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Accident increase expected from repeal

What started 21 years ago during the Nixon administration has come to an end with one swipe of the pen from President Bill Clinton.

The national 55 mile per hour speed limit, like a thing of the past, is history.

All 50 states will now have the opportunity to set their own speed limits and Montana is contemplating not having a speed limit at all.

Department of Public Safety Lt. Frank Woodall said he expects to see more accidents on the highways. "It is a known fact that speeding is a major factor in accidents. I feel with certainty we will see accidents on

the rise including fatalities. The law goes into effect 10 days after Clinton signed the bill and we will enforce the speed limit."

Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Barney Edens added, "Statistics have shown the number of accidents went down when the speed limit was 55 miles an hour. People are going to speed anyway. People now drive 70 and 75 in the 65 mile an hour zone so when this goes into effect, people will drive 80. This will cause more traffic fatalities."

Sgt. Victor Brake, Big Spring police public information officer, said the law probably won't effect the department. "We don't

have patrol officers on the interstate that is in the city limits. That is usually worked by our drug interdiction officer and the highway patrol officers."

District 70 State Rep. David Counts said, "This will relieve a lot of stress in my district because it's so wide open. It will save us a lot of heartburn, but at the same time we'll have to be a lot more responsible."

"I welcome the relief, but I hope it won't be too deadly. We have to look out for the other fellow," Counts added.

Counts wasn't involved with the bill, but said Texas already has legislation in place allowing the Department of Transporta-

tion to set the state's speed limit without further legislative action.

"I think this repeal will allow us some much needed relief from the long distances we have to travel in rural West Texas," Counts said.

"I can't harp enough on the fact drivers must be responsible and always look out for the other fellow on the road."

He added if people will accept the added responsibility the repeal could be very beneficial to Texas, especially in rural areas like West Texas.

Staff writers Carlton Johnson and Kellie Jones compiled this report.

Clinton signs repeal of federal speed limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drivers, mark your calendars: on Dec. 8, the 55-mph speed limit is history.

President Clinton on Tuesday signed the \$6 billion National Highway System bill, which ends federal speed limit and motorcycle helmet laws, but he made clear that he had serious misgivings that the new law might lead to more

accidents, highway deaths and injuries.

He signed it because he believes it will strengthen the nation's transportation system, providing jobs and economic opportunities, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"I am deeply disturbed by

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Woman's death ruled a homicide

The death of a local woman has been ruled a homicide.

An investigation and autopsy show Rebecca Acosta, 53, was murdered and died from blunt force trauma to the head. She had also been assaulted before being admitted to the hospital Nov. 19.

Big Spring police Sgt. Victor Brake said he can't discuss the details of the case nor could he give any details on the assault or the trauma to the head.

Acosta had been found unconscious in her home and was taken to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She was admitted to the hospital and died a day later.

Detective Jim Rider is handling the case and because of information he gathered in the investigation along with the autopsy results, officials decided to pursue this as a homicide.

Herald Staff Report

Body identified

The body of a man found 11 days ago has been identified by medical records.

The 69-year-old man is John W. Dias from Riverside County, Calif., reported missing by relatives for about 10 days. Dias was taking a bus trip from California to Louisiana; for unknown reasons, he ventured from the bus station.

His body was found on property on Horse Pen Road. It appeared Dias was climbing a fence, became entangled in the wire and could not free himself.

The exact cause of death could not be determined because of the condition of the body. It had been at the location for a week and a half before being discovered by the property owner.

There was no sign of foul play near the location of the body nor any indication from the autopsy to suggest the man had been assaulted or murdered.

Herald Staff Report



Herald photo by The Appeal
Kristin Murphy holds onto a styrofoam "head" as Tiffany Yanez puts hair on it as the two fourth graders were making angels for Christmas trees at the Pocket Park Tuesday. All students at College Heights Elementary School are making decorations for the trees, which will be featured during the Trail of Lights Saturday.

Stanton considers annexation of an additional 44 acres

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

STANTON - The Stanton City Council has agreed to annex a 44.78 acre tract at the northwest end of town.

Annexation has been studied for several months, at the request of businesses in the area. The tract includes Stanton National Bank, property owned by Delbert and Norman Donaldson, Dairy Queen of Stanton, and the M.L. Koonce estate.

The city council accepted the service plan for annexation presented by City Manager Danny Fryar at the regular meeting Nov. 13. The area will be provided with municipal water and sewer utilities. The installation cost of approximately \$350,000 is to be financed with a combination of tax and revenue bonds.

Two public hearings are required before the area is annexed. The first hearing will be Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Stanton City Hall.

Stanton officials have requested the Texas Department of Transportation do a traffic study at the intersection of Business 20 and Lamesa Highway. The heavily traveled intersection has been the scene of a number of accidents, including a fatality about six weeks ago. It will probably be three to four months before the study is completed and the city receives the results.

In other matters, the city council:

•Approved moving the skydivers drop zone at Stanton Municipal Airport. The old drop zone was near the hangar area,

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County questions prescription drug policy of new carrier

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Are county employees being punished by GEM Insurance if they select a name brand drug when a generic drug is available?

That question was on the minds of County Commissioners Bill Crooker and Sonny Choate at the last meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court and they wasted no time asking GEM Representative Jerry Gaylor for an explanation.

In reviewing GEM's prescription drug policy, commissioners were concerned county employees who might have a prescription for a name brand drug would be severely penalized if the same type of prescription were available as a generic drug.

Commissioners have already accepted the fact some employees may have to pay more for prescriptions under GEM than they did with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

For example, under the county's old policy with Blue Cross and Blue Shield employees paid \$4 for generic prescriptions and \$8 for name brands.

GEM's policy will pay 85 percent of the cost for generic prescriptions and 80 percent for name brands.

Commissioners acknowledge that could turn into quite a difference for county employees who use a lot of medicines, but the overall premium savings of more than \$100,000 is too much to pass up when facing a lean budget.

Gaylor explained to commissioners what county employees have is called a forced generic product. That is an employee has to pay the difference if a name brand drug is chosen and a generic drug is available.

"We can't pass up the savings, but if GEM drops the ball, we can always cancel and walk down the street and select another company," Choate added.

Many angels are still waiting for adoption

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

Be an angel - adopt one. The Christmas shopping season officially began Friday morning, and that means the Christmas helping season is here, too. Along with bright wrappings, tinsel and garlands, several local businesses are displaying angel trees on behalf of the Salvation Army.

Each tree is decorated with angels that list the age, gender, and needs of children in Howard County who will

receive gifts from the Angel tree this Christmas season.

There are more than 570 angels available for adoption in Howard County this year, most of them in Big Spring. What is most needed, say Salvation Army officials, are new clothing and underwear.

It will cost \$25 to \$30 to adopt most angels, says Salvation Army spokesperson Danelle Castillo. That amount will buy a complete change of clothing plus a set of socks and underwear.

More than 100 angels have

already been adopted, Castillo says, including a few whose adoption cost was \$200 or more. That leaves many, many more still in need.

All gifts purchased for a particular angel will be given to that person. Normally, it is requested that angel tree gifts not be wrapped. Gifts may be brought to the Salvation Army office at 811 West Fifth.

There are angel trees on display at Al's Barbecue, Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall, Stylistics Hair and Tanning Salon at 406 East F.M. 700, and Coden Credit Union.

U.S. Trivia
What year did a California earthquake and fire leave 505 dead and caused \$350 million in damages?
1906

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World: Ask a soldier what he thinks about U.S. military involvement in the region of the world that used to be Yugoslavia, and the first answer you get is purely official. See page 3A.

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Increase wanted
Rising health care costs and the number of motorists driving without required insurance are combining to force insurers to recommend an increase in the average rate they can charge Texas drivers, they say. See page 6A.

A 'Dust of Snow'
A dusting of light snow made parts of North Texas look a lot like Christmas. See page 6A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **75** ▲ Highs **30** ▼ Lows
Mostly clear
Tonight, Mostly clear, low mid 30s, light winds.
Permian Basin Forecast
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Air Force Master Sgt. Gregory Sikes, right, stationed at Fort Hood Army post in Killeen, watches President Bill Clinton's address Monday night about sending U.S. ground troops to Bosnia. Sikes and his friends, James Singleton, left, and Mike Austin, center, were at the Sports Dome, a sports bar-type club on the base.

Troops consider Bosnia mission

By NINA REYES

Austin American-Statesman
KILLEEN, Texas — Ask a soldier what he thinks about U.S. military involvement in the region of the world that used to be Yugoslavia, and the first answer you get is purely official.

"Wherever they tell me to go, I go," said Douglas Washington, a 38-year-old Army sergeant who is a veteran of the Persian Gulf conflict.

But in interviews with more than a dozen soldiers Monday night at the Fort Hood Army post, the second answer — the personal response — contained the diversity of opinions that reflects the debate nationally over President Clinton's decision to send 20,000 American troops to Bosnia. The 45,000 soldiers stationed at Fort Hood, which is northwest of Austin, just outside Killeen, are not scheduled to take part in the peacekeeping effort.

"I've seen in the newspapers all the atrocities they've done to the children, and it's time for somebody to go in there," Washington said. "I think they should go try to stop it, if nothing else, to save a kid's life."

But across the room of the sports bar at Fort Hood, where soldiers gathered Monday night before the presidential address, another Persian Gulf veteran said he saw things completely differently.

"This has been going on for a really long time — these people

have been at each other's throats for a long time — and it'll end up like Beirut," said Gregory Sikes, a 37-year-old master sergeant in the Air Force. "I really do think that when we pull out, things are

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Gregory Sikes
going to go right back to the way they were."
The lack of a clear objective in Bosnian mission was an issue for many of the soldiers at Fort Hood, although some said the straightforward rules for operation — shoot if shot at, for example — were a relief. But most, even those who said they personally support the effort, doubted that a year of keeping the warring factions apart would result in a lasting peace.

