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## Forsan celebrates BoomTown Day

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

FORSAN - BoomTown Day brought Santa, crafts, baked goods and more on Saturday.

The event was the first for the town started during the oil boom days, when most of its 23,000 residents lived in tents.

BoomTown Gang members Susan Gaston and Kristi Mereness began discussing having a celebration two years ago. Everything came together this holiday season.

Mereness said the community needed something to bring it together and to get people excited about living in Forsan.

"A lot of women here make crafts and this Christmas bazaar is the first of many more to come. We have had a real good turnout and we hope to

have even more at our bazaar next September," she said.

Gaston added, "Everyone started getting excited about this a while back, and we had the prisoners come out and clean up the city. Then we had a barbecue to thank them for their hard work."

They plan to have community parties every three months and a Christmas party every year. "It's neat to have people excited again about Forsan," Gaston said.

Gaston's grandfather, C.J. Lamb, incorporated Forsan in 1961. He was mayor until 1978. The town got its name because oil was found at four different levels of sand. People originally called it Four Sands, but it was eventually shortened to its current name.

Gaston said she decided on

the "BoomTown" name because of the town's history. The committee, BoomTown Gang, has been involved in traveling bake sales to raise money for the town's Christmas decorations.

For instance, people bought homemade pies for \$25 to help out with the purchases. A long-range goal of the committee is to raise enough money to build a community center.

In September 1996, there are plans not only to have a bazaar but to set up tents like the early days, with historical booths and recordings of older citizens recalling stories of the town.

Saturday's event concluded with the lighting of the community Christmas tree, donated by Johansen's Nursery.

Santa arrived in a Model T Ford to hand out goodies to the children.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

Top: Santa Claus talks with several children near the Christmas lights around City Hall in Forsan Saturday during BoomTown Day festivities Saturday. The inaugural event has been two years in the making and celebrates the oil boom days.

Left: Susan Gaston looks at a craft that was being offered for sale during the BoomTown Day bazaar Saturday in Forsan. The event also featured Christmas caroling and a visit from Santa in a Model T.

## Clinton: No Medicaid, no budget

By RON FOURNIER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making Medicaid the focal point of his budget strategy, President Clinton pledged Saturday to veto Republican budgets "again and again and again" until the health care program is protected.

With a government shutdown deadline six days away, the president took aim at one of the widest gaps between the White House and Republicans — the GOP plans for curbing skyrocketing costs of the state-run health care system for the poor and disabled.

"My seven-year balanced budget plan trims Medicaid and keeps costs down. It cuts federal spending, lets states be more efficient, targets the money more wisely," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, which was taped Friday and aired while he was flying to Arkansas for the weekend.

"But it doesn't end the guarantee of health care for millions of Americans who depend upon it now," he said. Republicans want to end the federal guarantee.

Repeating a veto promise he first made Friday, the president said he won't accept a budget without the guarantee. "So I'll say once more: If necessary, I'll veto these deep cuts in health care for children again and again and again," Clinton said. "I'll do it because they are not

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## Doll house was childhood highlight

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

The best Christmas gift I received when I was growing up would have to be my doll house.

I had been asking for one for so long to replace the metal doll house I received several years earlier. My imagination had outgrown the first one, and I wanted a wooden doll house with miniature furniture.

It was supposed to be a big secret. My dad and brothers kept the garage locked so I wouldn't peek in to see what they were up to. My mom said they were working on restoring a car or something and didn't want me in there.

One day Mom and I were coming back from the mall, and when we rounded the corner to turn into the driveway, the garage door was up and there was my doll house. Oops! They lost track of time and forgot to shut the door before I got home. I tried to pretend I didn't see it and I was really surprised Christmas morning, because it was much more beautiful than I had ever imagined.

Each cedar shingle on the roof had been cut by hand. It was three stories high with an attic as well. There was a kitchen, living room, den, master bedroom, bathroom and an attic for



the kids.

I think the main reason I chose the doll house as my best gift was because it was a time when my dad and brothers worked together on a project. My mom and I had so much fun decorating it and buying all the right things to put inside. I just wish the five of us were all as close today as we were that Christmas season.

The worst gifts I got were from a certain older relative. She sold a cosmetics line out of her home when I was growing up, so I always got some kind of spelly perfume in a glass bottle. I couldn't wear most of it because it was too strong for me or I would break out. I never had the heart to tell her because, after all, it's the thought that counts.

Perhaps the greatest "gift" I've received since then would have to be my husband, Keith. We will celebrate our fourth wedding anniversary next month.

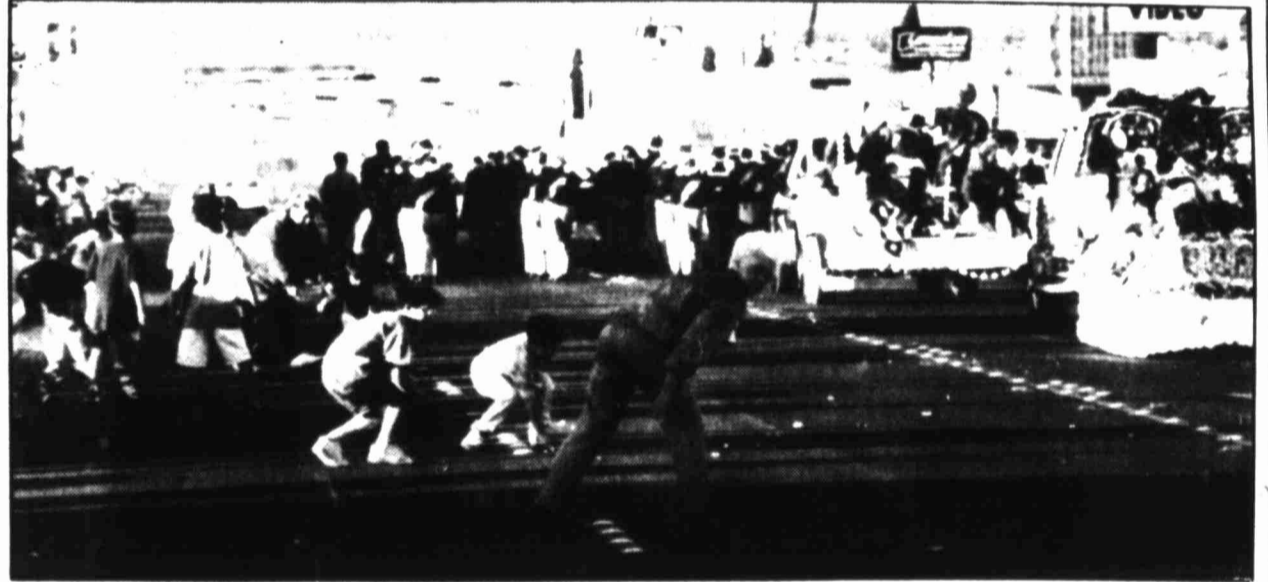
Keith is such an inspiration to me. When I start complaining about the stress in my life, I just take a moment and realize how minor it is compared to what he endures. He puts his life on the line every time he puts on his police uniform. He also goes to school in Odessa and has to drive there every day on only a few hours of sleep. Somehow he manages to make straight As in addition to working 40 hours a week.

I am looking forward to this Christmas because our two nephews, who are two and three, will really get to enjoy the holiday for the first time. They are such a joy to be around, and I wish we lived closer so we could see Callan and Daulton growing up together.

Another plus this year will be spending time with my oldest brother and sister-in-law who were recently married. It will also be nice to eat some of my mom's chicken and dumplings on Christmas Day. That's a "tradition" we started last year because that meal is just out of this world, and the family gets to spend more time visiting rather than staying in the kitchen cooking and cleaning.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## READY, GET SET, GO



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Children and adults alike run for candy thrown by people riding on the Christmas floats during the annual Christmas Parade.

## Kidnapping trial set to begin Monday morning

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Jury selection is scheduled to start Monday morning in an aggravated kidnapping trial.

Pedro "Paul" Deleon, 43, of 504 1/2 Bell, was charged with abducting a man and woman at gunpoint from the Oasis Tavern June 24.

He allegedly forced the man to

drive the trio out into the country and then took the woman out of the car, struck her with the handgun and sexually assaulted her.

Deleon and the woman were walking back into town in the 4800 block of West Highway 80 when a person stopped to help.

Deleon reportedly said everything was fine, and the woman tried to run away, but he grabbed her and shoved her into

some bushes. The driver who had stopped called the police department.

The female victim was treated and released at Scenic Mountain Medical Center that night. The male victim came forward two days later and corroborated the woman's statement.

Aggravated kidnapping is a first degree felony punishable by life in prison or a term ranging from five to 99 years.

**Texas Trivia**

The Texas legislature consists of 31 senators and how many representatives?

150

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**WORLD/NATION**

**World:** The top U.S. envoy to Bosnia appealed to the Serbian president on Saturday to use his clout to release of two French pilots shot down by Bosnian Serbs in August. See page 9A.

**Nation:** A ranch hand led police Saturday to the remains of a 9-year-old boy missing for nearly three months, and confessed that he kidnapped, sexually molested and killed the boy. See page 7A.

**STATE**

**Fire kills four**

Flames that spread from a fireplace fatally burned four children at the home of their grandparents, one of whom remained hospitalized today. See page 5A.

**Toys R definitely not us**

Roadkills R Us isn't us, Toys R Us says in its complaint against an Austin man's dark humor and satire page on the World Wide Web. The New Jersey-based toy giant is threatening to sue Miles O'Neil to force him to change the name of the computer site he created two years ago. See page 6A.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today **60** ▲ Highs **40**  
Lows ▼

**Clear**

Mostly sunny and warmer. High around 60. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Clear night, low around 40.

Tonight **Partly Cloudy**

**Permian Basin Forecast**  
Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 60; fair night, low 40.  
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high near 60; fair night, low 40s.  
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 60; fair night, low 40s.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Horton

Graveside services for Helen Deats Horton, 92, of New Braunfels, formerly of Big Spring, will be 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 1995, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Robert Vreteau, pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating. She died Friday, Dec. 8, 1995, in New Braunfels.

She was born Nov. 4, 1903, in San Antonio, Texas, and married Dr. Charles Wesley Deats, a local longtime dentist, on June 16, 1925 in San Antonio. He preceded her in death May 20, 1963. She later married Dwight Horton in July of 1979 and he preceded her in death in February 1993.

She had been a longtime member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Big Spring and was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels. She enjoyed her volunteer work and was involved in the volunteer group Eden Home in New Braunfels. She enjoyed baking and cooking for people who were ill.

Before marrying, she worked as a receptionist and then as a homemaker. She had lived in New Braunfels for the past 20 years.

Survivors include two sons: Wesley Deats, Big Spring and Dr. Richard Deats, Nyack, N.Y.; one stepdaughter: Beth Mertz, Austin; one brother: Dr. Ed Mueller, San Antonio; three sisters: Stella Burge and Hilda Spalten, both of San Antonio, and Margaret Rose, Houston; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; a special friend: Elaine Simon, New Braunfels and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death also by her parents: Louis and Magdalene Mueller and two brothers: George and Charlie Mueller.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Ross Mahaney

Funeral services for Ross Houston Mahaney, 65, of Lamesa, are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, 1995, at 10 a.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park with Rev. Frank Berthold of Ackerly Church of Christ officiating. He died Dec. 9, 1995, at Methodist Hospital.

He was born Aug. 26, 1930, in Dawson County, Texas. He married Virginia Hanks on Nov. 30, 1949, in Dawson County.

He was a lifelong resident of Dawson County. He was a farmer and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a longtime member of the Ackerly Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife: Virginia Mahaney, Lamesa; two daughters: Carylon Vaughan, Hurst and Cathy Miller, Dalhart; three brothers: C.L. Mahaney, Farwell, Texas; Boyce Mahaney, Tullia, Texas and Johnny Mahaney, Lubbock; two sisters: Ernestine Duncan and Tessie Davis, both

of Lubbock, and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association or the Medial Arts Hospital Auxiliary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Helen Landrum

Services for Helen Bohanan Landrum, 65, of McCamey, are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, at 9 a.m. at First Christian Church of McCamey with Rev. Jim Hill officiating. Graveside services will follow at 4 p.m. at the Whitley Cemetery in Georgetown, Texas. She died Friday, Dec. 8, 1995, at a McCamey hospital.

She was born Aug. 24, 1930, in Georgetown and was a retired secretary.

She is survived by three daughters: Jacquelyne Stacy, Jourdanton, Texas; Wanda Yarbrough, Forsan and Julie Brown, Austin; one son: Lee Roy Brown Jr., Lamesa; four brothers: Henry Bohanan, Pleasanton, Texas; Alfred Bohanan, Jourdanton, Texas; Eugene Bohanan, Freer, Texas and Walter Bohanan, McCamey; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

Budget

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necessary to balance the budget."

Congressional Republicans bristled at the veto threat and denied White House claims that GOP lawmakers had insisted they would not negotiate on the matter.

"The president's got a crummy budget, so he's doing that kind of talking," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Friday.

And Saturday, in the Republican radio response to the president, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Rep. John Boehner of Ohio said Clinton's budget plan relies on higher taxes and excessive spending and does not achieve true balance.

"Despite what he promised, it seems the president just can't deliver, can't live with slowing the growth of Washington spending enough to honestly balance the budget," Boehner said. Nickles said the vetoed GOP plan would have eliminated income taxes for 3.5 million low-income families "but the president said no."

The GOP wants to save \$163 billion from Medicaid over the next seven years — about triple Clinton's proposal — by giving states set amounts of money and major influence over what the program will look like. Low-income pregnant women, children 12 and under and disabled people would still have to be covered, but states could set the benefit levels and define who is disabled.

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CORRECTION

In Thursday's Herald, St. Mary's Episcopal School listed third-grader Tony Emerson on the A-B honor roll. He is on the A honor roll.

IN BRIEF

The Howard County Commissioners Court will meet Monday at 10 a.m. at the courthouse to discuss the following items:  
•Approval of invoices/bills  
•Consider/award bids on sale of county property  
•Consider sale of equipment-motor grader  
•Presentation of financial statement  
•Consider pest control  
•Consider/award bid for sheriff's office vehicles  
•Request hiring of a new employee for tax assessor/collector's office  
•Presentation of bids on renovation of Bluebonnet building  
•Discussion of ceilings, pipe chases and possible placement of chiller on roof.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday:

•MICHAEL MARQUEZ LARA, no address given, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•THOMAS FRANCISCO FIGUEROA, 28, of 105 N.E. Second, was arrested for criminal trespassing. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•KATHERINE DELORES SCAGGS, 24, of 3304 West Highway 80 #3, was arrested for criminal trespassing. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•LELAND MILTON KING, 18, of 1315 Harding, was arrested for robbery. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$5,000 bond.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 400 block of Westover.  
•CRIMINAL TRESPASSING in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

•FLEEING TO ELUDE in the 1000 block of Birdwell.  
•UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON in the 300 block of Owens.

•DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED in the 600 block of Gregg.  
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of East 18th.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 1000 block of Douglas Way and 2300 block of Kentucky Way.  
•ASSAULT in the 1400 block of East Fourth.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday:

•JEFFREY WILBUR DANIEL, 36, pleaded guilty in county court to driving while intoxicated and was sentenced to 10 days in jail. He was also fined \$2,000.

•ANTHONY ALLEN PACE, 23, of HC 77 Box 160-C-3, was released on bonds totaling \$24,000 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, attempted unauthorized use of a vehicle and two counts of burglary of a vehicle.

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SPRINGBOARD

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

IN BRIEF

Decorating entries due today

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be having its yearly Christmas Decorating Contest. Entries are due today and judging will be on Tuesday.

Entry forms are available at: chamber of commerce, Johansen Nursery, all flower shops, Joy's Hallmark, Green Acres, Christmas Connection, Dahmer's Antiques and KBST.

For more information contact Terri Johansen at 267-5275 or the chamber of commerce at 263-7641.

Coahoma ISD to meet Monday

The Board of Trustees of Coahoma Independent School District will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda include: public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System report, approval of board policy, and budget amendment for the band.

Martin County commissioners to meet

Martin County Commissioners' Court will meet Monday at 9 a.m.

Items on the agenda include: consideration of tract of land at St. Peter and State 176; authorizing trapper contract; contract with Marilyn Staggs as Deputy Tax Collector.

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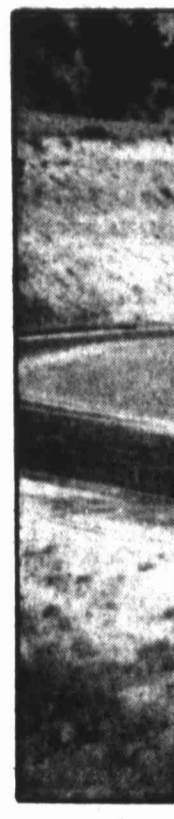
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Jimmie Jones, 79, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at 14th and Main Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Mausoleum.  
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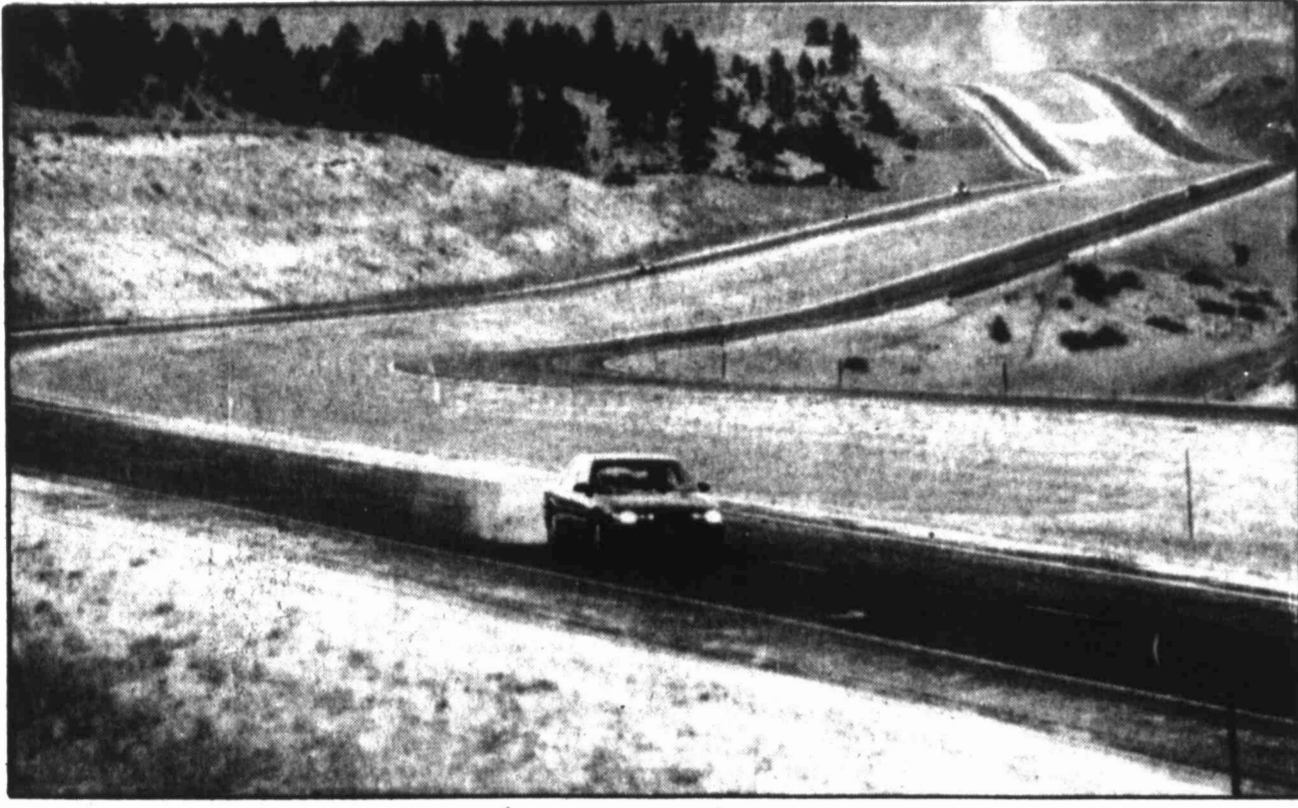


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# Some misgivings over establishing a 'Montanabahn'



By DAVID FOSTER  
Associated Press Writer

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Mike Spear is ecstatic about Montana's new highway speed limit, which by day is virtually no limit at all.

"It's a blast going fast," said the 16-year-old. He snowboards fast, skis even faster, and pushes his mom's car to 90 mph — making a lot of other drivers nervous.

Montanans, who grouched for years about speed limits paying no heed to the West's wide open spaces and empty highways, on Friday got what they demanded with a nationwide lifting of federal controls.

Now, however, in interviews and a statewide poll, many are expressing second thoughts about their new "Montanabahn."

"I have a feeling there are going to be horrendous accidents," Dennis Balian said Friday. "This is the land of the free and the brave, with an emphasis on the brave."

Not that he wasn't enjoying Montana's replacement of 65 mph interstate limits with the more ambiguous requirement that drivers be "careful and prudent" and speeds be "reasonable and proper."

Balian rested both hands casually at the bottom of his steering wheel, talking while his Chevy pickup sailed along at 75 mph on Interstate 90 between Billings and Bozeman, where he develops real estate.

The temperature was 10 below zero. Fog billowed up from the Yellowstone River, which shares the valley with the highway. Dry snow swirled and settled an inch thick on the highway's shoulder, but wind had swept the traveling lanes clean and dry — "almost like summer," Balian said. In 40 miles, he passed just two cars. No one passed him.

"This seems pretty reasonable to me," he said.

Traffic Friday stayed mostly within the 70 to 80 mph range, highway officers reported. One motorist was stopped doing 92 mph on Interstate 15, near Helena, but he was let off with a written warning.

Most Montanans favor the change. A state highway study this year showed half of all drivers exceeded the 65 mph limit on Montana's interstates. Two-thirds ignored the 55 mph signs on two-lane highways.

Yet many residents also worry that abolishing specific limits altogether is not the answer. Sixty percent favor some limit on interstates, according to a poll of 408 Montanans conducted Dec. 1-4 by Montana State University-Billings.

Montana's quirky status as the only state without daytime speed limits follows a long-running feud with the federal government. It began in December 1973, at the height of energy shortages caused by the Arab oil embargo.

Congress required states to set freeway speed limits at 55 mph or lose federal highway funds. Most states obliged, initially seeing it as their contribution to energy conservation and then, as highway deaths decreased, as an effective safety measure.

Not so Montana. State legislators set a 55 mph limit, but defiantly pegged the speeding fine at just \$5 — a pittance payable directly to the highway patrol officer.

Drive east on Interstate 94 from Billings, whose 87,000 residents make it Montana's largest city. It will be 145 miles to the first town with a traffic light — the aptly named Miles City, pop. 8,400.

Until Friday, distances like these made an outflow of Geraldine Custer, the Rosebud County clerk. She drives the 100 miles to Billings twice a month or so to go shopping. It takes her just over an hour.

