

BIG SPRING HERALD

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FRIDAY
December 15, 1995

50 Cents

Arrest made in county break-in

An arrest has been made in connection with a break-in at a county business.

Edward Glenn Cope, 58, was arrested in Midland and charged with theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000.

Sheriff A.N. Standard said a confidential source of the deputies working the case led them to the arrest.

Deputy Clifford McCartney went to Midland on Wednesday with the theft warrant and was assisted by Texas Ranger Curtis Becker and Midland County deputies with the arrest.

More than \$30,000 worth of equipment was found in a storage building in the south part of Howard County last weekend.

Cope reportedly stole the tools and other items from Patriot Services Inc. located south of Interstate 20 near the Howard and Mitchell County line.

Cope's bond was set at \$5,000 in Midland and he has been released.

Herald Staff Report

Woman reports was deliberately hit by car

A local woman said she was hit by a car early Friday morning.

Leanne Simpson, 22, told a Big Spring police officer she was hit by a car at a vacant lot in the 900 block of Willia shortly after midnight.

She gave a description of the vehicle and the four occupants. The car is a white 1990 or 1991 Ford Tempo and there were three women and one man inside. An initial investigation by officers led to locating the car and getting the names of those involved.

Capt. Lonnie Smith said the case has been handed over to a detective and the victim will see if she can identify the people.

She sustained minor injuries including an abrasion on her left elbow, a cut to her right knee and some scratches on her back.

Herald Staff Report

Being together - now and forever - best gift

By TERRY BURNS
Contributing Writer

A whole group of us were sitting around watching 'The Statler Brothers Christmas Special' on television a couple of years back. In the show, the performers were asked to relate their best and their worst Christmas, which they did, but obviously well rehearsed. One of our group said, "Now, I ask you, who could just do that out of thin air?"

I said that I didn't have to

think to know what my best and worst Christmas was. The worst was the year that my brother got sick and died on Christmas. I can hardly see how I could have a worse one.

The best one is just as clear, as well. It happened in a little church down in Orange, Texas.

It was a Christmas Eve candlelight service. There was a little light in the room except for the candles adorning the wreaths in the stained glass windows, and those spread up and down the altar.

The congregation was small,

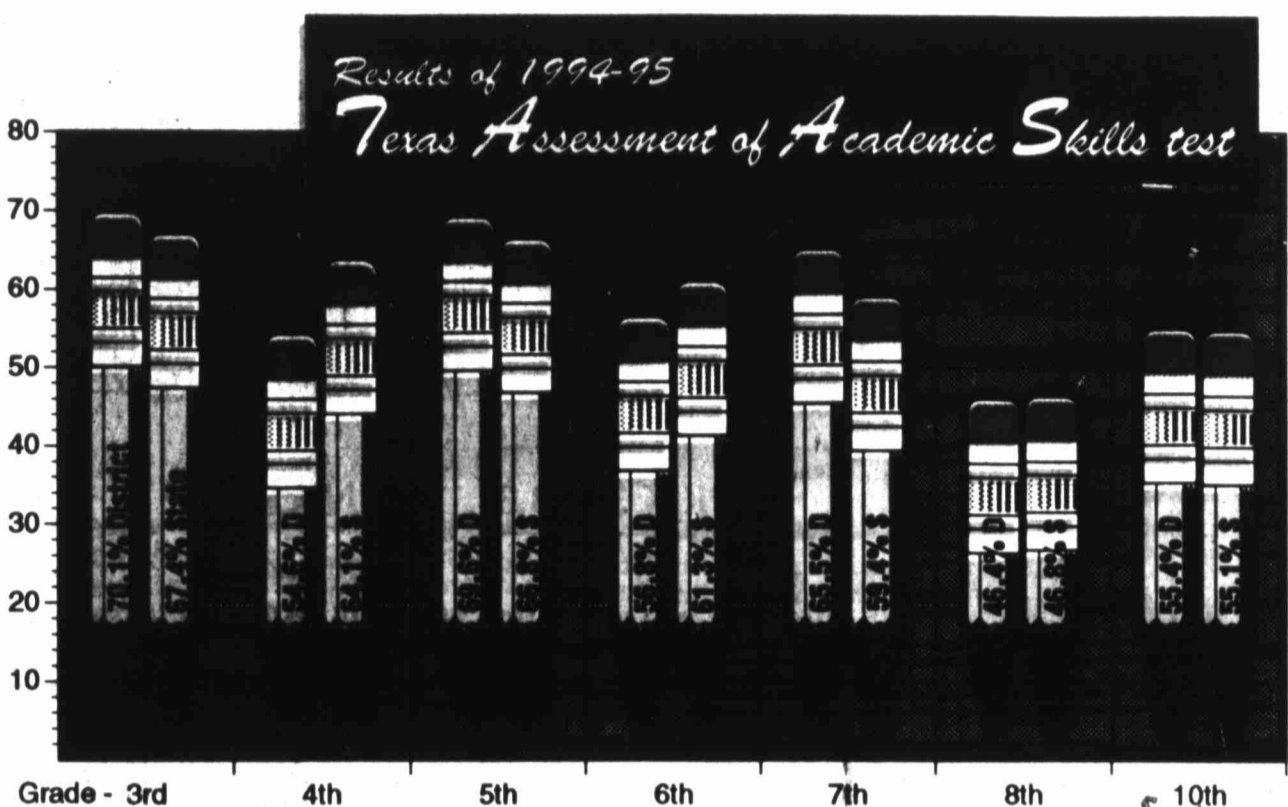
but included my mom and dad who were there for the holiday. We sang some carols, which somehow sounded different in the dim light with the thin December air permeating the room. Then we sat spellbound as both of my children were baptized together up above us.

The best Christmas isn't tied to a special present that I've received, not even that Red Ryder BB gun that I got as a youth. It isn't even bound up in my memories of the old Christmas mases at my Grandmother's house where the tree reached



the ceiling and the gifts surrounded it trailed half way down the wall.

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Hard work leads to good grades and money for local schools

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Hard work and dedication are reasons behind three Big Spring schools receiving monetary awards for their test scores.

Principals from Goliad Middle School, Bauer Magnet Elementary School and Moss Elementary School received plaques and recognition from the school district during the trustee meeting Thursday afternoon.

The recognition is based on how well a school does on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests last spring.

Bauer will receive a little more than \$1,500 for making significant gains in their scores from the 1993-94 to the 1994-95 school year. There was a 19 percent gain in their overall reading scores, according to Principal Andre Clark.

Goliad also received a significant gain award worth \$3,800. Moss was a recognized campus and is expecting around \$1,500 from the state. The campus was honored with a significant gain award last year for improving their test scores.

Big Spring Independent School District Board President Dan Wise said, "I don't think there were three schools receiving awards from any other small town our size in Texas."

The presentation of awards coincided with the release of the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System set up by the Texas Education Agency.

Each campus and the district are rated on their test scores, dropout rates and attendance.

Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said every campus was accredited and is considered acceptable by TEA standards.

It is a requirement by TEA for districts to make this report card of sorts available to the public. The report is on file at the district's central office.

The report is also sent to city and county offices along with the top five taxing entities in the district.

Murphy said, "As you know from the city's master plan, it is important for the entities to show we have a quality school system. Potential employees can look at the report to know what kind of school their children will be going to."

Superintendent Bill McQuary added each year the standards for receiving awards will go up. Currently, you have to have a 70 percent passing rate campus-wide and in each subgroup such as ethnic groups and those who are economically disadvantaged. In the 1997-98 school year, the passing rate will rise to 75 percent then to 80 percent the next year.

According to the AEIS, the district, for the most part, was right in line with the state average on TAAS scores.

Third grade students in Big Spring had a 70.1 percent passing rate compared to a 67.4 state passing rate. In fourth grade, the district's rate was 54.6 compared to 64.1 statewide. Fifth graders did slightly better than the state's average of 66.8 by having a district passing rate of 69.6 percent.

At-A-Glance

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees approved:

- Accepted the resignation of Daniel Monahan, the band director at Goliad Middle School. Monahan cited personal reasons for leaving the district and returning home to Chicago. His resignation was tendered on Nov. 27.

- Approved their 1994-95 audit. Cassandra Fillingim, CPA, presented the audit to the board and said the firm found nothing wrong with the records. The district's delinquent tax collection and revenues was up from the previous year while their expenditures were down.

- Approved the auditing firm of Green and Fillingim to continue auditing the district's records for the next two school years.

In the sixth grade, the district had a 56.8 percent passing rate compared to a 61.3 percent rate across the state. Seventh graders in Big Spring outdid other students in the state with a 65.5 percent rate while the state average was 59.4 percent. Eighth graders came close to tying the state's average of 46.8 percent with a local rate of 46.4 percent.

Sophomores had an average passing rate in Big Spring of 55.4 percent compared to 55.1 statewide.

Cotton outlook for county still cloudy

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

What the outlook for Texas' cotton harvest is this year just may depend on who you ask and what region of the state they're from.

With the problem boll weevils and the beet armyworm have caused producers this year, the yield from this year's crop is expected to be far less that what it was in 1994.

Howard County cotton producers probably won't be hit as hard as other producers in the state with crop losses because of boll weevil and beet armyworm infestations, but the financial effects are starting to add up.

Texas producers could lose more than \$209 million on what was first expected to be a bumper crop in 1995.

The huge losses are a of crop yields being reduced as well as the additional expenses associated with purchasing and applying chemicals to fend off a pest that never before has significantly affected the Texas cotton crop.

The beet armyworm especially has severely weakened the cotton crop in two key areas of the state.

Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson said the outlook still is not crystal clear because the farm bill is still up in the air and depending on what is passed in Congress producers could experience even more adverse effects.

As for the immediate harvest he said, "We need rain in the fall and winter to keep subsoil moist."

The recent cold spell was good for dropping temperatures, but Richardson said it really didn't do producers any good because it didn't bring with it any moisture.

The efforts to get the boll weevil eradication program

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State cotton forecasts continue to dwindle

SEMINOLE, Texas (AP) — Insect infestations in the Rio Grande Valley and San Angelo area took a toll on the bottom line for Texas cotton this season.

And the 25-county Lubbock region — known as the world's largest cotton patch — came up short, too. Agriculture experts say the South Plains this year will produce 2.68 million bales, compared to 3.1 million bales in 1994.

Blame that on an onslaught of boll weevils, beet armyworms, drought and hail that proved costly to cotton farmers.

"They're crying, not like babies — like over split milk," said Benny Nichols, a farmer and president of Seminole Service Gin Inc., about 90 miles southwest of Lubbock.

Texas leads the nation in cotton crops, and Gaines County leads Texas. Harvest gear this week has just about finished stripping bolls off the stalks across 315,000 acres of cotton around Seminole.

But the outlook for Texas cotton production grew even more dismal Monday when the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted that the state would yield 4.55 million bales this season.

That figure is down from the 4.92 million bales raised by Texans last year on far fewer acres.

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Scott McLaughlin seeking state representative seat

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring businessman Scott McLaughlin is running for the 70th District's Republican nomination to the Texas House of Representatives.

McLaughlin officially announced his candidacy Thursday morning to seek the seat held by 8-year incumbent Democratic State Rep. David Counts.

"I've talked to a lot of people in the district and there's a lot of dissatisfaction. West Texas is not getting its fair share of representation, and that's what people are fed up with," McLaughlin said.

He added taxes have consistently increased during the last eight years and state funds are supporting big-city government and the Austin bureaucracy, and that hurts smaller rural areas.



McLaughlin

"In the past eight years, our state budget has increased from about \$40.1 billion to \$79.8 billion. That's an increase of almost \$5 billion a year,"

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U.S. Trivia
Who patented many components of all-electronic television?
Philo Taylor Farnsworth

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WORLD/NATION

World:
Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic symbolically ended the state of war in the Serb half of postwar Bosnia today — except in Serb-held Sarajevo. See page 5A.

STATE

Crime fears
Fears of violent crime bother Texans more than other people around the nation, a survey by the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University says. See page 6A.

Eagle recovering
A bald eagle is recovering from a gunshot wound after being found stranded on a rural road near Utopia last week, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials say. See page 6A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
55 [▲] Highs 35 _▼ Lows
Fair
Tonight, fair, low mid 30s, north-east winds 5 to 10 mph.

Pernian Basin Forecast
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high mid 50s, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low mid 30s.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high mid 50s, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low mid 30s.
Monday: Mostly cloudy, high mid 50s, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low mid 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Edith Hodnett

Services for Edith E. Hodnett, 78, Bolivar, Mo., formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hodnett died Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Bolivar.

She was born on May 3, 1917, in Breckenridge, Texas and married Claude Milton Hodnett on Sept. 25, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1983. She came to Howard County as a young girl. She and her late husband farmed in the Vincent area until 1956. They then owned and operated the Sportsman's Paradise at Lake Thomas from 1956 to 1978. They moved to Big Spring in 1980 and Mrs. Hodnett had lived in Bolivar, Mo. for the past year and a half. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter: Jerry Beth Bigby, Bolivar, Mo.; three grandchildren; five sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Mac and Mollie England Harris, one sister, Gladys Appleton and two brothers, Lloyd and B.O. Harris.

The family suggest memorials to: The Alzheimer's Disease Association, P.O. Box A3727, Chicago, Ill. 60690-9691 or The American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

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

sons-in-law: Janet and Gary Wiggins, Big Spring, and Patsy and John Norton, Billings, Mont.; four grandchildren: Debra and her husband Kenny Copeland, Midland, Cary Wiggins, Big Spring, Paul Vance, Big Spring and Nick Riley, Crestwood, Ky.; great-grandchildren: Chance and Jordan Copeland, Midland; two sisters; seven brothers; and many loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Pallbearers will be C.V. Wash, Arthur Barton, J.L. Barron, George White, Roger Hudgins, Bill Cregar, Darrell Baggett and Burl Griffith.

Paid obituary

John Ashley

Services for John Ashley, 69, Prairie Grove, Ark. will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Cumberlin Presbyterian Church in Prairie Grove. Burial will follow in Illinois Chapel Cemetery in Prairie Grove under the direction of Luginbuel Funeral Home.

Earl Creech

Services for Earl Creech, 65, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with Rev. Curtis Cadenhead, pastor, and Duane McClure officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Creech died Thursday, Dec. 14, in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa after a lengthy illness.

He was born on May 7, 1930, in Tarzan and had lived most of his life in Martin County. He was a retired farmer and oilfield employee. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Stanton. He was married to Peggy Rose Cross on March 2, 1951, in Midland.

Survivors include his wife: Peggy Creech, Stanton; two sons: Clint Creech, Meridian, and Scott Creech, Clifton; two daughters: Becky Phillips, Las Cruces, N.M., and Polly Burel-Smith, Loop; a sister: Beth Shoemaker, Stanton; a brother: Bob Creech, Odessa; two half-sisters: Brenda Favor and Linda Creech, both of Lubbock; and a half-brother: Carl Creech; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Toyah Lou Creech; twin brother, Thearl Creech; and brother, Howard Creech.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Oleta Gooch

Oleta Gooch, 77, of Big Spring, died Thursday morning, Dec. 14, 1995, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jack Clinkscapes, pastor of First Baptist Church in Forsan, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Oleta was born on April 9, 1918, in Calahan County, Texas. She married C.L. Gooch on Oct. 29, 1939, in Abilene. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1944. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Forsan and was a member of the Joy Club at the church and a member of The Pioneer Sewing Club.

