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Veterans benefits disagreement arises again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bell is ringing for Round Two in the fight between the Department of Veterans Affairs and congressional Republicans over the politically loaded issue of veterans benefits checks.

With the federal government in shutdown mode again, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is resurrecting legislation that would force the Clinton administration to issue the next batch of benefits checks.

More than 3.3 million veterans and their survivors each month share in \$1.4 billion in disability payments, pensions and survivors' benefits. Nearly 250,000 Texans are among the recipients.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which has yet to receive its appropriations for the current fiscal year, contends that it lacks the authority to make the payments until its 1996 funding is resolved.

Unless Congress deals with the matter by Thursday morning, the Jan. 1 checks won't go out on time, department officials said.

President Clinton on Monday vetoed the appropriations bill that funds programs for veterans, housing, space and the environment, saying the legislation contained unacceptable assaults on environmental protection.

Mrs. Hutchison and other con-

gressional Republicans have accused the administration of using veterans as political hostages in the bitter stalemate over a seven-year balanced-budget plan.

They argue that the White House could easily tap into U.S. Treasury receipts by terming the benefits essential payments, as previous administrations have done.

"I'm going to try to force the issue so that veterans will have

on-time payments," Mrs. Hutchison said Tuesday, adding that she is working with the Senate leadership to call up her bill this week.

The Texan's legislation would provide for specific appropriations to allow for issuance of the veterans benefits during the shutdown.

During the first shutdown, Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown engaged in a war of words with Republicans,

arguing that they were using scare tactics against veterans. In sharp rhetoric, he also accused Mrs. Hutchison of being "appallingly uninformed" about the way in which veterans programs are funded.

"VA regrets that veterans, many of whom are disabled and depend on this assistance, are again being put through the anxiety of not knowing if their checks will be in the mailbox at the first of the month," he said.

IN WARMER TIMES



A small boy holds bread crumbs out for ducks to feast on as unseasonably-warm weather brought out several families to the Comanche Trail Lake recently. Since then, winter has come, bringing temperatures down to the 50s. Herald photo by Tim Appel

Warden Dale Brown transferred to Beaumont

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The warden of the local federal prison is being transferred.

Dale Brown received word last Friday he is moving to Beaumont early in March. He received the news with mixed emotions.

"We have enjoyed Big Spring. The town has supported this institution immensely. The

employees have a good work ethic and we have good labor/management relations. My wife and I had planned on retiring here, but the government wanted us to move," Brown said.

Brown will be one of four wardens overseeing a new federal correctional complex currently under construction. Brown said he will open the law level soon.

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Bill Crooker seeking 7th term of office

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Republican incumbent Bill Crooker will seek his seventh term as Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 3 in the upcoming primaries.

Crooker said he thinks Howard County has benefited under his leadership because

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CROOKER

A tale of tree gathering

CHUCK WILLIAMS

Herald Publisher

As a young man with a wife and a couple of exuberant boys who caught the Christmas spirit with the first playing of Jingle Bells, putting up the Christmas tree was an annual obligation with a very high priority.

This project began, of course, with a family task to select just the right tree with proper consideration given for the height and size to correspond with its location in the house. One other factor in the selection process that was always lost on all of the "search committee" but me was the cost of this tree.

As the years progressed, the stock on the Christmas tree lots seemed to deteriorate in condition, shrink in size, and increase in price. By the time we returned home with our tree of the year, my Christmas spirit was approaching zero and sinking fast.

One year, while living in Col-



orado Springs, Colo., my wife decided we could forego the trials of the Christmas lots and that we should join the "cut your own" crowd venturing up the side of Pikes Peak, a 14,000-foot mountain, where the perfect tree awaited the woodman's axe.

Upon arrival at the part of the mountain designated as the tree cutting area, it became immediately clear that the "really good trees" were not lined up next to the road, and that there would be a hike involved in this project.