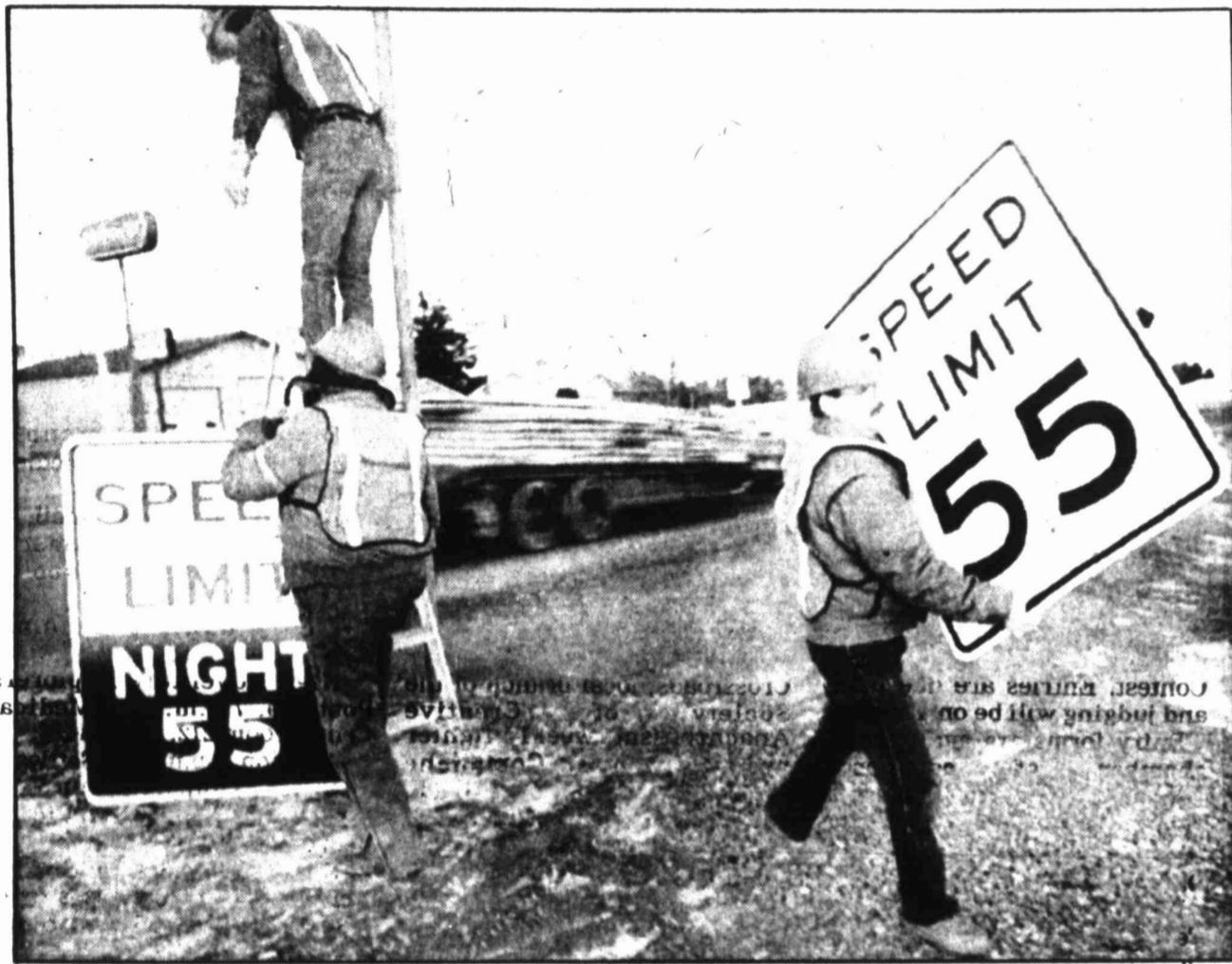
"I don't feel 80 mph is excessive," said Custer, who in two years has put 45,000 miles on her 1993 Honda Accord.

Others question whether it's wise for Montana to take a leap back to 1973, when the nation's highway mortality rate was twice what it is today. Montana's highway death rate remains high — 2.3 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles, well above the national rate of 1.8, according to the National Safety Council.

"I have concerns that our death rate will increase," said Albert Goke, chief of the state's

In the above photo, traffic rolls westbound on Interstate 90 near Columbus, Mont. at sunrise on Friday. The federal speed limit of 65 mph became history that morning and Montana's daytime speed limit reverts to the 1974 standard of "reasonable and proper."

In the photo below, Montana Highway Division worker Clay Colby, right, removes a speed limit sign while his co-workers install a night speed limit sign on U.S. 2 near Kallispell, Mont. early Friday morning. The federal 55-mph speed limit was lifted leaving the state with no daytime speed limit. However, night limits are 65 mph on interstates and 55 mph on other state highways.



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Dennis Balian

Violations didn't count against driving records, and some Montanans simply kept a stash of \$5 bills over the visor, ready to pay and go.

"The joke goes that if you got pulled over, you'd just give the officer a \$20 bill, then tell the next three guys you already paid," Balian said.

When Congress and President Clinton told the states to decide their own speed limits, Montana stood ready, having passed legislation decreeing a return to 1973's "proper and reasonable" standard.

Blame it on the West's vast and lonesome spaces. The 55 mph limit — raised in 1987 to 65 mph on rural highways — has never been popular in the West. From North Dakota to Nevada, drivers hurtle from one remote outpost to the next like spaceships through a universe of grass and sage, sand and rock.

A car going 65 mph takes more than 10 hours to cross Montana. Go 80 mph, and you shave off two hours.

Highway Traffic Safety Bureau.

But he notes Montana's highways are not entirely without limits. Nighttime limits remain — 65 mph on the freeways, 55 mph on two-lane highways — with stiff penalties for speeding.

Trucks are limited to 65 on the freeways at all times.

And the \$5 ticket is history, replaced by an average \$70 fine for violating the "reasonable and proper" rule, Goke said.

Until the Legislature meets in January 1997, motorists will be testing what highway patrol officers think is "reasonable and proper." Various Montanans have their own definitions.

To Vonnie Sheely of Billings, it means straining her old four-cylinder Plymouth just to hit 65 so she won't be a slow-moving hazard to cars blurring by her.

EDITOR'S NOTE — David Foster is the AP's Northwest regional reporter, based in Seattle. AP Writer Bob Anez also contributed to this report.

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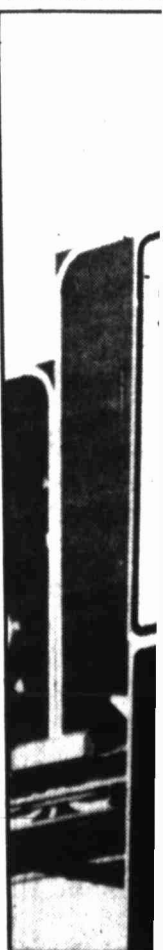
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## Legal pros advise young lawyers to watch basics

By LAURIE ASSEO  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A helpful hint for would-be hot-shot lawyers: It never hurts to check the basics.

If the police arrive at your client's home or office ready to conduct a search, "take a look at the search warrant and make sure they're at the right address," suggests Plato Cacheris, whose clients have included CIA turncoat Aldrich Ames.

Cacheris joined fellow lawyers Robert Bennett and Brendan V. Sullivan at the Georgetown University Law Center recently to offer young attorneys some tricks of the trade for handling civil and criminal cases.

With a client list including President Clinton, Oliver North and former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, this trio should know.

But they don't always agree on the best strategy for handling a complicated case.

"This is a business of a series of judgment calls and nuances and subtleties," said Bennett, who, like the other two, is a graduate of Georgetown law. "It takes a lot of doing it and learning by experience."

Sullivan said he tells young lawyers it will take them 10 years to become comfortable as attorneys.

Since the lawyers couldn't say much about their own clients, they were asked at the Georgetown event to give advice about a made-up legal case — an investigation of a drug company and its top officers over a heart medicine that may have caused some patients' deaths.

Should a lawyer talk to the media about the case? "I'm the last of the lawyers who believe you should not talk to the press,"

Bennett says it's not so simple. The fictitious drug company must keep from losing customers or it may soon wind up bankrupt. By the same token, real people in public life need to guard their reputations if they're facing criminal charges.

"When you're dealing with a (Clark) Clifford or Weinberger ... the issue is not whether it's in the paper. The issue is how it is in the paper," Bennett said. He also contended that a "very aggressive press strategy" helped persuade then-President Bush to pardon Weinberger in the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages affair.

One difficulty is making sure a client doesn't hide documents or otherwise obstruct justice.

"Ninety-eight percent of criminal work is dealing with people who have flunked the investigation" by employing improper damage-control tactics, Bennett said.

In the drug company scenario, a company scientist had removed lab test results from company files, and Bennett's job was to convince the man that he should return them.

"There's no document on the face of the Earth that's going to hurt you more than the one that's missing," Bennett said.

"This is where it all counts," Sullivan told the audience. "Do we have charge of the client or don't we?"

The three agreed it's almost always a bad idea to allow clients facing possible criminal charges to testify before a grand jury in hopes of exonerating themselves.

To help convince clients of the wisdom of this advice, Bennett keeps mounted on his office wall a large fish he caught in the Missouri River. The plaque says, "If I'd kept my mouth shut I wouldn't be on this wall."

"Remember," Sullivan said, quoting the old line, "If a prosecutor asked a grand jury to do so it will indict a ham sandwich."

As in many lines of work, there always are new rules and legal standards to keep up with. But the work clearly is fascinating, not to mention lucrative, judging by the three attorneys' expensive navy blue suits. "What's your rate, Brendan? A hundred dollars an hour?" Bennett asked, prompting a laugh from the audience. (Hint: It's a lot higher than that.)

## THADEUS & WEEZ by Charles Pugsley Fincher



## A new Democratic president may face different hostage crisis

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

### AP NEWS ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last Democratic president grappled with a hostage crisis throughout his losing bid for a second term. Now the setting and the circumstances are far different — but President Clinton's re-election quest may be hostage to what happens to Americans in Bosnia.

There's no avoiding the likelihood of casualties after 20,000 U.S. troops deploy to help enforce the peace settlement in the remnants of Yugoslavia, an accord engineered for Clinton and due to be formally signed in Paris this week. But the administration and the military promise that it will be under rules of engagement designed to keep Americans as safe as possible in perilous territory, and to bar escalation, or so-called mission creep.

Those latter words are the dirtiest in the vocabulary of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all Vietnam veterans, said Richard Holbrooke, the assistant secretary of state whose personal diplomacy helped win the Bosnia accord.

For all that, this is the Balkans, there were three warring factions, and their leaders cannot control every zealot after nearly four years of civil war and centuries of enmity. As Clinton has noted, the first great conflict of the 20th cen-

ry was triggered in Sarajevo; he said the mission of 1996 is to ensure that another is not ignited there as the century ends.

That, and the lessons of Lebanon, where 241 Americans died in a terror bombing of a Marine barracks in 1983, and of Somalia, where 18 were killed in a 1993 street battle, tell the perils of such a military undertaking. In the latter two cases, the casualties led quickly to withdrawal of Americans. In Bosnia, the commitment is planned for a year, or about a year, not necessarily to the day, Holbrooke said.

Since the mission is to begin near Christmas, in the final holiday pause before the 1996 presidential campaign, the Carter experience could foretell the impact of continuing foreign stress on a president seeking a second term. Carter lost in 1980, the year the embassy hostages were held prisoner in Teheran. A failed rescue effort cost eight American lives, the polls showed mounting public impatience, rumors of progress surfaced, became issues, and then submerged. Every night on television, there were the counts of the days in captivity for the 52 Americans held by Iran. They were not freed until the day Ronald Reagan was inaugurated to succeed Carter.

While there are parallels,

notably the election calendar, there also are clear distinctions. The Carter administration was dealing with an Iranian regime dominated by a single zealot bent on revenge against the United States for support of the regime he toppled. Clinton's is an international operation, on U.S. terms, through NATO, with a promised exit strategy.

Carter could neither free the hostages nor militarily punish their captors without jeopardizing their lives.

Clinton chose his policy; Clinton can change it, and the administration vows maximum force first, questions later, against any threat to American forces in Bosnia. But the perils are there, and will be for all the months of Clinton's re-election campaign. Even with success, and secure peace in the Bosnia during the campaign, the benefit to Clinton probably would be limited; witness the brief boost George Bush got out of the 1991 victory in the Persian Gulf War. It was forgotten as Clinton beat him the next year.

In a foreign military mission with dubious backing at home — the latest AP poll showed 57 percent opposition — events in Bosnia surely will echo in the 1996 campaign, and will go against Clinton should they go wrong.

## EDITORIAL

"Beware of people carrying ideas. Beware of ideas carrying people."

Barbara Grizzuti Harrison, author, 1984

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## Get your seats for balanced budget circus

Hold on to your seats, folks, because the federal budget circus is coming back for an encore. Just in case you've forgotten, the temporary order allowing federal government employees to go back to work is scheduled to expire Friday.

With Congress and President Clinton no closer to agreement than they were before, the possibility of a pre-Christmas furlough looms larger and larger.

Wouldn't that be sweet? Merry Christmas, all you federal prison, VA Medical Center, Social Security, Post Office and other governmental workers. Hope you already paid for your Christmas presents.

Sometime this week, the Congressional Budget Office is expected to provide an updated economic forecast. When that happens, more serious bargaining is likely to occur.

Let's urge our elected officials to come down off their flying trapezes and sit at the bargaining table, ready for some civilized, productive discussion.

A balanced budget, with no work stoppage to precede it, would be a nice Christmas gift from our federal government.

## Doctor, sir, please don't slam the door

In fairness to medical doctors, most are kept so busy with patients and government paperwork that they have little time for reading their own journals.

Also, significant breakthrough medicines and new therapies are approaching avalanche proportions. The most diligent specialist cannot keep up. If these factors justify a degree of medical ineptness, they do not excuse any physician who pronounces your ailment "incurable."

The one for instance that alerted me resulted from a comparatively recent revelation that macular degeneration can sometimes be retarded — and can sometimes be reversed. In some patients, the disease has disappeared altogether within weeks after a change of diet.

Subsequent to that public mention, several individuals rushed to local "eye specialists," only to be advised that "there is no effective treatment for this inevitably degenerative eye disease."

Doctor, Sir, don't ever slam the door!

Thirty million Americans suffer vision loss due to cataracts and/or macular degeneration. The latter begins with a dark shadow in the center of one's field of vision, eventually restricting reading and making it unwise to drive a car.

Macular degeneration is the result of the destruction of light-sensitive cells in the retina, which lines the back of the eye.

The Journal of the American Optometric Association has published several studies by Dr. Diane P. Yolton of Pacific University College of Optometry in Oregon and Dr. Stuart Richer, chief of the optometry section at the DAV Medical Center in North Chicago.

In summary, they conclude that "certain vitamins and minerals are effective in preventing this cell destruction."

Dr. Arol Augsburger, professor of Clinical Optometry at Ohio State University, states that macular degeneration "may be slowed with supplemental vitamins and zinc tablets."

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vite and Ocugard, which is essentially zinc with a trace of copper, and Icaps Plus.

Augsburger reports to the American Optometric Association that 80 percent of test patients benefited to some degree.

In the Ophthalmology Times, Dr. Glenn Pomerance of Chattanooga, Tenn., reports on clinical trials in which "an oral antioxidant vitamin and mineral supplement significantly stabilizes visual acuity and contrast sensitivity in patients with atrophic macular degeneration."

Prevent Blindness America, at its recent Chicago meeting, heard that many or most cases of macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma and diabetic eye disease — if caught early — "now can be cured or controlled."

Some diseases become associated with older people because older people tend not to eat properly. Dr. Johanna Seddon, professor of ophthalmology at Harvard, reports that "eating spinach or collard greens two to four times a week may reduce by up to 43 percent the risk of macular degeneration."

The Journal of the American Optometric Association has cited several studies affirming that diet is a factor in macular degeneration, with "results sufficiently promising to convince optometrists to consider recommending diet changes to prevent, slow or stop macular degeneration."

Respectfully, Doctor, Sir, for any disease, the one prognosis worse than false hope is false hopelessness.

"Go home and go blind" is an unworthy prescription. To say that any situation or any disease or any person is "hopeless" is to slam the door in the face of God.

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Paul Harvey  
Columnist



# House fire kills four children

DALLAS (AP) — Flames that spread from a fireplace fatally burned four children at the home of their grandparents, one of whom remained hospitalized today.

A firefighter who, along with grandfather Norris Woodson, tried to rescue the children from the burning house Friday night near Dallas Love Field was also hospitalized.

A family member identified the children as Joe Darby, 6; John Luke Woodson, 5; and Richard and Devon Darby, who were one-year-old twins.

The children had huddled upstairs to escape the flames. Intense heat repelled Woodson, two neighbors and firefighters from reaching the victims.

"We couldn't help them. There was just too much fire," said firefighter Lt. Frank Gamez, who discovered the dead children in an upstairs family room. "It was too hot."

He said rescuers saw three bodies huddled on top of each other and the fourth on a bed.

"We all said a prayer for them, and then we came back down," he said.

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**Lt. Frank Gamez  
Firefighter**

The 72-year-old Woodson, who firefighters said cut his leg during the rescue attempt, was in good condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital. A firefighter was also in good condition with a minor leg injury suffered when part of a ceiling collapsed on him.

The blaze apparently began after Woodson and his wife, Fredna Woodson, lit a fire downstairs, Deputy Fire Chief L.P. Jones said. He said they left the room and closed the door, returning minutes later to a room engulfed in flames.

The blaze, which began spreading upstairs about 7 p.m., was brought under control in about an hour, a fire dispatcher said.

When the first of some 50 firefighters arrived, the 52-year-old Mrs. Woodson still was trying to get into the house to save her grandchildren. They restrained her.

Ola Jackson, who grew up in the Woodsons' neighborhood, said the Woodsons were keeping the grandchildren to help out their daughters.



A Dallas firefighter works inside the house where four children died in a fire Friday night in Dallas near Love Field.

# Salesman allegedly attacks woman who wouldn't subscribe

EULESS (AP) — A magazine salesman attacked an 88-year-old disabled woman after she earlier had refused to buy a subscription, police say.

Samuel A. Erby, 20, of California was arrested a few minutes after the assault and was charged Friday with injury to an elderly person. He was in the Tarrant County Jail on Saturday with bail set at \$5,000.

Police say Erby assaulted and attempted to suffocate the woman Wednesday afternoon, while she was sitting in a chair near the front door of her apartment. He fled after the woman screamed and fought back, police said.

The victim suffered cuts and bruises and was treated at the scene, police said. "She had told him 'no' and he had left," said Euleus police Capt. Joey Ziemian. "But he came back a second

time, and that's when the attack occurred." Police found the woman lying on a floor near the front door of her apartment.

Ziemian said five minutes after leaving her apartment when she declined a magazine order, a man believed to be Erby knocked on the woman's unlocked door and walked in.

Without saying a word, he tried to suffocate the woman with her scarf, then tried to smother her with his hand as she fought him and screamed, police said. The woman's chair fell over during the struggle, and the man tried to pull her clothes off before fleeing, Ziemian said.

Several other solicitors at the complex told officers they were all to meet a few blocks away. Detectives waited there. Erby was arrested less than an hour after the attack.

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# Man gets 20-year sentence for maiming spouse

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who blasted his wife's legs with a shotgun during a fit of rage is "a disgrace to all men everywhere," a state district judge says.

Julio Bustillo, 26, was sentenced Thursday to 20 years in prison for the attack on his common-law wife, Ana Canela Prieto, whose legs were so badly mangled that doctors amputated them above the knees.

Prosecutors said Bustillo was angry because his wife had a janitorial job and he couldn't find work.

"He is the single most sadistic person I have ever encountered," said prosecutor Julian Ramirez, who described the prison sentence as a "Christmas gift" to Bustillo and not nearly enough for the crime he committed.

Jurors in state District Judge Michael McSpadden's court found Bustillo guilty of aggravated assault on Wednesday. On Thursday, the jury sentenced him to the maximum prison term possible and assessed a \$10,000 fine.

McSpadden told Bustillo he had seen hundreds of violent criminals in his courtroom, but "you rank right up there with the worst of the predators."

Canela Prieto, 24, testified against her husband from a wheelchair. She said Bustillo became enraged last Sept. 28 after friends taunted him because she had a job and he did not.

Bustillo grabbed her by the hair and dragged her from the bedroom, she said. He hit her in the face and said "I'm going to put my pants on," a euphemism for being manly.

Bustillo then pulled the shotgun from the closet, slamming the butt into his wife's stomach. She cried out from the pain and slumped on the couch.

"I'm going to make you an invalid for the rest of your life," Bustillo told her, according to testimony.

Then he leveled the 12-gauge shotgun at her right leg and shattered it with 200 pellets of birdshot, Ramirez said. Despite his wife's pleas, Bustillo cocked the weapon and shot her in the left leg.

During the punishment phase of the trial, she testified that Bustillo had mutilated a woman before her.

A year ago in his native Honduras, Bustillo poured battery acid on another woman's face and genitals, Canela Prieto said.

# Jury says state owes land to Corpus Christi

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County jury sided with the Texas General Land Office Friday in its fight over mineral-rich land south of Corpus Christi.

In a case filed by oil companies, a Corpus Christi foundation argued that it owned the 35,000-acre tract where the companies were drilling for millions of dollars in oil and gas.

The jury in the three-week case said the state owned the land, and Travis County District Judge Scott McCown said

he would issue a final ruling early next year.

The land is located along the Laguna Madre, which separates the main Texas coastline from the 200-mile-long Padre Island.

The John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Foundation said its 400,000-acre tract of land extended beyond the point the state claimed and encompassed the disputed land.

But jurors in the case said a recent survey done for the state correctly put the land within state boundaries.

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Jonathon Best, 3, and Emyre Barrios Robinson watch as Queen Victoria's carriage passes by during the Queen's Parade at the Dickens on the Strand festival in Galveston. The annual Victorian Christmas celebration features 19th-century costumes, street entertainment, food and two parades.

# Wife of fraud defendant arrested with gun outside husband's trial

DALLAS (AP) — The wife of a federal tax protester on trial for fraud was arrested outside the courtroom with a gun concealed in her purse Friday.

Valerie Wilkins, 45, was with her husband, Waxahachie lawyer Jerry Wilkins, at a security checkpoint when the gun was found.

Wilkins is one of six tax protesters on trial on charges that they issued about \$61 million in bogus money orders.

At a detention hearing shortly

after her arrest, a federal agent testified that the .38-caliber revolver, loaded with high-power ammunition, was all but concealed in her purse by silver dollars and metal cosmetics cases.

However, a federal officer noticed the trigger guard on the security X-ray scanner, according to testimony. Mrs. Wilkins told arresting officers that she carried the weapon for self-protection.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David

Finn urged a federal magistrate to hold Mrs. Wilkins without bond on a charge of possessing a firearm in a federal building. Finn argued that her detention was necessary to ensure the security of the judge and prosecutors.

The magistrate ordered Mrs. Wilkins to be released on her own recognizance, but barred her from the courthouse for the duration of the trial. Wilkins and the five others have been on trial for two weeks.

## Tire blaze could cost \$4 million

MIDLOTHIAN (AP) — Federal officials say a fire that has burned for more than a week at a tire disposal plant here could cost up to \$4 million to put out.

The cost of battling the stubborn blaze will be paid out of the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund, said Bob Sullivan, a spokesman for the EPA, which is taking over fire-fighting efforts at the plant.

Reimbursement will be sought from the plant's owners, Safe Tire Disposal Co., he said.

On Saturday, firefighters were to begin taking apart the first of 20 burning piles of tire chips in an attempt to put out the smoldering remains, Midlothian Fire Chief David Schrodt said.

The state fire marshal has determined that the cause of the fire — which started Dec. 1 and sent up huge, black clouds of smoke that could be seen for 30 miles — was spontaneous combustion, Schrodt said.

A pile of tire chips had become very hot because of decomposition, and when a bulldozer exposed the inside of the pile to oxygen, it caught fire, he said.

The EPA will continue using the private contractors that have been fighting the fire, Sullivan said, adding that concern about the plant's ability to continue paying for the such efforts led to the EPA taking control.

Emtech Environmental Services of Fort Worth and Williams Fire Control of Houston have prepared a large pad area at the plant in preparation for the final assault, Schrodt said.

