soldiers involved in the Bosnia peace effort than the 60,000 officials are talking about — including more U.S. soldiers than the 20,000 Bill Clinton and the Pentagon have touted.

The 60,000 figure does not include approximately 15,000 U.N. and NATO military personnel already in the region who are expected to stay as part of the peace force. U.S. numbers leave out about 5,000 Air Force and Navy personnel who would be based in Croatia, Italy and in the Adriatic Sea during at least the early stages of the operation.



GOP presidential candidate Pat Buchanan pushes for term limits on judges, hoping to tap into popular discontent with the courts. He'll cite recent decision by a federal judge in California to strike down laws cutting off services to illegal immigrants.

Four new games earn a "very good fan" rating in the December issue of Consumers Union's Zillions magazine. The hot ones are: Battle Dome, Parker Brothers, \$35, a pinball-type game for two to four players; Tugger War, Pressman, \$10, two players stand on teetering bases and try yanking each other off balance by tugging on a rubber cord; Brain Bash, Tiger Electronics, \$20, one to four players score points by doing what Brain Bash tells you; and Rock Jocks, Milton Bradley, \$20, where two climbers try out-hanging each other from a cardboard cliff.

House and Senate negotiators near compromise on an overhaul of federal regulation of the telecommunications industry, but consumer activists are objecting to a key proposal that would de-regulate cable television rates within four years.

Picking an arbitrary date encourages cable companies to merge or buy into each other's businesses in anticipation of rate regulation being lifted, consumer groups argue. They predict cable rates will soar as soon as regulations come off.

Military downsizing hasn't been the disaster for service-women that some analysts predicted. The experts expected that those with the least standing and clout — such as women — would be among the first forced out. But information gathered by the Defense Advisory

Committee on Women in the Service shows that women have fared about as well as men, better in some cases.

The General Accounting Office reports the largest single cost of shutting down the federal government is — what else? — "the administrative costs of developing shutdown plans."

A GAO look at the 1990 shutdown found it cost IRS \$120 million a day in deferred tax collections, while government paymasters forked out \$45 million a day in back pay to non-working "non-essentials" once they were back on the job.

Researchers at Tufts University have developed an "artificial nose" that can be used to detect chemicals. The Navy wants to snake the fibers through the bowels of ships and submarines to detect leaks of oil or exhaust. Scientists believe the technology could be used to detect human odors for identification and diagnostic purposes.

The Pentagon is preparing for a massive sale of assets as savings-obsessed lawmakers target mountains of stockpiled war-fighting minerals. Earmarked for sales are \$634 million of aluminum, cobalt, germanium, indium, palladium, platinum, rubber, tantalum, carbide powder, tantalum mineral and tantalum oxide.

Tiny Lichtenstein has discovered a new way of making money by putting a lottery on the Internet. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., groused the cyber-gimmick circumvents state laws against gambling but says there is little the U.S. can do about it.

Other Views

The New York Times Americans have a right to expect that their medical records will be private, but that legitimate expectation is often unwarranted. Careless health providers, medical workers improperly peddling data to outsiders, commercial and governmental databanks and even well-intentioned but inadequately regulated researchers may compromise patient rights. The nation needs comprehensive federal legal rules both to protect individuals and to encourage leakproof communication of health data. Bipartisan supporters of a new Medical Records Confidentiality Act have made a strong start. The bill needs firmer requirements for researchers who want to make use of medical records ... (but) civil liberties specialists, business organizations and medical ethicists generally support the bill. No one's personal records are totally safe from hackers, but the ... bill offers hope.

The Atlanta Constitution It seems like just yesterday that spokesmen for the Hooters Restaurant chain were insisting they were in the business of selling chicken wings, not sex. The name "Hooters" referred to an owl, they insisted, rather than some part of the female anatomy. At the time, of course, Hooters was trying to fend off lawsuits alleging sexual harassment and exploitation of its waitresses. But now the owl is hooting a different tune ... (after) the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has suggested Hooters back up its rhetoric by hiring male waiters as well as females. Hooters officials are now saying the order will ruin their business. But why would that be? They're just selling chicken wings.

The Washington Post Nearly three years ago, under President Bush, the United States signed a treaty banning chemical weapons. It's the most powerful and comprehensive arms control agreement ever negotiated. But it's making no progress toward ratification by this country because Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, doesn't like it. This treaty — the Chemical Weapons Convention — will take effect six months after the 65th country ratifies it. El Salvador ... was No. 42. Now there's a real chance it could go into operation without American participation (and) the United States will suddenly have no influence over the rules of the monitoring organization ... In addition, the impact on trade will be severe ... (and) the United States will find itself isolated in the world chemical industry. The American chemical industry has consistently supported this treaty. It doesn't deserve this outrageous punishment. The American armed forces have other and better weapons.

The Miami Herald The American Medical Association offers some welcome new guidelines for physicians to spot and prevent sexual assault and domestic violence. Many physicians ... shy away from what's considered outside medicine's realm. The call it respecting the patients' privacy. But a frank discussion with a female patient who has sought treatment for an abnormal number of "accidental" injuries can nudge her toward life-saving actions. Doctors and emergency room personnel are required by law to report children's injuries that could indicate abuse or sexual assault. The AMA's new guidelines ... respect the special relationship between (adult) patient and doctor. Physicians aren't necessarily expected to turn in patients' relatives suspected of battering, but they should discuss concerns and offer information on counseling, shelters and emergency hotlines. The AMA cited widespread mistreatment of the elderly among its reasons for the new guidelines.

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Museum goes ape over bananas



By SCOTT LINDLAW

Associated Press Writer
ALTADENA, Calif. (AP) — If it peels, bruises and comes in a bunch, Ken Bannister has something that looks, smells or tastes like it.

Bannister, a slender, yellow-haired salesman with a flair for the absurd, has assembled what he touts as the world's largest collection of banana-related knickknacks and whatnots.

There are 15,500 "pieces," from the banal to the bizarre, crammed haphazardly into his Banana Museum, a converted office in this Los Angeles suburb.

The museum's exterior is papered with advertisements for his International Banana Club (Call 1-900-BANANAS!) and a poster of Bannister sitting yoga-style, apparently worshipping a levitating banana.

Step inside and it's banana overload. Yellow claptrap is strewn on tables, nailed to yellow walls and piled high on a yellow couch. It smells faintly fruity near the "Notions" section.

The "Mona Lisa" of this collection is the "Petrified Banana," a black and shriveled specimen discovered in a friend's closet five years after disappearing. For the last 15 years it has hung framed in the museum.

Below it is a photograph of a bullet passing through a banana, the fruit erupting from inside the peel.

An aging stereo blares banana songs. "I Like Bananas Because They Have No Bones," "My Wife Left Town With a Banana" and the classic "Yes, We Have No Bananas" permanently top the charts here.

"I don't think it's ludicrous, I think it's entertaining," says the banana curator who prefers to be called "Bananaster." He is a heavy coffee drinker

who wears yellow slacks and a teal polo shirt emblazoned with a 16-inch, smiling banana. Springing out of his museum to greet a recent visitor, he clutched a spent banana peel in one hand and a banana golf putter in the other.

"I think it's crazy. I love this. I get so wound up talking about it. I'm just an old-fashioned guy who believes in the need to keep people's spirits up, to exercise one's sense of humor daily."

His museum, he says, is sorely needed "in a world gone bananas."

Bannister, 56, sells photographic equipment in his other life.

He is married and a father of three and says his family fully supports his role as banana booster.

"My wife blends right in with the whole thing. Her natural inclination is to assist in the quest to keep the people smiling," Bannister says. "She calls me Banana Man, and she brings me at least one new banana item a week."

The family puts away six to eight bunches of real bananas a week, says Bannister, who claims to eat two bananas a day. During a visitor's recent two-hour stay, he ate three.

Most of the museum's visitors (admission is free) are members of the International Banana Club — the bunch that built this collection.

Bannister, the club's Top Banana, awards degrees in "bananistry" based on members' contributions of banana gizmos, and on their attitudes.

For a \$25 lifetime membership fee, members get an iron-on transfer, a bumper sticker and a self-chosen nickname, preferably one that lends itself to a memorable acronym. Los Angeles resident Paula Borchardt's handle, for example, is B.A.B.E. — Banana Admirer, Banana

Eater. For a master's degree a member needs 100 "banana merits" or BMs; 500 merits earns a "Ph.B."

"He's a real kick, this guy," says Pat Curry, a Ph.B. known as the B.L.D. — Banana Laugh Director, so named because his high-pitched giggle has kept Bannister laughing for 15 years.

"He'll come in here (Curry's Pasadena fast-food restaurant) and throw a banana at me, and we'll start laughing. My laugh gets him going, he gets the going. It's kind of a mutual deal."

In extremely rare cases members are awarded instant doctorates for extraordinary acts or contributions.

Gerl Lorenzo of Tulare earned the distinction recently by collecting thousands of stickers found on bananas from around the world.

But the most spectacular act of bananistry came 11 years ago with the infamous "human banana flambe."

L.S.B. — Lee (Wadell) the Stunt Banana — earned a Ph.B. on the spot at the 1984 annual Banana Club Picnic and Games by setting himself on fire, running 50 yards and throwing Bannister a burning banana with a message inside: "I want my 500 BMs and my degree."

"That was the most outrageous and shocking stunt I'd seen to earn BMs," Bannister says. "Usually, people just send me stuff."

And so the man who says he wants his ashes sprinkled across a banana plantation slowly builds his shrine and tends his flock — 8,500 members around the world, 436 degree-holders.

Already, however, he has become a sought-after character. He extols the virtues of bananas at grocery store lectures and has appeared on sev-

BANANA FACTS

Banana imports and average banana consumption were up in 1994 from a year earlier. Banana facts were supplied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. All figures are for 1994, unless otherwise noted:

—The average person ate 28 pounds of bananas, up from 26.8 pounds in 1993.

—Bananas imported into this country: 8.144 billion pounds.

—Hawaiian production: 13.7 million pounds.

—Bananas exported from this country: None.

—Most popular fresh market fruits consumed in United States: bananas, 28 pounds per person; apples, nearly 20 pounds per person; oranges, about 15 pounds per person.

—Primary banana sources: Costa Rica, 27 percent; Ecuador, 21 percent; followed by Colombia, Honduras and Guatemala.

—Retail price between January and June of this year: 49.4 cents a pound, up from 47.3 cents per pound during the same period in 1994.

—Amount the average person spent on bananas during 1994, when the average price for the year was 46.2 cents: \$12.94.

The Associated Press

Top banana Ken Bannister shows off some of the items at his International Banana Museum in Altadena, Calif. From golf clubs to shirts to slippers, this museum has a wide array of banana paraphernalia.

A-PEEL-ING INVENTORY

Some of the 15,500 items on display at the Banana Museum:
CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES: Banana slippers, visors, purses and bags, shirts, pants, shorts, pajamas, tank tops, scarves, slippers, ears, earrings, belts, rings, glasses and a banana nose.

NOTIONS: Banana suntan lotion, lip gloss, toothbrush, soap, body oil and hair gel.

FOOD: Banana-flavored candies, gum, baby foods, juices, soft drinks, popcorn and cookies.

STUFF: Banana sponges, whistles, flutes, magnets, Christmas lights, lamps, stained glass, model banana trees, boxes, banana slicers, puppets, tents and beach mats.

BANANA MAN'S DESK: Banana phone, stapler, pens, paper clips, yellow legal pads and highlighters.

BANANA MAN'S PICKS: Michael Jackson gold sequined banana, banana warmers from Germany, a real gold banana, banana squirt guns, "Buzz" brand banana-shaped pipe, banana golf putter, banana-flavored toothpaste, banana spray claiming to prevent golf balls from slicing.

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Top banana Ken Bannister shows off some of the items in the museum to visitor Ann Warren.

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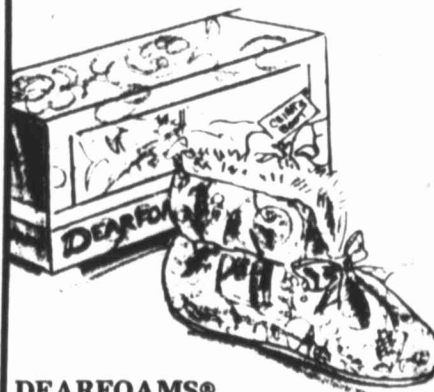
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Christmas sales along border lagging

McALLEN (AP) — Border merchants have a bad case of the blues being caused by the ailing peso.

At the upscale Laser Sound electronics shop in La Plaza Mall, sales manager Juan Alvarez remembered nostalgically the days when free-spending Mexican shoppers crowded the store.

"They used to come four or five times a month, and now they come once and they spend almost nothing," Alvarez told the Houston Chronicle, referring to clientele from Monterrey and other northern Mexico cities. "It has been really affecting us. We've lost about 70 percent of our business."

"If the peso is high, the sales are low," Alvarez said.

Last Dec. 20, a devaluation of the peso by the new administration of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo triggered a monetary nose dive that has seen the peso lose roughly 50 percent of its value. And while Mexico's economy seemed to stabilize in recent months, consumer and investor confidence is still obviously shaken as the peso began sliding again this month.

Before last December's devaluation, it took a little more than three pesos to buy a dollar. Today, it takes nearly eight pesos to buy a dollar.

And, rumors of another major devaluation before Christmas are rampant along the border.

From San Diego to Brownsville, merchants along the 2,000-mile international border are feeling the effects of a dramatic reduction in Mexican buying power. Sales tax receipts are down in many border towns, and stores that rely on Mexican shoppers are closing.

"Sales on the border are tough, and the peso is the main factor," said the manager of a nationwide department store chain at Amigoland Mall in Brownsville, who asked not to be quoted.

In downtown Brownsville, the U.S. Customs Service reported 527,000 fewer pedestrians crossed the main international bridge this year compared to 1994.



Greg Davis directs traffic at Dallas' upscale Galleria mall Friday. Although economic analysts have predicted gloomy holiday sales for national retailers, Texas' shopping Santa Clauses are crowding into stores to gobble up post-Thanksgiving bargains.

Shoppers doubt gloomy sales forecast

HOUSTON (AP) — Bah-humbug to the analysts predicting gloomy holiday sales for the nation's retailers. Santa Claus, the final arbiter on such matters, predicts a ho-ho-hearty Christmas shopping season.

Calvin Bent, Greenspoint Mall's 60-year-old Santa with rosy cheeks and a white beard that's real, said Friday that the jolly old elf would likely spend as much as ever on Christmas gifts for good little children.

"I don't know what I'd be spending, a couple two or three million dollars," he joked.

Glad tidings for Texas retailers: Many shoppers gobbling up post-Thanksgiving bargains around the state agreed with Santa's forecast.

The popular wisdom among analysts is that economic uncertainty and overloaded credit cards will hold down holiday spending this year.

Canary Williams, 32, of Houston said her budget was tighter than last year, but "if you have kids, you have no choice. It makes a difference." She hit the mall at 6 a.m. to take advantage of a department store sale.

"Things are more reasonable, more things on clearance racks and on sale," she said. By 10

a.m., Ms. Williams carried three large shopping bags of gifts and was considering a \$700 drum kit for her 10-year-old son. "That's it for him."

At 'Tis The Season, a shop selling ornaments and other holiday paraphernalia, only a dozen or so customers milled about, but manager Lee Benson said business was picking up.

"So far everything is going as we expected," Benson said. "You know how Christmas is. It's a special time. People are going to spend money whether they have it or not, and worry about it later."

John DiCiccio, general manager at the recently opened Lakeline Mall in Austin, said people were waiting to get in when the mall opened an hour early at 9 a.m.

"It's been very strong, positive and upbeat," DiCiccio said. "A lot of the shops have people in them, and they are buying."

Austin's Northcross Mall opened two hours early at 8 a.m.

"I think we're doing pretty well considering the additional competition and everything that goes on. We've definitely got people in all the stores," said marketing director Susan Plourde.

Among other attractions set up to lure shoppers, people visiting Northcross could register for a trip to Disney World. Santa's young visitors also were given a freebie — a fourpack of single-serving cereal.

Pauline Lawson was one of several hundred hard-core shoppers so eager to begin that they flooded a Target parking lot in Dallas before the store opened.

She led the charge, chanting "Shop! Shop! Shop!" once the doors were unlocked.

"After we do all our fast trips, then we're going to go back, slow down and really shop some more," Ms. Lawson said. "Usually, I work, work, work. Yesterday, I ate, ate, ate. Today, I'm going to shop, shop shop."

Target employees were ready for such die-hards, passing out a shopping survival kit that included a drink, candy and coupons.

If it's any indication of holiday spending, business was good for Bent, whose lap was getting a good workout. Family budget or no family budget, children never let up on their demands from Santa.

"They're all happy," Bent said. "Except for the 1-year-olds. They're all afraid of Santa."

Murder suspect 'begged' to come home for holidays

DALLAS (AP) — A psychiatric patient accused of fatally stabbing his 65-year-old mother while on leave from a veterans hospital wanted to spend the holidays with his family, his brother says.

"He was begging us to come home," said Kenneth Parker, whose brother James Wylie Parker, 42, remained jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bail Saturday. "Of course, we felt sorry for him. We thought he'd be well enough, but obviously he wasn't."

James Parker is charged with killing his mother, Ann Parker, on Friday. Officials said the woman, despite stab wounds, managed to crawl outside when her home was set ablaze.

James Parker later walked into a television station and confessed to the killing.

An autopsy performed Saturday on Ms. Parker showed she died of multiple stab wounds, said Robert Breckenridge, a field agent for the Dallas County

medical examiner's office.

Liz Crossan, a spokeswoman at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Waco, said a brother of James Parker signed him out Wednesday night on a four-day pass. She added that the hospital will review the incident.