Undaunted and armed, with axe, saw and rope, we launched out toward the first likely grove of trees, but of course, it would be about three ridges and valleys later that "our" tree was found. After assuring all were satisfied with the shape, texture, and other qualities that are so important in choosing a

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Mayes, Dehlinger receive top PD awards

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The second time around is even better for two men awarded for their accomplishments with the Big Spring Police Department.

Cpl. Jimmy Mayes and Identification Technician Art Dehlinger were recently named officer and civilian of the year at the department's annual Christmas banquet.

Mayes has been a police officer since February 1989 and was promoted to corporal last spring. He is currently the drug interdiction officer assuming that role in November 1994.

He said it is an honor to receive it after winning the award in 1991.

"I had no idea this time I was going to receive the award. I had a pretty good idea the last time because the guys were making sure I was going to attend the banquet," said Mayes. "It means a lot to me and I'm honored to be nominated by my peers. It means a little more this time and I appreciate it more."

He was nominated because he was instrumental in seizing \$54,000 worth of drug money,

making numerous arrests for people possessing marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines and recovering two stolen vehicles.

Mayes has been a plain clothes officer with the street crimes unit, the criminal investigation division and a patrol officer before moving into drug interdiction on the interstate.

Dehlinger received the civilian award last year and wasn't expecting it again. Dehlinger said, "I thought surely they would pick someone else. It was a well-kept secret. I was the last one I thought would get it. It's important when your peers select you."

He was hired by the department in 1992 as a jailer and became an ID technician a year later.

He is a court-certified expert in



Several officers were recently honored at the Big Spring Police Department's annual Christmas banquet. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Officer Kip Patterson and Officer Shawn Harrison. Back row, left to right, are ID Technician Art Dehlinger, Sgt. Drew Bavin, Cpl. Carlos Diaz and Cpl. Jimmy Mayes.

fingerprint analysis with more than 300 hours of training by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Please see AWARD, page 2A

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Texas Trivia
At what two settlements did battles occur between Texas farmers and Mexican soldiers in June 1832?
Anahuac and Velasco

WORLD/NATION

World: The United Nations ended a humiliating 31/2-year effort to stop the fighting in the Balkans at a fog-shrouded airport today and handed over the job to NATO. As the U.N. flags at Sarajevo's airport were taken down, NATO commanders assumed control of U.N. military bases throughout Bosnia. See page 4A.

STATE

Remains found
Medical examiners in Dallas have determined that what were thought to be the remains of a baby found in a trash can actually were the bodies of two infants, Tyler station KETK-TV reported Tuesday. See page 5A.

A go fast loophole
Under Texas law, motorists have been able to prevent a speeding ticket from being reported to their insurance company by taking a defensive driving course, so long as they weren't driving more than 24 miles over the speed limit. See page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **50** ▲ Highs **23**
Lows ▼

Clear, cold.
Tonight, fair, low lower 20s, light winds.

Permian Basin Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 50, southeast winds 5 to 10 mph; fair night, low lower 20s.
Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 50, southeast winds 5 to 10 mph; fair night, low lower 20s.

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Tale

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Christmas tree, I cut it down and cleaned off the remaining stump.

Wanting everyone to see a part of collecting our prize, I then asked each to grab a branch and help drag the tree, since it was too large to carry, back to the car. With all of us pulling, the tree would not budge, and after re-evaluating the necessity for such a large tree, I cut off another three feet and we took our positions once again to move the tree.

After performing this ritual two or three more times, we were finally able to maneuver the tree toward the road where the car had been left. An hour or so later and several more events shortening the tree, we arrived back at the road only to discover a misjudgment on the location of the car, and that it was actually a couple of miles down the road. This was remedied by my hiking to the car and bringing it to a very tired and grumpy family standing guard on a very large Christmas tree.

Following more than a little bit of pulling, tugging, sweating, and perhaps silent oaths, the tree was loaded into the station wagon and with little room for passengers, we made our way home.

Believing the task almost complete, the tree was unloaded on the driveway to fit it with the tree stand. Unfortunately, the

trunk of the tree was too large for my tree stand and required major surgery and tapering to get the stand operational, and after discovering it was too big to bring into the living room, I retreated to the yard to perform the surgery process again.