"They will go in there with huge bucket loaders and rip into those piles and spread the burning chips out on the pad, then hit them with a mixture of foam and water," he said.

Although flames have not been visible for several days, Schrodt said the fire continues to burn inside the 15-foot-high piles of shredded tires. Twenty of the plant's 42 piles caught fire.

One federal official predicted the blaze would be out within 10 to 20 days.

Safe Tire Disposal lost its state registration in June and failed a recent state inspection because it did not meet safety regulations for safely storing the tire chips, an official of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said.

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## Toys most definitely aren't us

AUSTIN (AP) — Roadkills R Us isn't us, Toys R Us says in its complaint against an Austin man's dark humor and satire page on the World Wide Web.

The New Jersey-based toy giant is threatening to sue Miles O'Neil to force him to change the name of the computer site he created two years ago.

Websites, also known as webpages, are accessed through the Internet, a network that connects computers across the world. Anyone can establish a webpage for nearly any interest or purpose.

O'Neil, a software programmer, says he does not want to change the name of his popular site.

He said the page, which among its offerings are roadkill games and recipes, is visited more than 5,000 times a day. It is offered as a "Hot Spot" by dozens of Internet indexes.

But Toys R Us says O'Neil's page goes too far.

The company said the Roadkills name violates its trademark and could mislead people into believing that the page is sanctioned by the nearly \$2 billion company.

"People might easily believe that we were in some way sponsoring this entity and this could adversely affect our longstanding company is legally protected.

"This is a satire site, and the courts have upheld satire," he said.

Just in case Toys R Us does sue, O'Neil has started an online renaming contest for his page. He has gotten such suggestions as "Splattered Critter" and "Roadkills — there would be an -R- here but Toys R Us TM threatened to sue — Us."

O'Neil also has posted a disclaimer on his page. It says: "Not that anybody with seven functional brain cells would be likely to be confused about this, but Roadkills R Us has absolutely no connection with any of the vast, sprawling industries known as Toys R Us, Kids R Us or any other -R-Us companies..."

O'Neil said Toys R Us issued a Dec. 1 deadline for him to change the name. But he has not heard from the company since the deadline passed.

A spokeswoman for Toys R Us said the company would not comment on legal issues.

Editor's Note: Roadkills R Us can be reached at <http://www.ruu.com/rru/> through the Internet.

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Roadkills R Us disclaimer

ing customer good will," the company said in a letter written to O'Neil earlier this year.

But O'Neil says no one could be confused by the satire. And he says his poking fun at the toy

## Stolen toys found in East Texas

PALESTINE (AP) — Two people have been arrested after hundreds of stolen toys were found stockpiled in a Palestine house.

One of the suspects was wanted by federal authorities in connection with a drug trafficking case.

Anderson County Sheriff Mickey Hubert said Friday that his deputies seized more than \$50,000 in toys, tools, appliances and a bass boat from the East Texas residence.

Officers believe the toys were stolen from Memphis, Tenn., where a warehouse on the Mid-South Fairgrounds was burglarized.

Charged with possession of stolen property was Shondra Vaughn, 24, of Palestine.

Still being questioned in the case is Thomas Ray Burton, 39, whom Hubert characterized as a drifter and companion of Vaughn.

Late Friday, federal authorities in Waco obtained a warrant charging Burton with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamines.

He was being held without bond Friday in Anderson County Jail, said U.S. Attorney Bill Johnson of Waco.

Burton was arrested about 1:30 a.m. Friday and charged with felony possession of methamphetamines.

Vaughn was released on her own recognizance and is cooperating with investigators, Hubert said.

Acting on an anonymous tip, sheriff's deputies obtained a search warrant Thursday and searched the house where Vaughn lives with her parents, Hubert said.

"We ran a search warrant and found six or seven pickup truckloads of toys and tools," Hubert said.

The toys were tracked from

Memphis to Jackson, Miss., to East Texas for stockpiling, Hubert said.

A federal court affidavit signed by Ted Retchloff, an investigator for the Central Texas Narcotics Task Force, said that the information corroborates task force information that Burton "frequently took stolen property in trade for methamphetamine."

The toys taken from the Memphis warehouse were stockpiled for an annual charity "toy store" run by the Memphis Inter-Faith Association.

By Tuesday, the store had been largely restocked by the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" campaign and other donations.

The Memphis charity was expected to supply gifts to 14,000 children this year, officials said.

Hubert said the merchandise, including the toys, will be returned to owners.

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# Protester storms store, is among eight killed as it burns

By TOM HAYS  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After weeks of demonstrations and threats to "loot and burn" a white-owned Harlem clothing store, a protester marched in with a gun in one hand and a container of flammable liquid in the other.

With the words "It's on now!" he screamed for people inside to get out, and began shooting customers and workers before he splashed the accelerant over racks of clothes and set it all afire.

The store became a fiery death trap for eight people, including the unidentified 35-year-old gunman who was found clutching his empty pistol.

Four people shot by the gunman managed to escape. Two remained hospitalized in critical condition today; two others were not seriously hurt.

"Suddenly, the whole front went up in flames — it started just like that," said Thomas Pierre, who watched as Freddie's Fashion Mart burned Friday on Harlem's main drag, across from the famed Apollo Theater.

Over the last several weeks,

there have been a dozen or so pickets outside Freddie's protesting a planned expansion that meant the eviction of The Record Shack, a black-owned store next door. The black demonstrators also urged a boycott of the store because they believed its Jewish owner did not employ blacks.

A friend of one of the dead store employees, 19-year-old Angelina Marrero, said she had told him that there had been death threats against Freddie's managers.

"She didn't put no mind to it," Edison Hernandez said. "She was just a worker there, you know."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner William Bratton cautioned against jumping to conclusions about the motives of the black gunman.

But Bratton noted that on Nov. 29, a store security guard had overheard a protester outside the store say: "We're going to come back with 20 niggers and loot and burn the Jew."

At the time, police classified the remark as a bias incident but nothing came of the investigation. Bratton said that although the gunman had joined in the protests, he was

not the man who threatened to "loot and burn."

Backers of the boycott insisted Friday that it was peaceful. The Rev. Al Sharpton, who had been involved in the protest, said there "is no direct link" between the protest and the attack.

Sharpton said he would hold a "Day of Mourning" today at a nearby elementary school.

Just after Freddie's opened Friday, the gunman charged in "yelling wildly for everyone to get out," according to Louis Anemone, a police chief. There were 15 employees, customers and construction workers in the store.

A bystander alerted two policemen on the street, and one entered the store. The gunman fired on the officer, trapping him in the store. His partner summoned reinforcements, who got the besieged officer and some of the other shooting victims out of the store. The gunman then barricaded the door and set the fires, Anemone said.

Four dead bodies were found in the basement. On the first floor, firefighters found four other bodies, including the gunman's.



Rubble is strewn throughout the burned-out storefront of Freddie's Fashion Mart in the Harlem section of New York on Saturday. A multiple shooting and three-alarm fire the day before left eight dead.

## Mfume chosen to lead NAACP

By SHAWN DONNAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Kweisi Mfume was chosen Saturday as the new head of the NAACP, ending 15 months in which the nation's oldest civil rights organization was without day-to-day leadership.

The Maryland Democrat, who will have the title of president and chief executive officer, was elected by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's board during a special meeting Saturday.

Mfume, who was elected to Congress in 1986, is the former head of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mfume said his first order of business would be to address the organization's financial situation and to change the group's structure.

"There will be change and it will be swift and measured," Mfume said.

One area of change, he said, would be the size of the organization's board, which has been criticized as too large and too politicized.

There are more board members than national staff members.

Mfume said he would resign his seat in Congress and that he had told House Speaker Newt Gingrich, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and President Clinton that he would step down in mid-February.

He told a news conference he decided to give up a safe seat in Congress to take on the new job because he "learned at an early age that life is a short commodity" when his mother died when he was 16.

"You have to do all you can when you can," he said. He said he would meet with Myrtle Evers Williams, chairwoman of the NAACP's board, this week to come up with a short-term and long-term financial plan.

Mfume, 47, was chosen by a secretive search committee during a 5-hour meeting in Washington Friday night.

Leonard Springs, co-chairman of the nine-member search committee, said the committee

looked for the best candidate and "we have found the best." He called Mfume "a man who can confront the financial and spiritual difficulties facing the NAACP."

The action comes more than 15 months after the board fired the controversial Rev. Benjamin Chavis as executive director.

Mfume will be confronted with several daunting tasks including retiring a \$3.2 million debt, and returning the nation's oldest and largest civil rights groups to prominence amid criticism that it is on its deathbed.

"It's an organization which is now moribund, discredited and financially insolvent," said Michael Meyers, a former NAACP assistant national director who now heads the New York Civil Rights Coalition.

NAACP board members claim the fact more than 200 people applied for the executive director's position refutes that.

But critics, including Meyers, have charged the delay in naming a new leader was caused by a lack of qualified candidates with the profile needed.

Many civil rights leaders were simply not interested in heading an organization that had fallen behind the pack, Meyers said.



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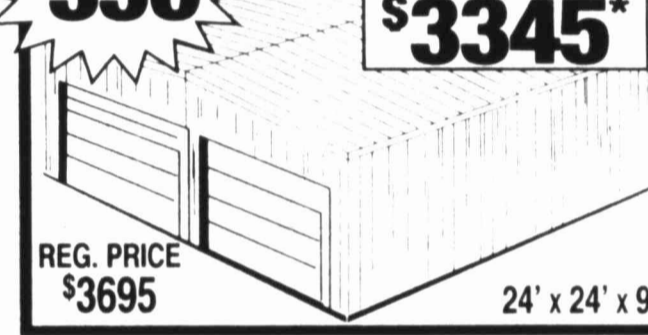
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# Ranch hand confesses to murdering missing Dade County boy

By RAJU CHEBIUM  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A ranch hand led police Saturday to the dismembered remains of a 9-year-old boy missing for nearly three months, and confessed that he kidnapped, sexually molested and killed the boy.

Juan Carlos Chavez was charged with kidnapping, aggravated sexual battery, first-degree murder and various firearms charges.

Jimmy Ryce vanished Sept. 11 after getting off a school bus a few blocks from his home in southern Dade County.

His parents, Don and Claudine Ryce, and hundreds of volunteers had handed out fliers and posted billboards advertising a \$100,000 reward for his return.

The case was featured on "America's Most Wanted."

"The heavens are crying, it's starting to rain," Mrs. Ryce said at a news conference Saturday outside the family home.

"I know this seems appropriate, such a beautiful world, and Jimmy was a flower in it. "I had hoped there would be a good ending to this story."

Chavez, 28, had been questioned for three days since Jimmy's book bag and school supplies were found in his trailer, about 6 miles from the boy's house.

"The investigation revealed that Juan Carlos Chavez abducted Jimmy and took him to a ranch, where he sexually assaulted, shot, and killed Jimmy, then dismembered the body, putting the remains in several containers," said Metro-Dade Police Cmdr. Al Harper.

On Wednesday, a woman who lives at the ranch where Chavez worked became suspicious after jewelry and a gun disappeared from her home.

She went to search the trailer where he lived in exchange for his ranch work, and found her belongings and the book bag, police said.

Police said Chavez had no prior criminal record.



A poster of Jimmy Ryce hangs on a stop sign near the home of his parents Saturday in South Dade, Fla. A ranch hand led police Saturday to the dismembered remains of the 9-year-old boy, and confessed to kidnapping, molesting and killing the child.

# Three soldiers charged in black couple's slaying

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Three soldiers from the Fort Bragg Army base have been charged in the slaying of a black couple in what police say was an outing to find and harass blacks.

The man charged Friday, Sgt. Randy Lee Meadows, 21, doesn't appear to have the same racist views as the two men charged earlier, police said.

Police found white-supremacist pamphlets in a mobile home where one suspect, Pvt. James Norman Burmeister II, rented a room. Also in the room were instructions for making bombs and a semiautomatic pistol believed to be the murder weapon, police said.

Burmeister, 20, of Thompson, Pa., and Pvt. Malcolm Wright, 21, of Lexington, Ky., were arrested Thursday and ordered held without bail on first-degree murder charges. They could get the death penalty for the killings early Thursday of Michael James, 36, and Jackie Burden, 27.

"I just know that this particular night their intentions were to go around and harass



Randy Lee Meadows, the third person charged in the double murder case, is walked to the magistrate's office in Fayetteville, N.C. blacks," said police Investigator Brian Flannery.

Meadows, of Illinois, was held without bail on two counts of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. Police investigators said he was the driver. If convicted, Meadows could face up to 80 years in prison.

All three suspects are members of the 82nd Airborne Division.

# Congressman convicted on nine felony counts

By JOHN HORN  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rep. Walter Tucker III was convicted Friday of accepting and demanding bribes while mayor of a Los Angeles suburb, and said he would probably resign.

Tucker closed his eyes as the

first guilty verdict was read in U.S. District Court but showed no other reaction. His wife, Robin, cried.

The 38-year-old Democrat was charged with selling his vote on a proposed \$250 million waste-to-energy conversion project while mayor of Compton in 1991 and 1992.

Jurors deliberated nine days

before finding him guilty on seven counts of extortion and two counts of tax evasion.

The jury could not reach a verdict on three other counts of extortion.

"I believe the jury made the wrong decision" Tucker, clutching a Bible, told reporters outside the courtroom.

"I know what happened in

these circumstances. The government knows what happened. It was entrapment."

He added: "Maybe I'll start a prison ministry — there's a lot of people in there who need to be saved."

Defense attorney Bob Ramsey Jr. was unsure whether Tucker would seek a new trial.

## IMAGINE



Gene Varon attends a candlelight vigil on Friday commemorating the 15th anniversary of John Lennon's death, in front of the Capitol Records building in Los Angeles.

# Report: Tobacco company document chemically links nicotine to cocaine

NEW YORK (AP) — A major cigarette maker concedes in an internal report that nicotine is chemically similar to cocaine and people smoke primarily to get the substance into their bodies, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

The 15-page Philip Morris draft report likens nicotine to a drug in both its composition and effects on the brain, the newspaper said.

In calling nicotine a "similar, organic chemical" to such drugs as cocaine, morphine, quinine and atropine, the document states that "while each of these substances can be used to affect human physiology, nicotine has a particularly broad range of influence."

Steven Parrish, Philip Morris' top spokesman, told the newspaper that the document was written by a non-scientist and does not reflect the views of the company on nicotine or smoking.

The confidential internal report, which was undated, proposed a safer cigarette with the code name "Table," the paper said. The newspaper quoted an unidentified company spokesman as saying that a task force working on Project Table

disbanded in late 1992 after making a presentation to senior management.

The role of nicotine is central to attacks on the tobacco industry by federal regulators and states and individuals bringing lawsuits. Plaintiffs' attorneys and four state governments have filed lawsuits alleging tobacco companies have known for years that smoking is addictive but have hidden the information from the public.

The Food and Drug Administration also is trying to regulate cigarettes as drugs, arguing that cigarettes' main function is to supply nicotine to smokers. Government scientists have said nicotine is the addictive component in cigarettes.

The document states nicotine mimics a chemical that controls heart rate and message-sending within the brain, and that it "is used to change psychological states leading to enhanced mental performance and relaxation."

"A smoker learns to control the delivery of nicotine through the smoking technique to create the desired mood state," the newspaper quoted the memo as saying.

### CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1995 AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL, 310 NOLAN STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE:

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# Top U.S. envoy seeks release of French pilots



An unexploded mortar shell stands half buried in the ground by the front entrance of the hospital in Goradze on Saturday, two months after it was fired from Serb positions outside this designated U.N. safe haven. Hospital officials thought it best not to disturb the shell for now.

By MISHA SAVIC  
Associated Press Writer

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** — The top U.S. envoy to Bosnia appealed to the Serbian president on Saturday to use his clout to win the speedy release of two French pilots shot down by Bosnian Serbs in August.

"We attach the highest importance to this issue," Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke said after meeting with President Slobodan Milosevic, who has helped win freedom for hostages held by Bosnian Serbs in the past.

Milosevic did not comment after the meeting.

Holbrooke appeared to be responding to an increasingly aggressive campaign by the French to win the release of the pilots, shot down Aug. 30. France threatened Saturday to "hit" the Bosnian Serbs unless it gets information about them.

"These are our boys, on a NATO mission, and NATO is sending in more troops," said Jacques Rummelhardt, spokesman for the French delegation to a 40-nation conference on Bosnia being held in London. "We have said we would hit those who have these pilots."

The French anger overshadowed the London conference, which moved quickly Saturday

to put Bosnia's peace accord into practice. Participants agreed to set up a U.N. police force and endorse a swift dispatch of election monitors.

The peace accord reached last month in Dayton, Ohio, is set to be formally signed in Paris on Dec. 14, and French government spokesman Alain Lamassoure said Saturday that the ceremony will go ahead despite the dispute.

NATO is waiting for the accord to be signed before sending the bulk of the 60,000 troops promised to enforce the peace among Bosnia's Muslims, Croats and Serbs.

Holbrooke's plea to Milosevic came amid increasing French desperation to have the pilots released. In Paris, Lamassoure said France has "some hopes, but unfortunately no assurances."

Already this year, Milosevic has successfully negotiated with Bosnian Serb leaders for the release of more than 300 U.N. peacekeepers taken hostage, and of a Christian Science Monitor reporter.

The independent Yugoslav newspaper Nasa Borba, citing unnamed sources, said the pilots were being held by Bosnian Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Mladic near Pale, the Serb stronghold in the moun-

tains above Sarajevo.

Mladic has said he will free the men only if charges against him are dropped by an international war crimes tribunal, the newspaper said.

In other developments:

—The buildup of troops in Bosnia continued on schedule, although heavy fog forced the cancellation of all U.N. and NATO flights into Sarajevo on Saturday, said British Maj. Simon Haselock, a spokesman for the vanguard of the peace enforcers.

So far, 350 soldiers have arrived, and up to 2,600 are expected by the end of next week, he said. Forty-seven American troops are in Bosnia.

—The first three C-130 Hercules transport planes carrying 110 U.S. soldiers landed at Tazsar airfield in southern Hungary.

—President Clinton said the 20,000 U.S. troops expected in Bosnia should leave after a year, regardless of how much they have accomplished.

In an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," taped Friday for broadcast Sunday night, he said that even if war returns after the troops leave, "we gave them a chance."

## Russia denies sub is near U.S.

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The Russian Navy denied Saturday that one of its submarines was operating off the coast of Washington state.

The denial came a day after the Pentagon confirmed an NBC News report that a Russian sub has been lurking off Washington state since October.

From there it can electronically monitor the activity of Trident nuclear submarines.

The Russian Navy press office said that although Russian military vessels are on duty in various parts of the world, the reports that one of its submarines is off the U.S. West Coast are groundless.

The statement was carried by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Cmdr. Steve Pietropaoli, a Navy spokesman at the Pentagon, said Friday that while the Navy saw nothing threatening about the Russian sub's movements, its presence in the northeast Pacific fit an emerging pattern of such activities.

Pietropaoli acknowledged that U.S. submarines monitor Russian strategic ports.

What's notable now, he said, is that while the U.S. offshore monitoring never stopped after the Cold War ended, the Russians had stopped theirs.

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## Steers conclude Rotary tourney with win

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

After losing their first Rotary Invitational Tournament games by a combined total of five points, the Big Spring Steers apparently decided they had had enough of this near-miss business.

Fueled by the twin tower attack of Daniel Franks and Ib Simpson, the Steers concluded play at the Big Spring Rotary tournament with a 79-64 victory over Amarillo Caprock Saturday afternoon in Steer Gym.

Franks scored 20 points and Simpson added 18 to pace the Steers, who improved to 4-8

with the victory. Justin Myers and Greg Wollenzien also were in double figures for Big Spring with 11 points each.

Cody Wall scored 20 points and Miguel Morales and Fernando Vitela added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Longhorns.

Big Spring coach Gary Tipton said the Steers definitely saved

their best for last at the tournament. After opening tourney play with a one-point loss to Merkel, then falling by four points to El Paso Montwood Friday, Big Spring led wire-to-wire against Caprock, at times holding leads as large as 23 points.

"We played probably as good a game as we've played this

year - it might be the best game we've played this year," Tipton said. "What made this special is that the kids have had a lot of tough, close losses, and I think the kids showed a lot of heart putting together that kind of game out there."

The Steers raced out to an 8-2 lead in the opening minutes, and led by nine at halftime, but

it was in the third quarter that Big Spring really put a hammerlock on the proceedings.

Big Spring scored on its first six possessions of the third. Simpson starting the quarter by scoring off a give-and-go with Franks, Chad Warren added a short jumper and

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## Cougars' state title dreams end Friday

By DARRELL ERICSON  
Sports writer

LEVELLAND - The playoff trophy that the Klondike Cougars got used to holding was gleaming under the Lobo Stadium lights Friday - in the hands of the Amherst Bulldogs.

Tears filled the eyes of Klondike coaches, players, and fans after they lost 78-34 to defending state champion Amherst in the state six-man semifinals.

The Bulldogs scored 51 points in the second half to enforce the 45-point rule with 6:36 left in the fourth quarter.

When adversity struck in the second half, the Cougars could not respond. A strong first half made it seem as if a different team took the field in the second.

When asked what went wrong, heads shook with confusion.

Klondike safety Micheal Arismendez said, "We knew we could keep up with them but we blew it in the second half. I don't know ... I guess they knew what to do and how to handle it, being state champs."

Little relief could be found in the fact that the Cougars' only loss in their 1995 football season was to the No. 1 team in the state.

"We feel like we should have

won," Klondike quarterback Tanner Etheredge said about the relief. "Man, it pretty much stinks. How else can you say it?"

"I don't know what happened in the second half. We came out flat and they took advantage of it. We lost the momentum and couldn't get it back."

The Cougars met the Bulldogs strong in the first half, scoring four times to take the halftime lead.

The Cougars jumped to an early lead off the first touchdown of the game, a 6-yard pass to

Lon Estes from Etheredge.

"We had a lot of intensity in the first half, knew what we had to do and went out and did it," Etheredge said.