She was a homemaker, loving wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a caring friend.

Oleta is survived by her husband: C.L. Gooch, Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law: Don and Susan Gooch, Crestwood, Ky.; two daughters and



GOOCH

sons: David Kinman, Atlanta, Ga., and Jerry Ray Kinman, San Diego, Calif.; one daughter: Sheila Watson, Doniphan, Mo.; one brother: Carroll Kinmon, Comanche; three sisters: Sandra Phillips, San Antonio, Peggy Hill, Selma, Ala., and Shirley Bailey, Selma, Ala.; and seven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to The American Cancer Society.

Arrangements under the direction of Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home, Inc., Selma, Ala.

Graveside services for Jerry Don Kinman, 56, Selma, Ala., were 2 p.m. today at New Live Oak Cemetery with Rev. Mike Spivey officiating.

Mr. Kinman died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995, at his home.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge, V.F.W. and the Eagles.

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Valentin Torres, Jr.

Services for Valentin Torres, Jr., 57, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died today in a Midland hospital.

Gift

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No, the best gift that I've received was sitting there watching in pride in that service as I came to know that my family would be together, even in the hereafter. We went on to have a wonderful Christmas and exchanged some very nice gifts, but quite frankly, it was an anti-climax.

ON THE RUN

Walt Disney's POCAHONTAS



DID YOU WIN?

PICK 3: 4,3,3

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

- BILLY JOE, 34, a transient, was arrested for public intoxication.
- JORGE ENRIQUE QUEZADA, 33, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested for public intoxication.
- RODOLFO GONZALES, 34, of 2106 Nolan, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- DENNIS M. WEEKS, 49, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2300 block of Brent, 1600 block of Tucson and 2500 block of Lynn. The complainants told officers someone shot some type of small caliber weapon at either their car window or glass front door causing \$200 in damage.
- STALKING in the 1600 block of Gregg.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 1100 block of Nolan, 1800 block of Gregg, North Second and Austin, 1200 block of West 11th Place, 400 block of Nolan, 100 block of Gregg and 600 block of East 10th.
- THEFTS in the 900 block of Willia, 1700 block of East Marcy, 300 block of Gregg and 400 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

- TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 22, of 1102 Lamar, turned himself in on a motion to revoke his probation. He had been on probation for driving while license suspended and was later released on a \$500 bond.
- KELLY MACK KOENIG, 22, of 611 Douglas, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for a parole violation out of New Mexico. He is being held without bond pending extradition.
- ANTONIO BANDA SALINAS, 52, of 810 Willia, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance with intent to

MARKETS

March cotton futures 85.60 cents a pound, down 6 points; Jan. crude oil 19.07, down 4 points; cash hog steady at 46.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 66.50 cents even; Dec. live hog futures 47.87, down 7 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.60, up 42 points. Courtesy: Delta Commodities

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Amoco	70 1/2	-
Atlantic Richfield	113 1/2	-
Atmos	22 1/2	-
Boston Chicken	34 1/2	-
Cabot	48 1/2	nc
Chevron	51 1/2	nc
Chrysler	53 1/2	+
Coca-Cola	79 1/2	+
De Beers	30 1/2	-

IN BRIEF

Tillage meeting set for January

An alternative conservation system of surface roughening (tillage) has been approved for use in Martin and a portion of northwest Glasscock Counties for conservation compliance.

This would allow tillage as a primary means of wind erosion control. This alternative can take the place of vegetative requirements (i.e., wind strip cropping) in conservation compliance plans.

A soil surface roughening plan will need to be prepared for each field where surface roughening will be applied. Any required practices to address water erosion must still be applied and/or maintained as planned.

A producer's meeting is planned for sometime in January to explain this new alternative. Time and location will be announced. For more information on this new alternative, please call the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office at (915) 756-3421.

Christmas Ball for Saturday

The Borden County Jr. Livestock Association will sponsor a Christmas Ball, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at the Borden County Show Barn in Gail.

An all you can eat holiday buffet will be available along with a live band "Prairie Fire." Cost is \$25/family, \$15/couple and \$8/singles.

The ball will be held from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Proceeds to benefit 1996 Borden County Junior Livestock Show.

Symphony office open Saturday

The Big Spring Symphony Box Office at the Municipal Auditorium will be open Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. to provide symphony patrons an opportunity to buy tickets before the concert on Saturday evening.

Tickets will be available at other locations until noon on Saturday. The doors will open at the auditorium for Saturday's performance at 7 p.m. Any remaining tickets will be sold at that time. For further information call Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

RECORDS

Thursday's temp.	82
Thursday's low	40
Average high	55
Average low	28
Record high	78 in 1938
Record low	13 in 1985
Rainfall Thursday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.34
Year to date	15.95
Normal for the year	18.23

**Statistics not available

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

- Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by The Super Six Band. Area seniors invited.
- Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chapparral Road. Call 393-5693 or 267-7043.
- Regular meeting of the Big Spring Shrine, 6:30, election of officers for 1996. Call J.D. Thompson, 267-8416.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

SUNDAY

- American Legion Howard County #355, 3:30 p.m., Post Home.
- Sands parent-teacher organization will have a meeting after the 2 p.m. Christmas program in the Sands cafeteria. The meeting will be to approve by-laws and to discuss the membership drive. Reception to follow.
- Good Shepherd Fellowship, 6:00 A.M., has some breakfast 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.
- Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.
- Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY

- Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary, 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, 2305 Austin. Call Rocky Vieira, 267-7773.
- Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., Collee Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- "Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
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Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

906 GREGG BIG SPRING

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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HONORED



Three Big Spring schools were honored for their outstanding 1994-95 test scores at Thursday's board meeting. Pictured left to right are: Jean Broughton, Gollad Middle School principal; Andre Clark, Bauer Magnet Elementary School principal and Ron Moss, Moss Elementary School principal. See related story page 1A.

Problems with Lone Star Card are being reported by operators

AUSTIN (AP) — A glitch in the system that runs the state's new Lone Star Card has left some low-income Texans without groceries. Transactive, an Austin company that runs the electronic benefits system, said Thursday that random communication problems across the state kept grocers from accessing the system. That meant cardholders could not get their groceries. "We have had some communication problems and are looking at that and are taking care of it," said Mary Fero, a spokeswoman for Transactive. "We expect to have the matter resolved pretty quickly." The Lone Star Card looks like a credit card. Transactive "credits" each card with monthly food stamp benefits and recipients use the card in place of paper stamps. The system has been in place in Houston since January. It was distributed across the state through the year and now is fully in place. About 14,000 retailers are set up for the system. Ms. Fero said the communica-

tions problem hit grocers statewide, "but we don't have an idea of the full scope of the problem." She said the system handles as many as 350,000 transactions and up to \$15 million a day. Ms. Fero said this was the first time the system has run into problems. Andy Welch, a spokesman for Texas Comptroller John Sharp, said he didn't know much about the problem. "Obviously, we want the problem corrected," he said. Sharp has touted the system for reducing food stamp fraud. He also credited the system on Wednesday for helping reduce Texas food stamp rolls by 167,000 this year. That reduction saved \$11.5 million a month, Sharp said. Because transition to the cards took several months, Sharp said his office has been able to measure results most in the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas so far. The 400,000 households receiving stamps in those areas account for about 40 percent of the state total.

Earnst new assistant at state hospital

Special to the Herald Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon has announced the appointment of W.C. Earnst as the hospital's assistant superintendent, effective today. Earnst has been at the state hospital since 1978, serving as associate director of community services for 14 years, manager of procurement and supply for two years and most recently as a program administrator for South Psychiatric Services. He began his career in the mental health field in Oklahoma, where he served in the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health for eight years. Earnst earned a master of social work degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1973, and is licensed by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners and is recognized as an advanced clinical practitioner. He is married and has three children.

Safety standards tightened for smaller aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's fast-growing regional and commuter airlines will have to add equipment and upgrade training and safety programs to the same standards as the major carriers. "Whether you fly on a jumbo jet or a 10-seat aircraft, I want all Americans flying on planes with the same high level of safety," Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said Thursday. Pena announced that the tough safety standards covering major airlines are being extended to all scheduled flights with 10 seats or more, with the smaller carriers given 15 months to meet the new rules. The Regional Airline Association and the Air Line Pilots Association embraced the toughened standards, although other groups raised questions. Under the new rules: —Smaller commercial planes will have to add additional equipment, such as airborne weather radar, a wing ice-warning light, portable oxygen, a third altitude indicator, a sound warning on the landing gear and other items. —Training requirements for all pilots will be increased, including additional use of flight simulators. —Smaller airlines will have to add an official with the sole duty of supervising safety efforts and provide certified flight dispatchers. New training also is specified for all dispatchers. —Flight attendants will be required on planes seating 20 or more passengers. —The mandatory retirement age of 60 will be extended from major airlines to all carriers. The approximately 200 regional pilots now over age 60 will be given four years of continued eligibility to fly. While the Air Line Pilots Association endorsed the latter step, the smaller Professional Pilots Association said pilots should be allowed to work to age 63 or 65, contending there has never been an accident blamed on an older pilot.

Cotton

Continued from page 1A "This season was very stressful for the producer," said Gaines County agriculture extension agent Marvin Ensor. "Not a fun crop. A lot of that is due to Mother Nature not assisting." USDA forecasts in November had estimated a Texas crop of 4.85 million bales and per-acre yields that average 408 pounds. Just one month later, agriculture experts revised that earlier forecast by 300,000 bales, down to an average 383 pounds per acre. "Some fields looked good and stayed good," Ensor said. "But a lot of fields started out mediocre and never looked good." He and others are hoping that a cold winter will kill the insects and that heavy rains will recharge the Ogallala Aquifer. Here's the irony: Pests and dry weather sapped a crop that carried higher-than-normal expectations in its early stages. When market prices hit all-time highs last February, farmers in Texas planted 6.3 million

acres of cotton, compared to 5.4 million acres planted in 1994. But U.S. cotton crops fared poorly all around. Agriculture experts say Texas will account for 5.7 million acres out of the 15.7 million acres harvested across the United States. Cotton from this state represents about one quarter of the nation's expected 17.9 million bales. California ranks second behind Texas with 2.5 million bales. Wendell Wilbanks, area director of the USDA cotton classing office in Lubbock, said the grades on South Plains cotton look favorable. Wilbanks says the fibers are whiter, slightly shorter and less mature than last year's. Domestic consumption and exports likely will drop, said John Johnson, communications director for Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock, a farmer-owned marketing group with 25,000 members in Texas and Oklahoma.

Cloudy

Continued from page 1A repeated in the Rio Grande Valley is also on Richardson's mind. He said that's a situation everyone will have their eyes on and even though it may not directly effect the Howard County area, it may effect future programs throughout the state. "People are also concerned about the price of cotton. Currently it's good even though yields have not been great," Richardson said. Another factor to consider when looking at grim forecasts of this year's prices is the domestic textile industry. It has been shut down for a while and Richardson said this could catch up with producers pretty soon. "Unseasonably warm weather and increased competition from foreign markets are also things to consider. People are buying other things," Richardson added. Rio Grande Valley cotton crop

losses are estimated at \$143 million. The Concho Valley region has projected crop losses at \$38 million. Despite their losses being much less than other effected areas of the state, producers in the Coastal Bend, Winter Garden and South Plains regions of Texas are having to spend almost \$30 million for chemicals to protect their crops from the pests that have destroyed so many crops in the Rio Grande Valley and the Concho Valley. Producers in the Rio Grande Valley had anticipated producing of more than 400,000 bales of cotton in 1995, with a yield of 681 pounds per acre. But, because of the beet armyworm infestation, production in the Rio Grande Valley was only 53,000 bales, with a yield of only 160 pounds of cotton per acre. San Angelo producers in the Concho Valley had expected to produce 168,000 bales of cotton, with a yield of 394 pounds per acre, managed 68,000 bales with a yield of 260 pounds per acre.

Seat

Continued from page 1A McLaughlin said. He will campaign on three central issues. "We need to reign in the growth of state government, we need to return control to our local governments and we need to realize the fantastic opportunity we have to bring jobs to West Texas," he said. He added, "Our state government needs to serve the people and not control them. I'm looking at this opportunity as a public service. The people we have now are professional politicians. Honest, hard-working people are out working and don't have time to run. I'm fortunate to be in a position to run, and I'm excited about it." McLaughlin said he will be a

consistent voice in the Texas Legislature. "I am a conservative, both fiscally and socially. I believe in less government, personal responsibility and the fact that Texas can run Texas. I believe Texas grew strong because of its commitment to strong families, hard work and conservative ideals. I want to represent the men and women of District 70 and help restore those guiding principles to our state government," he said. McLaughlin also believes his private-sector business experience gives him a unique perspective as he enters the campaign. He is the president of Saunders Company Inc., a wholesale distributor of plumbing and water well supplies; director of

McLaughlin Bancshares, a bank holding company; past president of the Wholesale Distributors Association, an industry trade association covering a six-state area; and current president of the Moore Economic Development Corporation of Big Spring and chairman of its Business Expansion and Retention Committee. "I've never run for office, but I have operated companies. I have spent my entire professional career meeting payrolls and providing jobs for West Texas. I want to take my business experience to Austin," McLaughlin said. He added as the conservative revolution continues in Washington, D.C., it is critical conservatives be elected to the Texas Legislature.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Free expression is more important than civility in a university."

Guido Calabresi, dean of Yale Law School, 1986

Seniors and the police: A winning combination

A very special graduation took place last night at Howard College. Nobody received a degree, and nobody had to wear a mortarboard or gown, but the graduation meant much to participants nonetheless.

Two more classes of the Citizens' Police Academy celebrated their successful completion. One of these groups was the first senior citizens' academy to be held in Big Spring. The seniors proved to be a pleasant and sometimes exhausting surprise for the police department.

Originally the police department had planned a streamlined course without firing range training, paintball wars and other elements of past academies. The course was to last seven weeks with emphasis on personal safety and security.

