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Grass fire consumes 600 acres

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

Burning trash escaped from its container, creating a grass fire that consumed about 600 acres Saturday afternoon.

The fire escaped into the fields by the Fina refinery shortly after 2 p.m., prompting

units from Howard County and Big Spring to respond.

Shifting winds blew the fire into the area between North Midway Road and North Moss Lake Road, at one point blanketing Interstate 20 with smoke. The intersection of Moss Lake Road and Interstate 20 was briefly closed by the Texas

Highway Patrol due to poor visibility.

About 30 firefighters from Coahoma, Forsan, Colorado City, Jonesboro, Sand Springs and Midland responded. The one-ton units from Colorado City and Midland were used in sandy fields that bogged down equipment from other units.

The fire burned grass and fence lines from the east side of the refinery to North Moss Lake Road, but was effectively contained between the two paved roads by about 7:15 p.m., according to Jon Wright of the Howard County Fire Department.

Despite heavy smoke and early fears some houses were in

danger, only grass and fence posts were burned. There were no injuries and no damage to structures.

A TU Electric transmission line was engulfed in smoke, causing it to trip, but power was automatically restored and the system cleared itself, said TU

spokesman Jim Clemens.

Carbon in the heavy smoke is flammable, and service to that line was interrupted for a short time, but no power outages were experienced by customers. An inspector was sent out to check the line, which was not damaged.



Josh Hicks holds a large candy cane decoration as mother Dana Hicks holds him while they both watch the Christmas Parade roll by along Gregg St. Saturday evening.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Parade ushers in local Christmas festivities

The theme of this year's Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade was "Christmas is for Children" and more than 55 organizations participated.

Girl Scout Troop #194 came in first place in the civic category with the City of Big Spring sec-

ond and Friends of the Park third.

In the church and school division, Berea Baptist Church took top honors followed by Lakeview Head Start placing second and Vincent Baptist Churchy-hird.

The U.S. Postal Service had

the best commercial float followed by State National Bank receiving second place and Best Home Care third.

Several floats also lit up their entries with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People winning first place. Three floats tied for sec-

ond including KBST, Cellular One and Best Home Care.

A special thanks to this year's judges: District Judge Robert Moore, Municipal Judge Gary Tabor and Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards.

Herald Staff Report

Sheriff among positions set for primary elections

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in running in the March primary may file their intent with their party chairman, between Dec. 3 and Jan. 2.

Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray said each person must file their campaign treasurer's name with her office before they are allowed to file with their Republican or Democrat chairman. The chairmen, in turn, will give all the names to Ray's office around Jan. 15.

The following positions are up for election in 1996: sheriff, district attorney, county attorney, tax assessor/collector, precinct justice of the peace for place 1, county commissioners for precincts 1 and 3 and all four constables.

Ray said four people have filed their treasurer's name to run for sheriff: Jack Howard, Woodie Howell, William "Bill" Jennings and Woody Alvin Jumper.

District Attorney Rick Hamby said he will not be seeking another term in office. Please see **FILING**, page 2A



By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

I have never received a bad Christmas gift, but the best Christmas gift I've ever received, I have yet to receive.

When I was 18, my father told me not to rush into getting married.

He said I should wait until I was about 30 or so, when I was sure I was through running

Best gift ever is yet to come

around and doing the dating thing.

Fact is, I never ran around and I thought he was crazy for suggesting such a thing. Everyone always assumes they'll be married a few years after graduation and I was no exception.

I told my father by the time I was 30, I'd be married, have four kids and be well into my career.

As it turns out, here I am 30 and just a few weeks away from proving my father right.

Maybe fathers do know best!

I don't think there is any better Christmas gift than to start a new life with someone you really care about and love, remem-

bering Christ and the true meaning of season along the way.

My best Christmas gift ever won't require batteries or go from zero to 60 in 4.2 seconds, but it will give me something we all search for and hope we get it - honest unconditional love.

My definition of love is simple. It may not agree with everyone else, but it works for me.

When someone else's health, happiness and well-being means more to you than your own, you have something special.

One year ago, this would have been totally out of the question

had you asked me, but never say never and be careful for what you wish for because you just might get it.

In the spirit of the season I have enjoyed giving my future wife that same kind of love, caring and understanding she has given me.

The thing I enjoy most about the best Christmas gift ever is though I have yet to receive it, there's nothing that can match it and it will last a lifetime.

That's the plan. I consider myself truly blessed.

If you have a story to tell about the best or worst present you have ever received, write it up and submit it to the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas, 79721. ATTN: DD Turner.

Texas Trivia
The nation's largest religious painting, measuring 124 feet in length and 20 feet wide, was created by what Dallas artist?
Toger Thompson

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WORLD/NATION

World: Thousands of peasant families ignored official urging Saturday to flee the rumbling Cerro Negro volcano, choosing to stay and risk an eruption rather than leave their homes to looters. See page 9A.

STATE

Explosions
Authorities say a Shell Pipe Line Corporation tank explosion that killed two men and injured three others was caused by a welder's torch. See page 7A.

Pitching in to help
Residents are pitching in to help a 97-year-old woman recover from an assault and robbery. See page 7A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **80** ▲ Highs **45** ▼ Lows

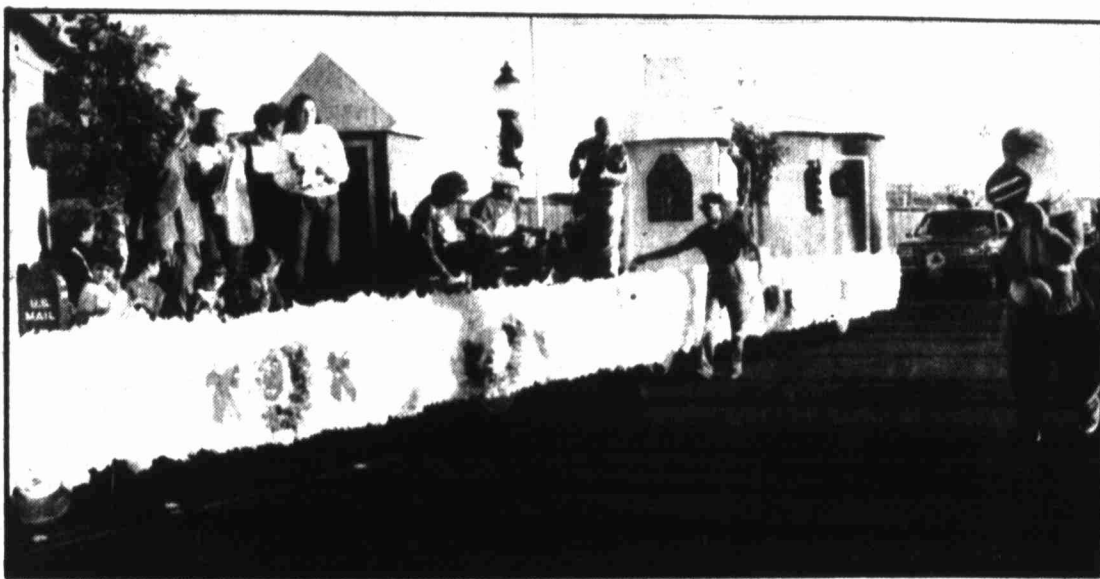
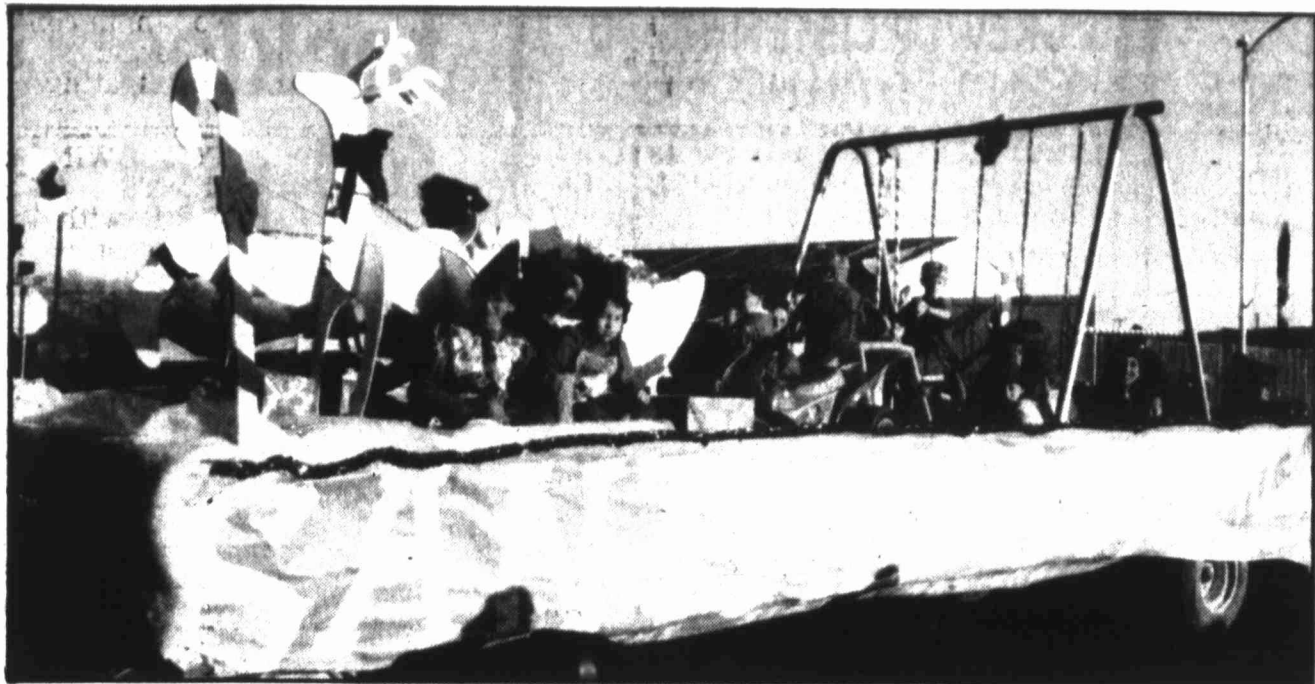
Mostly clear
Today, mostly sunny, cooler, high near 70, north winds 5 to 15 mph becoming east in the afternoon; fair night, low mid 30s.

Permian Basin Forecast
Monday: Mostly sunny, cooler, high near 70; fair night, low mid 30s.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, cooler, high near 70; fair night, low mid 30s.
west winds.

Tonight

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Get a little CHRISTMAS cheer



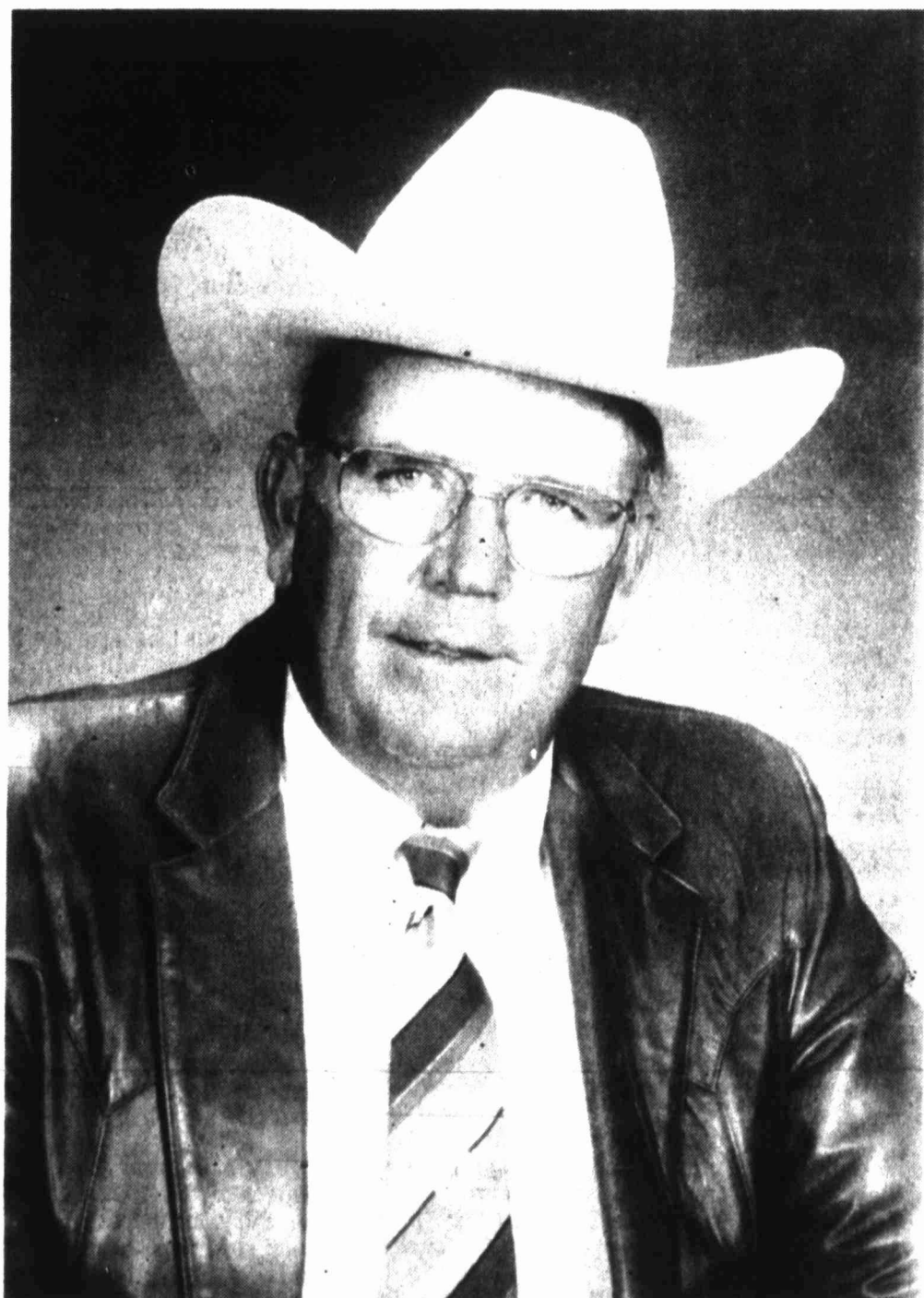
Above left, State National Bank float had not only reindeer but a swing set in the Christmas Parade Saturday; top left, various animals tag along beside the Big Spring Post Office float that won first place in the commercial division; below left, Big Spring High School band members, sporting Christmas stocking caps, warm up before marching in the Christmas Parade; at right, A young girl waves as Santa Claus rolls past.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

W. B. "BILL" JENNINGS ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF

(Subject to Republican Primary)



EXPERIENCE & TRAINING:

- Over 23 years law enforcement experience (Texas Department of Public Safety, Retired Aug. 31, 1995)
- Holds Master Law Enforcement Certificate
- Holds Special Texas Ranger Commission
- Stationed in El Paso, Texas, for 1 year following graduation from D.P.S. Transferred to Howard County in 1973
- Driver's License Trooper assigned to El Paso County
- Attained the rank of Trooper IV with Highway Patrol Division of D.P.S. (17 years)
- Attained the rank of Corporal with License & Weight Division of D.P.S. (5 years)
- Received specialized training in Family Violence, Human Relations, Child Abuse, AIDS Awareness, Officer Street Survival, First Aid, Defensive Driving, D.W.I. Detection and Apprehension, Intoxilyzer Certification, Drug Interdiction, Bomb Recognition, Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, Motor Carrier Safety, Advanced Accident Investigation & Reconstruction, and Penal Code Updates.
- Scale Diagram Instructor for Accident Training for 8 years at D.P.S. Academy
- Attended Tire and Dynamics Course sponsored by Michelin Tires in Carson City, Nevada

AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS:

- Safe Driving Awards for 23 years from D.P.S.
- Numerous unsolicited letter of appreciation from citizens
- Letter of appreciation and recognition from Big Spring City Council
- Letter of appreciation for more than 23 years of faithful service to D.P.S. and the people of State of Texas from James, R. Wilson, Director of D.P.S.

PERSONAL:

- Resident of Howard County for 22 years
- Howard County homeowner and taxpayer
- Fifty-five years of age married to Mary Jennings for over 21 years
- Father of four sons
Bill - of Anthony, New Mexico, graduate of Coahoma High School
Burt - of Austin, Texas, graduate of Breckenridge High School
Joel - of Big Spring, Texas, graduate of Big Spring High School
Shane Forrest - of Big Spring, Texas, graduate of Big Spring High School
- Three grandsons Kyle, age 10 Joshua age 5 and Dean, age 3
- Raised in Snyder (Scurry County) Texas
- Attended and graduated from Sul Ross University with a Bachelors Degree in Agra-Business
Also, attended Howard County Junior College and Texas Tech University
- Taught public school in Fluvanna and Gail (8 years)
- Involved in part-time ranching operation for 5 years
- Conducts business in a fiscally responsible manner and expects all elected officials to do the same

OTHER:

- Member First United Methodist Church
- Past Vice-President of Big Spring High School Band Boosters
- Member Coahoma Masonic Lodge
- Member Big Spring Shrine Club
- Member San Angelo Suez Temple
- Member Big Spring Chamber of Commerce

**A VOTE FOR W. B. "BILL" JENNINGS IS A
VOTE FOR EXPERIENCED, RESPONSIBLE
AND IMPARTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
FOR ALL CITIZENS OF HOWARD COUNTY**

DEC 03 1995

EDITORIAL

"We must make a personal attack when there is no argumentative basis for our speech."

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

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Charles C. Williams
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Bosnia mission should be clear

U.S. troops are heading into the quagmire known as the Balkans, a war-torn area bent on ethnic cleansing for the last four years. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has taken to the floor of the Senate to encourage support for the effort as a way to ensure as much protection as possible for U.S. soldiers.

The Balkan effort can work if the same strategy is used as was used in Desert Storm. There, we knew what action we could take and took it. That worked.

The same has to be done for our troops in the Balkans. It is a wasted effort to send them into this messy area without clear cut instructions. That is for their protection.

What has to be avoided is allowing the Balkan effort to become another Vietnam. The first number of troops mentioned by President Bill Clinton was 20,000. That number has risen to 39,000.

Flashback to Vietnam. First there were advisors, then troops, then more troops and more. It seemed an endless stream of American troops going over to Vietnam.

That can't be allowed to happen in Bosnia. We have to set a number and stick with it.

There also has to be an exit plan to get our boys home. The GOP is correct in calling for this because that was part of the quagmire of Vietnam - no way to get our troops home.

What has to be avoided is turning the Balkan effort into another Somalia.

There the idea was good - feed people. But, it soon turned into something else because the mission wasn't clear.

The United States is a member of both the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. As such, we are part of any troop action. It used to be it was only our troops that participated, but the tide has turned there and several other countries, also members, are now acting.

No one wants war - at least here in the United States we don't. All too often, the same can't be said for other countries. And, no one wants to send their soldiers to fight.

However, if we provide our soldiers with what they need, they stand a better chance.

No one is asking Congress to put up a facade of agreement on this issue. But, if our troops are going they need our support. We can't afford to undermine them at every turn - whether we want them there or not.

That's what happened in Vietnam. The Balkans cannot be allowed to turn into the turmoil of Vietnam.

If we remember our strengths in Desert Storm, it shouldn't.

The melody of the road is 'Keeping 55'

It's one of those "if I had only known" situations.

In other words, if the change in the speed limit laws had been signed a little earlier, I might have a chance on the trip home. No tickets!

I just can drive 55. I do good in neighborhoods and manage to keep to the speed limit. But the lone, desolate stretches of highway just beg me to go a little bit faster.

I usually end up about five miles over the posted speed. If it says 65, I'll find myself doing 70 mph.

It's totally unconscious. I am not aware of my foot leaning a little bit harder on the accelerator, squeezing out that extra bit of miles per hour. That is until I decide to check the speedometer and my eyes pop!

I am sure you have tried all the tricks, and maybe a few I haven't, in a vain attempt at keeping the speed reasonable. One is to push the seat back so

your foot has to stretch further to reach the pedal. Works for a while. Then the muscles start cramping from being stretched so far for so long. Even worse, the muscles hurt because the foot is stretching even more to push harder on the accelerator to make the car go faster.

It works, for a while. Then the body adapts (until the muscles start hurting) and you find yourself with the speedometer registering miles per hour I'm not going to mention.

I have tried using my left foot to push the accelerator. Unfortunately, the right foot gets in the way and the feet have a fight and the speed drops to an unacceptable crawl.

Hopefully by then, the muscles in the other leg have given up on cramping and are ready to get on with the business of powering a car.

By then, most people would have given up and put the cruise control on. I, however, do not have such a device because I can control my speed. (Raucous laughter here).

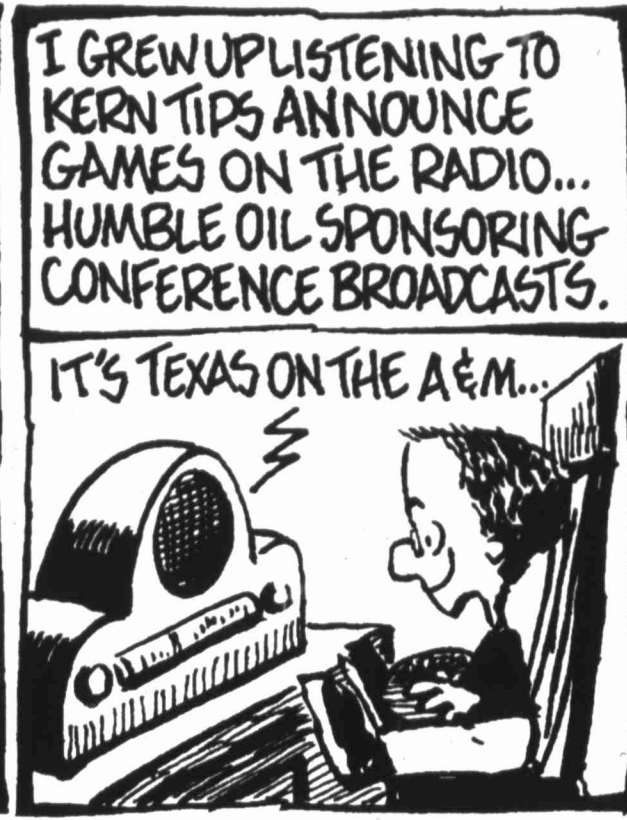
So I give up anyway and play the accelerator like a piano pedal. Up and down, hold for a sustained sound, then off, then on, then off, then on, and on and on and on.

For nine hours.



DD Turner
Managing Editor

THADEUS & WEEZ by Charles Pugsley Fincher



GOP nervous about Gingrich

WASHINGTON CALLING

WASHINGTON — Antsy Republicans distance themselves from Newt Gingrich, dogged by ethical problems and political missteps.

High-profile troubles make it likely House Republicans will force Gingrich to step aside as Speaker before next year's election if he doesn't hand the gavel off first.

GOP members of the House ethics committee are particularly vulnerable to charges they are stonewalling the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate their leader.

GOP freshmen concerned about re-election already are pointing out their concern about unpopular portions of the GOP agenda in speeches back home.

Asked whether Republicans are likely to stand by their leader, Gingrich's nemesis, House Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan, notes wryly that in politics "people rarely go down with the ship."

President Clinton's policy on Bosnia has divided Senate Republicans on their home turf — defense and foreign policy.

Militant, mostly young lawmakers lining up behind conservative Sen. Phil Gramm are furious that Clinton has acted them on Bosnia, and the battle in Congressional GOP ranks is reflecting the discontent. Senate Republican leader Bob Dole's decision to support Clinton gives Gramm an issue to pillory Dole as go-along-get-along Washington insider.

In the House, the fight reflects divisions between veteran GOPers versus activist "Newtoid" Republicans thirsting to confront Clinton on everything.

Bottom line: House votes down Bosnia adventure, but the Senate goes along.

Season's greetings: "How much fun would a party be without sugar, peanuts, wheat, corn, cotton, rice, dairy products or raw oysters?"

"Not much," conceded the calorie-counting critics of federal farm support programs at Public Voice for Food and Health Policy.

Which is why, explains their invitation, they'll be "putting our palates ahead of our policies" at their Christmas Party.

Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., schedules a Capitol showing of the pro-family film "Where's Dad?" to remind job-obsessed lawmakers that there are better places

to be this Christmas than sitting in the House and Senate chambers fighting.

Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Wis., notes four members of the freshman class have filed for divorce so far this year, moans he's had to explain to his son why dad is spending all his time at work.

Senate Republicans get a notebook-sized map showing them where Bosnia is.