I must admit there was a definite sense of pride when the tree was standing majestically in the living room, even though it more than filled the only spot in the room it could have possibly fit. However, feeling fulfilled at the accomplishment, we decorated the tree, placed the wrapped presents around the base, and retired for the night.

The next morning we were shocked to discover the tree had dripped sap over the floor, presents, wall and everything else within the rather wide reach of its branches.

By this time, I was feeling none of the Christmas spirit and certainly not in the mood to start over, so after putting cling wrap on the wall, paper on the floor, and moving all other things, I told everyone to stay away from the tree and we continued on into the Christmas season.

A couple of years later, I succumbed to the purchase of a dreaded artificial Christmas tree, and now while others are pawing over the leftovers at the tree lots, I journey out to my shed to retrieve the tattered box housing my favorite tree.

Now if I could only find a present for my wife....

Award

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tion and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

All of the officers nominate someone for the civilian and supervisor of the year while supervisors vote for civilians and officers. In turn, civilians nominate for the officer and supervisor awards.

Sgt. Stan Parker was named the Supervisor of the Year. Parker has been with the department for almost 11 years.

Officer Kip Patterson and Sgt. Roger Sweat received purple hearts for sustaining injuries in the line of duty. Patterson was

involved in a car accident in October while responding to a call. Sweat suffered a concussion while attempting to apprehend a fleeing suspect earlier this year.

Several officers also received achievement awards for their work with the department and the public.

Officer Shawn Harrison, Sgt. Drew Bavin and Cpl. Robert Fitzgibbons were honored for their efforts in cutting a man down who had attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself.

Harrison and Bavin said they were both surprised when the announcement was made. Harrison has been with the department for two years and is also involved in the Adopt-A-Cop program. Bavin has been a Big Spring officer for 12 years and Fitzgibbons for 11.

Cpl. Carlos Diaz was honored because he was the driving force behind establishing the department's honor guard and flag. He has also received 20 commendations from both the public and his fellow officers for his outstanding commitment to the job.

Diaz, recently promoted to corporal, spent a lot of off-duty time getting the honor guard started. He is also a member of the Special Operations Response Team, a field training officer and participates in the Adopt-A-Cop program.

Lt. Pam Jordan and ID Technician Mike West received achievement awards for their work in the Citizens Police Academy. Since the spring of 1994, Jordan and West have organized several academies including a recent undertaking of the senior citizens academy.

OBITUARIES

Glenn Murray

Graveside services for Glenn Murray, 76, Big Spring, were 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Murray died Tuesday, Dec. 19, in a local hospital following a long illness.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1919, in Big Spring and had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He owned and operated Murray's Radio and T.V. Service for a number of years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include one sister: Mildred Murphy, Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Oma Murray, and three brothers.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Julian Fisher

Services for Julian Bernard Fisher, 72, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, in a Lincoln, Neb. hospital.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Glenn Murray, 76, died Tuesday. Graveside services were 10:30 AM at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

906 GREGG 267-6331

Gilda "Freckles" Sharp, 46, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Julian Bernard Fisher, 72, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Brown

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rity prison as warden in the local institute for two years, coming from the Federal Medical Center at Carville, La.

The warden said he has accomplished several goals he set out to achieve for the prison, including showing the government the need for a Special Operations Response Team and overseeing the implementation of the project.