Until the seniors found out, of course. They proved that in Big Spring, senior citizens won't be babied. They expected the full course and got it - 12 weeks of action packed into the scheduled seven weeks. Some officers had to work day and night to get everything prepared. And by all accounts, the police

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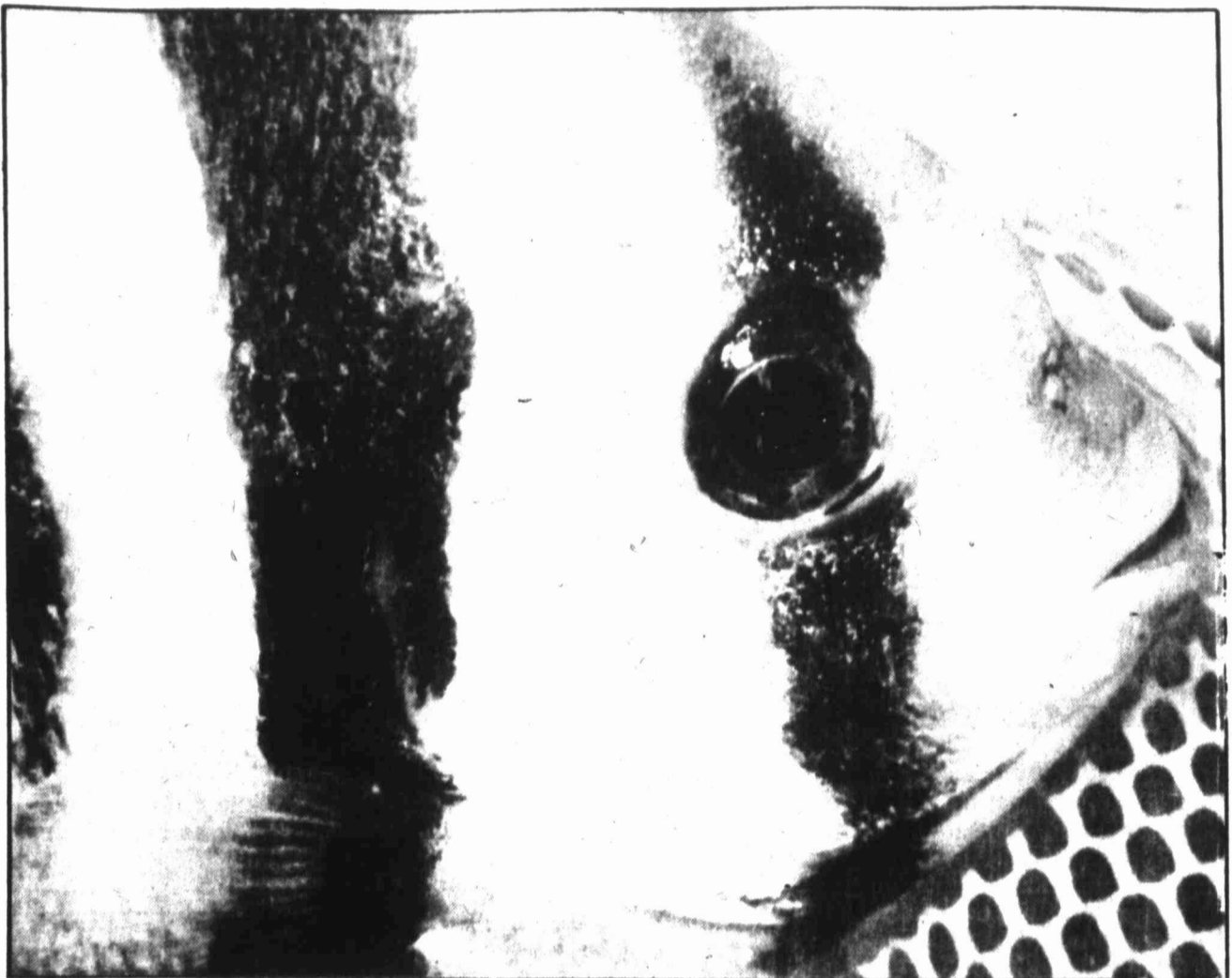
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department and senior citizens loved it. This active academy supplied some of the most difficult paintball opponents officers have faced. As for the firing range, one woman has become famous for trying to take a submachine gun home with her - a first for the officers who teach that part of the course!

The police have praised the senior group for both their sense of fun and their serious appreciation of the course. Those who did the teaching learned something too: Never underestimate senior citizens. If you do, they will not only surprise you, but you will have to work awfully hard to keep up with them!

This partnership will continue, as the graduating group has volunteered to perform many tasks for the police department. Congratulations to police and seniors both for putting together such a winning combination.

SCIENCE



This is a hand-out photo of "Goldeneye," taken in November, two weeks after his original surgery to install his glass eye. "Goldeneye" had a condition known as exophthalmos or "pop-eye" as it is more commonly known.

A fishy tale of a glassy eye

Fish gets new eye thanks to N.C. State research

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — You can only catch this Goldeneye in one location — the North Carolina Aquarium.

The silver-and-brown striped fish has a glass eye that is — you got it — golden, with bronze flecks.

The unusual fish-eye replacement surgery was performed last month by Drs. Greg Lew

bart and Brad Nadelstein of North Carolina State's College of Veterinary Science.

"We had sent the word out that we were looking for good candidates" for eye replacement surgery, Lewbart said. "Then Goldeneye showed up."

The eye popped out last week, possibly because a stitch sewn into the eye socket or a bonding material injected to hold it in place, came loose, Nadelstein said. The doctors planned to reinstall it today.

Goldeneye's initial surgery was performed out of water using miniature surgical tools and magnifying goggles. Tubes

pumped water, laced with anesthesia, into the fish's mouth and out its gills.

The 10-inch-long spadefish required the surgery after developing exophthalmos, or "Pop-eye," which causes the eye to swell abnormally and become cloudy.

Nadelstein called the idea crazy when Lewbart first approached him. Now he says the procedure may become common.

"A few years ago surgery on dogs with cataracts was unheard of," Nadelstein said. "But now it's common. Why not fish?"

New drug gives hope to Lou Gehrig sufferers

WASHINGTON (AP) — It prolongs life by a mere three months, but patients with Lou Gehrig's disease are excited by the world's first drug to treat the neuromuscular killer for another reason: hope.

The Food and Drug Administration approved riluzole Tuesday, the first drug for Lou Gehrig's approved anywhere in the world. It doesn't ease the muscle deterioration and other symptoms, but it will help some patients live a little longer, the FDA said.

Anxious patients are waiting to grab at the chance. "It gives us some hope, that's the most important thing," said Ted Heine of Waverly, Iowa, whose disease sometimes makes his weakened legs buckle beneath him.

"All the patients are interested in it — we've had calls day in and day out," said Nancy Nelson of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association. Some 30,000 Americans have the illness, formally called ALS but best known for killing Yankees' first baseman Lou Gehrig. Victims' life expectancy — just three to five years — has changed little since the disease claimed Gehrig in 1941.

ALS attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Starting with such symptoms as weakness or difficulty in speech or swallowing, it eventually paralyzes victims, including the muscles responsible for breathing.

Riluzole, to be sold under the brand name Rilutek by Rhone-

Poulenc Rorer, does not slow muscle deterioration or ease symptoms. But after 18 months of treatment, the drug helped patients with the worst prognosis live an extra three months. Lower-risk patients experienced less effect, if any.

The small benefit didn't deter patients. A dozen argued before the FDA in September to beg for approval, arguing that three months was vital.

"I'm in a race against time," a sobbing Stacey Henninger of Philadelphia said through a voice synthesizer that read the speech her vocal cords could no longer force out.

Ultimately, the agency agreed. The extra time means some patients might live long enough to take drugs now under development that might prove better, said Lynn Klein of the National Organization of Rare Diseases.

Cephalon Inc. is preparing to seek FDA approval for myotrophin, a drug that appears to slow muscle deterioration, and Amgen Inc.'s brain-derived neurotrophic factor is in final trials to treat lung symptoms.

But patients are hoping if they take riluzole longer than the people who tested it, it will help them more — something that can be proved only with time, Nelson said.

Rilutek will be on pharmacy shelves within six weeks. Rhone-Poulenc will announce a price next month.

Patients may call Rhone-Poulenc for more information at 1-800-798-7425.

Approval of ulcer drug urged

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Millions of ulcer sufferers may finally get some medicine to cure their stomach pains and keep them from coming back.

Scientific advisers urged the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday to approve the first antibiotic therapies to kill the H. pylori bacterium that causes 80 percent of the 4.5 million ulcers diagnosed in the United States every year.

H. pylori is a common infection affecting six of 10 Americans, although not all experience any illness. The first therapy consists of

adding the antibiotic clarithromycin, sold by Abbott Laboratories as Biaxin, to Astra Merck's popular acid blocker Prilosec. The second therapy adds clarithromycin to a new drug by Glaxo Wellcome called Tritec, a combination of its popular ulcer drug Zantac and a stronger version of the chemical in over-the-counter Pepto Bismol.

By using such drugs, "in two to five years we could wipe out 90 percent of the peptic ulcers in the United States," said Dr. Barry Marshall, who discovered H. pylori in Australia.

Second added as 1996 will be 'leaping' year

WASHINGTON (AP) — 1996 will be delayed briefly.

The nation's official clocks will add a "leap second" at the end of the year, the National Institute of Standards and Technology says.

Leap seconds are added periodically to keep the highly accurate atomic clocks in tune with the Earth.

The Earth isn't as regular as the clocks. It can speed up or slow down, the result of friction from the oceans sloshing around, perhaps from the atmosphere and maybe other factors that scientists don't fully understand.

When differences develop, since the planet can't be changed, the clocks are.

Exact time is needed for modern navigation, with ships and aircraft using satellite signals and radio waves to determine their location. An error of a millionth of a second can produce a position error of a quarter-mile.

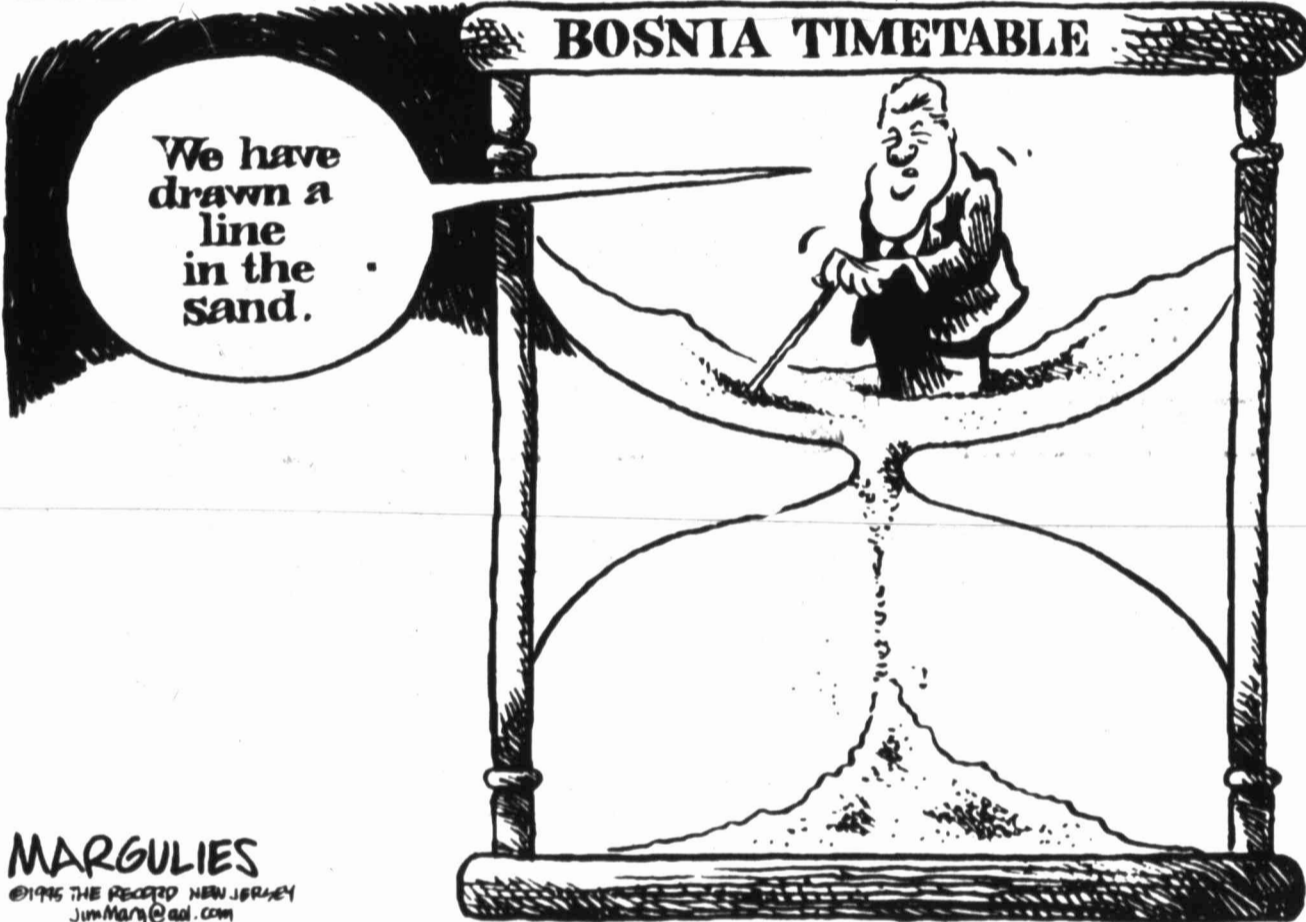
The International Earth Rotation Service in Paris rules on when leap seconds are needed and the process is coordinated in the United States by the U.S. Naval Observatory and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

It will be the 20th time since 1972 that a leap second has been added to the world's clocks. That year, scientists chose to let their atomic clocks run independently of the Earth's rotation and then adjust them from time to time.

The change means the last minute of 1995 will be 61 seconds long. The last leap second was added June 30, 1994.

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Letters to the Editor

Teamwork made it possible

Editor:

Howard College just celebrated its 50th anniversary and this event brought together our community, employees, students and alumni for three days of fun, food and fellowship. In this day and time, with criticism running rampant, it should be noted the camaraderie that was felt by all who were touched, in some way, by these three days.

As chairman of this event, I found myself in a position of asking a lot of folks to do jobs and make sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty. Each and every person I contacted graciously consented to help make our week-end a memorable occasion. The news media coverage was outstanding. Julie McPharland and KBST, Sam Templeton and Channel 9, Channel 7, and the Big Spring Herald made everyone in Howard and surrounding counties aware that Howard College had big doings going on.

Angie Way and her staff worked tirelessly to put together a first-class exhibit at the Heritage Museum. They sifted through mountains of memorabilia and sorted out the best of the collection and made us proud of our 50 years.

Al Patterson and his staff with Charlie Marmolejo and the Chicano Golf Association organized a top notch golf tour-

namment in memory of Charlie Gonzales. They raised over one thousand dollars to be used for scholarships to Howard College. We teed up Saturday morning, the skilled and duffers alike, with nine of the teams from Howard College. That 18 holes made some of us wish we had spent more time on the driving range.

Jody Nix and his band brought us together Friday evening for a real treat. Our alumni who were here were reminded of many Saturday nights with Hoyle at the Stamped. Stories were flying from table to table as memorable events came to mind, good and bad. Lots of hours were spent going round and round his dance floor, past and present.

Our own college staff spent countless hours of preparation time making sure every detail was completed and in place before the week-end. Just saying thank-you to these folks doesn't seem quite enough, but hopefully they know just how much I appreciate all their time and efforts. We had some tense moments, but as Cheryl said at the dinner on Saturday night, this brought out the best and the worst in all of us. By now I hope we're back to "all being friends again."

I hope this gives all of you a little insight into the community togetherness I felt and how proud I am to live in Big Spring, Texas, and work at Howard College.