"It's a medical determination as to whether patients should be given a pass or not," Ms. Crossan said. "We will be looking at this very carefully."

Kenneth Parker said he didn't notice anything unusual about his brother during their three-hour ride home from Waco, but he questioned the hospital's determination that his brother was well enough to leave.

Said Ms. Crossan: "I understand they're very concerned, but it's probably going to be next week before doctors and everyone can sit down and go over what happened."

Parker had been a patient at the hospital, which houses about 700 adult patients, since November 1993.

Authorities doubt missing heiress is alive

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — The FBI was being asked to join the search for furniture heiress Jacqueline Levitz, who vanished, leaving signs of a violent struggle and blood in her one-story brick house.

"They can help us," Warren County Sheriff Paul Barrett said. "They can talk to people in Florida and in California that we can't talk to and we need to talk to."

A helicopter search Friday turned up no trace of Ms. Levitz along any road in the county or along either bank of the powerful mile-wide Mississippi River. There was also no sign of the sheets missing from her bed, which might have been used to wrap her body.

She was last seen alive Nov. 18. "This case is a little strange," Barrett said.

Valley residents still cleaning up from flood

RAYMONDVILLE (AP) — A team of American Red Cross volunteers are still helping residents with cleanup and repairs to homes damaged by flooding last weekend.

"In many places, it's drying up. In other places, we're just now getting access, and that means they've had some substantial losses," said Pat Conley, a Red Cross volunteer from Kerrville.

By Friday morning, about 30 volunteers had tagged at least 67 homes as severely damaged and another 549 in need of repair across Willacy County, said Jan Richards, director of emergency services for the Rio Grande Valley chapter of the Red Cross.

"We're replacing everything from box springs to mattresses and some appliances, anything to get people back on their feet," said Eddie Chapa, the county emergency management coordinator.

About 11 inches of rain fell on some areas of the county during the week leading up to last weekend, causing flooding unseen in the Raymondville area since Hurricane Beulah in 1967, Chapa told the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen.

Hardest hit were Raymondville, Lyford, Sebastian, Lasara and San Perilita, he said. Heavy rains broke some old gas lines, keeping some residents from cooking and heating their homes, Chapa said.

Red Cross workers who had arrived Wednesday from as far as 100 miles away were busy distributing mops, brooms, disinfectants and cleaners, Ms. Richards said.

Meanwhile, Raymondville residents were banding together to solve drainage problems they blame for flooding that regularly engulfs the city.

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A Los Angeles County forensic investigator examines the scene near a shallow grave near the large boulder against the wall in the Angeles National Forest, believed to contain the remains of missing model Linda Sobek Saturday.

Shallow grave believed to contain model's remains

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Detectives led to a shallow forest grave by a suicidal photographer called in a criminal anthropologist Saturday to help determine if the decomposing body buried there is that of a missing model.

Investigators could not tell the age of the body, found near a culvert, or even if it was male or female.

It could take all day to collect evidence and remove the body. Identifying the remains and finding the cause of death could take a day or two more, Deputy Bill Martin said.

"It's going to be a very time-consuming, meticulous process," he said. Model Linda Sobek, a 27-year-old former Los Angeles Raiders cheerleader, was last seen on her way to a photo session with Charles E. Rathbun on Nov. 16. His cheesecake-and-car shots appear in automotive magazines.

The photographer told investigators Wednesday that during the photo shoot in a dry lake bed, he wanted Sobek to do "doughnuts" — rapid turns to make the rear end spin — with a new Lexus sport utility vehicle. He said she got out of the car to watch his demonstration

and he struck her accidentally. He tried unsuccessfully to revive her, then panicked and buried her body in the mountains, Hermosa Beach police Lt. Mark Wright said.

Small amounts of blood as well as hair similar to Sobek's were recovered from the Lexus, Wright said.

Rathbun, 38, led detectives to the grave near dusk on Friday, several hours after he slashed his wrists in his cell with a jail-issue razor. He was treated for the superficial cuts, then loaded into a helicopter to join the search for Sobek's body.

It was the second day that Rathbun had guided the search through the rugged 694,000-acre Angeles National Forest. Authorities said he was having trouble remembering just where he drove after Sobek's death.

The grave lies near a mound of dirt and rocks off a mountain road about 25 miles northeast of Los Angeles, on the north side of the San Gabriel Mountains, which separate the Los Angeles Basin from the Mojave Desert.

Authorities said Rathbun was already a suspect when police responded to a shooting at his house on Wednesday. Rathbun had tried to kill himself but was thwarted by two friends.

Heat turned up as FedEx talks halt

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — FedEx today rejected a last-ditch contract offer and broke off talks with its pilots union, which now plans to turn up the pressure by refusing to work overtime during the holiday shipping season.

As many as 300,000 packages a day could be affected if the union pilots, half of FedEx's flying force, refuse to work long holiday hours or come in on days off, said Will Johnson, a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association.

"If a plane is not where it's supposed to be, the package can't just get off the airplane and move to another airline," Johnson said.

The pilots had been negotiating for their first contract with the package hauler since the union won certification in 1993.

Tom Martin, vice president of corporate communications for FedEx, said talks broke off because the union's contract proposals would have increased costs to an unacceptable level.

The union has said there would be no strike. FedEx said it was ready, if necessary, to deploy contingency plans if union actions threaten to delay

the Memphis-based air carrier's overnight delivery service.

ALPA represents about half the company's 2,950 pilots, who earn, on average, \$128,000 a year.

Fight turns holiday into tragedy

Man kills entire family following fight on way home

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A man with a record of domestic violence was charged Friday with shooting his wife and their two children to death during an argument on the way home from Thanksgiving dinner.

Errol S. Dehaney was ordered held in lieu of \$7 million bail.

The killings Thursday came one day after Dehaney was ordered to stay away from his wife and children by a judge considering charges that he assaulted Shennavia Dehaney, 22, about two weeks ago.

Dehaney, 27, has signed a statement about the killings,

according to court records. "If not a confession, he certainly has admitted his participation in the incident," Assistant State's Attorney Herb Carlson said. Dehaney could face the death penalty if convicted of murder.

The couple argued in the car after leaving the holiday party, and Mrs. Dehaney got out and went back into the friends' house, police Lt. Joseph Buyak said.

Dehaney followed her into the house and shot her in the head, Buyak said. He then went back to the car and shot Errol Jr., 5, and Shantellique, 2, in the head, he said.

Police said Dehaney called them and said he had shot his family. When they arrived, they found Dehaney in front of the house holding a pistol, and

another woman was with him. The woman, whose identity and relationship to the suspect were not immediately disclosed, was released unharmed and Dehaney dropped the gun. He was taken into custody late Thursday.

Dehaney had been charged with sexual assault and unlawful restraint against his wife. During a hearing Wednesday on those charges, a judge ordered Dehaney to have no contact with his wife, Carlson said.

Dehaney also was charged with breach of peace for allegedly trying to strangle his wife with an extension cord in December 1993, court records show. The outcome of those charges was not immediately known.

A hearing on the murder charges was set Dec. 12.

One killed in 100-car pile up

SAN DIEGO (AP) — At least 100 cars piled up in the fog in a series of chain-reaction crashes on a major freeway Saturday, leaving one person dead and an undetermined number of people injured.

"There's zero visibility due to the fog," said a California Highway Patrol dispatcher, Scott Marotte.

The chain reaction began on Interstate 5 when cars stopped to help the occupants of a vehicle that had careened off the road and rolled, Marotte said.

In a separate crash, 30 to 50 cars smashed into each other on Interstate 805, but details were sketchy. Marotte said he was unsure how many people were injured.

For terminal patients, new drugs bring hope, not of cure, but time

WASHINGTON (AP) — One by one, the dying Americans stood before an impassive panel of doctors and begged for a few more months of life.

"My prayer is to see my only daughter, who's 5 years old, graduate from kindergarten," said Paula Flowers, whose breast cancer had spread to her lungs, bones and eyes.

Dying patients and their families who make this pilgrimage to the Food and Drug Administration to call for medicine breakthroughs even if they don't cure disease. Just the hope of a slightly prolonged life is enough for them to plead for a drug's approval.

It's a stark acknowledgement that drug companies aren't discovering many magic bullets.

"The nature of drug research is changing," said Gerald Mossinghoff, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association. "With the progress medical research has made against many front-line, acute diseases, research today increasingly focuses on ... the toughest, most resistant to cures."

Some of the most eagerly anticipated drugs awaiting FDA approval today appear only modestly effective:

—Riluzole extended the lives of Lou Gehrig's disease patients by only three months, but it's the first drug ever found at all helpful for the fatal neurological disease.

—Gemcydibene prolonged pancreatic cancer survival a median of only six weeks. But 18 percent survived a year, compared with just 2 percent of patients who got standard therapy.

—Taxotere helped advanced breast cancer patients survive a median of 10 months. But some 40 percent of patients responded to it somewhat, more than

respond to other drugs. In December, the FDA approved navelbine, which prolonged survival of certain lung cancer patients a median of two months. It was their first new treatment in 20 years.

"We are now looking at changes in survival that are very modest," acknowledged FDA drug chief Dr. Robert Temple.

But, he said, "it's hard to say three months' more survival is not a value to people who have a terminal illness. Most people given that option would choose to be treated. Who are we to say no?"

"Sometimes healthy people have the arrogant viewpoint that 'you are so sick, what are a few months longer?'" agreed Dr. Manfred Karobath of Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, maker of riluzole and taxotere. "They are fighting ... and you have to respect that."

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Opportunity to crack down on Mafia missed

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — For the priests who fight and sometimes die fighting the Mafia, a convention of the Italian Catholic Church this week offered a golden opportunity to prepare an all-out campaign against organized crime.

Sadly, some say, the powerful Church missed its chance.

"Formally there's a commitment, at least officially," the Rev. Cosimo Scordato said on Friday, the convention's closing day. "We've condemned the Mafia. OK. What do we do now?"

Hundreds of lay delegates from across Italy, bishops and cardinals spent this week in Palermo to chart the Italian Church's course over the next decade. Even the pope came down for a day.

Scordato is one of a group of priests, mostly in Palermo, who in recent years have either openly preached against the Mafia, or quietly worked in mob-controlled neighborhoods to set people against organized crime.

They received a big boost two years ago when Pope John Paul II issued a passionate denunciation in a televised outdoor Mass in Agrigento, Sicily.

In his address to the convention Thursday, John Paul repeated the message: "Do not kill! ... No Mafia can change or trample the right to life, this most sacred right of God!"

Three months after John Paul left Agrigento, a priest inspired by the pope, Giuseppe Puglisi, was murdered in Palermo. The mob also answered back, investigators believe, by bombing two churches in Rome.

In remarks summing up this week's conference, Cardinal Camillo Ruini said the Church was "aware that (the Mafia) is still alive and strong."

Fire-damaged wall collapses; 4 killed

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A section of a department store damaged by fire this week collapsed today, killing at least four people and injuring 24 others, police and hospital sources said.

Fire officials at the scene said most of the dead and injured were employees of the Central Childom Department Store who were salvaging items that survived the fire Wednesday.



Divorce legalization advocates celebrate victory Saturday in Dublin as results were being announced. Ireland's people chose to legalize divorce, turning against their church in an excruciatingly close vote that came down to the final few ballots.

Irish legalize divorce

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Defying the wishes of their church, Irish voters decided to legalize divorce, but only by the narrowest of margins. Ireland's chief election official ordered an immediate recount.

The first count showed the constitutional amendment passing with 50.2 percent of the vote, a margin of only 7,250 votes out of 1.6 million cast and the closest vote in Irish history. The recount began soon after the results from Friday's balloting were announced Saturday.

Ireland was the only country in the Western world to constitutionally ban divorce, and lifting the prohibition would be the country's sharpest break with its Roman Catholic traditions.

Prime Minister John Bruton, who had campaigned for the right to remarry for nearly 40,000 couples in broken marriages, said he was relieved by the outcome.

However, he said the government "must reflect on why there was such a large 'no' vote, and it wasn't all because of negative campaigning."

The response may be legislation to support families, Bruton said, but he gave no details.

Appeals by Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa spearheaded

the campaign against the referendum in Ireland, where 92 percent of the 3.5 million citizens are baptized Catholics.

"I feel shattered," said Eleanor McFadden, organizer of a church-based anti-divorce group, Parishes for Life. "I've been canvassing for weeks, and this vote today is not like what we heard on the doorsteps of Dublin."

"Our group has been arguing the case for the common good and pointing out what goes wrong in divorce societies like England and America."

The 818,112-810,592 count was a cliffhanger from the start of tallying at 9 a.m., when it became clear that the "yes" vote was strong in the key battleground of Dublin, while traditionalists in rural Ireland mostly voted "no."

Results were in doubt until the last of 41 legislative districts reported Saturday evening. A "yes" vote of 64.9 percent in northeast Dublin clinched the vote in favor of lifting the ban.

However, all across the country the vote for legalizing divorce was stronger than in 1986, when the issue was first put to voters. Two out of three voters said "no" then.

Temper flared Saturday after-

noon as anti-divorce campaigners saw their cause in danger.

No-Divorce Campaign activist Una Mhic Mhahuna shouted at government ministers on live television. As she left the Royal Dublin Society hall where the capital's ballots were being tabulated, she condemned some pro-divorce figures as "wife-swapping sodomists."

Pro-divorce campaigners couldn't relax until all the Dublin results were announced.

"Many of the people who voted 'no' in 1986 didn't really realize what they were doing," said Mags O'Brien of the Divorce Action Group. "This time the anti-divorce groups tried their hardest, running a totally and utterly dishonest campaign, but enough people kept their nerve."

O'Brien separated from her husband 13 years ago and got a divorce in England. She hopes now to marry her long-time partner in Ireland.

Opponents of divorce had been 20 points behind in opinion polls a month ago, but gained support with church leaders' help and with posters that claimed that "You Will Pay" through higher taxes to support broken families.

WITCHHUNT?

Free speech advocates complain about crackdown

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis who applauded the murder of Yitzhak Rabin by a right-wing Jew have been arrested. A university library has removed a book praising a Jewish gunman who killed 29 Palestinians.

A legislator is demanding prosecutors file charges against a novelist who compared Rabin to a Nazi collaborator.

Since Rabin was shot to death Nov. 4, Jewish extremists have been the target of a security crackdown.

Surveys say it has broad public support. But free-speech advocates say the crackdown is turning into a witch hunt to silence legitimate opposition to peace treaties with the Arabs.

"This is the beginning of McCarthyism," complained novelist Moshe Shamir.

A member of the ruling Labor Party wants Shamir prosecuted for saying before Rabin's murder that his deals with the Yass-

er Arafat's PLO were comparable to collaboration with the Nazis.

Growing public anger at the assassination is hardening attitudes about hate speech in a society noted for its heated debate and tolerance of views that span the political spectrum.

Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair has warned that reporters might be prosecuted if they report statements regarded as an incitement to violence.

"We cannot tolerate words of revolt which perhaps in the past we thought Israeli democracy can absorb," said Ben-Yair.

Police already have arrested Jews suspected of incitement.

Two members of the anti-Arab Kach movement are being held on charges they praised the assassination. Two teenage boys are accused of sedition for printing posters of Rabin in a Nazi uniform that were distributed before his death.

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Polish president-elect quits political party

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's president-elect resigned from the reformed Communist party Saturday, a move designed to reach out to supporters of defeated President Lech Walesa and to give himself more freedom to govern.

"I hope you will understand I am not breaking ties with you, but the decision is necessary if I am to treat all my political and social partners on equal terms," Aleksander Kwasniewski said in a surprise announcement at a convention of the party's regional leaders.

Kwasniewski has led the Social Democracy of Poland party since its 1990 creation by members of the dissolved Communist Polish United Workers' Party, which was ousted from power in 1989. The SDRP backed Kwasniewski's presidential campaign.

His unexpected decision was seen as an attempt to reach out to Walesa's supporters. It also freed Kwasniewski from party dictates in policy-making.

Kwasniewski defeated Walesa by 3.4 percent, or about 650,000 votes, in the Nov. 19 presidential election runoff. Both candi-

dates received more than 9 million votes apiece.

Kwasniewski told his former party he will step up the democratic reforms begun in 1989.

"I want my five-year term to

be the time when reforms get a new impulse, a new quality," Kwasniewski said.

Kwasniewski joined the Communist party in 1977 and was youth and sports minister.

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Serbs protest peace plan

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Vowing to fight to their deaths, Serbs in Sarajevo took to the streets by the thousands Saturday to protest the Balkan peace plan.

Holding up their children as symbols of their sense of betrayal, Serbs in the Grbavica section of the city declared they will never leave their homes there.

"We'll die if we have to" said one banner. "Sarajevo is ours," said another.

The protest came just hours after Serb leader Radovan Karadzic delivered a televised plea to accept the U.S.-mediated plan, which roughly cuts Bosnia in half.

One part would be governed by the Serbs; the other, including Sarajevo, by a Muslim-Croat federation.

Failure to persuade the Serbs to accept the agreement could torpedo international efforts to end 3½ years of war.

The agreement is to be signed next month in Paris.



A group of Bosnia Serbs wave a flag and hold a picture of Bosnian Serb Army Commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, in Grbavica, the Bosnian Serb-held part of Sarajevo Saturday. Thousands of Serbs staged protests against the Bosnian peace agreement, insisting they have been sold out.

Karadzic reportedly has initiated a copy of the agreement, reached Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio.

The Serb news agency SRNA reported that Karadzic and his top general, Ratko Mladic, plan to attend the signing. However, they face arrest on war crimes charges if they venture outside their territory.

"We have accepted peace achieved in Dayton," Karadzic said Saturday in a statement to The Associated Press. However the plan must still be ratified by the Bosnian Serb parliament, he said, adding that Sarajevo could be a sticking point.