"We don't want to get caught like Wyden," said Senate Republican Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi, re-counting how Democratic Rep. Ron Wyden, seeking the vacant senate seat in Oregon, couldn't point out Bosnia on a map when asked by a Portland TV reporter.

Note: Wyden's not alone. A Pentagon spokesman had to backtrack as well after saying U.S. troops would be posted in "Sector Southeast" when in fact they are heading for the north.

Political notes:

Look for Oregon State Senate President Gordon Smith to easily win the GOP nomination when the nation's first-ever mail election winds up Tuesday. Smith is likely to face Democratic Rep. Ron Wyden in the January run-off for Oregon's open Senate seat.

Republican firebrand Bob Dornan is finding his presidential campaign a problem now that he has decided to seek re-election to his California house seat. Dornan is in hock almost \$200,000.

Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee chairman Bob Kerrey is recruiting corporate executives to run for Democratic seats. Kerrey ran a restaurant chain before entering politics.

Prospects for final passage of telecommunications legislation this year dim as House-Senate negotiations stall over the entry of regional Bell operating companies into the long distance telephone market.

House Commerce Committee Chairman Tom Bliley, R-Va., siding with the long distance companies, wants to delay new competition. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Larry Pressler, R-S.D., wants to move faster.

The Senate Whitewater investigation is starting to run out of steam.

The authority of the special

Whitewater Committee expires in February, and Clinton's chief tormentor, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., says he's not inclined to extend it.

The last hurrah will be a report issued in February; it will rehash nagging Whitewater questions that remain unanswered.

There are only three openly gay members of Congress, and two of them — Reps. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., and Gerry Studds, D-Mass. — plan to retire next year. But at least six gay candidates — five Democrats and one Republican — are seeking House seats, several in highly competitive races.

Clinton administration budgeteers and congressional Republicans are only two-tenths of a percentage point apart in their growth predictions for the next seven years. But the difference means about \$250 billion in federal spending over seven years.

The gap may narrow. Congressional Budget Office is due to offer revised growth projections on Monday that are expected to be slightly better than the pessimistic 2.3 percent it foresaw last spring. Clinton thinks fewer budget cuts are needed because his budget office sees 2.5 percent growth.

The Dayton peace accord includes many unusual details. Among the provisions overlooked:

That all parties will honor the drivers' licenses of all NATO personnel, including soldiers, and not subject them to a tax or fee for driving in Bosnia; that absentee balloting will be allowed in the elections to form a new Bosnia-Herzegovina government; that everyone should have the right to marry and "found a family"; that immovable property such as archaeological sites can be eligible for designation as national monuments; and that a public transportation corporation be established and staffed by "professionally competent" workers.

QUOTABLE: GOP Presidential wannabe Steve Forbes on the other candidates in the field: "They're kind of gloomy, doomy and not very inspiring."

Washington Calling is a weekly size-up by the Washington staff of Scripps Howard News Service.

Congress tackles full plate of issues

By DAN CARNEY

Congressional Quarterly
WASHINGTON — So much legislation to pass, so little time in which to do it. That is the reality facing a host of important bills that have been moving through Congress this year, as sponsors fight for floor time and the attention of leaders focused on the big budget battle.

There are less than three weeks before the next budget deadline on Dec. 15. Congress may stick around another week beyond that date, but then the first session will come to an end. And little of the time between now and then will be available for non-budgetary bills.

The legislative agenda carries some big items, including a rewrite of telecommunications law governing 10 percent of the American economy, a repeal of the 62-year-old law separating commercial banks from investment banks, a measure to limit damages in product liability litigation and a proposal to give the president a form of line-item veto.

But the focus on budgetary issues means many of these measures are likely to be put off until next year, when election-year politics can significantly alter legislative dynamics.

The budget focus "has certainly made reaching an agreement on just about everything else more difficult," said Dave Mason, vice president of congressional relations for the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "The slowness of the budget process up to now is one of the reasons some of these other issues haven't been resolved."

In recent weeks, the leadership in both chambers has paid little attention to non-budgetary issues, said Rep. John A. Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, but he insists that is about to change.

Of course, it may not change in a direction that sponsors of stalled legislation will like. GOP leaders and the rest of Congress almost certainly will have to spend considerable time deciding how to respond to Clinton's pledge to deploy 20,000 U.S. troops in Bosnia to enforce the newly signed peace accord there.

Increasingly, stalled bills are facing a major problem: lack of floor time, particularly in the Senate, where members can drag out action through amendments and other delaying tactics. The shortage of floor time gives added leverage to opponents of major legislation and fuels the always-simmering frustration level felt by members.

"Everything is late," said Senate minority leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., whose job entails mounting plenty of opposition. "The later it gets, the worse it gets. The worse it gets, the more aggravated things get."

In the House, time is not quite as precious because the leadership controls all floor action under tight rules. Rep. Michael G. Oxley, R-Ohio, who has a chance of getting a superfund overhaul bill to the floor this year, argues that finding time for it is not a big concern. "If we had time for that ... gift ban measure, we have time for superfund reform," Oxley said. The superfund bill, however, is unlikely to get beyond the House.

But others argue that this Congress will not be judged by the volume of legislation it enacts.

"I think that the defining aspect of the 1996 election will be the 'Contract With America,'" said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "So things like telecom and FAA reform (the telecommunications bill and an overhaul of the Federal Aviation Administration) really pale in significance."

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By KELLIE J
Staff Writer

The right to handgun will next month.

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What the gun law will mean to individuals

■ New law effective in January

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The right to carry a concealed handgun will belong to Texans next month.

Gov. George Bush signed the bill in May to allow residents to carry handguns for the first time since the 1870's.

With this law comes guidelines, restrictions, eligibility requirements and many other details. Every person who is eligible must take a proficiency course by a certified handgun instructor, take a written exam and pay \$140 for the four-year license. Elderly and indigent people can receive a 50 percent discount, paying \$70 for the license.

A licensed person carrying a weapon is required by law to show a magistrate or peace officer their driver's license and handgun license if requested. If the person cannot produce the paper or refuses to do so, they can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

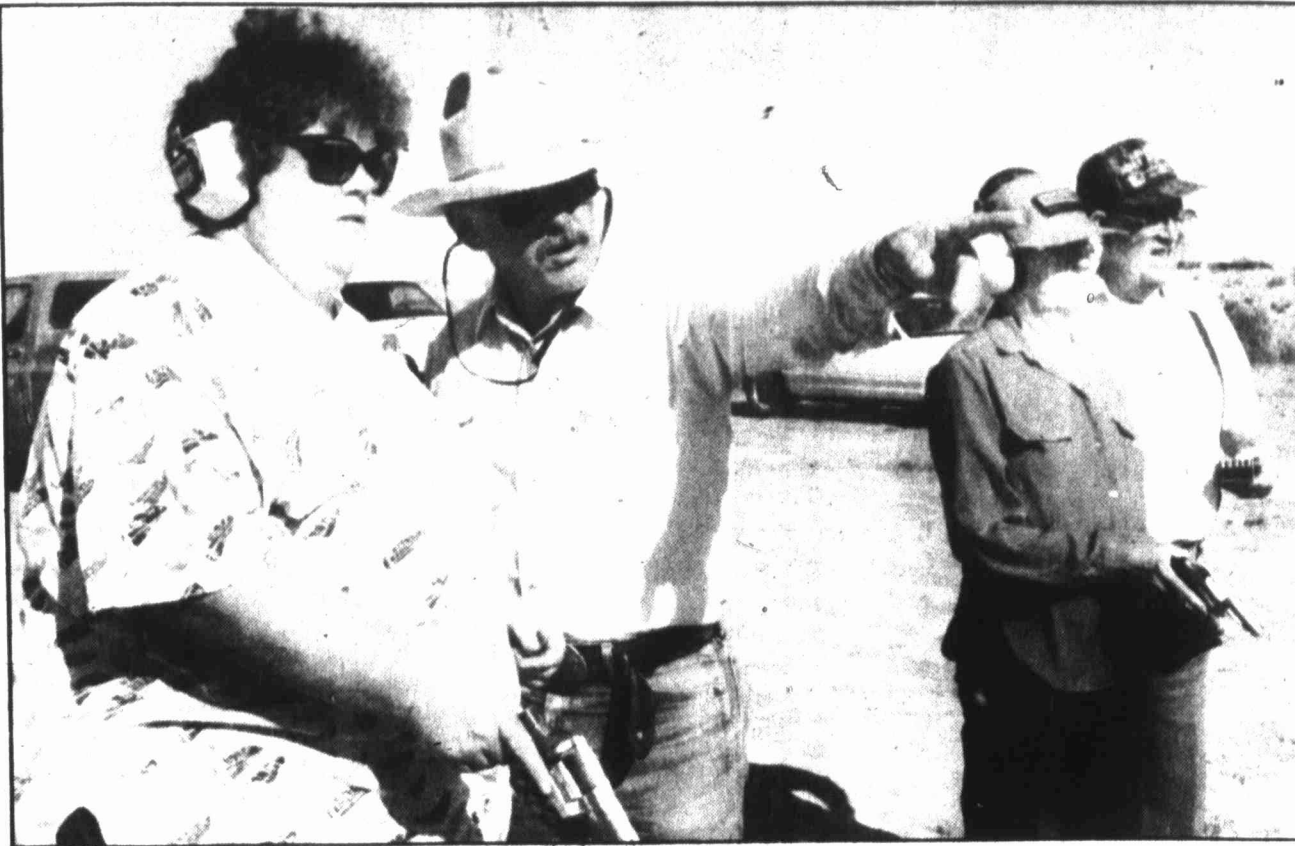
A license also specifies what type of handgun the person is certified to carry. The two categories are semi-automatic (SA) and includes any type of hand-

gun whether it is semi-automatic or not and the other (NSA) is for handguns that are not semi-automatic like a revolver.

A person who is licensed to carry only revolvers may not carry a semi-automatic weapon. However, if you have an SA license, you can carry any type of handgun.

The license can be revoked if the person was not legally entitled to it at the time the license was issued, if they gave false information on the application or subsequently become ineligible for a license. You can reapply for a license after the second anniversary of the date it was revoked.

It can be suspended if you are convicted of Class C disorderly conduct, fail to display a license, fail to notify the Department of Public Safety of a change of address or name, carrying a concealed handgun you are not licensed to, if you have been charged by indictment of an offense that would make you ineligible or you fail to return a previously issued license after it is modified because of a name or address change. A license can be suspended for any period of time between one and three



Ladene Hartin gets some advice from Art Dehlinger during a handgun course in order to get their handgun license Saturday. Texans will have the right to carry a concealed handgun starting next month, the first time since the 1870's.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

years. You must always conceal the handgun and failure to do so is a Class A misdemeanor. It is also a Class A misdemeanor if

you are intoxicated and carrying a handgun.

Employers and businesses have the right to prohibit a licensed person from carrying a

concealed handgun on their premises. They must post signs stating their intent.

Hospitals, nursing homes and those who derive 51 percent of

their income from alcohol consumption are required by law to post signs in both English and Spanish stating it is unlawful to carry a handgun on the premises. The signs must be in contrasting colors with block letters that are at least one inch tall. The signs must also be placed at all entrances to the building and be visible to the public.

You are not allowed to carry a concealed handgun at any of the following places: at any meeting of a governmental entity, at a business that derives 51 percent of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption; at a high school, college, interscholastic or professional sporting event; at schools; at polling places, courts or government offices; on the premises of a correctional facility; on the premises of a hospital or nursing home unless you have written permission from the administration; at an amusement park or at a church, synagogue or other established place of religious worship.

If you carry a gun at the above listed places, you can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. The exception is if you carry it at a place that sells alcohol or at a correctional facility, it is upgraded to a third degree felony.

WHAT'S REQUIRED

You must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible to carry a concealed handgun:

• Legal resident of Texas for six months prior to filling out an application

• At least 21 years of age

• Has not been convicted of a felony

• Is not charged with a Class A or Class B misdemeanor or under indictment for a felony

• Is not a fugitive from justice for a felony or a Class A or Class B misdemeanor

• Is not chemically dependent

• Is not a person of unsound mind

• Has not, in the last five years before the date of appli-

cation, been convicted of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor

• Is fully qualified under applicable federal and state law to purchase a handgun

• Is not delinquent in child support payments

• Is not delinquent in paying taxes

• Is not in default on a student loan

• Is not currently restricted under a court protective order or subject to a restraining order

• Has not, in the 10 years preceding the date of application, been adjudicated as having engaged in delinquent conduct violating a felony law

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
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Christmas Open House
December 3, 1995
1:00 pm until 4:00 pm
Refreshments and Door Prize Drawings

Industrial Park Building 485
In Front Of The Federal Prison

For More Information Please Call 267-1628

Words are not adequate enough to express our appreciation to our many friends and family for all the beautiful flowers, all the food, cards, prayers and all condolences extended to us at the loss of our loved one

Joe C. Lopez

A special Thank You to Father Delancy and Deacon Yanez for their kind words and to Ismael Rubio and Teresa Rocha, and to Myers & Smith Funeral Home for their very efficient service.

God Bless All of You
Family of Joe C. (Cheke) Lopez

Guns

Continued from page 1A

not doing their job but it's the court system that fails. Therefore, it is up to each person going through the class to be responsible adults and citizens of the state.

The instructor said this is a chance for people to show opponents of the law and the lawmakers the state won't turn into the OK Corral.

"This is the first step in bringing violent crime down in the state of Texas. In Florida, the rate has gone down 29 percent since they enacted the law," Scott told the audience.

Big Spring resident Ladene Hartin said she is getting her license because it is her privilege and constitutional right to do so.

"I think it's important for us to learn how to fire a handgun. I'm in my car a lot and do a lot of traveling so I want to be able to protect myself in case I'm attacked. I don't want to be stuck on the highway at night without some kind of protection," Hartin commented.

Two men who didn't want to be identified said they are taking the course to be "legal" in carrying their handguns in their vehicles. One man said he's been carrying a gun in his truck for 25 years just in case a situation arose where he needed

to protect himself.

Scott explained the only way it is currently legal to carry a gun in the car is if the person is going to or coming from a sporting event where that gun is being used or if you are traveling.

The rule about it being legal to have a gun in the car if you are just traveling from one county line to another is not true. Scott said the Department of Public Safety's interpretation of traveling is if the person is going from point A to point B and they plan on staying there more than 24 hours.

He added most of those taking his course are doing so to be able to legally carry a handgun in their vehicle and not to carry it on their person.

Scott is among four people certified to teach the class in Howard County. The others include Freddie Watt, D.L. Blackburn and John Leubner, according to DPS records.

Statistics show 153,750 Texans have requested the package of information on how to obtain a license. Of those, 140,394 were approved after an extensive background check. Although no licenses have been issued yet, 25,510 Texas residents have returned their completed packages to the DPS office awaiting final approval.

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Political shenanigans continue in Gun Barrel

GUN BARREL CITY, Texas (AP) — You'd think that all the skulduggery, backbiting and finger-pointing would have cooled down when federal investigators got involved.

Think again. The chaos choking the city government here continues to churn with no end in sight. "I'm going to throw the towel in myself ... at least that's what I keep saying," Mayor Joe Agnes said Saturday. "It's a saga. There's so much going on."

Battling factions in the lakeside community of 3,500 people about 50 miles southeast of Dallas have all but started a civil war.

"It's just crazy," Agnes said. "It's misguided people who are not adhering to the will of the people."

By most accounts, the trouble started soon after Agnes was elected mayor last year.

After taking office, City Administrator Allan Taylor canceled a state grant to the city that he said Agnes had no authority to apply for.

The feud was on, and things boiled over in September, when in the course of two weeks:

— Agnes kicked in the door to Taylor's office and told him to clean out his desk;

— A judge reinstated Taylor;

— Taylor returned to work with a phalanx of armed bodyguards;

— Taylor fired police chief Tommy Smith and hired a new top cop and three other officers;

— Taylor found a homemade bomb — a glass jar filled with gasoline and with nails taped to it — under his car, which prompted an investigation by the Texas Rangers and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Then the lawyers got involved.

— Taylor and three of the five City Council members considered his allies — B.J. Simmons, Emogene DeFord and W.C. "Bill" Brooke — sued Agnes, saying he overstepped the bounds of his job and calling him a "megalomaniacal tyrant dictating the law of Gun Barrel as his own police state."

— Agnes filed a lawsuit against Taylor, alleging that Taylor placed the bomb under his own car to discredit Agnes and curry sympathy, an allegation Taylor denies. Agnes also claims that Taylor libeled and slandered him and intentionally inflicted emotional distress.

— A lawsuit was brought by the Concerned Citizens of Gun

Barrel City, the Gun Barrel Business Coalition and 15 individuals against Taylor and his three city council member allies. It seeks Taylor's termination and a halt to alleged closed city meetings.

— Smith filed a lawsuit saying he was wrongfully fired.

— Interim chief Brian Ingram, who had replaced Smith, filed a wrongful dismissal lawsuit after Taylor replaced him with Ron Ballew, whom Taylor has

describes as interim "commanding officer."

Meanwhile, a petition is circulating asking the FBI to investigate alleged civil rights violations and possible attempts to interfere with the election process.

Twaine Walters, who owns the local Dairy Queen, is frustrated by the events.

"Everybody's suing everybody else — it's a mess," he said.



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Texas farmers first to cope with late farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — This holiday season is the worst kind for farmers, especially in the Deep South and Texas. They're making plans for next year's crops without knowing exactly what kind of farm program they'll get for Christmas.

Farm bill debates have lingered before in Congress, with bills not signed by the president until Christmas Eve. But this year the job is tougher because the major crop programs are locked up in a bigger dispute over how to end the federal deficit in seven years.

In addition, major crop programs face broader changes than before, making it harder to plan based on the past.

Farmers, meanwhile, must borrow money and rent land, not knowing for sure what their crops and land will be worth. This is especially true for such Southern crops as peanuts and rice that depend more on government programs. Field work also begins earlier in the South.

"It's the latest it's been in my lifetime," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, a former congressman who helped write the last four farm bills.

The delay affects all kinds of decisions. Texas cotton farmers start applying Treflan, a weed killer, this time of year. But if the farm program makes grain sorghum a more attractive crop, tough luck. The killer of cotton weeds poisons sorghum as well.

"It would be a lot nicer to know exactly what the farm bill is going to be so we can put the right chemicals on the right land and the right amount of land," said Bill Kubecka, who raises cotton, feed grains and rice on 4,500 acres near Palacios, Texas.

For Kubecka and others, some planning decisions were obvious. The market and common sense told them that corn and sorghum will bring high prices, so he's naturally planting more of those crops. Also, this year's acute shortages mean there's no way the Agriculture Department will force growers to keep any of that crop land idle.

"We're just doing it oblivious to what the farm program is," he said.

But for rice it's a different matter. "We cannot go out into the marketplace and contract

our production for next year," he said. "To go into a season putting \$500 an acre into the ground and not knowing what you're going to get for it is very risky."

In Georgia, peanut growers are trying to plan their crops without knowing absolutely how much their government support will be reduced.

"The farmers just don't know what to do," said Don Koehler, executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission. Like cotton growers, the peanut farmers are already wary because of drought losses this year.

Glickman said Thursday that Congress may have to extend current farm programs for a year if budget talks bog down and there's no agreement by the end of the year. Cuts could easily be made by making payments available on fewer acres.

That would make some Democratic negotiators happy. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is pushing to do just that — take farm legislation out of the budget measure altogether and deal with it separately, the way it's been done in the past.

Poll: Most Texans against Bosnian mission

DALLAS (AP) — Most Texans responding to a survey by The Dallas Morning News oppose sending U.S. troops to war-torn Bosnia.

In a poll published in Saturday's editions, 55 percent of the Texans surveyed said they were against sending the troops, 30 percent support the mission and 14 percent were undecided or declined to respond.

Texans' attitudes aren't much different from those expressed in recent national polls.

"It's not a popular idea in Texas, and in fact is not very popular nationwide," said Micheline Blum, whose firm conducted the poll.

The telephone survey of 813 Texans was conducted Tuesday through Thursday by the New York firm of Blum & Weprin Associates for the newspaper. The poll's margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Fewer than a third of the Texans surveyed thought President

Clinton's handling of the crisis had helped bring about peace. Almost half, 45 percent, didn't think he had had any effect, and seven percent said they thought the president has hurt the chances for a permanent peace.

In interviews, many said they fear the United States will wind up mired in Bosnia.

Mary Juarez of Brackettville worried that sending troops to Bosnia will create another Vietnam.

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Barricade tape surrounds the site at a Shell Oil tank farm in McCamey where an explosion killed two men and left three injured Friday. The men were performing valve work when the explosion occurred.

Tank explosion kills 2

McCAMEY (AP) — Authorities say a Shell Pipe Line Corporation tank explosion that killed two men and injured three others was caused by a welder's torch.

The dead and injured were employees of an Odessa welding company under contract with Shell Oil to perform valve work, a spokesman for the oil company said.

Brian Schaible, a spokesman for the Texas Railroad Commission, said the commissioner spoke to firefighters at the scene who indicated that oil was released from an 8- to 10-inch pipe and ignited during repairs.

Robert Leroy Muncy, 40, of Odessa, died at the scene. Liberto Martinez, 23, of Odessa, died Friday night at University Medical Center in Lubbock, according to a hospital spokesman.

Martinez and Jimmie Jimenez, 46, also of Odessa,

were airlifted to the University Medical Center burn unit after the blast. Jimenez was in critical condition Friday night with second- and third-degree burns over 70 percent of his body, the spokeswoman said.

Two others were taken to McCamey Hospital with less severe injuries, officials said. Raymond Rejino of McCamey suffered minor burns, friends said.

"He's fine," said the Rev. Stephen Kennelly, who visited Rejino after the explosion. "He's just got some minor burns on his arm, and a little bit in the face." Hospital officials refused to comment on his condition.

The identity and condition of the other man was being withheld by hospital officials.

The explosions occurred at the McCamey Tank Farm, a Shell distribution terminal 11/2 miles east of town, 55 miles

south of Odessa. Neighbors reported hearing two to seven explosions from the plant.

"I was worried," nearby resident Jana Shropshire, 24, told the Odessa American. "If those tanks go up this whole town goes up. We would be obliterated. I've lived here 24 years and never thought about 'em blowing up until today."

Greg Kohl, a Shell health and safety representative from Midland, said the accident, which occurred at about 1 p.m., happened as the men welded a valve in an idle pipeline just outside a fire wall meant to contain oil fires and spills.

Kohl said the work was routine, but it was "the first type of incident we've had" in this area.

An ensuing fire was extinguished in less than an hour. Fire officials were still investigating the incident.

Galveston city manager suspended

GALVESTON (AP) — After weeks of controversy, the city council suspended 10-year City Manager Doug Matthews on Friday following a closed-door meeting.

The reason for the suspension was not immediately clear, but Matthews has been under investigation for alleged misappropriation of city funds. Word of the action came not from council members but from Matthews

himself.

But Matthews and his attorney, state Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, immediately filed a measure to protect the embattled city manager from losing his job permanently.

Wilson said Matthews would seek protection under the state Whistleblower Act which would bar the council from firing Matthews for at least 90 days.

Further, Wilson said he

advised his client to contact the Galveston County district attorney's office to report transgressions by other city officials.

The suspension is indefinite, but Matthews' current contract with the city is set to expire Dec. 9.

Some in the island city have said attacks against Matthews are racially motivated. The council includes two blacks, one Hispanic and four whites.

Police search for men who robbed elderly woman

LUBBOCK (AP) — Residents are pitching in to help a 97-year-old woman recover from an assault and robbery.

Virginia Roan, a great-great-grandmother of four, was robbed and terrorized by two men in her home Thursday night.

On Friday, a local radio station raised more than \$1,500 and replaced most of the items taken from the woman as she sat helplessly in her favorite chair.

"A local handyman has even offered to fix her door to make it more secure," said KLLL general manager Scott Harris, whose station also offered a \$1,000 reward for clues that led to the arrest of the robbers.

Throughout the day Friday, concerned friends called and visited the longtime music teacher.

The community support, she said, has been overwhelming.

"My phone's been ringing constantly all afternoon. People have called who haven't called me in years," she said.

Still, Lubbock and her North Overton neighborhood don't appear as secure to Mrs. Roan as when she moved here 54 years ago.

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Employee's death prompts suspension of riot shields

HOUSTON (AP) — Following the death of a prison employee who collapsed after twice being jolted with an electrified riot shield, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has suspended use of the device, a prison official said.

Harry Landis, 58, of Copperas Cove died at Coryell County Memorial Hospital, where he was taken after collapsing during a training exercise at the Hilltop Unit in Gatesville, said prison spokesman David Nunnelee.