"My personal feeling is that if they want to fight, they should fight," said James Singleton, a 25-year-old Army specialist with seven years of service. "We're playing sheriff to the world, and I don't think we should go over there and do that. How long is that going to last?"

As the president appeared on several of the more than 30 television screens in Fort Hood's Sports Dome and he laid out his objectives, conversations over

pool cues or a plastic pitcher of beer continued unabated.
Gordon Sanders, a 40-year-old veteran with 20 years in the Army, was one of the few who paused to listen to the gist of the presidential address. He was

serving his fellow soldiers from the center of a beer kiosk, and when there was a break in the customer line, he turned to the four-sided, big-screen television that hung from the center of the room.

Sanders, a sergeant first class, said that while he personally doesn't want to end up as a Bosnian peacekeeper, he supports U.S. military involvement.

"We've got the firepower, we've got the expertise, and the other factions there, they'd think twice before messing with us," he said.
Lt. Col. Randy Schoel, public affairs officer for Fort Hood, said that no units from the post are scheduled to ship out for the Balkans.

"We have not been alerted for any units from Fort Hood to prepare for a deployment," he said. "But in coming days, weeks, months, plans could change."

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Dalai Lama snubbed as China chooses own candidate for Tibet

BEIJING (AP) — With Chinese leaders watching, Tibetan monks conducted an obscure ritual today to choose Tibet's second-highest spiritual leader in a direct challenge to the Dalai Lama.

China and its supporters in Tibet are trying to strengthen Chinese rule over the restive Himalayan region by naming 6-year-old Gyaincain Norbu as the new Panchen Lama.

The last Panchen Lama, who died six years ago, was the most

powerful religious leader to stay in Tibet after the Dalai Lama, the supreme spiritual leader of Tibetans, fled into exile in 1959.

In May, the Dalai Lama recognized another 6-year-old as the Panchen Lama. China denounced the Dalai Lama, purged monks believed to be collaborating with him and set up a new search committee.

The Dalai Lama's candidate, Gedhun Choekyl Nyima, was last seen in July and is believed to have been held until recently

at a guest house in Beijing, according to observers of Tibet and exiled Tibetans.

Officials at China's Cabinet, the State Council, and in Tibet refused Wednesday to answer telephone queries on the child's whereabouts.

"Ordinary Tibetans are very concerned for the welfare of this child, but I'm sure the Chinese won't show him in public," said Robert Barnett of the Tibet Information Network, a monitoring group based in London.

Skepticism of mission expressed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after President Clinton presented his case to the American people why U.S. ground troops should be dispatched to Bosnia, he made a similar pitch to members of Congress.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Larry Combest, a Republican from Lubbock, emerged from Tuesday's White House session no more convinced than before about the need for a U.S. military presence in the former Yugoslav republic. Under the latest plans unveiled by the Pentagon, some 37,000 U.S. troops would be sent to the region.

"I do not believe it is in our national interest, and until that major provision is met in my mind, there is no way I could support this," said Combest, who was one of approximately 50 lawmakers briefed by Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and others.

Combest wasn't alone in his

doubts.
"I am extremely skeptical of this whole operation," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, a Republican from Irving.

Armey said he told Clinton that if members of Congress are "getting the kind of phone calls from their districts that I'm getting from my district, that getting a winning vote on this matter would be like pulling teeth through the back of your head."

Combest has called a closed hearing of his committee Friday to examine what role intelligence agencies will play during troop deployment to Bosnia.

One of Republicans' central worries is that once U.S. troops are dispatched to the region, it will be difficult to call them back — despite Clinton's promise that the mission will end in a year.

"What I kept hearing last night and heard again today is that we have got to be involved

for peace to succeed," Combest said. "And if the search for peace is based on an outside force rather than internal resolve, it concerns me a great deal whether we will ever find a point once we are committed ... that we can leave."

Combest bristled at the White House's lack of consultation with Congress during the arduous peace talks between the Serbs, Muslims and Croats that wrapped up last week in Dayton, Ohio.

"We weren't a part of the process that got us here and I feel very reluctant to be a part of a process that I consider to be flawed," he said.

The GOP opposition isn't uniform.

Speaking at a forum for Republican presidential candidates, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said he was looking for a way to back Clinton "even though the American people may not agree."

U.S. troops in Bosnia to be backed by others

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 20,000 U.S. troops in Bosnia living in heated tents and portable barracks will represent the most visible part of a massive American effort involving forces afloat, aloft and in neighboring nations.

Pentagon officials said Tuesday that 17,000 U.S. forces will support the troops on the ground. They include fighter pilots patrolling the skies and providing air support for ground troops in trouble, sailors aboard aircraft carriers and patrol ships, Marines poised to conduct rescue missions and technicians, supply crews and communications specialists working in nearby countries.

The focus in the debate over participating in a NATO peacekeeping mission in Bosnia has been the 20,000 Army soldiers who will patrol the northeastern sector of the country in Operation Joint Endeavor.

With the deployment of the first 700 of those days away, new details are emerging about

the mission — and the lifestyle these soldiers will lead.

Most of the U.S. contingent will spend the cold winter months in Bosnia living in double-layer tents heated by diesel-fueled stoves and equipped with wooden floors.

"Think 'MASH' and you've got what they're looking at," said Army Lt. Col. Ray Whitehead.

About 5,000 of the soldiers will live in prefabricated barracks — en route now to Bosnia by ship. Called a "modular camp," the barracks will include sleeping facilities, a dining room and recreation room.

But outside of Bosnia, thousands more will be at work on the peacekeeping mission, said Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday, a Pentagon spokesman. Indeed, of the 17,000 additional forces detailed by Doubleday, about 9,000 have been directly involved in and around Bosnia through much of the three-year civil war.

A single aircraft carrier,

which has been more or less of a fixture off Bosnia for the past year, carries 5,000 to 6,000 sailors and airmen. The Navy will continue to participate in Operation Sharp Guard, the patrolling of the sea lanes around the former Yugoslavia. Today that effort involves 700 to 1,000 sailors.

About 2,000 Marines with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, most of them aboard the USS Wasp, are ready to perform rescue and evacuation missions.

Some 1,700 pilots and support crews operating out of Aviano Air Base, Italy, and other stations in Italy provide the bulk of the deny-flight operation over Bosnia. And an additional 700 airmen are involved in flying humanitarian aid into Bosnia, the U.S. military's longest-running humanitarian airlift operation.

In addition to these forces, some 5,000 ground troops will be sent to Croatia and other parts of the former Yugoslavia.

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Mother sells son to settle drug debt

DETROIT (AP) — To some neighbors in an area thick with prostitution and drugs, the 15-year-old boy appeared normal, even happy.

Police, however, have begun to unravel the story of a teenager who spent months with drug dealers and users — a world where, authorities say, his mother sold him to settle her \$1,000 crack cocaine debt.

Acting on an anonymous tip, police found the boy early Tuesday morning in a small, run-down house. A man found with him, described by police as a drug dealer with a long record, was arrested. Police said the mother gave her son to a differ-

ent dealer, who was still at large.

"He's crying a lot," said the boy's grandmother, who saw her grandson Tuesday for the first time in months. She said he appeared addicted to crack. He had lost a lot of weight but seemed otherwise OK, she said.

Fifteen-year-old Jacqui Jones, who lives next door to the house where the boy was found, said she had talked to him a couple of times.

"He didn't seem like he was upset or down or nothing," she said. "He seemed happy."

The boy told TV station WKBD in suburban Southfield on Tuesday that he went will-

ingly to work for a drug dealer, but left when the man mistreated him. He then went to work for another dealer, he said.

"It's hard out there," he said, adding that he was not forced to deal drugs to pay off his mother's debt. In fact, he said, his mother asked him not to go.

But Sgt. Shelley Foy of the police child-abuse unit said she was convinced the boy was sold and that he went along with it to protect his mother. She said his response was common in neglect cases involving drug-addicted parents.

The boy's grandmother said she talked to him for about 10 minutes at a juvenile detention

center. She said he told her, "Mama, I need help."

"He's as sweet as he can be," the grandmother said. "He's got one hangup: It's his mother. He loves her."

The boy appeared in juvenile court and was charged with delivery of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and truancy. His next court appearance was scheduled for Dec. 13.

The boy had been living with his grandmother until he disappeared several months ago, but the mother had custody. The grandmother said she planned to ask the juvenile court to give

custody to her. Foy said the whereabouts of the boy's father were unknown.

His 33-year-old mother was already in jail on an unrelated burglary charge and could face charges over her son.

Police said they could not confirm reports that the boy was forced to smoke crack when he was hungry so his captors could save on food and that he was used as a sex slave. Inspector Michael Hall said police were awaiting the results of a medical examination.

"He's definitely a victim, regardless of what the circumstances were," Hall said.

The grandmother said she reported the boy missing six months ago, but that police said they could not act because she was not his legal guardian.

Police began working on the case earlier this month when they got a tip that the boy was being kept in the house and forced to work, Foy said.

Residents of the neighborhood where the boy was found said the area is known for gangs and crime.

"There are gunshots all the time around here," resident Clarence Crosby said. "I keep to myself and try to keep my kids out of the street."

Psychic spies used against Libya, N.Korea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For 20 years, the United States has secretly used psychics in attempts to hunt down Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, find plutonium in North Korea and help drug enforcement agencies, the CIA and others confirm.

The ESP spying operations — codenamed "Stargate" — were unreliable, but three psychics continued to work out of Fort Meade, Md., at least into July, researchers who evaluated the program for the CIA said Tuesday.

The program has cost the government \$20 million, said Ray Hyman, a psychology professor at the University of Oregon in Eugene, who helped prepare the study.

He said the psychics were used by various agencies for remote viewing — using extrasensory perception to provide information from distant sites.