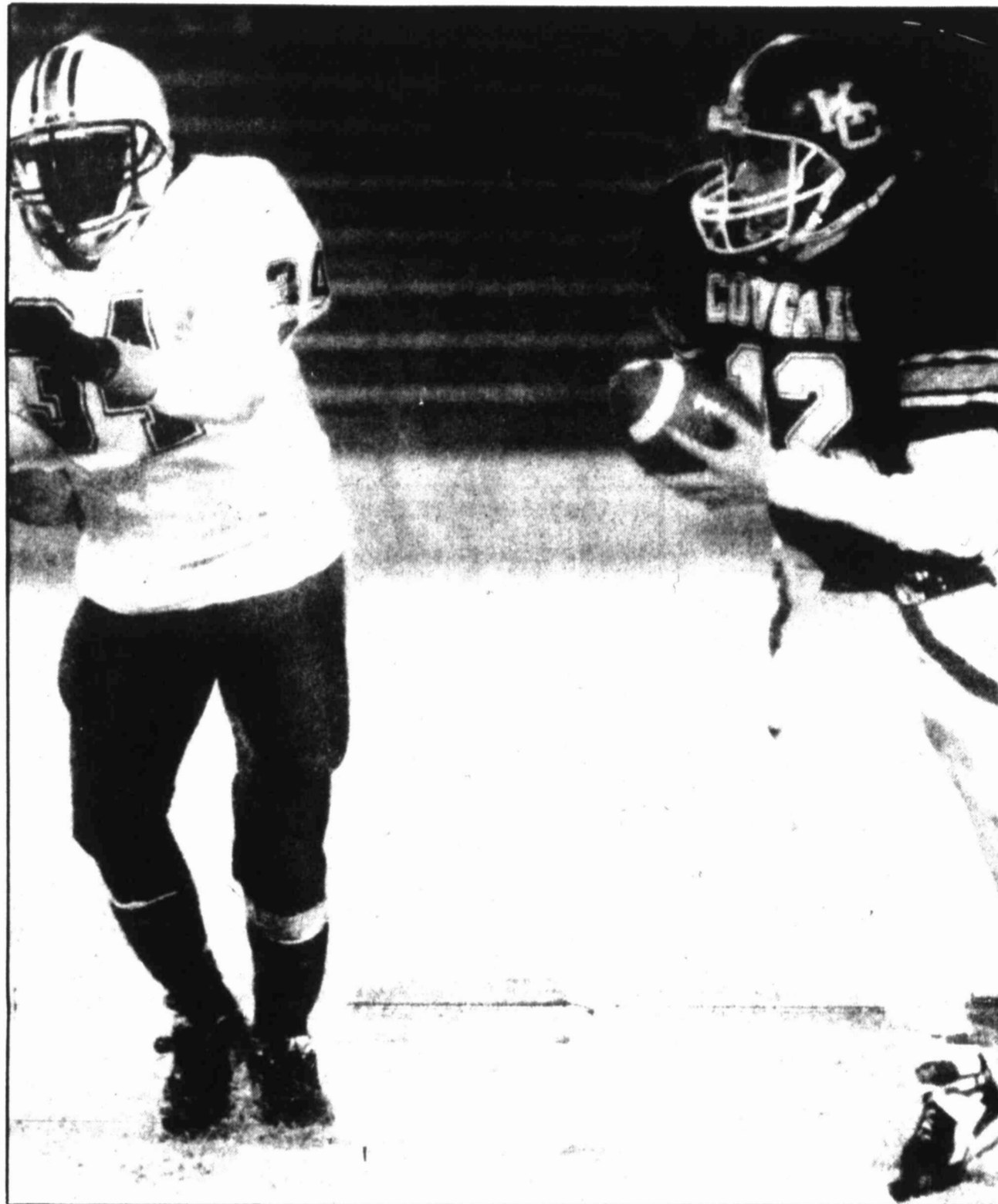
Klondike had no trouble executing their passing game and the defense didn't take long to contain Amherst star running back Dewayne Miles.

A big defensive stand from Klondike on Amherst's first possession provided the offense the opportunity to move up a to 14-0 lead.

Mixing the run and pass, Klondike drove 73 yards to score its second touchdown of the game on a 1-yard dive by Ryan Jones.

Miles, however, soon began living up to expectations.

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Klondike's Lon Estes (12) heads upfield during the Cougars' state six-man semifinal playoff game with Amherst Friday in Levelland.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## SWC: Hail, farewell, and amen

I just read an article stating that the Cotton Bowl officials are having trouble selling tickets to the annual event. With the recent death of the Southwest Conference, it seems somewhat appropriate that the Cotton Bowl would have troubles, also.

Sports experts more noted than I have expounded loud and long on the conference's demise, so it's not like anything I say will be earth-shattering. As a long-time fan of the SWC, however, its recent parting was a time for sadness.

With all its recent troubles a matter of public record, it's almost hard to remember that there was a time that the SWC was on a par with almost every other major conference in the nation.

Old-timers remember the beginning of the SWC's glory days back in the 1930s and '40s, when players and coaches such as Sammy Baugh, Dutch Meyer, Bobby Layne, Doak Walker, Kyle Rote and Davey O'Brien first thrust the conference into the national spotlight.

Being sort of an old-timer wannabe, however, my memories of the conference don't quite go back that far. Instead, my fondest recollections are of the 1960s, when it seemed either Texas or Arkansas owned or shared the league title every year.

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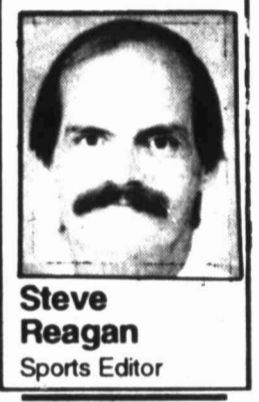
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Steve Reagan  
Sports Editor



EDDIE GEORGE

## OSU running back wins Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) - Eddie George, who led the nation with 24 touchdowns and rushed for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards, won the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night.

The senior tailback beat out Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier and Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel by a surprisingly wide margin.

After hearing the announcement, George buried his head in his hands.

"I'm glad this is over," he said. "I'm just overwhelmed right now."

George is the fifth Ohio State player to win the Heisman, joining Les Horvath, Vic Janowicz, Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy and two-time winner Archie Griffin. Only Notre Dame, with seven, has more Heisman winners.

Most people expected one of the closest three-way races in Heisman history, but George

beat runner-up Frazier by 264 points and third-place Wuerffel by 473 points.

George received 268 first-place votes and 1,460 points in balloting by the media and former Heisman winners.

Frazier, who passed and ran for 31 touchdowns and led top-ranked Nebraska to its third straight undefeated regular season, got 218 first-place votes and 1,196 points.

Wuerffel, who set an NCAA record for passing efficiency and helped No. 2 Florida go 12-0, received 185 firsts and 987 points.

The closest Heisman vote was in 1985, when Auburn's Bo Jackson edged Iowa's Chuck Long by 45 points. The closest three-man race was in 1956, when Notre Dame's Paul Hornung beat runner-up Johnny Majors of Tennessee by 72 points and third-place Tommy McDonald of Oklahoma

by 93 points.

Northwestern running back Darnell Autry finished fourth this year, followed by Iowa State running back Troy Davis and Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning.

Rounding out the top 10 were Southern Cal receiver Keyshawn Johnson, Michigan running back Tim Biakabutuka, Florida State running back Warrick Dunn and Ohio State quarterback Bobby Hoying.

Wuerffel, Frazier, George, Autry and Davis attended the announcement at the Downtown Athletic Club.

George finished first in three of the six voting regions: the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest. Frazier carried the Southwest and Far West, while Wuerffel won the South.

George was the featured star on a team that included All-American receiver Terry Glenn

and All-Big Ten quarterback Bobby Hoying. George was a versatile performer, carrying the ball 303 times and catching 44 passes for 399 yards.

"He was awesome," Illinois defensive coordinator Denny Marcin said after George shredded the Illini's vaunted defense for an Ohio State-record 314 yards. "I've coached 32 years and have not seen a back like that."

George, who grew up in Philadelphia, wasn't always a hard worker. He admittedly was "lazy" and "disrespectful" in high school, so his mother sent him to Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

"They instilled discipline in me really quick," said George, who is close to getting his degree in landscape architecture at Ohio State.

George gained over 100 yards in every game except Ohio State's opener.

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

### SHOT OF THE DAY



And furthermore ... Maryland head coach Gary Williams points a finger to his bench during the Terrapins' game with UCLA Saturday.

### TEXAS

#### Montana crushes SFA

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - Dave Dickenson passed for 370 yards and five touchdowns and ran for another as Montana ended Stephen F. Austin's dream of an NCAA Division I-AA title, 70-14, in a chilly semifinal Saturday.

Montana (12-2) advanced to the national championship game for the first time in the school's history. It plays the winner of the Marshall-McNeese State game next Saturday at Huntington, W.Va., home of Marshall University.

The Grizzlies scored seven straight touchdowns after Stephen F. Austin (11-2) pulled within 21-14 on a 2-yard TD run by Leonard Harris with 3:45 remaining in the first half.

Montana scored on Dickenson's 20-yard pass to Raul Pacheco with 2:10 remaining in the half.

### NATION/WORLD

#### Nagy, Navarro sign

NEW YORK (AP) - The Cleveland Indians signed pitcher Charles Nagy to a two-year, \$6.75 million contract, and Jaime Navarro decided to stay with the Chicago Cubs, agreeing to an unusual contract that is worth \$3.4 million for one year but could be worth \$7.3 million for two years or \$10.6 million for three years.

#### McKinnon wins Hill Award

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) - North Alabama linebacker Ronald McKinnon became the first defensive player ever to win the Harlon Hill Trophy as Division II's player of the year.

McKinnon beat out Ferris State quarterback Bill Love to win the award.

### ON THE AIR

#### Football

NFL  
Dallas at Philadelphia, noon, FOX (ch. 3).  
Buffalo at St. Louis, noon, NBC (ch. 9).  
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Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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# Lehman-Waldorf in Diner's final

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Tom Lehman made a 40-foot chip for a birdie on the fifth hole of sudden death Saturday, propelling himself and teammate Duffy Waldorf into the finals of the Diners' Club Matches.

Lehman and Waldorf eliminated Bob Tway and Scott Verplank and will play Kenny Perry and John Huston into Sunday's championship round.

Lehman started the fifth hole of the playoff by driving the ball into the rough. His wedge shot was short of the green and in the rough. But his 40-foot chip went into the center of the cup.

"I'm really tired," Lehman said. "I'd had putts early in the day along the same line so I was just trying to get the ball

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Lehman and Waldorf couldn't claim victory until Tway's 20-foot putt hit the side of the hole and slid away.

Bob Murphy, a teammate of Jim Colbert, made a 4-foot birdie putt on the 6th playoff hole of sudden death to win in the semifinals of the Senior PGA portion of the event.

"I played that hole four times today and hit a different club each

time," Murphy said. "I hit an

8-iron the first time, a 7-iron the next time; then a 6-iron before hitting a 4-iron the final time. Kept hitting the ball off the tee a little shorter as the day went on making the second shot more difficult each time."

Murphy and Colbert defeated George Archer and Dale Douglass to advance to the championship round against Dave Stockton and Hale Irwin.

"I'm really tired," Colbert said. "My legs started to cramp before we finished the first 18

holes.

Perry and Huston advanced to Sunday's final round with a 5 & 4 victory over Jim Gallagher Jr. and Steve Lowery.

Stockton and Irwin beat defending champions Ray Floyd and Dave Eichelberger 5 and 3. Irwin had seven birdies in his round, including the final five holes.

Laura Davies recorded eight birdies as she and Mardi Lunn advanced to Sunday's final round, closing out Dottie Pepper and Juli Inkster 2 and 1.

"I think I played the best round I've played all year," Davies said. "My irons were as good as I could hit them."

Davies and Lunn are 17-under par for their two days work and have not recorded a bogey.

## Klondike

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returning the ensuing kickoff 60 yards for Amherst's first score. He then tied the game 14-14 at the end of the first on a 26-yard run off a fumble recovery.

Klondike soon regained the lead after recovering an Amherst fumble. Etheredge hit James Rawlings in the end zone on a 38-yard pass.

In the final three minutes of the first half, Amherst was able to score twice, once on a 8-yard pass from Ryan McNabb to Judd Perkins and the other on Miles' second 60-yard kickoff return.

Klondike squeezed in a score on a 16-yard run by Lon Estes to take a 28-27 lead at half.

Etheredge completed 17 of 11 passes for 123 yards in the first half and helped the Cougars get 11 first downs and five penetrations.

The Cougars' defense held Miles to 119 yards and forced the Bulldogs to punt once in the first half.

Mistakes proved costly for the Cougars in the second half — two fumbles resulted in Amherst scores and four penalties for 53 yards, moved Klondike out of scoring range twice.

"We definitely gave them a run for their money. The kids have nothing to be ashamed of," Klondike head coach Jim Kinnear said. "I think we had a lot of mistakes in the second half and they answered the call. Anytime you have that much experience as they do, its going to make a difference. They knew what to do and did it."

"We had a great year and we are not going to let this one loss take away from that."

## Reagan

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Then there was the greatest college game ever (at least in my opinion), the Great Shootout in 1969, when No. 1 Texas came back from the dead to beat No. 2 Arkansas 15-14 with President Nixon, Billy Graham and a national TV audience watching.

Now, just a quarter-century after that game, the conference is dead.

TV played a part in its demise. With national telecasts possible, there was little interest in the quaint SWC, with all but one of its members being a Texas school.

A lot of its wounds were self-inflicted, however. It seemed like one SWC school or another was constantly in hot water with the NCAA because of recruiting violations. More often than not, the school under investigation was told on by another conference university.

All this back-biting, and the loss of Texas recruits to other schools like Oklahoma or Notre Dame, eventually made the SWC irrelevant. Arkansas jumped ship to the Southeastern Conference a few years back, and the rest of the gang followed suit this year.

It's more than a little sad, folks.

More than a few people are saying good riddance to the Southwest Conference, but don't count me in those ranks. Maybe the SWC did a good job of suicide, but even if that's the case, we should remember the time when playing Texas, Arkansas, SMU, TCU or another conference member meant playing against one of the best.

It wasn't that long ago, although it does seem that way.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Lady Hawks end first half 15-0

CARTHAGE — The Howard College Lady Hawks finished the first half of their season with a perfect 15-0 record by defeating Panola 69-53 Saturday night.

Donelle Jones scored 16 points, and Sunny Fuller and La'Tonya Kindle added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Lady Hawks.

Panola scored the first two points of the game, then went scoreless over the next 12 minutes. After that, Panola never got closer than 13 points of the lead.

Howard coach Terry Gray said the first half of the season has been a pleasant surprise.

"We were hoping it would happen, but realistically, with such a young team, you don't know what will happen, especially on the road," Gray said. "They have done an outstanding job."

Howard returns to action Jan. 6 in Plano against Collin County Community College.

### Lady Steers take consolation title

SEMINOLE — The Big Spring Lady Steers defeated Mountain View 75-48 to take the consolation title at the Seminole Basketball Tournament Saturday.

Heather Anderson poured in five three-pointers en route to a 17-point performance, while Kim Robertson added 15 points, Robin Wise 14 and Nadia Cole 10 for the Lady Steers, who improved to 8-5 with the win.

In the junior varsity division, Big Spring advanced to the championship game before falling to Midland 61-41.

Kaasha Lott and Traci Bellinghausen scored 12 points each to lead the JV Lady Steers, 6-4 for the season.

Big Spring returns to action Tuesday at Sweetwater, then opens District 4-4A play Thursday at Pecos.

### BSHS boys finish second

SEMINOLE — Minus five regulars, the Big Spring High School boys' swim team still almost pulled off a third straight first-place finish this season, claiming the runner-up spot at the Seminole Invitational Swim Meet Saturday.

Pecos won the event with 123 points, followed by Big Spring with 107. Carlsbad, N.M. was third with 90 points.

In the girls' division, Big Spring finished fifth, 100 points behind meet winner Pecos.

Five regulars missed the meet because of illness or other considerations, but BSHS coach Harlan Smith was still pleased with the results.

"They still performed very well," Smith said. "The kids swam well, and everybody improved their times. It was a good meet."

Alex Padilla claimed a gold medal for the Big Spring boys with a time of 27.42 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle.

Big Spring also captured first place in the boys' 200 freestyle relay, winning in a time of 1:53.78, while Slate Broyles and Stephen Smith finished 1-2 in the boys' 100 backstroke.

For the BSHS girls, Somer Leubner finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:31.11.

The BSHS swim team is idle until Jan. 13, when it competes at Monahans.

### Hawks dominate Garden City JC

LIBERAL, Kan. — The Howard College Hawks opened play at the Seward County Community College Classic with an 86-84 win over Garden City Junior College Friday.

Freshman guard Andre Blackmon was scoring for the Hawks, canning 12 of 17 shots en route to a 32 point performance. Chris Stansel had 11 points and Patrick Wrigg 10 for Howard.

Howard quickly gained control of the game, scoring the first 13 points.

"Our defensive intensity set the tone of the game," Howard coach Tommy Collins said. "They could not recover from run at the start. Andre shot their lights out, and Rod (Jones) did a great job of pushing the ball quickly and distributing it."



Associated Press photo

UCLA center Jelani McCoy slam dunks during the first half of the Bruins' game with Maryland at the John Wooden Classic in Anaheim, Calif. Saturday.

## Top 25: 'Nova cruises past Purdue

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — With one of its most prominent graduates in attendance, Purdue played about as poor a first half as possible Saturday to fall hopelessly behind No. 2 Villanova.

And the Boilermakers weren't much better in the second half, either.

All-American Kerry Kittles scored 19 points and grabbed six rebounds as the Wildcats stifled the Boilermakers 67-50 in the opener of the second annual John Wooden Classic.

Wooden, who guided UCLA to 10 NCAA championships in a 12-year span finishing in 1975, was a three-time All-American at Purdue from 1930-32.

Massachusetts 65, Boston College 57

BOSTON (AP) — Edgar Padilla scored eight key points as No. 3 Massachusetts overcame a 13-point first-half deficit

with a run of 17, and beat Boston College 65-57 Saturday.

Donta Bright had 24 points and Marcus Camby 19 for UMass, including a nice baseline move and layup to complete the run that gave the Minutemen (5-0) a 37-33 lead. Danya Abrams led Boston College (4-2) with 23 points and 5-foot-10 freshman Scoonie Penn scored 14 points.

Arizona 90, Towson St. 84

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Miles Simon scored 25 points to lead No. 4 Arizona past Towson State 90-84 Saturday.

Joseph Blair added 22 points and 10 rebounds as Arizona struggled to shake Towson State until the final minutes. Arizona never trailed in the contest.

The Wildcats (7-0) led 47-37 at the half and built their advantage to 60-41 when Simon made a free throw with 16:01 left.

Wake Forest 77, Florida 53

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Tim Duncan, rebounding from a subpar game against Massachusetts, proved again Saturday he is one of the best big men in the country, leading No. 10 Wake Forest to a 77-53 victory over Florida with a brilliant all-around performance.

Wake Forest (4-1), which has lost to third-ranked Massachusetts 60-46 on Wednesday in the lowest-scoring game of coach Dave Odom's seven-year tenure, held the Gators (2-3) scoreless for more than five minutes midway through the first half.

Louisville 101, Texas 78

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — DeJuan Wheat scored 24 points and No. 23 Louisville never trailed after scoring the first 18 points of the game in a 101-78 win over Texas on Saturday.

## Steers

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Myers nailed a three-pointer to put Big Spring up 43-29. Simpson followed that by sandwiching a pair of baskets around another Myers three-pointer, and the Steers had a 19-point lead with less than three minutes gone in the quarter.

The Steers also closed the quarter in a flourish, taking a 60-37 lead into the final quarter,

then survived a mini-run by Caprock to seal the win.

CAPROCK (64) — Madrigal 2 0-0 4; Sorta 2 0-1 4; Virela 4 2-2 10; Wall 6 6-6 20; Allison 2 0-0 4; Lopez 3 3-4 9; Roman 1 0-0 2; Morales 4 3-5 11; totals 24 14-18 64.

BIG SPRING (79) — Myers 4 0-0 11; Warren 2 0-0 4; Massingill 1 5-6 7; Franks 9 2-2 20; Wollenzen 3 5-7 11; Simpson 9 0-0 18; Fernau 3 2-4 8; totals 31 14-19 79.

Score by quarters  
Caprock 10 15 12 27 — 64  
Big Spring 19 17 24 19 — 79  
Three-point goals — Wall 2, Myers 3, Total fouls — Caprock 17, Big Spring 14; Fouled out — none.

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# Vikes stop Browns; Buddy Ball burned

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — December belongs to the Minnesota Vikings, and the Cleveland Browns couldn't do anything about that on Saturday.

Charles Evans scored the first two touchdowns of his NFL career and rookie Orlando Thomas led a swarming defense with two interceptions in Minnesota's 27-11 victory, its fifth in six games.

The Vikings (8-6) are 11-4 in the final month of the regular season during coach Dennis Green's four seasons. Only San Francisco has a better December record during that time (10-3), and those two teams play Dec. 18 on the West Coast.

With a 3-5 record in their division, the Vikings probably cannot afford to lose to the 49ers or at Cincinnati if they hope to make Green the fifth coach in NFL history to reach the playoffs each of his first four seasons.

Thoughts of the playoffs faded long ago for the Browns (4-10), seemingly demoralized by owner Art Modell's attempt to move the franchise to Baltimore. Cleveland lost its sixth consecutive game and its ninth in the last 10.

## Chargers 28, Cardinals 25

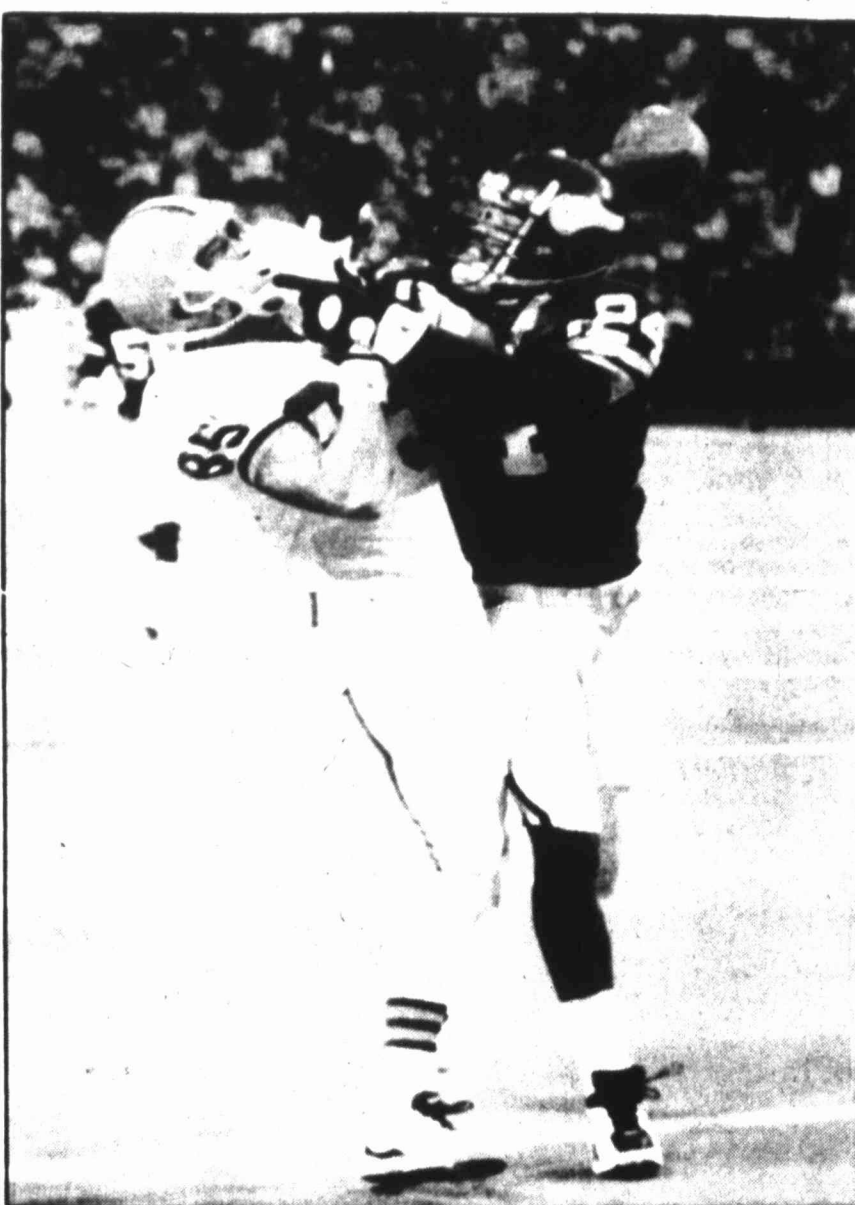
SAN DIEGO (AP) — In the flash of an Andre Coleman kickoff return, the San Diego Chargers found the spark to burn Buddy Ball.

San Diego's dynamic return specialist ran back the second-half kickoff 92 yards for the go-ahead touchdown, the middle score of a 21-point burst that gave the Chargers a 28-25 win over the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday.

At once stifled and aided by Buddy Ryan's aggressive "46" defense, the Chargers scored three times in a stretch of 6 minutes, 18 seconds spanning halftime. The defending AFC champion Chargers (7-7) won their third straight game to remain in playoff contention, and reached .500 for the first time since Oct. 22. Arizona fell to 4-10.