Guards were undergoing routine training in the use of the clear, plasticlike shields, which have copper strips that deliver 3 milliamperes of electricity.

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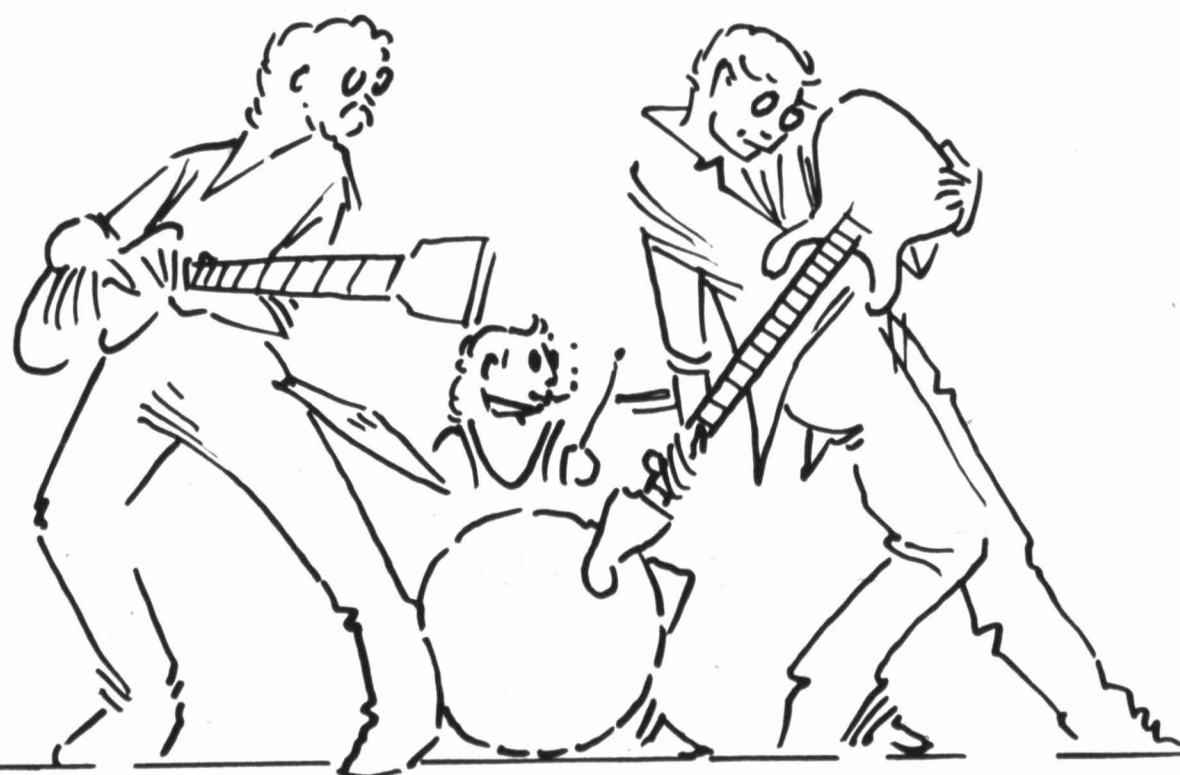
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False hopes better than nothing

■ **Photographer's link to model's death gives hope**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Every week more tips come in. Every week more dead end leads get crossed off the list.

And still Rose Markey keeps hoping and praying the next phone call to her Michigan home will lead to her missing daughter. Or to her body.

So when the latest lead developed — that her daughter's disappearance might be linked to a headline-grabbing murder of a beautiful model in Southern California — Markey again felt hope, knowing it, too, might prove false.

For the families of victims in unsolved cases, even false hopes are better than nothing.

"I may not have as much hope as I used to, but I still have some," said Markey, whose 18-year old daughter, Rosie Marie Lerner, disappeared two years ago this week.

"I know we'll find her. That's all I want — to find her. Even her body. That's all. It's not knowing that makes it the hardest."

For Markey and other relatives of victims in unsolved cases, the last few weeks have been particularly trying as news accounts reported that not one, but two serial killers may have been stalking the nation, preying on women.

Charles Rathbun of West Hollywood was arrested in the murder of model Linda Sobek, whose body was found in a shallow grave in a forest north of Los Angeles. Rathbun led authorities to the body.

Rathbun was then named a suspect in a second Los Angeles-area model's murder, and police from Santa Barbara to Romulus, Mich., have re-examined unsolved case files looking for possible links.

The Rathbun case followed the arrest in Kentucky of Glen Rogers, suspected in the murders of four women and an elderly man in California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Ohio.

Just as in the Rathbun case, the Rogers arrest had police scouring old files.

Police alleged that both Rathbun and Rogers targeted women, gaining their trust and then killing them. Rathbun has pleaded innocent to murder in the Sobek case and has not been charged in any other killing. Rogers is awaiting extradition to face murder charges.

For the families of missing or murdered women, the arrests bring the potential, however slim, that a case can finally be solved, that emotional closure can finally occur.

"We're just hoping," said Rosie Lerner's grandfather, William Lerner, of Lansing, Mich. "We just want to get it over with."

While authorities in Michigan are exploring a possible connection between the Lerner disappearance and Rathbun, they acknowledge the chances are remote.

Rosie Lerner was last seen the night of Dec. 7, 1993. She had left home to see her boyfriend but never arrived. She disappeared without a trace. Authorities searched basements and dredged ponds. But there was no body.

So far, police have announced only the most tenuous of links to Rathbun. They said Rathbun then lived in a mobile home less than a mile from Lerner. They said Lerner had thoughts of becoming a model; Rathbun was a photographer.

But that is the extent of it, according to police and family members. There is no indication Lerner knew Rathbun or knew of him. Also, although Lerner had spoken of wanting to become a model, she never did any modeling. The two victims Los Angeles authorities have linked to Rathbun — Sobek and Kimberly Pandellos — were professional models.

But with the Lerner case going nowhere for two years, the Rathbun lead was considered among the more promising, family members said.

FLOODED.



Ray Leaming, of Olympia, Wash., views the damage caused by high flood waters at the Cowlitz Shores recreational vehicle park in Toledo, Wash., Friday. Leaming, who often stays at the park himself, blames the control dams for causing his fellow campers to lose their recreational vehicles.

Man with gun in car arrested near White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man arrested near the White House on Friday when police found a rifle in his car was ordered held without bond pending a psychiatric evaluation.

The Secret Service said Melvin Doyle Glover, 63, followed a city bus through a checkpoint one block east of the executive mansion, apparently unaware he was entering a restricted security zone.

Answering questions in court, Glover said he was a preacher "anointed by the Holy Ghost," and he intended to seek a permit to preach near the White House. He cautioned a court commissioner against barring his freedom.

Glover was charged with one felony count of carrying a dangerous weapon. Kevin Ohlson, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said that if Glover is found competent to stand trial, he could face additional charges.

However, Ohlson said, "We do not have any evidence that would indicate that he was going to commit any violence other than the weapons that he had with him."

President Clinton was in Ireland and Germany on Friday.

Woman, grandfather plot to kill husband

NEW ALBANY, Miss. (AP) — It's a story William Faulkner might have written: An 11-year-old girl begins a two-decade affair with her grandfather, bears him two children and at age 30 confesses to plotting to kill her husband.

But it's not fiction to Teresa Hutcheson. She lived it. Now she and her grandfather are going to prison.

Mrs. Hutcheson, 31, and William Douglas Hinson, 71, were sentenced this week to five-year prison terms with no chance of parole for a failed plot to have a hit man kill her husband and make it look like a hunting accident.

They will begin serving their sentences in January. Jimmy Dean Hutcheson has filed for divorce.

Details of the story have shocked and disgusted residents of this rural community where Mrs. Hutcheson lives with her grandmother and the two children, a 16-year-old girl and 9-year-old boy.

"The old man ought to be castrated," said Clarke Bell, as he sat drinking coffee at Jimbo's Restaurant.

Authorities taped conversations in which Mrs. Hutcheson and her grandfather promised the would-be hit man \$25,000 from a \$200,000 insurance policy

on her husband's life. The man went to police.

U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers, who handed down the toughest sentence allowed by law on Tuesday, said the case was "the most sordid" he had ever seen from the bench.

But relatives and people who knew the family, including Mrs. Hutcheson's husband, knew of the incestuous relationship between grandfather and granddaughter.

"Nobody said anything back then," Mrs. Hutcheson said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday. "If people want to bitch about it now, someone should have stepped in long ago. They knew."

"Their affair was 'something that just sort of came about," she said. "I was a kid and my grandfather was weak."

Hinson has never been charged for his sexual relationship with his granddaughter.

When she was 6, Teresa Hutcheson and her sister moved in with their grandparents after their father died and mother moved away. One child bonded with the grandmother, and Teresa quickly became her grandfather's "pet."

Within five years, Hinson was molesting her, and at 15, she gave birth to a daughter. Their son was born seven years later.

Boy sold for drugs results in sexual misconduct charge

DETROIT (AP) — A man was charged Friday with criminal sexual conduct in the case of a boy allegedly sold by his mother for drugs.

Robert Stanley, 35, was expected to be arraigned Saturday on charges of forcing the 15-year-old boy to perform sex acts on two women.

Police found the boy in a small, run-down house early

Tuesday. Stanley, described by police as a drug dealer with a long record, was arrested at the time. Police said the mother gave her son to a different dealer, who was still at large.

While the boy and his mother deny she sold him to a dealer to settle her drug debts, a child abuse expert with the police department says such denial is common in neglect cases.

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Crew of sinking ship rescued by helicopter

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — As they were preparing to abandon ship in raging seas and gale-force winds, all 30 people on board a sinking cargo carrier were rescued Saturday by a Canadian navy helicopter.

The lone woman aboard the stricken cargo carrier Mount Olympus kissed her rescuer as

he placed her on the deck of another cargo vessel.

"They were about ready to abandon ship," said Capt. Dan Burden, who battled darkness, high winds and a low fuel supply to make four harrowing trips to the 715-foot ship.

"The weather was too rough for them to go into the lifeboats.

The ship was rolling a fair amount. I could see into one hold where the lid of the container had collapsed. I could see the waves and water rushing through the cracks. They were unable to steer it. It could have gone down at any time."

Flares from a circling aircraft helped light the sky as the heli-

copter hovered over the ship and lowered Master Cpl. Rob Fisher to the heaving deck below.

Fisher made more than 30 drops onto the ship, bringing up the 29 crew members and the chief engineer's wife one at a time into the helicopter with the help of a horse-collar style

harness.

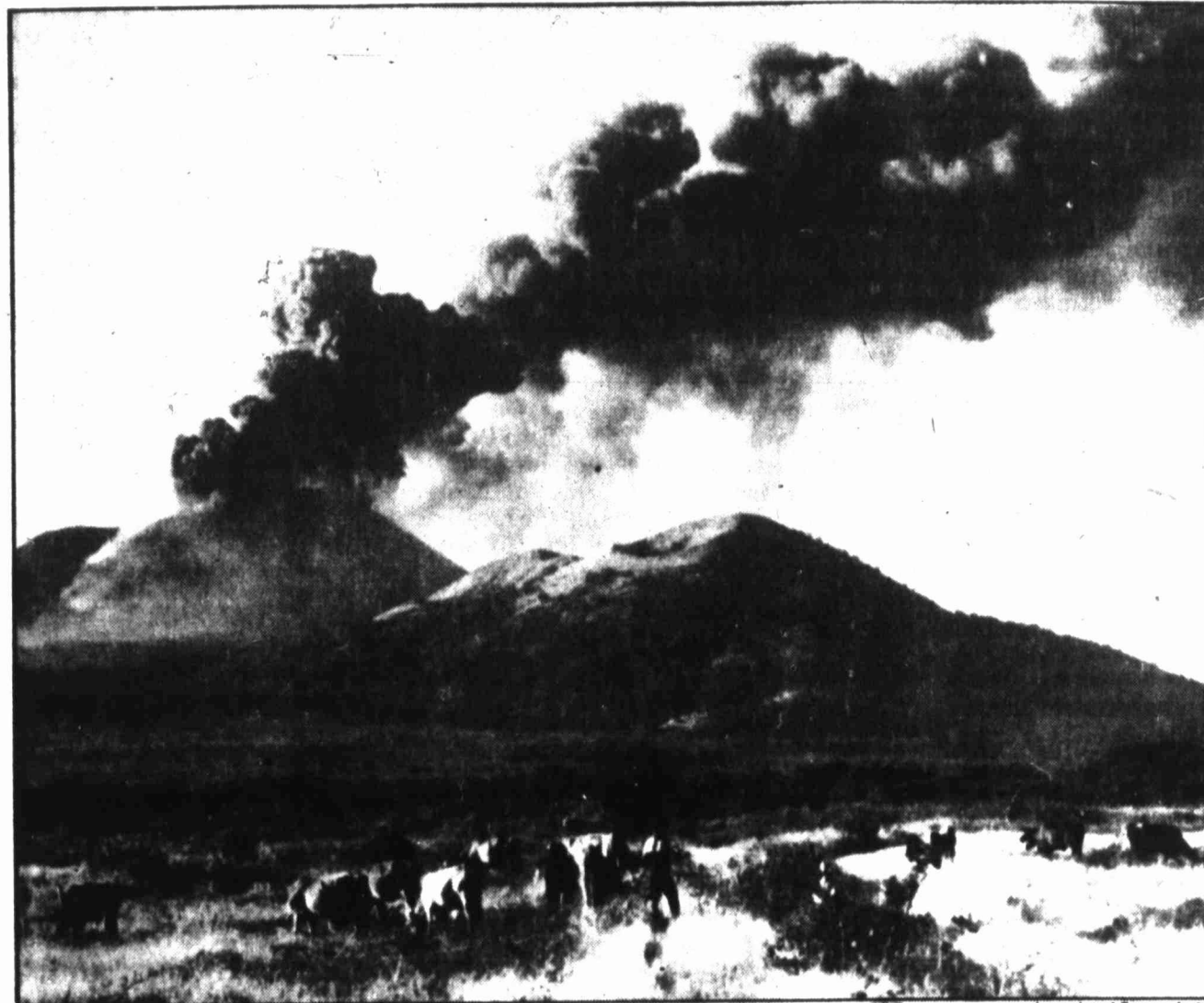
They ferried loads of 10, nine, six and five to a nearby cargo ship that had been unable to help the Mount Olympus because of the high seas.

"We had one woman basically kissed the hand of Rob Fisher when he put her down on the deck. She was very happy to be off the sinking vessel and safe,"

said Burden.

The Mount Olympus, registered in Malta, began taking on water during a storm in the Atlantic about 700 miles north-east of Bermuda. The empty ship was to pick up cargo in Norfolk, Va.

All but one on those on board were Romanian.



A herd of cattle grazes just outside of Malpaisillo, about 80 miles northwest of Managua, on the north side of the Cerro negro volcano which continued to belch hot ash and steam Saturday. With the sugar cane ready to harvest, corn getting tall, the Cerro Negro, the name which means "Black Hill," roared to life and blanketed the countryside with gray ash.

Fear of looting keeps thousands home

LEON, Nicaragua (AP) — Thousands of peasant families ignored official urging Saturday to flee the rumbling Cerro Negro volcano, choosing to stay and risk an eruption rather than leave their homes to looters.

Civil defense officials said they were prepared to force the evacuation of up to 12,000 people within hours if the volcano gave signs of eruption.

"We are prepared for the worst," said Lt. Col. Ramon Ernesto Soza, chief of the national civil defense.

Cerro Negro began acting up on Nov. 19 after a three-year lull. The volcano tossed ash and lava 1,000 yards into the air Saturday in eruptions visible in the capital of Managua 75 miles

to the northwest. Authorities urged residents to flee and offered help to refugees, but soldiers for the most part have let people decide themselves whether to leave their homes.

Soldiers forced evacuation when the volcano erupted in 1992, killing one. Many of the people forced out then returned to find their homes looted and their livestock stolen.

This time, more than 1,000 people have been evacuated by officials and another 1,000 have left their homes voluntarily. But more than 4,000 peasant families have stayed, reluctant to leave their property unprotected.

About 6,000 people live in the immediate vicinity of the vol-

cano, which is dumping what looks like dirty snow over a 30-mile radius, including the cities of Leon and Corinto. The two cities have 200,000 residents between them.

Experts on Saturday were trying to determine whether the 2,200-foot mountain could erupt, and if so, when. The government has declared a state of emergency, saying the volcano has already caused widespread ecological damage.

At least 5,000 acres of sugar cane, cotton, yucca and other crops have been lost. Emergency workers were trying to get 6,000 head of livestock out.

While ash and sand rained on cities and villages Saturday, workers swept streets and gathered debris for removal.

Former S. Korean president arrested for role in coup

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A former president was arrested early Sunday for his role in a 1979 coup that was followed by the most violent crackdown in South Korea's modern history.

The arrest of Chun Doo-hwan comes a day after his refusal to submit to questioning over the savage 1980 crushing of a pro-democracy uprising in the southern city of Kwangju.

Chun was arrested in his rural hometown, Hapchon, where he remains a favorite son. Supporters scuffled briefly with thousands of police who surrounded his home as the warrant was served and he was taken away.

The arrest is the latest episode in a seething power struggle rife with scandal and backbiting. One newspaper has called it a "political civil war."

In one corner is Chun, president from 1980-88, whose opponents accuse him of masterminding a 1979 military coup and the 1980 massacre that left at least 240 civilians dead and 1,800 injured.

In the opposite corner is current President Kim Young-sam, accused of trying to make political capital out of a case that only months ago he said should be judged by history.

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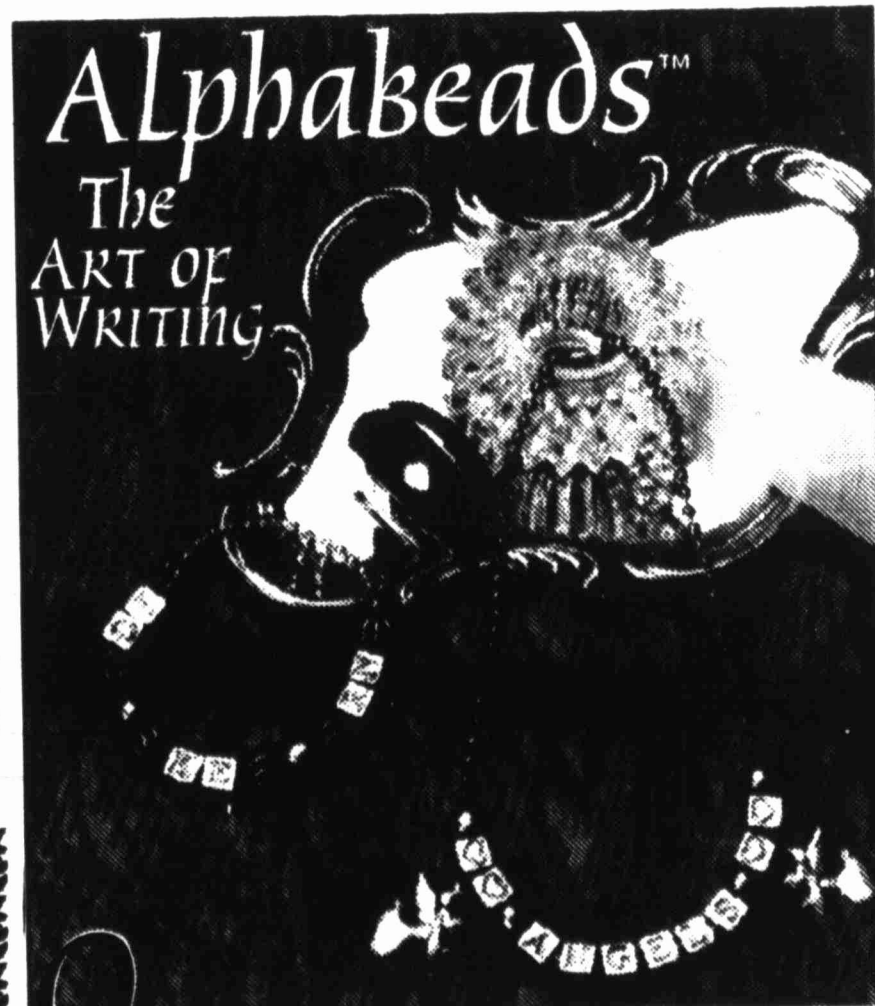
Rebel city claimed sealed

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The army said its troops overcame fierce rebel resistance and sealed off the center of the former Tamil stronghold of Jaffna today, a day after a battle there killed at least 106 people.

Details of casualties today weren't immediately available.

At least 2,400 soldiers and rebels have been killed since the government on Oct. 17 launched the biggest offensive of its 12-year-old against with separatist Tamil guerrillas.

On Friday, Tamil rebels in Jaffna fired rockets and mortar shells at forces surrounding the city, and 26 soldiers and at least 80 rebels were killed.



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Clinton sends off troops heading to Bosnia



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A group of Bosnian Serbs hold banners during a rally against the Dayton peace agreement in the Bosnian Serb-held Sarajevo suburb of Ilijas, west of Sarajevo, Saturday. The people in Serb-held parts are protesting the latest plans for a united Sarajevo under Muslim-Croat rule. Center banner reads: "We won't give up our Sarajevo."

Troops face hidden dangers in Bosnia

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.S. troops will face hidden dangers in Bosnia — mines, vengeful soldiers, Islamic fundamentalists, and even the expectations of ordinary Bosnians.

"It will be a difficult mission," Col. John Brown, the head of a U.S. Army reconnaissance team, said Friday after a four-day inspection of the northeastern region where U.S. NATO forces will patrol.

"We've got a lot of folks here who, for many years, have been settling their arguments with guns. There are a lot of lost land mines. There are very rough roads. And there's a Balkan winter to cope with," said Brown, chief of staff of the 1st Armored Division.

Bosnian Serbs planned a demonstration today in Ilijas, 12 miles north of Sarajevo, to protest the peace agreement reached in Dayton, Ohio, which gives most of the Serb-held Sarajevo suburbs to the Muslim-Croat federation.

Also Saturday, the first members of a 2,600-strong vanguard of the NATO force were expected in Brussels. They are members of NATO's rapid reaction force, and were to leave from their base in Rheindalen, Germany. Envoys from the 16 NATO allies Friday gave the green light to their departure.

Brown's 10-man team, based

in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, scouted airfields, staging grounds, burned-out villages, potential minefields, U.N. bases and front lines.

Their information will be used to plan how and where to put the weapons, offices and barracks for the 20,000 soldiers in the U.S. contribution to the mission — dubbed Task Force Eagle.

The officers often were greeted by waving, smiling Bosnian civilians, many hoping for peace and prosperity from the Americans. Tuzla area officials said they expect investment, reconstruction and friendship for the city whose economy has stagnated during the war.

Brown said he expected U.S. Army engineers would improve the local infrastructure, but that civilians may be expecting too much.

"We're here to implement the peace agreement signed by all of these parties, and I hope that matches the expectations of all the parties," Brown told reporters.

In addition, the NATO mission will have to cope with lingering animosity between the combatants in the 3-year-old Bosnian war.

In the past three years, several thousand Bosnian and foreign Islamic fundamentalist fighters, known as mujahedeen or holy warriors, have joined the war against rebel Serbs.

BAUMHOLDER, Germany (AP) — President Clinton gave anxious American troops reassuring orders Saturday, telling them to strike "immediately and with decisive force" if threatened with attack in Bosnia. Thousands of soldiers roared back their thanks.

On a cold, foggy afternoon, 4,000 troops of 1st Armored Division stood in formation in camouflage fatigues for a send-off from the commander-in-chief.

Many of them were combat-tested in the Persian Gulf War, and Clinton said, "America summons you to service again. This time, not with a call to war but a call to peace."

Facing a threatening mix of snipers, ethnic hatreds and millions of mines planted under snow-covered fields, the troops are about to embark on America's riskiest military mission since the Gulf War. Their job is to police a peace agreement after Europe's bloodiest war in a half century.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, accompanying Clinton, said Bonn would send 4,000 troops to Bosnia, the first deployment of German troops outside their homeland since World War II. He said America's participation was "an absolute necessity and it is wise."

About 700 U.S. soldiers trained in communications and logistics will head for Bosnia in days, as soon as Clinton signs an authorizing order requested by Gen. George Joulwan, NATO's senior military commander. Officials said Joulwan would act soon, perhaps as early as Sunday.

The main body of American troops will start moving out from bases in Germany after the

Bosnian peace treaty is signed in Paris Dec. 14. By February, 20,000 U.S. soldiers are to be in Bosnia, headquartered in the northeast town of Tuzla, and 5,000 others will be deployed in Croatia and Hungary in support roles. Those in Bosnia will be joined by 40,000 troops from about 25 other countries.