Up to six psychics at any time worked at assignments that included trying to hunt down Gadhafi before the 1986 U.S. bombing of Libya; find plutonium in North Korea in 1994, and locate kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier in Italy.

Gadhafi was not injured in the bombing. Dozier, kidnapped by the Red Brigades in Italy in 1981, was freed by Italian police after 42 days. News reports at the time said the police were assisted by an undisclosed number of U.S. State and Defense Department specialists using sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment.

But Dale Graft, a former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency's ESP program, told ABC's "Nightline" on Tuesday that psychics provided the name of the city and the building where Dozier was held.

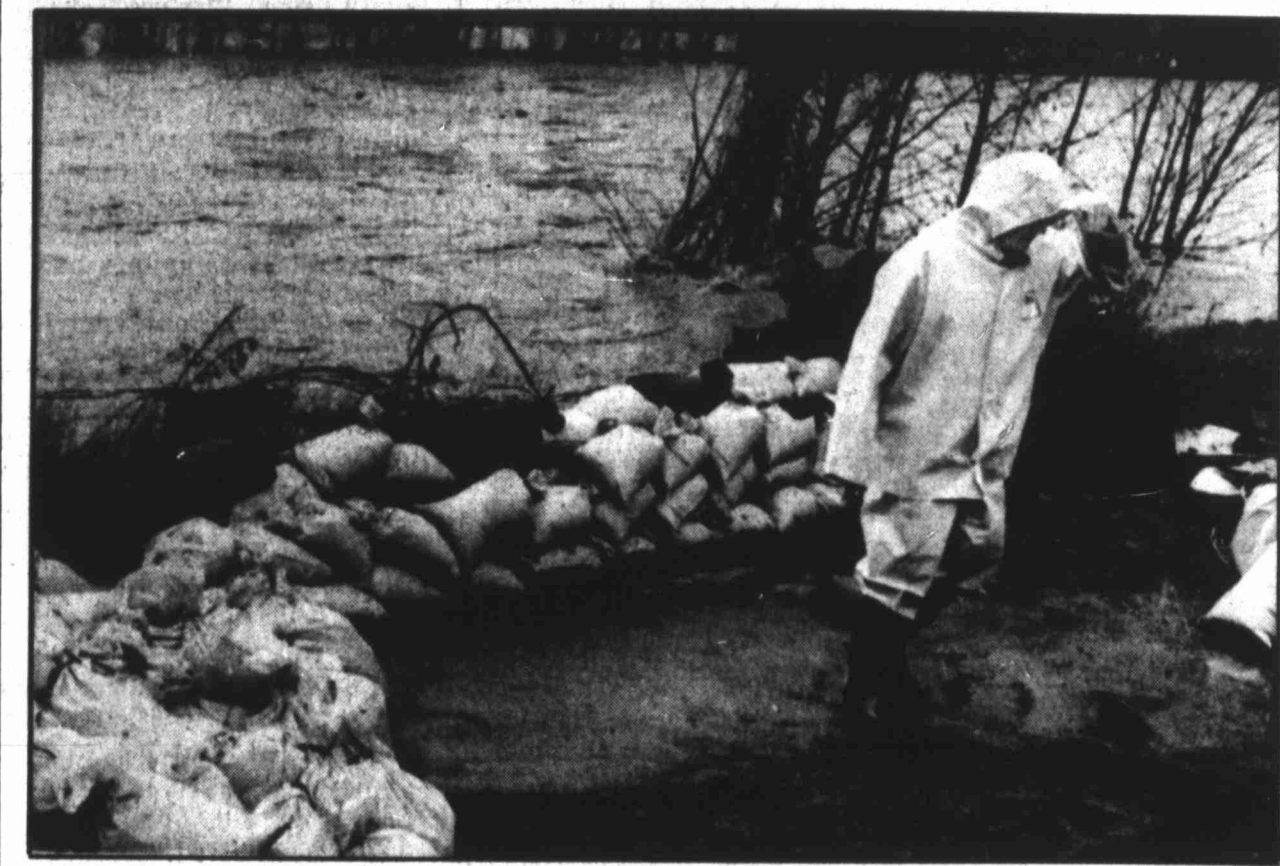
The study reported mixed success with the psychics. Hyman was skeptical, while his co-author, said Jessica Utts, a professor of statistics at the University of California-Davis, said some of the results were promising.

Utts, however, said the government psychics were accurate about 15 percent of the time. In some tests, when given a series of four choices, they picked the right answer a third of the time. "I think they would be effective if they were used in conjunction with other intelligence," she said.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield confirmed the existence of Stargate and the study.

"The CIA is reviewing available programs regarding para-

HIGH WATER MARK



Bud Rumelhart checks the level of the Puyallup River near his home in Rainier Manor in Sumner, Wash., Tuesday. The river didn't reach these sandbags but with continuing rainfall and warm temperatures, it may be tonight.

Mother indicted in daughter's abuse death

NEW YORK (AP) — A mother has been indicted in the death of her 6-year-old daughter, whose head she allegedly slammed into a concrete wall because she believed the child was possessed by Satan.

A judge on Tuesday ordered Awilda Lopez returned to jail, where she was being held without bail in the death of Elisa Izquierdo.

The indictment charges her with second-degree murder, which is punishable by 25 years to life in prison. She is also charged with first-degree manslaughter and endangering the welfare of Elisa and two of her five other children.

Lopez, 29, was under a suicide watch and in protective custody, said her attorney, Dan Ollen. "People in prison lash out at people who commit these kinds of crimes," he said.

Ollen said he planned to get her a psychiatric examination. Judge Lee Elkin of Criminal Court in Manhattan scheduled a court hearing for Dec. 20.

Police found Elisa's body in her apartment a week ago. An autopsy found she died from a brain hemorrhage caused by a blow to the head. Some of her fingers were broken and her skin was scarred by cigarette burns.

Since her death, the details of Elisa's tortured life has emerged. Lopez once allegedly had used Elisa's head to mop the floor and had slammed her head into a concrete wall two days before she died, police said.

Child welfare workers had been warned repeatedly about the abuse but apparently did little to intervene.

Boy dies after rejecting heart received as infant

GLENDALE, Ky. (AP) — A boy whose need for an infant heart transplant nine years ago helped reform organ donor laws died after unexpectedly rejecting the heart.

Robbie Dean Cardin's parents said the 9-year-old boy lived a normal life, playing Little League and doing his homework after school.

On Monday night, Robbie went to bed after dinner complaining that he didn't feel well. His parents thought he might have the flu. Early Tuesday morning, he was rushed to the hospital. Doctors said he had rejected his heart.

"Everybody deserves a chance to live," his father, Wendell Cardin, said Tuesday. "He got the most out of his chance."

Robbie's transplant on June 13, 1986, was only the sixth successful infant heart transplant in the United States.

Senate vote puts ICC closer to extinction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission, a casualty of deregulation of the rail and trucking industries, is a step closer to extinction.

The Senate joined the House on Tuesday in voting to abolish the ICC, an independent federal agency established more than 100 years ago to control the excesses of the railroad "robber barons."

The voice vote gave Republicans a small victory in their mission to dismantle or shrink some government agencies they believe have outlived their usefulness.

The House approved similar legislation Nov. 14, and House-Senate negotiators now must reconcile differences between the two bills.

Like the Republicans, the Clinton administration also included the ICC's demise in its long-term plans to balance the federal budget.

However, the White House

said in a statement Tuesday that while it strongly supports abolition of the ICC, it opposes the Senate bill because of several provisions. They include antitrust exemptions for the railroad and motor carrier industries, which the White House said would allow those industries "to impose artificially high rates on consumers."

With fresh memories of the partial government shutdown caused by the impasse over the budget between the White House and the GOP-led Congress, the Senate attached an amendment cutting off lawmakers' salaries during such shutdowns.

Currently, salaries of members of the House and Senate are paid from a permanent appropriation. During a shutdown, their pay continues while hundreds of thousands of federal workers and some congressional staff employees are put on furlough with no guarantee of pay.

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Vehicles streak past the posted 55 mile per hour speed limit sign in Mesquite on Interstate 30 heading toward Dallas Tuesday. President Clinton has decided to sign legislation to end the 21-year-old national speed limit. See related story page 1A.

Suit claims baby was sold in scheme

FORT WORTH (AP) — Trial is under way in the civil case of a Fort Worth woman who has alleged that her husband and her lawyer conspired 23 years ago to sell her infant and tell her it was stillborn. Linda Thompson — who has appeared on a popular TV talk show to discuss the charges and sold her story as a TV movie — repeated the adoption allegation during opening arguments in the case, which entered its third day today in state District Judge Ken Curry's court. Ms. Thompson is suing Dallas attorney Albert Leviton, who in 1985 pleaded no contest to charges he sold a baby in an unrelated case and was temporarily suspended from practicing law. Other defendants originally named in Ms. Thompson's lawsuit, including her ex-husband, were dropped. Ms. Thompson accuses Leviton of selling her newborn daughter in October 1972 to a Phoenix couple for an undetermined amount of money. In opening-day testimony, Leviton's lawyer said he will prove that the adoption was legal and voluntary. "There was no conspiracy," Rex Henger told jurors, adding he has records showing that the Phoenix couple paid Ms. Thompson's medical expenses during pregnancy. Ms. Thompson said she was a young, uneducated mother of three when Leviton and others tricked her into believing that she had given birth to a stillborn baby boy.