Karadzic suggested at the very least the United States and its allies should guarantee the safety of the more than 100,000 Serbs living in and around the city.

If not, he said, "Sarajevo is going to be a long-lasting problem."

How do you spell Bosnia? S-O-M-A-L-I-A

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the U.S. military prepares to enter Bosnia on its biggest, most complex peacekeeping operation ever, memories of disastrous missions of the recent past are stirred, starting with Somalia.

There are some parallels, the most obvious being that again the U.S. military is stepping into a civil war with a long, cruel history. Bosnia is less chaotic than Somalia, where anarchy was the rule, but civil tensions are high.

U.S. officials have structured the Bosnia plan in a way that — on paper, at least — will avoid some pitfalls of Somalia, which was a mission of mercy that succeeded in stopping mass starvation but collapsed after 18 U.S. soldiers were killed in a firefight on Oct. 3, 1993. In all, 44 Americans died in Somalia.

The Bosnia force, to be known as the Implementation Force, or IFOR, is to monitor a "zone of separation" between the Bosnian Serb, Croat and Muslim forces. Unlike in Somalia, it will not get involved in such tasks as resettling refugees or rebuilding the country, Defense Secretary William Perry said Friday.

"We're not going in there to fight a war, we're not planning to fight our way in," Perry said, adding that he does not expect any organized opposition to IFOR.

U.S. forces didn't go into Somalia expecting combat, either. Not a shot was fired on that December night in 1992 when the first Marines went ashore at Mogadishu. But over time the mission changed from enabling the distribution of emergency food and medical supplies to hunting down clan leaders.

That is one lesson from Somalia being applied to Bosnia: No "mission creep."

The peacekeepers in Bosnia will have the authority to arrest anyone indicted for war crimes whom they encounter, or who interfere with IFOR's work. But they will not track them down.



Bearers carry one of seven flag-draped coffins into the front of a C-5 transport plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, in this March 17, 1994, photo, for shipment to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. As the U.S. military prepares to enter Bosnia on its biggest, most complex peacekeeping operation ever, memories of disastrous missions of the recent past are stirred, starting with Somalia.

Another Somalia lesson: Don't put the U.N. in charge. The Bosnia peacekeeping probably will have a U.N. mandate, but the political control will be NATO's. And an American general, George Joulwan, will be the top military commander.

Somalia was an open-ended military commitment. The Bosnia plan calls for the 20,000-man U.S. contingent to stay no longer than 12 months, and to begin pulling out after six or seven months, Perry told a news conference Friday in Germany. In the military effort, there are some haunting parallels to Somalia.

Somalia. One of them is the danger of land mines. Some of the U.S. deaths in Somalia were caused by exploding, unseen mines. The risk in Bosnia is even greater.

Gen. Dennis Reimer, the Army's chief of staff, told reporters there are an estimated six million mines in Bosnia — many of them unmapped. Another parallel to Somalia is the likelihood of hit-and-run attacks, or harassing actions, against U.S. and NATO troops by what Perry calls "rogue elements."

"It's a country that's seen more than its share of banditry, people out of control, armed groups, paramilitary groups of various types," said Lt. Gen. Wesley Clark, who was the senior U.S. military officer at the Ohio peace talks.

Foreshadowing possible dangers U.S. troops might encounter, Bosnian Serbs staged protests against the peace agreement in Sarajevo suburbs Friday and former Serb police chief Ratko Adzic warned that the Serbs would fight to defend their homes. Earlier Friday, Bosnian government troops raided a U.N. base in northeastern Bosnia, stealing vehicles, fuel and food.

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President appeals to values, interests in pushing peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Previewing his televised address to the nation, President Clinton appealed to America's values and interests Saturday to gain support for a peace agreement that he said could lead war-ravaged Bosnia "from horror to hope."

"Without our support, the hard-won peace would be lost, the terrible slaughter would resume, the conflict that already has cost so many lives would spread like a cancer throughout the region," the president said in his weekly radio address.

Clinton outlined the case he will make in his television address Monday night. His policies call for sending 20,000 American troops to serve with a NATO force in Bosnia to implement the peace agreement reached at Dayton, Ohio, last week by the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia.

That policy has met with stubborn resistance in the Republican Congress and Clinton sought to answer the question of why American soldiers should be placed at risk on foreign soil.

"Peace in Bosnia is important to America, to both our values and our interests," Clinton said. America has watched for nearly four years while 250,000 people have been killed in Bosnia and an additional 2 million people have been forced from their homes as refugees, he said.

Mass executions, ethnic cleansing, campaigns of rape and terror have done "violence to the principles on which America stands," Clinton said. "The only way to end the killing for good is to secure a commitment to peace," Clinton said. "Now our conscience demands that we act."

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Sands, Klondike advance in 6-man playoffs

Mustangs grind down Longhorns

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

LENORAH - Football purists would have loved Friday's Sands-Buena Vista six-man playoff game.

No fancy plays. Few passes. Just basic, smash-mouth football, six-man style.

In the end, it was Sands that smashed the most, running away with a 47-24 area playoff win at Grady High School.

Sands (11-1) advances to face defending state champion Amherst in the state quarterfinals. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday in New Home.

Buena Vista ends its season with a 9-2 record.

The Mustangs' offensive plan was simple but devastating: Give the ball to Stephen Gillespie to run outside, then hand off to Dallas Hopper to gain yards inside.

Together, the duo gained more than 300 yards. Gillespie gained 162 yards on 15 carries and scored one touchdown, while Hopper rushed 20 times for 146 yards and two scores.

While the offense was grind-



Sands running back Dallas Hopper (30) heads upfield as Buena Vista defender Adam Dominquez (74) closes in for the stop during their playoff game Friday in Lenorah.

ing away at Buena Vista, Sands' defense was not allowing the Longhorns to establish any consistency. The Mustangs shut down Buena Vista's high-powered ground game, allowing only 190 yards rushing - most of that in the latter stages of the game.

"We did the same stuff we've been doing all year - we were

just more aggressive," Sands defensive coach Jerry Gooch said. "That's what it took. We didn't just want to hit these guys, we wanted to punish them."

Despite the statistical domination, however, the game was very much in doubt heading into the final four minutes. Buena Vista had whittled a 26-8

deficit to only 10 points with five minutes remaining, and the Longhorns' defense had Sands staring at a third-and-12 at its own 36.

That's when the Mustangs got a little fancy - relatively speaking.

Quarterback Delynn Reed, Please see SANDS, page 11A

Cougars outscore Balmorhea

KERMIT - The No. 2 ranked Klondike Cougars defeated the Balmorhea Bears 60-57 to become area champions and advance to the state six-man quarterfinals.

Chris Arismendez did his best Emmitt Smith imitation, rushing for 216 yards and six touchdowns on 28 carries.

Arismendez started off the scoring on a 23-yard run and followed that with scoring runs of 5, 23, 3, and 1 yards.

The scoring went back and forth in the game. It went down to ever had the ball last. The Balmorhea Bears put up a good fight, but this game was decided on the work of the extra point teams. Klondike blocked two extra point kicks to keep the Bears from four points.

Head coach Jim Kinnear said, "I can't say enough about the extra points team. It made a big difference in the game. It came down to extra points and we were able to execute."

The Cougars outscored the Bears by nine points in the first quarter. Clayton Roberts scored Klondike's second touchdown on a 32-yard pass from Tanner Etheredge. Arismendez followed on a 5-yard run.

Etheredge controlled the

Balmorhea	Team stats	Klondike
19	First downs	17
181	rushing yds.	374
217	passing yds.	92
3-26.7	punts-avg.	1-51
1-0	turn.-lost	4-2
3-13	pen.-yds.	3-24
12-22-1	C-A-1	7-13-1
Balmorhea	13 16 20 8 - 39	
Klondike	22 14 16 8 - 28	

Cougars' offense, passing for 92 yards on 7 of 13 passes.

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Injury slows, but doesn't stop Smith's dream of 2,000 yards

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Emmitt Smith smiles about it, but he won't talk about it much.

Just for bringing up the subject, he requests that you knock on wood. He doesn't believe in jinxes, but he believes it's easy to get the cart ahead of the horse.

He knows an injury can shatter dreams quickly.

On Thanksgiving Day, Smith's dream almost was broken when he suffered a sprained knee against the Kansas City Chiefs.

On this Tuesday, he's had his body massaged with a few well placed judo chops on his beaten body. It smooths out the kinks as he tries to survive in the dangerous world as an NFL running back.

The dream of the All-Pro Dallas Cowboy is to gain 2,000

yards in a season. He wants to be the third player in NFL history to reach that plateau.

"I don't want to talk about it much, but you know I want it," Smith said. "I'd like to have a shot at it in the 16th game of the regular season after the team has done all it has set out to do."

That game would be in Phoenix on Christmas night against Buddy Ryan's sad-sack Cardinals. The Cowboys close out their season there, and Smith laughs about what he thinks Ryan would do if Smith has a shot at 2,000.

"Buddy will probably put nine men on the line of scrimmage," Smith said. "It will be a tough night."

Smith leads the NFL in rushing - and in scoring. With his 15-year scoring run in the 24-12 win over the Chiefs, Smith is

only three touchdowns short of John Riggins' NFL record of 24 TDs in one season.

He's nine touchdowns short of breaking Paul Hornung's 35-year-old record of 176 points.

"All those records will be significant to me if the team has a very good year," Smith said. "I want to be able to enjoy the records, and I can do that if the team wins."

Smith rushed for only 56 yards against Kansas City before his third-quarter injury. It gave him 1,403 yards for the season and put him behind schedule to reach the magic 2,000.

Smith was listed day-to-day for the Dec. 3 game against the Washington Redskins.

Coach Barry Switzer said, "We don't want Emmitt to rush getting back. We want him 100 percent."



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith waves to the crowd as he walks along the sideline during the Florida-Florida State game Saturday in Gainesville, Fla.

Tech finally rids itself of the Astrodome blahs; Aggies win

HOUSTON (AP) - Zebbie Lethridge and Byron Hanspard were the primary ghostbusters for Texas Tech as the Red Raiders beat Houston 38-26 Saturday, making the most of its last chance to end two decades of bad luck in the Astrodome.

Lethridge and Hanspard were key figures in a 21-point burst over the first 5:23 of the last Southwest Conference game played in the Astrodome.

Lethridge ran for two touchdowns and passed for two and Hanspard scored twice as the Red Raiders (8-3, 5-2 SWC)

closed out 36 years in the league before moving to the Big 12 conference next season.

The Red Raiders are happy to be leaving the Astrodome, where they compiled a 2-6-1 record in SWC games played against the Cougars (1-9, 1-5).

In 1987, the Raiders were poised to accept a bowl invitation until Houston rallied to a 10-10 tie to end Tech's postseason hopes.

This time, it took just a few

big plays for the Red Raiders to take command.

Hanspard ran 63 yards on the second play of the game. He scored again on a 14-yard pass from Lethridge with 11:21 to go, and Lethridge ran 14 yards on a keeper with 9:37 to go for the 21-0 start.

The Raiders led 24-7 at the end of the first period. Tech has outscored its last two opponents 45-7 in the first quarter.

Hanspard, who scored five touchdowns last week against Southern Methodist, finished with a career high 228 yards on 29 carries for his fifth straight

100-yard performance

Lethridge scored his second touchdown with 4:07 to go in the first half, running untouched for 12 yards after a perfectly executed fake that caught the Houston defense leaning right as Lethridge went left.

Houston didn't fade after Tech's quick strike. Chuck Clements completed touchdown passes of 10 yards to Jay McGuire and 11 yards to Damion Johnson for a 31-14 deficit at the half, and he threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Robbie Wheeler with 7:24 left in

the game.

Clements attacked Tech' No. 2-ranked pass defense that entered the game allowing 172.6 yards per game. Clements completed 22 of 50 passes for 294 yards.

Houston will move to Conference USA next season after closing out its membership in the SWC at Rice Saturday.

Texas A&M 38, TCU 6 FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Senior Corey Pullig put on the

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Hamlin outlasts Stanton

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sportswriter

SAN ANGELO - Stanton's 1995 football season came to an end as Hamlin defeated the Buffalos 39-28 in the Class 2A area playoffs Friday night.

For first-year head coach Mark Cotton and his crew it is only an end to a beginning. "I think what this team has done is something that will be there forever. We got the program off to a good start. It was in good shape when (former head coach) Bill (Grissom) left, but we hope to improve. We're young but still a good team."

"I don't think the media or anyone else has given this team credit to how good they are. This is a team that only won three games in junior high and they went this far. This is a real good team," Cotton said.

The Buffalos went 9-3. Hamlin began the scoring on a 57-yard pass to James Clawson from Chas Shira in the first quarter.

Stanton's offense, led by Taylor Looney, mounted a drive with five minutes left in the first, but had to settle for a field goal by Josh Madison.

The game was an offense-minded fan's delight.

Stanton's offense was led by Looney and running back Todd Davis. Looney completed 12 of 20 passes for 171 yards and two

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SHOT OF THE DAY

Ready? Fire!
Bear, the Utah Jazz mascot, leaps through a flaming hoop as he slams the ball between quarters of the Jazz' game with Chicago Friday in Salt Lake City.

TEXAS

Knicks rout Rockets

NEW YORK (AP) - Patrick Ewing scored 27 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked four fourth-quarter shots, leading the New York Knicks to a 103-88 victory over the two-time NBA champion Houston Rockets Saturday.

Ewing scored six points during a 17-6 run midway through the final quarter when the Knicks broke open a close game as they ended the Rockets seven-game winning streak.

New York, winning its fifth in a row, did it with defense, blocking five shots in the fourth period and nine overall while dominating the defensive boards.

With Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon in foul trouble most of the game, Charles Oakley (17 points) and Anthony Mason (15) added 10 rebounds apiece.

NATION/WORLD

U.S. team in agua caliente

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) - Facing almost certain defeat in the Fed Cup finals after falling behind Spain 2-0 Saturday, American captain Bille Jean King kept her sense of humor.

"No problems," King joked after Spain's Conchita Martinez defeated Chanda Rubin 7-5, 7-6 (7-3) and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3, 6-2.

"We'll have a team meeting," King added, pausing to milk another laugh with her limited Spanish. "Muy pronto."

Rubin and Fernandez also laughed, seeming relieved even though they know defeat for the U.S. team loomed on the slow, red-clay court.

Spain can clinch its third straight Fed Cup title by winning either of Sunday's singles or the doubles.

ON THE AIR

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Philadelphia at Washington, noon, FOX (ch. 3).
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Denver at Houston, 3 p.m., NBC.
Carolina at New Orleans, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Golf

Skins Game, 2:30 p.m., ABC (ch. 2).



Klondike quarterback Tanner Etheredge (5) looks for a receiver while scrambling away from a Balmorhea defender during their area playoff game Friday in Kermit.

Cougars

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Etheredge also rushed for 110 yards on 11 carries and scored on a 68-yard punt return.

Balmorhea running back Junior Dutchover and quarterback Deblase Mendoza led the Bears in rushing. Dutchover totaled 66 yards on 10 carries while Mendoza rushed for 90 yards on 19 carries and threw for 143 yards on 8-of-15 passes.

It was the Bears' passing game that allowed them to keep their hopes alive.

"They have outstanding speed

which we underestimated. Dutchover is a great back who is hard to contain," Kinnear said. "He's the type of player who can stop on a dime and turn to score. When he got in the open field we did not have the speed to stop him."

With the back-and-forth scoring the Cougars had great efforts out of the defense and offense.

"We got off to a real good start and this was the first game in a long time that we have played a full four quarters," Kinnear said. "They would score, we would score, it went back and forth. Finally we stopped them with four min-

utes left in the game. It was a good game."

Lon Estes intercepted Balmorhea's 45-yard desperation pass on the 5-yard line to end the game.

Balmorhea head coach Michael Barrantey said, "We played the No. 2 team in the state to a three-point game. These kids don't have to prove anything to anybody. They showed in this game the character we're trying to build in this program."

The Cougars will travel either to Seminole or Lamesa for the quarterfinals against Whitharral next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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touchdowns while Davis totaled 165 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns.

Hamlin's scoring came from Shira and running back Timmy Davis. Shira threw for 157 yards while Davis equaled that on the ground.

Hamlin scored in the second quarter on a 10-yard run by Davis.

Stanton reached the end zone twice in the second on Looney's passing. He completed two scoring tosses, a 18-yard pass to Leo McCallister and a 15-yard pass to Nick Hull.

Stanton soon met another big threat from Hamlin - 1994 all state safety James Clawson. Clawson picked off a two point conversion pass and returned it 95 yards to make the halftime score 19-15.

Cotton said, "He's a tremendous player. We talked about knowing where he was at all times but just couldn't stop him."

Breakdowns in execution hindered Stanton.

"We had too many mistakes against a good team. I don't know if it was playoff pressure or what, but it got to us," Cotton said. "We had some poor tackling on the line, but they did a good job blocking. You have to give them credit."

Hamlin scored in the third on a 6-yard pass from Shira to Scotty Nichols, but it was soon answered by Stanton's Davis, who scored on an 85-yard run.

Hamlin's Davis scored again in the fourth on a 5-yard run,

as did Stanton's Davis on a 4-yard run to keep the Buffalos within five points.

Hamlin then closed Stanton's window of opportunity on Nichols 40-yard rumble to the end zone.

"We haven't been there and Hamlin has. It makes a world of difference," Cotton said. "This is beyond anything I could have dreamed of. We were picked fourth or fifth, beat Iraan, and made it to the playoffs. It's been a tremendous year."

"It's pretty painful at this second but the kids did a great job."