Sincerely,
Jan Foresyth

Big Spring Send in the surveys

Editor:

Thanks for the question of what the public wants to be included in the local Herald. I have been out of town for a few years and just returned. I have been very disappointed with the contents of the Herald. At times it seems that there is not one local NEWS article in the paper. There are well written articles by they are not news articles. The biggest articles have been the one about a local man being charged with a felony and HEADLINES WITH OLD PICTURES that he was formerly man of the year and then the one of FINA being one of the worse air pollutants back in 1992. This type of HEADLINES does not give a good image of our FINE CITY. There is a lot of good news from the large number of local home

grown industries such as Fiberflex, Delta, Fraser, Cain, Western Container, Permian Research and etc. that deserves local coverage. I would like to see the majority of the Herald to consist of local news, such as schools, sports, local happening in businesses and social events. I request that everyone take the READERSHIP SURVEY serious and turn in what you want. How is the Herald to know unless everyone tells them.

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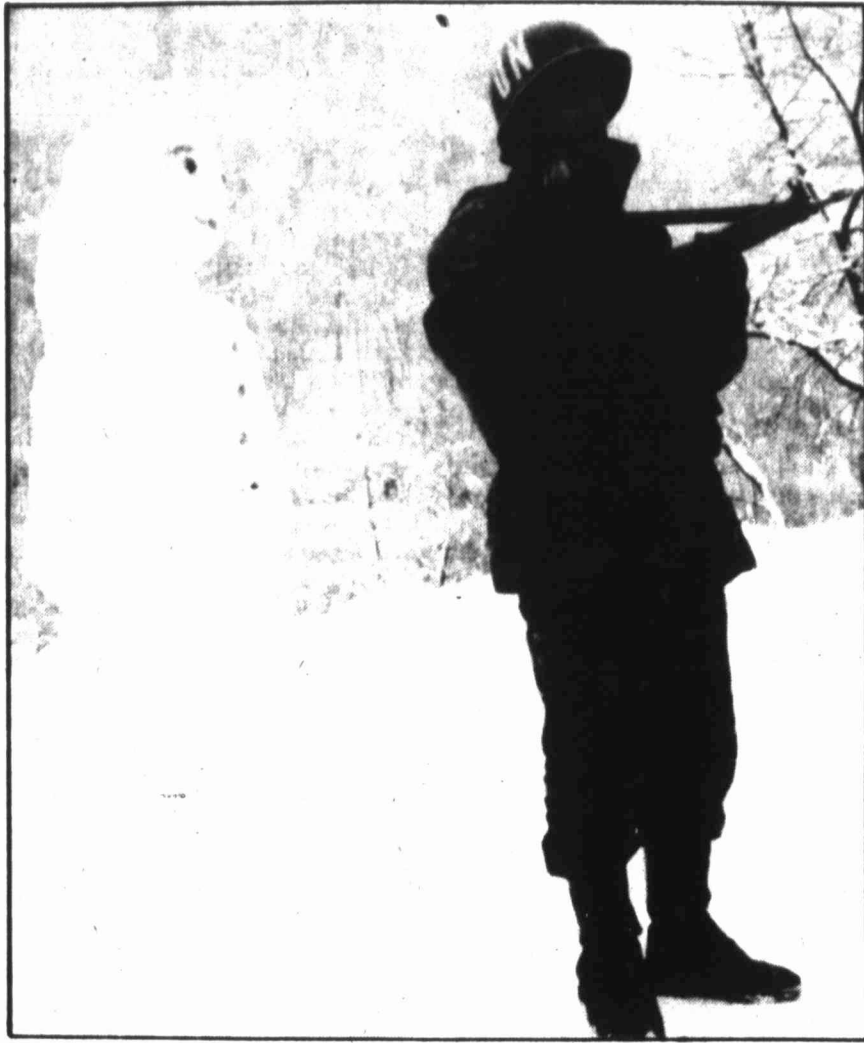
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A Turkish U.N. peacekeeper stands guard near highway checkpoint with a saluting snowman, made from a recent storm, standing beside him near Zenica Thursday.

Officials say de-icing of crashed plane refused before take-off

VILLAGRANCA, Italy (AP) — The pilot of a Romanian airliner refused de-icing before his plane took off in a snowstorm and crashed, an airport official said Thursday. All 49 people aboard died.

Ice on the wings was one possible cause for Wednesday evening's crash, as was a loss of power in one of the Antonov 24's engines, said Francesco Caramazza, deputy interior minister.

Shortly before the Banat Air charter plane took off from Verona's airport, located in this nearby town, an Air France plane twice was de-iced before its flight, said airport director Francesco Canfarelli.

The Banat Air pilot, who was not identified, declined the procedure, Canfarelli said, and took off 3 hours after his plane had arrived from Romania.

Verona Fire Chief Luciano Propana said the plane reached an altitude of 1,000 feet a minute into flight before plunging to the ground a half-mile from the end of the tarmac.

The Soviet-built plane burned

fiercely, but it was not clear whether the fire broke out before or after it crashed into a snowy peach orchard, narrowly missing several farmhouses.

Authorities said Thursday they had recovered all 49 bodies. The bodies were laid out in a hangar, and dozens of Italians streamed in to identify the dead.

The Banat Air twice-weekly flight to Timisoara mainly serves Italians doing business in Romania.

Investigators picked through foot-deep mud Thursday to retrieve parts of the burned wreckage, including the flight data and cockpit conversation recorders. Romanian investigators were due Friday.

Only the snow-covered tail of the plane, sticking up from the snowy field, was visible. The air was heavy with the stench of fuel oil. Pieces of debris were caught by branches, and workers began removing the wreckage despite the falling snow.

Banat Air rented the plane from Romavia, a Romanian state company.

Strike continues but France's trains, subways rolling again

PARIS (AP) — The first high-speed train in three weeks left the northern city of Lille today and more subway lines in Paris were rolling as a public workers' strike started losing steam in its fourth week.

One week before Christmas vacation, an increasing number of strikers among France's 5.5 million-strong work force decided the conservative government had conceded enough in the paralyzing standoff over austerity cuts.

But hard-line union leaders still called for what was likely to be the last nationwide demonstration of the walkout Saturday, hoping to bring out the 2 million people Prime Minister Alain Juppe has said could force him to step down.

Only a dozen people were on board the high-speed TGV train that left Lille for Paris this morning, but French media hailed the move as the strongest sign yet that the end to the strike was in sight.

In Paris, more subways were running after the first stations

began opening Thursday evening. Regional commuter trains were also rumbling back to life, France Info radio reported.

"The Metro strike has hit a turning point," the Paris subway director, Jacques Rapoport said late Thursday. "But it's a beginning and a beginning only. We're in a very delicate period."

The Paris transit authority RATP agreed to pay subway and bus drivers belonging to one large union for some of the time they were on strike. It was the latest concession by a government trying desperately to end France's worst labor strife in a decade.

"The prime minister gave us what we were looking for," explained Andre Vanneau, a subway machinist.

But two powerful unions vowed to continue the strike. French radio said some union activists had even resorted to lying across subway tracks to block trains.

State of war ends in Bosnia

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic symbolically ended the state of war in the Serb half of postwar Bosnia today — except in Serb-held Sarajevo.

Karadzic's gesture was intended to show world leaders he is committed to peace, while reminding them he bitterly opposes their decision to unify Sarajevo under the rule of his enemies.

Peace became official in Paris on Thursday with the signing of a U.S.-brokered accord that divides Bosnia into two regions — one controlled by Serbs, the other by Muslims and Croats.

Some 60,000 NATO troops will pour into the country soon to try to make the agreement stick.

In the government-controlled heart of Sarajevo, newspapers heralded the official end of the 3-year war in huge, front-page headlines.

"The war is over," the Avaz newspaper proclaimed.

"Welcome to peace," said Sarajevo's main newspaper, Oslobođenje.

An editorial in Sarajevo's Vecernje Novine said, "People wonder: Can the soldiers of war become the soldiers of peace? ... Anything is possible. The people were not asked about anything by anybody, anyway."

Karadzic — beaten at the bargaining table and on the battlefield, and indicted by an international war crimes tribunal — revoked a combat order he issued to Bosnian Serb troops on July 28. The news was reported by the Serb news agency SRNA.

With the signing of the peace accord brokered in Dayton, Ohio, the state of war was converted to a state of immediate war alert, the news agency said.

Karadzic exempted Serb-held suburbs of Sarajevo from the order. Despite vehement objections from Sarajevo Serbs and their leaders, the accord requires that the Bosnian capital be united under a Muslim-Croat federation.

Officials have hinted at a certain flexibility in the actual timetable for handing over the nine Serb neighborhoods in the capital to the Bosnian government.

Antonio Pedayue, the U.N. civilian chief for Bosnia, said in a statement Monday that Bosnian government forces would not enter Serb-held areas of Sarajevo for three months after the NATO force arrives, and that the deadline may be extended.

An extension would allow time for a smooth transition, and prevent a feared exodus of Sarajevo Serbs. Between 70,000 and 80,000 Serbs live in the nine Serb-held Sarajevo neighborhoods.




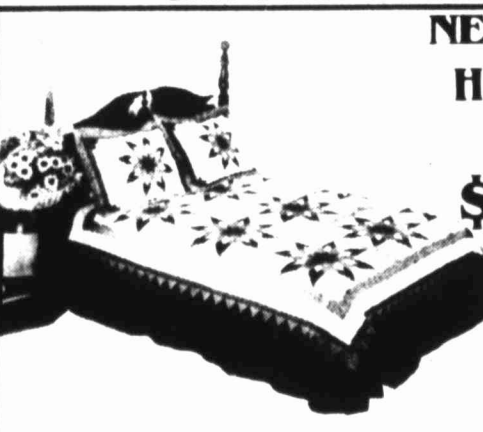
Aleksa Buha, foreign minister of the self-styled Bosnian Serb government, told Bosnian Serb television late Thursday that "the handover Sarajevo will be postponed for about a year."

In a telephone interview from Paris, Buha also said that "during that time a new city will be built. We shall see where."

Buha did not specify what he meant by a new city, but Bosnian Serbs have said they want a new capital of their own to compensate for the loss of Sarajevo.

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Bald eagle shot; now recovering

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A bald eagle is recovering from a gunshot wound after being found stranded on a rural road near Utopia last week, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials say.

Utopia is roughly 60 miles west of San Antonio. State and federal wildlife agencies and a nonprofit bird of prey organization are offering more than \$10,000 in reward money for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

The shooting is a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act, a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and up to a \$20,000 fine.

The eagle is being treated at Last Chance Forever, The Bird of Prey Conservancy, a private, nonprofit organization that accepts sick or injured birds for rehabilitation, officials said Thursday.

"This bird was not shot by a hunter, it was shot by an idiot," said John Karger, a master falconer and executive director of Last Chance Forever.

"There is a big difference between hunters and killers, and the person who did this was a killer."

Karger said he won't know how the bird will recover until he takes its bandages off in about a week.

"It will be weeks before we know whether he can ever be returned to the wild," Karger said.

Karger says X-rays showed lead fragments in the wound, evidence of a bullet from a rifle.

The bird was found at dusk on Dec. 7 by a local welder, who spotted the bird in the middle of a stretch of road between Utopia and Bandera.

The last report of a bald eagle shot in Texas came about a year ago near Lockhart, said Jim Stinebaugh, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service senior resident agent in San Antonio.

In that case, a mature eagle was found dead on a roadway after it was shot with a shotgun. Authorities are still investigating that shooting.

The bald eagle was recently downgraded from endangered to threatened throughout the United States in what was heralded as a major success for the Endangered Species Act.

Former teacher indicted for having sex with student

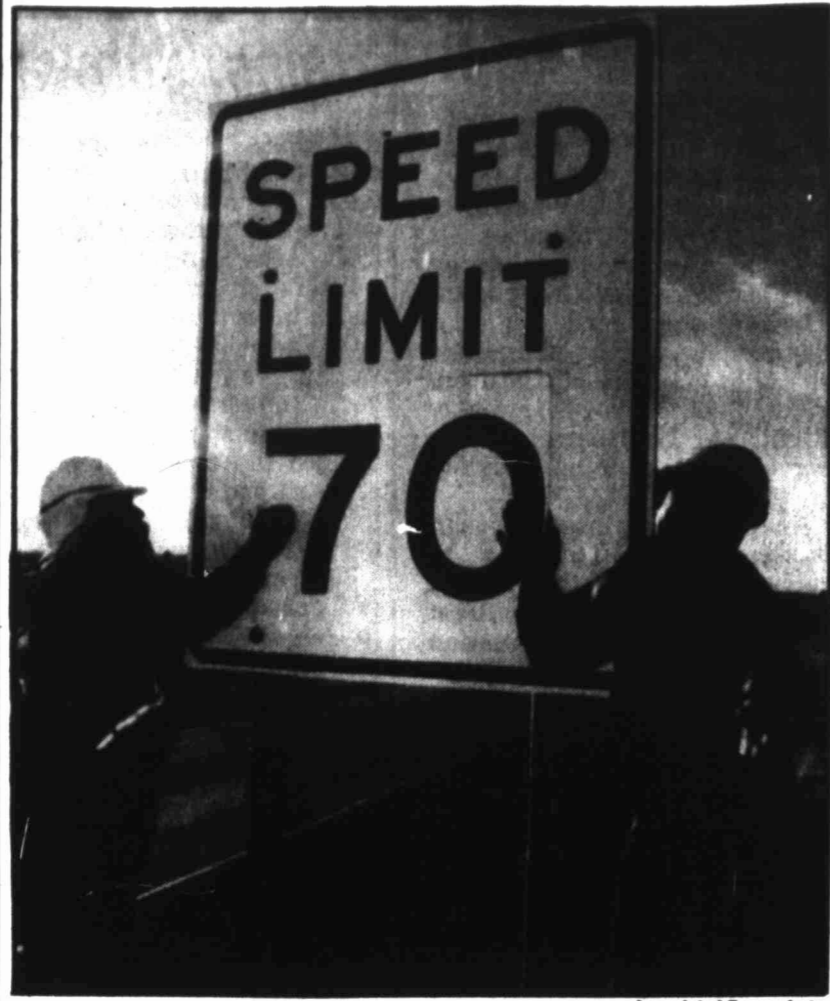
HOUSTON (AP) — A former Aldine teacher who resigned in September the wake of allegations she was having sex with a teen-age student has been indicted on charges of sexual assault of a child.

Dorthea Rust Eichman, 40, is accused of having a sexual relationship with the student from the time he was 13 in 1993 until this fall, according to Harris County prosecutor Denise Oncken.

The boy, now 15, was persuaded by a friend's mother to reveal the affair to the principal at Stehlik Intermediate School in Aldine.

Aldine school spokesman Ben Wilson said that Ms. Eichman agreed to resign.

NEW SIGNS



Texas Department of Transportation workers Daniel Flores, left, and James Evans install the first 70 miles per hour sign on Interstate 10 in Anthony Thursday. The sign was the first one to go up in the El Paso area.

Misused pardon makes Bush even more wary of future pardons

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, already cautious about granting pardons for crimes, might be even warier in the future, a spokeswoman says.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes' comments came after the Austin American-Statesman reported Thursday that an Ellis County deputy constable who authorities say admitted stealing cocaine seized in a drug bust got his post after being pardoned by Bush for a drug conviction.

"Gov. Bush is very leery about granting pardons anyway, and cases such as this obviously make him more leery," Ms. Hughes said.