Uninsured drivers, health care costs driving up cost of car insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Rising health care costs and the number of motorists driving without required insurance are combining to force insurers to recommend an increase in the average rate they can charge Texas drivers, they say. A group of auto insurance companies asked administrative law judges on Tuesday to recommend an 11.3 percent increase in the benchmark auto premium. The benchmark serves as a target rate. Insurers can adjust the amount they charge by 30 percent higher or lower with Department of Insurance approval. The target by law is reviewed each year and may be adjusted by the department. It considers recommendations from insurance companies, consumer groups and other parties through administrative law judges. Two judges heard arguments Tuesday and took the case under advisement. They could make a recommendation at any time; a new target rate likely would take effect next summer. "The cost that sticks out is the uninsured motorist," said Mark Toohey, a spokesman for Farmers Insurance Co. Farmers, acting apart from other insurers, recommended a 5.7 percent increase in the benchmark rate. Coverage to protect drivers from uninsured motorists is the main culprit, Toohey said. "People who are breaking the law and driving around without insurance are getting into accidents and insurance has to

pay," he said. Toohey said nearly one in four Texas drivers does not carry liability insurance as required by state law. He said that is up from one in five drivers a few years ago and increases the risk for insurance companies covering Texas motorists. "At some point the extraordinary number of uninsured drivers on Texas roads must be addressed if we are to see auto insurance rates stabilize," said Jerry Johns, head of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, another insurance industry group. But Fred Jarmon, head of Texas Citizen Action, said there is no reason to raise the benchmark. He said more than half of the insurance companies doing business in Texas have rates within 10 percent of the benchmark and could adjust their rates without moving the target. "There can be no justification for adjusting the benchmark, unless the goal is to provide cover for uniform price increases," Jarmon argued. The Office of Insurance Council, a state agency that argues insurance issues for consumers, also opposes any increase. "After reviewing the auto insurance market data for Texas, we find that rates are high enough right where they are," said Rod Bordelon, head of OPIC. Rick Gentry, a spokesman for Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office, said an increase in the benchmark would not mean an automatic increase.

White stuff drops on N. Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A dusting of light snow made parts of North Texas look a lot like Christmas. But Texans know that odds for a white Yuletide are no greater than usual, despite the Tuesday morning white stuff. Forecasters agree. In the 97 years that the National Weather Service has been keeping records in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, only once has snow accumulated on a Christmas — in 1926, when two inches fell. True, many were pleasantly surprised by the Tuesday snow — flurries in most places, close to 3 inches north of Abilene. But a rapid warmup is expected toward the weekend, with temperatures back into the 70s by Friday. "It's 79 degrees two days ago, then it snows today," said meteorologist Brian Curran of the National Weather Service office in Fort Worth. "That's North Texas weather. There's nothing unusual about it, but it's never boring." Southwesterly winds should warm the area to the upper 50s and 60s, to near 70s, in the western portions on Wednesday, Curran said. By the weekend, temperatures in North Texas should return to above-normal — around the low 70s. A strong cold front brought the light snow mixed with sleet to the area. Propelled by an upper-level disturbance, the front triggered snow from the South Plains and northern Permian Basin in a line that moved northeasterly.

Explosives found in reservoir near Pantex plant

AMARILLO (AP) — Traces of high explosives discovered in ground water near the nation's nuclear bomb assembly plant may require a cleanup or other control measures, regulators say. The explosive, RDX, was found in a test boring at a level of 77 parts per billion, said Johnnie Guelker, environmental restoration project manager. It is the first off-site contamination linked to the Energy Department weapons plant, officials said Tuesday. Boyd Deaver, with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Amarillo, said the levels do not pose a health risk. Plant officials projected in March that high explosive contamination eventually would leave the Pantex site because plant boundary samplings had detected contaminants, said Gary Baker with Pantex environmental subcontractor Battelle-Pantex. But he told the Amarillo Globe-News no contamination has yet been detected in the Ogallala Aquifer, which serves as a water source for much of the High Plains. The contaminated water was detected at a depth of about 280 feet in a perched aquifer above the Ogallala. The upper-level reservoir is an intermittent water-bearing layer that is not normally used for drinking purposes, said officials. They said the boring was done on private property about a quarter mile east of Pantex, with the owner notified of the contamination. Rancher Lee Cockrell, who owns the property, said he has some concerns about the potential for Ogallala Aquifer contamination. The state's residential cleanup standards for RDX are set at 3 parts per billion at Pantex, said Linda Fernandez, a TNRCC spokeswoman in Austin. Baker said plant officials are hopeful that a study initiated this fall can reduce off-site contamination by pumping water out of the perched aquifer and treating it. The TNRCC will review DOE proposals to remedy the problem and determine a course of action, said Deaver. The 16,000-acre complex is located 17 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Montford opts out of Senate race

AUSTIN (AP) — After looking at a possible U.S. Senate bid for months, state Sen. John Montford says he prefers the view in Texas. The Lubbock Democrat said Tuesday that he won't seek his party's nomination to challenge Republican Sen. Phil Gramm next year. Montford, a top lieutenant to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, said he wants to remain in the Legislature and work on Texas issues as the federal government shifts more duties to the states. "It is obvious that the states will have greater and greater responsibilities to solve our nation's problems. I, for one, welcome the challenge," he said. The announcement leaves three Democrats seeking their party's Senate nomination in the March 12 primary: Houston lawyer John Odum, U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs and Mesquite high school teacher Victor Morales. Gramm, a senator since 1985, is simultaneously running for re-election and president under Texas' unusual "LBJ Law."

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Lady Hawks, Steers win; Lady Steers fall

Howard women nip Midland

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sports writer

A battle of the unbeaten went down to the wire as the Howard College Lady Hawks and the Midland College Lady Chaparrals fought to a two-point decision.

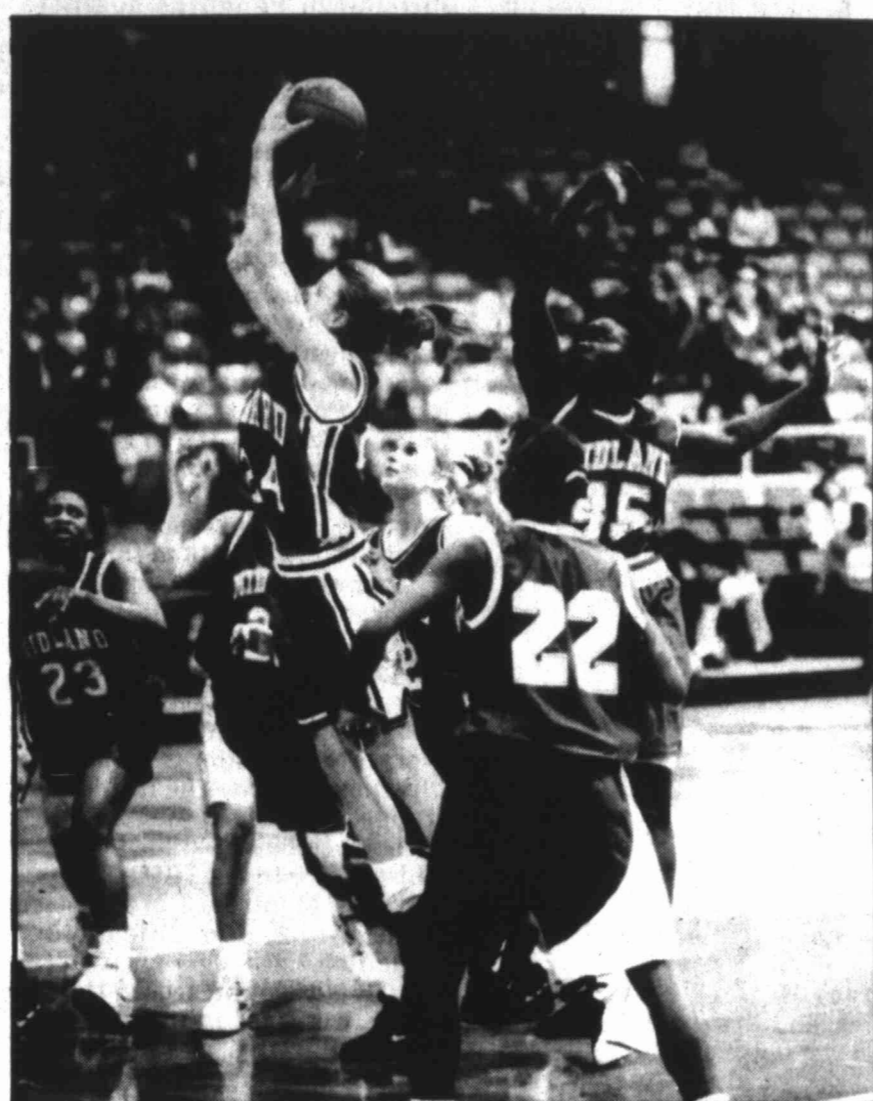
The Lady Hawks remained undefeated after downing the Lady Chaps 63-61 at Dorothy Garret Coliseum Tuesday night.

The Lady Hawks missed 21 shots in the first half to allow the Lady Chaps to take an early lead. Roslynn Dunn started off the scoring on a three-point shot in Midland's first possession.

The Lady Chaps climbed to a seven-point lead off the scoring of Fotou Cisse' and Kellina Bradshaw.

"We forced a lot of shots at the first. We weren't as patient

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Howard College's Toni Westfall (24) goes up in a crowd for a shot during the Lady Hawks' win over Midland Tuesday at Garrett Coliseum.

Big Spring splits with Greenwood

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Daniel who? The Big Spring Steers were without their leading scorer, Daniel Franks, Tuesday against Greenwood, but they apparently didn't miss him that much.