Hamlin	Team stats	Stanton
21	First downs	19
258	rushing yds.	206
159	passing yds.	171
3-32	punts-avg.	3-30
2-1	fgm-lost	1-1
6-51	pen-yds.	7-63
10-19-2	C-A-1	12-20-2
Hamlin	7 12 7 13 -39	
Stanton	3 12 6 7 -28	

First quarter
H - James Clawson 57-yard pass from Chas Shira (Scotty Nichols kick).
S - Josh Madison 22-yard fieldgoal.
Second quarter
H - Timmy Davis 10-yard run (Nichols kick).
H - Nichols 25-yard fieldgoal.
S - Leo McCallister 14-yard pass from Taylor Looney (kick failed).
S - Nick Hull 17-yard pass from Looney (pass failed).
H - Clawson 95-yard conversion return.
Third quarter
H - Nichols 6-yard pass from Shira (Nichols kick).
S - Todd Davis 85-yard run (pass failed).
Fourth quarter
H - Davis 5-yard run (Nichols kick).
S - Davis 4-yard run (Madison kick).
H - Nichols 40-yard run (kick failed).

SWC

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best passing show of his career, and it placed No. 15 Texas A&M on course to battle the Texas Longhorns for a New Year's Day bowl berth.

Leeland McElroy scored twice and Pullig nearly missed as the Aggies rolled over Texas Christian 38-6 Saturday in the final Southwest Conference game between the teams.

A&M (8-2, 5-1 SWC) will challenge No. 9 Texas on Saturday at College Station, with the winner earning a bowl alliance spot to either the Orange or Sugar bowls.

Texas is unbeaten in SWC play and has clinched at least a co-championship. The loser of the Texas A&M-Texas game likely will play in the Alamogordo Bowl in San Antonio on Dec. 28.

"It's only fitting that the last SWC title comes down to a game between A&M and Texas," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said. "It can't get any better than this."

TCU (6-5, 3-4) lost its 23rd consecutive game to the Aggies as the 92-year-old rivalry ended before 44,282 fans, the fourth-largest crowd in Amon Carter Stadium history.

The Aggies rolled to a 14-3 halftime lead on McElroy's touchdowns, and A&M turned the game over to its "Wrecking Crew" defense, which leads the nation by allowing only 241 yards per game. The Frogs gained 269 yards.

Pullig, often criticized for his passing, was on target all day as he hit 24-of-36 passes for 253 yards.

McLaren said, "If we could have stopped them there, I feel like we would have got the ball back and scored on them."

The victory marked the first time since 1991 that the Mustangs have advanced past the area round.

"I told the kids that this was a big game for the program," coach Billy Barnett said. "The last two years, we've gone into this game and lost ... Basically, it was a big win for us."

DIV. I CHAMPIONS



The Bulldogs I of Coahoma recently won the Division I championship of the Crossroad Little Football League. Team members are: Korley Bennett; Michael Freeman; Kody Jackson; Clinton Haile; Kelby Kemper; Nicholas Molina; Craig Light; T.J. Christian; Adrian Abrego; Chad Born; Cody Pennington; Darrick Shifflett; Orrin Mansfield; Bryan Pearson; Seth Williamson; Jared Pennington; Joshua Noble; Rocky Guzman; Dane Hayes; Jacob Murphree; Philip Padron; Nicholas Maddox; Jonathan Gomez; Nicholas Paredes; Pete Yanez; Nolan Cornutt; David Mendez; and Dusty Dorton. Cheerleaders are: Kimberlee Baugus; Haley Butts; Brittney Hankin; Krystal Herrera; Brandi Kilpatrick; Lisa Landin; Stephanie McIntosh; Valerie Martinez; Ginni Metcalf; Alica Thurman; Michelle Villa; and Shayla Walisa. Coaches are: Raye Rye; Cory Anderson; and Chubby Abrego.

Ballinger ends Wolves' season

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sportswriter

ABILENE - Colorado City's Cinderella story came to a not-so-happy end.

The Ballinger Bearcats defeated the Wolves 36-13 in a Class 3A area playoff game Saturday.

For a team that was supposed to be outmatched, the Wolves had no trouble moving the ball. Finding the end zone, however, was another story.

Colorado City drove inside Ballinger's 20 three times in the first half, but came up scoreless each time.

Arian Emmerson rushed for 114 yards in the first half to propel the Wolves' into scoring range. The best C-City could

manage, however, was two failed field-goal tries.

Ballinger, meanwhile, capitalized on C-City mistakes to grab a 21-0 halftime lead.

Ballinger running backs Ricky Guerrero and Richard Jalomo gained 88 and 216 yards, respectively, for the Bearcats.

Ballinger scored its first touchdown on a 5-yard pass from Cody McClarty to Guerrero. McClarty then connected on a 15-yard strike to Brian Ruppert.

In the final two minutes of the first half, McClarty scored again, this time on a 1-yard run.

"Ballinger was playing some good defense," C-City coach Bill Grissom said of the Wolves'

first-half troubles. "That's what happens when you go to the playoffs. Sooner or later, it has to end. The kids did a real good job."

Ballinger finished its scoring in the third quarter on another 1-yard TD run by McClarty and a 93-yard touchdown scramble by Jalomo.

The Wolves finally reached the end zone on a 28-yard pass from Frank Espinoza to Lynn Boyd in the fourth quarter.

And Emmerson broke the 200-yard mark in rushing for the night when he scored from 10 yards out for the Wolves' final score.

"It hurts," Grissom said. "But that's part of the playoffs. We had a tremendous year and this is a sad way to end it."

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College scores

SOUTH Florida 35, Florida St. 24 Mississippi 13, Mississippi St. 10 Southern U. 30, Grambling St. 14 MIDWEST Iowa 45, Minnesota 3 Michigan 31, Ohio St. 23 SOUTHWEST Texas Tech 38, Houston 26

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TRANSACTIONS

Wylie eliminated Greenwood, 28-7. The problem is the Dolphins, a team rebuilt for the Super Bowl, have lost five of seven, were embarrassed 44-20 by San Francisco Monday night and could be headed for oblivion. And it was the Colts who started the slide, rallying from a 24-3 deficit at Miami to win 27-24 in overtime and keep the Dolphins from a 5-0 start. The winner of this game will move into second place in the AFC East and into solid contention for a wild-card playoff berth. The loser will be in trouble. Oakland (8-3) at San Diego (4-7) (Monday night) The last chance for the Chargers if they want to get a shot at defending their AFC title. Even if they win out, 9-7 might not be good enough to make the playoffs ... in the AFC. The Raiders will be without quarterback Jeff Hostetler, who injured a shoulder in the 34-21 loss to the Cowboys last week. He will be replaced by 40-year-old Vince Evans. Evans beat Indianapolis a month ago and played reasonably well in relief last week. Tampa Bay (6-5) at Green Bay (7-4) This could be a historic game for the Bucs, who need one more win to avoid a 10-loss season for the first time in 13 years. It also would put them in a tie for the lead in the NFC Central, the first time they've been in that position so late in a season since 1980. But this might not be the time and place for the Bucs, who got the Packers again at Tampa in two weeks. Green Bay has righted itself the past two weeks and again looks like the class of the NFC Central, something unlikely to change as long as Brett Favre stays healthy. The Bucs got lucky last week, allowing Jacksonville to drive 96 yards to come within a point, then watched Tom Coughlin become the first NFL coach to go for two points rather than one point and overtime — and fail — with 37 seconds to go. New England (4-7) at Buffalo (8-3) Buffalo has no worries despite injuries. Last week, with three-fourths of the secondary out, the Bills barely beat the Jets. But the Patriots are barely surviving in the AFC East, which the Bills lead by two games. "I feel like a failure," Patriots coach Bill Parcells said after last week's 24-10 loss to the Colts. "I haven't been able to convince them of the urgency it takes. But I will. We might not win another game, but we will try something else until we get it done." Philadelphia (7-4) at Washington (3-8) The Eagles' Ray Rhodes may be coach of the year for integrating 31 new players into his team, then getting to the brink of a wild-card berth by winning six of seven. One reason is games like this. With the decline of the Redskins and the Giants, whom the Eagles beat last week, the NFC East has gone from the NFL's best division to one of the worst. Philadelphia has a potential six wins guaranteed against New York, Washington and the traditionally dismal Cardinals. Heath Shuler returns as the starting quarterback for Washington. Carolina (5-6) at New Orleans (4-7) The Panthers, who have won five of six, are the NFC's hottest team south of Philadelphia. One of their wins was 20-3 at home over the Saints.

Beat Dallas at Texas Stadium. Beat Miami at Joe Robbie. Loss your job. That's the prospect facing Elvis Grbac, who rejuvenated the San Francisco 49ers on what looked like an impossible road trip that could have imperiled their chances of defending their Super Bowl title. Despite passing for 687 yards and six touchdowns in 38-20 and 44-20 wins, Grbac is headed back to the bench in favor of Steve Young when the Niners return home Sunday to play the St. Louis Rams. "Two weeks ago, we were 5-4 and looking dead," said Young, whose ailing left shoulder was remedied by arthroscopic surgery less than two weeks ago. "Now, I've got to come back and pick up the pace that Elvis set." Grbac, who was 3-2 in the five games Young missed, said: "If Steve is healthy, this is his team. My No. 1 role is as backup quarterback." Grbac's first start was against the Rams, a 44-10 win at St. Louis. But that win was more the work of the defense, specifically Ken Norton, who returned two interceptions for touchdowns. This game could sink the Rams, who started 4-0, but are 2-5 since, a game behind the Atlanta Falcons and the 49ers, each 7-4, in the NFC West. Last week, St. Louis lost at Atlanta 31-6 and this probably is its last chance to stay in the race. Coach Rich Brooks still thinks the Rams have a shot at the playoffs. "Until we've proven we can't be a factor, then it doesn't make any sense to look to next year," he said. "We're still trying to be a factor, even though the two times we had our best opportunity to do that, we went out and threw up all over the field."

The NFL weekend began Thursday with Dallas beating Kansas City 24-12 and Detroit defeating Minnesota 44-38. In other games Sunday, it will be Miami at Indianapolis, New England at Buffalo, Cincinnati at Jacksonville, Chicago at the New York Giants, Philadelphia at Washington, Tampa Bay at Green Bay, Denver at Houston, the New York Jets at Seattle, Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Atlanta at Arizona and Carolina at New Orleans. Oakland is at San Diego Monday night. Pittsburgh (7-4) at Cleveland (4-7) The agony continues for the Browns and their fans. They've now lost six of seven, including three by an aggregate score of 88-33 since their proposed move to Baltimore became known. Included was a 20-3 loss 13 days ago at Pittsburgh, the game in which quarterback-wide receiver Kordell Stewart threw a touchdown pass. Last week, Stewart caught a 71-yard TD pass from Neil O'Donnell in the 36-point comeback that lifted the Steelers past the Bengals 49-31 and put them three games ahead in the AFC Central. Last week, in Cleveland's 31-20 loss to the Packers, Vinny Testaverde relieved Eric Zeier and threw for 244 yards and two touchdowns after the game was out of hand. Zeier, meanwhile, was only 7 of 19 for 61 yards in the loss to Pittsburgh. Miami (6-5) at Indianapolis (6-5) This could be one of the most critical games in Don Shula's coaching career and Dan Marino's playing career. And not because Marino needs one more touchdown pass to reach 343 and set an NFL record. The problem is the Dolphins, a team

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Weekend

Friday BASKETBALL National Basketball Association Boston Celtics—Signed Thomas Hamilton, center, and placed him on the injured list. Activated De Brown, guard, from the injured list. Waived Larry Sykes, forward. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Activated Eddie Jones, guard, from the injured list. Placed Frankie King, guard, on the injured list. Saturday AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE BINGHAMTON RANGERS—Announced Pavel Komarov, defenseman, has been reassigned by the New York Rangers from Charlotte of the ECHL. Loaned Dennis Maxwell, center, to Charlotte.

Wylie eliminates Greenwood, 28-7

SAN ANGELO - The Abilene Wylie Bulldogs raced out to a 14-0 lead, then held on to defeat the Greenwood Rangers, 28-7, in a Class 3A area playoff game here Saturday. Wylie (11-1) advances to face Springtown in the regional semifinals. Greenwood ends its season with a 9-3 record. The Bulldogs struck twice in the late stages of the first quarter. First, Cody Karcher scored on a 66-yard run, then Dekendrick Woodard ran in from 42 yards out with just eight seconds remaining in the quarter. The Rangers rallied in the second quarter, with Casey Otho taking in a 10-yard scor-

ing pass from Josh Jones to make the score 14-7. But Wylie pushed its lead back to 14 points when Steven Thessing scored on a 1-yard plunge just before halftime, making the score 21-7. The Bulldogs added an insurance touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 28-yard TD run by

Thessing. Bucky Smith led the Rangers in rushing with 80 yards on 17 carries, while Otho kicked in 65 yards on 14 carries. Woodard led all rushers with 123 yards, while Karcher added 109 yards.

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Judge puts hold on move

CLEVELAND (AP) — A local judge has put the brakes on Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell's moving van.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Kenneth Callahan issued an order Friday that thwarts Modell's plans to move the team to Baltimore, at least until a trial can be held on the city's lawsuit against the move.

The injunction — issued in a five-second courtroom proceeding that was over before everyone in the courtroom realized it had begun — came after three days of arguments earlier this week.

"We're very gratified," said George von Mehren, a lawyer for the city. "This ... is just one step in the process of keeping the Browns in Cleveland. But on this Friday afternoon, we're very happy."

The order only lasts until a trial can be held on the city's suit, but that could be a considerable length of time.

"It'll take at least several months before we're ready" for a trial, von Mehren said. Callahan asked the Browns and the city to submit a suggested trial date by Monday.

Modell announced on Nov. 6 he intended to move the team to Baltimore for the start of the 1996 season. The city wants an order forcing the team to stay in Cleveland Stadium until the Browns' lease expires in 1998.

Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White, who was on vacation, was ecstatic, according to spokeswoman Nancy Lesic.

"It's just one battle in a much larger engagement — to prove to the NFL owners who are voting on this in January that we are going to work tirelessly and not stop our efforts, despite this victory, to keep the team here," Lesic said.

The Browns could appeal, but injunctions are difficult to overturn.

"We're obviously disappointed by the order," said Dennis Kelly, a lawyer for the Browns, adding that an appeal was a possibility.

Dianna Rosborough, a spokeswoman for Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening, said the ruling "was not unexpected from a Cleveland judge."

"We're extremely confident that ultimately Mr. Modell will be free to move his team from Cleveland, so this doesn't change our plans in the least bit," Rosborough said. "We have an extremely strong legally binding contract, so we're not anxious or worried about this temporary injunction."

Maryland state Sen. John Pica, chairman of Baltimore city delegation, agreed.

"No one expected this to be comfortable and we didn't expect it to come easily. At the same time, you can't expect a hometown judge facing re-election to rule against his city," said Pica, in whose district the Browns' new stadium would be built.

White had testified that the city faced huge financial losses if the Browns were to leave town. The team's financial impact on the city was conservatively estimated to be \$47 million a year, White said.

Loss of the team also would slow the city's growth and tarnish the "comeback city" image Cleveland had cultivated in the past 10 years, White said.

Lawyers for the city argued that the team had signed an ironclad, 25-year lease at Cleveland Stadium. But lawyers for the Browns insisted that only Cleveland Stadium Corp. — a company created and owned by Modell — had signed the lease with the city.

The Browns signed a sublease with the corporation, and lawyers for the team argued the city had no right to interfere in that agreement.

The day Modell signed a 30-year lease with the Maryland Stadium Authority, he signed a deal in which the Stadium Corp. agreed to allow the Browns to break their lease three years early.

WHOOOPS!



Houston wide receiver Robbie Wheeler has the ball stripped away by Texas Tech linebacker Shawn Banks during the first half of their game Saturday in Houston. Tech recovered the fumble (Related story, page 10A).

Pavin chips way to lead at Skins

Two great shots equal \$150,000 for Open champ

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Corey Pavin, one of golf's finest shotmakers, came up with two spectacular shots Saturday, chipping in for \$100,000 and sinking a bending 15-foot putt for another \$50,000 in the Skins Game.

Pavin, the 1995 U.S. Open champion playing in his first Skins Game, was the big winner on the first day of the two-day, \$540,000 showdown.

Peter Jacobsen, also a Skins rookie, won one hole worth \$30,000.

Defending champion Tom Watson, last year's big winner with \$210,000, and three-time runner-up Fred Couples, whose chip from 20 feet on No. 4 lipped the cup and spun out, both left empty-handed.

They will have a chance at even bigger money Sunday, when \$330,000 is up for grabs, including \$60,000 on the first hole since No. 9 was tied.

The first four holes, worth \$20,000 each, were tied, building the pot to \$100,000 on the par-4, 280-yard No. 5, a slight dogleg left with rocky desert between the elevated tee and

the fairway. Pavin hit his tee shot onto the fringe, 25 feet from the pin, then knocked in his chip for an eagle 2 and \$100,000.

After No. 6 was tied, Pavin added another \$50,000 when he dropped in his birdie putt for a 3 on the par-4, 392-yard seventh hole. Couples had a chance to tie from 6 feet, but missed.

Jacobsen picked up his skin by sinking a 35-foot putt for a birdie on the par-3, 205-yard No. 8.

Pavin's \$150,000 tied a first-day record for the Skins, which began in 1983. Couples earned that same amount on the first nine holes of the two-day tournament in 1992.

In the Skins format, the first six holes are worth \$20,000 each, the next six \$30,000 and the final six \$40,000. The low scorer wins a hole, a "skin," and the prize money. If two players tie, however, that money carries over to the next hole and all four players are back in the hunt.

Last year, Watson made a 20-foot putt on the first playoff hole to beat Couples and win the \$160,000 that had built up over the final four holes.

Couples also lost in a playoff with Payne Stewart in 1992, missing a 4-foot putt. Still, Couples' second-place finishes have earned him \$640,000 in his three Skins appearances.