Bush aides confirmed that the pardon, granted Aug. 31, had been sought so Steven Raney could wipe clean his criminal past in an effort to get a full-time job as a drug officer, the newspaper reported.

Charges dropped against man in slaying of ex-wife, her sister

HOUSTON (AP) — Capital murder charges have been dropped against a man in the beating deaths of his ex-wife and her sister last April in their Pasadena residence.

District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said Thursday that the charges were dropped because large amounts of blood found in the suspect's car were thought to have been that of the sisters, but tests proved otherwise.

Joe Vincent Durrett, 45, had been charged in the April 5 deaths of his former wife, Martha Parmer, 43, and her sister, Linda Harrison, 45.

The charges were brought after tufts of Durrett's hair were found in Ms. Harrison's hands.

At the time of his arrest, Raney had been working as an unpaid deputy constable for two months.

"This individual represented to us, and others who live and work in the community with him represented to us as well, that he had straightened out his life," Ms. Hughes said.

Raney, 35, is among seven people Bush has pardoned since becoming governor in January, she said. The governor has denied 220 pardon requests, Ms. Hughes said.

Ms. Hughes said Raney was convicted in 1988 for marijuana possession after authorities found a plant growing in his back yard. Authorities were tipped by a neighbor and Raney served one day in jail and paid a \$500 fine, she said.

Texans worry about violent crime more than rest of nation

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Fears of violent crime bother Texans more than other people around the nation, a survey by the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University says.

"Certainly our crime rates are among the highest in the United States and have been consistently higher than the national average," Timothy Flanagan, dean of the Criminal Justice Center said Thursday. "Objectively, there is some reason for concern."

Other findings of the school's crime survey show Texans believe the so-called war on drugs is a failure, that the military should be brought in to tackle illegal drug imports and that the courts are unfair and inefficient.

"I don't think Texans' attitudes have changed so much as is the rest of the country has become more Texas-like," Flanagan said. "Attitudes about crime have changed dramatically around the nation — less tolerant, more punitive, and higher levels of dissatisfaction, particularly with the courts."

Fifty-two percent of the 501 Texas residents interviewed by telephone in June said they worry about themselves or their family members being sexually assaulted. Nationally, 39 percent of 1,005 people surveyed at the same time expressed the same fear.

Thirty-four percent of the Texans said they feared being beaten, knifed or shot, compared to 25 percent nationally. And 38 percent in Texas said they worried about being attacked while in their cars. Nationally, the sentiment was expressed by 30 percent of those interviewed.

Flanagan, however, said media exposure, particularly from television, may be contributing to the sense of Texas paranoia.

"All you have to do is live in the Houston market and know that crime is the predominant feature on the evening news," he said. "All of the lead-ins to the 10 o'clock news feature crime and that kind of thing."

"There's a lot of evidence in psychological research that greater exposure to crime stories and crime information is associated with higher levels of concern and worry about crime. And goodness knows we get the exposure in Texas."

One area of agreement — 73 percent in Texas and 72 percent nationwide — was that the government war on drugs has been a flop and that U.S. military intervention is needed on the nation's borders.

"The public is to some extent

way out ahead of the politicians on the drug issue," Flanagan said. "The public realizes that a balanced approach is necessary, that the military can't solve it on their own, the criminal justice system can't solve it alone and education alone in the schools and treatment programs aren't going to solve it alone."

"We've got almost 20 years of uninspiring results in our traditional approaches. There's very little reason to think simply doing more of what we've been doing in the past is going to be more effective. It's clearly time to think about some mixture of approaches."

The poll found 53 percent of Texans and 42 percent of those surveyed nationally believe courts in their local communities do not treat minorities as well as whites.

"One of the defining features we saw was real strong reservations Americans have about fairness, operation and efficiency of the courts," Flanagan said,

noting that the O.J. Simpson trial was still going on at the time the survey was taken and could have influenced sentiment.

"The Simpson trial underscored for people the three elements of their thinking about courts: it takes too long, it costs too much and in the public mind often time cases don't come out as people watching them feel they should," he said.

Other findings in the survey were that 48 percent of Texans believed youth gangs are a problem, 56 percent said they owned a handgun (compared to 43 percent nationally), that protection was the main reason for owning a handgun (33 percent in the state vs. 20 percent nationally), and that 16 percent of Texans — and 9 percent nationally — favored less stringent gun control laws.

Also, 72 percent of Texans and poll respondents nationally favored the death penalty for people convicted of murder.

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Hassles temper glamour of being a private investigator

By DAVID IVANOVICH
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Whenever she suspects her errant husband has taken up with yet another girlfriend, a certain wealthy Houston woman dials up private eye Charles Ford.

Ford's assignment: conduct an "activity check."

So Ford and his employees at Charles Ford International Investigations tail the oft-wayward husband, charging \$50 an hour.

Eventually, they manage to videotape their "subject" with his latest squeeze, while racking up \$3,000 or even \$4,000 a week in fees from this one client.

And then "we set it up so she can catch him," Ford said.

Ford is one of 3,000 licensed private investigators in the state following straying spouses, videotaping amazingly agile "accident victims" and uncover-

and Rockford Files."

As part of their businesses, most private investigators engage in at least some surveillance work — or "creeping." In one of Ford's cases, for instance, a man injured in an accident claimed he couldn't stand. Ford and his crew collected hours of videotape of the man standing on a ladder, hanging burglar bars on second story windows. "His attorney gets to see that stuff at the time of discovery, and the suit goes away," Ford said.

Though surveillance is often as tedious as an office job, "you do find yourself in situations that are more exciting than sitting at a desk," James said.

"The dangerous situations are when you do surveillance, the parts of town you're in," she said. "You just hope to God you don't have to get out of the car for anything."

The most difficult assignments, investigators say, involve internal investigations. A private investigator — or often a subcontractor — will go to work for a company for several months, trying to become part of a group stealing company property or dealing drugs.

Once the undercover employee has infiltrated the ring, he usually is hauled into the manager's office in dramatic style, threatened with prosecution, forced to sign a "confession" and marched off the premises. And typically the rest "go down like dominoes," Ford said.

Acting skills are a job requirement for private eyes.

"If you can't think on your feet, if you can't be 17 different people, and if you can't talk your head off when you need to, you're in trouble," James said. "The best thing you could do in this business is to go to acting school."

Being a private investigator obviously isn't for everyone, and not all investigative work is for every private eye.

DeFoor, who has a police officer's retirement benefits, won't spy on errant husbands — "domestic work" as it's called. James doesn't like it either. "I just find it distasteful," she said.

Ford had a similar attitude when he first started in the business 15 years ago. But after several lean months, he learned "you don't say you're not going to work certain cases."

Ford kept his fledgling business afloat by borrowing repeatedly against the value of a 4-year-old car. Today, he has eight employees.

While Ford maintains a modest office on the Southwest Freeway, others consider the expense of an office unnecessary.

James works out of her house. DeFoor gave up his office two months ago, deciding he needs little more than an answering service and a place for the occasional meeting.

"A lot of the guys who went into the business got these big fancy offices to impress their clients," James said. "My clients do not come to me. I go to them."

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Patti James is shown with some of the tools of her trade as a private investigator in Houston. The hassles of the job temper the glamour.

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Patti James

ing evidence for criminal defense attorneys. Working for law firms and insurance companies, individuals and Fortune 500 companies, private investigators also conduct background checks on incoming executives and even try to infiltrate drug and theft rings inside large corporations.

Yet while much of their work may seem glamorous, or least out of the ordinary, private investigators find themselves grappling with many of the same issues affecting other small business people — overhead costs, bill collection, even business cycles.

The private eye business is an industry dominated by retired police officers, one-time FBI agents and other former law enforcement officers. Ford, for instance, spent 22 years with the Houston Police Department. Ken DeFoor, owner of Ken DeFoor Investigations, is a former HPD homicide investigator and Dayton's former police chief.

But state licensing rules are fairly loose. The chief prerequisite to obtaining a license is three years of some kind of investigative work.

Patti James, president of the Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, once managed a tennis club. She later took a job at a private investigation firm and eventually went into business for herself.

James quickly learned that the real-life private investigator business "is not Magnum P.I.

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Curfews on the rise across nation despite constitutional challenges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cities that set late-night curfews for juveniles are now looking for creative ways to keep kids off the streets after dark without violating their constitutional rights.

A survey this week by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that 70 percent, or 270, of 387 responding cities have a curfew. An additional 6 percent, or 23 cities, were considering one. The conference sent surveys to about 1,000 cities with popula-

tions of at least 30,000.

To tiptoe around the constitutional question, some cities have made their curfews voluntary. Others get parents to sign forms giving police permission to pick up their children if they are found wandering the streets in the wee hours of the morning.

In Denver, the "Safelite" program provides a safe place so youths picked up between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. can wait for a parent.

Parents in Charleston, S.C., voluntarily sign forms giving police permission to pick up their children and return them home as part of a 2-year-old program called "Operation Midnight."

"It's not a curfew. This is an offshoot of our truancy program," said Charles Francis, a spokesman for the Charleston Police Department. "It works. We haven't had any kids assaulted or killed since the program began."

Curfews requiring youths to be off the streets or out of public places by a certain time of night extend from 10 p.m. to sunrise in 32 percent of the responding cities. They covered 11 p.m. to sunrise in 37 percent of the cities, and midnight to sunrise in 17 percent.

Only 14 percent of city officials said the curfews weren't helping to solve youth crime or gang violence.

An FBI report last month said crimes reported to police in big

cities declined slightly for the third consecutive year, but arrests of youths under age 18 for violent crimes increased 7 percent.

The American Civil Liberties Union is fighting curfew laws in a number of cities, including Washington, D.C., on the grounds that they impinge on basic liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

"Some cities have clearly gone ahead and imposed curfews. In some cases the city lawyer

might say 'Let's wait until we get some definitive legal guidance,'" said Arthur Spitzer, legal director for the ACLU's National Capital Area chapter.

The District of Columbia's curfew permits police to detain youths under 17 found in public areas such as parks, streets and concerts after 11 p.m. on school nights and midnight on weekends. Their parents can be charged with a misdemeanor and fined up to \$500 under the law.



Tonya Kline, 15, stands in front of a Christmas tree while shackled to her mother, Deborah Harter Thursday in Summerville, S.C. For the next 11/2 months, all day, every day, the two will be as close as they've ever been as a judge ordered the sentence when the girl repeatedly got in trouble with the law.

Rebellious girl ordered shackled to mom

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (AP) — For the next 11/2 months, 15-year-old Tonya Kline and her mother will be as close as they've ever been, going together to school, to the store and even to bed.

This is no joyous union, however. A judge ordered Deborah Harter to keep tabs on her rebellious teen-ager by holding a 2-foot chain that attaches to a belt Tonya must wear. The belt is normally used for shackling prisoners.

The two were ordered to stay attached as Tonya awaits sentencing in Family Court on charges of truancy, shoplifting and breaking into a house with her 16-year-old brother, who remains in custody.

Harter faces 30 days in jail if her daughter gets away. "I feel like I've got a sentence here as well," Harter, 38, said Thursday, sitting next to her daughter beside the Christmas tree in their suburban Charleston house. "I don't have a social life anymore. I can't visit my friends. My husband and I can't get together to go out."

But she said it's better than having her daughter in a juvenile detention center over the holidays.

As for Tonya, she says she's learned her lesson and doesn't plan an escape. "I'm already straightened out," she said.

The two aren't linked every minute. Tonya may shower and go to the bathroom alone. But her mother sleeps next to her on a couch in her bedroom and goes with her to school and whenever they go out.

In class, her mother sits next to her or behind her.

"It's not as bad as it seems," Tonya said. "I think about the positives, not the negatives."

At a Dec. 7 hearing, after Tonya had already spent two months in juvenile detention, Family Court Judge Wayne Creech set sentencing for Jan. 27.

When it looked like Tonya would be sent back to juvenile detention until then, her mother offered to do whatever it takes to keep her daughter home for Christmas. So the judge ordered Tonya to wear a leather belt attached by a chain to a hand-

cuff her mother either holds or slips around her wrist.

"When he told the fellas to go get the shackles, I was kind of shocked," Harter said. "I never thought of this."

But she didn't object, she said, because she thought the judge might send Tonya back to detention. "I think he went overboard. I feel like he's punishing me," she said.

The state Juvenile Justice Department is recommending a year in a juvenile prison for Tonya, she said. Harter hopes the punishment will be some sort of electronic monitoring.

The judge told Charleston television station WCIV on Wednesday that he did some checking before he imposed the punishment and found no law against it. He recently ordered the same measure for a 10th-grade boy.

Other judges barely raised an eyebrow.

"It's obviously unusual," said state Supreme Court Justice Ernest A. Finney Jr. "The times in which we live are different."

State Attorney General Charles Condon said: "If it works, let's look at it."

of Detectives Charles Reuther.

Harry Kaufman, 50, died Sunday from burns he suffered in the Nov. 26 botched robbery that was a virtual replay of scenes from the movie "Money Train."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and police had placed some of the blame for the Brooklyn attack on the movie, but transit officials say there were at least nine such attacks in the five years before the movie's release last month.

Budget talks resume as deadline nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Armed with new offers, hopeful Clinton administration and congressional bargainers are resuming budget talks in the shadow of a possible new federal shutdown this weekend.

"The hope is Republicans will be presenting their plan tomorrow. We'll present a proposal, as well, that we hope begins to narrow the differences," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta told reporters Thursday after he and congressional Democratic leaders prepared for the negotiations.

Panetta and other Democratic bargainers planned to finalize their offer today in a meeting with President Clinton, who was returning from the Bosnian peace treaty signing in Paris. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Clinton telephoned him from overseas

Thursday.

"He said, 'I'll be back tomorrow and I'm ready to go to work,'" Dole told reporters. Dole said he told Clinton that it was time to focus on the budget.

Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were putting finishing touches on a new offer that would eliminate about \$70 billion of their planned reductions in Medicare, Medicaid and other programs. They said they would not reduce the size of their tax cut.

The negotiations, now in their third week, have seen little movement other than Clinton's

embrace of the concept of eliminating persistent federal deficits by 2002. A seven-year balanced budget package has been the chief goal of Republicans since they captured congressional control in the 1994 elections.

But the two sides still face a yawning gulf over how to do it. The GOP favors more savings from Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and domestic programs than the president wants, plus a tax cut of \$245 billion over seven years for families and businesses that is more than double the \$105 billion reduction Clinton proposes.

Panel oks SS earnings limit raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation providing more generous Social Security benefits to recipients who continue working past 65 could be headed to President Clinton's desk before the holidays.

The Senate Finance Committee voted unanimously Thursday to raise the limit on outside earnings from the current \$11,280 to \$14,000 next year and \$30,000 by 2002.

Recipients between ages 65 and 69 lose \$1 in Social Security retirement benefits for each \$3 they earn above the limit. There is no limit for people 70 and older.

"The earnings penalty sends a message to senior citizens that we no longer value their experience and expertise in the work force," Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., said. "It's age discrimination."

Roth said he hoped to send the measure to the president's desk before Congress recesses for Christmas. The House passed similar legislation with minor differences on Dec. 5.