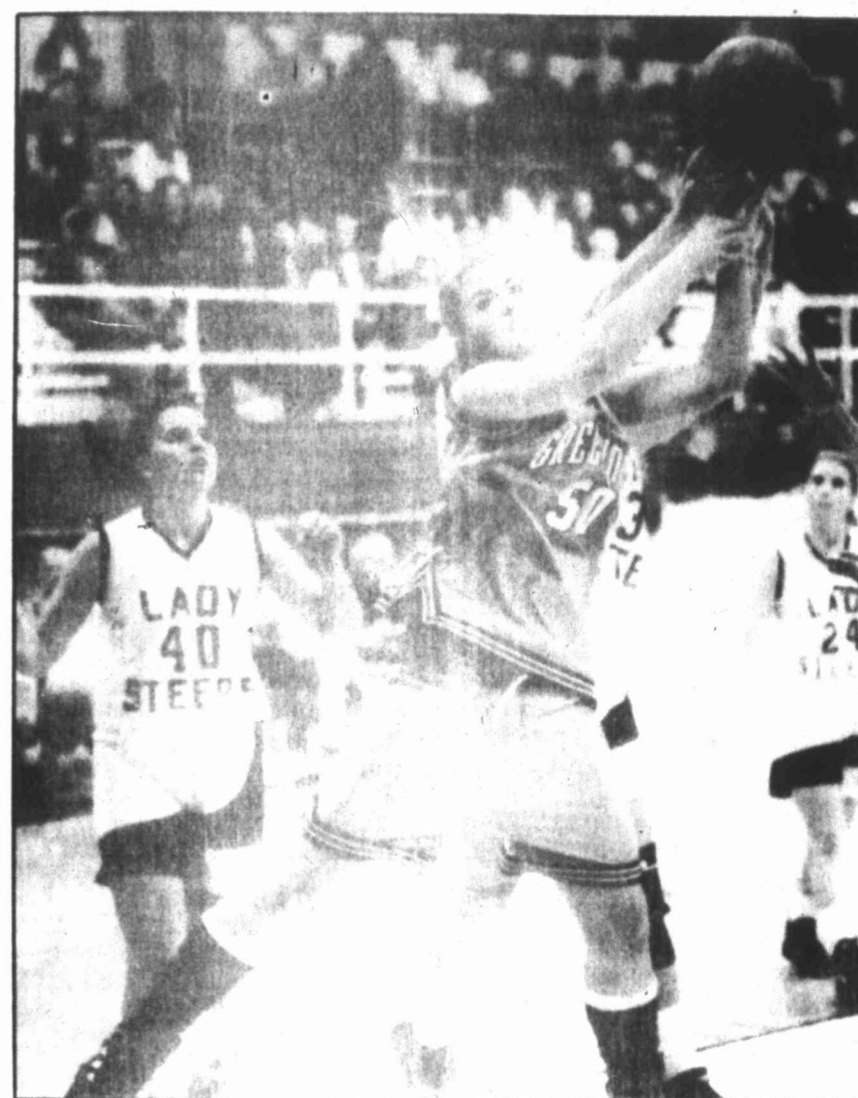
Junior post Ib Simpson poured in a career-high 34 points as the Steers raced to a 65-53 win over the Rangers at Steer Gym Tuesday night.

Earlier, the Greenwood Lady Rangers rallied from behind in the fourth quarter to nip the Big Spring Lady Steers, 54-52.

The Steers improved to 2-3 with the win, while the BSHS girls fell to 3-3.

Boys game It took the Steers the better part of a quarter to get going, but once they did, they left Greenwood in the dust.

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Greenwood's Kristen Bishop (50) grabs a rebound in front of Big Spring's Robin Van (40) during their game Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

COLLEGES

Top team tumbles

Kentucky, despite its deep bench, found itself outnumbered by Marcus Camby.

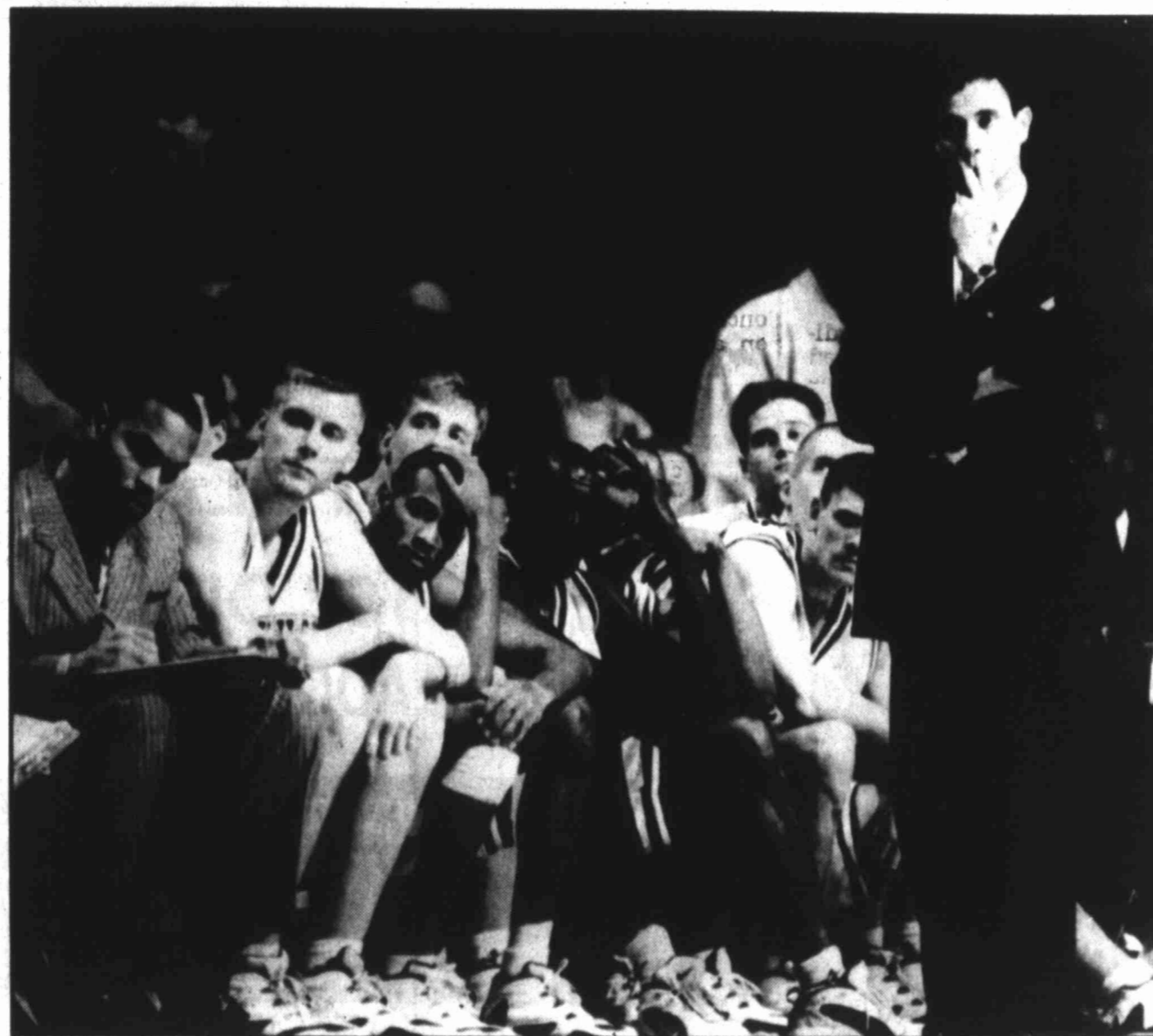
Try as it may, top-ranked Kentucky couldn't find a way to stop Camby and thus had no way to beat No. 5 Massachusetts in the Great Eight basketball tournament Tuesday night. With Camby scoring 32 points, grabbing nine rebounds and blocking five shots, Massachusetts beat the Wildcats 92-82 for its second straight season-opening victory over a No. 1 team.

Last year, Massachusetts buried defending national champion Arkansas 104-80 in the Tip-Off Classic.

"We were intimidated by Marcus Camby, looking for him to block all our shots," said Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, a former UMass player. "He's such a great player, when you double him he can find the open man. He's a good offensive and defensive player; the complete package."

In other games involving Top Ten teams, No. 7 Memphis beat Jackson State 90-67 and No. 8 Mississippi State beat North Carolina-Wilmington 77-54.

In the Second Ten, No. 11 Iowa beat Drake 98-66, San Francisco upset No. 16 Stanford 59-58, and No. 17 North Carolina beat Richmond 83-76. Also, No. 22 Virginia Tech pounded Coastal Carolina 93-49, No. 23 UCLA beat Cal State-



Kentucky coach Rick Pitino stands by his dejected players in the waning minutes of their 92-82 upset loss to Massachusetts Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Fullerton 79-63, and Michigan State surprised No. 25 Arkansas 75-72.

"Our guards played terrific," Camby said. "We knew they would double- and triple-team me, but our guards got me the ball and I was able to do something with it."

Did he ever. He hit 11 of 16 shots and 10 of 11 free throws, converting from outside and underneath.

"We've got a long way to go

to get where we want to be, but tonight we played UMass style basketball," Massachusetts coach John Calipari said. "We played hard, and when you do that, you give yourself a chance to win."

Massachusetts ran off to an 18-point lead, only to have Kentucky battle back for a 45-45 halftime tie. The Minutemen bolted out 11-1 to open the second half and, while never headed, were never safe until the

last minute, when Camby's last two free throws triggered a celebration.

Tony Delk led Kentucky with 21 points.

No. 7 Memphis 90, Jackson St. 67

At Memphis, center Lorenzen Wright had 36 points and 18 rebounds as the Tigers (2-0) made quick work of Jackson State (0-2). Memphis led by as many as 19 twice in the first

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Jones vows that Texas Stadium turf will be gone

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith will be negotiating his contract with the Dallas Cowboys next week. But there's one thing he and owner Jerry Jones can't agree on.

They both want to get Texas Stadium.

Jones promised to replace the turf by 1997, "there's no way we can make no mistake about it."

The NFL's leading player was injured trying to make a cut on the slick artificial Texas Stadium turf in the third quarter of a 24-12 victory over Kansas City on Thanksgiving Day.

Smith suffered a sprained knee and could be out of action against the Washington Redskins.

The new turf will be installed through the Cowboys' renovation.

"There is a concern about the turf because you don't have the traction that should be out there," Jones said. "The turf is worn out enough that we're pushing the envelope. The turf is too slick."