Oilers hope to keep Broncos' running back in hibernation

HOUSTON (AP) — The best defense against Denver rookie running back Terrell Davis may be canceling his wakeup call.

Davis, a sixth-round surprise from Georgia, enjoys 10-12 hours sleep per night almost as much as he relishes gaining yards for the Broncos.

"I must be part bear or something, but I'll be in bed by 7:30 or 8 tonight," Davis said. "I've always needed a lot of sleep. Sometimes I read, but sleeping is the most relaxing thing I do."

Terrell Davis

Davis started preseason hoping he could make the Broncos' practice squad. Yet he'll be making his 12th start of the season Sunday when the Broncos play the Houston Oilers in the Astrodome.

Davis is a key reason the Broncos offense has added efficiency this season. He gives defenses more to think about than just stopping John Elway. He's rushed over 100 yards two of the last three weeks and needs 117 yards to reach 1,000.

"When you have a quarterback who can do the things downfield like Elway and Shannon Sharpe, you have to concern yourself with what they can do," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said. "And that does a lot to open up your running game."

The Broncos haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher since Gaston Green in 1991. Davis had his best day Nov. 19 with 176 yards

and 30 carries, the second in the NFL this season behind Marshall Faulk's 177 yards for Indianapolis against St. Louis on Oct. 1.

"We've been more productive the last couple of weeks than we have all year," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "Terrell has everything you look for in a running back. He's a good blocker, he has excellent hands and he gets stronger as the game goes on."

Shanahan became head coach last Jan. 31 with a new coaching staff and an open mind. He began preseason without naming a starting running back.

"We had no preconceived notion that one guy was going to be the guy," Shanahan said. "We evaluated throughout the preseason, and by the end there was no question that this guy was the most productive run-

ning back."

Davis has progressed each week. He got 135 yards against Arizona on Nov. 5 for his first 100-yard game as a pro and he knows who helped him get there.

"You look at the holes I'm running through and who couldn't run through them?" Davis said. "It was just a matter of me getting adjusted to them. Early in the year, I was running where I wasn't supposed to run and now I'm more patient, waiting for the blocks."

"The success I'm having is actually everyone on the offensive line."

Shanahan has been most impressed with Davis' maturity.

"A lot of rookies come in and they get enamored with the media and their success," Shanahan said. "You never know if a rookie will get the job done for you at that position, but every game he seemed to get better and, knock on wood, he's handling himself in the right way."

The Oilers (4-7) defense, ranked No. 4 in the NFL, is coming off its best game of the season to face the Broncos, who have the No. 4 offense in the NFL.

"We've just been watching film on them," Davis said. "They are a great defense and we know it will be a challenge to play against them."

But Davis probably won't lose any sleep over it.

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Mascots part of SWC legacy

SAN ANTONIO — They have stolen fans' hearts. Fans have just stolen them heart, hair, hide and all.

To many, mascots are as much a part of the Southwest Conference's football legacy as any player, coach or marching band.

Everyone has their favorites. And preferences don't always reflect school ties.

"When it comes to mascots, I've always been partial to (Texas') Bevo and the (Arkansas) Razorback," said former SMU coach Ron Meyer. "At SMU, I always wished we had some big Clydesdale, you know, standing about 20-hands high, to run out on the field with us. Instead, we had this little old Shetland (pony) . . . I never could understand that."

If an SWC gallop poll was taken, SMU and Texas Tech easily would finish with the highest marks. Those schools' horses make the football teams' field entrance an electric moment.

The Mustangs' first Peruna, a 150-pound show pony, made his debut Nov. 4, 1932, after being donated by T.E. Jones, the owner of old Arlington Downs. Jones also provided a red saddle blanket to go along with the horse.

Unfortunately, after just two years of service as SMU's mascot, Peruna I ran out into the middle of Mockingbird Lane near campus and was struck by a car and killed. The horse was buried at Ownby Stadium, where a small statue marks both his grave and all other Perunas who have trotted off to that big pasture in the sky.

Texas Tech unveiled the first Masked Rider, Joe Kirk Fulton, against Auburn in the 1954 Gator Bowl. After seeing Fulton, a black-and-red cape flapping in the air, and his trusty steed, Blackie, dash around the field in Jacksonville, Fla., an Atlanta newspaper reporter wrote: "No team in any bowl game ever made a more sensational entrance."

But the 40-year-old tradition of the jet-black horse and Zorro-like rider racing around the field at full speed after Red Raiders' touchdowns also endured a tragic setback in 1994.

Tech's quarterhorse, named Double T, lost its rider and died after smashing into the wall as it tried to leave Jones Stadium through the southwest tunnel. This season in Lubbock, the Masked Rider only darts around the field when the team first enters.

"The most exciting mascot is the one at Texas Tech," said former Texas A&M coach Emory Bellard. "It's always been pretty dangerous what they did. He would go around that field and get the crowd working up in a sweat. I always told our kids to be alert and that, if they didn't want to get run over by that horse, don't let 'em score."

If the SWC mascots could ever get together and produce their own yearbook, Bevo, Texas' Longhorn steer, probably would be voted "Most Likely To Be Stolen."

One of the more memorable bull-nappings happened in 1963. And, as was often the case whenever SWC mascots disappeared from their pens, cages or secret hiding places, Aggies proved to be the culprits.

That season, A&M cadets had managed to swipe the mascot from nearly every opponent on the Aggies' football schedule, with the exception of LSU's tiger, Mike, and the University of Houston's cougar, Shasta. But Bevo, of course, was seen as the final stroke in A&M's mascot-marauding masterpiece.

"They took the steer back to College Station and about mid-morning they confessed to the local Texas Ranger that they had taken it and told him where it was," said longtime UT sports information director Bill Little, who covered the caper as a student reporter for the Daily Texan.

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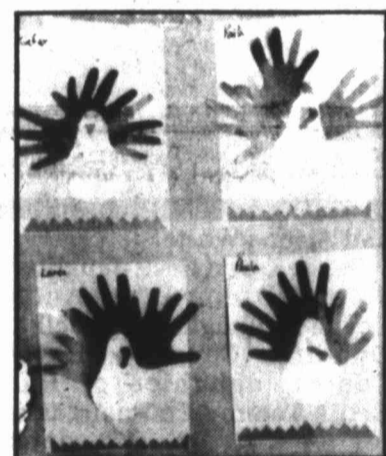
A Tot's Turkey Day

At local schools and day care centers, children were able to get a first-hand experience of the Thanksgiving season by donning pilgrim and Indian costumes and partaking in the traditional feast of turkey and pumpkin pie.

Arts and crafts also were a big part of the Thanksgiving atmosphere, with countless drawings of turkeys and cornucopias now adorning refrigerators.

And the best part of Thanksgiving for the youths - Christmas is right around the corner.

Photos by Tim Appel



Clockwise from top left: "Indians" from St. Mary's Episcopal School sit around a "campfire" during a program; Catherine Lechner says grace before her Thanksgiving lunch at Profit Day Care; "pilgrims" sing during a St. Mary's program; students at the Kindergarten Center take turns stirring fruit for a "toast" later on; Dana Johnson eats lunch with mom Suzanne Johnson at the Learning Connection; Ann Rose Peace watches Gloria Zavala color a Thanksgiving picture at College Heights Elementary; turkey artwork at the Kindergarten Center.



Give thanks for not having to make huge holiday dinners

Thanksgiving. Every year this one Thursday in November, it seems that families get together, gorge themselves on friends and food, and reminisce. My family is no different. I remember growing up and celebrating this holiday in various ways. I'm of that rather different group of people West



Barbara Morrison
Columnist

Texans like to classify into a group entitled "Yankees," and those who know me say the title is rather fitting. Whatever that means. Anyway, many of my Thanksgiving holidays were snow-related. I grew up in Minnesota and North Dakota. My father was in the Air Force, so we never had huge family gatherings because we lived so far away. Instead, my mother created the feast along with her four slaves - excuse me, daughters. I used to dread the holiday from Halloween on. Mom would get us all up at the crack of dawn to begin the task of food preparation. I always did the fruit salad, which included

pomegranates. I think everyone in life ought to have the opportunity to peel and remove pomegranate seeds. I was the only child in the fifth grade with red stains on my fingers well into December. And, no, I couldn't disguise myself as some sort of Christmas decoration, although the thought did pass through my ears once or twice on the way to the other side of my brain. Thanksgiving Day, Mom would prepare and serve roasted turkey, mashed potatoes (we peeled so many I thought we were performing KP in prison), gravy (if I made it, lumps were included at no extra charge), fruit salad, relish tray with

both green and black olives as well as sweet and dill pickles, homemade rolls, the dreaded stuffing (which I grew to like), and Mom's own special pumpkin pie. The pies were the topping of the day. I always like extra whipped cream on mine. Dad insisted on having the pies made from fresh pumpkin, which Mom would cut and cook herself. They are coming to visit this Christmas and poor Mom thinks I will do the same. Look out, HEB, I'm coming for the cans! But, to get back to the past, it was indeed, a large and plentiful feast. After it was over, my brother, father and mother

retired to the living room while the rest of us girls began the dishes. Gee whiz! How I hated washing the turkey pan. Mom was the frugal type and NEVER bought the disposable pan. Why, for the first 10 years of my life, she washed and re-used aluminum foil. She's every chief financial officer's dream. You can't help but love her. I still resent my brother, though. I never did think it was quite fair he didn't have to help with the dishes. Dad said it was because he was the "man" and he did "manly" chores. Sure, he had to cut the grass. But that only grew about six months of the year. He had to take the trash out, but he paid

my little sister 10 cents to do that when Mom wasn't looking. And, as for the one time he helped with the dishes, he let the dog lick the plates and then he brushed off the crumbs. I lasted until I saw Mom serving dinner on them before I had to blab. It was either that or gag. Anyway, Thanksgiving is a time for reflection, relaxation and relatives. I know so many people this year who have lost a loved one and for whom the upcoming holiday seasons will seem a little vacant this year. Perhaps, as friends, we can reach out just a little more this coming month. Overall, I am thankful for my memories and for my life. It's a great one.

WEDDINGS

Krupala-Wood

Jennifer Krupala and David Wood, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on Nov. 25, 1995, at the Wall Brethren Church, Wall, with Rev. Tommy Tallas, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Kay Krupala, San Angelo. The groom is the son of David and Dorothy Wood, Sr., Levelland.

The couple stood before an arrangement of stargazer lilies, roses and gladiolus. Candelabras and ferns also decorated the altar.

Vocalists were Jimmy and Angela Riemenschneider.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown accented with beaded re-embroidered lace, scalloped off-the-shoulder neckline, long sleeves, a basque waistline, full skirt and a cathedral train with a bow in the back.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, stephanotis and variegated English ivy.

Matron of honor was Marla Hoffman, Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Melissa Gordon, Stanton; Janet Gibson, San Angelo; Kerri Taylor, Levelland; and Stephanie Krupala, Dallas.

Heather Wheelerhouse, Ballinger, was the flower girl. Orrin Mansfield, Coahoma, was the ringbearer.

James White, Carrollton, was the best man.

Groomsmen and ushers were Michael Sepeda, Lubbock; Robin Wheelerhouse, Ballinger; Eric Lugo, Stephenville; and Randy Krupala, brother of the bride, Dallas.



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Additional attendant was Cortney Alves.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the St. Ambrose Parish Hall.

The bride's cake was a six-tier white cake decorated with stargazer lilies, roses and greenery.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake decorated with a golf scene.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Wall High School and a 1994 graduate of Angelo State University with a degree in finance and real estate. She is employed by Re/Max Realtors.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Howard College. He is employed by Executive Lawn Landscape and Irrigation.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Glass-Walker

Jamie Ruth Glass, Big Spring, and Baylor Leroy Walker, Rankin, were united in marriage on Nov. 24, 1995, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sterling City. Dr. John Wintringham, interim pastor for Sterling City Presbyterian and director of Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center in San Angelo, performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Sheree Harris, pastor of the Methodist church in Bracketville.

The bride is the daughter of Helen and Lynn Glass, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Linda and Ronnie Walker, Rankin.

The couple stood before twin candelabras on each side of a suspended cross. Greenery, ficus trees and green potted plants decorated the altar.

The organist was Annette Gault, Sterling City. Vocalists were Kay Hunter, Odessa, and Matt Dossy, Abilene.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight satin gown with an open scalloped neckline gracing a lace and beaded bodice. The long, sheer sleeves were detailed with lace motifs. The full skirt was enhanced with lace and beaded appliques, and a detachable train applied with beaded lace windows.

She carried a cascading bouquet of bridal white roses and paradise lilies which were accented with needlepoint ivy, hydrangeas and azaleas.

Maid of honor was Elizabeth Glass, sister of the bride, Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Christy Walker of San Angelo and Amanda Walker of Rankin, both sisters of the groom.

Allie Spivey, Garden City, was the flower girl, and William Harris, Del Rio, was the ringbearer.

Pete Jackson, Rankin, was the best man.

Wesley Glass, brother of the bride, Lubbock, and Jerry Jackson, Rankin, served as



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groomsmen.

Ushers were Rhett Boger, Austin, and Trey Sisco, Water Valley, both cousins of the bride; and Russell Dacy, cousin of the groom, San Angelo.

Amanda Funari, Boerne, and Jennifer Boles, Winters, were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

The bride's cake was a four-tier amaretto raspberry cake with cream cheese frosting. It was topped with a Lenox bride and groom and accented with cascading fresh flowers in burgundy.

The groom's cake was a rectangular chocolate Italian cream cake with chocolate frosting and the groom's monogram on top.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School. She is a student at McMurry University.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Rankin High School. He is a student at McMurry University.

The couple will line in Abilene until December, then will transfer to Texas Tech and make their home in Lubbock.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

LUNCH
MONDAY - Smothered steak; potatoes; carrots; Waldorf salad; milk; rolls and fruit cocktail.
TUESDAY - Ham; potatoes; broccoli; pineapple rings; milk; rolls and cobbler.

WEDNESDAY - Meat loaf; potatoes; okra and tomatoes; tossed salad; milk; rolls and applesauce.
THURSDAY - Chicken and tuna salad; soup; lettuce; tomatoes; fruit salad; milk; rolls and pie.

FRIDAY - Enchiladas; Spanish rice; pinto beans; salad; milk; cornbread and fruited gelatin.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Waffle with syrup; sausage patty; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH
(Elementary)
MONDAY - Ham/cheese croissant; potato rounds; catsup; glazed carrots; spiced pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Chili mac; green beans; Jell-O with mixed fruit; hot rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito; salsa; corn; apple and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets; gravy; whipped potato; spinach; hot roll; pineapple and milk.
LUNCH
(Elementary and Secondary)
MONDAY - Ham and cheese croissant; or Salisbury steak; potato rounds; catsup; glazed carrots; hot roll; spiced pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Chili mac or hamburger steak with gravy; green beans; hot roll; Jell-O with mixed fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito; salsa; corn; or chef salad; crackers; apple and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets, gravy or meatloaf; whipped potatoes; spinach; hot roll; pineapple tidbits and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cinnamon roll or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake; little smokies or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast taco or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.
LUNCH

MONDAY - Pizza or baked potato; green beans; mixed fruit and milk.
TUESDAY - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets; french fries; hot rolls and milk.

nuggets; mashed potatoes; country gravy; peas; peaches and hot roll.
WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken or beef tips; steamed rice; buttered carrots; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk and cake.
THURSDAY - Nacho grande or chef salad; refried beans; lettuce and tomato salad; pineapple cup; cornbread and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Pancakes on stick with syrup; fruit and milk.
TUESDAY - Cereal with fruit; toast and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Eggs and sausage; biscuit; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Sweetened oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.

MONDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; creamed potatoes; cornbread and milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; fresh fruit; bread sticks and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Baked ham; glazed sweet potatoes; baked apples; bread and milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken dumplings; salad; green beans; apricot cobbler; bread and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Breakfast pizza; milk and juice.
TUESDAY - Buttered steamed rice; toast; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY - Doughnut; milk and juice.
THURSDAY - Grilled cheese sandwiches; milk and juice.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken burgers; lettuce; tomatoes; pickles; french fries; cake and milk.

TUESDAY - Country steak with gravy; black-eyed peas; sliced potatoes; hot rolls; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; pinto beans; salad; corn bread; cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken strips; mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; hot rolls; Jell-O and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Apple fritters; juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Muffins; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; syrup; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Texas toast; jelly; peanut butter; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chuck wagon special; whipped potatoes; crackers; cookies; peaches and milk.

TUESDAY - Bean chulapas; corn; salad; coconut cake; pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken sandwich; potato chips; salad; brownies; applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Stew; corn; cornbread; crackers; pudding and milk.
FRIDAY - Beef tips with gravy; rice; green beans; hot rolls with butter; fruit salad and milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH
MONDAY - Sausage on a bun; fries; ranch-style beans; cake and milk.

TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; broccoli; batter bread; cookies and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; rolls and applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Chili and beans; coleslaw; scalloped potatoes; crackers; apple Betty and milk.
FRIDAY - Taco salad; cheese; corn; lettuce and tomato; Jell-O with fruit and milk.

Mathews-Bennett

Mary Catherine Mathews and William Hayes Bennett were united in marriage on Nov. 21, 1995, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in New York City with the Rev. Robert O'Connor officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Mathews, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Samuel Pugh Bennett and the late Jeanne Maloney Bennett, Lafayette, La.

The bride is employed by WABC-TV in New York and hosts "Health and Home Report," a cable television show.

The groom is self-employed in Midland.



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The couple will maintain homes in New York and Midland.

STORK CLUB

Garin David Fox, Nov. 13, 1995, 2 p.m.; parents are David and Carrie Fox.