During the visit, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, Clinton and Kohl were briefed by U.S. military commanders and Clinton grilled them with questions concerning risks, training, resources and troop morale.

The officers "feel like it is going to be a very stable environment for the U.S. forces," he said.

Clinton said the troops are superbly trained and heavily armed, making any adversary think twice about attacking. And yet, Clinton said there will be risks. "There could be incidents with people who have still not given up their hatred," he said.

"But you will also have very clear rules of engagement that spell out the most important rule of all in big, bold letters: If you are threatened with attack, you may respond immediately and with decisive force."

The soldiers shouted "hoorah," their traditional cheer.

Despite Clinton's assurances, soldiers admitted they were apprehensive but said they were ready to follow orders.

"I believe it's going to be very difficult," said Spc. Dustin Sanford of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His assignment is to clear land mines. "One step at a time," Sanford said.

"Anybody who says they're not worried a lot is probably lying to you," said Sgt. 1st Class

Ralph Granite of Clarence, Pa. "It's in the back of everybody's mind."

Tank crewman Spc. James Lenzner, from Antigo, Wis., stood with his wife Marina and their 8-month-old daughter Courtney to hear Clinton.

"Well, I volunteered for this job, (but) I don't want to leave my wife, and my baby doesn't want me to go," he said.

Clinton said their mission would be clear, realistic and "achievable in about a year." Some soldiers wondered whether he was hedging on Pentagon assurances that the mission would end in a year. But military planners expressed hope it might end sooner.

The soldiers' concerns are shared back home, where a skeptical Congress will vote soon on whether to support Clinton's deployment.

Nearing the end of a five-day European trip, Clinton detoured here to give the troops a personal sendoff. Hillary Rodham Clinton accompanied her husband, pulling a wool army blanket over her lap during the president's speech. She also joined him at a mess hall lunch of

turkey and stuffing with about 100 soldiers and family members.

Mindful of the hesitation of NATO military operations when they were controlled by the United Nation, Clinton said U.S. troops will take their orders from Joulwan.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton noted that the leaders of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia have pledged in letters to take all possible measures to insure the safety of the peacekeeping force.

"They have made a serious commitment to peace but they can't do it alone," Clinton said. "They need our help, to help reestablish the conditions under which people can live in decency and peace."

In Belgrade, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic promised a U.S. congressional delegation that American troops would be safe.

"We asked him point-blank: 'Do you assure us you're going to implement your guarantee as to the conduct of the Bosnian Serbs?'" said Rep. Sander Levin, a Michigan Democrat. "He gave us the answer, 'Yes.'"

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Retirements create more open seats than before

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Alan Simpson is expected to become the 12th senator to announce retirement at the end of this term, creating more open Senate seats in 1996 than in any election cycle in 100 years.

Several highly placed GOP sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the 64-year-old Wyoming Republican would break the news during an appearance late today in his hometown of Cody.

The announcement follows that of another moderate Republican, five-term Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, who said Friday that he, too, was calling it quits.

Four Republicans, including Simpson, and eight Democrats are leaving the Senate when their terms end 13 months from now.

Not since 1896, when 12 senators retired, will so many Senate seats be open. In more recent times, 1978 was the high-water mark — nine senators chose retirement.

Hatfield, 73, said he was retiring because "30 years of voluntary separation from the state I love has been enough."

"Throughout my public life I have striven to represent all of the people of this state, not just those within my political

party," Hatfield said. But he added that the price for serving "has been very high."

Simpson, who is serving his third term, saw his support for abortion rights cost him some Republican backers in Wyoming and Washington as his party became increasingly conservative.

He also lost his post as GOP whip to the more conservative Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., when Republicans won control of the Senate in the 1994 election.

Lott said Friday he was "kind of surprised" when word spread that Simpson might retire. "He seemed to be very happy," said Lott.

But Lott isn't shedding any tears over his departing colleagues, especially since most are Democrats.

Twenty-one incumbents — 14 Republicans and seven Democrats — are seeking reelection next year to the 100-member Senate, where six-year terms are staggered so that one-third expire every two years.

Lott sees the GOP expanding its 54-46 majority by at least four seats.

"We are going to be younger and we are going to be more conservative," said Lott, 54, a

second-termer. "This is wonderful."

Simpson, with his acerbic wit, has always held his own among those who relish attack politics, but that style and the accompanying partisanship in today's Senate clearly bothers Hatfield and others.

"I've never seen it this ribald. I gather it's a change in tone," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who came to the Senate in 1992.

"At my stage of life, this makes problem solving very unpleasant," said the 62-year-old Feinstein, whose previous offices, including San Francisco mayor, were officially nonpartisan.

"No matter what anybody does, if they are of the opposite party they are going to get criticized. And that's wrong," she said.

Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas, another soon-to-be retiree, said she hoped those elected to fill the vacancies will "keep a bridge between the two parties and not just throw bricks."

The new House Republicans brought a lot of energy with them, but "they also brought a lot of in-your-face," she said.

Gingrich promises to keep a lower profile

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich, stung by criticism of some recent statements, has decided to keep a lower profile for awhile.

Republican lawmakers returning to the Capitol after Thanksgiving reported that longtime supporters were angered by some recent inflammatory comments. Among them was Gingrich's comment that he stiffened his terms in last month's partial government shutdown because President Clinton had snubbed him aboard Air Force One on the trip to Israel for the

funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Several Republicans met with Gingrich privately about that and other utterances, according to officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He acknowledged his errors in a House Republican caucus and has decided to spend less time before television cameras, at least for the time being.

"Newt had observed that he'd had a gaffe and he was going to ease back a bit," said Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley.



NEWT GINGRICH

Ethic panel members linked to GOPAC

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House ethics panel, charged with investigating a complaint against House Speaker Newt Gingrich, acknowledged Friday that on at least four occasions she assisted the political action committee that is at the heart of the probe.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., the ethics committee chair, was listed in a GOPAC document as a key recruiter of candidates that the group would support in 1992. The same document also listed a second ethics panel Republican, Kentucky Rep. Jim Bunning, as a recruiter.

A spokeswoman for Johnson said she did not recruit candidates for GOPAC but did participate in at least four events sponsored by the group, including two in which she addressed GOPAC-endorsed candidates.

Johnson's "involvement with GOPAC was so limited that she doesn't believe there's a conflict of interest here," spokeswoman Lisa Pelosi said Friday.

Johnson has been under fire from Democrats in recent months for the committee's delay in deciding whether an impartial, outside counsel should be appointed.

Democrats were quick to seize upon the new ties between GOPAC and the GOP panel members, which were disclosed in documents released this week by the Federal Election Commission in its lawsuit against GOPAC.

"These are very troubling revelations, and I think the chairwoman ought to recuse herself from the case, and appoint a special counsel," Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., said.

David York, Bunning's chief of staff, said the congressman was not aware he was listed in the GOPAC memo and the lawmaker does not recall any specific work for the organization.

"As a Republican committee man for Kentucky at the time, he always was trying to recruit candidates for public office," York said.

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Lady Steers take third straight Coahoma title

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA - Give at least a share of the Coahoma Invitational championship trophy to the Big Spring Lady Steers reserves.

The Lady Steers, playing about half the game with most of the starters on the bench with foul trouble, won their third straight Coahoma girls' title with a 63-53 win over the

Coahoma Bulldogettes Saturday night.

All-tournament selections Molly Smith and Robin Wise led the Lady Steers (6-3) with 14 and 10 points, respectively. While Coahoma's all-tourney picks, Terri Kirkpatrick and Tori Elmore, led the Bulldogettes (4-5) with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Both teams threatened to make a blowout of the game. Coahoma scored the game's

first eight points before Big Spring rallied to make the score 13-12 at the end of the first quarter.

Once the Lady Steers got going, however, they were the ones threatening to make a runaway of things. Big Spring took the lead for good in the second quarter, stretched its lead to nine at the half, then 27-12 early in the third.

Foul trouble, however, forced Wise, Smith and fellow starters

Kora Hughes, Heather Anderson and Maggie Haddad to the bench for most of the second half. Wise, Smith, Anderson and Hughes eventually fouled out.

Facing Big Spring's second string, however, Coahoma could not make an extended run at the lead. The Bulldogettes cut their deficit to 10 points entering the final quarter, but could not get any closer than six points the rest

of the way.

Coahoma was not immune to foul trouble, either, as Elmore, Nicci Reid and Dianna Coleman fouled out.

"As long as we had our starters in there, we were starting to run away with it," BSHS coach Ron Taylor said. "Robin and them got into foul trouble ... but the other girls stepped it up, and that was the difference."

Evidence of Taylor's state-

ment can be found in bench scoring - the Lady Steers' reserves outscored Coahoma's second five 19-6.

"We were able to get Ms. Wise and Ms. Smith in foul trouble early on, and I felt like we need to make a run on them," Coahoma coach David Cox. "Unfortunately, we had some turnovers and silly fouls that hurt us."

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Amherst outlasts Mustangs

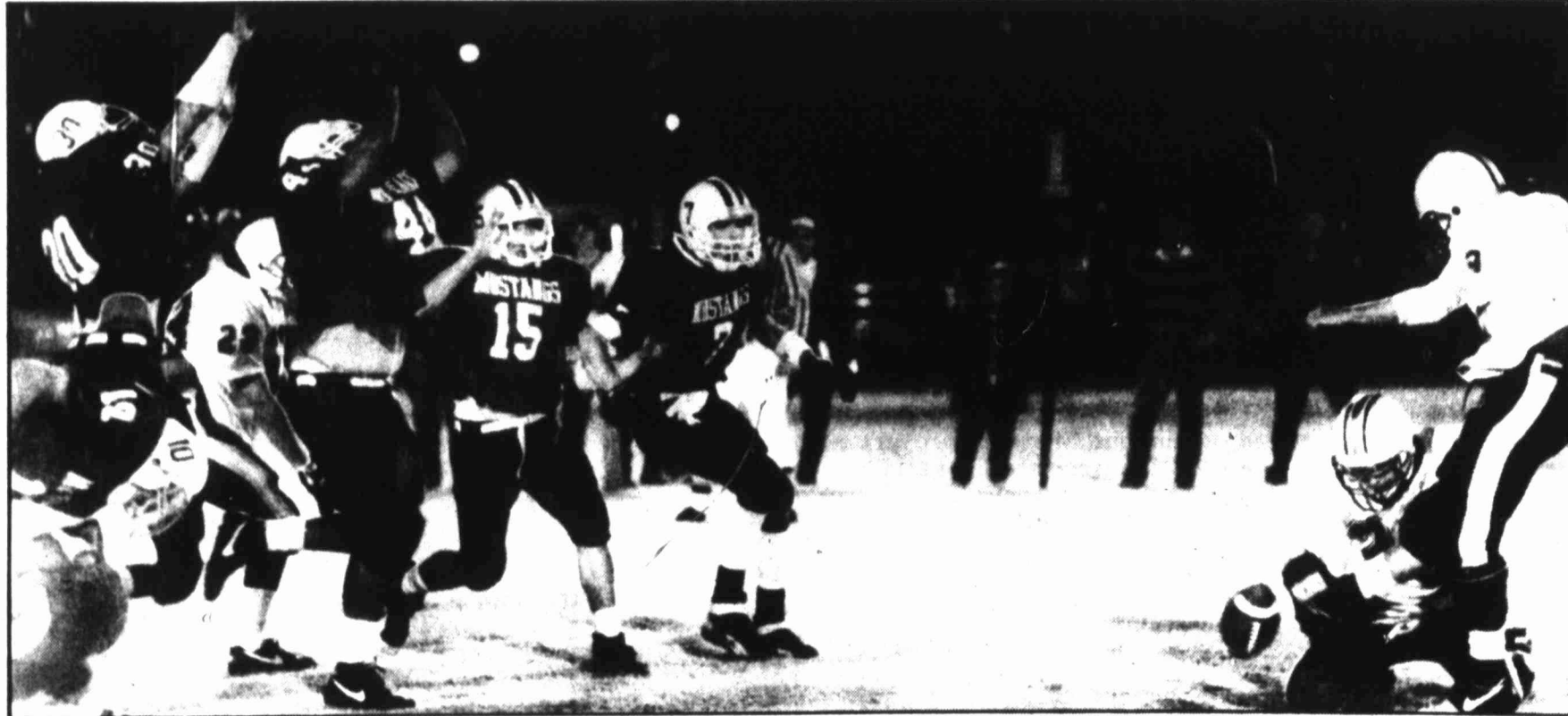
By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

NEW HOME - One gets the feeling that if Delynn Reed had a kitchen sink handy, he would have thrown that at the Amherst Bulldogs, too.

Facing the top-ranked six-man team in the state, Sands coach Billy Barnett knew his trademark power running game wouldn't suffice, so he decided to test Reed's throwing arm against an injury depleted Amherst secondary.

The results were both a success and failure for the Mustangs. Reed passed the Bulldogs dizzy, completing 25 of 41 passes for 414 yards and three touchdowns. But two Reed interceptions, coupled with an eight-touchdown performance by Amherst running back Dewayne Miles, helped the Bulldogs to a 66-52 state quarterfinal win at Leopard Field Friday night.

The defending state champion Bulldogs (13-0) face Klondike in the six-man semifinals at a



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Several Sands defensive player break through the line to block the extra-point kick by Amherst's Brandon Pointer, far right, during their six-man quarterfinal playoff game Friday in New Home.

time and site to be determined. Sands ended its season with an 11-2 record.

Miles, Amherst's all-state running back, had his usual stellar performance, rushing 33 times for 294 yards to go with his TD barrage. Individually, however, his performance was overshadowed by Reed's career night.

"We knew they had some injuries in the secondary, so we were going to pick on their cornerbacks," Sands coach Billy

Barnett said. "(Reed is) a great athlete and he did exactly what we told him to do. And, if that was a load of crap, he went out and found another way to get the job done."

As the score indicated, it was not a night for defense. Amherst and Sands have two of the top-ranked defensive units in the state, but both were shredded to the tune of 904 yards from the opposing offenses.

The Mustangs set the tone on the game's second play from scrimmage when Reed hit Steven Gillespie in stride down the left sideline for a 63-yard touchdown pass and an 8-0 lead.

But Amherst in general, and Miles in particular, responded to each push Reed and the Mustangs made. The Bulldogs' offensive game plan - Miles to the left, Miles to the right, Miles up the middle and Miles

throwing an occasional pass - wasn't complicated, but it was brutally effective.

The Bulldogs scored on all but one of their drives Friday, and if the Mustangs were to have any chance of victory, they had to match Miles step for step.

They couldn't quite do it. Two first-half interceptions - one by Miles, who also had a

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Etheredge TD lifts Klondike to semis

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sports Editor

LAMESA - The Klondike Cougars will add their fourth playoff trophy to the desk of head football coach Jim Kinnear after defeating the Whitharral Panthers 38-30 in the state six-man quarterfinals Friday night.

"Everytime we win, it's a new feeling," Klondike quarterback Tanner Etheredge said. "We have all the trophies lined up on the coach's desk and it's a real adrenaline boost to see them and wonder what is next."

The quarterfinal championships went down to the last seconds of the game. The game was tied 30-30 when Klondike scored on a 5-yard pass to Clayton Roberts from Tanner Etheredge, leaving only 17 seconds left on the clock.

"We have a lot of confidence in our offense, we knew we would score if we could get our

hands on the ball," Etheredge said. The Cougars were 11 yards out with 34 seconds left in the game. Etheredge said, "It was the longest few yards that I have ever seen. It couldn't have gotten any better."

Kinnear said, "I can't say enough about our seniors. They held their composure to take the ball down and score to hold on to the win."

The Panthers took the returning kickoff 30 yards and soon made it to the 35 on a 15-yard pass to Jason Cook from Micheal Lopez. However, Etheredge intercepted the Panthers' last-second desperation pass to end the game.

Whitharral head football coach Gerry Gartrell said. "They did what they had to do to win. It was a shame that the time had to run out. We felt like we could have scored again."

"Klondike has some great athletes. They are well coached."

Please see KLONDIKE, page 13A



Herald photo by Robert Loveless

Klondike running back Chris Arismendez (33) finds himself in the middle of the Whitharral defense, including Tony Cirilo (20) during their six-man playoff game Friday in Lamesa.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BSHS swimmers win Odessa meet

ODESSA - The Big Spring High School boys' swim team continues to impress, adding a title at the 28th Annual Odessa Invitational this weekend.

Big Spring scored 286 points to easily outpace runner-up Amarillo High, which finished with 196 points. Pecos, Fort Stockton and Abilene finished third through sixth, respectively.

Three swimmers won individual gold medals. Slate Broyles was first in the 100 backstroke in a time of 1:01.83; Eric Smith won the 100 freestyle in 53.64; and Alex Padilla won the 50 freestyle in a time of 24.58.

In addition, the team of Stephen and Eric Smith, Padilla and Chris Bongers won the 400 freestyle relay in a time of 3:39.27.

The BSHS girls finished ninth in their division, which was won by Amarillo High School. The top individual finisher for the girls was Allison Thomas, who took fourth in the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:51.87.

The swim team returns to action next weekend at Seminole.

Coahoma/tourney All-Star teams

Players selected to Coahoma's all tournament teams were:

Girls
April Coleman and Mary Cavazos of Crosbyton; Kriess Crawford and Jini Sparkman of Colorado City, Robin Wise, Molly Smith and Heather Anderson of Big Spring; and Tara Sterling, Dianna Coleman, and Audra Bingham of Coahoma.

The boys' all tournament team consisted of: Clay McSpadden of Colorado City; Dean Beasley of Hawley; Brandon Hunnicutt of Greenwood; Curtis Erickson of Tahoka; Brad Taff, Brent Fisher, and Rhett Buntin of Merkel; and Brandon Shifflett, Brian Ruiz, and Josh Colom of Coahoma.

Coahoma downed by three

The Coahoma Bulldogs took Merkel to the last seconds of the Coahoma Invitational boys' title game, missing a three point shot to lose 53-50.

The Bulldogs lost their five point lead in the second half, and Merkel grabbed a 10-point advantage.

Coahoma head basketball coach Kim Nichols said, "Merkel turned up their defense in the second half. We were down by nine and got it back but we failed to get the shot."

Josh Colom led the Bulldogs on offense scoring 17 points while Jay McHugh followed with nine and Adam Tindol with seven.

Howard men dominate

The Howard Hawks defeated Seminole 83-56 Friday night in Shawnee, Okla.

After the first five minutes the Hawk's defense took Seminole's top two scorers out of the game and allowed the offense to pull away at half.

The Hawks led 38-26 at half and continued to dominate the taller Trojans with their defense and their fast breaking offense.

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BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY

Horns hook 'em
Texas coach John Mackovic is carried off the field after Texas defeated Texas A&M 16-6 to win the Southwest Conference championship Saturday.

TEXAS

Texas gigs Aggies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Freshman Ricky Williams scored two touchdowns against the nation's top defense Saturday and No. 9 Texas snapped No. 16 Texas A&M's 31-game home winning streak with a 16-6 victory that clinched the last Southwest Conference championship.

The Longhorns (10-1-1 overall, 7-0 SWC) will play in either the Orange or Sugar bowls while the Aggies (8-3, 5-2) get the consolation prize of meeting Michigan on Dec. 29 in the Alamo Bowl at San Antonio. The final bowl lineups will be announced Sunday.

Texas snapped a four-game losing streak to the Aggies and gave John Mackovic his first win in the series after three losses. It was the first Texas triumph at Kyle Field since 1983. A&M had won 10 of the last 11 games.

NATION/WORLD

UK sinks Hoosiers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Kentucky is still No. 1, at least against Indiana.

Antoine Walker scored 24 points and Derek Anderson added 18 as the Wildcats, rebounding from a loss to Massachusetts, held off repeated Indiana surges and beat the Hoosiers 89-82 Saturday.

Kansas downs UCLA

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - Jacque Vaughn and Billy Thomas triggered a second-half rally as No. 2 Kansas - trailing by 15 at the half - outscored UCLA by 30 after intermission and rolled past the Bruins 85-70 Saturday.

ON THE AIR

Football

NFL

Atlanta at Miami, noon FOX (ch. 3).
Houston at Pittsburgh, noon, NBC (ch. 9).
Washington at Dallas, 3 p.m., FOX.
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Buffalo Hoot

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sports Editor

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Buffalos grab first-ever Hooptown Classic title

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sports writer

STANTON - For the first time in the history of the Stanton Hooptown Classic the Stanton Buffalos claimed the championship title by defeating Grady 66-51.

Grady jumped to an early lead in the first half, scoring 25 points. Leo McCallister, scoring 9 points, two from the three point range, brought the Buffalos to a fourth quarter tie 41-41.

Nick Hull also helped the Buffalos gain the lead by scoring 8 fourth quarter points.

"I am extremely proud of the team tonight. They stayed focused to come back and win," Stanton head basketball coach Dough Gordon said. "Grady played extremely well and it was a great tournament championship game."

Brad Cox led the Wildcats in scoring with 21 points.

In their fourth game after only two practices, Stanton found it hard to gather momentum in the game, but the momentum gathered from the football season carried over.

Gordon said, "Since we weren't able to play a champi-

onship game in football this week the kids decided to take the win in basketball and they did."

Jason Hopper and McCallister gathered MVP honors for Stanton. Making it to the All-Tournament teams were Lace Yocom of Loop, Bradley Batla of Garden City, Brandon McDaniel of Sterling City, Tomas Wrotten and Jim Kent of Rankin, Brandon Everhart of Lamesa, Cody Puegh, and Brad Cox of Grady, Nick Hull and Taylor Looney of Stanton.

The girls All-Tournament teams consisted of: Jan Holland and Randi Simer of Stanton, Lacy Hamilton of Midland Christian, Kim Harp of Garden City, Alison Cooper of Grady, Betty De La Paz of Rankin, Jana Gaston and Julie McEntire of Sterling City, Courtney Scott and Holley Halbrook of Loop.

Melinda Bodine of Sterling City captured the MVP honors.

Results of Friday's Games:

Girls:
Stanton City 48, Rankin 37
Loop 67, Grady 46
Stanton JV 66, Midland Christian 48
Garden City 42, Stanton 38

Boys:
Grady 72, Rankin 71
Stanton 90, Lamesa 68
Stanton City 71, Stanton JV 43
Garden City 61, Loop 60

Sands

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fine game defensively - were the catalyst for a 38-point second-quarter explosion by Amherst, which went into intermission with a 52-23 lead.

The Mustangs regrouped defensively in the second half, limiting Amherst to only two touchdowns. Sands' offense, however, could get no closer than 14 points to the Bulldogs.

"You have to give credit to Sands. They did a good job,"

Amherst coach Jack Shely said "We had some breakdowns defensively, but we were able to score enough points to win."

On the opposite side of the field, Barnett was heartbroken at the loss, but proud of his team's effort.

"This was the best team effort I've ever seen," he said. "The effort given tonight was unbelievable. Amherst is lucky to get out of here with a win."

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Briefs

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Controlling the rebounding on defense was Chris Stancel who was good for 14. Ronnie DeGray led the Hawks in scoring with 18 points. Curry and Andre Blackmon followed with nine points.

Howard head coach Tommy Collins said, "We played solid defense and completely took them out of their offense. Offensively we had excellent movement and team play."

Lady Steers JV take title

The Lady Steers JV team defeated three teams to become the champions in the junior division of the Greenwood tournament.

Thursday the Lady Steers JV took on Midland High School JV and won 68-55. Leading scorers were Keesha Loss with 34 points and Krisal McWherter with 17.

Friday the Lady Steers JV defeated Midland Lee's JV 52-48. High scorers was Lott with 19 points and Traci Bellinghausen with 12.

Saturday the Lady Steers' JV faced Odessa Permian's JV in the champi-

Gators grab SEC crown over Hogs

ATLANTA (AP) - Ho hum, Florida won another Southeastern Conference championship Saturday night. Now comes the real test for the second-ranked Gators.

Danny Wuerffel, making one last bid for the Heisman, threw for 276 yards and two touchdowns and Ben Hanks gave the overlooked Florida defense a score of its own with a 95-yard fumble return as the Gators routed Arkansas 34-3 in the SEC title game.

Next up for Florida (12-0) is top-ranked and defending national champion Nebraska (11-0) in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2. After all the furor over the new bowl alliance, college football has a true title game between the only two unbeaten teams in the country.

Arkansas (8-4), a surprise winner of the SEC's Western Division, will have to settle for a spot in the Carquest Bowl against North Carolina.

Florida continued its domination of the SEC, winning the championship game for the third year in a row. The Gators also won the title in 1991, giving them four crowns in the past five seasons.