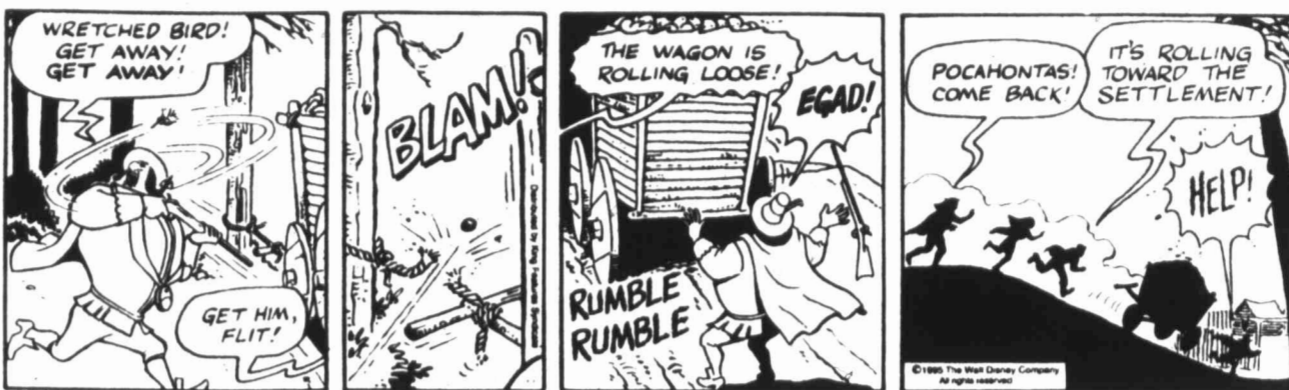
The prison's medical facility was accredited, there have been no escapes, no major disturbances have occurred and the institute was reaccredited by the American Correctional Association.

Brown added his family hates to leave because of the ties they have established here. His wife, Sherry, and their daughter Mindy will stay until the end of the school year since his wife teaches first grade at Moss Elementary and Mindy is a senior at Big Spring High School.

Mindy will join her two brothers at Texas A&M next year, where Brown's sons are currently in the Corps.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

Walt Disney's POCAHONTAS



DID YOU WIN?

PICK 3: 9, 2, 8
CASH 5: 21, 9, 6, 2, 8

POLICE

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

•ROBERT MULLEN, 46, of 503 East Fifth, was arrested for public intoxication.
•MARY JANE CASTILLO, 28, of 1208 Mesquite, was arrested for assault. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$2,000 bond.

•JANIE AGUILAR, 38, of 410 West Sixth, was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•ANDREW AGUILAR, 26, no address given, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•EDDIE WHITE, 27, of 1701 Mulberry, was arrested for driv-

ing while intoxicated and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•JAMES WOODARD, 31, of 3601 Connally, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFTS in the 3200 block of Cornell, 200 block of North Gregg, 200 block of West Marcy, 800 block of East Interstate 20 and 1700 block of East Marcy.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 3300 block of East Marcy, 900 block of Runnels, 900 block of Mountain Drive, 500 block of Main and 1600 block of East Third.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1500 block of Mesa.

•ASSAULT in the 1200 block of Mesquite.

IN BRIEF

Herald seeking help for family

The Big Spring Herald is asking for your help in sponsoring a needy family this Christmas season.

Anything in the way of personal items, nonperishable foods, toys and such will be appreciated.

A collection box is at the front door. Thank you for helping provide a family with Christmas cheer.

Stenholm takes up foreign affairs Dec. 21

Congressman Charles Stenholm will discuss foreign affairs and the federal budget on his monthly television program "Washington Watch" on Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. on local cable Channel 4.

His guest will be Representative Steny Hoyer, a Democrat from Maryland. This is the last edition of the program until after the March primary with taping to resume in April 1996.

YMCA offers 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.

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Scholarship Awards are being

SHERIFF

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

•PAUL MORENO, 30, of 1309 Elm, pleaded guilty to delivery of marijuana. He was sentenced to 10 years probation, fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$126.50 in court costs.

•JOCK LASHONE BANKS, no address given, was transferred from Tarrant County on outstanding local warrants for unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed premises and failure to appear in court.

RECORDS

Tuesday's temp.	**
Tuesday's low	**
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Average low	30
Record high	80 in 1978
Record low	8 in 1924
**Statistics not available	

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No commodities distribution

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. will not distribute commodities in November and December. For more information contact West Texas Opportunities, 1000 11th Place, or call 267-9536.