However, Jones said he didn't think the turf was too slick with Smith's injury.

Smith didn't blame the turf but did say the injury probably wouldn't have happened on grass. "I think grass would have given when I planted my foot," Smith said.

Smith played all of the 1994 season battling hamstring prob-

lems that were aggravated by the artificial surface.

Jones said he hoped construction would begin at the end of the 1996 season to lower the field 15 feet and plant grass. He also wants the roof of the stadium closed. The Cowboys would have to find a strain of grass that grows indoors or put grass in for every game and renovate it.

"I think grass is safer and I like the aura of it," Jones said. "You go to ice hockey games to see play on an artificial surface. You go to a football game to see a game on grass. We want it (grass) in there and I hope we'll have the grass surface ready to go by 1997."

Jones put a price tag of about \$35 million on getting a roof over the doughnut hole in Texas Stadium, lowering the field 15 feet, putting in grass, and renovating some lower-level seating. He said the funds would come from his own pocket, an Irving bond issue and business partners.

"We're looking for a fast grass surface," Jones said. "We'll have a new surface of some kind by 1997."

Jones has long-range planning for Texas Stadium that would include raising the roof and adding some 30,000 to 40,000 seats.

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER	SHOT OF THE DAY <p>Surely you jest Charlotte's Larry Johnson argues with a referee during the Hornets' game with Milwaukee Tuesday.</p>	LOCAL/TEXAS Astrodome suing NFL <p>HOUSTON (AP) — The National Football League, sued by the company that manages the Astrodome, is denying that it conspired with the Houston Oilers to move the team to Tennessee.</p> <p>Papers filed in the lawsuit contend that if Oilers owner Bud Adams moves his team to Nashville, Astrodome USA could lose \$2 million in annual rent and revenues unless another team takes the Oilers' place, according to the Houston Chronicle's editions today.</p> <p>On Monday, U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes agreed to allow Astrodome USA to include the NFL in its claim. The Oilers already were defendants.</p> <p>An attorney for Astrodome USA told The Associated Press that the Astrodome could lose millions of dollars a year if it cannot sign another team after a reasonable period of time.</p>	NATION/WORLD Bama decision pending <p>TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama officials will receive a copy of the NCAA Appeals Committee decision Thursday, said Culpepper Clark, assistant to university president Roger Sayers.</p> <p>Alabama presented its appeal of three years' probation to the appeals committee in Atlanta on Nov. 16. The school is trying to get its one-year postseason ban and the third year of probation lifted.</p> McMahon joins Pack <p>GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers, looking for a backup to quarterback Brett Favre, claimed Jim McMahon off waivers from Cleveland.</p> <p>McMahon, 36, is in his 14th season in the NFL and will be joining his seventh team.</p>	ON THE AIR Basketball <p>College Wake Forest vs. Oklahoma State, 6 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30). Virginia vs. Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN. NBA Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28)</p>
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Region II
Jasper (10-2) vs. League City Clear Brook (16-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Thome Stadium, Aldine

Schulenburg (11-1) vs. Rutledge (11-1), El Campo, 7:30 p.m. Friday
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West Texas

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Report: Hurricanes say no to bowls

BOSTON (AP) — The University of Miami will pull its football team from bowl consideration in hopes of avoiding NCAA sanctions that could keep them out of postseason play next year, The Boston Globe reported today.

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Big men have big nights in NBA

It was a big night for the big guys. Alonzo Mourning had 38 points and 10 rebounds as Miami beat Dallas 111-89, Hakeem Olajuwon had 30 points and 19 rebounds in Houston's 116-103 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers and New York's Patrick Ewing had 35 points and 10 rebounds in a 102-97 overtime loss to Atlanta.

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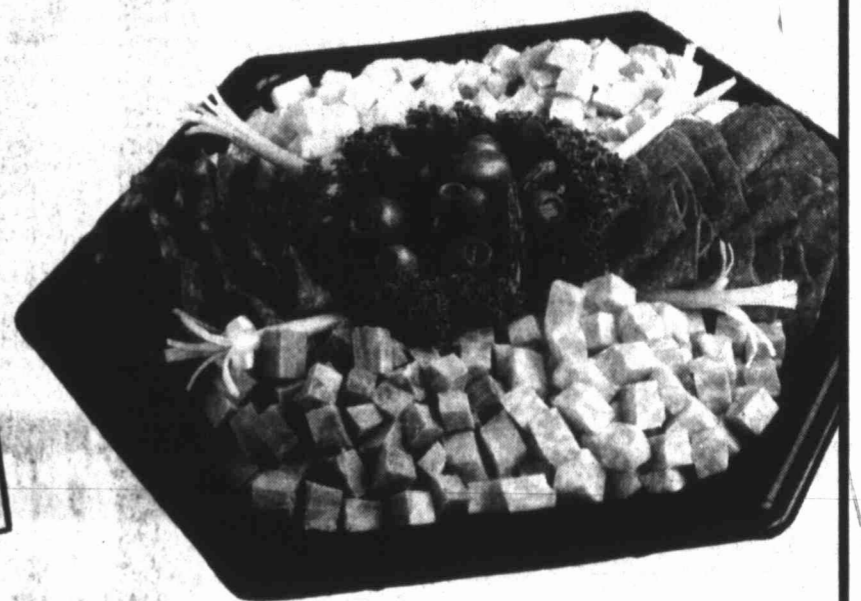
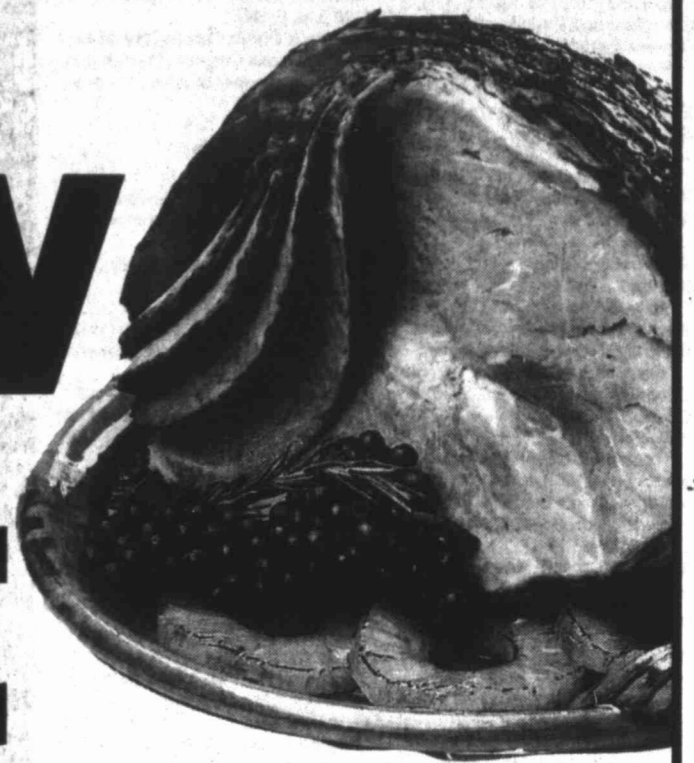
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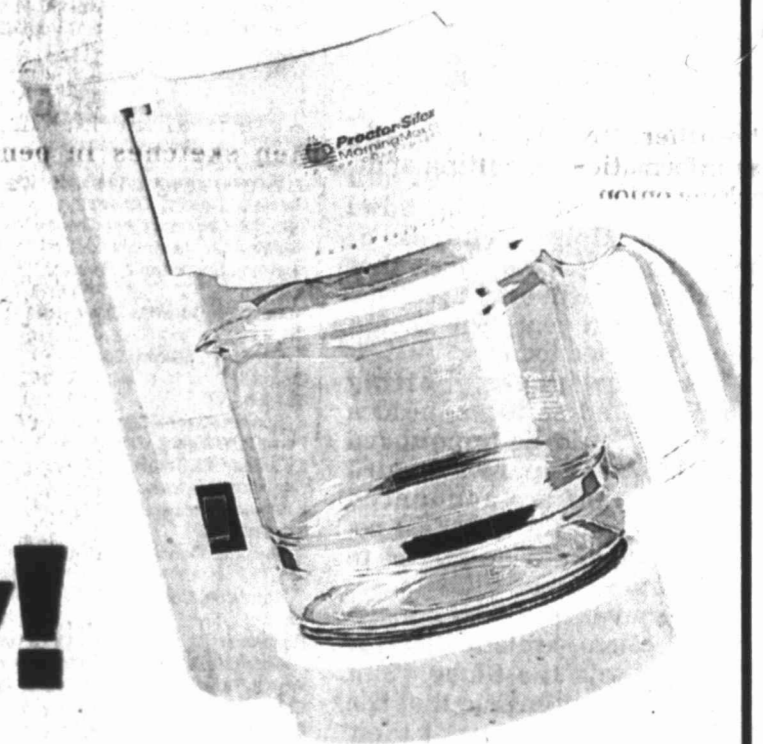
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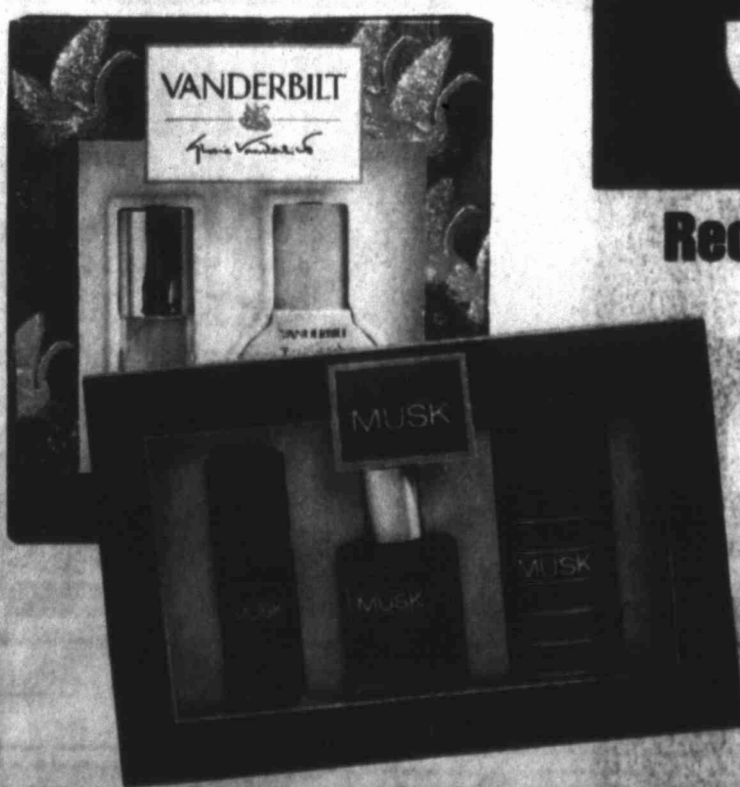


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Go nuts at pecan show

The Howard County Extension Service is sponsoring a pecan food show in conjunction with the annual pecan show Dec. 6 at the Big Spring Mall.