Army 14, Navy 13

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - John Conroy's 1-yard touchdown plunge with 1:03 left capped a 19-play, 99-yard drive and lifted Army to a 14-13 victory over Navy Saturday, its fourth straight win in the series.

It was the 96th meeting of the service teams and the fourth year in a row that the game was decided by 2 or fewer points.

Army (5-5-1) began the drive at its own 1 after Navy (5-6) elected to go for a touchdown on fourth and goal, leading 13-7. Chris McCoy's pass was off the mark in the end zone and the Cadets took over.

After Conroy, who carried 22 times for 74 of Army's 239 rushing yards, scored his second touchdown, making it 13-13, J.

Parker made the extra point, giving Army the lead in front of 68,853 at Veterans Stadium.

A desperation pass by Ben Fay as time expired was intercepted by Donald Augustus.

Houston 18, Rice 17

HOUSTON (AP) - The onefourth-century Southwest Conference closed its 81-year history in exciting fashion Saturday.

Houston scored 15 fourth-quarter points, then saw Rice miss a 38-yard field goal with 12 seconds left to give the Cougars an 18-17 victory.

In a game overshadowed by No. 9 Texas' 16-6 victory over No. 16 Texas A&M - jokingly referred to as the last SWC game that mattered - the Owls and Cougars played the league's true finale.

onships and the Lady Steers won by a 37-24 score.

Bellinghausen, Lott and McWherter led the Lady Steers in scoring. Bellinghausen scored 10 points, Lott and McWherter both scored 8.

Playing well in the games were Marissa Smith, Jessica Cobos, and Marisol Carnero.

The freshmen Lady Steers fell behind in two close games against Seminole and Midland.

Thursday the Lady Steers were dropped to a 33-28 score to Seminole. Jaclyn Owusu led the scoring with 22 points.

Friday the Lady Steers took on Midland's sophomores and lost 36-20. Owusu led again scoring 11 points.

YMCA offering swim classes

The Big Spring YMCA will have evening adult and youth swim lessons Nov. 27-Dec. 22.

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SPORTSEXTRA

A fond farewell to SWC

By DENNE FREEMAN AP Sports Writer

ANALYSIS

DALLAS — My first Southwest Conference football game was at Ownby Stadium in 1946. My last was Saturday, Dec. 2, in College Station.

Rock paper. They sold out. You had to follow coaches like Matty Bell, Dutch Meyer, Darrell Royal, Bear Bryant, Frank Broyles, J.T. King, Grant Teaff and R.C. Slocum to understand what it meant to have leaders of young men.

There were some 400 personally eyewitnessed games, including the legendary 1949 Notre Dame-SMU game, the 1969 Arkansas-Texas shootout, many a Thanksgiving Day battle between Texas and Texas A&M and Cotton Bowls by the score with the best being Texas beating Notre Dame in 1970 for the national title.

Oh, what a quote machine that Royal was. Asked about a running back, Royal would come back: "He can jump through a key hole." Or will you start your same quarter-back? "We'll dance with the one who brung us."

Players in my personal SWC film bank include Doak Walker, Kyle Rote, Joe David Crow, Jack Pardee, Earl Campbell, Don Meredith, Bob Lilly, Mike Singletary, Jim Swink, James Street, Tommy Nobis, Jerry LeVias, Lance Alworth, Jim Swink, Donnie Anderson, and a hundred others.

It was a religion. Then came professional football and television. Then came rising budgets and lagging attendance. Schools decided to split for better TV money deals.

You had to be raised in Texas, listen to Kern Tips on the radio and go to an SWC school to know how the death of the conference really hurts. I went to SMU and Texas A&M so I qualify for the pain threshold on all counts.

They made reporters jobs easy by getting players for interviews, providing research, etc. You had to have the happy motoring with Humble stickers on your car bumper and your Dave Campbell Texas Football Magazine to be in the SWC brotherhood.

Cowboys looking for payback today

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Even in a normal year Bill Bates hates the Washington Redskins. This time, he's really mad at them.

People stood in line waiting for the Sunday papers to come out so they could read about the game they attended. I sat next to Henry at one Texas game where he analyzed every play of the game for his Little

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Highlight film that chronicled each year's play to get in the mood for the coming season.

It was a game played by the best of Texas schoolboy football stars in a conference that was 90 percent Texas. Everybody knew everybody. The brother against brother games are always the most hotly contested.

Going undefeated was hard considering the Saturday after Saturday of emotional football. Texas Christian and Texas A&M won national titles in the late 30s and eventually Texas and Arkansas joined the elite group.

The uncertainty of it all was an added dimension. You could root for a lowly TCU team knowing that some Saturday the Frogs were going to jump up and surprise somebody.

Schools decided to split for better TV money deals. Texas A&M, Texas, Texas Tech and Baylor took the high road by merging with the Big 8 Conference.

The final games Saturday were Houston and Rice and Texas A&M against Texas at Kyle Field. Fittingly, the A&M-Texas game was between ranked teams for the final SWC title before 80,000 fans and a national television audience.

On Saturday, the SWC, that grand old man, died at the age of 81. The old boy had a helluva run.

BOWLING

Local leagues

VACUUMS RESULTS - Team Six over Team Five, 8-0; Team One over Team Two, 8-0; Team Twelve over Team Eleven, 8-0; Team Four tied Team Three, 4-4; Team Eight over Team Seven, 6-2; Team Ten over Team Nine, 6-2; Team Five over Team Six, 6-2; Team Three, 6-7 and 1939, hi sc. game and series (man) John Jackson, 223 and 591; hi sc. game (woman) Lannis Wallace, 193; hi sc. series (woman) Irene Yanez, 504; hi sc. hdp team game, Team Eight, 663; hi hdp team series Team Ten, 2366; hi sc. game (man) Jimmy Webb, 253; hi hdp series (man) Walton Jones, 644; hi hdp game (woman) Lannis Wallace, 246; hi hdp series (woman) Stephanie Green, 658.

SC. GAME AND SERIES

Evenly Williams, 199 and 665; hi hdp game and series (woman) Jo Anna Dykes, 241 and 606; hi hdp team game Strike Force, 836; hi hdp team series Hughes Auto Sales, 2366. STANDINGS - Team 1, 68-44; Team 2, 66-46; Four Stars, 62-50; Team 6, 56-46; Hughes Auto Sales, 52-60; Spanky's, 48-58; Team 8, 44-68; Our Team, 42-70.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Federal Oil over Talgaters, 8-0; Casual Shoppe over Kuykendall, 8-0; Health Food Center over A & B Farms, 6-2; Petty Farms over Guy's Restaurant, 8-0; hi sc. game Gwan Burchell, 215; hi sc. series Bernadine Sealy, 581; hi sc. team game and series Casual Shoppe, 732 and 2006; hi hdp game and series Gwan Burchell, 256 and 662; hi hdp team game Casual Shoppe, 660; hi hdp team series Health Food Center, 2409.

STANDINGS

Casual Shoppe, 82-22; Petty Farms, 66-36; Health Food Center, 56-46; Guy's Restaurant, 54-50; Kuykendall, 44-60; Federal Oil, 42-62; Talgaters, 41-63; A & B Farms, 29-75.

MEN'S CAPROCK

RESULTS - Courtyard Apts. over Just Piddling, 6-2; Nasty Boys over Bad Company, 6-2; Chili Peppers over W.G.A.S., 6-2; Texas Finance over Budweiser, 6-2; Tough As Nails over My Boys, 6-2; Burgess Automotive over Spare Time, 6-2; B.S. Auto Electric over Hank & Jans, 8-0; hi sc. game Jack Acuff, 259; hi sc. series Marcus Phillips, 714; hi hdp game Emmitt Barbee Sr., 276; hi hdp series Marcus Phillips, 714; hi sc. team game and series Burgess Automotive, 865 and 2444; hi hdp team game and series Burgess Automotive, 866 and 2537.

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS - Walmart tied Green House, 4-4; E.P. Driver over Sherrie's Diner, 8-0; Rent-A-Tire Rollers over Pin Busters, 8-0; The Strikers over Chem Char, 8-0; Big Spring Music tied Campbell Camera, 4-4; Pack-N-Sender over K.C. Kids, 6-2; Day & Day Builders over BSCU C City Branch, 6-2; Big Spring Tire tied Images, 4-4; Federal Oil over Rocky's 6-4; hi sc. game and series Laurie Wells, 235 and 608; hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 744 and 2100; hi hdp game Kay Mitchell, 269; hi hdp series Mary Ann Herrera, 912; hi hdp team game Big Spring Tire, 902; hi hdp team series Hall's Air Cooled, 2626.

STANDINGS

Green House, 70-34; Big Spring Music, 65-39; Federal Oil, 62-42; Chem Char, 60-44; Barber Glass & Mr., 58-46; Cline Construction, 56-48; Sherrie's Diner, 56-48; Hall's Air Cooled, 54-50; Rocky's, 54-50; The Strikers, 52-52; Campbell Cement, 51-53; Waliam, 50-54; E.P. Driver, 48-56; Big Spring Tire, 45-59; Day & Day Builders, 45-59; K.C. Kids, 45-59; Team 2, 43-61; Pin Busters, 43-61; BSCU C City Branch, 42-62; Rent-A-Tire, 38-66; Images, 33-71.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - Double R Cattle Co. over Vacancy, 8-0; The 4 of Us over Rocky's N Peppers, 8-0; A Timeless Design over Ups and Downs, 6-2; C.E. Rollers over Spare Time, 6-2; Big Spring Skippers Travel over Vogue Beauty Salon, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration Co. over Big Spring Motiva Home Park, 6-2; C & T Cleaners over Holy Rollers, 6-2; White Motor Co. Stanton over Frd's Contracting, 6-2; K C Steakhouse over The Fun Bunch, 6-2; Easy tied A & M Composites Corp., 4-4; Parks Agency Inc. tied Cowboys, 4-4; hi sc. game (man) Charles (Chuck) Carr, 259; hi sc. series (man) Ray Kennedy, 681; hi hdp game and series (man) Steve Baker, 277 and 705; hi sc. game and series (woman) Laurie Wells, 237 and 672; hi sc. game (woman) Patie Hill, 272; hi sc. series (woman) Maria Pate, 680; hi sc. team game and series White Motor Co. Stanton, 955 and 2363; hi hdp team game and series White Motor Co. Stanton, 955 and 2648.

STANDINGS

Holy Rollers, 72-40; Double R Cattle Co., 66-46; Frd's Contracting, 65-47; C & T Cleaners, 65-47; Parks Agency, Inc., 64-48; Easy, 64-48; A Timeless Design, 64-48; K.C. Steakhouse, 60-52; C.E. Rollers, 60-52; Big Spring Skippers Travel, 58-54; A & M Composites Corp., 58-54; Rocky's Pin Poppers, 56-48; The Fun Bunch, 56-56; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 56-56; The 4 of Us, 54-58; White Motor Co. Stanton, 52-60; Big Spring Motiva Home Park, 48-64; Vogue Beauty Salon, 48-64; Spare Time, 48-56; Ups & Downs, 46-66; Cowboys, 46-66.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - Joe's Crew tied Pow M.A., 4-4; Auto Trend over Team Three, 6-2; Budweiser over Wrecking Crew, 8-0; A.B. J over Large Boys, 6-2; hi sc. game Jerad Burgess, 248; hi sc. series Jeff Dukett, 704; hi sc. team game and series Budweiser 981 and 282; hi hdp game Billy Rawls, 266; hi hdp series Jeff Dukett, 704; hi hdp team game and series Auto Trend, 1064 and 3082.

STANDINGS

A & J, 81-31; Budweiser, 77-35; Joe's Crew, 62-50; Auto Trend, 59-53; Large Boys, 56-56; Team Three, 40-72; Pow M.A., 39-73; Wrecking Crew, 34-78.

DOUBBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS - Team 8 split Team 2, 4-4; Hughes Auto Sales over Spanky's, 6-2; Strike Force over Team 1, 6-2; Four Stars over OUR Team, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) J.M. Ringinger, 237 and 660; hi hdp game (man) Charles Dykes, 249; hi hdp series (man) J.M. Ringinger, 660; hi sc. team game and series Four Stars, 668 and 2047; hi

FOOTBALL

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ARMY KICKS NAVY



Army kicker J. Parker, center, is hugged by holder Derek Klein, left, as tackle Mike Wells, right, cheers after Parker made the conversion kick to beat Navy 14-13 Saturday in Philadelphia.

Lineman, Northwestern complete Rose-y journey

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — His head is shaved now, his body toned from hours in the weight room. He barely resembles that smiling guy in the team press guide, so natty in his jacket and tie.

Bigger, stronger, with a different look, Justin Chabot has changed, just like the team he plays for.

Northwestern's 6-foot-6, 285-pound senior tackle has been there since the transition started. Four years ago, he was coach Gary Barnett's first recruit.

Other than Northwestern, only West Virginia and the local school, Miami of Ohio, showed much interest in Chabot. So when Barnett came to his home in Oxford, Ohio, he listened intently to the talk from the new coach.

And he bought it. Now, only one month away from playing in the Rose Bowl to cap the Wildcats' remarkable season, Chabot knows it was the best decision of his life.

"Coach had this confidence about himself," Chabot, a sociology major, said. "When he says something, you believe it

and he believes it. You can tell he's not throwing you a line, he believes he can do things and when you have someone leading you who has confidence in himself, it gives you confidence in yourself as well.

"When I came to campus for my visit, he gave his 'Purple to Pasadena' speech at halftime of the basketball game and it gave me chills. Everyone cheered and was thinking, 'That was a great thought; wouldn't that be great?' But I knew coach Barnett believed it. I could hear it in his voice and see it in his eyes. That made me believe it, and I wanted to be part of it."

Northwestern's amazing success this season, from doormat to Big Ten champions with 10 wins in 11 games, is the product of long hours of weight training and physical discipline from players finally talented enough to compete in the Big Ten. The season also has been the result of a mental turnaround as well.

The Wildcats developed a confidence, despite the school's long tradition of losing, that they could and would win. Just like their coach.

"If you are going to coach it, you got to live it," Barnett said. "Those things you believe your players should do and the things you say to your players are important. You have to live the same way. If you don't, they don't see how it works and they don't get the connection."

In the previous two years, the Wildcats played well for part of the season, then collapsed at the end. Not this year. With the exception of a stunning loss to Miami of Ohio in the second game, they were the better team every week. And they knew it.

"We never envisioned losing any game this year; that was the beauty of the team," center Rob Johnson said. "The confidence showed through even when we got down in three or four games."

Chabot, who overcame off-season knee surgery, can reflect now on some of the first words he heard on that recruiting visit.

Chabot said Barnett told him: "We just have to get a bunch of guys who want to win, and if we get people with the right attitude, we will win."

Sampras steadies Davis Cup squad

MOSCOW (AP) — Pete Sampras, a last-minute substitute after Russia had seized the momentum in the Davis Cup final, helped steer the Americans to the brink of the championship Saturday by teaming with Todd Martin for a surprisingly easy doubles victory.

The 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 triumph in less than two hours over a lackluster Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy gave the United States a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 final going into Sunday's final two singles.

Worried about needing to win both matches Sunday in front of a hostile crowd, U.S. captain Tom Gullikson called on the world's No. 1 singles player for extra duty just an hour before the match.

Gullikson, whose team narrowly escaped with a 1-1 split in Friday's opening singles, subbed Sampras for Richey Reneberg — a last-minute team addition after Andre Agassi withdrew because of a lingering chest injury.

It was an unlikely rescue scenario and a gamble. Less than 24 hours earlier, Sampras had collapsed on the court in agony with temporary but severe leg cramps following a grueling five-set victory over Andrei Chesnokov, and he was still feeling stiff.

The payoff was big. Sampras now can clinch the title if he beats Kafelnikov on Sunday. If he fails, Jim Courier will still

be favored in the finale against Chesnokov.

"I'm well aware what a gifted player this guy is," Gullikson said of Sampras. "Any time you can put him on a court ... you do it."

"If we would have lost this match today, our back is on the wall. By getting that point ahead — it's just a huge thing."

Said Sampras: "This is the Davis Cup, it's the final, and tomorrow (Sunday) we want to be able to hold up the cup. I was prepared to do whatever it takes today."

After an admittedly nervous Martin dropped his serve to open the match, the Americans played convincing and relatively mistake-free tennis, not losing either player's serve until they led 2-0 in the third set. Kafelnikov, meanwhile, had a rocky performance after beating Courier in straight sets Friday.

"Probably I was too relaxed and underestimated my opponents, especially after we won the first two games," Kafelnikov said. "The Americans took advantage of all their opportunities, and we didn't take advantage of ours."

Another capacity crowd of 14,000 filled Olympic Stadium to watch the match on the specially installed red clay court, aimed largely at slowing down Sampras. But the Americans took the crowd out of the match early.

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'Mad' Cowboys face Redskins

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But not such a good one back in early October.

"I'll never forget the feeling I had after that game, and I was just happy we had a chance to play them again," Bates said. "This is a big revenge game as far as I'm concerned. But we have to play smart. Just because you're mad doesn't necessarily mean you're going to win."

The Dallas run defense went south in the loss to Washington. It was also the game where Troy Alkman suffered an early calf muscle problem and had to be replaced by Wade Wilson.

Terry Allen rushed 30 times for 121 yards and scored two touchdowns against the Cowboys the last time they met.

"We know Norv (a former Dallas offensive coordinator) will have something cooked up for us again," Bates said. "We're always a little uneasy going up against him. But we'll be OK this time if we can do a good job of controlling the run."

Linebacker Dixon Edwards added. "We owe the Redskins one. They embarrassed us the last time. We don't want anything like that to happen again."

The oddsmakers believe the Cowboys (10-2) will be able to win big with the return of defensive tackle Leon Lett and have made them a 17-point favorite over the Redskins (3-9). The Cowboys can clinch a play-off spot for the fifth consecutive season with a win.

"Our goal is to win three out of our next four games," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "If we do that we will have accomplished our goal to have a bye in the first round of the play-offs and the homefield advantage. It's not how many wins you have, but getting to your goal."

Should the Cowboys sweep the last four games it would give them their best regular-season record.

A win would also give Dallas its 15th season with at least 11 victories.

The Cowboys are 21-6 in games played immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday. Since 1991, the Cowboys are 25-6 in all games played after Thanksgiving.

"I know how tough the Cowboys can be anytime, but particularly the game after Thanksgiving, when they've had 10 days of rest," Turner said.

Turner is trying to get ready for next year by playing quarterback Heath Shuler, the third player selected in the 1994 draft. Turner started Shuler over Gus Frerotte last week. Shuler hurt his right shoulder in the season opener and missed four weeks. Frerotte then started ahead of a healed

Shuler until a week ago. "Offensively we haven't been going good and I don't care who the quarterback is," Turner said.

The Cowboys hope to get a full game of productivity from Emmitt Smith, who suffered a sprained left knee in the 24-12 Thanksgiving Day win over the Kansas City Chiefs.

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They will file past the greenery and decorations at each of nine levels. They will face an audience of several hundred people, just as they did Saturday, just as some of them have done for each of the 17 years the tree has been a Big Spring tradition.

Beneath them, musicians from as far as Lubbock will provide their orchestral backup. Technicians unseen by most will provide the lighting that sets the mood and have already assembled and decorated the huge tree.

Marcie Lykken, former singer and now technical director for the Living Christmas Tree, will supervise the general goings-on during the performances. It is she who coordinates the set building, the stage arrangement, the lights, all the little details that matter so much when fine-tuning a show. It is she who gets to have the nervous breakdowns when electrical boxes blow or choir members accidentally unplug a string of tree lights.

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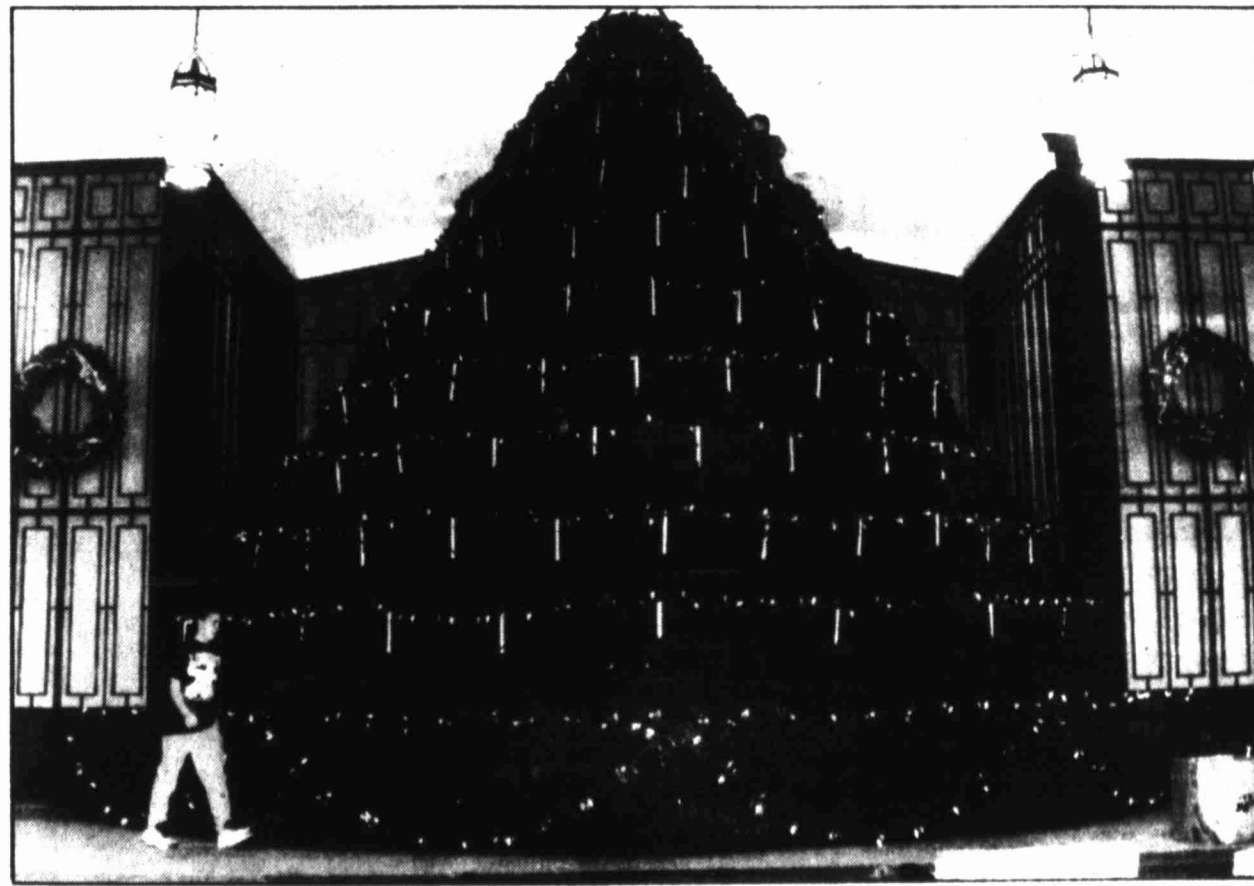
CHRISTMAS TREE



Top row: Mack Fitzgerald works inside the tree's frame. He is surrounded by artificial greenery hung on chicken wire.

Second row, left: Stephanie Rodriguez, a deaf student, follows along in sign language as her mother Elizabeth rehearses her part. Right: Casually dressed for now, this sea of singers will don silver shirts tonight to take their places as ornaments on the Living Christmas Tree.

Third row, left: Practice makes perfect. Randy Stevens conducts the choir in yet another rehearsal. Right: The tree has been assembled but lacks one important decoration: the singers. In front of the tree, the orchestra will provide musical accompaniment.



Is kitty a he or a she? Only the veterinarian knows for sure

Im never going to the veterinarian again. That is, not unless I have a rather large, brown bag over my head concealing my identity. And, maybe I'll use a more common name like Jane Doe to identify myself. Perhaps I should explain.

Well, it all began several months ago when we moved out to the country. Oliver and I

were ecstatic to finally have our own piece of land, complete with our own personal moon and a skyscape which would take a person's breath away in the evenings.

The only problem, as many already know, is that little critters tend to come as a free bargain in the purchase of a country home.

"Get a cat," several friends suggested. "Cats keep the mice down and snakes away."

No problem. My daughter already had a cat. Poor Berry. He met with tragedy a few months after we moved.

He was sleeping on the woodpile sunning himself one day when one gigantic (hold it, English teachers, I know that's not REALLY a word, but it

has a nice flow so I use it) wind storm came up.

The woodpile was blown over, the poor kitty crashed to the ground and his spine was broken. So was my daughter's heart when we told her he wouldn't survive.