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said the fact that people are living longer and remaining healthy enough to work means the retirement age should be increased gradually from 65 to 70.

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Suspect arrested in subway arson

NEW YORK (AP) — A teenager has been charged with murder in the attack on a subway token clerk whose booth was sprayed with a flammable liquid and set on fire, causing it to explode.

James Irons, 18, was arrested Thursday and police were seeking two more suspects. Irons was arrested after police got a tip he was involved, said Chief

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Ladies turn attention to start of district

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers know that the break-in period is now over. It's time to get serious. The Lady Steers, with only three seniors on the roster, begin their quest for a fifth straight District 4-4A title when they travel to Pecos Friday.

Big Spring (8-6) has shown flashes of a team that has every

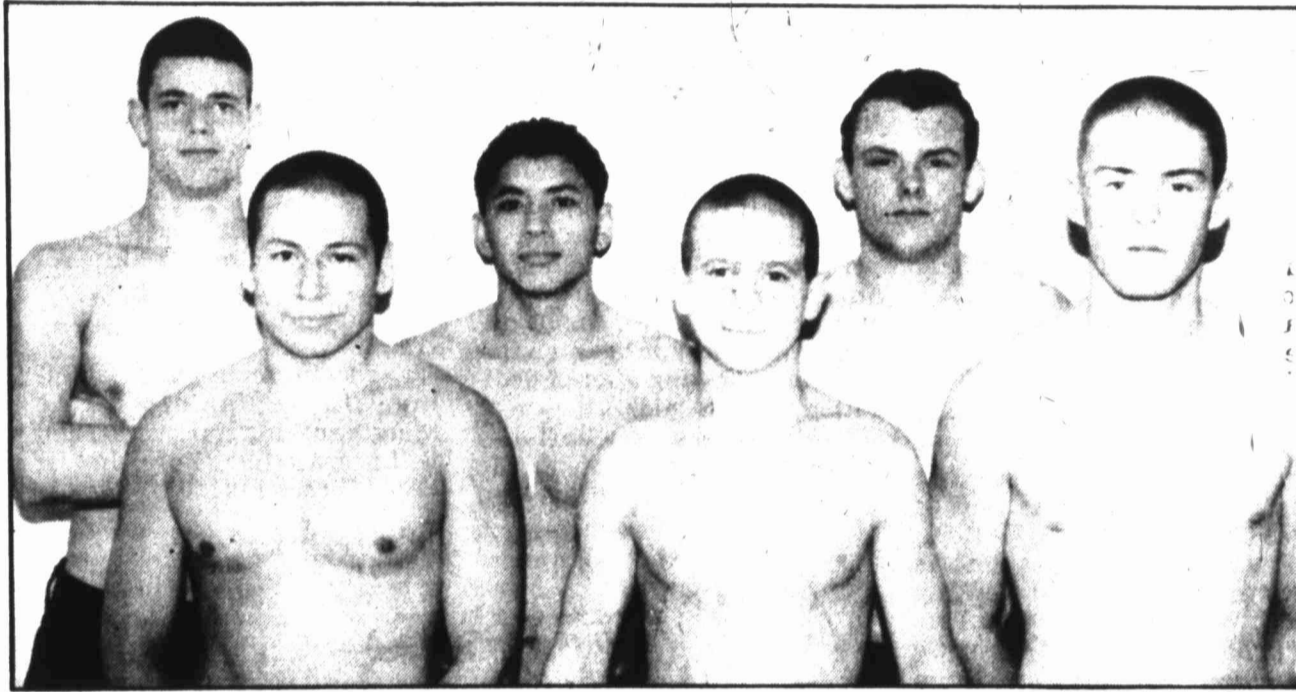
intention of successfully defending its crown. At other times, however, the team has looked very much like the young group it is. This struggle for consistency is foremost in coach Ron Taylor's thoughts as the team prepares for district play. "I think right now, we're further along than I thought we'd be," Taylor said. "We've played a tough preseason schedule, and realistically, we should be 11-3 instead of 8-6, but I think

their progress is coming along well. And since district is starting, I hope we reach another level and keep improving." With such a young team (the roster includes six players who were on the junior varsity last season), just getting game experience was a major priority early in the season. "I knew these kids were athletic," Taylor said. "We just needed to play some games to get where we wanted to be." Bright spots in the season

include the championship at the Coahoma Invitational and a second-place finish at the Crossroads Classic at Howard College. But there have been low points as well, including Tuesday's game with Sweetwater in which the Lady Steers lost on a last-second three-pointer. "We've got to step it up," Taylor said. "It's like I told the kids: We can't afford any losses or buzzer-beaters. We've got to take care of business. What we

have to prove is that we can be consistent." The good news is that the team sounds ready for the challenge. "It'll come," said senior post Robin Wise, the team's leading scorer with a 17-point per-game average. "Now, we just have to take it one step further, and keep improving every game." Senior point guard Heather Anderson also is optimistic about the team's future. "I think we've got a good

chance (to make the playoffs)," she said. "I think we're just as good as last year - just a little more nervous." Although, Taylor said the team needs to work on its shooting - free throw shooting in particular - he believes it has just as good a chance to win district as anyone. "This year, all six teams in this district are strong," he said. "If someone goes in not ready to play, they're going to get knocked off."



These Big Spring High School swimmers form the core of the boys' squad. They are, front row, left to right: Alex Padilla, Stephen Smith and Slate Broyles; back row, left to right: Eric Smith, Manuel Arriaga and Chris Bongers.

Best swim team in years has eyes on district crown

By DARRELL ERICSON
Sports writer

The Big Spring swim team is looking to glide its way to a district title, with the boys leading the way. Big Spring is looking to go far with the best boys' team swim coach Harlan Smith has seen in his 18 years as coach. "So far this is the best team I have seen since I have been here. We've got speed, strength, depth and senior

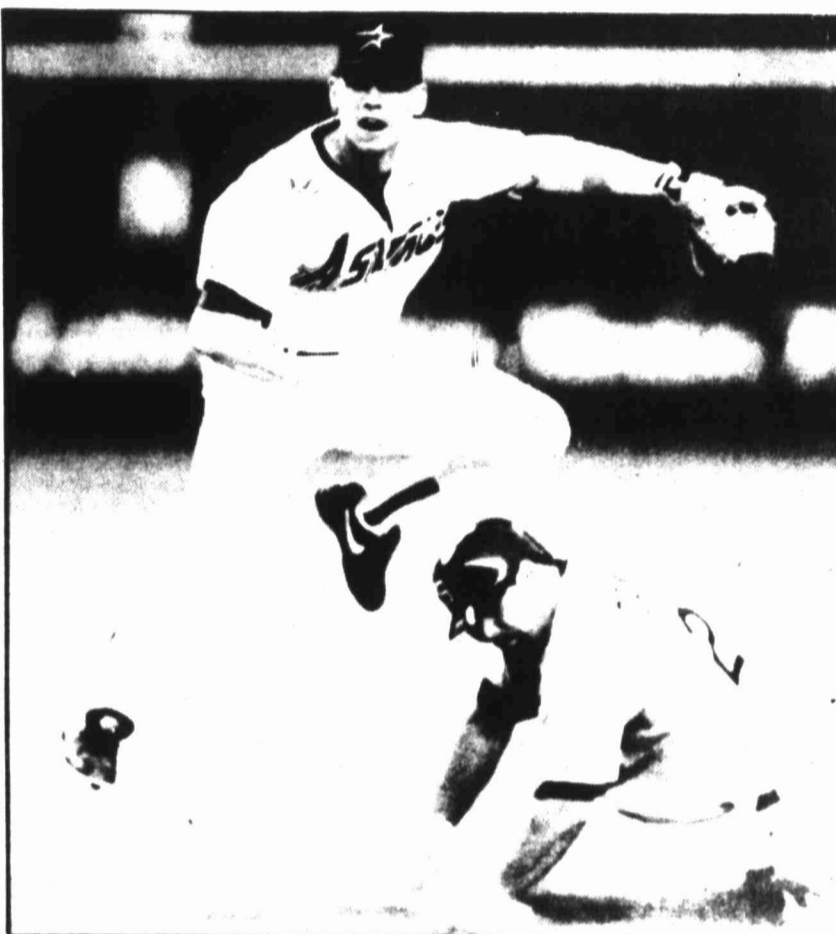
leadership," Smith said. "The team has good speed but they know what it takes to win. If everyone comes back (in the second semester) and we have no troubles, then we should be district champs." The team's success to date includes an undefeated record in dual meets and - for the first time - wins at the Pecos and Odessa invitationals. Top finishes at the Odessa Invitational included Alex Padilla's first place in the 50 freestyle and second in the 100

butterfly; Chris Bongers was third in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke; and Eric Smith was first in the 100 freestyle and second in the 200. The relay teams finished second in the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay, and first in the 400 freestyle relay. The seniors on the team have been working under Smith since the eighth grade. The work and dedication that the seniors possess has had a posi-

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Biggio opts to stay put

NEW YORK (AP) - For baseball's top stars, the big bucks are still there. With Craig Biggio, Jack McDowell and Randy Myers on the market, teams showed no signs of the economic slump that cost owners hundreds of millions of dollars last season. They spent \$57.26 million on eight players Thursday and said they still had money left to chase some more free agents. Biggio decided to stay with the Houston Astros, agreeing to a \$22.36 million, four-year deal. McDowell, not wanted back by the New York Yankees, got a \$10.15 million, two-year contract from the Cleveland Indians. Myers left the Chicago Cubs and the National League and agreed to a \$6.3 million, two-year contract from the Baltimore Orioles, who next turn their attention to David Cone. Al Leiter may have gotten the best deal of the day. After going 11-11 with a 3.64 ERA last season for Toronto and making \$795,000, he agreed to an \$8.6 million, three-year deal with the Florida Marlins. Center fielder Lance Johnson got about \$5 million for two years from the New York Mets, and catcher Mike Stanley was given a \$2.3 million, one-year



Houston second baseman Craig Biggio, shown in white uniform in this file photo, signed a four-year contract to remain with the Astros.

deal by the Boston Red Sox. Outfielder Darryl Hamilton agreed to a \$1.05 million, one-year contract with the Texas Rangers, and outfielder Mike Kingery signed a \$1.5 million, two-year deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates. And there even was room for an old-fashioned trade. The St. Louis Cardinals, worried about the status of 40-year-old shortstop Ozzie Smith, acquired Royce Clayton from the San Francisco Giants on Thursday for left-handers Allen Watson and Doug Creek and right-hander Rich DeLucia.

Biggio, who turned 30 Thursday, spent much of this week deciding among offers from Houston, Colorado, St. Louis and San Diego. In the end, he opted to stay with the Astros for a contract that gives him \$2 million next season, \$6.18 million in 1997, \$6.12 million in 1998 and \$6.06 million in 1999. The Astros have a \$5 million option for 2000 with a \$2 million buyout. "The decision came down to the people here," Biggio said. "I consider myself a loyal person, and I've been a part of this organization for eight years."

Cowboys, 49ers dominate NFC selections

NEW YORK (AP) - Most people figure the Cowboys or 49ers will make the Super Bowl. They now know 19 of them made the Pro Bowl. Ten Cowboys and nine 49ers were announced Thursday as having made the Feb. 4 game at Honolulu. It was the third straight year Dallas had the most selections. Headed for the NFL's all-star game from Dallas are running back Emmitt Smith, guard Nate Newton, tight end Jay Novacek, defensive end Charles Haley and safety Darren Woodson. The other Cowboys selected in balloting by players, coaches and fans were backups Troy Aikman at quarterback, Michael Irvin at wide receiver, Larry Allen at guard, Mark Tuinei at tackle and center Ray Donaldson, who is injured.

San Francisco center Bart Oates was picked to replace Donaldson. San Francisco also had wide receiver Jerry Rice, who made it for the 10th time in 11 seasons. The other starters from the 49ers were linebacker Lee Woodall, safety Merton Hanks and cornerback Eric Davis. Backups from San Francisco included quarterback Steve Young, defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield, linebacker Ken Norton and safety Tim McDonald. "I think the defense has been making a statement all year," Woodall said of having six 49ers defenders on the NFC squad. "Having a lot of players from the defense chosen to the Pro Bowl is saying a lot." Denver, a 7-7 team, had the strongest AFC representation

with six: starters in safety Steve Atwater and specialists Jason Elam (kicker) and Glyn Milburn (kick returner), and reserves in wide receiver Anthony Miller, tight end Shannon Sharpe and tackle Gary Zimmerman. Kansas City (11-3), which has the NFL's best record, will be represented by starters Dale Carter at cornerback, Dan Saleaumua at defensive tackle and Neil Smith at defensive end, and fullback Kimble Anders. The backup from the Chiefs was linebacker Derrick Thomas. "It's never routine. You can never take it for granted," Thomas said. "Injuries, things of that nature can ruin a player's season." Dan Marino was selected for the ninth time and will start at

quarterback for the AFC. The running backs are starters Chris Warren of Seattle and Marshall Faulk of Indianapolis, and the only rookie in the game, Curtis Martin of New England. Marino's targets will be Tim Brown of Oakland and Carl Pickens of Cincinnati at wide receiver and Ben Coates of New England at tight end. The backups are wideouts Miller and Yancey Thigpen of Pittsburgh. Other AFC starters will be Dolphins tackle Richmond Webb and guard Keith Sims; tackle Bruce Armstrong of New England; guard Bruce Matthews of Houston; and center Dermontti Dawson of Pittsburgh. Backups will be Zimmerman, guard Steve Wisniewski of Oakland, and Mark Stepnoski of Houston.

Rash of fumbles has Smith scratching head

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Say it isn't so. Emmitt Smith a fumbler? Not in our lifetime. He had a streak of 761 consecutive touches before he lost the ball in Minnesota in the third week of the season. Now the fumble funk has really hit the NFL's leading rusher. He has fumbled five times in the last five games. Smith has lost fumbles inside

the opponent's 5-yard line in the Cowboys' last two losses to Washington and Philadelphia. "I may have cost us the last two games with my fumbles," Smith said. "When you fumble as much as I have lately you start thinking about it. You try not to think about it but you do." Smith has carried 329 times and caught 57 passes. He's fumbled seven times this year, just one short of his career high in 1991. Running back coach Joe Brodsky believes he has found the problem just in time for Sunday's game against the New



SMITH

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BOTTOM OF THE ORDER



Top Gun Greg
Golfer Greg Norman gives the thumbs-up sign as he prepares to board a Navy F-14 Tomcat fighter Thursday at the Top Gun School in San Diego.

SHOT OF THE DAY

TEXAS

Two Aggies suspended
COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Defensive lineman David Maxwell and running back Michael Williams, both backup players, have been suspended by Texas A&M football coach R.C. Slocum for violating team rules, the school announced Thursday. The suspensions followed their arrests Thursday on charges of assaulting a school-employed monitor at a fraternity party, The Dallas Morning News reported. Both players were released on personal recognition after warrants were issued for their arrests by A&M police. Maxwell, a sophomore from Waco, is a reserve noseguard although he started three games this season, recording 12 tackles and one quarterback sack.