Entries for the food show will be accepted in the common area of the mall Dec. 6 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Pecan show entries will be accepted at the extension office, first floor of the

Howard County Courthouse Dec. 4. Pecan entries consist of 40 pecans of the same variety grown by a Howard County grower. Any Howard County resident is encouraged to enter the pecan show and pecan food show.

Entries for the food show will be accepted in two divisions: youth (in school or 18 years of age or younger), and adult (out of school or 19 years of age or older). Each division will have five classes: cakes, pies, cookies, candies and breads. An

individual may enter one or more classes but may have only one entry in each class.

The food exhibited must be prepared by the exhibitor. Mixes may be used as an ingredient in a recipe. Mixes may not be used by themselves. Pecans must be included as an ingredient in the actual dish and not only in the icing or the decoration. Pecans used for the food items do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.

An entry will consist of one whole cake, pie or loaf of bread, eight pieces of candy or eight cookies. Cakes and pies may be in the exhibitors container; cookies and candy should be exhibited on a paper plate. All entries must be covered with transparent wrap with the name and address of the exhibitor on the bottom of the container. Each entry must be accompanied by the recipe, handwritten or typed on a 3x5 index card. Recipes will not be returned.

Entries will be judged between 10 a.m. and noon and will be displayed from noon to 3 p.m. Entries should be picked up between 3 and 5 p.m.

For more information on the pecan show or pecan food show, call the extension office, 264-2236.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

MR. POPULARITY



After arriving in a wagon pulled by horses, Santa waves to the crowd that awaited his arrival at the Big Spring Mall Friday morning. Santa and the hungry throng later dined on hot dogs for lunch.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

IN THE BAG

Artist finds inspiration in her front yard pond

By AMY McRARY

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Artist Serena Rose's largest work required 35 tons of creek rocks, holds 6,000 gallons of water and once attracted 57 frogs.

Rose is an artist who most often sketches in pencil or paints using oils or watercolors. But for two years, her canvas was a corner of her front yard as she designed and built a pond as both inspiration and model for her art.

And this is no casual dip. The finished work, complete with a garden filled with lilies and lotuses, costs about \$20,000 and includes two pumps, a biological filter and extensive pump-

ing and wiring.

Four smaller, upper-level ponds pour into the largest pool whose 20-by-30-foot area is home to some 200 plump fantail, comet and shubunkin goldfish. Nine small and large waterfalls trickle, adding sound to the serene scene filtering the water. Most of the pond is 30 to 45 inches deep; at its deepest the pool is 4 feet.

The water garden was designed around the spreading limbs of a huge kinko tree. Poppies, lotuses, columbine and cardinal flowers fill the landscape. Water grasses and leatherleaf ferns tower over the large pool's boundaries. Wild geranium, ferns and black-eyed

Susans grow with miniature cattails, bee balm and tropical lilies. Green parrot's feather spreads as a lush undergrowth; thyme thrives on rocks.

A Florida native who grew up in Knoxville, Rose has always loved water, gardening and nature.

"I have always been envious of anyone who had a pond. ... And I have always wanted water close," she said.

This pond, on the farm she and boyfriend Ed Emory bought three years ago, joins those three interests with her art.

The effort started as a 10-by-12-foot hole two years ago. She and Emory were having trenches for gutters dug when she

told the workmen, "Just dig us a little hole here."

Friends joined in as Rose's ideas expanded and the hole grew.

Before Rose began, she "had no idea about ponds. I have a tendency just to jump right in."

But she learned as she went. She discovered that a pool's sides and front must be exactly level if the water is to trickle correctly. And she learned that investing in a high-quality, heavy-duty liner is a must.

Her first inexpensive, clear plastic liner was the victim of a 400-pound rock that slid into the bottom. The rock tore the liner and had to be removed with a bobcat. Later, when the pond was about 75 percent com-

plete and after she'd set all the pond's lilies, some neighborhood dogs jumped in and tore holes in the liner. She removed all the pond's stone, enlarged the pool even more and invested in a heavy-duty, 12-ply polyethylene liner.

This real-live pond passes the tests of robins and ducks, frogs and at least one snake. Robins teach their babies to bathe near the pond's babbling creek. Two ducks almost set up nesting in the pool's bog area this summer.

Now, Rose is turning her talents back to sketching and painting. She is working on a series of paintings based on the life of the pond just outside her front door.

Many home cooks use a lot of onions during the holidays. The makers of Spanish Sweets, grown in Idaho and Oregon, are offering two free brochures. One, "Onions Au Courant" includes four onion recipes. The other, "No More Tears" has information on cutting and cooking onions.

For free copies, send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to: Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Promotion Committee, P.O. Box 909, Department 1195, Parma, Id 83660.

Healthy Choice, a division of ConAgra, now has a site on the World Wide Web featuring free coupons, promotion offers, recipes and health and nutrition information.

The address is: <http://www.healthychoice.com>.

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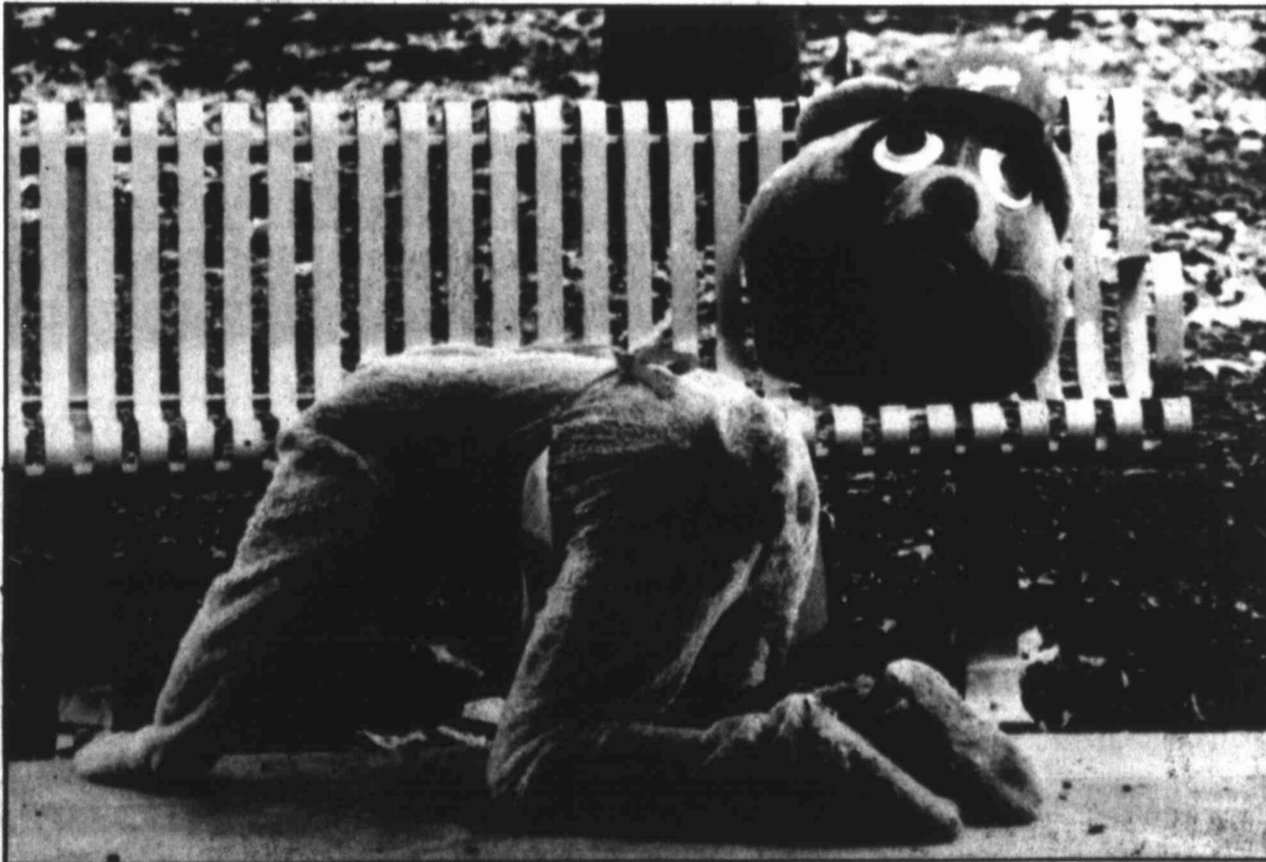
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Sixteen million pears were harvested this year — the largest crop ever — according to the Oregon Washington California Pear Bureau. The reason, the bureau says, is that it takes eight years for a new tree to bear a marketable volume of fruit and young orchards are now reaching peak production capacity.