Anyway, we waited a little while, garbed in proper cat-mourning attire, and eventually gave in to Megan's pleadings for another kitten.

After shopping around for the expansive time of 10 minutes, I found a friend who was giving away some little gray furballs. Mind you, these were very LITTLE, as in small, even tiny, kittens.

We looked each one over and discovered a little boy. No sir, no female for me. I only want-

ed ONE cat and I had been warned about the vivacity of country tomcats. So, home we came with little Mr. Shiloh, as he was later named.

This is one feisty little cat. I've nicknamed it "Taz," short for the Tasmanian Devil. And, remember, it already had a run-in with a rattlesnake and won.

About the only time the thing holds still is when it is sleeping...or crawling onto the headboard of the bed right above my head from 2-5 a.m. to purr as loud as it can. (I think it knows I'm trying to sleep.)

Sure, it's an outside cat...for a couple of hours a day. It's a great mouser, having brought me two dead mice for presents already. What a joy.

And the datted thing loves to hide around corners in the house. Quietly it sits, stalking its next prey (me) until I unsuspectingly enter its territory with bare feet. All of a sudden it springs from nowhere, wrapping its legs (and claws) around my feet.

My poor old bladder isn't what it used to be, and the result is I usually wind up changing my underwear after each attack.

Well, to get back to the vet. (I can't believe I'm actually telling this, but here goes.) We took the little devil in last week to have him neutered.

After all, I am a responsible pet owner and I've watched enough "Price is Right" to know to have my pet "spayed

or neutered."

I sent Hubby to pick him up (thank goodness). When he got there, Doc was laughing.

"We had one problem with the cat, Willis," he explained. "When I got him on the table, HE was a SHE." Hubby paid the bill and left rather quickly.

"I thought you said this cat was a boy," Hubby said after explaining the latest predicament I had placed him into.

"Well, I only look once," I replied. "And, besides, it had a MAN'S personality."

Besides, how was I to know? It's not like I make a habit of looking under cats' tails.

I'm still trying to figure out how to face the Doc. I guess I'll send Hubby for a while.



Barbara Morrison
Columnist

IN THE MILITARY

Navy Airman Rene R. Garza, son of Emelio Garza Jr. of Stanton, has returned to San Diego after completing a six-month overseas deployment with Fighter Squadron 213 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which included duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq.

The 1990 graduate of Lee Senior High School in Midland joined the Navy in May 1992.

Marine Lance Cpl. Mark A. Martinez, son of Sammy C. Martinez of Colorado City, recently reported for duty with Marine Attack Squadron 513, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

The 1993 graduate of Colorado High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1994.

Marine Sgt. Terrence York, Big Spring, recently reenlisted for three years while serving with 6th Motor Transport Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Lubbock.

The 1986 graduate of Antioch Community High School of Antioch, Ill., joined the Marine Corps in January 1987.

Marine Sgt. Kristopher R. White, son of Ray F. White, Big Spring, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 6th Motor Transport Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Lubbock.

The 1989 graduate of Bridge City High School, Bridge City, joined the Marine Corps in October 1990.

Marine Pfc. Mark A. Martinez, son of Sammy C. Martinez, Colorado City, recently completed 12 weeks of aircraft mechanic training at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

The 1993 graduate of Colorado City High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1994.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

LUNCH
MONDAY - Char-broiled steak; whipped potatoes; carrots; tossed salad; milk; rolls and pudding.

TUESDAY - Beef tips; noodles; green beans; Waldorf salad; milk; cornbread and pie.

WEDNESDAY - Smothered steak; mashed potatoes; broccoli; pea salad; milk; roll and fruit.

THURSDAY - Hamburger; baked beans; lettuce and tomatoes; carrot and raisin salad; milk; buns; fruited gelatin.

FRIDAY - Chicken; potatoes; peas and carrots; spinach salad; milk; rolls and cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole or low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; whole or low-fat milk.

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

LUNCH
(Elementary)
MONDAY - Stuffed baked potato with chili and cheese; English peas; applesauce; hot roll and milk.

TUESDAY - Chicken nuggets, gravy; whipped potatoes or mega slice pizza; corn on cob; hot roll; cherry cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Char-broiled meatballs with gravy; rice; green beans; hot roll; orange and milk.

THURSDAY - Southern fried chicken; potato salad; ranch-style beans; mixed fruit hot roll and milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger with salad; pinto beans; french fries; catsup; lemon pie and milk.

(Secondary)
MONDAY - Stuffed baked potato with chili and cheese; fish pieces; English peas; applesauce; hot roll and milk.

TUESDAY - Chicken nuggets, gravy; whipped potatoes or mega slice pizza; corn on cob; hot roll; cherry cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Char-broiled meatballs with gravy; rice; green beans; hot roll or chef salad; crackers; orange and milk.

THURSDAY - Southern fried chicken or barbecued wieners; potato salad; ranch-style beans; mixed fruit; hot roll and milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger with salad or green enchiladas; pinto beans; french fries; catsup; lemon pie and milk.

SANDS SCHOOL

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Doughnut; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Cereal; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY - French toast; milk; sausage; juice and jelly.

THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza; milk and juice.

FRIDAY - Oatmeal; juice; toast and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hot dogs with chili; french fries; pork and beans; cake and milk.

TUESDAY - Fried chicken with mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; Jell-O and hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY - Beef and cheese tacos; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; pudding and milk.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; sliced potatoes; black-eyed peas; hot rolls; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Corn dogs with mustard; whole new potatoes; June pea with carrots; fruit and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast and milk.

TUESDAY - Texas toast; jelly; ham; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffle; syrup; ham; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Biscuit with sausage; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken tenders with gravy; creamed potatoes; corn; bread; milk.

TUESDAY - Homemade burrito; red beans; fresh fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Barbecued chicken; potato salad; ranch-style beans; cornbread; milk.

THURSDAY - Fried steak with gravy; sweet potatoes; green beans; bread; milk.

FRIDAY - Submarine sandwich; lettuce; tomato; chips; apple; milk.

FORSAN SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Tater tots; biscuits; jelly and butter; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Ham and eggs; biscuits; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffle sticks; bacon; syrup and butter; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Ravioli; green beans; salad; peanut butter cookies; pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; cabbage; cornbread; cookies and cream; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers; french fries; salad; pickles and onions; fruit pies and milk.

THURSDAY - Fish sandwich; potato chips; slaw; pudding; vanilla wafers and milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken strips; gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli with cheese; hot rolls with butter; Jell-O fruit salad and milk.

ELBOW SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Biscuits and sausage; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Hotcake and sausage; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal and toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter and jelly; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Scrambled eggs; toast; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Cowboy stew; salad; corn; fruit; cornbread and milk.

TUESDAY - Chicken strips; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Tacos; pinto beans; salad; cheese; fruit and milk.

THURSDAY - Sloppy joes; fries; salad and pickle; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Tuna sandwich; pork and beans; veggie sticks and chips; fruit and milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cheese toast; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Doughnuts; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Muffins; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak fingers, gravy; scalloped potatoes; broccoli; biscuits; syrup; honey and milk.

TUESDAY - Frito pie; spinach; pinto beans; cornbread; chocolate pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oven-fried chicken; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; sliced bread; applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Green enchiladas; tossed salad; corn; pineapple tidbits and milk.

FRIDAY - Beef stew with vegetables; cheese or peanut butter sandwiches; apple crisp and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Oatmeal; little smokies; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon roll; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast bar; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY - English muffin; American cheese; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Pancakes; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Charbroiled hamburger or cheeseburger; potato rounds; lettuce and tomato; peaches; milk; peanut butter cookies.

TUESDAY - Frito pie or baked potato; pinto beans; lettuce and tomato; pineapple chunks; cornbread; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Baked fish or corn dog; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; tartar sauce; applesauce; cornmeal yeast rolls; milk.

THURSDAY - Oven-fried chicken or meatloaf; mashed potatoes; white gravy; peas; fruit gelatin; hot rolls; milk.

FRIDAY - Sloppy joe on a bun or grilled cheese; french fries; vegetarian beans; pears; milk; chocolate chip bar.

GETTING ENGAGED



Sonya Gail Evans, San Angelo, and Michael Jeff Raney, Lamesa, will exchange wedding vows on Feb. 10, 1996, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with Kevin Warner, Eunice, N.M., officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Evans, Carlsbad, N.M.

He is the son of Ms. Stella Raney, San Angelo, and Mr. Jeff Raney, Lamesa.

Carol Hollingsworth and Dalton Wade Lewis, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage on Dec. 15, 1995, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor, officiating.

She is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hollingsworth, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mrs. Fern Lewis and the late Henry Weldon Lewis, Big Spring.

WHO'S WHO

Midland College student Becky L. Smith of Garden City has been selected for the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" for their campus leadership and potential for future achievement.

Stephanie Barraza, a senior at Big Spring High School, is included in the 1994-95 edition of "Who's Who in American High School Students" and the 1995 book honoring United States Achievement Academy national award winners.



Edie Robinson, Seagraves, and Clay Martin, Lubbock, will unite in marriage on Dec. 16, 1995, at Brock Baptist Church in Brock.

She is the daughter of Bill and Edith Robinson, Brock.

He is the son of Benny and Vera Martin, Elbow.



Michelle Gutierrez, Lamesa, and Abel Billy Diaz, Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on Jan. 6, 1996, at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lamesa with Father Charles officiating.

She is the daughter of Steven and Elva Gutierrez, Lamesa.

He is the son of Bill and Elsie Diaz, Big Spring.

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WEDDINGS

Branham-Broughton

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Branham, residents of Glasscock County, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Christina Lyn, to Justin Lee Broughton. The couple was married Nov. 6, 1995, in Minot, N.D.

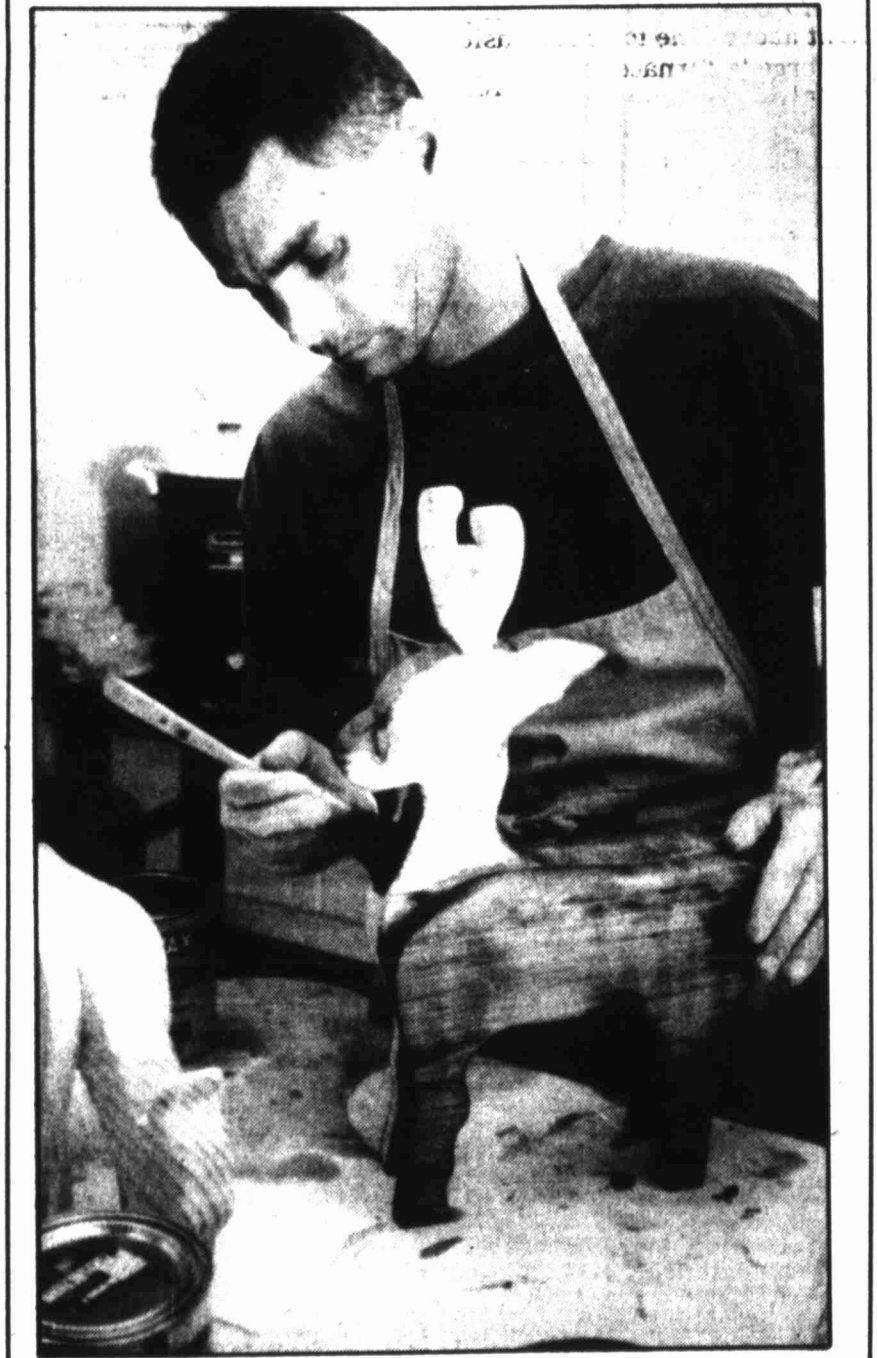
The bride is a 1990 graduate of Garden City High School and has a degree in radiologic science. She completed her training and certification as a registered radiologic technologist at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring and is currently employed at

Heart of Texas Regional Hospital in Brady.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of West Campus High School in San Antonio and a 1994 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is a second lieutenant stationed at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and is completing a master's degree in business administration in aviation.

A reception for the couple will be hosted in San Antonio Jan. 6, 1996. They will make their home in Minot, N.D.

TOY MAKER



Mike Gardner, a consumer at the Big Spring State Hospital, applies a stain to a wooden reindeer Thursday in preparation for the annual Christmas Craft Fair and Sale. The sale will be open to the public Tuesday at the Activities Building.

NEW IN TOWN

Ronnie and April Barber and daughter Laken, Odessa. Mike Brock, Gallsville. Irene Nieves, Wichita Falls. Darrell Luckey and Maria Douglas, Arlington.

Courtesy of Joy Fortenberry, Newcomer Greeting Service

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Michael William Akin, Nov. 23, 1995, 6:25 a.m.; parents are Weldon and Susan Akin. Grandparents are Robert and Patricia Aaron, Big Spring, and Eddie and Janet Akin, Lamesa.

Kayla Thi Coker, Nov. 26, 1995, 10:34 a.m.; parents are Lana Pawlak and Shawn Coker. Grandparents are William Pawlak, San Antonio; Joyce and Richard Burchett and Preston and Janet Daylong, all of Big Spring.

The following announcement is being reprinted to include new information.

Trenton Reid Rainey, Nov. 13, 1995, 10:34 a.m.; parents are Jennifer Metcalf and Joshua Rainey.

Grandparents are Donnie and Roylyn Reid, Perry and Wanda Gamble and Roy Lee and Sonia Metcalf.

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Know height, body type when shopping for plus sizes

By SUZANNE S. BROWN
Scripps Howard News Service

Things have improved in full-figured fashion to the point that just about every trend in ready-to-wear can also be found in plus sizes.

"Designers have realized there is a huge market with a lot of discretionary income and they want to look as high fashion as any other women," says Alice Vickers, fashion director of Saks Fifth Avenue.

Hope Brick of Foley Department stores agrees. "It's the single biggest growth area in all of apparel," says the store

chain's vice president for fashion merchandising. "We're aggressively pursuing all fashion trends for this woman, whether it's animal prints, satin or beaded embellishments. If houndstooth checks are in, we will offer them in all departments."

The selection is something the estimated 35 million women who wear size 14 and over can cheer about, but it doesn't take the challenge out of choosing a flattering outfit.

The key is understanding your height and body type and knowing what looks best, says Fern Bratten, a consultant in the large-size industry for 19

years. She congratulates manufacturers and retailers who have made a commitment to large sizes, but is quick to point out that women need to pick carefully to avoid making costly wardrobe mistakes.

Bratten travels extensively for the nation's department stores, dispensing advice with a combination of wit, fashion savvy and the understanding that comes from being a plus-size woman herself.

"If you are under 5-foot-5 tall, you need shorter jackets, sweaters and skirts," she says. "Many skirts are too long and matronly. They need to be

altered so they are just an inch below the knee, or for younger customers, an inch above the knee."

Whenever possible, this woman should buy from manufacturers offering women's petite sizes, which fit a shorter woman who wears sizes 14 and above, Bratten says.

Women 5-foot-6 and taller often need to look in the better departments for such bridge and better labels as Carole Little, Ellen Tracy, Jones New York and Elisabeth, the large size division of Liz Claiborne.

If you're on a budget and need to justify purchasing name brands, buy versatile,

classic styles that can be worn for numerous occasions. "The bottom is usually critical, so invest in a good pair of pants. Avoid anything too trendy," Bratten says.

Speaking of pants, "Stirrups and leggings are two types of pants that should be worn with caution," the consultant says. "There is a percentage of large-size women who have heavy thighs. They carry their weight in the hip and thigh area."

An alternative to stirrups are cotton pants and flat-back ribbed knit — they're soft, but non-clingy. And as an option to the ubiquitous tunic, wear a cardigan sweater and shell

instead.

Other tips from Bratten: — If you have heavy arms, wear shoulder pads. They help balance your figure.

— Empire dress styles are popular, but they're not flattering to women who carry their weight in their stomachs.

— Jumpers are a good option for the plus-size figure if they're selected with proportion in mind. Belted and button-front styles are good choices. Denim jumpers — with a turtle-neck or blouse — are an alternative to jeans on casual days in the office.

— Never wear anything too tight or too loose.

Ingram forge goes on Discovery Channel



Associated Press photo

An unidentified blacksmith works at the Guadalupe Forge in Ingram. The fading blacksmith field has remained alive by a handful of craftsmen who still find there is no substitute for solid, handmade, long-lasting products.

By BILL PETITT
Kerrville Daily Times

INGRAM, Texas — Guadalupe Forge owners Rick and Sheri Ross have brought the old world of blacksmithing into the 20th century by innovative marketing and specializing their trade.

And in October, they were featured in the Discovery Channel's half-hour, craft, hobbies and collectables program "Start to Finish."

"I liked their modern thinking and approach to an old world craft," said Tom Giesen, producer of the program. "That's what intrigued me about their story. Rick was well spoken, he and his wife had a good business side to the old world way."

Guadalupe Forge specializes in fireplace tools, cookout utensils, wine racks and cabinet pulls. By specializing in these items, Ross has been able to keep blacksmithing alive in the Hill Country.

Ross believes that Americans shift back to the "basics" of life have helped his business.

"People can go to the hardware store and buy a cabinet pull for under a dollar, but some people want something that has been handcrafted. Something that is solid and made to last," said Ross, who began blacksmithing as a hobby after reading a book on the art of the craft.

"I do think people are getting back to the basics, wholesome living. Just look at homes

today. The structural materials people are using — wood, brick — they are natural elements. People would rather pay more for something they can feel secure around."

For the Rosses their security is the Hill Country.

Rick, a native of Grove Hill, Ala., and Sheri, from New Mexico, opted for Texas, more specifically the Hill Country, leaving the ivy-covered walls of academe for the soot-stained walls of the Guadalupe Forge.

"We choose here to live knowing that there isn't a big market for blacksmithing. I think we are very lucky to be able to do our livelihood and be able to make a means of living," said Ross, who lived in Boerne prior to moving to Ingram.

The forge is a familiar sight in Ingram. Some accounts have Guadalupe Forge being erected in 1919 in Old Ingram. The "smithy" was moved in 1932 and has remained an active, working part of present-day Ingram since.

Its dirt floor, which is considered ideal for a blacksmith shop because the dirt is used to cool the hot metal, is lit by sunbeams streaking through a sky light above. The tools are basic — a forge (a furnace for heating metal to be wrought into the shape desired), an anvil and a vice to hold the metal steady during the formation process.

"We don't have a lot of unnecessary tools, just the basics," said Ross. "We have what we need to make our products."

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Make it shine: Lamps sparkle in all shapes, sizes

By MARY GEORGE BEGGS
Scripps Howard News Service

There are, alas, no magic lamps around today with wish-fulfilling genies.

But lamps can work a magic all their own in a house, as any present-day genie in the interior design or home furnishings business will tell you.

"They're the jewelry that dresses out the room," says Bob Myers, lighting fixtures dealer.

"Beautiful lighting absolutely makes a house," agrees Didi Montgomery, who owns the Lamplighter with her husband, Bobby Montgomery.

"A lamp is not something you just go out and buy and stick in a room," says Myers. "It has to interact with other elements in the room. There has to be a relationship between the lamp and the table it sits on and the chair it sits next to. It should make a statement — like jewelry — and complement whatever is in the room, but it shouldn't take over the room."

Today's trends go along with the idea of lamps as accessories that set off a well-dressed room. The styles are endless, and the focus is on lamps that have personalities all their own.

They might reflect an interest or hobby of the owner. They might be used for a dramatic lighting effect, as a stylized, contemporary torchiere in the corner of a room.

"You can have just about anything made into a lamp," said Montgomery. Her shop specializes in creating one-of-a-kind lamps for customers and interior designers, although it also does a large business in ready-made lamps.

One customer with a love of fine cigars had a lamp made out of a stack of handsome cigar boxes, she said.

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Long quest yields truck of dreams

My friend Manny lives in a small town in northern Minnesota and likes for his cars and trucks to last at least 10 years. As a result, he doesn't buy many vehicles. When he does buy one, it's a real ordeal.

Like his new pickup. He went down to the local car dealer and told him he wanted a V-8 half ton with four-wheel drive and a standard gear shift on the floor. He also wanted the off road package, which meant extra shocks and a torsion bar on the rear axle.

That shouldn't be too much to ask for, right?

Wrong! It seems that these days more than 50 percent of pickups are bought by women who want automatic shift. So four-wheel drive vehicles with standard shifts are hard to come by.

Manny made phone calls to area dealers, visited dealerships in nearby states and stopped at car dealers on any trip he made for business or pleasure.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

After months of trying to find one, he and his wife Judy decided to take a trip to the Northeast. They stopped at auto dealerships in every big city along the way. None of them had what Manny was looking for.

In New York City Manny stopped in at an extremely large dealership that took customers around in golf carts to look over their vast selection of vehicles. The lot covered a couple of city blocks.

Manny told the salesman what he wanted and the salesman said they had three such pickups in stock, two white ones and one red one. The salesman, named Butch, invited Manny and Judy to climb aboard a golf cart. They departed on a search for the pickup of Manny's dreams.

Sure enough, the salesman stopped the car at what appeared to be the very vehicle Manny wanted. Another couple was there trying to decide which one they wanted. Manny and Judy got in the red one and drove it around town.

It was just what Manny wanted. He drove it back to the dealer and was ready to make a deal. Judy said she thought the vehicle acted sort of wimpy, that it didn't seem to have the spunk of a V-8. Sure enough, they discovered the red one only had six cylinders. They told Butch they would take one of the white ones.

"You may not believe this," the salesman said, a little embarrassed. "But that other couple that was here about both of those pickups."

Manny said, "I'm not surprised. They're hard to find." Butch thought he had one more that had just come in, a blue one. They found it behind the paint shop still wrapped in plastic. They cut away enough of the plastic to determine that it was indeed exactly what they wanted.

Manny bought it on the spot. While it was getting cleaned up, he and Judy went to a store and bought a pair of walkie-talkies so they could communicate on the way home. Manny, of course, drove the new pickup back to Minnesota while Judy drove the family car.

Manny is proud of his new pickup and shows it to all his friends. If you show some interest, he'll tell you all about the adventures he had buying it.



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Busy woman gives tips on managing busy lives

By **GEORGIA PABST**
The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Rita Roger-Piper of Wauwatosa, Wis., talks a lot about balance, but she also lives it.

As a consultant on work/life issues, a daughter, wife, mother of three children in three different schools with varied activities, and a professional with her own part-time work, she faces a balancing act every day.

She also has developed what she calls a work/life Balance

Action Plan based on both research and real-life experience.

The first issue that people must face is expectations — those of society, family members and themselves, she says.

"It's not possible to do it all, so we have to lower our expectations. And women also have to learn to ask for help," she says.