Coleman's return put San Diego ahead 21-14. Receiver Mark Seay burned the Cardinals on a 38-yard touchdown pass from Stan Humphries, his second of the day, for a 28-14 lead.

The Chargers won despite committing a season-high five turnovers, including four interceptions by Humphries.



Minnesota safety Robert Griffith (24) bats the ball away from Cleveland receiver Derrick Alexander during the third quarter of their game in Minneapolis Saturday.

# Defense big question mark for Cowboys today

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ray Rhodes figured he had nothing to lose by asking Norv Turner how his Washington Redskins beat the Dallas Cowboys twice this season, most recently last week.

It doesn't appear Turner gave Rhodes much to work with as the Philadelphia Eagles (8-5) prepared to take on the Cowboys (10-3) Sunday at Veterans Stadium.

"We talked to some people, but I'm not going to put a big premium on that," Rhodes said. "It's not like it's a big secret to us. If you can take away the big three, you've got a chance to win the game."

Containing the big three — Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin — would give the Eagles a good chance of upsetting the Cowboys, especially considering the Dallas defense won't have Charles Haley.

Haley, tied for fifth in the league with 10 sacks, will miss the rest of the season after back surgery earlier in the week.

Although coach Barry Switzer called it "a tremendous loss," he also downplayed the impact it will have on the Cowboys. "Haley's been hurt several weeks, so his production had been down anyway," Switzer said.

The Cowboys will shift Pro Bowl defensive tackle Leon Lett to Haley's right end spot and Switzer predicted big things for Lett coming off the corner.

"I think Leon Lett will be a force outside," he said. "He's a tremendous athlete with great quickness. He's big and strong, and can run."

The loss of Haley and middle linebacker Robert Jones (groin) won't help a Cowboys run defense that gave up 140 yards on the ground to the Redskins last week. Dallas will have even more trouble stopping the run if Charlie Garner can play with a broken right thumb.

The presence of Garner, listed as questionable, gives Philadelphia a shifty change-of-pace to team with Ricky Watters, third in the NFC with 1,074 yards.

Garner doesn't talk to the media, but Rhodes said he wants to play.

"You don't want to run with the ball facing the defense that much, but we do have plays designed where he can carry the ball in his left hand and away from the defenders," Rhodes said.

The Eagles feel the key to containing the Cowboys offense is to shut down Smith's normal running lanes and pressure Aikman, something they never did in a 34-12 loss to Dallas on Nov. 6.

The key for the Cowboys, who have beaten Philadelphia in the last seven meetings, may lie in snapping out of the malaise that seems to have filtered into the locker room.

"I don't think we're having a great deal of fun," said Smith, echoing comments Aikman made earlier in the week.

"When we play, we're not showing any emotion. I see guys, when we score touchdowns, (act) like it's another day in the park. That's something I'm not used to seeing around here."

# Oilers staring down barrel of NFL's best offense

HOUSTON (AP) — The Detroit Lions have taken what defenses have given them and made producing the most potent offense in the NFL look easy.

It's no longer Barry Sanders left, right and up the middle now that Scott Mitchell has started connecting with receivers Herman Moore and Brett Perriman in a record-setting run for the playoffs.

The Lions have a chance to extend their winning streak to five games — and maybe save their head coach's job — Sunday when they play the Houston Oilers in the Astrodome.

Coach Wayne Fontes has the Lions offense leading the NFL with an average of 384.5 yards per game, despite being under a dismissal notice from owner William Clay Ford if the Lions don't make the playoffs.

"I told the players let's not try to win one for the Gipper," Fontes said. "Just go play for yourself and the pride of being an NFL player. This has hap-

pened for seven years.

"If a coach dwells too much on his security then he should find something else to do."

The Lions' expanded talent pool on offense should allow Fontes to keep his job. Detroit's last three games are against teams with losing records, the Oilers, (5-8), Jacksonville (3-10) and Tampa Bay (6-7).

Moore leads the NFL with 101 catches, Sanders is second in the NFL with 1,322 yards rushing and Perriman has 91 receptions and is going for his first 100-catch season.

Moore and Perriman would become the first pair of receivers to each get 100 receptions in a season.

"We have fine skilled ath-

letes, so let's use them all," Fontes said. "If people want to come up to the line and take Barry out of the game, let's just throw it, let's not be stubborn."

"I've been stubborn in the past and kept giving him the ball, but now we've got a good thrower and receivers."

Mitchell has learned to use all of his weapons well.

"We don't want to take Barry Sanders out of it, that would be foolish," Mitchell said. "We know great things happen when he gets the ball. Just his presence is a problem for defenses. It helps my job of throwing the ball."

It's not a good time for the Oilers defense to be facing the league's No. 1 offense.

Defensive ends Anthony Cook and Kanavies McGhee are out with injuries and cornerbacks Steve Jackson and Darryll Lewis and safety Blaine Bishop are slowed with injuries.

"You're not used to seeing receivers with Moore's (6-3) size," cornerback Kris Dishman said. "The only person on this team with that size is Haywood (Jeffries) and he won't play on the scout team for us."

"It's going to be hard. If you double team one of them, the other one will kill you."

The Lions are in a familiar pattern under Fontes, who has an 18-6 record in the final four games since he's been the coach.

# NFL This Week

## Kansas City (11-2) at Miami (7-8) Monday night

When the season started, most people would have predicted the records would have been reversed — in fact, 7-6 would have been above the Chiefs' expectations.

Instead, they come in with a shot at clinching home field for the AFC playoffs should the Steelers lose Sunday while Miami continues its struggle just to make the postseason that was supposed to be a guarantee. The Dolphins just survived last week, beating Atlanta, 21-20, after what Don Shula — the man on the spot — called "the toughest week we've ever had."

The Dolphins are still in decent position, only a game behind Buffalo with a trip to Rich Stadium coming up next week. If they can hold that position this week, they're in even better shape because they beat Buffalo in Miami.

## Pittsburgh (9-4) at Oakland (8-5)

The Steelers have won six in a row, the Raiders have lost three and the rowdy Raiders' fans could get edgy in the Steelers' first return to Oakland since the days when Chuck Noll's teams were filing lawsuits over late hits by the Raiders.

"We're missing something," coach Mike White says of his undisciplined team, which was penalized 13 times for 105 yards against the Chiefs. "I don't know what it is, but we're missing it."

"It" is probably veteran leadership — there's no Howie Long or Marcus Allen around to steer some of the talented young players when they get out of hand. And there may still be no Jeff Hostetler at quarterback this week. Vince Evans, who hasn't produced a touchdown in eight quarters could be back.

The Steelers, on the other hand, have little left to gain — just an outside shot at home field in the playoffs. But after last year's disappointing loss in the AFC title game, they're not about to let up.

## Buffalo (8-5) at St. Louis (7-6)

The Bills already have one more win than all of last year and can clinch a wild-card berth with a win and losses by Oakland, Denver, and either Indianapolis or San Diego. Their problem may be looking back at a game they could have won — Sunday night's 27-17 loss in San Francisco.

Despite six losses in nine games and a narrow win over the dreadful Jets last week, the Rams are in contention for a wild-card berth — they're one of five 7-6 teams in the NFC, where only four teams have better records.

## San Francisco (9-4) at Carolina (6-7)

New Orleans (6-7) at Atlanta (7-6)

This is the NFC West tournament (minus the Rams).

"I'm still not thinking about it," Dom Capers says of Carolina's chances of

becoming the first expansion team to make the playoffs. "Maybe if we win this week I'll think about it."

Winning this week will be a chore against a team that's become the Super Bowl favorite since the last time these two met, a 13-7 Carolina win in San Francisco that marked the low point of the 49ers' season. A win here and an Atlanta loss, and San Francisco clinches the NFC West, something that seems inevitable anyway.

The Falcons have lost three of four, including the 21-20 loss in Miami last week in which coach June Jones eschewed a field goal in the final minutes and lived to regret it. The kicker in question was Morten Andersen, the longtime Saint, who beat New Orleans in overtime the first time they met.

That was during the Saints' 0-5 start; they're 6-2 since and could become the first team to start 0-5 and make the playoffs, but they most likely need to win all three — this one, at home to Green Bay and at the Jets. Green Bay may be the killer.

## Green Bay (9-4) at Tampa Bay (6-7)

Chicago (7-6) at Cincinnati (5-8)

Green Bay is hot, Chicago and Tampa Bay are not.

The Packers, winners of four straight in which they've averaged 31 points, are in the best shape — a win here and a Detroit loss, and they clinch the division. More important, they're playing well, particularly Brett Favre, even if he has to be chastised by Mike Holmgren occasionally for running his personal MVP campaign.

The Bucs, on the other hand, are not only dropping out of the playoff picture after losing five of six, but that annual specter is getting closer. If they lose to the Packers, Lions and Bears in the next three weeks (more possible than not), they hit double-digit losses for the 13th straight year.

The Bears also are going south, losing four of five and getting embarrassed 27-7 Monday night in Pontiac by Mitchell, Moore and the Lions. Not only were they let down by a defense that has yielded the second most points in the league, but their usually powerful offense fizzled.

## Indianapolis (7-6) at Jacksonville (3-10)

This is the second stop on the Colts' expansion trip after an unhappy experience at Carolina. Not only did they lose, but Jim Harbaugh injured a knee that required surgery and will give way this week to Craig Erickson.

## Seattle (6-7) at Denver (7-6)

The Broncos are 6-1 at home, the Seahawks are 2-4 on the road, a stat that bodes well for Denver, which still has a reasonable shot at a playoff spot. But the Broncos have to close at Kansas City and Oakland, so a win is almost mandatory.

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## Fans not Cotton-ing to bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Pssst! Hey Buddy, wanna buy some Cotton Bowl tickets? How about 10,000 or 20,000 of them?

Without a team from Texas in the Cotton Bowl, the matchup between No. 12 Oregon and No. 7 Colorado has not drawn much fan interest in the 60th annual classic on Jan. 1.

"It's not going to be a sell-out," said John Crawford, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association.

Not only are ticket sales slow in Dallas, fans from both schools haven't exactly taken a cotton to the game.

Colorado has sold only about 6,300 tickets, said ticket manager Caroline Fenton.

"I didn't think we would sell all of them, but we hoped it would have been better than this," she said.

Oregon ticket manager Hunt Holsapple said the school probably won't sell many more than 11,000 tickets already purchased by fans.

"We thought we would do much better than that — we were thinking 20,000 early on," he said. "It's slowed down, but the (ticket requests) are still coming in."

Each school is responsible for selling at least 12,500 tickets at \$45 each. The Cotton Bowl seats 68,252.

If Cotton Bowl officials know how many tickets they have sold to fans in Texas, they're not saying.

"I'd rather not" give an estimate, said Rick Baker, the bowl's executive director.

He did concede, however, that 15-yard-line seats were still available, which doesn't bode well for an endzone-packing sellout.

"We're not getting as strong as participation from the Dallas area, that's where the shortfall is," Crawford said. "And that's unfortunate, given the economic impact this game has on this community."

A Texas team has played in all but nine Cotton Bowls. And former Southwest Conference member Arkansas, a close neighbor, played in eight of the nine non-Texas games. The only game between schools from outside the region pitted Clemson and Boston College in 1940. The game drew just 15,000 fans.

The Cotton Bowl had featured the SWC champion since 1941. The SWC is dissolving after this season, and the new Tier 1 Bowl Alliance has ended the conference's affiliation with the Cotton Bowl. Under bowl alliance, the national championship game was awarded to the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls on a rotating basis for three years. That left the Cotton Bowl to scramble without a corporate sponsor since Mobil Corp. dropped its affiliation in March.

Without Mobil's support, Oregon and Colorado each will receive between \$2 million and \$2.5 million, depending on ticket sales, said Charlie Fiss, media director for the Cotton Bowl. With Mobil's support, Tech and USC each got \$3 million last season.

Holsapple said the big difference between this year and last season's trip to the Rose Bowl is the interest — or lack thereof — shown among Oregon students.

"We took 6,000 students to the Rose Bowl," Holsapple said. "We've only had a little over 100 students buy tickets to this game."

Duck fans were in a frenzy last year, when Oregon won the Pac-10 title and represented the conference against Big 10 champion Penn State.

"We took 40,000 fans," he said. "Last year, we sold everything we could get our hands on."

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## CHURCH under CONSTRUCTION

How does Big Spring's oldest organized church give itself a new look in just one year? Elbow grease and a generous congregation can do wonders

Story by Janet Ausbury • Photos by Tim Appel

Just because First Christian Church is the oldest organized church in Big Spring doesn't mean it has to look its age. Thanks largely to the congregation, it doesn't.

The church, which began in 1882 with seven members meeting in the home of founders Mr. and Mrs. I.D. Eddins, has had several locations over the years. The current building will turn 50 in 1999. Changes have been made, but the last year has brought a number of major and minor improvements in the building. "We're pretty proud of it," said church secretary Christine Brockman, who offers a tour of every room in the building.

One of the most obvious improvements is readily visible to those passing by the church. New green roofing has

been put on, the formerly white steeple is now beige to match the church's exterior brick, steeple vents have been removed and gutters are being removed. The work is scheduled to be done by Christmas.

Decades of hail damage made these repairs necessary, but Brockman would like one cosmetic change. "I wish we could get up there and polish that metal," she said, tilting her head to see the steeple. It's too precarious for anyone to try, so the highest level of the steeple will have to remain a weathered relic.

Shades of gray and white greet visitors who step inside the church. No dingy secondhand materials here; the offices' facelift was finished in January, and the paint and carpet still look nearly fresh a year later. Some private busi-

nesses would envy the office furniture and decorations in the workspaces of Brockman and Rev. Gary Groves, pastor of First Christian Church. "I just got approved for \$1,500 worth of new software," Brockman beamed. Upgrades aren't just for buildings any more.

Downstairs is the fellowship hall, redone in 1994 with the financial

contributions of the Christian Women's Fellowship's bake sales. Dark teal and black are interspersed with lighter colors to make the room intimate without feeling closed in, sophisticated but not stuffy. It's available to be rented for receptions and parties, Brockman added.

After the fellowship hall was redecorated, it seemed a shame not to

improve other areas of the church, said Brockman. Sunday school rooms are now done in airy white and beige, giving the room a bright cast even as clouds loom outside. These areas were finished last spring; two adult Sunday school rooms are the only ones that haven't been redecorated.

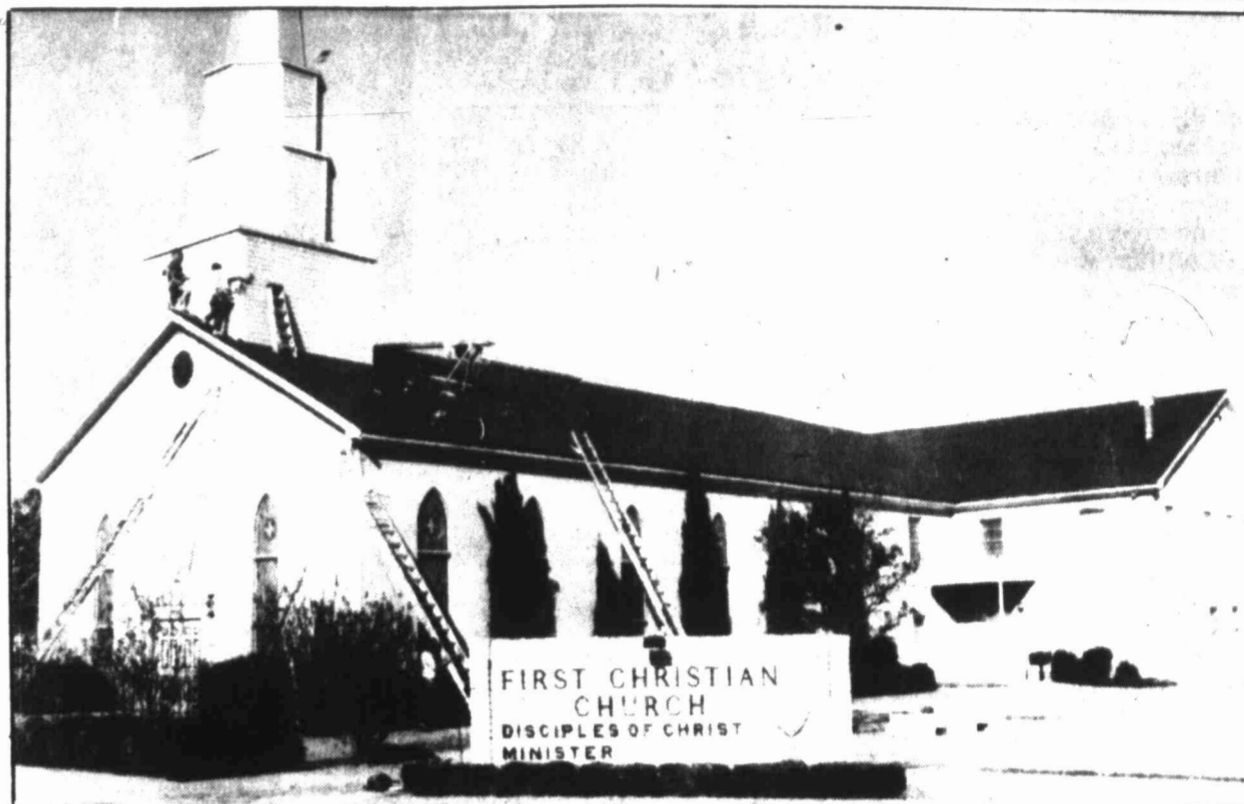
Teen-agers were allowed to choose the colors for a room being turned into a youth lounge. "That's why it's that color," Brockman said, laughing. The paint is a shade of teal best described as "intense," and a modern portrait of a laughing Jesus hangs on one wall.

The church acquired a new baptistry in September, replacing

their old, leaky copper tub with a \$4,500 aqua-colored fiberglass tub. "It has everything but the bubble jets," said Brockman, and indeed it looks like a hot tub with stairs leading down two sides.

A large stained-glass mural hangs over the back wall; the front wall divides the baptistry from the sanctuary. The front of the sanctuary had to be torn out to accommodate the new tub.

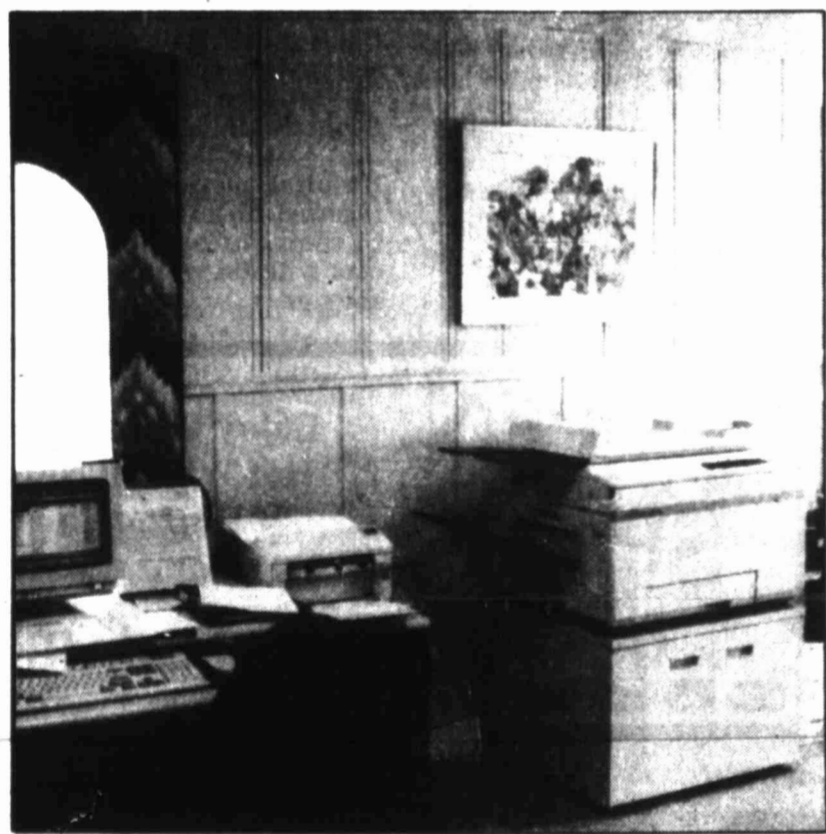
The old copper tub was put to good use; remnants not sold for scrap were turned into birdhouses by a church member. Other improvements include a sprinkler system, refurbished pre-kindergarten rooms,



Construction continues on the exterior of First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. This building will celebrate its 50th birthday in 1999. The church began in 1882 with seven members who met in the home of its founders, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Eddins.

Church steeples tend to get weathered over time, but it's nearly impossible to reach the top of

this one to polish the metal. Still, new roofing and new color for the steeple have updated its look.



The office area, finished in January, has a contemporary look many private companies would envy. Shades of gray, white and beige prevail throughout the building.



The fellowship hall is dark but not closed in, providing an intimate atmosphere for gatherings. Gold paint on black columns gives an unusual marbled effect. The hall is available to rent for receptions and parties.

Please see CHURCH, page 6B

## When #1 Son wants a silk robe, it's time to quit shopping

Oh, how I love to shop. I can't help it. Shopping is therapy to me. It removes me from the day to day dungeons of stress and dynamic work changes and takes me to a place of utopia otherwise known as the ultimate "Bargain Basement." This time of year, I'm in



Barbara Morrison  
Columnist

absolute heaven. And, although I have now converted my daughter to the cult, unfortunately, the men in my family don't agree with me.

They're such chauvinists. They wouldn't recognize a good time if I hit them over the head with it.

Anyway, last week I decided to "do" the Dunlaps sale. Megan and I were thrilled. We looked forward to walking through racks and racks of discounted items which we didn't know we needed until they went on sale.

The boys, on the other hand, didn't see things our way. Lucky hubby was off helping a good friend roof his house.

After the big sale escapade was over, he actually had the nerve to tell me he PREFERRED roofing to shopping. Go figure.

"Come on, Mom," they exclaimed. "You can go shopping anytime, but this looks like a big fire! Let's go!"

They received my dutiful lecture about how people chasing fires get in the way of the work firefighters try to do and we parked the car in the parking lot outside the department store.

It was time to roll up my sleeves. I was getting ready for some serious buying.

That's when I realized the boys didn't REALLY want to see the fire. They were trying

everything they could to keep me from taking them shopping. The stream of excuses began first.

"Gee whiz, Mom," began one. "We're going to miss the parade if you go in there."

"We have an hour yet," I calmly replied.

"Can I take my football into the store," started the other. "Mike and I can throw a few while you're shopping."

Yeah, right. I snatched the dreaded piece of pigskin and promptly locked the potential weapon in the van.

In we went, Megan and myself beaming, the boys suspiciously quiet. Hmmm. Not to give it another thought.

There was clearance rack right to the left and in a straight line of shopping fire for me!

I looked, I searched. We bought shoes. Megan and I discussed every item as we contemplated its purchase. Now, where were the boys?

I looked up just in the nick of time to see my oldest son knocking on the women's dressing room door saying something like "Security, open up."

I put him and his brother in the corner. Yes, they're 13 and 14 years old, but I knew what they were up to and I still had 15 minutes left to shop. They seemed to straighten up after that.

I was confused...or perhaps

unsuspecting. As I was paying for my purchases, my oldest son, whose name I will mention just to get even - Michael (Runnels school pupil extraordinaire) - came over to me with a women's silk robe on.

Swaying as he sashayed over, he said in the worst fake English accent I've ever heard, "Mother, will you PULEEEEEZZZZEE buy this for me for my new smoking jacket..."

I ignored the sales clerk peeking over her bifocals at me.