Grandparents are Clifford and Tena Fox and Larry and Linda Alexander, all of Big Spring.

Zackary Wayne King, Nov. 10, 1995, 6:43 a.m.; parents are Billy and Ginger King.

Grandparents are Bill and Lucille King, Coahoma, and Isaac and Christene LaRue, Vincent.

Desiree Denise Martinez, Nov. 10, 1995, 3:52 p.m.; parents are Corina Leos and Albert Martinez.

Grandparents are Minnie Martinez and Eva and Carlos Leos.

Neona Hope Griffis, Nov. 9, 1995, 7:59; mother is Delynda Griffis.

Grandparents are Carol Slifph, Big Spring, and Norman Griffis, Odessa.

Tate Mason Kennedy, Nov. 7, 1995; parents are Jay and Connie Kennedy.

Grandparents are Gene and Wynonne Kennedy, Post, and Wendell and Glenna McInroe, Bowie.

Julian Jose Armendariz, Nov. 8, 1995, 7:33 a.m.; parents are Manuel and Lodie Armendariz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gutierrez, Coahoma; Hellen Zanders, Big Spring; and Manuel Armendariz, Big Spring.

Brittany Ann Gonzales, Nov. 10, 1995, 10:22 p.m.; parents are Gilbert and Susana Gonzales.

Grandparents are Paul and Dolores Viera and Raul and Anita Gonzales.

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Nov. 10 was designated Senior Parents' Night.

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Students had carnations to present to their parents as a token of appreciation from the school.

The 1995-96 Coahoma senior participants were:

Football: Chris Arguello, son of Lydia Arguello; Kelby Bailey, son of James-Bailey, Jason L. Henry, son of Jackie and Annette Henry; Russell Henry, son of Karen Henry; Joel Hernandez, son of Juan and Vicky Hernandez; Kevin Olson, son of Guy and Pat Prater; Brian Ruiz, son of David and Linda Ruiz; Jaime Urias, son of Lupe and Sylvia Urias; Mica Weatherman, son of C.L. and Teela Holsenback; and Matthew White, son of Guy

and Arlene White.

Band: Karen Best, daughter of Jo and Diana Best; Andrea Cevallos, daughter of Cecil and Dominga Cevallos; Krystal Coates, daughter of Darla Estill; Tammy Coffman, daughter of Clifton and Jackie Coffman; Carol Ann Garcia, daughter of Carol Reyes; Bethany Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee; Diane Johnson, daughter of Mike and Kathy Johnson; Brenda Koerber, daughter of Don Koerber; Elizabeth Angelica Mansfield, niece of Joe and Donna Mansfield; Tina Melendrez, daughter of Emily and Asensio Melendrez; Leslie Rodriguez, daughter of Martin Rodriguez and Mr. and Mrs. Dominguez; Jessica Sepeda, daughter of Elida and Lupe Sepeda; and Tammi Walling, daughter of Lynn and Barbara Walling.

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Preaching has its lighter side

The solemnity of the church worship service is sometimes interrupted by the unexpected. Dr. Kenneth Patrick, First Baptist, and Royce Clay, 14th and Main Church of Christ, graciously granted interviews in which they recalled some humorous and occasionally embarrassing moments from their years in the ministry.

There was no nursery for small children in the little country church Patrick pastored while he was a student at Baylor. One Sunday morning, in the midst of making a serious theological point, he felt a tug at his knee. "Hi, Daddy," said small daughter Paula, who had managed to elude her mother and make her way to the front of the church to join her father.

It was in this same church that Patrick, with much adjustment of the family budget, managed to save the necessary \$105 to purchase a shotgun. There was no opportunity to try out the gun during the week at college, but he hoped to fire it on Saturday when he was at the country pastorate.

However, Saturday was taken up with pastoral visits and preparations for the church services. It was Sunday afternoon before Patrick had a free moment. Eager to try out the gun, he sought a secluded pasture where he thought he could shoot it undetected. He fired the gun three times.

In the worship service that

Please see WARREN, page 4B

Prime POEM

The Trumpet Vine

In the quiet early morning
You could see the sun glow
On the blooms of the trumpet
And the house grown so old.

The old house had faded
All withered and old
But the vines of the trumpet
So tightly did hold.

When the old house was new
There grew a small vine
The vine was a trumpet
And around it entwined.

The house held the trumpet
So young and so fine
Now the vine holds the old house
So tenderly twined.

The old house so withered
So grey and so old
And the vine held on to it
And wouldn't let go.

Like a baby it held
The old house in its arms
In the cold of the winter
And the hot summer storms.

When the lightning and thunder
And storm clouds would roll
It held the old house
So precious and old.

And late in the evening
When the sun would go down
The trumpet encircled
The house all around.

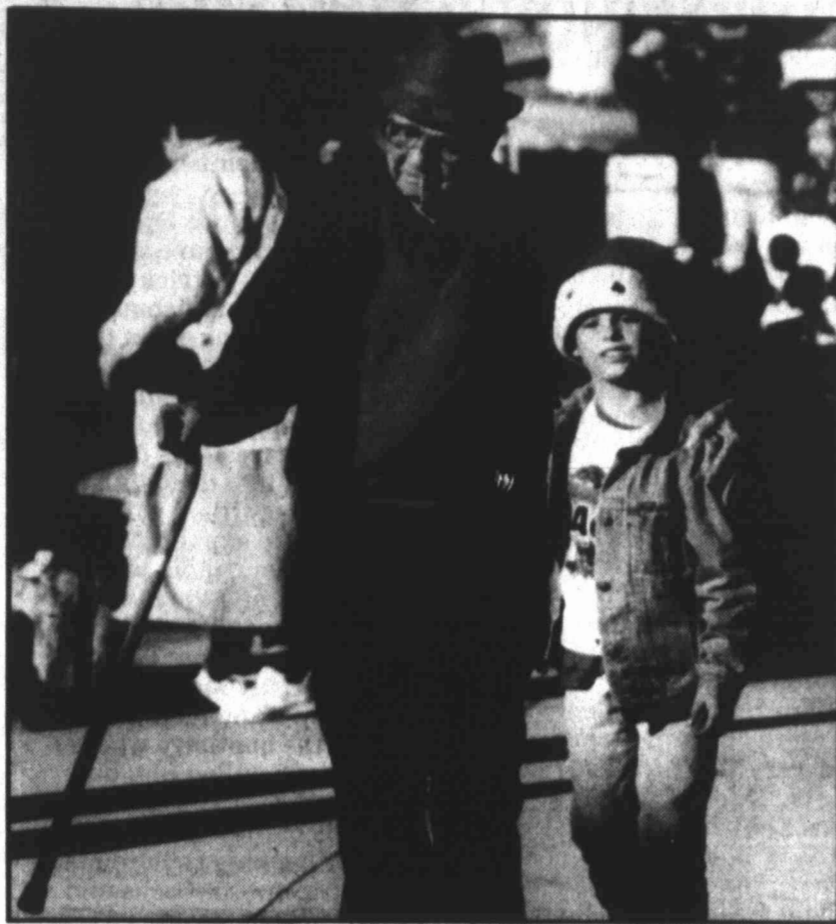
The blooms from the trumpet
Are as red as a rose
In the bright morning sunlight
You can see the red glow.

And the old house still standing
Held up by the vine
The vine of the trumpet
Forever entwined.

—Bernice Reed Jones

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WELCOME HOME, GRANDSON



Associated Press photo
Dick Cavendish, of Grandview Heights, Ohio, walks with his grandson Danny Brock, 10, of Orlando, Fla., as they head for a shuttle bus at Port Columbus International Airport in Columbus, Ohio. Danny had just arrived for the Thanksgiving holiday with his mother Susan Brock and his sister Lauren.

Remember the lonely this holiday season

By WANDA DENSON
Prime Columnist

Again we are in the middle of the season said to be the most stressful time of the year. For some, despite being chronically rushed, it is a time of joy as we anticipate getting together with families.

But for others, it is a time of loneliness and sadness. For them, this festive time only emphasizes their losses. There are those who are homeless and others who are barely able to get by. The contrast between their lives and the lives of those who purchase extravagantly can be overwhelming. It is any wonder depression peaks at this time of year?

Statistically, 50 percent of nursing home residents have family and friends who visit them. Unfortunately, that leaves another 50 percent who no longer have family, and they have few if any visitors. Probably, at one time they too were rushing around, busy with preparations. Imagine how they must long to be able to do those things again! Sometimes we forget what a blessing it is to be able to be busy.

A letter from a family member in another town reminded me of this blessing. Several years ago his wife was disabled by strokes. He cared for her in their home until he became disabled by Parkinson's disease.

No longer able to care for her alone, yet not wanting to be separated after 60 years of marriage, he moved into a nursing home with her. There, he continues to give her whatever care and comfort he is able to

provide.

He wrote, "I think the holiday season makes me miss home most; shopping for gifts, wrapping each, cooking the entire week. That seems hectic now but enjoy it as long as you can. Focus on being a family, feeling the closeness and thanking God for each other. Make good memories because one day your memories may be what gives you the strength to keep going."

According to the 1990 census, more than 22 million Americans live alone. The Journal of the American Medical Association reported that many of those living alone are dying of isolation. In addition to losing their family, many have lost long-time friends due to death, illness or moving to a new location. Many no longer drive.

Even a short visit could relieve feelings of loneliness for those living alone or in a nursing home. Although the visit would be the best gift, a bottle of unscented lotion, a small Christmas decoration or a tin of food would be a bonus.

A telephone call to the nursing home activity director can supply information you need about who would benefit from a visit and about special diets the resident might require.

Making time for these visits can actually lessen our own stress. Research studies show that helping others can alleviate our stress, fatigue, depression, headaches and chronic pain.

So as those of us who are physically able race around this busy holiday season, let's make it a point to devote some time to those who are no longer able to be busy.

Slide shows: The ultimate multimedia

In recent years I have developed an appreciation for multiple-projector slide shows. I think it's the ultimate way to present just about any type of communication. They are shown on large screens and are exciting to watch. The accompanying soundtracks have effective uses of sound, voice and music. They evoke a strong emotional response. Every time we go on a trip, I look for places that offer that type of show.

I saw my first one about 25 years ago in a big auditorium. Kodak presented it. It featured a look at the United States and utilized about 36 slide projectors and two movie projectors. I was fascinated watching the projectors change back and forth, all run by computer. The equipment covered about three rows in the rear of the auditorium.

I belong to AMI, the Association for Multi-Image International. It's a worldwide organization of slide-show professionals. During a recent AMI convention in Dallas, I had the opportunity to watch about 50 outstanding multi-image shows from around the world. One of them, sponsored by a magazine in Italy, featured a dancer clothed in a billowy white sheet that served as the screen. As she danced on the dark stage, images of the magazine's covers

were projected onto her as she moved about. The presentation was to commemorate the magazine's 25th anniversary.

The other day, while on a trip to Houston, I went to the San Jacinto Monument. It had been a long time since I had been there. It was truly thrilling to be on the spot where the Battle of San Jacinto took place in 1836. It was the decisive battle that created the Texas Republic.

We went up in the elevator to the top of the monument and looked out over the Houston Ship Channel, Buffalo Bayou, the Battleship Texas and Houston's three skylines. It's hard to realize that Houston has a population of 3 million.

The monument is 570 feet high. The Guinness Book of World Records lists it as the tallest monument column in the world. It was built between 1936 and 1939 at a cost of \$1.5 million. It is made of reinforced concrete covered with Texas fossilized limestone. The monument is on top of a

museum which houses a pictorial of the Texas Revolution carved on eight huge stone panels. The names of members of the Texas Army who fought in the battle are listed. The museum also has a theater where visitors watch a 42-projector slide show.

The show is called "TEXAS FOREVER!! THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO." It is an audio visual re-creation of the Texas Revolution and the Battle of San Jacinto. The images leap onto the screen with such speed they appear to become from a movie projector, but all the pictures are slides. Three thousand of them are presented in the 35-minute show.

Computer technology allows slides to be projected at the rate of 20 per second. Watching the bank of slide projectors light up and go dark is a show in itself.

Thirty-five original paintings were created for the multi-image trip back through a significant piece of Texas history.

Seeing the monument, looking at things in the museum and viewing the slide show make the history of Texas come alive. The fact that you're on the famed battleground makes it all the more fascinating.

I think I was about 10 years old when I went to see the San Jacinto Monument the first time. I got a lot more out of this later visit.



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Read food labels and prepare for surprises

Chances are that if you are over 50, your doctor has told you, "Go easy on the salt and cut out fats." Naturally you would like to be healthy and keep your blood pressure down to a safe level. How can you do this? One way is to read and heed store labels when you purchase groceries. It is very time-consuming and not really a pleasure to do.

I've found that a lot of labels are confusing. For example Rath Black Hawk bacon has packages labeled "less sodium." Less than what? Recently I compared this with another brand of bacon nearby and the Black Hawk contained a lot more sodium than the other brand. The latter brand had no claims printed except those required by law.

Canned goods often have extreme amounts of salt. Canned meats and soups are prime examples. Campbell's

chicken noodle soup has 950 mg of sodium and 2.5 grams of fat per serving. A can holds what they consider 2 servings, so your can of soup has a whopping 1,900 mg of sodium and 5 grams of fat. Cream of celery has 900 mg sodium and 7 grams of fat per serving. Scary, isn't it?

What about ready-to-serve cereals? The only one that I could find containing no added salt and sugar was shredded wheat. Most base the information on a 1/2 cup-size serving. That isn't much, is it? Most



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

people pour out a bowl full; when milk is added you also add sodium and fat unless you use skim milk. You also add cholesterol.

The old saying goes that if it tastes good then, it is bad for you. That's an exaggeration but does contain some truth. So many of the convenient packaged foods are extremely low in nutrition and high in sugar, fats and sodium.

Taking the time to read labels may be the only way you can prepare nutritionally sound meals for your family.

There are other things to consider, so compare labels. Sometimes the most expensive isn't the best; one brand of the same product may be much higher in sodium or lower in actual nutrition than the other. Since becoming a label reader, I have met with several surprises. One brand of instant pudding had no nutritional

value at all, just calories from sugar.

Many labels proudly proclaim "no cholesterol," which is true because the product itself has no natural cholesterol in the first place.

But the food industry is highly competitive, so packaging and gimmicks of all sorts are used to entice the public to buy a product.

Companies use whatever packaging, wording, labeling and pictures they can to promote sales. It is up to the grocery buyer to watch for these things, not only in the store but on TV and in colorful ads and signs as well.

There are a lot of men who do the family shopping, but I have seen very few of them reading labels. Come on, guys, it is your health too, you know! Perhaps our best bet is to be choosy, educated, discriminating and label-reading shoppers.

Warren

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evening one of the deacons, in a rather lengthy prayer, petitioned the Lord "to teach our pastor to remember the Sabbath."

Even the serious Ordinance of Baptism can have its humorous moments. Patrick had purchased a new baptismal suit (waders), unaware that the material was defective and pocketed with myriad tiny holes. However, he quickly became aware of the fact when he stepped into the baptistry.

The waders filled with water and began to expand. With every baptism, more water splashed in and the material ballooned out. The waders were so full of water that Patrick could scarcely move. Bent over, he finally maneuvered to the edge of the baptistry where kind hands pulled him out.

His underwear, socks, and portions of his shirt were soaked. Lacking replacements, he wrung out his socks and shirt, but had to remove his underwear before donning his trousers. Disconcerted, and feeling very self-conscious, Patrick admits to preaching the shortest sermon of his career that night.

Royce Clay has also had some interesting moments while conducting baptisms. Once, when he was immersing a very tall man in a metal baptistry, the lanky gentleman's head hit the edge of the baptistry with a resounding thud.

Another time the baptistry heater was not working well. A candidate for baptism shuddered as she stepped into the water and in a voice audible throughout the church exclaimed, "Ooo, it's cold!"

Clay says that happenings in the congregation can sometimes be distracting to the preacher. In one of his pastorates, a church member

always started nodding off as soon as he sat down in church. His wife, who had evidently promised as part of their marriage vows, to love, honor, and keep him awake in church, gave him a gentle nudge every few minutes.

One time, however, he was in such a deep sleep that his wife had to nudge him vigorously to awaken him. Startled, he gave her a shove that sent her across the pew!

Funerals and weddings can also have disconcerting moments. For Clay, one of these came when he was asked to preach the funeral for the wife of an elderly minister.

No one had told him the deceased had an identical twin sister. He did a startled double-take when he saw her sitting on the front row of the congregation!

An attendant fainted during a wedding ceremony Clay was conducting. Fortunately, she was the fourth bridesmaid and was standing farthest from the bride. Some of her relatives came to her assistance, and few people realized what had happened.

Since then, Clay has always discussed every possible eventuality with the wedding party. "If the ring is misplaced or dropped, we'll just keep going," he says. "I'll loan you mine."

He admonishes the groom, "If you faint, the best man will say 'I do'. When you wake up, you'll find yourself married."

Patrick and Clay agree that a sense of humor is important to a minister. As someone has said, "Laughter is the hand of God upon the troubled world."

This article will be continued next month, with an interview with Rev. Carroll Kohl, St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Thoughts on our favorite holiday

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Columnist

Are you through with Thanksgiving leftovers? Somehow they never come out right, too few sweets, too much turkey, or whatever combination it takes at your house.

When we compared notes with friends, one thing did come across: No matter the plans, everybody was laid back. Even those facing lots of cooking didn't seem to mind.

There is a reason, you know. Of all the holidays we celebrate in this country, the most popular by far is Thanksgiving, edging out Christmas by a good margin.

This popularity is what drives even the young sophisticates of today to fight traffic to the airport, stand in line, be packed into the plane like sardines with heavy coats just to get home for the holiday, to make the day before Thanksgiving the biggest travel day of the year.