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Barnett wins Bryant Award
HOUSTON (AP) - Gary Barnett, who led a dramatic turnaround that gave Northwestern its second bowl appearance ever, received the Bear Bryant Award as the college coach of the year. Barnett, completing his fourth season at Northwestern, led the No. 3 Wildcats out of obscurity to a 10-1 record, the Big Ten title and a spot opposite No. 17 Southern California in the Rose Bowl. **Aussie first-round leader**
MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) - Australia's Wayne Riley shot a 5-under-par 66 to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the Johnnie Walker World Championship.

ON THE AIR

Basketball
NBA
Utah at Orlando, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).
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Bowl schedule

All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 14
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
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At Pasadena, Calif.
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California (8-2-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)
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Associated Press' women's college
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play. Next: at Northeast Louisiana,
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Central Division
Chicago 18 2 806
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Transactions
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BASEBALL
American League
Baltimore Orioles—Agreed to
terms with Randy Myers, pitcher,

Smith

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York Giants in Texas Stadium.
"Emmitt's not a fumbler,"
Brodsky said. "We had a problem
with him not switching
hands early in his career but
he does that pretty well now."

Swim

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tive role on the rest of the
team, he said. The seniors
include Padilla, Bongers, and
Eric Smith.

find the problem like a golfer
who can't figure out his bad
swing.
"I think I probably have been
carrying the ball lower," Smith
said. "It's a subconscious thing.
You don't realize you are doing
it. That's a coach's job to find
something like that and I think
coach Brodsky has found it."

Smith said, "I think we are
way out in front so far. We
should be able to win the three
relays, the 200, 100, and 50
freestyle and the backstroke in
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the top three with two or three
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Smith goes into the game
against the Giants with 1,602
yards. He has scored 23 touch-
downs and needs one more to
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by John Riggins of Washington
in 1983.

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AMHERST, Mass (AP) —
Top-ranked Nebraska, taken to
the limit for only the second
time this season, eliminated
Michigan State 10-15, 15-8, 15-8,
9-15, 15-8 in a semifinal of the
NCAA Division I Women's
Volleyball Championships on
Thursday.

Nebraska (31-1) will play for
the title against No. 6 Texas
(28-6), which beat defending
national champion and second-
ranked Stanford (29-3) by
scores of 15-13, 0-15, 15-17, 15-6,
15-12.

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the American Volleyball
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Nebraska to its first champi-
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Judy Coleman, left, fine-tunes the moves of a group of youngsters who will appear in "The Nutcracker." The production is at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium, Third and Nolan streets.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS

Symphony presents 'Nutcracker' on Saturday

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

The Big Spring Symphony's presentation of "The Nutcracker" is becoming a popular local tradition. But even traditions can be flexible, and even those who have seen the production before in Big Spring can expect something a little different this year.

More local faces, both children's and adults, will be seen in the production than ever before. Dance Gallery owner and teacher Laurie Churchwell estimates about 60 local residents will be included.

"Some have never performed before. They're a little anxious," Churchwell said. "They're handling it fine." The dance moves themselves are

another change. "It's different choreography every year," she explained.

Judy Coleman from the Midland Festival Ballet has choreographed members of her ballet and local dancers for this year's production. Mary Beth Budd and Jose Berbero dance the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier; the role of Clara, the young girl who dreams the scenario (or is it a dream?) is played by Gertie Murray.

As the popularity of the local production grows, so does the support. H-E-B recently donated \$2,000 toward the production. More support also means a bigger show for all; Santa will be at the Municipal Auditorium when the doors open at 7 p.m. Please see DANCE, page 3B



One little dancer shows her stuff during rehearsals at the Municipal Auditorium.

Black Catholics still dealing with racism in churches

By SHAWN DONNAN
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dressed in his bright green robes with African patterned trim, the Rev. Ed Miller sways as the band slips into a gospel groove.

Parishioners packed into the pews start clapping. The choir shimmies down the aisle and past a crucifix with a kente

cloth for a backdrop. Sunday's gospel service at St. Bernadine's Roman Catholic Church has begun. God is in the house.

"God never strikes out. God never makes an error," Miller tells his flock. "God never fails."

In the last 30 years, the black Catholic church has developed its own forms of worship. While many black churches

still celebrate traditional Masses on Sunday, others have added gospel services and African decoration to try to bring a more familiar form of worship to the congregation.

During the Sunday gospel service at St. Bernadine's, there are readings, responses, hymns, hallelujahs and Communion wafers.

The hymnals in the pews have black spirituals in them

as well as traditional hymns. Images of a black Jesus flank the altar.

"The music is so stirring it calls us to a closer relationship with God," said the Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, priest in charge of the St. Alphonsus Rock Church in St. Louis, which celebrates an extensive gospel Mass on Sundays. "It speaks to who we are as a people."

About a quarter of blacks in the United States are Catholic, according to a series of Gallup polls conducted last year. About 60 percent said they are Protestant, with most saying they were Baptists of some form.

Of the more than 53 million Catholics in the United States, 3.2 million, or 6 percent, are black, according to the Secretariat for African

American Catholics of the national bishop's conference. Only 1,300 of the 25,000 Catholic parishes in the United States are predominantly black.

Even in the Baltimore Archdiocese — home of the nation's oldest black parish, St. Francis Xavier, and the first black order of nuns, the Oblate Sisters of Providence — only 16

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Church women honored at luncheon

Special to the Herald

The First Presbyterian Church's annual Red Dress Luncheon is more than a reason for area Presbyterian women to get out their best, brightest clothing and meet for lunch.

It's also a tradition of fellowship and honoring members' commitment to the church.

The fifth annual luncheon on Dec. 4, emceed by Cluster III Enabler Sherry Hodnett, started with prayer from Flynn Long and Christmas singing and music from Jackie Henery and Bob Stephens.

Bernice Davis received an honorary life membership for her many years of service to the church.

Hodnett explained that each year, women who have contributed much to the church over the years are similarly honored with life memberships.

Money contributed toward the memberships is used to pay training costs for leaders who work with local Presbyterian women.

Annadell Teems of Grandbury, moderator for the Presbyterian Women of Synod of the Sun, was guest speaker on the topic, "How Do I Know I'm Over the Hill When I



Dorothy Kennemur, left, presents Bernice Davis with a pin as part of her honorary life membership given by the women of First Presbyterian Church. Davis received the membership in honor of her many years of service to the church. Women from Big Spring, Coahoma, Sonora, San Angelo, Sterling City, Midland, Odessa and Andrews attended.

Haven't Reached the Top Yet?" Food and table decorations were provided by the Ruth Grace Circle of the church.

Door prizes were donated by Joy's Hallmark, Second Street

Beauty Salon, Suggs Hallmark and Faye's Flowers.

Tables were decorated with white cloths, greenery and hurricane lamps with red appointments.

Date of world's end unknown

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: When does the Bible say the world will end, and what does it say will happen then? Do you think it is going to take place in the year 2000, like I heard someone say on the radio the other day?

— Mrs. A.G.
DEAR MRS. A.G.: The Bible does tell us very clearly that some day this world as we know it will come to an end, for God will intervene and Christ will come again to destroy evil and to establish His Kingdom of perfect justice and righteousness.

However, it also warns us against making precise predictions about when the end of the world will come. Jesus told His disciples, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Matthew

24:36). Those words warn us against becoming too wrapped up in speculations that people sometimes make, and I am sure that as the year 2000 comes closer we will hear more of these, in spite of what Jesus said.

But Jesus went on to give His disciples a further command: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an



Billy Graham
Columnist

hour when you do not expect him" (Matthew 24:42,44). Those are sobering words, for they tell us we must not delay in giving our lives to Christ and living for Him right now.

Yes, some day this world will be over. But even if Christ does not come during our lifetimes, our world will come to an end for every one of us when we die. Are you ready, whatever the future holds? Have you made sure of your salvation by trusting Christ as your Lord and Savior, and are you seeking to live for Him? "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, ... You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God ..." (2 Peter 3:11-12). Commit your life to Christ today.

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'Generic' names help many churches avoid stereotypes

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — What's in a name? Apparently a lot if you are trying to attract folks who usually avoid church on Sundays.

The South Carolina Baptist Convention has planted roughly a dozen churches across the state with generic names such as "Golden Corner Church," "Crossroads Community Church" and "LifeSpring."

Keith Lancaster, a consultant with the South Carolina Baptist Convention, said the initiative is designed to counter

the negative image that many people, especially from other

A lot of people think of us as the 'no' denomination — no drinking, no dancing, no playing cards, no fun.

Rev. Wayne Terry

parts of the country, have about Baptists.

"A lot of people think of us as the 'no' denomination — no drinking, no dancing, no playing cards, no fun," said the Rev. Wayne Terry, pastor of LifeSpring in Florence. "We may not like the stereotypes, but the fact is they are there."

The "seekers" churches, as some call them, are cropping up in communities that have a lot of people who do not go to church or who are not from the South.

Many meet in nontraditional settings, such as school gymnasiums.

SLICE of life!

PICTURE THIS



Quality time

J.J. Espinoza, 4, hangs on to Oscar, his grandfather's dog, while swinging in Mineral Palace Park in Pueblo, Colo. The youngster spent time in the park on an unseasonably warm afternoon with his grandfather and the 10-month-old dog.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Planned Parenthood offering free mammograms

Planned Parenthood of West Texas Big Spring clinic has free mammograms for women over 50. To take advantage of this service, please call the clinic at 263-8351. To qualify, women must be income eligible.

YMCA having holiday camp

The Big Spring Family YMCA is having a Christmas holiday camp program. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, games and field trips.

A swim suit, towel and sack lunch will be needed everyday. The dates are Dec. 21-22, 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. The camp will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Take a tour with museum

Hear tales of a long-ago railroad and cow town by walking the historic streets of downtown Big Spring every Saturday through the end of the year. Walking tours will begin at the Heritage Museum at 2 p.m.

Tour guides will recount the town's early history and legends including stories of the arrival of British Nobility, cattle barons, cowboys, saloons, mercantile stores, and the early railroad.

The tour will also visit the inside of the downtown's restored buildings for views of wood floors and tin ceilings.

Groups and individuals are welcome. There is no charge for the walking tours. Call the Heritage Museum, 267-8255, for information or weather cancellations.

THE LAST WORD

If you are killed because you are a writer, that's the maximum expression of respect.

—Mario Vargas Llosa

All my career...I have written songs about whatever I wanted to say, thanks to the First Amendment...All of us in America are subject to someone else's opinion of what is correct speech and what is not. But thank God, I can make up my own mind about that.

—K.T. Oslin

When prayer is legislated, you infringe on other people's rights.

—Arthur Goforth

San Angelo synagogue believed to be oldest continuously used in state

By RON DURHAM
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO — Although San Angelo seemed an out-of-the-way place, the Texas Jewish Historical Society board was not unwarred when it convened here this fall.

Temple Beth Israel on Beauregard Street, the group discovered, is likely the oldest continuously used synagogue in the state.

"August 1928" is the date inscribed on the cornerstone of the venerable beige brick building with an upstairs and a downstairs but no main floor.

"The synagogue at Brenham is older, but it's not in use," observed one member of the visiting board.

Inside, Shabbat (Sabbath) service echoes with the memory of events even older — by two and a half millennia. Synagogues (from a Greek word meaning

"come-togethers") are thought to have begun in ancient Babylonia, where thousands of Jews were exiled in the sixth century B.C.

The Sabbath service is on Friday evening, since the Sabbath starts at sundown Friday and extends to sundown Saturday. Men don skull caps and lay readers Albert Ray keeps his hat on — a gesture of humility.



This synagogue has even insisted on brotherhood among Jewish denominations, resisting the labels orthodox, conservative or reform. So the group has struck compromises, nod-

ding to conservatives by not using women in the pulpit or counting them among the minyan — the minimum of 10 Jews required for a synagogue; and to liberals by not requiring men and women to sit on separate sides during services.

Barbara Cohen Rosenberg, a native San Angeloan who now lives in Houston and chairs the TJHS, answered visiting board members' questions about growing up Jewish here. "It was good," she recalled, saying people here want you to believe something, but are tolerant about what you believe.

From 15 to 19 people attend Sabbath services regularly, although high holy days such as Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana draw 40 to 50. "But," Rosenberg continued, "your light burns brightly. It feels like this building is smiling tonight."

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SEEING IS BELIEVING



Courtesy photo

Members of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club took about 800 pairs of eyeglasses to the Midland Lions eyeglass recycling building. The donated glasses were the result of the local collection program, a current project of the Evening and Midland Lions. Pictured left to right are Ike Fitzgerald, head of the recycling program and vice governor of District 2-A1; and Evening Lions Club members Squeaky Thompson, Marguerite Thompson, Bill Birrell and Jan Noyes. Not pictured but in attendance were June Armstrong and Howell Porter.

Eating disorders give victims illusion of control

By CAROLYN POIROT
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — They don't risk death by starvation simply because they want to be thin.

Too many bright and beautiful young people diet and binge and purge and finally quit eating altogether because they feel flawed and inadequate — while they want so much to be perfect. They are angry and hurting and they feel powerless.

They are desperate for more control over their own lives. An eating disorder gives them some control. Nobody can make them eat or keep them from throwing up. Food is their "drug" of choice — until it takes over their lives, and they lose all control.

More than 90 percent of those with eating disorders are female; most also suffer from depression.

"I thought if I could starve myself, I could do anything," said Katy, 16, who is recovering from bulimia. "Bingeing was a way of stuffing all my bad feelings inside, and then throwing

them up and getting rid of them — for a little while." (Only the first names of the young people in recovery are used here, to protect their privacy.)

Katy was in sixth grade when she made herself throw up the first time.

"I was really mad, and I did it just to prove that I could. If you are sick, you get a lot of attention," she noted. She has learned in recovery that she wanted not only attention, but also wanted to purge herself of all feeling when she purged herself in great 10,000-calorie binges.

Like many adolescents, she said she felt that her parents were too controlling, that they expected her grades, her room, her appearance, everything to be perfect.

"I thought that perfect was the only way to be," Katy said.

"It scares me — how sick we were and how out of control. It's life-taking, not anything to play around with," said her friend, Martha, also 16. She has been in recovery from her eat-

ing disorder for nine months, and recently helped organize the Ridglea Support Group, a 12-step program for those struggling with similar problems.

"I never thought I was skinny enough. My sister weighed 30 pounds more than I did, and I thought she was beautiful. It didn't make any sense, but I would look at myself in the mirror and see fat," Martha said. She first went on a diet in fifth grade, the same year a girl in her class became president of a Weight Watchers Club.

At first, Martha cut out sweets and junk food. Soon, she was eating an all-liquid diet of Instant Breakfasts, diet soft drinks and fruit mixtures she liquefied in a blender.

"It was awesome. I liked them watching me make drinks. I felt like they couldn't stop me. I had a whole lot of power over everyone," Martha said. Ultimately, however, dieting became obsessive.

"Nothing else mattered," Martha said. "All I could think of was my eating disorder. All of my brain things were out of control. I knew I needed help."

Chelsea, 20, co-founded the Ridglea Support Group with Martha to provide a place to be totally honest with others who share the same problems — people seeking help, talking health and rebuilding their lives.