MARKETS

March cotton futures 81.35 cents a pound, up 31 points; Feb. crude oil 19.04, up 5 points; cash hog steady at 50 cents higher at 47 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 66 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 49.75, up 7 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.50, up 20 points. Courtesy: Delta Commodities Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 5120.37
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TODAY

•West Texas Legal Services offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church library. Contact Murph Watson, 264-0500.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

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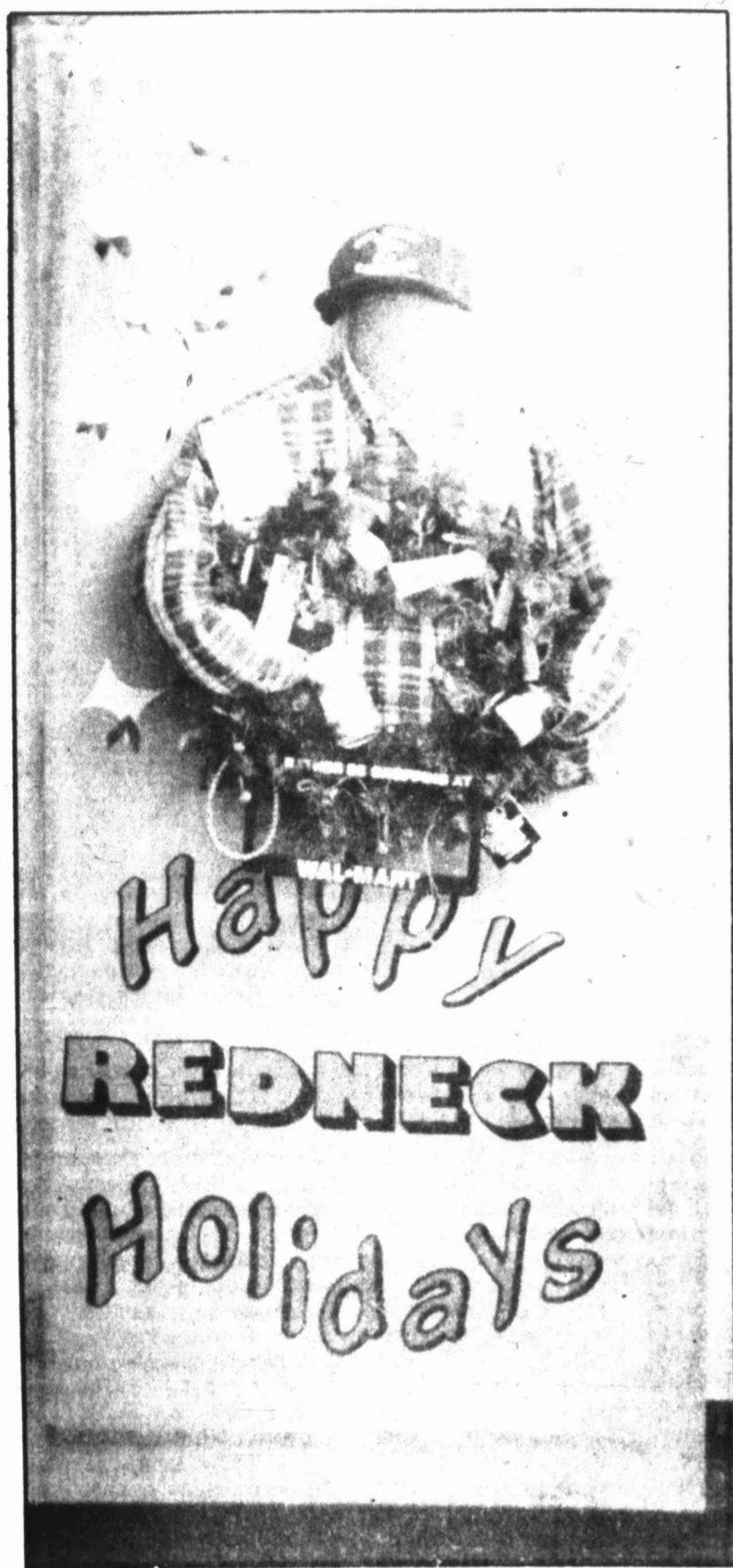
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HOLIDAY SPIRIT ABOUNDS