The game was over. He won, I'll admit it. I didn't want to see what he'd come up with next. We left the store and went to the parade.



# ANNIVERSARIES

## Callihan

Ross J. and Mildred Callihan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 11, 1995, in Galveston. They were joined by family members and friends.

Mr. Callihan was born in Big Spring, and Mrs. Callihan was born Mildred Myrtle Cauble in Reagan County. They were married at the East Fourth Street Baptist Parsonage on July 8, 1945, by Pastor Roy Clark.

The wedding, originally planned for July 7 in the bride's home, was delayed by a 10-inch rain that created muddy roads and lakes.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Callihans delayed the reunion until Thanksgiving so their family could meet in Galveston.

The couple has two sons, Lawrence Callihan of Boulder, Colo., and Alton Callihan of Crane, and a daughter, Sherri Belew of Lamesa. They also have five grandchildren.

Mr. Callihan served in the military and had returned from



THE CALLIHANS

a three-year tour of duty in China, Burma and India when the couple married. Mrs. Callihan had finished her first year of teaching high school in Capetan, N.M.

The Callihans, members of Baptist Temple Church and long-time teachers, have also been active with extension and 4-H in Howard County.

## Honeycutt

Robert and Geneva Honeycutt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during the Thanksgiving holiday at the home of their daughter in Coahoma. Friends and family joined the celebration, which included a cake.

Mr. Honeycutt was born in McLennan County, and she was born as Geneva Row near Moody, Texas. The couple met in 1934 at an ice cream supper and political campaign near Downsville. They were married on Nov. 30, 1935 in Waco. The young couple had run away to get married; the ceremony was performed by Bro. Jones in his home.

The Honeycutts have raised two children: Nadine McHugh, Coahoma, and the late Wesley Honeycutt of Tomball. They have five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt have lived in East, Central, and West Texas. They have resided in the Coahoma area since the 1940s.

Mr. Honeycutt retired from Cosden, and Mrs. Honeycutt from the Coahoma school cafeteria. They are affiliated with Salem Baptist Church. Robert



THE HONEYCUTTS

is a deacon and Geneva is in the Salem Baptist WMU. They enjoy quilting, handwork, traveling, reading, watching movies, cooking, church activities and watching their grandson play ball for Coahoma High School.

They described their 60-year union as "a marriage with Christ as the head of the home, a beautiful relationship."

## STORK CLUB

Austin Michael Mize, Nov. 29, 1995, 5 p.m.; parents are Jeremy and Kaela Mize.

Grandparents are Robble and Gaylord Crenshaw and Paul and Sue Mize, all of Big Spring.

Roshni Vijay Chasmawala, Nov. 20, 1995, 10:17 a.m.; mother is Vijay K. Chasmawala. Grandparent is Kishor T. Chasmawala, Big Spring.

April Justine Valle, Nov. 24, 1995, 6:21 p.m.; parents are Julian Valle Jr. and Celeste Valle, Big Spring. Grandparents are Trine Rodriguez, Lamesa, and Julian and Martina Valle, Big Spring.

Aaron Joseph Enriquez, Dec. 6, 1995, 2:21 p.m.; mother is Elizabeth Enriquez.

Grandparents are Frances Enriquez, Big Spring, and the late Armando Enriquez.

Jasmine Dawn Bailey, Dec. 5, 1995, 8:19 p.m.; parents are Robbi and Fred Bailey. Grandparents are Carolyn and Thurman Bailey, Dallas.

Jeremiah Chapa, Dec. 5, 1995, 4:14 a.m.; parents are Valentin and JoAnn Chapa. Grandparents are Marical and Juanita Chapa and Joe and Aida Rodriguez.

Louis Perez Olguin Jr., Nov. 30, 1995, 2:45 p.m.; parents are Louis and Angelica Olguin. Grandparents are Fransico Hernandez and Fabrian Olguin, both of Mexico.

Thomas Franklin Dunnam, Nov. 29, 1995, 5:54 p.m.; parents are Thomas Derrick Dunnam and Layla Dunnam. Grandmother is Omega Dunnam.

Eric Chance Krueger, Nov. 29, 1995, 9:38 p.m.; parents are Paul and Cathie Krueger.

Grandparents are Jerry and Lonnis Wallace and Cherie Dorton.

## GETTING ENGAGED



Angela Gilbert and J.P. Shanks, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 16, 1995, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Ron and Mary Janet Gilbert, Lubbock.

He is the son of Donnie and Sharon Shanks, Levelland, and the grandson of Dorothy and Wade Shanks and Jack and Billie Hanson, all of Big Spring.



Valere Paukune and Lawrence F. Gregory, both of Rogers, Ark., will unite in marriage on Dec. 30, 1995, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Paukune, Rogers, Ark., and the granddaughter of Tink and Fay Harrell, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gregory, Rogers, Ark.



Janan Kalyan Staggs and Barry Maloch Turney, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on Jan. 27, 1996, at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock with David E. Adams, minister to single adults, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jerry Staggs, Ackerly, and Judy Herzer, Lubbock.

He is the son of Karen Dial, Lubbock, and Freddy Turney, Slaton.

The following announcement is being reprinted to correct an error.

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 daughter 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

Stacey Gibbs, Wesley Harrison, Daniel Higginbotham, Travis Hiltbrunner, Nicole Johnson, Shannon Lepard, Kathleen Meadors and Dan Riley of Forsan High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony at the school Nov. 9.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character. The ceremony was conducted by present senior members Deborah Light, vice president; Jason Lentz, president; Clay Thomas, secretary; and Joshua Hedges, treasurer.

Alfonso Cortez III, a detective with the Truth or Consequences, N.M. police department, is among five officers nominated as 1995 Outstanding Officer of the Year by the Sierra County Optimist Club.

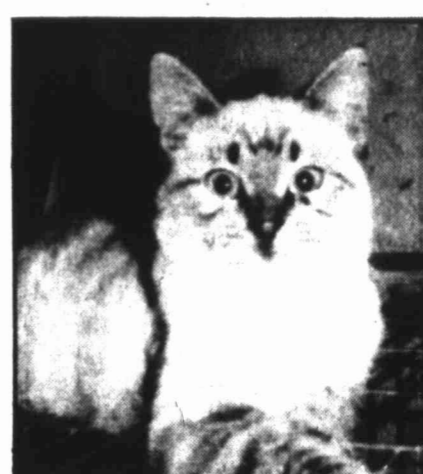
He was honored for his all-around dedication and willingness to help other officers and the public, as demonstrated by his donating personal time off to complete his cases.

Cortez is the son of Delfina and Alfonso Cortez Jr., Big Spring. He is a graduate of Grady High School.



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## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Mango" Male 4-month-old kitten, Siamese mix, dark ears, tail and paws, stripes on legs and face, very thick coat, enchanting blue eyes, affectionate and playful.

Special Note: All dogs and cats available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Marmalade" Male dark orange tabby kitten, energetic and likes to play.

"Tinkerbelle" Male 8-month-old kitten, yellow coat with white trim, a real sweetie.

"Simone" Female gray tabby, 9 months old, soft and cuddly.

"Coppertop" Female calico with gold highlights, 7-month-old female, frisky and likes to play.

"Cougar C" Neutered male, gray tabby/Siamese mix, black stripes on legs, cute and friendly.

"Energizer" 7-month-old male, sleek black coat, and like his name has boundless energy and would make a great playmate.

"Marissa" Spayed female with long hair orange tabby coat, shy and sweet.

"Cappy" Neutered male, 10 months old, gray tabby with cream-colored paws and dark tail, calm and friendly.

"Bill" Adorable young male, pretty yellow tabby with lovely green eyes and pink nose; quite irresistible.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

At other homes:

Free: Six-month-old male cat, short gray coat with white markings; 6-month-old female and male kitten and other younger kittens, 263-6252.

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Robert Cosby and son Jason, Westbrook.

Sandy McClinton, son Fabian and daughters Camellia and Amanda, Colorado City.

Jerry and Melissa Edenfield, Lubbock.

Liza Chudy, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Travis and Ruth Gilbreath, Florence, Colo.

Gilberto and Adele Zamora and sons Javier, Sergio and Brandon, Port Arthur.

Janet Emerson, Houston.

David and Leigh Ann Wright, and children Sharon and Hannah, Lamesa.

Kenneth and Trudy Sherrill, son Allen and daughter Audrey, Rankin.

Courtesy of Joy Fortenberry, Newcomer Greeting Service

## IN THE MILITARY

James R. Cogburn has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland.

Cogburn, a 1995 graduate of Forsan High School, will enter basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Dec. 29, 1995.

He is the son of Jack H. and Brenda K. Cogburn, Big Spring.

Army Pvt. Jonathan D. Stadler has entered basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Faith D. and Raymond E. Harsh of Big Spring.

Air Force Airman Shane C. Beall has arrived for duty at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

Beall, a firefighter, is the son of Marion A. Denning, Winter Park, Fla., and Nolan D. Beall, Big Spring.

He is a 1994 graduate of Cherokee High School.

## Keep pets safe during holidays

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Don't forget Fido and Boots this holiday season. For them, it can be filled with danger.

They can be tempted by tinsel and ornaments, mistletoe and poinsettia, veterinarians say. And chocolate can be lethal to dogs.

It contains theobromine, a caffeine-like compound that stimulates the heart and nervous system. Chocolate also is toxic for cats, although they apparently don't have the same sweet tooth and are less likely to eat it.

Dogs and cats may find plants irresistible, said Larry Thompson, a clinical toxicologist at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

While the occasional dog may be able to "snarf up a whole poinsettia" without any trouble, Thompson said he has seen animals with stomach or mouth irritations from eating small amounts of the plant.

Mistletoe is far more toxic, especially the berries. Thompson suggests buying the kind with plastic fruit.

Tinsel may be the most lethal Christmas tradition, for cats anyway.

Cats love the stuff, said Robin Tobin, a veterinarian at the Rotterdam Veterinary Hospital outside Albany. But ingested tinsel can get tangled in their intestines and most cats will die without surgery, she said.

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# Digging up history about famous Texas outlaw Jesse James

A few weeks ago a body was exhumed from a grave in



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
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Waggoner Carr, now practicing law in Austin, is representing

some of the heirs of Jesse who contended that the bits of hair and bone found in Missouri were those of someone else, that their grandfather Jesse lived a long life, died in 1951 at the age of 107 and is buried in the Granbury under the name of J. Frank Dalton.

The body of J. Frank Dalton had 34 bullet wounds in it, rope burns around his neck and burns on the bottom of his feet, the same identifying marks Jesse James had.

DNA tests on the body dug up in Missouri will be completed sometime in February. The tests are being conducted at Penn State University. The

results will be revealed at a national meeting of forensic scientists. Carr wants the body of J. Frank Dalton exhumed and DNA tests conducted on it. This should happen within the next few months.

Jesse James established his reputation as a bad character from the end of the civil war until the turn of the century. He robbed banks and trains and buried the gold, silver and jewelry, saying it belonged to the Confederacy. History says Jesse was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1882.

His heirs say they have a note from Jesse saying a big

iron cabinet contains the locations of all the places he buried money. The heirs located the vault, about the size of a small car, in what is now Lake Waco. The heirs ran out of money before it could be removed from the lake.

Irony runs throughout this yarn. I interviewed Waggoner in Hamilton, the burial site of a man named Brushy Bill, who supposedly was the real Billy the Kid, who lived out his life in Hico.

Also, Waggoner's first client when he started practicing law in Lubbock, was the son of Geronimo, the famous Indian

chief, who contended his father was not treated accurately by historians. Granbury was also the home of a man believed to be John Wilkes Booth, the man who shot Lincoln.

Waggoner Carr now makes speeches and assumes the character of Jesse. He wears Jesse's hat, boots and belt buckle, talks like Jesse, tells about Jesse James's experiences as an outlaw and answers questions from the audience. He recently appeared in Las Vegas at a national convention.

He tells about Jesse's 72 aliases, his 24 wives, his gang and his escapes from the law. Carr

has done much research on Jesse. "His heirs just keep bringing in these dusty trunks filled with Jesse memorabilia," says Waggoner. "And I go through it all."

The man buried in Granbury identified as J. Frank Dalton lived a good life, was a successful businessman and owned a railroad that ran from Waco to Houston.

The man buried in Missouri supposedly died as a result of his criminal activities.

"It's real interesting," says Waggoner. "A fun way to end a career in law before retirement." The saga continues.

## COLLEGE FESTIVITIES



Howard College student Kendra Carey, left, lights one of the luminaria candles along Birdwell Lane Thursday evening. In addition to the luminaria, there was also a tree-lighting ceremony, caroling and a visit from St. Nick. In right photo, youngsters in stocking caps sing Christmas carols in front of the tree at the college.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

## Fertility myths are shattered by new research

BOSTON (AP) — A myth-quashing new study pinpoints nature's window of fertility: There are six days in every menstrual month when a woman can get pregnant.

The findings have implications for couples striving to have children, as well as for those who want to avoid them.

It offers no sure-fire formula for people who want children. "The trick to all this is for couples to know their fertile days," said Dr. Allen J. Wilcox. "There is no good way to do that."

Perhaps the best advice is: Have sex often.

Until now, estimates of women's fertility ranged from two days in a menstrual cycle to 10 or more.

The study found that conception is possible if a woman has intercourse on the five days before ovulation as well as on the day her ovaries release a new egg.

Sex before that six-day period almost certainly will not result

in pregnancy. And intercourse just one day after ovulation won't, either.

The often-repeated idea that couples should save up and have intercourse on the day closest to ovulation turns out to be false.

The study "suggests that you increase your chance of pregnancy with increased frequency of intercourse," said Wilcox, its lead author.

Ideally, a couple would want to know five days in advance when ovulation will occur and have sex on those days. Test kits now on the market will reveal when ovulation is occurring, but by then it's almost too late.

Couples can keep track of ovulation over several months to help estimate when it will occur. This way, they can guess when their fertile six days will start.

Test kit information is useful for those who want to prevent pregnancy without using other forms of birth control. Once the

test shows ovulation has occurred, sex is unlikely to result in pregnancy, although they need to resume abstinence when the six fertile days roll around again.

"One reasonable caution is to say there may be a very small probability of conception on the day before and the day after that six-day window," Wilcox said. "We can't rule that out. If you are trying to avoid pregnancy, you might reasonably want to add a buffer onto both sides of that window."

"Even couples who are very fertile are not fertile in every

cycle," Wilcox said. "We don't understand why that is."

Wilcox and colleagues from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, N.C., published their findings in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Wilcox, who also teaches at the University of North Carolina, based his findings on 221 women who wanted to get pregnant. All of them stopped using birth control, collected daily urine specimens and kept records of when they had intercourse.

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Pike, a female polar bear at the San Francisco Zoo, opens a holiday gift prepared for her by zoo personnel Thursday. Pike is enjoying a frozen "fish-cicle" made of cranberries and herring.

Texan fights to save sea turtles

By JUSTIN NOBLE  
Valley Morning Star

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND** — Forty years ago, sea turtles flocked to the beaches by the thousands annually.

Now, it is one of the most endangered salt water species. Although the female turtles still make their pilgrimages back to their birthplaces on beaches to lay eggs, their numbers have dropped to several hundred, instead of tens of thousands.

Their colorful shells, leathery skin, and regimented habits helped force them into near-extinction by the late 1960s, but their numbers are slowly rising again.

The Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, one of the smallest sea turtles, is one of the most endangered. In the 1940s, about half a million female turtles invaded the beaches around Rancho Nuevo, Mexico.

Because the Kemp's Ridley usually nests during the day, and its movements on land are cumbersome, the turtles were easily picked up and thrown into the backs of pick-up trucks and onto horses.

Their shells and leathery skin were made into combs, belts, frames for glasses, boots and ash trays, and their meat was used for soups and other dishes.

By the late 1960s, the demand for turtle products had reduced their numbers to about 350 breeding females.

Even after 20 years of conservation efforts, new laws and hatching programs, the female population has grown only to 850, a fraction of the half a million turtles of 40 years ago.

But the turtle would have probably gone the way of the dodo if it hadn't been for people

like Ila Loetscher, known as the turtle lady.

Loetscher and her turtles have attracted national attention and helped create laws to protect sea turtles. Geraldine, a green turtle that lives in a tank in Loetscher's back yard,



Salvador Anzures gives Geraldine a kiss at South Padre Island. The sea turtle is no stranger to television, having been on the Tonight Show.

appeared on the Johnny Carson show with the turtle lady.

And other turtles have accompanied Loetscher to "Late Night with David Letterman," the "Today Show," and appeared on PBS specials and a number of other television and radio shows in the United States and Europe.

The group also urged U.S. lawmakers to force the use of turtle excluder devices, a wooden box-shaped contraption that lets turtles out of shrimp nets to prevent them from drowning.

The Texas Shrimp

Association has recently offered a plan to let shrimpers go without TEDs if they only shrimp offshore, out of the reach of most turtles.

The 91-year-old turtle lady may not come outside much anymore, but her turtles still attract thousands of tourists a year to her back yard on South Padre Island. And Sea Turtle Inc., the non-profit group she started in 1978, still accepts stranded and injured turtles.

Loetscher and a group of other conservationists started traveling to Rancho Nuevo during nesting seasons in the late 1960s, where they chased off poachers, coyotes and other predators.

The group also persuaded Mexican officials in Mexico City to enact laws to protect the turtle.

But the trade of turtle goods continues, and turtle products can still be found as close as Matamoros, said Jeff George, the treasurer and a volunteer lecturer for STI.

George said the protection of turtles is an important step in ensuring the survival of part of the salt water food chain.

"When we eliminate something we always find out too late there was purpose for it," he said.

The Chinese government enacted laws several decades ago to eradicate birds that were eating rice from the fields, George said. But when 30 species of birds became extinct, the insects that the birds lived off destroyed the crops, he said.

A lot of people starved because of poor crops, he added.

"The point is, there's a food chain and humans are on it," George said. "If you pull out a link in that chain, something drastic will happen above or below it on the food chain."

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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MONDAY - Smothered steak; potatoes; mixed vegetables; Waldorf salad; milk; rolls and fruit.  
TUESDAY - Meat loaf; noodles; squash; tossed salad; milk; roll and pudding.  
WEDNESDAY - Beef stew; cauliflower and peas; salad; corn bread; milk and peaches.  
THURSDAY - Catfish; French fries; baked beans; coleslaw; milk; corn bread and fruit.  
FRIDAY - Turkey and dressing; sweet potatoes; green beans; tossed salad; milk; roll and cobbler.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.  
TUESDAY - Pancake/sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.  
THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.  
FRIDAY - Waffle with syrup; sausage patty; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.  
**LUNCH**  
(Elementary)  
MONDAY - Steak fingers, gravy; whipped potatoes; glazed carrots; hot roll; chocolate pudding and milk.  
TUESDAY - Corn chip pie; green beans; pineapple tidbits; Jell-O and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Crispy chicken sandwich; lettuce and tomato; curly Q potatoes; catsup; pickle spear; apple and milk.  
THURSDAY - Beef stroganoff with rotini noodles; potato wedges; catsup; peaches and milk.  
FRIDAY - Deep-dish pizza; corn; celery sticks; ranch dip; strawberry sundae cup and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
(Secondary)  
MONDAY - Steak Fingers, gravy; or baked ham; whipped potatoes; glazed carrots; hot roll; chocolate pudding and milk.  
TUESDAY - Corn chip pie, or pig in a blanket; catsup/mustard; green beans; pineapple tidbits; Jell-O and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Crispy chicken sandwich; lettuce and tomato; curly Q potatoes; catsup; pickle spear or chef salad; crackers; apple and milk.  
THURSDAY - Beef stroganoff with rotini noodles or stromboli; potato wedges; catsup; peaches and milk.  
FRIDAY - Deep-dish pizza or country sausage; corn; celery sticks; ranch dip; strawberry sundae cup; hot roll and milk.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast and milk.  
TUESDAY - Pancake on stick; syrup; fruit and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast and milk.  
THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; jelly; fruit and milk.  
FRIDAY - waffle with syrup; sausage; fruit and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; macaroni-cheese; green beans; fruit and milk.  
TUESDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; fresh fruit; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken soup; baked cheese sandwiches; carrot and celery sticks; fruit and milk.  
THURSDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; fruit; bread sticks and milk.  
FRIDAY - Hamburger; French fries; hamburger salad; milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Breakfast pizza; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.  
TUESDAY - Biscuit; sausage; patty with gravy; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Waffle sticks; little smokies; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.  
THURSDAY - Bagel; peanut butter; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast; assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Fish burger or barbecue riblet/bun; potato rounds; vegetarian beans; mixed fruit; milk and cinnamon cookie.  
TUESDAY - Steak fingers or turkey pot pie; mashed potatoes; white gravy; carrots; cherry cobbler; hot rolls and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Beef taco or fiesta basket; pinto beans; lettuce and tomato; pineapple chunks; corn bread; milk.  
THURSDAY - Spaghetti and meat sauce; pepperoni pizza; salad; tossed peas; fruit gelatin; French bread; milk.  
FRIDAY - Charbroiled hamburger or charbroiled cheeseburger; French fries; lettuce and tomato; peaches; milk; peanut butter bar.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Burritos-no chili; cheese; corn; fruit cup and milk.  
TUESDAY - Green enchiladas; English peas; pinto beans; corn bread; cake and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Veal cutlets; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; apple

sauce; rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY - Baked ham; sweet potatoes; salad; rolls; peach cobbler and milk.  
FRIDAY - Sandwiches - tuna; cheese; peanut butter; chips; baked beans; fruit roll-up and milk.

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Butter steam rice; toast; milk and juice.  
TUESDAY - Hot cake; sausages; syrup; milk and juice.  
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; milk and juice.  
THURSDAY - Breakfast bagels; milk and juice.  
FRIDAY - Grilled cheese sandwiches; milk and juice.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Burritos; butter corn; macaroni and cheese; fruit and milk.  
TUESDAY - Country fried steak; mashed potatoes with gravy; June peas with carrots; hot rolls; fruit and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; corn bread; pudding and milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets; sliced potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit and milk.  
FRIDAY - Pizza salad; ranch-style beans; fruit cookies and milk.

**ELBOW SCHOOLS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Pancake and sausage; juice and milk.  
TUESDAY - Donuts; sausage; juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.  
THURSDAY - Cereal; chocolate graham crackers; juice and milk.  
FRIDAY - French toast; sausage; juice and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Pizza; green beans; pears; salad and milk.  
TUESDAY dogs; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; fruit and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Braised beef; rice; mixed veggies; fruit; hot roll and milk.

THURSDAY - Sliced ham; sweet potato casserole; peas; pineapple; hot rolls; chocolate clusters and milk.

FRIDAY - Barbecue sandwich; fries; salad; pickle and milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.  
TUESDAY - Sausage; eggs; biscuits; juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Muffins; juice and milk.  
THURSDAY - Hash browns; biscuits; jelly; butter; juice and milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit roll-up; juice and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Soft burritos with cheese; ranch-style beans; salad; sliced pineapple and milk.  
TUESDAY - German sausage; pinto beans; macaroni salad; sliced bread; peaches and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on a bun; French fries; salad; brownies; applesauce and milk.  
THURSDAY - Soup; sandwiches; potato chips; cookies; fruit and milk.  
FRIDAY - Turkey with dressing; English peas; sweet potatoes; Christmas cake; fruit salad; hot rolls; butter; honey and milk.