From childhood we are told this holiday is uniquely American. The Indians and the Pilgrims, even with a language barrier, eating a meal together in peace.

As a child I thought the Pilgrims fed the Indians; actually, it was the other way around.

The Indians in that area were experienced farmers and hunters, and helped the Pilgrims to survive some hard times. Why they celebrated isn't really certain, but it was harvest time, a good excuse for a party!

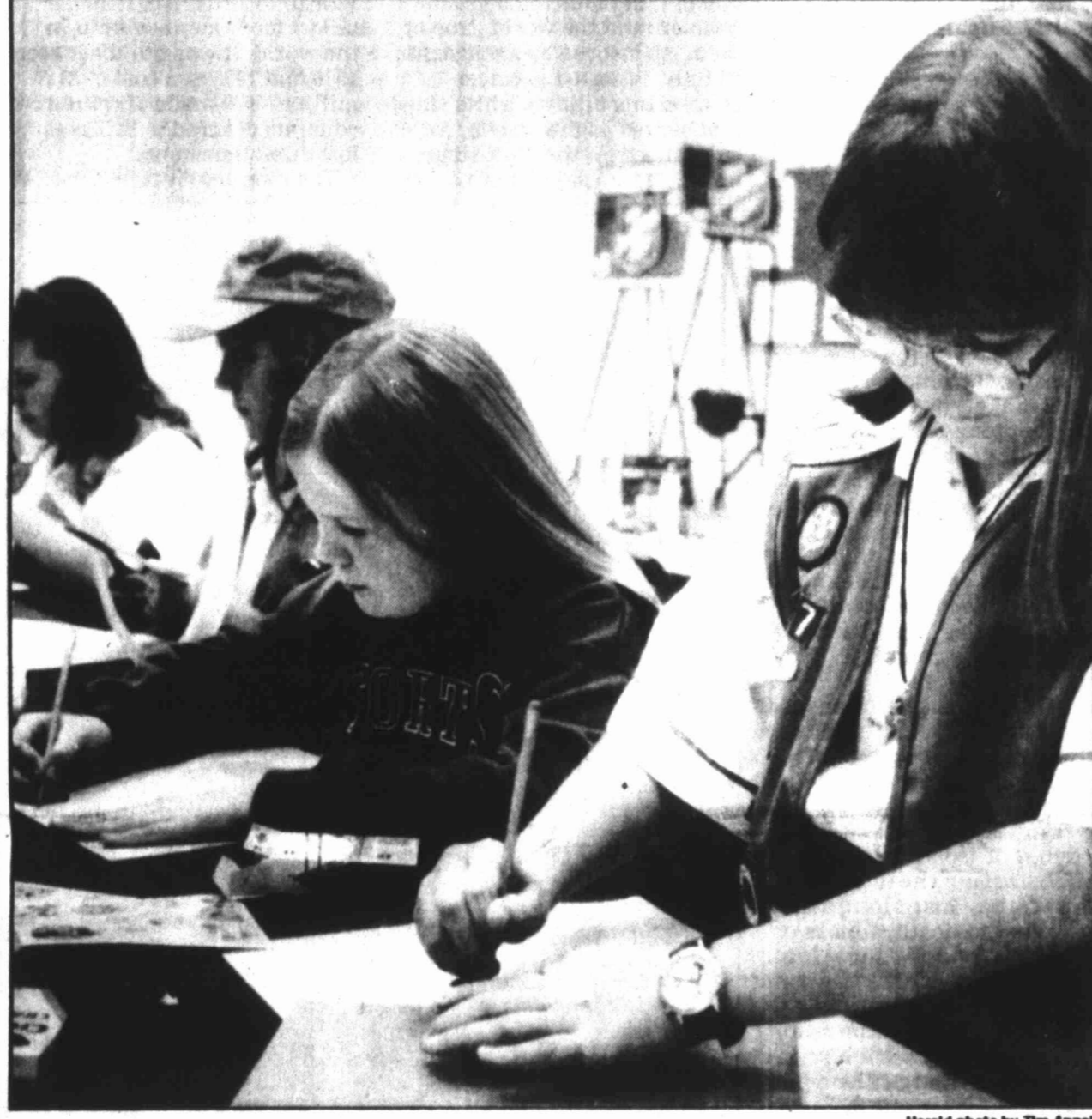
Getting back to modern times, what do we do? We cook and eat, visit, watch football games, nap and then we eat some more.

Nothing else is required. No pressure to buy presents and then worry about the expenses or whether the recipient will like it.

Oh sure, you may have spent the holiday with people you won't see for a year, sometimes hoping you won't be around them until then, but that goes away.

Perhaps there were disagreements on how to make gravy or the dressing, and didn't you remember Uncle Bob is allergic to eggs?

YOUNG ARTISTS AT WORK



Girl Scouts from Junior Troop 247 spent the morning of Nov. 18 working on Thanksgiving table placemats for the Salvation Army. The placemats were used for the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the facility.

Some of the most intense arguments come on Thanksgiving, but these too seem to fade away. As time passes we tend to giggle a little and forget it.

Late in the day, the men (and a lot of women) may be unhappy over the results of their game, but there is always next year.

Many of us grew up in the Depression era; we didn't have the excess of food there is today. Still, we felt we had eaten a wonderful holiday dinner, and there were always lots of cousins around to play with until we all dropped from exhaustion.

What about Thanksgiving today?

Families and friends still get together. Millions of turkeys and pies are enjoyed. People state they will start on a diet next week. Tears stain the goodbyes, there were planes to catch, long distances to be driven to get home - safely, we hope.

We try to help those less fortunate with a good dinner. Bless those who feed the home-

less and hungry, wherever they are.

Thanksgiving is a harvest holiday to enjoy the bountiful harvest and all blessings. The Canadians celebrate in October. That does seem more reasonable, but I doubt we will change our date.

I used to dread all that cooking, trying to get everything out on time. Now, I just hope my part will be all right.

Then I settle back and enjoy the lovely smells, the good food; all the pleasure of old friends, and laughing about times past.

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NAFTA naysayers launch attack against trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two years after the North America Free Trade Agreement was ratified amid much political fury, some of its critics remain determined to pull the United States out of the continental trade pact.

Earlier this month, congressional opponents introduced legislation that would set the stage for U.S. withdrawal from the treaty that is steadily dropping trade barriers between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"Those who predicted the creation of hundreds of thousands of new jobs from NAFTA are now choking on those predictions because we've lost hundreds of thousands of jobs to Mexico," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "Not only has NAFTA not lived up to its promises, it is a colossal failure."

The Clinton administration, whose push for NAFTA temporarily strained ties with its labor and environmental allies, contends the pact is in fact a jobs producer.

While playing host to Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo last month, President Clinton touted NAFTA as a winner for both countries and said increased trade is supporting "about 340,000 good American jobs."

But opponents claim the numbers mask the job losses resulting from inexpensive Mexican

imports bumping U.S.-produced goods and from U.S. companies relocating to Mexico to take advantage of cheap labor and relaxed environmental standards.

For the first 21 months after NAFTA's Jan. 1, 1994, implementation, 42,221 U.S. workers at 317 firms were certified by the Labor Department as having lost their jobs due to trade shifts with Mexico and Canada.

Texas has had more certified

job losses than any other state except New York. The Labor Department has ruled that 4,842 workers in 64 Texas firms — spanning bootmaker Tony Lama to giant defense contractor Lockheed — have lost their jobs because of NAFTA's changing trade patterns. New York's tally spans 6,845 workers at 57 firms.

Labor's NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance Program, which provides federal

benefits and job retraining, doesn't track job gains as a result of increased trade.

NAFTA boosters say Mexico's economic crisis, brought on by an abrupt peso devaluation last December, has made it more difficult to track the pact's positive effect on the U.S. economy.

If anything, NAFTA has cushioned the United States from Mexico's economic woes, they

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Vision Makers recently received the Professional Excellence Award for Pool and Spa Businesses in Customer Service. From left are Ervin Paul, Sean Scott, and Roy Don Beauchamp with their awards.



Herold photos by Tim Appel

Above, Norwest Bank President Curt Mullins and Board Chairman Jimmy Taylor look on as West Texas Regional President Tim Coughlin cuts the ribbon during ceremonies celebrating the bank's change to Norwest; at left, Maria Hagland takes a handful of cash out of a bag as she participates in the cash-grab during festivities at the NorWest Bank Monday. The bank, which hosted a ribbon-cutting before opening, was celebrating the change from First National Bank to NorWest; below, a large crowd turned out to help the bank celebrate.



VISION MAKERS KNOWS SERVICE

Company wins national award of excellence for customer service

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

Vision Makers recently received the Professional Excellence Award for Pool and Spa Businesses in Customer Service.

The award is presented by Pool and Spa News, the national magazine of the pool and spa industry.

To qualify, Vision Makers was required to submit a 25-page application describing the busi-

ness's operation, promotion of product, customer satisfaction and advertising. They also enclosed 12 samples representative of their operation, including a checklist doorhanger left after every service call. The checklist was featured in the magazine's October issue describing the awards.

Hundreds of business across the U.S. apply for the awards, says Vision Makers' Beverly Beauchamp. "For a little store in a little town out of all the U.S., that's pretty neat," to win, she

says. Only five awards are presented in customer service - one for each category.

"We're really excited about this," Beauchamp says. Since notices of the awards were published in the October edition of Pool and Spa News, they've received calls from people all over the country, even up North.

"For a small company, Vision Makers does 'customer service' in a big way," said judge Al Inglin of Aqua Pool Enterprises. Vision Makers' staff members

Don Beauchamp, Sean Scott, Ervin Paul and Beverly Beauchamp consider customer service their primary job. It's all too easy for customers to go to another retailer or out of town, and the only way a local business can compete is with service.

Vision Makers is a member of the National Pool and Spa Institute, headquartered in Alexandria, Va. The certificate and trophy are on display at their location at 1307-A Gregg.

Jobless rate unchanged in October

AUSTIN (AP) — The state unemployment rate for October

remained at 5.9 percent, unchanged from September, the Texas Workforce Commission reports.

TWC Chairman Bill Hammond, who represents employers on the three-member commission, said Tuesday despite the stabilized rate that the state has "seen a net gain of 43,000 jobs" over the past month.

"More than 20,000 jobs in trade, services and construction industries give us a good foundation to enter the months when weather begins to affect employment," Hammond said.

The 5.9 percent unemployment rate for October was slightly above the 5.6 percent recorded in October 1994. October's lowest metropolitan

statistical area unemployment rates were in Bryan-College Station, at 3.0 percent, and Austin-San Marcos, at 3.3 percent.

The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission region had the highest rate, 17.6 percent.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas as announced by the TWC for October, compared with revised

September figures (in parentheses) included:

- Abilene 5.2 (5.7)
- Amarillo 4.5 (4.3)
- Austin-San Marcos 3.3 (3.4)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 9.2 (9.3)
- Brazoria 6.8 (7.1)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 12.1 (11.5)
- Bryan-College Station 3.0 (3.1)
- Corpus Christi 8.4 (8.5)

- Dallas 4.7 (4.7)
- El Paso 11.2 (10.0)
- Fort Worth-Arlington 4.8 (4.7)
- Galveston-Texas City 7.2 (7.0)
- Houston 5.6 (5.7)
- Killeen-Temple 5.2 (5.0)
- Laredo 13.9 (14.0)
- Longview-Marshall 7.3 (7.2)
- Lubbock 4.2 (3.9)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 17.6 (17.6)

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

FAST TRACK



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Looking for the latest in vitamins and nutritional supplements or diet helpers? Try the newly opened General Nutrition Center in Big Spring Mall. A GNC spokesperson said the store will stock just about every kind of herb and vitamin available on the market from basic multi vitamins to specific minerals to performance and nutrition products.

OPEC to maintain current production

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ministers decided to maintain the oil cartel's current production ceiling, but petroleum analysts warn prices could fall if some members don't quit cheating on their quotas.

Traders had widely expected a rollover of OPEC's daily production limit of 24.52 million barrels of oil and greeted the news calmly Wednesday.

OPEC is now exceeding its ceiling by about 900,000 barrels a day with Venezuela being blamed for one-third. The country's oil minister, Erwin Arrieta, has denied the allegation.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government suspects hundreds of companies are improperly diverting employee contributions intended for an increasingly popular form of retirement-savings plans.

The Labor Department said Wednesday it is investigating 303 companies for abuses and said 100 companies already have agreed to restore more than \$2.6 million in contributions that were never deposited in employee 401(k) retirement accounts.

NAFTA

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say. With the trade pact in place, Mexico can't slam its markets shut by slapping huge tariffs on imports as it did in 1982 during its last major economic jolt.
"Despite Mexico's economic downturn, American exports to Mexico still exceed their levels before NAFTA," Clinton said last month with Zedillo at his side.
For his part, Zedillo promised: "We trust that the trade between the two nations will increase again as of 1996 when

Mexico's economy will begin to recover significantly."
Clinton said overall exports to Mexico and Canada have grown 25 percent since NAFTA's implementation.
The fallout from Mexico's currency crisis continues to be felt on the U.S.-Mexican trade equation. For the first eight months of this year, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico swelled to \$10 billion. At the end of 1994, the United States posted a \$1.8 billion surplus with Mexico.
"From the proponents, we have heard a steady drumbeat

of 'Exports, exports, exports' without any recognition that we are importing more than we are exporting," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio.
A vocal NAFTA critic, Kaptur has introduced with Dorgan legislation that would yank the United States out of the trade agreement unless certain benchmarks are met.
While more than 25 House co-sponsors have signed on to the bill, Congress isn't expected to revisit the NAFTA debate any time soon.

Aikman to join in purchase of auto mall

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman is one of a small group of investors to join Arlington-based automobile dealer David Moritz to purchase the Jack Williams Auto Mall at Fort Worth, Moritz says.
The mall, now owned by Roger Williams, was one of the first area dealerships to apply

the mall concept to auto sales. Williams said that he and Moritz had been discussing the sale for two or three years.
The auto mall, located in southwest Fort Worth, sells Chevrolet-Geo products as well as Chrysler, Plymouth, Jeep and Eagle vehicles. It had total revenue last year of more than \$100 million, Williams said.

The purchase price was not disclosed.
A spokeswoman for Aikman Enterprises could not be reached for comment. The Dallas Morning News reported today.
Moritz said Aikman had first expressed an interest in getting involved in a car dealership a couple of years ago.

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THE END

RTC prepares to cease operations with only the 'dregs' left to sell

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
AP Business Writer

MIDLOTHIAN, Texas (AP) — The good stuff went fast. The world-class hotels, famed golf resorts and lavish office buildings the savings and loan debacle dumped in the Resolution Trust Corp.'s lap are long gone.

As it prepares to cease existence at the end of this year, all that's left for the RTC to get rid of are the dregs: properties like Isom's Tires, two small gray buildings totaling 1,500 square feet on a busy intersection in this small town south of Dallas.

To owner Billy Isom, leasing these buildings to sell and repair tires has been a way of life for nearly 25 years. That doesn't make them easier to sell.

"What we've got left is some pretty tough stuff. We're going out of business," said Donna Pillard, vice president of the Dallas RTC office.

The office is holding one last big auction, offering 37 contaminated or environmentally sensitive properties in six states in a sealed-bid sale.

Included are:

- 26 jagged acres in Waxahatchie atop a landfill site.
- Nearly 234 acres in Lubbock in a designated wetlands area.
- A single-screen movie theater in Oklahoma City tainted by asbestos.
- A Lufkin truck stop with leaking petroleum storage tanks.
- Two residential lots south of Bandera in an endangered species habitat.

The RTC will deposit into escrow money estimated needed to clean up each site. Total suggested property value is around \$4 million; the agency thinks it might get 60 percent in the sealed-bid auction.

In addition to costing taxpayers more than \$90 billion, the S&L debacle has touched lives nationwide by putting \$31 billion in foreclosed real estate into the RTC's hands as it sold or paid off 747 institutions, 137 of them in Texas. Originally, 44 percent of all the RTC's massive real estate holdings were in Texas; now, it's about 21 percent.

The Dallas office closed more than a half-million transactions with a book value of \$80 billion during the six years since the RTC was formed to clean up the S&L mess. Cash collections were \$64 billion, or 80 cents on the dollar. The office expects to turn over less than \$1.5 billion in assets to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. when it takes over at the end of the year.

Real estate made up \$13 billion, or 16 percent, of the Dallas RTC's holdings. Collections have been \$6 billion, less than half book value. Fortunately, the agency got a much better return on securities, mortgages and other loans.

"The public perception was we were out selling real estate every day, when the majority of the assets being sold by the RTC was actually loans or other types of securities," said T.W. Roth, real estate sales manager for the RTC regional sales center in Dallas.

Investors are calling the agency almost daily looking for a steal on some leftover big-city gem, but more than 80 percent of the real estate left now is vacant land and almost all of it is in rural areas.

"What's left now is what no one has wanted," Roth said. "Everything's a little oddballish. The residential lot is the residential lot the builders avoided. Why? It's either got too severe a slope or a drainage problem."

"We have very few properties that glow in the dark, but we do have a few," he said. "We have nothing that will produce income today for sale."

Among the Dallas office's worst remaining properties is another 265-acre tract in Midlothian with retaining pools of chemicals that were used for chemical reclamation. Remediation costs for that land, which will roll over to the FDIC, are estimated between \$3 million and \$5 million, said Steve McGregor, spokesman for the RTC in Dallas.

The agency also is preparing for its last large national auction, a three-day loan sale in Kansas City beginning Dec. 13.

Nationwide, as of Aug. 31, the RTC had sold more than \$392 billion in assets with a book value of \$451 billion. The agency expects to transfer a total of \$8 billion to \$10 billion to the FDIC, spokesman Mike Fulwider said.