For a free brochure about pears — different types, different flavors — send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to: Oregon Washington California Pear Bureau, Dept. PI, 813 SW Alder, Suite 601, Portland, OR 97205-3182.

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LOST MY HEAD



Associated Press photo

Finding herself in an "unbearable" situation, Tina Hill, assistant manager for Mrs. Fields' Cookies at Seattle's Southcenter, appears to have lost her head. She dropped coupons she was passing out and had trouble picking them back up with her furry paws.

Happy hunting, and don't dare take me with you

I usually enjoy sleeping late on the weekends. That luxury is denied me now that it's hunting season.

It starts early in the morning. Bam! Bam! Bam! as the descendants of Elmer Fudd trample the woods behind my house. The whole ritual makes me feel ever so festive.

As a carnivore, I really can't throw stones. I enjoy chili, tacos, and the occasional hot sausage sandwich. Maybe I don't go to a farmer's pasture to patiently stalk and kill one of his cows, preferring instead to patiently wait in line at the deli, but my method of obtaining meat makes me morally superior to no one.

People go hunting for different reasons. Some love the taste of venison. This isn't something that can be obtained at the supermarket. If they want to eat deer, they have to go out and shoot one.

Many families count on the game Dad brings home to supplement their diets. Maybe some people don't understand that, but I do. I know how monotonous it can be to exist on canned veggies and macaroni and cheese from one payday to the next.

One winter when I was financially strapped in the extreme, a friend gave me several large packages of ground venison. Just thinking about it turned my stomach, but I had a family to feed.



Christina Ferchalk
Columnist

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SLICE of life!

PICTURE THIS



Favorite pastime A Russian man enjoys the early winter morning as he sits ice fishing on a river in the Moscow suburbs. Ice fishing is a popular hobby in Russia; many people like to spend their free time on the ice, waiting for a catch.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Turn in those gingerbread houses

Gingerbread House contest entries in the adult division will be accepted at the Christmas Tree Forest 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Children's entries will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Forest Dec. 2-6.

Martin County tree lighting Dec. 4

The lighting ceremony for the Christmas tree on the lawn of the Martin County Courthouse will be 6 p.m. Dec. 4.

Do your recycling Saturday

The Howard County Coalition for the Environment will collect steel and aluminum cans (washed and flattened), newspaper, boxed and bundled newspaper and flattened corrugated cardboard, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring Herald parking lot.

Help light the Gail "Star"

The community of Gail is getting ready for the second annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain. The "star" will stand 20 feet in height and have several hundred light bulbs attached.

For a donation of \$5 you can sponsor a bulb for your family and loved ones. Sponsor as many bulbs as you like. For a donation of \$25 you can sponsor the lighting of the "Star" for one night.

This can be in memory of or in honor of a special person, organization, business or day. You may choose a night, through Jan. 1, to light up the "Star."

All contributions will be used for the lighting of Gail and the operation and maintenance of the "Star" on Gail Mountain. Donations may be sent to: Lights for Gail, P.O. Box 312, Gail, Texas 79738.

THE LAST WORD

The government's power to censor the press was abolished so the press would remain forever free to censor the government.

—Hugo Black

News is indispensable.

—Betty Medsger

Without freedom of expression and freedom from terror, tyranny can persist within any economic framework.

—Margarita Engle

A mother's story

The creamery on THE TRUMPET VINE Butternut Street

I'm just like most mothers when it comes to my kids. I have a son and a daughter, and I'm very proud of both of them. We've come through some hard times and we're not only family, we're friends.

on Nov. 6. Jody encouraged Stephanie to take all the math and science classes she could while still in high school and helped prepare her for what to expect at Parker.



As far back as I can remember my daughter has thought her big brother, who was five years older, was wonderful, even when they were



Stephanie was the youngest graduate of her class and was honored for completing a six-year program in only four years.

I'd like to say congratulations to both my children and to say how proud and thankful that they call me "Mom." I love you kids.

— Darlene M. Reid

Many years ago, a contest was offered to our class: an essay to be written, pertaining to the value of milk as it related to our health. I've since forgot the exact title of the contest; I do remember the seriousness our class took in writing this essay.

The prize for the winner was a quart of milk, and as I can remember, it was to be delivered to the home for 30 days by a dairy creamery in Abilene. Some people still remember what life was 60 years ago. Times were hard and few people had good-paying jobs.

The period I'm speaking of was around 1930. I'm not too fond of using cliches, but "this was when a dollar was a dollar"; the value of money was worth every cent it represented.

As I remember, our class wrote this essay in connection

with our study of health. We were to write these essays and as a class group they were to be turned in to the dairy creamery by our teacher. There, each essay was read, and the prize awarded to the best one written. The study in preparing for the contest was worth the time and effort we put on the subject because of the lesson we each learned.

I'm not sure how long we waited for the announcement of the winner. Finally, the day came, and our teacher announced the winner of the essay, a girl by the name of Leonor. We were happy she had won.

I wonder if she remembers being the winner or how many of my class members recall entering this contest.

—Mrs. C.A. Mendoza

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 sun-
light
You can see the red glow.

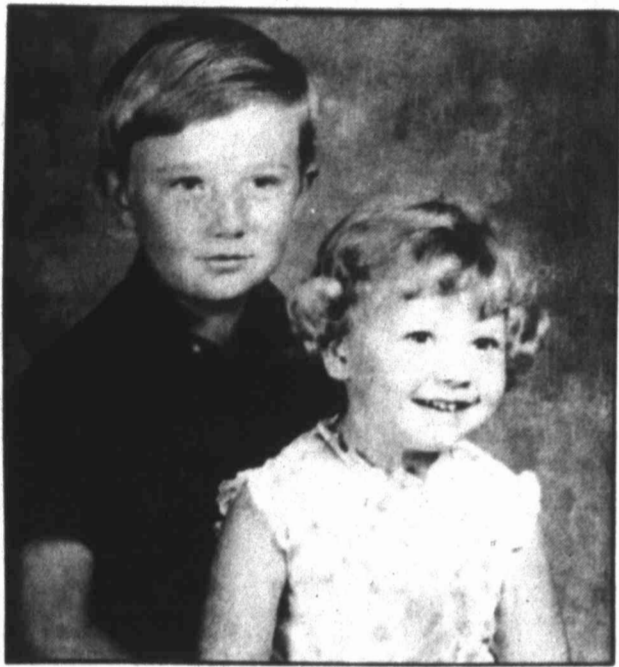
And the old house still stand-
ing
Held up by the vine,
The vine of the trumpet
Forever entwines.

—Bernice Reed Jones

fussing and fighting like all brothers and sisters do. No matter what he said or wanted to do, she would say, "Me too." When her brother wanted to become a chiropractor, he was still in high school, so she said that's what she wanted to be too.

In 1993 her brother graduated from Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas. Following in her big brother's footsteps, she graduated from Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas in August, and he was there to give her her chiropractic diploma.

My son and her big brother is Dr. Jody Don Reid. My daughter, is Dr. Stephanie Lyn Reid, opened her Kingsland Chiropractic Health Clinic in Kingsland, Texas



Courtesy photo

Jody Don and Stephanie Reed, shown above as children and in individual photos as they look now, were close as children. When Jody became a chiropractor, Stephanie decided that was the field for her too. Photos submitted by proud mom Darlene Reid.

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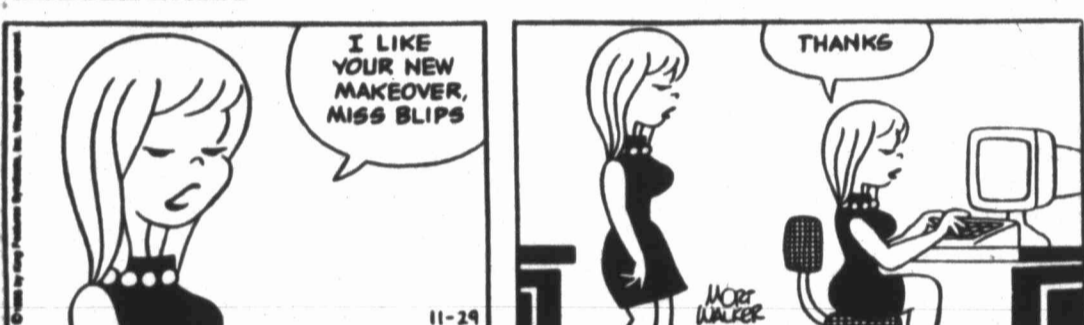
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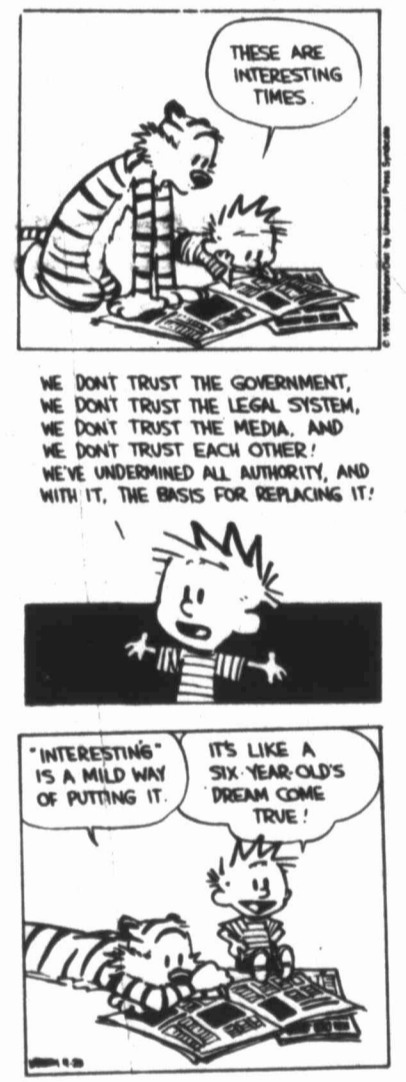
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