**WESTBROOK**  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - French toast; little smokies; juice and milk.  
TUESDAY - Pancakes; bacon; juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.  
THURSDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice and milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Beefy macaroni casserole; ranch style beans; corn; whole wheat biscuits; pineapple tidbits and milk.  
TUESDAY - Hot dogs; mustard; chili; lettuce wedge; scalloped potatoes; peaches and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken tetrazzini; spinach; fried okra; biscuits; syrup; honey and milk.  
THURSDAY - Ham; sweet potatoes; tossed salad; fruit cup; sliced bread and milk.  
FRIDAY - Sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; french fries; elf graham; milk.

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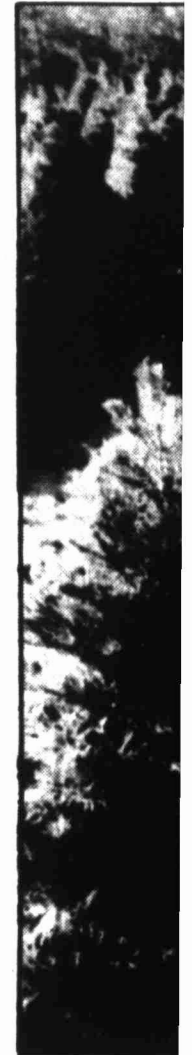
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# VA employees give to United Way

Fred Cox  
VA Medical Center

During the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) celebration for all CFC key workers and service chiefs on Friday, Dec. 1, VA Medical Center Director Cary Brown happily presented Howard County United Way Director Carol Jennings with a mock check in excess of \$23,000.

Mr. Brown complimented all key workers for their relentless efforts that not only resulted in the medical center achieving its goal, but surpassing it. Moreover, he expressed appreciation for the medical center's employees for their generous contributions.

VA employees believe supporting CFC is a good way to show pride in the medical center and the city of Big Spring while assisting community organizations to provide their many needed services. Their efforts during the campaign supported their belief.

A VA Community Primary Clinic (CPCC) in Abilene opened for business on Monday, Dec. 4. Taylor County Veterans Organizations, which have been and continue to be great supporters of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, will be providing volunteers in the new CPCC. Initially, the volunteers will be serving as receptionists, and if needed, van drivers.

Congratulations are extended

to Computer Specialist Cheryl Justice for being selected as the Medical Center's Employee of the Month. Mrs. Justice was cited by her supervisor, Information Resource Management Service Chief Brad Anderson, for her sustained superior performance in his nomination letter.

With the holidays upon us, many employees and volunteers are vacationing. Therefore, to those readers who will remain in the area, you are cordially invited to consider spending a portion of your spare time during the holiday season as a VA Medical Center Volunteer. If interested, please call me, Fred Cox, at (915) 264-4824.



Richard Boyer, who owns Special Times Farm and Stable in Alvord with his wife Karen, trims a Virginia pine. Customers can wander through 12,000 neatly trimmed trees, pick the one they want and cut it down themselves.

## Tree farm offers old-fashioned Christmas

ALVORD, Texas (AP)—Richard and Karen Boyer are selling more than Christmas trees on their rolling, wooded farm northwest of Decatur.

They are selling a bit of old-fashioned Christmas, they say. That is how they see their latest business venture, as a sort of Six Flags Over Texas in the rough, an entertainment experience connected to the annual Christmas tree quest.

Their customers can wander through 12,000 neatly trimmed Virginia pines, pick one special tree for their living room, and cut it themselves.

Children can see how the process of choosing a Christmas tree used to be — before truckloads of precut trees displayed on asphalt city lots became the norm. "These are fresh trees, not Canadian trees that were cut three or four months ago and shipped thousands of miles," Richard Boyer said.

There is no asphalt on the Boyers' secluded 125 acres. Just lots of trees — Christmas and otherwise — along with miles of gravel roads, well-tended forest trails, picturesque ponds, pettable animals (including miniature donkeys) and even a concession stand with hot chocolate.

There is a bobcat den along

the 1-1/2-mile nature trail, and pet deer roam the grounds. It is a no-hunting wildlife sanctuary sandwiched between boundaries of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands, where hunting is allowed in limited areas.

And for tree shoppers, "It's the true Charlie Brown Christmas," said Richard Boyer, 50, a Southlake insurance broker. "We set this up to be a real, old-time family experience, a place to get away from the city and find nature."

The Boyers bought the farm

in 1983 "to have a place where we could go throw rocks," Richard Boyer said.

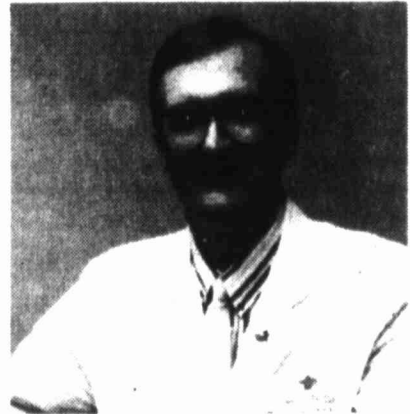
But after a while, he said, the couple decided they wanted to find a way to share the beauty and serenity of their land with others. They opened it to church and civic groups for weekend retreats, hayrides and picnics.

"Then I hit on this Christmas tree thing, thinking it might be a good hobby," Boyer said. "And instead of a hobby, it became our next entrepreneurial project."

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## Gift wrapping can be plain or fancy

It's the add-ons that make holiday gift wrapping fun this year.

Elvis and Santa ornaments, paw-print bows, pipe-cleaner candy canes, fabric stars and snowflakes and life-like holly are handing givers a license to create that could make prettying up those packages as fun — or as frustrating — as buying them.

But first one must decide on the paper.

Metallic blues and purples, muted creams and mauves, whimsical cartoons and tongue-lolling dogs in Santa hats can be found in as great supply as traditional Santa and snowman prints.

Papers with African-American and Hispanic themes and Santas are finding a welcome market.

Angels and cherubs return again this year on gold-toned papers.

The natural look — brown paper with green holly, or white poinsettia leaves mixed with purple grapes and soft-yellow pears — makes it easy to find designs that may complement or coordinate with the home.

Consumers will spend nearly a third of their holiday cash in card and gift stores, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Add-ons, from tiny Santas to delicate lace snowflakes, cost from 50 cents to \$2.95.

Rolls of wrap cost anywhere from \$3.99 to \$4.95. Ribbon starts at \$1.35 for whimsical styles and goes up to \$5.45 for the high-style metallic gold.

Using all kinds of ribbons makes it easy to personalize a package by tying on candles, cinnamon sticks and even cookie cutters.

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## SANTA AND ME



A hesitant Ginger Simpson looks at Santa Claus as she tells the jolly elf her wish list for Christmas at the Christmas Tree Forest Tuesday evening. This was the first year for the forest



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Church

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handicapped-access restrooms, a new couch and fax machine and a new van. Upstairs bathrooms still need to be retiled and have new fixtures put in. Even the fire escape on the back of the church will come down eventually.

The sanctuary hasn't received new furnishings lately. A remembrance table dating back to the church's earliest days still stands up front. But one change has been made - hearing aids are now available for those attending services. The aids resemble a Walkman with one earpiece, and new earpieces put on after each use.

What more could the congregation think of to improve the church? Well, even the front doors are subject to change. The congregation has been asked to choose between hunter green or barn red. So far, the congregation favors green. "I want red," Brockman said. "If we're going to do it, let's do it right."

The question that surfaces about all these improvements is: Where did the church get the money to make so many changes during one year? "The congregation has grown, and the giving has been really good," Brockman said. Many items were donated or obtained at low prices because of church members' connections to local businesses. Church members have also done much of the work for free.

The improvements are important to the congregation because they care about the church, Brockman said. Or, as a visitor recently told her: "When you see churches improving on the outside, you know they're active inside."

One bit of "redecorating" may literally drive Groves nutty. The youth group has threatened to fill his office with pecans if they cannot get the congregation to donate 1,500



This \$4,500 baptistry, installed in September, replaced the old copper tub in First Christian Church. Church secretary Christine Brockman said the old tub leaked so badly, those walking in and out of the tub could feel and hear the floor squishing.

cans of food toward a food drive. "Gary hates nuts of any kind," Brockman said. Groves, in turn, has threatened the congregation with a 40-minute sermon if they don't comply with the canned food request. The youth group is readying the pecans, and Groves is considering reading large parts of the Book of

Deuteronomy if necessary. The deadline to reach the 1,500-can goal is today. If you're going to First Christian Church and pecans are spilling out the windows, remember that Groves' marathon sermon is coming up. It might be a convenient time to forget about the hearing aids the church now supplies.

Pets deserve holiday gifts too

By LYNN UNDERWOOD  
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Many owners consider their pets members of the family. To show your appreciation for that morning lick on the face or for just being there every day when you come home, here are a few ideas for a pet's Christmas:

— Polartec dog beds, round and rectangle shapes, all sizes and colors, \$49.99- \$84.99, Doctors Foster & Smith catalog, call 800-826-7206 to order, 800-562-7169 for a catalog.

These are dog beds covered in plush polartec fleece like that used in active outerwear. The inner liner is filled with polyester and sweet-melling cedar. Doctors Foster & Smith is a company owned by veterinarians. Its catalog is filled with grooming, health care, medical, housing, pest control, hardware and training products for cats and dogs.

— Cat-a-Trail, \$22.99, Pet Food Warehouses

You can hook attachments to lengthen this expandable tunnel for cats to play hide and seek. Two catnip toys hang inside the feline playland, ideal for keeping indoor cats active.

— Fish aquarium, \$49.99, Pets Unlimited stores

This complete set-up kit for the beginning fish hobbyist includes a 10-gallon aquarium, full hood, under-the-gravel filter, valve system, pump, heater, neutralizer and thermometer. Fish are priced anywhere from 15 cents for a goldfish to \$50 for a Cichlid.

— Pet Essentials ski jacket, sizes S-XL, \$19.99, Target stores

Multi-colored poly-fill nylon ski jacket for pampered pooches to save them from the elements on their daily walks.

— Pigs ears, cow tails and

horse's hooves, starting at about 69 cents, many pet stores

Animal parts basted and treated have become one of the fastest-selling dog chew treats. Dogs grab them off the shelf at Pet Food Warehouses, where they're allowed to shop with owners.

— Fleece and vinyl combo Santa dog toy by SPOT, \$5.99, Pet Food Warehouses

Most dogs go crazy over those fake sheepskin "men." This one has a fleece body with a squeaker and a colorful vinyl Santa head to satisfy any dog's chewing urge.

— "Let's Explore: Furry, Fishy, Feathery Friends," by Braun Film and Video, \$14.95 plus \$3.95 for shipping and handling. Call (800) 815-6205.

A 30-minute video for families considering a pet, most likely after relentless pleading from the kids. A girl and her father visit a pet store and learn about all kinds of pets and their needs, from a Pekinese puppy to a cockatiel to a gerbil. It reminds kids that pets aren't toys and how to be responsible pet owners.

— Pet Buddies catalog, call (800) 683-1227.



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A pro gives tips on working at home

Scraps Howard News Service

Pat Lucas of Salinas, Calif., as one of more than 27 million entrepreneurs working out of the home, is "pretty firm" about her list of dos and don'ts for a home office.

1. Always dress for work. Lucas is all set — hair, makeup, professional attire — at 8 a.m. each day. Now, if Apple Computer needs to see her in Cupertino, she is ready at a moment's notice to hop in her car and head to a business meeting.

2. Have a designated work space and only work there. Lucas says she spent about \$10,000 initially to equip her home office.

3. Set and keep regular working hours.

4. Think big. Lucas has a strong dislike for a book called "Small-Time Operator," aimed at people wanting to start a home-based business. "Think national," she advises. "That pool is much larger ... you'll get a big-city salary because these companies pay better."

5. Invest in personal growth and training. Every six months, schedule a seminar, buy motivational tapes or invest in sales training.

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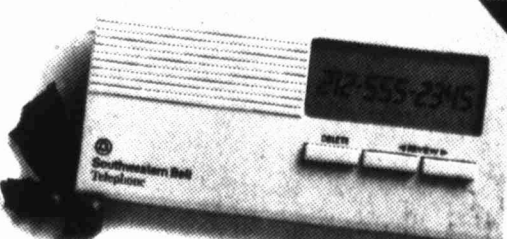
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## Producers can still earn credits

A last minute chance for any producer still needing to get all his or her credits by the December 31 deadline to maintain their Texas Department of Agriculture Restricted Use Pesticide Licenses can get all this done in San Angelo on December 13-14. This 14 hour CEU opportunity will be at that city's Convention Center on those dates and will feature "Coyotes in the Southwest: A compendium of Our Knowledge."

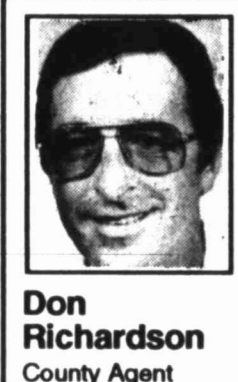
Two hours in Laws and Regulations will be included with this bonanza package of CEU credits. Registration for the event begins at 4 p.m. on December 12 in the Holiday Inn next to the Convention Center and continues at 7:30 a.m. the following day. The Laws and Regs CEU program will be on December 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Convention Center. There is no fee for these two hours and is not limited to only those attending the entire symposium.

You MUST attend the entire session to obtain any hours for this program. You cannot attend only parts of it, regardless of the fact that you may only need a few hours of CEU's. It is an "all or none" activity.

The symposium's goal is to assemble the current knowledge on coyote biology, ecology and management under one title. The program features over 30 speakers and papers representing the breath of interest surrounding the ubiquitous coyote.

Sponsors include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Berryman Institute, Utah State University, Texas Animal Damage Control Service, Texas Chapter - The Wildlife Society, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board and Welder Wildlife Institute.

Registration is \$50 per person. For further information, please call (915)653-4576.



Don Richardson  
County Agent

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS!



Festive Christmas lights outline the Blanco County Courthouse in Johnson City, Texas. About 10 central Texas communities north of San Antonio have attracted visitors with holiday lights.

## Phone giants battle for North Carolina

By PAUL NOWELL

AP Business Writer  
CHARLOTTE (AP) — It's still more than six months away, but the players are jockeying for position in the battle for North Carolina's \$1.1 billion local telephone market.

In April, the Legislature opened local telephone service to competition beginning July 1, ending the regional monopolies of companies like BellSouth.

Now AT&T, which knows a lot about divestitures, wants in on the action.

In full-page advertisements in major newspapers across the state last week, AT&T went straight after BellSouth.

"Every month you pay some of your hard-earned cash to a monopoly," the AT&T ad said. "Every month you add to the hefty profits of an organization that hasn't had its rates reviewed publicly in more than 10 years."

"And every month you fork over a portion of your paycheck to a company that wants to keep your phone bill high by limiting competition."

BellSouth spokesman Clifton Metcalf said AT&T isn't telling the entire story to consumers.

"There has not been a rate case for 10 years, this is true," he said. "But there has not been a rate increase in the same time, either. As a matter

of fact, they (rates) have gone down."

BellSouth President J. Billie Ray Jr., in a newspaper circular Tuesday announcing the grand opening of his company's downtown Charlotte headquarters, said residential and business rates have declined 44 percent relative to inflation in the past 12 years.

"We have said for some time now that we are willing to take on competitors in the local arena as long as the rules were fair for everyone," Ray said. "Price regulation is one of the most critical requirements for fair competition."

BellSouth is pushing for a flexible pricing program for the existing local phone companies before rivals like AT&T and MCI start competing for their customers.

Greater pricing flexibility would give the existing companies a chance to firm up deals with major corporate customers before entering the competitive arena.

BellSouth's proposal is one of many issues before the North Carolina Utilities Commission, which will establish ground rules for the pending competition.

The commission will issue the rules that will govern how the local telephone business will be divided up, including such key issues as how much

BellSouth and the other monopolies can charge new competitors for using the existing network.

AT&T is seeking grassroots support for its foray into local phone service. The deregulation plan will effect every consumer and business in the state, said AT&T spokesman David Arnecke.

His argument echoes the thinking of the bill's authors: competition will drive down prices and lead to improvements in technology and service.

Martyn Roetter, a telecommunications consultant with Decision Resources in Waltham, Mass., wasn't surprised to hear about the expensive public relations campaigns being waged by both sides.

"Generally speaking, everybody believes competition is going to come one way or another," he said. "The big question is how the transition is handled."

"It can be set up to favor one competitor or another," Roetter said. "This is why we are seeing what is going on. It's a battle between large and powerful companies."

The battle over local telephone business is not being fought only in North Carolina. Other states, including New York, Connecticut and Texas, are facing similar struggles.

## Insurance companies seeking to hike rates

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.

Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) — Rising health care costs and the number of motorists driving without required insurance are combining to force insurers to recommend an increase in the average rate they can charge Texas drivers, they say.

A group of auto insurance companies asked administrative law judges a couple of weeks ago to recommend an 11.3 percent increase in the benchmark auto premium.

The benchmark serves as a target rate. Insurers can adjust the amount they charge by 30 percent higher or lower with Department of Insurance approval.

The target by law is reviewed each year and may be adjusted by the department. It considers recommendations from insurance companies, consumer groups and other parties through administrative law judges.

Two judges heard arguments Tuesday and took the case under advisement. They could make a recommendation at any time; a new target rate likely would take effect next summer.

"The cost that sticks out is the uninsured motorist," said Mark Toohey, a spokesman for Farmers Insurance Co.

Farmers, acting apart from other insurers, recommended a 5.7 percent increase in the

benchmark rate. Coverage to protect drivers from uninsured motorists is the main culprit, Toohey said.

"People who are breaking the law and driving around without insurance are getting into accidents and insurance has to pay," he said.

Toohey said nearly one in four Texas drivers does not carry liability insurance as required by state law. He said that is up from one in five drivers a few years ago and increases the risk for insurance companies covering Texas motorists.

"At some point the extraordinary number of uninsured drivers on Texas roads must be addressed if we are to see auto insurance rates stabilize," said Jerry Johns, head of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, another insurance industry group.

But Fred Jarmon, head of Texas Citizen Action, said there is no reason to raise the benchmark.

He said more than half of the insurance companies doing business in Texas have rates within 10 percent of the benchmark and could adjust their rates without moving the target.

"There can be no justification for adjusting the benchmark, unless the goal is to provide cover for uniform price increases," Jarmon argued.

## Officials upset about India's port access

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Airlines and Texas in Congress fumed Monday over a new airline agreement between the United States and India that effectively gives Air India a U.S. route to prized Heathrow Airport in London.

The bilateral air services agreement signed Saturday entitles Indian carriers to fly directly to five more U.S. cities, including Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The fly in the ointment for Fort Worth-based American Airlines and Texas lawmakers is that the new pact allows Air India up to three flights a week to Chicago, originating at Heathrow and offering return service there.

American, Houston-based Continental Airlines and other U.S. carriers have sought unsuccessfully for years to broaden their access to Heathrow, a prized destination because of its wealth of airline connections to Europe and the Middle East.

Just last week, Texas lawmakers and business leaders met with Transportation Secretary Federico Pena to urge expanded access to Heathrow from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Houston Intercontinental.

Pena said then that he recognized the need for direct air service from Texas to Heathrow but offered no assurances.

U.S. officials have long expressed frustration at the British government's intransigence at broadening Heathrow access. Talks over expanded air service between the two nations recently broke off.

News of the new bilateral agreement with India drew swift criticism from the Texas congressional delegation and American Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Rep. Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, and other lawmakers planned a news conference Tuesday to denounce the pact.

"In the past, Texas has lost out to Chicago, but to lose out to a foreign carrier adds insult to injury," Geren said Monday.

American spokesman Al Becker branded the bilateral agreement "another unfortunate example of the U.S. government giving away the store."

"The agreement provides the foreign-flagged carrier with infinitely more access to the U.S. market than they provide for U.S. carriers who might want to serve India," Becker said Monday.

"What we find most egregious, almost unfathomable, is the aspect of this agreement that will allow Air India to serve the Heathrow-Chicago market three times a week," he added.

American currently services London from DFW through Gatwick Airport, but "very badly" — wants access to Heathrow, Becker said. "The U.S. government steadfastly fails to negotiate that right for us. Yet the U.S. government turns right around and negotiates a deal where they will allow Air India to operate from Heathrow to Chicago."

Transportation Department spokesman Bill Schulz defended the U.S.-India pact as a good one for the domestic airline industry.

## Humpty Dumpty owners upset with Frito-Lay

SCARBOROUGH, Maine (AP) — Frito-Lay said Thursday it will stop distributing potato chips with a cartoon on the package that drew the ire of Humpty Dumpty, a regional chip maker.

Humpty Dumpty complained after its sales staff noticed that bags of Frito-Lay chips carried a cartoon featuring Humpty Dumpty and the caption, "You know you can't resist Lay's Potato Chips."

## Gas could boost oil production

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The Permian Basin could be poised for another big wave of oil production thanks to technology that uses carbon dioxide.

Floods of carbon dioxide potentially could yield at least 500 million barrels of oil from the region, industry analysts say.

"That's considered a world-class oil find," said Chuck Fox, chief engineer of Carbon Dioxide Marketing for Shell Western Exploration and Production Inc.

"We are on the cusp of a new oil boom in the Permian Basin akin to what we saw here in the 1960s due to water flood-

ing," Fox said. Using carbon dioxide to release oil trapped in rock pores takes center stage at the Permian Basin CO2 Conference & Exposition Monday in Midland. More than 300 engineers, operators and service companies were expected.

The number of carbon dioxide floods in the region has grown more than 200 percent in 10 years, said Steve Melzer, director of the Petroleum Industry Alliance at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The gas acts as a solvent to

release oil trapped in tiny rock pores, he said.

Primary recovery removed about 20 percent of the oil in the ground, while water-flood recovery removed another 20-25 percent, Melzer said. Carbon dioxide floods could remove 10-15 percent, he said.

Analysts say carbon dioxide will create more demand for workers in electronic automatic and data interpretation. The method has become more practical since costs came down and an infrastructure of pipeline was put in place.

Texas currently produces about 1.3 million to 1.4 million barrels of crude daily.

## FAST TRACK

By M.E. FREEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

Poultry giant Tyson Foods Inc. said today it and the Teamsters union have reached an agreement where Tyson would offer jobs to former Holly Farms drivers who have been on strike against the company since 1989. Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand the bulk of a federal appeals court ruling requiring Springdale, Ark.,-based Tyson to negotiate over new pay and working conditions with the union representing the drivers.

Tyson Foods bought Holly Farms in 1989, after units of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers union were certified to represent 209 Holly Farms drivers in North Carolina, Virginia and Texas.

After the Supreme Court ruling, "we had no choice but to comply with the NLRB's order and subsequent decision upholding it," Tyson spokesman Archie Schaffer said today in reference to the National Labor Relations Board order.

Schaffer said the company had not yet calculated the financial impact of the offer.

"The question of back pay and other things are yet to be determined," he said, adding, "We have adequately reserved so it won't have any impact on the bottom line."

## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

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.

## Anonymous donor gives Christmas miracle

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Two-year-old Jacob Kerwell, his head bald from leukemia treatments, was having fun checking out the TV cameras. Yet all the fuss about a \$1 million gift meant little to him. To his mother, it meant everything.

Someone, somewhere had taken a McDonald's peel-off game piece worth \$1 million, put it in a plain white envelope and sent it to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"The generosity is overwhelming," Trudy Kerwell, of Ottawa, Ill., said after retrieving her son, who had wandered up to the podium as executives of the Memphis hospital were announcing the gift Thursday.

"I would like to thank the person who did this. Without such generosity none of this would be here," she said.

St. Jude executive Richard Shadyac called the donation "a holiday miracle." The gift was the largest anonymous donation to the hospital in the 23 years since it was founded by comedian Danny Thomas.

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## Gonzales promoted to circulation manager

Carlos Gonzales was recently promoted to the position of Circulation manager of the Big Spring Herald.