That can mean hiring someone to clean the house, paying a neighborhood kid to mow the lawn, or asking others in the

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FORECAST FOR DEC. 3

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A lot goes on behind the scenes. Be aware of your limitations, especially with money. You are more right on than you have been in a long time. Use your imagination to find new ways of saying you care. Loved ones and friends are very responsive. Tonight: Your treat.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You feel the way you like to feel. Understand what is motivating you as you deal with a loved one. Your charisma is unusually high, and you see life much more positively. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. A loving attitude goes far. Tonight: Be out and about.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Think before you act. Listen carefully to your inner voice. Awareness helps you understand how a partner is feeling. Question what you want, and avoid leaping into action. Do for yourself today and, if you must, pull back in a relationship. Tonight: Be mysterious.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on success and your long-term abilities. A friendship is heightened by a sense of togetherness. Accept a spontaneous invitation. Take a risk by doing something unusual. You enjoy being part of a group. Tonight: Party on.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your creativity is high. You see an issue in a much clearer light after a key discussion with a respected elder; you get important feedback. Caring feelings are quite evident in how you deal with others today. Be open to another's overtures. Tonight: Go out.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Reach out to someone who is at a distance. You see evidence that someone else may be right. Be open to feedback, and question your choices. Get Christmas cards going, and get gifts ready for those who live far away. Catch up on a friend's news. Tonight: Go to a concert.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) One-to-one relating is highlighted. You feel good with someone and gain a unique perspective. Question choices. See someone in a new light. Your rambunctious side comes out when you tease a beloved pal. Your fun manner makes a difference. Tonight: Go for closeness.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Defer to someone by letting him call the shots. You adopt a new attitude because of your openness. Affection flows with ease, and you feel renewed and more together. Question choices on your Santa list. Tonight: Join friends.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be nurturing as you deal with those in your daily environment. How you show your love can make a big difference. Lighten up, and be direct. Open up talks, and see life in a more positive light. Examine what you really want. Eliminate red tape. Tonight: Get some sleep.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let your imagination spin, and be open to a loved one or perhaps a new suitor, if you are single. Someone appreciates your loving ways. Overcome a limitation, and be willing to let go. Your self-confidence opens new doors for you. Tonight: Be frisky.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Basics count; as a result, you see life with better insight. Accept your creativity and a special family member. You work better as a duo, or as a family. Invite friends and family over for a relaxed day. Make a favorite meal. Tonight: Veg out.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Communications are activate. Make strong choices for yourself. Conversations are loving; as a result, you feel that you are finally getting what you want. Share good news, go for celebration and be ready to enjoy your newfound joy. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.*****

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 1995: Your work is a major preoccupation for you this year. Your finances will flourish as a result. You learn to eliminate red tape and be more efficient. Understand the importance of stress reduction and act accordingly. Make the most of this unique year.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old and enjoy reading your column. Two years ago when I was in the seventh grade, the school counselor gave everyone in our class a copy of a poem in your column, "To Achieve Your Dreams, Remember Your ABCs." It helped me when I



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

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- Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits.
 - Believe in yourself.
 - Consider things from every angle.
 - Don't give up, and don't give in.
 - Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come.
 - Family and friends are hidden treasures. Seek them and enjoy their riches.
 - Give more than you planned to give.
 - Hang on to your dreams.

- Ignore those who try to discourage you.
- Just do it!
- Keep on trying. No matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.
- Love yourself first and most.
- Make it happen.
- Never lie, cheat or steal. Always strike a fair deal.
- Open your eyes, and see things as they really are.
- Practice makes perfect.
- Quitters never win, and winners never quit.
- Read, study and learn about everything important in your life.
- Stop procrastinating.
- Take control of your own destiny.
- Understand yourself in order to better understand others.
- Visualize it.
- Want it more than anything.
- Accelerate your efforts.
- You are unique of all of God's creations. Nothing can replace you.

— Zero in on your target and go for it!

WORTH QUOTING: "Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years because even in biblical times, men wouldn't stop and ask for directions." (Elayne Boosler)

DEAR ABBY: Marie E. Limmer of Baltimore asked, "Would it be the worst thing in the world if he (a husband) were fat and paunchy?" I can testify that it can be. My husband died of an abdominal aortic aneurysm when the main artery from his heart ruptured. He was fat and paunchy. -- A NEVADA WIDOW

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family to pitch in. That last strategy is one Roger-Piper subscribes to.

Growing up as the youngest in a family of five children with a working mom, she and her brothers and sisters were expected to pitch in, she says, and the jobs weren't gender-based.

Her own three children, Melissa, 15, Brendan, 13, and Lucas, 8, all have assigned household tasks they're expected to perform weekly.

"A lot of working moms feel so guilty if they make their kids do anything. They say their kids are too busy. But if I'm running around taking them to activities, they have to do things, too," she says.

The chores — including scrubbing bathrooms, dusting, vacuuming and recycling — are divided up and changed every two weeks.

"If a child does a lousy job,

they really get it from the other kids," she says. "Surprisingly, I find that their bathroom is cleaner than mine."

As a kind of coming-of-age ceremony, each birthday a child gets a new responsibility and a new privilege, she says.

There's no reason school-age children can't make their own lunch, she says, adding that her own children have the choice of buying lunch at school or making it themselves.

Roger-Piper proudly tells of a time she was helping care for her father, who was very ill, and also had a presentation to make.

"I walked into the house and they had made a spaghetti dinner and had flowers on the table. They pulled it all together and I hadn't even asked them. They just did it," she says.

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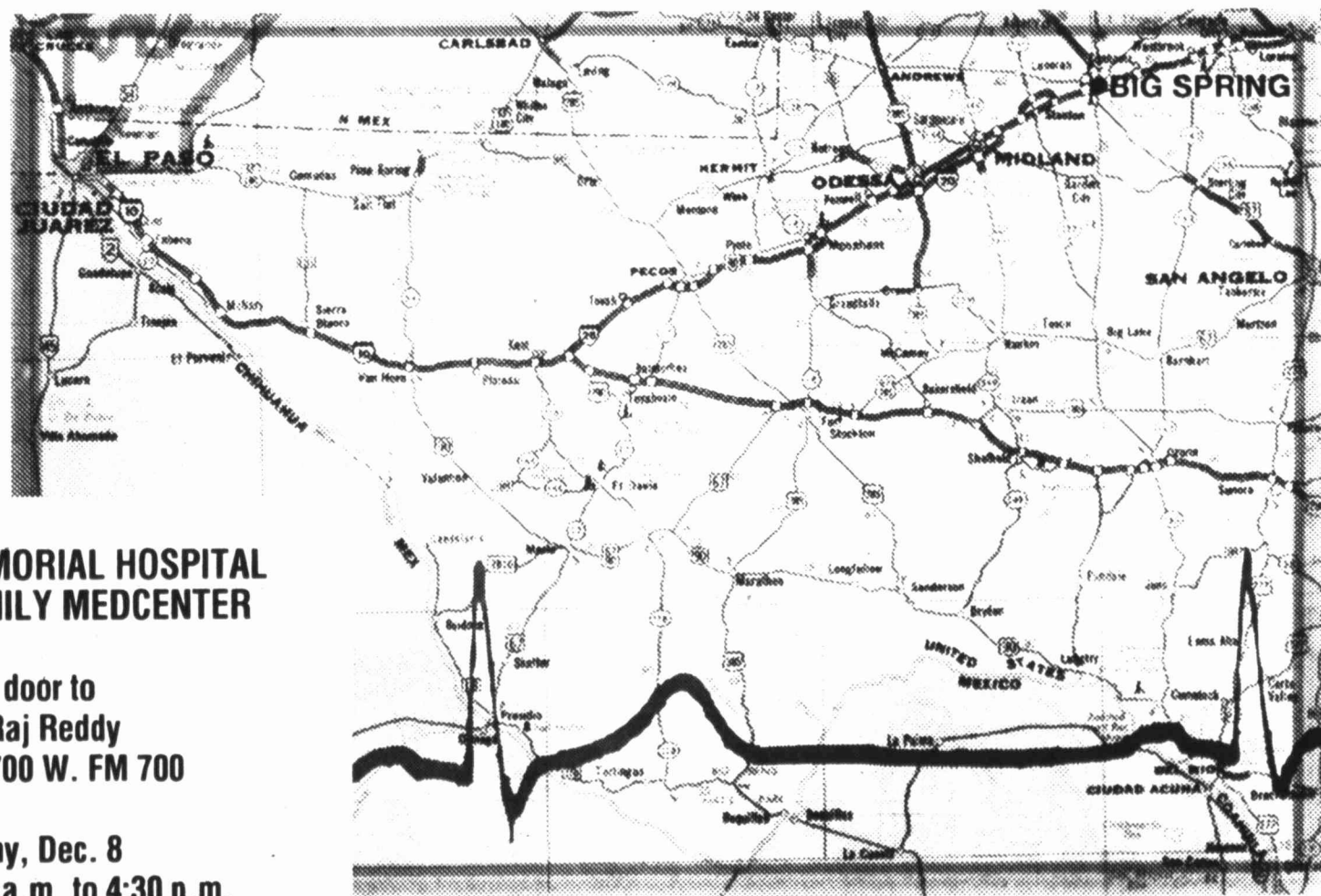
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Randy Stevens, the church's music director, will keep eyes and ears on the choir and orchestra whose music resonates throughout the sanctuary. It is he who fashions the assortment of voices into a whole. It is he who aligns their collective joyful noise with the strains of a 40-piece full orchestra. It is he who has to rebound quickly from illness less than a week before the shows, because although rehearsals and shows would go on without him, how smoothly would they go?

Lykken and Stevens are perhaps the two most visible figures behind the continued success of the Living Christmas Tree, but they are the first to highlight the contributions of so many others.

"It takes lots of people. It's truly a community effort," Lykken said. From the choir members to the people who bake cookies and bring them in during rehearsals to the construction and decoration workers, Lykken estimates the number of volunteers to be in the hundreds.

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Planning for the annual event begins in the summer, when a committee meets to select songs and make other arrangements for the show. Although First United Methodist Church is the site for the Living Christmas Tree and Stevens and Lykken shoulder much of the responsibility, the shows draw participants from all over the community, of all denominations, and from miles around.

The tree itself is assembled over the course of several days. About a week before the performances, the stage is set up. The tree's metal frame is pulled from its large storage area and unpacked.

Up go the wooden steps, reaching to the sanctuary's ceiling.

Then out come the greenery, lights, candles and bows. Lykken recalls the first few years, when real greenery was used. "We got it from New Mexico. We had to lay it in the parking lot and spray it with fire retardant," she said.

The fake greenery works just as well and can be stored on the chicken wire used to hang it on the tree's frame. Assembly is much easier. "And we don't have problems with allergies," Lykken said. Try hitting those high notes when you're fighting off a sneeze.

This year, the tree's construction went especially smoothly. "This is the fastest it's ever gone up," said Ann Townsend, a Living Christmas Tree participant since 1985.

"It's a lot of work, but through the years we've learned so much," she said. "The first year I did it by moving boxes and crates and digging through them. We learned to put strings of lights together. Now they're strung, they're tested - we just have to put them where they need to go."

Efficient construction is a matter of having the right number of people and the right combination, Lykken explained. "The right six people can do it better than the wrong 12." And this year's group seemed to be the right number and the right type, she added.

Once you're the right type, however, the job is yours for life. When asked what advice he would give a new worker, Townsend's husband Paul joked, "Move. Leave town." But seriously, folks - he recommends those who want to join the Living Christmas Tree crew find a veteran worker to show them what to do.

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

The week before the performances, evenings are busy and noisy at the church. A blend of rehearsing voices can be heard in the background while workers string lights and hang artificial candles in the chilly sanctuary.

The room where the singers rehearse is warmer. Stevens sits in front of the group, singing parts to demonstrate the sound he wants. Linda Lindell accompanies him on the piano.

The choir has rehearsed already, and the effort shows. If a sour note has emerged, it has hidden itself in shame from the full, strong melody surrounding it.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly, the collection of about 80 singers met to learn their selection of international Christmas



Books open, the members of the Living Christmas Tree choir learn their parts. Memorizing the music may not be as hard as figuring where to place everyone on the tree's tiers.

carols in keeping with this year's theme, "Christmas Around the World."

During one rehearsal, deaf student Stephanie Rodriguez joins her mother Elizabeth, a choir member, and sings along by using sign language. Proof positive the Living Christmas Tree is less about voices than it is about community.

Veteran members are here as well as behind the scenes. Joyce Bradley has performed with the Living Christmas Tree since its start in 1979. For Bradley, it's a logical extension of her singing in First United Methodist Church's choir.

What changes has Bradley seen over the years? "Well, we have a larger tree," she said. Another change she appreciates is being able to perform on a lower tier of the tree. For years, she was relegated to the highest levels of the tree. "It's not scary once you're up there," she said, but she thinks she's earned the right to a lower tier.

Susan Dawes, another long-

timer, is the one with the chore of deciding who stands where on the tree.

First she must group everybody into their vocal sections: soprano, alto, baritone, bass, and so on. Then she must try to place people together who want to stand next to each other. But she must not forget about those who fear heights and don't want to climb to the highest levels of the tree.

Still, she doesn't miss a year. "People from all walks of life come to do this," she said. The show itself doesn't miss a year, either; Dawes recalls one performance several years ago that was canceled because of icy roads. The musicians, most of whom lived out of town, were not able to make it to Big Spring. The following night's show went on as scheduled, however.

The choir has its share of newcomers as well as veterans. Brian Wingert, a 12-year-old student at Goliad Middle School, said he wanted to sing in the Living Christmas Tree

this year because "I want to see what it's all about." His mother, Karen, is singing as well.

"It's pretty fun. It's a lot of work," he said. He has previously sung in school choirs and performed Christmas carols with the Boy Scouts. He has even helped put the tree together.

Ask Brian whether he'd encourage his friends to become part of the Living Christmas Tree, and the light in his eyes fades a little. "If I still had any friends," he said, the straightforward voice becoming quiet. "They all moved away." He becomes animated once again recalling his friend Matt Honeyman's vocal solo in the fourth grade. Matt has since moved to Oklahoma.

Brian doesn't mind being the only child in the choir this year. He hopes to be able to participate in future Living Christmas Tree choirs. "I'll just keep trying," he said.

WHY ARE THEY HERE?

As the silver-shirted choir climbs the stairs to their assigned spots on the tree; as the black-attired orchestra tunes their instruments; as volunteer technical workers wander the sanctuary with their headsets, ready to troubleshoot at a moment's notice, do they wonder why they're here?

After all, the Living Christmas Tree "can be very time-consuming," said Ann Townsend.

A successful show takes "a lot of prayer," added Paul Townsend.

Once you start, you can't quit working on it "until you move or die," said Lykken.

No. They don't wonder, because everyone you ask will tell you about the sense of togetherness they feel working on the project. "It's a great community thing," Lykken said. "We have Methodists, Baptists, Church of Christ - it's great to bring so many denominations together."

And it's all for the fun and sense of accomplishment. Only the musicians are paid, and that is primarily to cover lodging for those who travel from

Lubbock. The Living Christmas Tree annually costs about \$12,000. That money comes from donations - no admission is charged and the project is not part of the church's budget, said Lykken.

The church calls the Living Christmas Tree a "gift to the community," and packed houses year after year indicate it's a well-loved gift. The continued presence of veteran workers

and new recruits show it's an enjoyable gift to give.

Dawes sums up the secret to the tree's appeal: "We present good music and open the season with the true spirit of Christmas."

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Extension reflects community

Many people often have expressed the question of where do the ideas come from and why does our office conduct the educational programs we do.



Don Richardson County Agent

The answer is easy. The extension educational programs conducted come directly from the people in our community through involvement in various program area committees in Agriculture, Horticulture, Community Development, 4H and Youth, Aging and Home Economics. Special Task Force Committees also develop programs based on emerging needs.

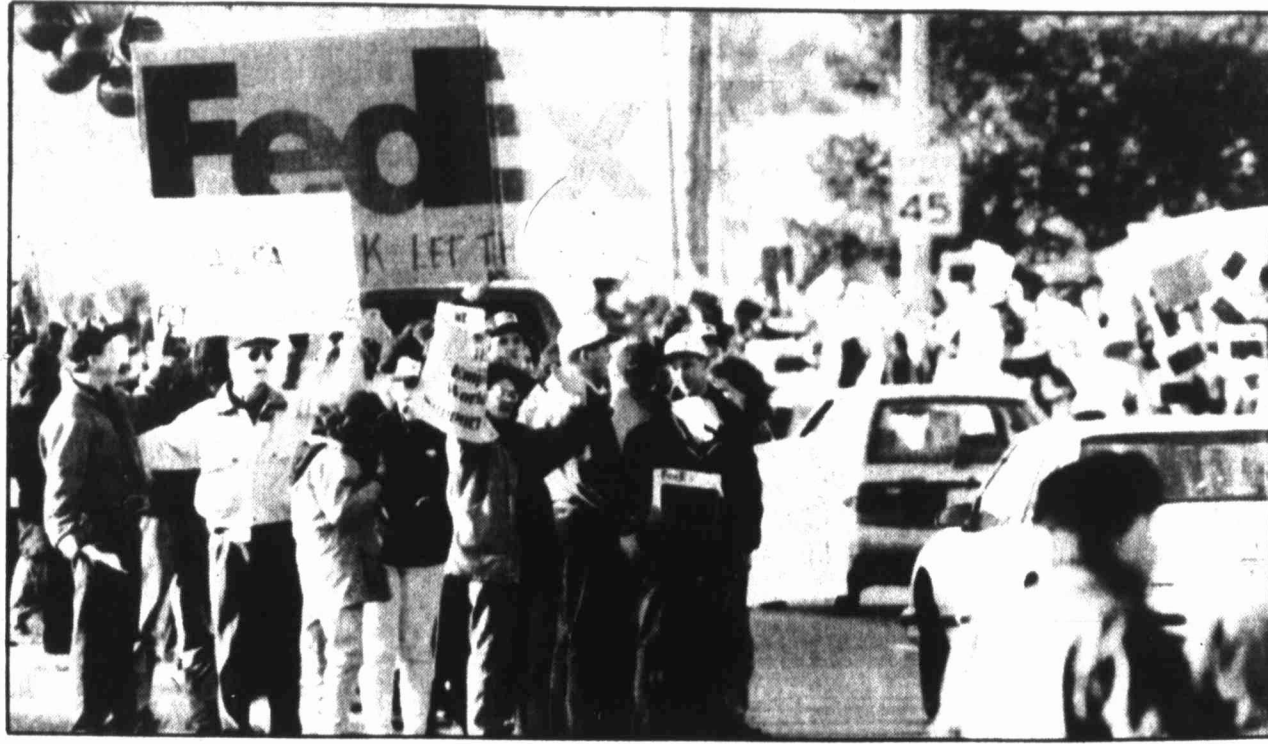
The overall responsibility of the organizational program efforts comes through the Extension Program Council, a committee that meets to identify some of the key issues facing our community and the program area committees come up with educational programs in their specific areas that relate to these issues.

The chairman of the EPC for the past two years has been Mr. Raul Marquez. His group held their annual meeting to review the progress the educational efforts were making toward the issues identified in the LREP, which was just completed in 1995. The meeting was held in the recently renovated Dora Roberts Civic Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Local banking firms, State National Bank and Norwest Bank, sponsored the meal provided by Ms. Sheila Rinehart. Ms. Dana Tarter gave a progress report on the Long Range Extension Plan, this agent presented recognition awards to the county's agricultural result demonstrators, including Larry Shaw, Mike Moates, Durwood Blagrove, Harry Middleton, John Middleton

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STRIKE !!!



Approximately 1,500 Federal Express workers, including some non-union pilots, stage a company rally at an intersection in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday morning near Memphis International Airport.

Seniors mean business to small town

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA

Associated Press Writer NUEVO PROGRESO, Mexico (AP) — "Bienvenidos, Winter Texans. We love ya."

The message, punctuated with a red heart, greets visitors as they drive to the international bridge linking the Rio Grande Valley with this border town of 10,000 residents.

The billboard is more than a welcome sign — it's a symbol of just how much the retirees who migrate to the border each year mean to the city.

"This town wouldn't be living without the Winter Texans. That's how important they are to us," says Gilbert Garza, a manager at Arturo's. The nightclub-like restaurant is packed day and night with retirees sipping margaritas and dancing to live music.

With the peso devaluation creating economic woes on both sides of the border, Winter Texans have become an important source of revenue.

"They are a ray of sunshine. They help mitigate some of the adverse economic happenings that are taking place right now," said Gilberto de los Santos, a marketing professor at the University of Texas-Pan American who studies the economic impact of Winter Texans.

Winter Texans are mainly middle-income retired Midwesterners who flock to the

Valley to escape the cold. The migration begins as early as September and continues through April.

The number of northern visitors and the dollars they bring to the region increase every year, De los Santos said. This year at least 95,000 retirees are expected to winter in South Texas. They'll spend about \$250 million, which translates into a \$3 billion impact on the economy.

"A lot of it is eating out, the grocery shopping. They also buy automobiles, recreational vehicles, clothing — you name it," said De los Santos.

About 90 percent of the Winter Texans live in mobile homes or recreational vehicles in parks stretching west from Zapata all the way east to South Padre Island.

Jackie Huddleston, who with her husband owns one trailer park in Mission and manages two others, remembers when there were just six parks in town in the late '70s. Now there are more than 70, she said.

"We wouldn't be in business without Winter Texans," she said. "It's our survival. Our business is 100 percent dependent on them."

At Lakewood RV Park in Harlingen, 90 percent of the 300 spaces are filled with Winter Texans, said manager Phyllis Rash.

"If we didn't have them, we

could not survive. We'd have to close up," Mrs. Rash said. "Everyone benefits from the Winter Texans — all professions."

Mexican border towns such as this one also benefit. More than 90 percent of Winter Texans visit Mexico at least once during their stay, De los Santos said.

"They do a lot of shopping there, dental work, and they buy some medications," he said. "They do have a favorable impact in Reynosa and Progreso. With them, Progreso comes to life."

On one recent weekday afternoon, the parking lots on the U.S. side of the international bridge to Progreso were packed with automobiles from Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota — even Canada.

The streets were jammed with silver-haired men and women browsing tables laden with lace, leather belts and trinkets.

Business owners in this border town are fully aware of the importance of Winter Texans and have begun to cater to them. One pharmacy provides a horse-drawn carriage to taxi Winter Texans from the international bridge to their store.

Garza estimates that Winter Texans provide 90 percent of Arturo's business. The restaurant hired 30 new employees for the winter season.

Opponents seek to pull U.S. out of NAFTA Pact

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT Associated Press Writer

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 been displaced. Please see NAFTA, page 9B

TCA Cable garners top industry award

By KELLIE JONES Staff Writer

The local cable company has been honored with a prestigious award.

TCA Cable TV, Inc. was recently named Operator of the Year for 1995 by "Cablevision" magazine. The award was established seven years ago to recognize one cable company in the nation based on its quality of management, commitment to customer relations and community service as well as its financial and operational insight, according to TCA's General Manager Archie Kountz.

"This is one of the top awards given in the cable television industry. We are pleased to have earned it during a time of change and consolidation in telecommunications," said Kountz.

The editors of "Cablevision" chose the company based on its

strong price/value relationship. Last year, TCA's \$29.35 cost per subscriber ranked at the bottom in an industry analysis published by Morgan Stanley and Company.

Kountz added, "We believe in keeping our rates low as possible so the majority of households in our community can afford the benefits of cable television."

"TCA Cable TV is proud of this award and of the employees in the Big Spring area who helped achieve it. This is a direct reflection of each employee's commitment to excellence for our customers and the community."

TCA Cable TV serves more than 550,000 customers in 56 owned and two managed systems. The cable systems are located in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Mississippi, Missouri and Idaho.

Hard work earns two local prison employees recognition

Two Big Spring federal prison employees were recently honored for their outstanding work.

Randy Davis and David Berkebile received two of the 1995 annual director's awards.

Davis was named Associate Warden of the Year for the south central region. The region is made up of 14 prisons in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Davis has been with the prison for three years and has served most of the time as associate warden over programs. He has provided recommendations to the Federal Bureau of Prisons headquarters who have since incorporated them into national policy.

Berkebile was selected as Case Management Coordinator of the Year for the Bureau of Prisons. He served as the coordinator in Big Spring from March 1994 to July 1995.



Davis Berkebile

He started several procedures to improve the monitoring and evaluation of correctional programs at the Big Spring prison. Some of those included a perpetual review system, improved quality control on correspondence and improved the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

He is now the Unit Manager at the Seagoville, Texas, facility.

Herald Staff Report

Railroad Commission sued over oil, gas issue

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Legal definitions can get murky when it comes to distinguishing between an oil well's reserves and a gas well's rightful production domain in Panhandle Fields.