The group meets once a week and usually attracts 12 to 14 young people.

Eating disorders have become so prevalent among high school students that Highland Park High School in Dallas sponsors a floating support group that meets at different times during school hours every Wednesday so that participants can attend every week and miss a particular subject only once every six weeks.

Chelsea said she started dieting in sixth grade and recalls losing 10 pounds in three days at the end of seventh grade.

What started as a fitness craze with lots of aerobics and low-fat eating had turned into a destructive obsession by her junior year in high school.

"I was walking on eggshells. My friends were scared. They were watching me die, and they

couldn't help me," Chelsea said. "I was in so much pain, I didn't care what happened as long as I could numb the pain. For me, not eating became an acceptable way to commit suicide."

She found help two years ago at Remuda Ranch in Arizona, an inpatient treatment center for anorexia and bulimia. She recently recalled trying to convince Martha, a family friend, that she needed similar help.

"It was like talking to a wall," Chelsea said. "She was dead inside. She had a blank stare. She was malnourished, overwhelmed and exhausted, and she had no spark left. I could see myself in her."

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CLUBS IN BRIEF

Club news is due Wednesday at noon.

Elbow FCE

Sybil Duffer was hostess for the Elbow FCE Club which met on Dec. 7, for the regular meeting and Christmas programs.

Roll call was "What Am I Allergic To." Several expressed dust and cedar.

Irene Priebe installed officers for 1996. They are Myrl Soles, President, Sybil Duffer, Vice-President, Lou Vincent, Secretary, Winifred Millwee, Treasurer, and Ruth Morton, Council Delegate.

After a gift exchange, a pot luck snack was enjoyed by all.

Erma Steward played a tape by Charlie Prose for the program. Next meeting will be on Jan. 4, at the home of Myrl Soles.

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Interfaith couples urged to choose one religion for children

By DAVID BRIGGS
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK — As the great wave of interfaith marriages reaches the child-rearing stage, more parents are facing the difficult challenge of deciding which religion they should bring up their children in. Some parents have chosen to raise their children in both faiths, with the expectation the

child will choose later on. Some religious leaders, who claim fundamental differences in religious beliefs make it impossible for a person to be both Christian and Jewish, are encouraging parents to make a choice. In Reform Judaism, a leader in reaching out to interfaith couples, a committee is recommending that congregations offer enrollment in religious

schools and day schools only to children who are not receive formal religious education in another religion. The proposal from the Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach will go before the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations next week in Atlanta. "We happen to believe parents should make up their

mind and determine which tradition a child should be raised in," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president-elect of the Reform Jewish group. As members of various religious groups have assimilated into the mainstream of American society, the intermarriage rate has risen rapidly. In the Jewish community, it has risen by a factor of 10 in the last 30 years, and about half

of all Jewish people today marry non-Jewish spouses. Among the interfaith couples who have children, 28 percent bring their children up in the Jewish faith, 31 percent raise their children with no religion, 21 percent raise their kids in a religion other than Judaism and 20 percent raise their kids with a combination of religions, according to a UAHCE estimate.

One can no longer assume even children enrolled in Jewish schools are being raised exclusively as Jews, Reform officials said. In the Catholic church, couples are encouraged before marriage to raise their children as Catholics, but the final decision is the parents', said Robert Colbert of the Department of Religious Education for the National Catholic Education Association.

Racism

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of the 154 parishes are predominantly black.

One of the barriers before the passage of Vatican II was the foreign nature of the church for many blacks, said Bishop John Ricard, urban vicar for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Vatican council which ended in 1965 resulted in an increased emphasis on the use of native cultures in the celebration of Mass and allowed for Masses to be read in English rather than Latin.

That in turn allowed for the introduction of gospel Masses, Ricard said.

"It's almost mainstream now in predominantly African-American parishes," said Ricard, one of 13 black bishops in the U.S. Catholic Church.

"The identity of the Catholic Church in the past was that it was a predominantly white structure," Ricard said. The church must work to reinforce that "it is thoroughly African-American as it is thoroughly European. The church has to reflect its universality," Ricard said.

In addressing matters of race, the Catholic Church in the United States has been more reluctant follower than leader, said Sister Jamie P. Phelps, a theologian at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago who studies black Catholic history.

It wasn't until 1866, three years after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect, that American bishops urged the "gradual emancipation" of slaves, Sister Phelps said. It wasn't until the 1960s that the Catholic Church declared racism a sin, she said.

"The Catholic Church even to this day is not on the cutting edge of rights for African-Americans," she said.

Priests still complain of racism within the church leadership and blacks complain of the lack of black men in leadership positions within the U.S. church hierarchy.

Only 300 priests in the United States are black and most predominantly black parishes have white priests.

To learn how to better

address his flock, Miller, who is white, had to study black preachers from other religions.

"They don't teach you how to preach in a black style in a white seminary," he said.

Learning how to preach to a predominantly black congregation was just one of the steps Miller took to save what was a dying church.

St. Bernadine's thrived in the 1950s and 1960s until the west Baltimore neighborhood around it fell victim to white flight to the suburbs.

There were fewer than 200 parishioners when Miller was assigned to the church in 1975. "First Sunday I was here there might have been 70 people at Mass," he said.

So Miller began offering the gospel service.

"People could walk into the church and say, 'That's us,'" Miller said. "It wasn't Gregorian chant."

Although Miller still celebrates a more traditional Mass on Sundays, the 11:30 a.m. gospel service at St. Bernadine's is the best-attended of all the weekend services.

St. Bernadine's now has almost 1,500 members — half of them converts to Catholicism, according to Miller. And the church has become a focal point in the Edmonson Village community, with parenting classes, a shelter for battered women and a basketball team that emphasizes academics as much as jump shots.

Before she moved to Baltimore from New York in June, Sara Gamble attended "normal" Catholic services — "The priest gets up, says a few words, you sing a few hymns and you go home."

The gospel services at St. Bernadine's have quickly grown on her.

"You feel good when you come out," Gamble said. "It's just black folks doing what they do best — praising God."

Dance

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to greet children and hand out candy. "We're making it a really festive evening," said symphony guild member Suzanne Haney.

Another new twist this year: the symphony box office at the Municipal Auditorium will be open Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Until noon Saturday, tickets will be available at the symphony office, 808 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers; Chamber of Commerce; Dunlap's and Mason's Christmas Connection. Ticket prices are \$10 adult, \$7.50 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for children. Any tickets still available when doors open at 7 p.m. will be sold at the auditorium.

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FORECAST FOR DEC. 16

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Confusion marks the next few days, especially today. The unexpected occurs when dealing with someone. Tempers flare, so pull back. There is unanticipated pressure, though you can deal with changes directly and powerfully. **Tonight:** Say yes without hesitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Deal with a change, even though you are fatigued. Altered plans may be upsetting you. Examine what must get done, and juggle activities accordingly. Someone may be on the warpath. Stay cool, and don't react to others. **Tonight:** Get extra rest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your creativity is high. Get a fun project going. Romantic adventures are favored, if you are single. Examine your long-term interests. A partnership may be draining because you are giving too much of yourself. State your expectations. **Tonight:** Enjoy playful times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A partner, friend or associate is difficult. The unexpected is quite provocative. Keep in contact with your deeper feelings when making choices. You might be happiest staying close to home. Make plans with your family to decorate the tree. **Tonight:** Stay home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might want to put your hands over your ears, or over your mouth. You hear or say something that would be best never stated. It will take all your graciousness to get past this. You have surges of high energy - use them to get projects done. **Tonight:** Shop until you drop.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Finish your holiday errands, then settle down. You need a slower pace and time with a loved one. Be more imaginative in your gift-giving choices. Money does not have to be a priority. Express your feelings so the receiver gets your loving message. **Tonight:** Treat yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't lose your temper. Honor your feelings. You are in the perfect space to express your concern and needs. Confusion surrounds the home front. Think about initiating positive ideas. **Tonight:** Be a party animal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Follow your instincts when dealing with change. Cut back, and do things differently. Evaluate what others are saying. You might have had on

your rose-colored glasses concerning a friend. Give someone space to make an important decision. **Tonight:** Get into a fun project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Examine what you want and go for it, especially financially. You are right on top of errands and holiday details. Now take some time out to enjoy your life and your special friends. Follow through on plans, and make the most of a fun visit. **Tonight:** Let fun and games prevail.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Organize others for a happy event. You enjoy the responsibility and importance of what is happening. Tone down how you verbalize your feelings, because you could seem more bellicose than you think. Stay directed. **Tonight:** Be out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be careful about how you express yourself, especially when dealing with a loved one. Tune in to your long-term desires. Your fun side emerges with someone totally different. People are drawn to you because of your uniqueness. **Tonight:** Do something unusual.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A friend is more directed than you realize. Do not sell yourself short and take on an immediate challenge. Opportunities knock on your door, if you are open to a partner. Make plans with a friend to share the holiday spirit. **Tonight:** You old romantic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 1995
You pull the wild card when dealing with finances and changes. Stay more directed about pursuing your desires. Be careful in your monetary affairs, because you are subject to wild mood changes. Focus on greater happiness and more success. You see life with renewed interest and vitality. If you are single, one thing is for sure: You won't have to stay single. If attached, romance flourishes, and you take positive steps in your relationship. **LIBRA** adores you.

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Holiday cheer may turn to tears if you drink and drive

DEAR ABBY: I am a South Carolina law enforcement officer, and with the holiday season and New Year's Eve upon us, I hope you will publish this. I pray it will save at least one life. — **A CARING OFFICER**
DEAR OFFICER: It's well worth the space in my column, and I, too, pray it will save lives during this holiday season.

HOW TO MAKE A STATE TROOPER CRY

(author unknown)
Want to see a state trooper cry — or drop to his knees, bury his face in his hands, bawl like a baby, and slam his fist into the side of his patrol car? It's easy enough to do. And it happens more frequently than you think. Just load yourself up with "holiday cheer," add a few beers and some mixed drinks, and drive your family home. Refuse to listen when your wife suggests that maybe she should drive. Assert yourself. Be guided by your male ego. Say, "Aw, heck, I can drive better with a few beers under my belt than you can stone sober." Show her who's boss in your family!

Twenty minutes later, you're standing in darkness on the side of a highway, with broken glass and spilled gasoline at your feet.

Your wife is screaming, pinned beneath jagged edges of twisted steel. Your 2-year-old

daughter is silent. Your 6-year-old son is sprawled face down in the mud some 30 feet away.

The state trooper arrives and smells the alcohol on your breath as you stumble and try to explain how it happened. He is not very gentle as he arrests you for "driving under the influence" — then pushes you into the rear seat of the patrol car.

The state trooper then turns around and pauses for a few moments in the cold, lonely night. Tears fill his eyes as he says a silent prayer for your family. Then he shifts his attention back to you. Congratulations: You've made a state trooper cry!

DEAR ABBY: When we entertain at home and a guest brings a bottle of wine as a gift, my husband thanks the guest, puts the wine in our wine closet and serves our own wine at dinner.

He believes the selection of the wine is part of the dinner preparation. I feel the courteous thing to do would be to serve the guest's wine with our dinner.

What do you think? — PUZZLED IN ASHEVILLE
DEAR PUZZLED: Your husband is correct. The host is not obligated to serve the wine brought by a guest. It's perfectly proper to put it away to serve at some future occasion.

DEAR ABBY: A chum of mine from Alcoholics Anonymous offered this definition of an alcoholic: "When your drinking interferes with your work, you're in trouble; when your work interferes with your drinking, you're an alcoholic." — **AL HIX, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.**

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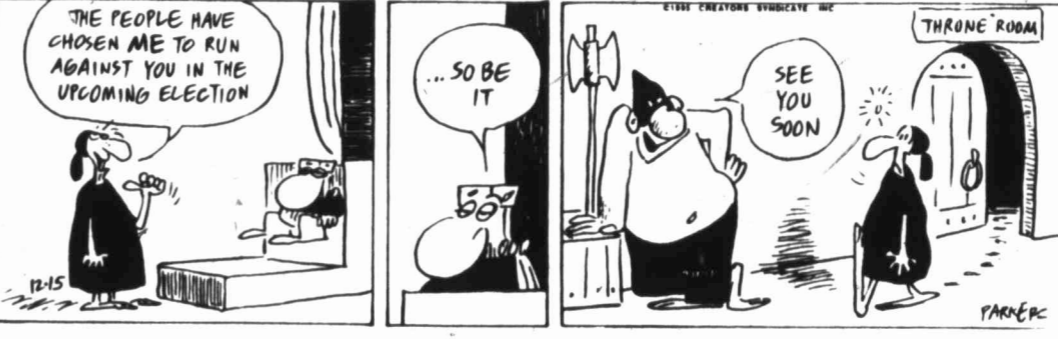
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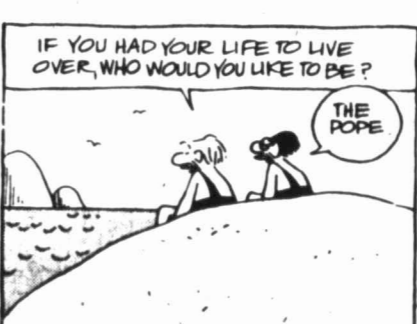
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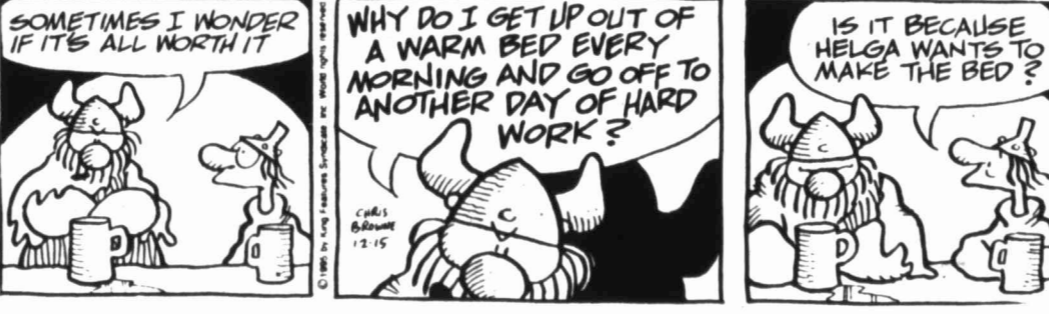


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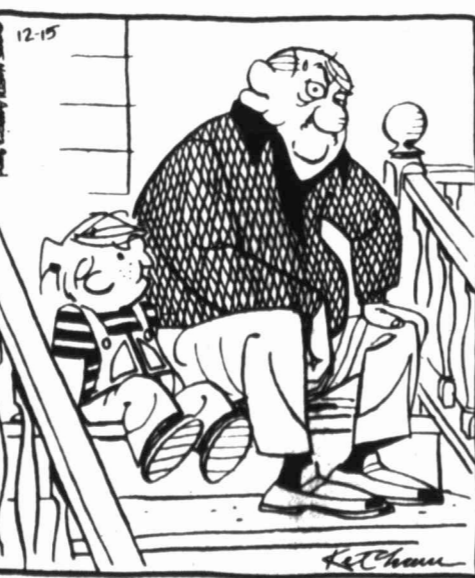
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