The 30-year-old Big Spring native is married and is the father of two daughters and one son. Gonzales has been employed with the Herald since 1984 when he began his newspaper career as an inserter in the mailroom.

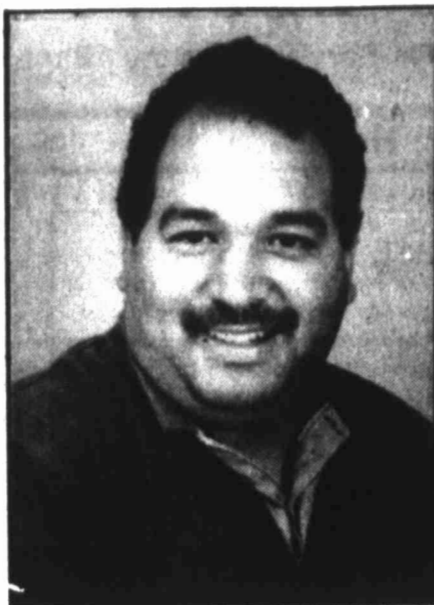
He has worked in a number of positions in the mailroom and in circulation. He was promoted to assistant circulation manager in December 1994.

Gonzales said, "The whole

aspect of the job is a challenge. Nothing stays the same day to day."

"The most important thing is to be able to relate to people. Good customer service is our top priority. Customers will make or break you. You have to take care of your customers," Gonzales added.

With the promotion comes a lot more responsibility and a lot more paperwork, but Gonzales said he plans to be a hands-on circulation manager because he wants to know what and how the circulation staff is doing.



GONZALES

## Texas' economic outlook, growth, production good into next century

DALLAS (AP) — Texas will continue a steady economic expansion through the turn of the century, maintaining its position as one of the top job-generating states in the country, an analyst said Thursday.

Ray Perryman, a Waco consultant and economist, discussed his favorable forecasts for Texas, its major cities and the United States at Southern Methodist University's 12th annual economic conference.

"This year as I've made the tour around the state, I really felt like I might as well be working for the local chambers of commerce because things are looking really good for the state of Texas and this region," he said.

During the past five years, employment growth in Texas has outpaced the national average, he said.

Perryman predicted just over one million net jobs will be created in Texas between 1995 and 2000. That will put more than 9.5 million of the state's 20.6 million residents working by the year 2000, he said.

Perryman also projects growth to continue in Texas at a rate well above the overall national rate, with key growth in the service sectors; high-tech manufacturing, particularly telecommunications equipment; and corporate relocations.

Texas will be in a much less volatile situation than a decade

ago during the state's oil and real estate boom days, Perryman said. But the fortunes of Texas are increasingly tied to the prospects of the national and international economies.

"The biggest challenges Texas faces are the Mexican economic crisis, the U.S. budget debate and defense cuts," he said. "However, the international outlook, trade agreements, corporate restructuring, demographic changes, legislative initiatives and the diversified Texas economy are all pluses for our future."

In 1994, Texas companies exported almost \$60 billion worth of goods and services to 215 countries. For the first half of 1995, total Texas exports are up almost 20 percent over the same period last year despite the problems in the Mexican market, Perryman said.

Mexico is Texas' largest international trading partner by a wide margin, accounting for about 40 percent of total exports in 1994.

According to Perryman's forecast, the time required for a Mexican recovery may be longer than anticipated. However, in the long term and assuming political stability, Mexico could come out a stronger economy, he said.

Among Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the Dallas-Fort Worth region should con-

tinue to be among the major growth centers in the country, creating jobs at a recent rate of about 1,000 a week. The area "is truly the international growth center in the state and the entire Southwest," Perryman said.

The Austin-San Marcos area leads the state in economic growth, but the rate reflects the capitol city-area's smaller population base. The Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, San Antonio and El Paso areas also will see healthy growth.

The outlook for the United States is slightly more favorable than it was earlier this year, the forecast said.

Perryman also analyzed the results of a special report showing the economic impact of environmental compliance laws in Texas.

"When all is said and done, the bottom line of the analysis is there is a net cost from environmental regulations," he said. "It's a net cost but it's not an enormous cost, it doesn't threaten life as we know it."

Perryman said, however, the results of the study show environmental regulations "disproportionately effect" smaller businesses; some sectors are harder hit, for example, oil and gas extraction and petrochemical companies; and the rate of increase is growing, mostly due to specific requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act.

## Paging companies upset about new assessment, tax to big companies

AUSTIN (AP) — The paging industry is suing the state over a new assessment ordered by the Legislature. The industry contends that the assessment would drive many small paging companies out of business.

The \$150 million annual tax was part of the telephone deregulation bill approved by the 1995 Legislature.

The levy, expected to raise \$1.5 billion over the next decade, is to be used to bring high-tech phone services to schools, libraries, hospitals and other public facilities.

Lawmakers split the assessment, with local phone companies such as Southwestern Bell and GTE Southwest paying \$75 million a year and \$75 million annually paid by "wireless" companies that sell pagers, cellular phones and similar services.

"This lawsuit is to keep a bunch of small resellers from going out of business," said Steve Helms, president of Texas Associated Paging Systems, a collection of paging companies that work together to extend their reach. Many small paging

companies lease air time from larger carriers and resell it to their own customers.

The paging companies contend that because the big phone companies make more money, the tax is a smaller percentage of the big companies' profits.

The suit, filed in federal court in Austin against the state comptroller, says the tax is unconstitutional and should be struck down.

Andy Welch, a spokesman for Comptroller John Sharp, said the agency hadn't seen the suit and couldn't comment.

## Problem Gift List:

- What to give Aunt Elsie, the puzzle-lover?
- What to give Uncle Ed, the sports-nut?
- What to give Cousin Fred, the movie-goer?
- What to give Brother John, the travel-bug?
- What to give Sister Sheila, the fashion-plate?
- What to give Cousin Helen, the financial wizard?
- What to give Father, the businessman?
- What to give Mother, the recipe-collector?
- What to give Little Joe, the cartoon-watcher?



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The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2226.

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Bustamante, Jesus, 610 S. Nolan, Big Spring.  
Emondson, Rhonda, P.O. Box 833, Coahoma.  
Lane, Rodney E., 4406 22nd Street 1, Lubbock.  
Kims, Candida L., 108 Circle, Big Spring.  
Nix, Richard, II, H.C. 77, Box 160K7, Big Spring.  
Stacy, Ellen Marie, 538 Westover #115 or P.O. Box, Big Spring.  
Ward, Allen Ray, HC 76, Box 41 L3, Big Spring.  
White, Tommy Ray, P.O. Box 214, Coahoma.

### Marriage Licenses:

Oracio Lopez Jr., 24, and Tara Lynn Barraza, 23.  
Randy Ray Klaus, 39, and Cynthia Parrish Klaus, 41.  
John Henry Saenz, 22, and Suzanne Michelle Fulesday, 24.  
William Ike McConnell, 30, and Barbara Ann Smallwood, 26.  
Hector Beltran Carrillo, 27, and Tangle Holly Lucia, 33.  
Santos Lopez, 28, and Julia Guadalupe Ramirez, 21.

### County Court Records:

Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Orlando Ybarra Arcides, Sylvia Brito Garfias

and Marvin Price.

Order(s): Orlando Ybarra Arcides, Sylvia Brito Garfias and Marvin Price.

Order of dismissal: Kenneth LeRoy Maxell, Jr.

Notice of non-suit: Arnold Lloyd D/B/A Arnold Lloyd Plumbing.

Order continuing defendant on probation and imposition of sentence: Clay Buck Atkinson, James Lee Woodard, Kenneth Lee Murphy and Gary Lee Fox (2).

Order granting essential license: Richard H. Price and Tommy Soto.

Probated judgment DWI: Jody Lynn Day \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Paula Barber \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, and Alfredo Diaz (2nd offense) \$750 fine and 365 days in jail.

Judgment & sentence DWI: Robert W. Phillips \$500 fine, \$287 court cost and 30 days in jail.

Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under 2 oz.: James Lee Woodard \$200 court cost and 30 days in jail, James Allen Braddy \$100 fine and \$165 court cost, and Sandy Dawn White \$100 fine and \$165 court cost.

Probated judgment DWLS: Paula Jena Barber \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, and Patricia Ann McIntire \$200 fine and 180 days in jail.

Judgment & sentence terroristic threat: Larry Don Hass \$235 court and 30 days in jail.

### 118th District Court

RULINGS:  
Kena Brown vs. James Brown, disposed-granted-div.  
Raymond Donnell Waight vs. Susan Renee Waight, disposed-granted-div.

Jose Luna vs. Levi Strauss & Co. and Cecil C., disposed-dis-

missed-IDM.

Cassandra T. Jones vs. Stacy C. Jones, disposed-granted-div.

Martha Sanchez vs. Stephen Edward Loveless, disposed-dis-

missed-fam.  
Monty Kevin Farmer vs. Marilyn and Sanders, disposed-

granted-div.  
Michelle Lee Deleon vs. Benjamin Deleon, disposed-

granted-div.  
Arie Y. Yeatts vs. Santiago R. Flores, disposed-family law.

Mary Helen Hernandez vs. Servando Rodriguez, disposed-

family law.  
Marsha Ann Roberts vs. Denny Leon Roberts, disposed-

dismissed-fam.  
Melissa Ann Hilger vs. Michael G. Hilger, disposed-

family law.  
Melissa Aguilar vs. Salvador Aguilar, disposed-dismissed-

fam.  
Sevin Rodriguez vs. Michael Rodriguez, disposed-family law.

Charlene Yvonne Aguilar vs. Pete Rosendo Aguilar, disposed-

family law.  
Jose and Cruz Martinez vs. Texas Utilities Electric Co. A, disposed-dismissed-IDM.

Eric Dearing vs. Vivian Kay Dearing, disposed-granted-div.

David S. Talbott vs. Teresa F. Talbott, disposed-granted-div.

Danny Frank Wilson vs. Delores Jane Wilson-disposed-

granted-div.  
Yolanda Loera vs. Jesse Cuellar, disposed-family law.

Kenneth Wayne Martin vs. Tammy Mae Phermetton, disposed-

div.  
Elizabeth Martinez vs. Rodney Martinez, Sr., disposed-

family law.  
Kimberly White vs. Ricardo Saucedo, disposed-family law.

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# USDA cracking down on foreign fruit entering U.S.

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Something tasty might be in the air at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport during the holidays.

Don't expect a taste, however. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is using several 1,250-degree incinerators at the airport to dispose of fruit, vegetables and meat sent from Europe.

The USDA has 28 full-time staffers at the airport whose job it is to seize and destroy any agricultural products that could introduce animal or plant pests and diseases to the United States.

With the help of two food-sniffing beagles, the airport's inspectors confiscate more than 2,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables and meats each month from people arriving on international flights.

"People don't realize that most fresh food from other countries can't be brought into the United States," said Leroy Beikman, the USDA's officer in charge at D-FW.

"Chestnuts from Europe are one of the big holiday items now," Beikman told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "But they could be bringing in bugs or even chestnut-tree disease, which has been virtually wiped out in the U.S."

Fresh fruits are another holiday favorite that will face a Texas barbecue, airport style. "We (seize) just about everything except bananas from Mexico," Beikman said. "They're OK."

A traveler is believed to have brought the Mediterranean fruit fly into California in 1979 — an infestation that cost more than \$100 million to control, the Agriculture Department says.

At D-FW, confiscated food is dumped into four garbage incinerators along with hundreds of pounds of airline food that comes in daily on international flights and must be destroyed, said Cathleen Baulisch, environmental services coordinator for the D-FW

Airport Board. Federal law requires that banned products be sterilized, incinerated or returned to the country of origin.

"Any food served by the airlines on board that has come from a foreign source has to be bagged up and sent to the incinerators," Baulisch said. "We figure on about 200 pounds per flight."

That includes food left on passengers' plates, as well as that left over in the plane's galley, D-FW officials said.

American Airlines has 36 international arrivals daily, from Asia, South America, Central America, Mexico and Europe, airline spokesman Al Becker said. Other airlines account for 200 to 300 international arrivals a month. International flights are serviced by caterers at their points of origin and often feature cuisine that is typical in those countries.

With planes coming in from every continent except Africa, some of the food served on board or carried by passengers can be fairly exotic, Beikman said.

"We get lots of mangoes and other tropical fruits, lots of citrus, sugar cane, avocados and even fresh meat — mutton, beef, pork, sausages," he said. "We can't let any of that into the United States because of the potential that bugs and other agricultural pests could be riding along."

Meat is dangerous particularly because of the diseases it can bring, such as foot-and-mouth disease, a major threat to cattle. That disease was last reported in the United States in 1929 but is still prevalent in South America, Central America, Asia, Africa and Europe, Beikman said. Economists say an outbreak in this country today could cost billions of dollars.

Even canned meat can carry the disease if it hasn't been processed properly, Beikman said.

# Federally insured pension plans see less underfunding

By JOHN D. McCLAIN

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — Higher interest rates that boosted earnings and increased company contributions helped shrink the shortfall of the 50 largest underfunded pension plans by a dramatic 66 percent last year.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. said Wednesday that the underfunding at these companies totaled \$13.5 billion, down from \$39.7 billion in 1993 and the first decline since the agency began listing the biggest deficits seven years ago.

The government's pension-insurance agency had reported last week that total underfunding of all federally insured pension plans was \$31 billion last year, down from \$71 billion in 1993 and the first drop in a decade.

Sixteen companies were erased from the biggest short-fall list because of improved funding, the PBGC said. Half of them made larger contributions than normally required.

General Motors Corp., for instance, put into its employees' plan about \$10 billion more than its annual requirement. It was the last automobile manufacturer on the list. Chrysler Corp. was removed in 1993.

Seven of those companies removed from the list contributed a total of nearly \$800 million above the required amount, including AK Steel Corp., Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inland Steel Industries Inc. and Loews Corp.

Some of the companies that

remained on the list also agreed to provide new pension contributions and other protections.

Among them was Uniroyal Goodrich Tire, whose parent company, Michelin North America, has agreed to contribute \$380 million to the Uniroyal plan. The infusion probably means the company will not appear on next year's list, the PBGC said.

But despite the additional contributions, the PBGC said a core of underfunding persists. It said as a group, the 34 companies whose underfunded plans were on the 1993 list show about the same amount of underfunding if interest rates were kept constant.

About one-third of the underfunding on the 1994 list was in the steel industry, up from one-fifth in 1993.

Other industry underfunding included instruments, 15 percent, up from 6 percent in 1993; transportation equipment, 12.6 percent, up from 6 percent in 1993; and airlines, 7 percent, up from 3 percent a year earlier.

Still, the PBGC emphasized that inclusion on the list does not mean a pension plan is necessarily at immediate risk. But it said about 70 percent of the largest underfunding — \$9.5 billion — is in plans sponsored by companies with below-investment-grade bond ratings.

The PBGC bases underfunding on the value of assets that would be needed to pay guaranteed benefits if a plan were terminated and taken over by the agency.

Although people in most underfunded plans are covered by PBGC insurance, many remain at risk because the agency's guarantee is limited this year to \$2,573.86 a month.

The PBGC guarantees basic pension benefits for more than 41 million workers in more than 58,000 defined-benefit, single-employer retirement plans. Defined-benefit plans are those that pay a predetermined benefit after retirement.

PBGC operations are financed largely by insurance premiums paid by companies that sponsor the plans.

# HOROSCOPE

## FORECAST FOR DEC. 10

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You might feel out of sorts about what is coming up. Tune in to your intuition, and don't leap without taking a very hard look. Caution is advised, yet your creativity is urging you on. Go for balance and unusual (but not risky) solutions. Tonight: Let loose in a safe way.\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Home is where you are your best self. Complete an important decorating or Christmas project. Be careful when dealing with a friend or loved one; this person means what he says. You might need to rethink something. Tonight: Order in.\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) A respected pal or friend may be very much on your case. It will take all your diplomacy to refrain from saying something that may embarrass you. Let go, and find friends you enjoy, or go out and return a Christmas present you hate. Tonight: Be out and about.\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Balance your budget. Your perspective is different from that of others. Trust your instincts about money limits. Get together with a friend for some fun window-shopping. Talks are exciting, yet they help you relax. Tonight: Unwind over a favorite meal.\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You feel as if you are in control. Be sensitive to a child's feedback. Acknowledge other points of view. Your smiling ways helps others solve a problem. Do what feels right for you, and enjoy the people around you. Tonight: Bring in what you want.\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A partner or friend may say something harsh that has you running away. Follow your instincts, and pull back to gain perspective. You need time off to center yourself and regain your balance. Do things for yourself. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Alter your plans, because you are exhausted and need a timeout. At this busy time of year, it is important that you honor your feelings and get needed rest. You recharge your batteries and, surprise of surprises, are ready to take off again. Tonight: Be out and about.\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A loved one or child may not be pleased with your decision and lets you know it very clearly. Honor what is happening, and make an allowance for this person's behavior. He is coming from a heartfelt place. Question

what you want. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have no choice but to examine a new point of view when a family member tosses it in your face. A sense of humor will help you. Plan an exciting excursion, perhaps getting the family Christmas tree. Bring others together for a fun event. Tonight: Go for the unusual.\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One-to-one relating is highlighted. Move beyond a limitation or change. You see others in a different light because of what they share. Discussion brings closeness. Make time for writing cards and buying presents. Tonight: Two is nearly always more fun than one.\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Defer to another, and remain secure about what is happening. Your fun, upbeat side opens a new door. You might not have the complete picture, but it is nearly complete. Questions surround finances and an important relationship. Tonight: Practice saying yes.\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Pull back, and center yourself. Question what is important and cut back accordingly. If you have gone overboard, reconsider things. Concentrate on what you must do, then relax. Recharge your batteries. Tonight: Go to bed early.\*\*\*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 10, 1995:** This is a period when others could be envious of you, especially because you are lucky with finances and your projects. Making your limits perfectly clear is important as you deal with a family member who could be cantankerous. Travel, more education and spiritual growth could pay a larger role in your life. If you are single, you are likely to meet a foreigner or someone quite different from others with whom you have been involved. If attached, make plans as a couple for a special trip you have often talked about. LEO shows you.

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# Garbageman's wife not ashamed of him

DEAR ABBY: I have seen letters in your column from people who are ashamed to disclose their occupations. I have never been ashamed to say that I am married to a garbage collector. My husband calls himself the "Southern Lehigh Garbologist" — and his attitude toward his work has received positive feedback from the community. People view him as a



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

smart businessman with a keen imagination and a wonderful sense of humor.

When he had to raise his rates, he wrote his customers letters explaining why. One customer told us he had heard someone use my husband's nickname on late-night television.

I have always worked by his side by running the office. The garbage business has provided us with a decent living, not to mention some of the "perks" that come in the form of "your trash is my cash" items — including some lovely antiques. I'd be proud to have you use my name, or sign me "The Contented Wife of Garbologist Steve Tegyl." — SHIRLEY TEGYI, COOPERSBURG, PA. DEAR SHIRLEY: Attitude is everything, and you and your "Southern Lehigh Garbologist" are shining examples of it. May you have continued success. DEAR ABBY: Eight years

ago, when my first child was born, I received a lovely poem that contained some excellent advice for parents. I have applied it to my relationship with my children. It strengthened our bond and we became best friends.

It occurred to me that you may find it appropriate for your column. The author is unknown, but perhaps someone in your vast reading audience will know who wrote it. — JOHN ZURSTADT, SEATTLE

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN?

What shall we give the children?

Christmas is almost here.

Toys and games and playthings,

As we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland

Is part of the Yuletide lore

To gladden the heart of childhood,

But I shall give something more.

I shall give them patience,

A more sympathetic ear,

A little more time for laughter,

Or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them

The joy of doing some task.

I'll try to find time to answer

More of the questions they ask.

Time to read books together,

And take long walks in the sun.

Time for a bedtime story,

After the day is done.

I shall give these to my children,

Weaving a closer tie,

Knitting our lives together

With gifts that money can't buy.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING, INC. NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the Board of Directors of Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., sealed bids will be received until January 8, 1996 for roof repairs to the 11th Place Manufacturing Facility located at 3408 E. 11th Place. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the office of Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., 215 West 3rd Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at the next Board Meeting of Moore Development. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from Bill Brooks of Design Place, 2513 Wason, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). Moore Development reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all formalities. 9614 December 10 & 17, 1995

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BID 95-368 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 Birdwell 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 Birdwell 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

DATE: December 18, 1995 TIME: 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Foran ISD Board Room The hearing will be held to present the Academic Excellence Indicator System report from the Texas Education Agency for the 1994-95 school year. Taxpayers, residents, and parents of the district can review the report in the school administration office during regular school hours and at other times by arrangement for the convenience of taxpayers, residents, and parents. 9612 December 10, 1995

## PUBLIC NOTICE

POSTPONEMENT NOTICE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING TxDOT ROUTE STUDY LUBBOCK TO I-10 AND AMARILLO TO STATE LINE The Open House and Public Meeting originally scheduled for December 11, 1995, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, has been postponed. It has been determined that the recent change in the speed limit laws may affect the freeway feasibility results being presented at the meeting. Therefore, further evaluation will be necessary before the results are finalized. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. Once it has been rescheduled, a notice will be published in local newspapers, in the study newsletter, and on the Route Study Telephone Hotline (1-800-661-3234). Questions regarding this postponement should be directed to Mary Beth Kilgore, public information officer, at 915/676-6806, at the Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene district office. 9615 December 6 & 10, 1995

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                      | <b>37</b> Ultramodern          | tell...                        | nails on an angle                   |
| <b>1</b> Hammer-head feature       | <b>38</b> That girl            | <b>56</b> Unlikely trick-taker | <b>20</b> Desire to travel          |
| <b>5</b> London district           | <b>39</b> Treadless            | <b>DOWN</b>                    | <b>22</b> Feudal subject            |
| <b>9</b> Make marginalia           | <b>42</b> "Norma —"            | <b>1</b> Office holder?        | <b>24</b> "— not amused"            |
| <b>12</b> Humdinger                | <b>44</b> Bean town?           | <b>2</b> Tackle-box item       | <b>25</b> June honoree              |
| <b>13</b> Ball of yarn             | <b>48</b> Parisian pal         | <b>3</b> King of comedy        | <b>26</b> Ram's ma'am               |
| <b>14</b> Lennon's lady            | <b>49</b> Aussie flock         | <b>4</b> Child prodigy         | <b>27</b> Derek and Diddle          |
| <b>15</b> Erstwhile shahdom        | <b>50</b> Hexagonal state      | <b>5</b> Mocks                 | <b>29</b> Turf                      |
| <b>16</b> "The Good Earth" heroine | <b>51</b> Profession for short | <b>6</b> — podrida             | <b>30</b> Kyoto cummerbund          |
| <b>17</b> Milieu for Lemieux       | <b>52</b> Segment              | <b>7</b> Card game             | <b>31</b> Soak flax                 |
| <b>18</b> Hang                     | <b>53</b> One's performance    | <b>8</b> Hold title            | <b>35</b> Standard                  |
| <b>19</b> Somewhere out there      | <b>54</b> Literary collection  | <b>9</b> — de vivre            | <b>36</b> Thoracic regions          |
| <b>20</b> Intruder in the bed?     | <b>55</b> "Sad to              | <b>10</b> Never again?         | <b>39</b> Rum recipe                |
| <b>21</b> Toymaker?                |                                | <b>11</b> Drove                | <b>40</b> Ugandan despot            |
| <b>23</b> Airline initials         |                                |                                | <b>41</b> Judy's daughter           |
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| <b>32</b> Heard reveille           |                                |                                | <b>46</b> Staminate                 |
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| <b>34</b> Blueprint                |                                |                                | <b>49</b> Anti-pollution org.       |
| <b>36</b> Entry in the black       |                                |                                |                                     |

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