The Dallas RTC enforcement office has been pilloried for failing to aggressively pursue enough insider fraud cases against Texas S&L criminals, which cost taxpayers an estimated \$2 billion. Consumer advocates also criticized the agency for failing to do enough to protect environmentally sensitive properties or create enough housing for the poor.

"It was better than nothing, I guess you can say, and it has done some good, but it certainly didn't achieve what it could have," said John Henneberger, co-director of the Texas Low-Income Housing Information Service, an Austin-based non-profit organization.

But, as they look for other jobs or prepare to retire, leaders of the Dallas sales office say they're proud of what they've done.

"We weren't really well loved. I guarantee, at a social function, if they said, 'What do you do?', you just said, 'Well, I'm in real estate,'" Roth said.

Readers can't remain silent on school prayer

DEAR ABBY: To continue the argument concerning prayer in school, and the actions of a school district in firing a principal who violated a rule banning it: I believe the principal should, indeed, have been disciplined, in whatever manner the superintendent and school board saw fit. Not for calling for school prayer per se, but for violating a school ordinance and, in this case, a federal law.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

As for prayer in school, I should like to see a few minutes set aside for silent prayer. The word "silent" is important because prayers recited aloud are sure to offend some member(s) of the class whose religions call for a different kind of prayer from the one being recited.

When there is silent prayer, the pupil may or may not pray, as he or she chooses, but has the option of praying without offending anyone and with great satisfaction to him or herself — and, I would venture to guess, the Lord, as well. — CAROLINE K. IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR CAROLINE: I received a flood of mail about my answer regarding the issue of school prayer, some favorable, others critical. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled by the answer you gave Gary Buchanan of Monson, Mass., concerning the school principal who was fired for allowing prayer in school. You said you sided with the board of education.

I thought you were a citizen concerned with gang violence and all of its innocent victims.

Mr. Buchanan didn't stipulate what type of prayer should be

allowed. Perhaps the principal allowed for a moment of silence for all to pray as they saw fit or not to pray, if that was their preference. Not bothering to find out, you arbitrarily sided with the school board. Shame on you, Abby. I thought you were more objective than that. Prayer is preferable to guns and knives, any way you look at it!

This will probably never make your column, but at least I hope you are aware of the poor taste you exhibited. — CHAR LaROQUE, LOYAL TACOMA READER

DEAR CHAR: I can think of no one in this country who is not concerned about gang violence and its effect on the innocents caught in the crossfire. But it defies logic to conclude that the solution to this complex social problem is as simple as a moment of prayer in school.

In conclusion: IF the principal about whom Mr. Buchanan wrote had allowed a moment for all to offer a silent prayer, I'd have had no complaint; however, he still would have violated a federal law.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old male sophomore with mid-length hair that goes every way except where I want it to go. I wet it down and carry a comb, but it dries and curls again within the hour. I have long since given up on the idea of growing long hair.

But the most aggravating part of my problem is my mother. She comes up to me, reaches way up (I'm 6 foot 2 and she's 5 foot 1), grabs a wad of curls and calls me "Curly Top." I have told her it drives me nuts and asked her to stop, but she won't.

Mothers should leave their kids' hair alone as long as it doesn't look like a bird's nest. — DON'T MUSS WITH ME

DEAR DON'T MUSS WITH ME: A session with a hairstylist might help you tame your unruly curls. And there are

products on the market that can help control your hair — but, alas, not your mother.

DEAR ABBY: When someone dies and the family requests that in lieu of sending flowers a donation be made to a fund established by the family, is it not unreasonable to expect an acknowledgment or a thank-you note?

In this particular case, only contributions in excess of \$100 were acknowledged. Since when does the amount of the gift dictate whether or not someone's kindness is to be acknowledged?

We, and many others, feel slighted and bitter over the appalling behavior of the family of the deceased. Nearly five months have passed since "Mr. X's" death, and hundreds of people who lovingly made their donations in his honor will never be thanked because the dollar amounts did not meet the family's criteria.

What do you think, Abby? We think the family could use a course in human decency and manners. — SLAPPED IN THE FACE IN LONG ISLAND

DEAR SLAPPED: The deceased's family should have thanked everyone who made a contribution in honor of their

loved one. Their failure to do so is inexcusable.

DEAR ABBY: Before I met "Bob," I corresponded with several men who wanted to communicate with women by mail. (I had signed up with a "lonely hearts" club.) Well, after marrying Bob, I quit writing to these men, but every now and then I get a letter from a strange man who wants to correspond with me.

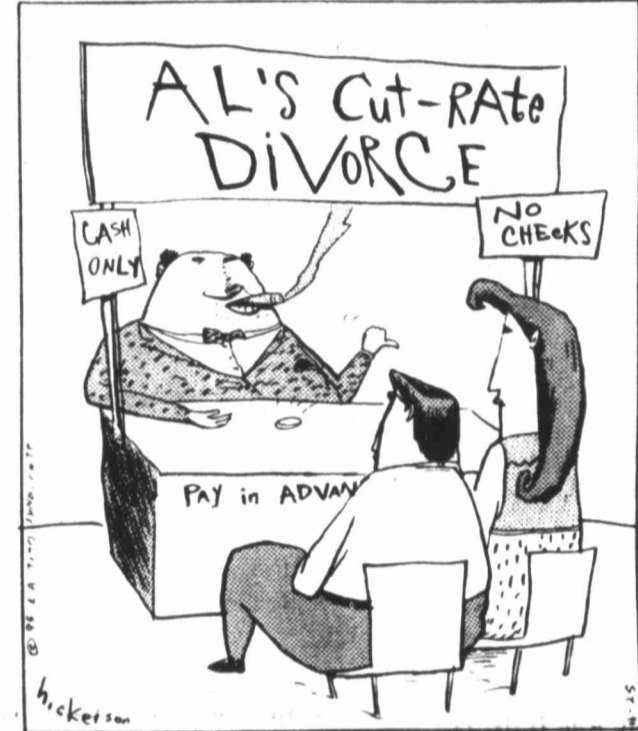
Abby, this club I signed with is no longer in business, but it must have sold its membership list to another such club because I'm still getting letters from men.

Bob says I should tear up these letters without even opening them. I say that because the letters are addressed to me, I have the legal right to read them, and then tear them up if I want to.

DEAR WIFE: Loving your husband as you do, why upset him by showing even the slightest interest in mail from men who are seeking to form a relationship with an unattached woman? When the next letter arrives, ceremoniously set fire to it (unopened) in Bob's presence.

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THE QUIGMANS by Buddy Hickerson



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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 26

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strong actions bring great rewards. Take charge of your life, and wonder no longer. You are in control of your destiny, so make sure you take charge. Plan a fun get-together. The more people you see, the happier you are. Tonight: Go for what you want.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be a lot clearer about your plan. Use your imagination to get to the bottom of a problem. Bring friends and family together for a fun outing. Review a communication with care. You see life with renewed enthusiasm. Tonight: Be out and about.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take off at the drop of a hat. A last-minute event may have you changing plans. Your sense of direction is instrumental in this process. Be open to experiences that do not occur very often. Be more exotic in your approach. Tonight: Try a new night spot.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Togetherness is the natural outcome of the next few days. You see information differently because of what a friend shares with you. Make time for a lengthy chat over brunch or dinner. You build a greater sense of togetherness. Tonight: Say yes.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Let others show their colors. You learn a lot about people in your immediate environment. Excitement and dynamic activity mix. Fast changes mark the next few days. You are a lot happier now. Tune in to your inner desires. Tonight: Go out with others.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do what you need to do to feel comfortable. Take time-off from the hectic pace. Do things for yourself. Slow down, stay centered and manage a situation with clarity. Visualize what you need. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Let your fun, childlike side emerge; have a good time being yourself. Examine what you want in the long run. Loved ones gravitate toward you. Ask for what you want while the going is great. Laughter and humor mark the day. Tonight: Pretend you are a teenager again.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Defer to family and friends. Revamp a decision. You have a clear vision of what is work-

able. Invite others over for a cozy get-together at home. Reach out to someone, and open the door of communication. Tonight: The action is at your place.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Make an extra effort to talk about what is on your mind. Be open as you make changes. Others respond to your positive energy. Arrange a brunch or a friendly gathering. You enjoy browsing with someone. Tonight: Yap away.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Stay on top of things, and visualize what you want. Be more in touch with your feelings. You do the unexpected as you follow through on a long-term desire. Your creativity is high, and you use it. Others are surprised by you. Tonight: Indulge yourself.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are full of good vibrations. Listen to the news that comes your way. Your instincts are right, though one revelation could be a shocker. Open new doors, and be willing to make necessary changes. Use that Aquarian quirkiness. Tonight: Spread your wings.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Gather news, but don't gossip. A friend could reveal what seem to be some indiscretions. It serves you to stay mum and be ready for a change. You have many creative options, if you stay open. Take some time off just for you. You need to indulge yourself. Tonight: Vanish.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 1995: This is an exciting year when communications flourish and when you stay ahead of others. You need to pace yourself and prioritize events. You will gain professionally and personally as a result. Go for what is important to you, and you will be successful. The best news will be your finances, which will go in an upward spiral. Be more in touch with your long-term needs, and conserve. If you are single, others find you unusually attractive. Make strong choices for yourself. If attached, pace yourself and make time for a significant other. AQUARIUS is a great friend.

THE STARS SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ©1995 BY KING FEATURES SYNDICATE INC.

LEFT TO SELL IN TEXAS

Here is a list of the 37 properties included in the Resolution Trust Corp.'s December Environmental Sealed Bid Sale, including remediation estimates.

- Amarillo, 25,200 square foot parking lot, contamination. \$75,000, \$150,000 remediation.
- Andrews, Florey Restaurant, 2,881 square foot retail, underground storage tanks and possible contamination. \$500, estimated remediation \$50,000.
- Bandera, two residential lots, endangered species habitat. \$29,300, no remediation.
- Baytown, 1 acre. \$5,000, no remediation.
- College Station, Southwest Valley Land, 4.6 acres, groundwater contamination. \$400,000, \$5,000 remediation.
- Colorado City, Easy Flow Colorado City, 4,608 square foot truck stop, leaking underground storage tanks. \$40,000, \$187,500 remediation.
- Conroe, 3,600 square feet retail, including a convenience store and two retail suites, hazardous materials, soil and groundwater contamination. \$61,000, \$145,000 remediation.
- Crossroads, Crossroads Gas Station, 3,500 square foot commercial, contamination impacting off-site water well. \$1,500, \$175,000 remediation.
- El Paso, Alameda Carwash-leasehold interest, 13,260 square foot, commercial, automotive

waste. \$12,000, \$12,000 remediation.

- Freeport, 2.9 acres, contamination. \$70,000, \$37,500 remediation.
- Garland, 8.7 acres. \$133,000, no remediation.
- Houston, 2.1 acres, possible soil contamination. \$57,779, no remediation.
- Lubbock, Shadow Hills Land, 233.8 acres, wetlands. Suggested value \$1 million, no remediation.
- Lufkin, Easy Flow Lufkin, truck stop on 6.6 acres, leaking petroleum storage tank site. \$153,000, \$550,000 remediation.
- Midlothian, 1,496 square foot commercial-retail, auto services shop. \$19,250, \$60,000 remediation.
- Odessa, 2.2 acres, trash dumping. \$3,250, no remediation.
- Palestine, Joseph Jordan Subdivision, 29.3 acres, floodplain. \$4,700, no remediation.
- Texarkana, 14,140 square foot commercial, underground storage tank, soil and groundwater contamination. \$17,500, \$164,000 remediation.
- Waxahatchie, 26.1 acres; landfill site. \$24,000, \$90,000 remediation.
- Winnie, 1 acre, contaminated soil and groundwater and underground storage tanks. \$23,500, \$200,000 remediation.

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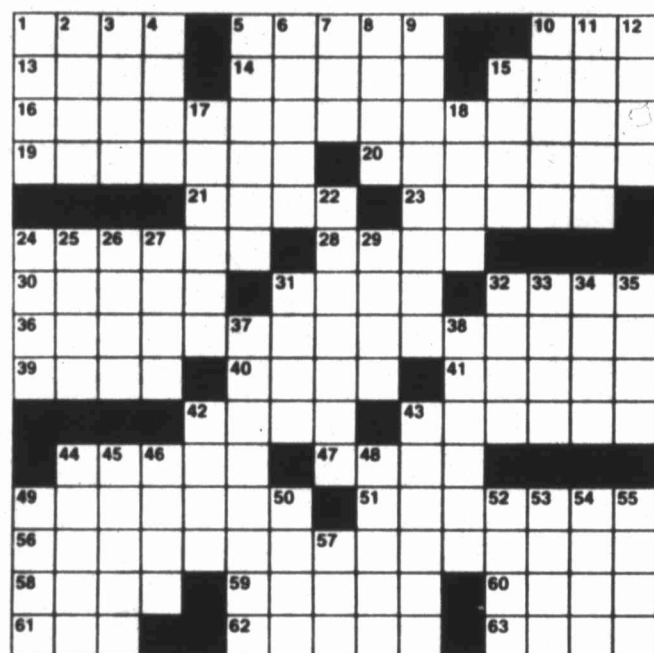
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Friday's Puzzle solved:



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 NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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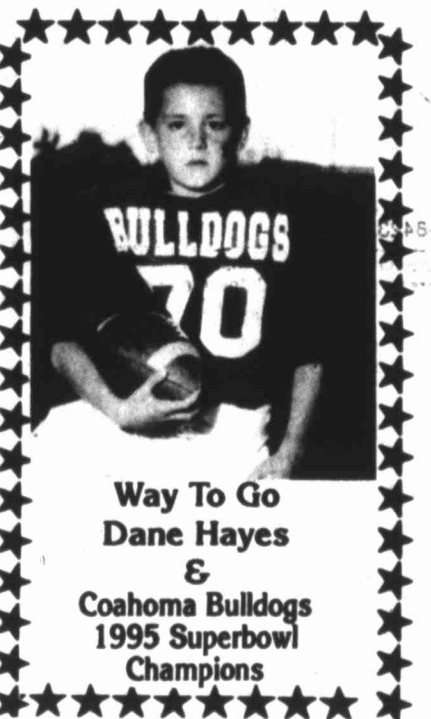
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SUPER ANTIQUE AUCTION

Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Exhibition Building, San Angelo Fairgrounds, San Angelo, Texas. Come in the main gate at the San Angelo Coliseum and the Exhibition Building is on your left.
 This sale will contain many pieces of fine antique furniture and collectable items. There is several nice oak pieces. It comes from two estates plus an antique shop that has closed.
 Eastlake cylinder desk with bookcase top, Murphy bed - one of a kind (the front is a drop iron sec. bookcase and swivels around for the bed) - this is the only one I have ever seen, Hi-back fancy Victorian bed, two oak bureau dressers with large beveled mirror, extra large dining table (some serpentine front), oak dresser with beveled mirror, extra large dining table (drawleaf) with six matching oak back chairs and large buffet, small very decorative Heppelwhite settee with clawfoot - fancy rolled woodwork arms - lots of fancy carving with beautiful upholstery, old tea cart, brass and iron bed, old cruet set with original decanters, western items (saddle & rack, tanned cow hide, barbed wire collection, horsehair rope, large bear trap), eastlake desk chair, several wicker pieces, few rugs, torch floor lamps, old drug store back counter with 40 drawers, several frames of good old armoheads, 19 frames were collected by one man, child violin in case, Queen Ann chair with stool, woman's dress makers dummy with cast iron legs, oak music stand with cast iron base, old quilt rack, grandfather clocks, many pictures, lamps, mirrors, decorations, Charlie McCarthy dolls plus other dolls, 1940's cowboy horse clock, dressers, church pew, enamel gas cook stove, large hooked rug, vases, glassware, oak piano stool, old coke trays (1936), antique pump organ, lighted beer signs, Dr. Pepper clock (1950's), old childrens cartoon watches, pine pie safe, Win. 30-30, Rem. pump 20 gauge, S & W 38 cal. pistols, lots of primitives, Jenny Lind bed, silver sugarware with rack and spoons, chaise lounge chair, antique fancy half table (entrance table), gold scissor, post card rack, 4 poster 1900's bed, china cabinet, dressing table with large oval mirror, 1920's dining table, several assorted chairs, mahogany poster bed with matching dresser, 1920's oak desk, copier per art piece (signed), unusual enamel beaded purse (Whiting & Davis), Beaded fapper dress from the 1920's, large drop front desk, rockers, oak night stand, clawfoot parlor table, walnut desk, oak table with 6 matching chairs, office chairs, cedar chest, Dressing china cabinet, Davis bedroom suite - bed - dresser - chest - chair, Cactus Hotel dresser benches, like new wheelchair, Civil War spurs, Dazey chairs, mahogany 7-piece dining set, oak childrens chairs, oak flat top desk (beaded trim) boxes we have not unpacked - lots of items in this sale that is not listed from the Estates and the antique shop: Several coin books with good coins. Jewelry - ladies ruby ring with diamonds 14K - ladies diamond cluster ring 14K - multi strand pearl necklace. We have the 1989 appraisal of these rings.
 NEWER ITEMS: Lady Kenmore 25 double door refrigerator (less than a year old), upright freezer, John Deere blues, patio furniture, VCR, golf clubs, small television and tape player, 50 assortment folding chairs, 110 volt window A/C unit. Lots and Lots of Estate Items too numerous to list.
 Stihlers 1992 Ford parade car approximately 4x8' in size, excellent condition with air, p.s. system (extra nice). This is not the same car sold in my Oct. 7th sale. Large size coke machine (works good).
 For further information contact Larry Odey at (915) 853-4400, San Angelo, Texas or nights at (915) 480-2642, TX9 87950. Additional files can be viewed to you by calling and leaving last number. Odey Auction fax 915-651-8915.
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