Owners of gas wells contend that their gas can be drained off by close-spaced oil wells that are improperly tapped into gas layers.

Jack Tadlock, owner of Northern Oil & Gas of Borger, has sued the Texas Railroad Commission over the issue.

Tadlock said he had been operating seven oil wells for more than 10 years in Carson County. Despite issuing him permits and monthly gas production quotas, Tadlock says, the Railroad Commission in 1990 sealed four of the wells

and recently deemed the three others illegal.

"This is the kind of economic terrorism you wouldn't expect from this state," said Austin attorney James Douglas Ray, who represents Northern, which filed suit in Travis County.

Tadlock says the agency overstepped its authority and unfairly shut down older oil wells that can't meet new requirements.

Four other companies in the Panhandle Fields have sued the Railroad Commission on similar grounds.

Agency spokesman Brian Schaible declined to comment because of the pending litigation.

The Panhandle Fields consists of 13 groupings of oil and

gas properties that include 15,000 wells in fields that cross nine counties north and east of Amarillo. Unlike other areas of the state, the rights to produce oil and gas there often fall into separate hands — the source of contention.

"While readily capable of division on paper, such competing claims to essentially the same hydrocarbons often lead to substantial controversy," Northern said in its lawsuit.

Northern contends that the Railroad Commission has abandoned a long-held policy of recognizing that producing intervals in the field constitute a single common reservoir.

But Houston-based Conoco Inc. claims that the Panhandle Fields have distinct oil- and gas-bearing geological strata.

Conoco, which owns the gas rights on the property with Northern's oil wells, complained to the Railroad Commission that Northern was illegally producing in areas productive of gas only.

The agency's staff on Nov. 16 issued a proposal siding with Conoco. The proposal asked the commission to rule that Northern's seven wells are out of compliance and should be closed.

The staff determined that Northern was illegally taking Conoco's gas because Northern had tapped into certain layers closer to the surface.

"It is clear that Northern's wells are statutory gas wells, producing from the same acreage as Conoco's," the report states.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

FAST TRACK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug manufacturer Warner-Lambert Co. was fined \$10 million for hiding from the government problems with the quality of an epilepsy drug. The FDA does not know of anyone injured by the poor-quality batches of Dilantin. Warner-Lambert shipped batches of the drug that were of different strengths, then hid the manufacturing problems from government inspectors, the Justice Department announced Tuesday. The quality problems occurred between February 1990 and

May 1992 and were uncovered during a separate FDA investigation in late 1992.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction of new homes declined in October for a third straight month, reflecting builders' worries.

Housing starts unexpectedly fell 3.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted 1.34 million annual rate, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. It was the largest drop since starts plunged 6.1 percent last March at the depths of the recent housing slump.

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence in the economy jumped in November, a sign that shoppers may spend more liberally for Christmas presents than retailers expected, according to a closely watched survey.

The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index, released Tuesday, rose to 101.4 in November, a hefty 5-point gain over October. It was the first increase in three months.

CHICAGO (AP) — In the latest of a series of big U.S. corporate breakups, Baxter International Inc., the world's largest hospital supply company, will split in two.

A global medical technology company will keep the Baxter name and will include products such as kidney dialysis equipment and heart valves, the company said Tuesday.

The unnamed company will keep Baxter's instrument business.

People see airport employees in action

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A public viewing area is giving travelers a close-up of traffic at the world's second busiest airport.

Telescopes, a loudspeaker that lets visitors hear communications between air traffic controllers and pilots, and a sky watchers' identification guide for popular airliners are in place at Founders' Plaza. It opened Monday.

The Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport plaza is named for 23 men who helped create the alliance between Dallas and Fort Worth during the 1960s that resulted in the facility.

Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger, during a dedication ceremony, called Founders' Plaza a monument to the "vision of these great community leaders" who put aside the cities' "long history of competitive rivalry" to build D-FW.

Ms. Granger was joined by Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, D-FW Board Chairman David Braden and 15 of the founders whose names are engraved on a granite monument.

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U.S., Mexico cracking down on brickmakers

By MARTHA MENDOZA

Associated Press Writer

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — In Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, plumes of black smoke gush from brickmaking kilns each night. The smoke drifts over the border before dawn and, by 7 a.m., schoolchildren in neighboring El Paso, Texas, are being told to stay indoors.

Three hundred miles to the north in New Mexico, Los Alamos National Laboratory materials engineer Karl Staudhammer sits at a computer, drawing pictures of how to convert kilns to burn cleaner. He models different shapes, air flows and temperatures, and dreams of clear, blue skies.

"I believe that with the right funding," he says, "we could clean the border in five years."

Smoke from brickmaking may not seem like a tremendous problem, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lists brickmaking as the third-largest polluter along the U.S.-Mexico border, after automobiles and dust from dirt roads. Bricks are molded out of clay, set out in the sun to dry — then baked for about 24 hours in kilns that burn old tires and other trash.

The Mexican government has been trying to get brickmakers to change their kilns for about 10 years. But that nation's 130,000 brickmakers rebuffed loan offers from bureaucrats, businesses and banks to fund conversions to natural gas.

After the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Mexican government made it illegal for brickmakers to burn tires in their kilns. And that restriction works during the day when inspectors are around.

But at night, many brick builders — who earn less than \$2,000 a year per family — revert to low-budget fuels such as tires, used car oil and plastics. Others bury themselves in eight-foot deep pits filled with chemical laden sawdust from furniture factories and spend fiery hours shoveling sawdust into the kilns.

"It's dark, ugly, black smoke," says Mary Kelly, director of the Texas Center For Policy Studies. "The kilns are a significant source of contamination."

Environmentalists on both sides of the border fervently hope Staudhammer's estimate of a clean-up in five years is right.

"We have come to realize that we cannot solve El Paso's problem without helping Juarez," says Jesus Reynoso, an air quality manager for El Paso. "The kiln conversions are very

significant in that effort. We hope they will reduce our visibility problems and toxic emissions."

A few years ago, Juarez political leaders tried a new approach to promoting gas conversions: They asked a nonprofit organization, the Federacion Mexicana de Asociacion Privadas de Salud y De Sarrullo Comunitario, or FMAP, to take over the project.

Since then, the group has established a brickmaking school on land donated by the Mexican government.

The purpose of the school — partially funded through a U.S. company, El Paso Natural Gas — was to teach Mexico's brickmakers how to use gas instead of non-environmental fuel.

"This was not a revenue-bearing project for us. We aim to improve the quality for traditional brickmakers and reduce the amount of pollution of Ciudad Juarez and El Paso," says Jesus Soto, a project engineer at the gas company.

Even with their own school, brickmakers hesitated to convert. It was simply too expensive. A sample converted kiln at the school cost about \$8,000 to build, and used huge amounts of gas.

FMAP president Guadalupe De La Vega knew the project needed help and spoke to a friend at the U.S. embassy, who offered to contact Sandia and Los Alamos national labs in New Mexico.

The rest, says Staudhammer, is history.

"I figured I could take a stab at it," he says.

De La Vega says Staudhammer's assistance marked a change.

"I feel very proud that people from Los Alamos, who used to work only for the richest countries and companies, are now tackling problems of the poor around the world," she says.

For the past two years, Staudhammer and partner Charles Grisby basically have been volunteers, working on the project in addition to handling their regular jobs at the lab and making weekend trips to Mexico.

The project received an initial \$30,000 through the U.S. Department of Energy, and Staudhammer and Grisby are hoping to receive \$150,000 through the World Bank.

So far, funding has barely covered project expenses.

But using technology from Los Alamos National Laboratory, the engineers have developed a kiln that recirculates hot air using only one \$800 gas burner, says Staudhammer.

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and Bennie McChristian. Lynn Simmons was recognized by the District 6 County Agricultural Agents Association for his leadership in the development of multi-county livestock and natural resources programs.
Extension Wildlife Specialist, Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo, presented the evening's educational program dealing with issues identified in the LREP. The represented the EPC's annual educational activity.
Examples of educational programs coming yet that have been planned and implemented by various program area committees include the County Pecan Show to be held Dec. 4-6 here in Big Spring, (entries are

due tomorrow by 5 p.m. in the County Extension Office) and the big Cotton Marketing Workshop on Jan. 24, 1996 (Jan. 12, 1996, in the deadline to register for this activity).
Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Please call the Howard County Office of this service at 264-2236 or 264-2237 for information about any upcoming educational program conducted through its office. The local office is located on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed at noon and on official county holidays.

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ing 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 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 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."

Card of Thanks

The family of W.E. (Hack) Miller would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the food, the flowers, the prayers and the comforting words and support you so generously shared with our family during the loss of our husband, father and beloved "Pete".
Special thanks to Bill Myers, Dale Pittman and The Myers-Smith Funeral Home for their special care and to Dr. Kenneth Patrick and Dr. Robert Lacy for the beautiful service. To our special friends, Dr. Raj Reddy, Dr. Bruce Cox and Dr. Subbaraman, thanks for always being there for our family. For all who participated in the services - with your presence, your thoughts or your prayers - you have touched our lives.

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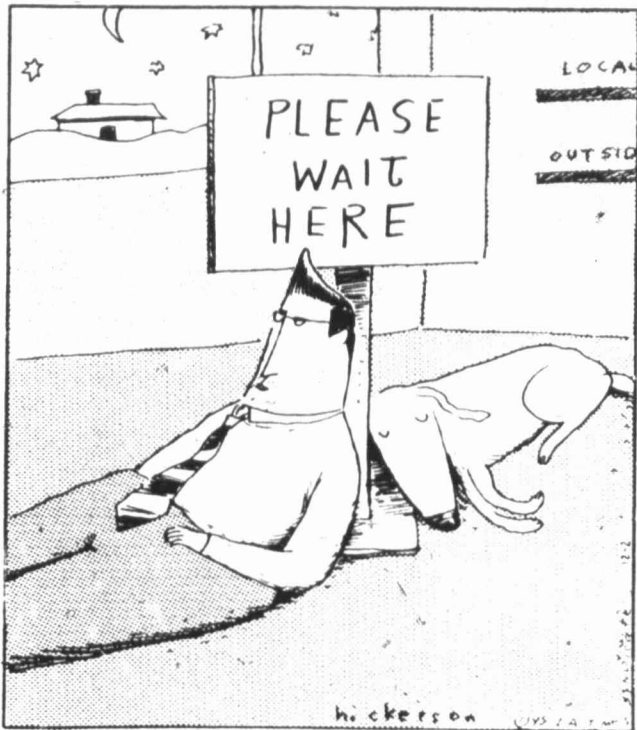
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THE QUIGMANS by Buddy Hickerson



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

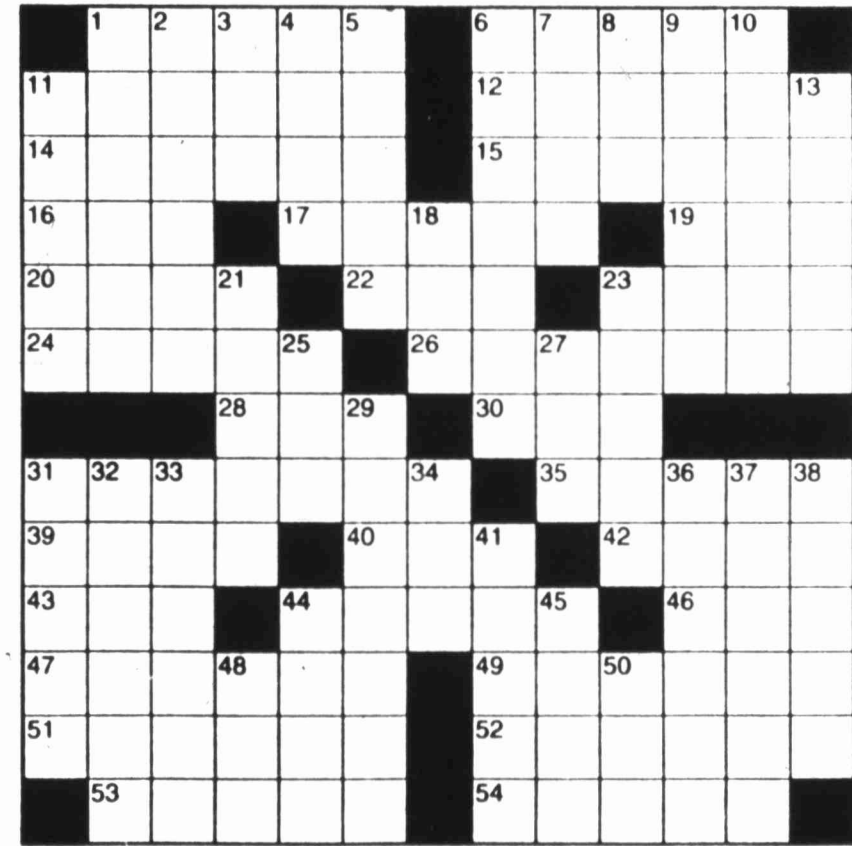
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1 Oodles
6 Track goings-on
11 Trattoria aroma
12 Talisman
14 Personification
15 Quarterback Dan
16 Long crosser
17 "The Silence of —"
19 Upper boundary
20 Like fine cheeses
22 Guy's mate
23 Quote
24 Crowd together, in olden times
26 Some of them have dual air bags
28 Tiriak of tennis
30 French nobleman
31 Short-stop's neighbor
- 35 Fact
39 Botanist
40 Heavy weight
42 "Oops!"
43 Cardinals' home, for short
44 Like mid-August
46 Same old same-old
47 Pressing machine
49 Somewhat up-to-date
51 Funt prop
52 Wodehouse valet
53 Constitu-
- 54 Extra
DOWN
1 Barbarous
2 Lunar dent
3 Ht.
4 Rotary-phone part
5 Lean one
6 Spoke aimlessly
7 You love (Latin)
8 Mongrel
9 Bring forth
10 Capitol group
11 Big bashes
- 13 Drinks to excess
18 Humor magazine
21 Uses a towel
23 Chocolate source
25 — Kippur
27 Future rose
29 Unaffected
31 Fundamental
32 Stary
33 She danced for Herod
34 Arles appellation
36 Flourish
37 Brand new, in a way
38 They munch on clothes
41 Japanese mercenary
44 Mrs. Zeus
45 Act
48 Minus: abbr.
50 Become one

Solution time: 28 mins.



Yesterday's answer

11-25



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11-25 CRYPTOQUIP
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V X T R S S V F G C F X V C.
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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE: PERMIAN BASIN PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL
The Permian Basin Private Industry Council will hold its regular monthly meeting for the purpose of routine business matters Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, 2910 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas. For more information call Carole Burrow Symonette, PIC Coordinator (915) 563-1061. 9606 December 6, 1995.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Forsan Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the sale of a 1980 Chevrolet Suburban. Bids will be accepted until December 15, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded by the Board of Trustees on December 18, 1995 at the regular board meeting. The vehicle may be viewed at the Forsan ISD Bus Barn between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bids should be clearly marked "vehicle bid" and mailed to: Forsan ISD, PO Drawer A, Forsan, Texas 79733. Forsan ISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 9605 December 3 & 4, 1995.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:
15-PASSENGER VAN
Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Vice President for Administrative Systems, 1001 Biddell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on January 16, 1996 at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Annex and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.
Questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Biddell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 9606 December 3 & 10, 1995.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR
OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed Proposals For:
Moving Highway Right of Way on Various Highways
Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS
UNTIL FIVE (5) P.M. BIDDING TIME ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995
then publicly opened and read.
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4250 N. CLACK
ABILENE, TEXAS
ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1995 AT 10:00 A.M.
Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available ON AND AFTER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1995 at the District Office located at:
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ABILENE, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (915) 676-6852
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9599 November 26 & December 3, 1995.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER
A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and by virtue of a management agreement with Metz Detentions, Inc., sealed bids will be received until 1:45 P.M., December 7, 1995 for the purchase of Correctional Office Uniforms.
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring Correctional Center Purchasing Office, 610 Main Street, Suite B, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Business Manager, Big Spring Correctional Center, 3700 Wright Ave., Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of bid and a general description of the bid items.
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 9598 November 26, 1995 & December 3, 1995.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 1995 for the purchase of a Janitorial Service for the Police Department.
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring Municipal Court Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid items.
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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and by virtue of a management agreement with Metz Detentions, Inc., sealed bids will be received until 1:45 P.M., December 14, 1995 for the purchase of Inmate Pants.
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Too Late To Classify 001
1992 FORD MUSTANG, Sharp, 4 cylinder, automatic, lots of extras. \$5,950. 905 W. 4th. 263-7648.
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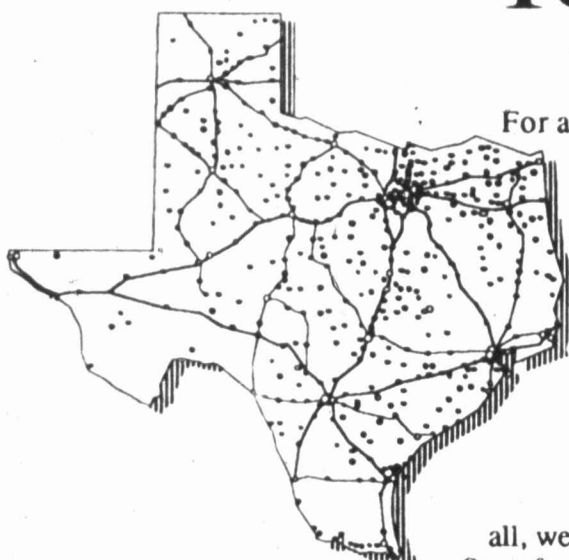
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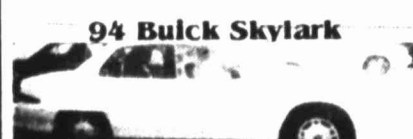
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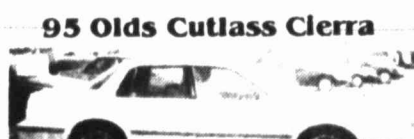
94 Honda Accord LX



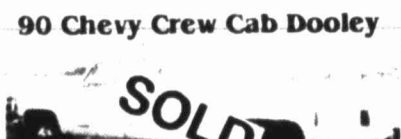
Black/gray cloth, automatic
power windows & locks,
tilt, cruise, tape, one owner
27,000 miles.



94 Buick Skylark
White/blue cloth, V-6 automatic, power windows
& locks, tilt, cruise, tape, local one owner,
25,000 miles



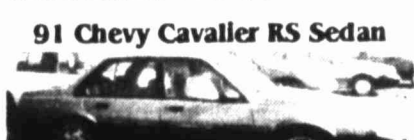
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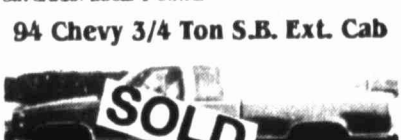
90 Chevy Crew Cab Dooley
White/blue interior, 454 4 speed, loaded
Silverado. Local 1 owner



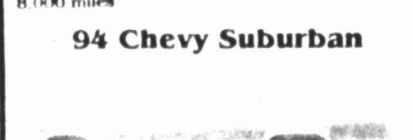
95 Chevy Monte Carlo
White/gray leather, loaded LS, local 1 owner,
8,000 miles



91 Chevy Cavalier RS Sedan
Blue/blue cloth, 4 cyl, automatic, tilt, cruise,
tape, local 1 owner, 52,000 miles



94 Chevy 3/4 Ton S.B. Ext. Cab
2 tone brown / tan cloth, power buckets,
loaded Silverado. Local 1 owner, 23,000 miles



94 Chevy Suburban
Maroon/gray cloth, power buckets, loaded, sil-
verado, local 1 owner, 30,000 miles



94 Chevy Camaro
Green/tan cloth buckets, power windows &
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29,000 miles



94 Cavalier RS Sedan
Red/gray cloth, V-6 automatic, power windows
& locks, tilt, cruise, tape, Local 1 owner,
10,000 miles

- 95 Corsica - Burnt red/gray cloth, 4 cyl, auto, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise & tape, 25,000 miles.
- 93 Cavalier RS Wagon - Maroon/charcoal cloth, 4-cyl, auto, power door locks, tape, extra clean.
- 87 Mark III Conversion Van - 2 tone blue/silver, blue cloth, V-8 auto, power window & door locks, tilt, cruise, tape, 50,000 miles.
- 92 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab L.W.B. - White/charcoal cloth, XL pkg., power windows & locks, V-8 auto, 45,000 miles.
- 93 Chevy 1 Ton Ext. L.W.B. - White/blue cloth, 350 auto, Silverado, tilt, cruise, tape, local 1 owner, 51,000 miles.
- 92 Chevy 1/2 Ton Reg. SOLD - Tan/tan cloth, V-6 auto, alum. wh SOLD oil box, extra clean, 60,000 miles.
- 94 Chevy S-10 Reg. Cab S.B. - White/blue cloth, 4 cyl., 5 spd., LS pkg., tilt, cruise, tape, 1 owner, 12,000 miles.
- 94 Pontiac Grand AM - Maroon/charcoal cloth, SE pkg., power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, tape, 19,000 miles.
- 93 Mercury Cougar RX7 - Teal/tan cloth, power windows, locks & seats, tilt, cruise, tape, 37,000 miles.
- 94 Buick Regal - Maroon/maroon cloth, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, tape, GM program car, 25,000 miles.
- 92 Geo Prizm - Blue/blue cloth, 4 cyl., auto, tape, locally owned, 53,000 miles.
- 93 Cadillac Sedan DeVille - White/blue leather, all Cadillac's luxuries, factory warranty, 46,000 miles.
- 92 Nissan 240 SOLD - d/charcoal cloth, tilt, cruise, tape, 5 spd. SOLD owned, 37,000 miles.
- 93 Plymouth Acclaim - White/gray cloth, 4 cyl auto., tilt, cruise, locally owned, 48,000 miles.
- 93 Buick Regal - Blue/blue cloth, V-6, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, tape, local 1 owner, 51,000 miles.
- 93 Buick Park Ave - Gray/charcoal cloth, all Buick luxuries, 1 owner, 40,000 miles.
- 95 Olds Cutlass Cierra - Blue/blue cloth, power windows, locks, tilt, cruise, tape, 27,000 miles.
- 95 Olds Cutlass Cierra - white/maroon cloth, power windows, locks, tilt, cruise, tape, 25,000 miles.
- 95 Cadillac Sedan DeVille - Green/black leather, GM program car, all Cadillac luxuries, 31,000 miles.
- 94 Dodge Reg. Cab S.B. - White/Charcoal cloth, loaded, SLT Pkg., V-8, auto, local 1 owner, 24,000 miles.
- 94 Chevy EXT. Cab 1 Ton Dooley - White/gray cloth, buckets, 350 auto, loaded Silverado, local one owner, 8500 miles/
- 94 Chevy Suburban - Two tone maroon & mauve, leather bucket seats, UCI conversion, local one owner, 29,000 miles.
- 94 Honda Del Sol - Black/black cloth, 4 cyl., 5 speed, tape, air, one owner, 18,000 miles.
- 94 GMC Ext. Cab Sportalide - Two tone brown/tan cloth, 350 auto, loaded Silverado, local 1 owner, 26,000 miles, 9,000 miles.
- 92 Lincoln Town Car - Light blue, blue leather, executive series, tape, air, one owner, 48,000 miles.
- 94 Chevy Corvette - Red/red leather, all Corvette extras, local owner, 16,000 miles.
- 91 Pace Arrow Motor Home - Chevy chassis, 454 auto, onan power plant, bath & shower, microwave, locally owned, roof air, ready to go hunting.
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- 94 Buick Skylark - Green/gray cloth, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, tape, GM program car, 30,000 miles.
- 94 Chevy Corsica - White/maroon cloth, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, tape, GM program car, 28,000 miles.

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Announcements 036

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Special Notices 042

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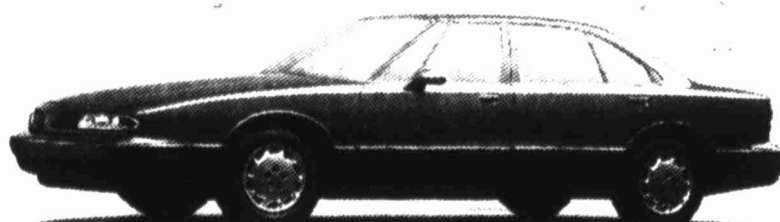
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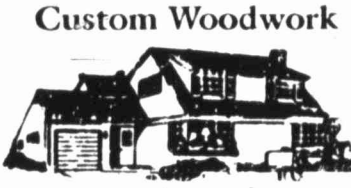
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