Clockwise from top left, Justice of the Peace China Long proclaims her Texas heritage with a "Redneck Merry Christmas"; A Christmas tree topped with an angel welcomes visitors to the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse; This angel on the tree at the Howard County Courthouse seems to be proclaiming the message "Peace on Earth, goodwill to mankind."; Santa takes a peek down the chimney before diving in on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Mims drops lawsuit against county

Former Howard County Engineer Bill Mims announced Monday he is dropping his lawsuit against the county. Mims stated he is dropping the suit so he may promote a more positive image for the county during his bid to become Howard County Commissioner Precinct 3.

The suit, filed in Abilene last year, alleged commissioners forced him to retire in June because of his age. Mims said no one thing in particular prompted him to drop his age discrimination lawsuit against the county. "I just thought I should devote my efforts to running for com-

missioner. I want better things for the county," Mims said. Mims is running as a Democrat for County Commissioner, Precinct 3 against incumbent Republican commissioner Bill Crooker, who has been in office since 1967 and is seeking reelection. *Herald Staff report*

One set of bonds retired early; surcharge kept to retire another

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved early redemption of a 1979 series of certificates of obligation recently. City Finance Director Tom Ferguson informed the council it has been completed and the series 1979 certificates are retired. Ferguson said the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the certificates included a provision for redemption prior to scheduled maturity. The provision states on or after Dec. 1, 1989, or on any interest payment date, the outstanding certificates may be

redeemed. Also included in the original ordinance is a provision stating a reserve fund in the amount of \$166,500 would be created. At that time the council also passed an ordinance creating a sewer surcharge of \$2 per month, \$1.35 of which would be dedicated to the retirement of the certificates and 65 cents which would be used in the operation fund, with the surcharge to remain in effect until the certificates are retired. The sewer surcharge will now be used for early redemption of 1992 certificates of obligation. As of Sept. 30, this fund had accumulated to \$278,787.85. Ferguson told the council the

interest and sinking fund, used to pay the principal and interest, has a balance of \$149,477.83. The total in all three funds is \$595,624.58. The outstanding certificates totaled \$575,000 plus accrued interest of \$16,100 for a total of \$591,100 required to redeem the outstanding certificates. Now the certificates are redeemed, the \$1.35 surcharge can be used as funding for the future early retirement of the \$7 million certificates issued in 1992 for the wastewater treatment plant project just completed or could be used to reduce customers monthly sewer bill by that amount.

Crooker

Continued from page 1A the county has been able to operate in a fiscally responsible manner despite declining property values since 1985. He added the experience he had gained while in office has helped him understand the need to carefully evaluate all information before making a decision and there will be some difficult decisions ahead for the county. "The greatest challenge facing members of the Commissioners' Court is to maximize revenue and to constantly look for ways to provide new sources of revenue," Crooker said. Crooker said his experience has helped him develop the expertise to attain these goals. He added that is part of why he has worked so diligently for

the past three years to consolidate the Community Services of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for 23 counties and have it based in Howard County. Crooker is now the chairman of the West Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Community Center which plans to complete its transition in September 1996. He added this will involve the creation of approximately 25 to 35 new jobs in Big Spring. One of the projects Crooker says he would like to see continue during another term is the Howard County Library's move into the old Bluebonnet savings building. "I've always been a strong supporter of the library because it's a valuable educational tool in

our community," Crooker said. The one thing he wants to remain constant educating the public about county government. He said counties are living creatures of state government and don't always have the freedom a city may have. Another constant Crooker says is vital to the future of Howard County is cooperation between county and city government. "Right now the relationship between the city and county is the best it's ever been and should be maintained. I'm also very interested in combining some aspects of our city and county government. I think it's an idea that's entirely possible for a county our size," Crooker said.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Freedom is not a passive right. It is an active responsibility."

Teresa Day, high school student, 1994

Don't turn Christmas into a time of mourning

Tis the season to hit the road, traveling to family and friends, attending holiday parties. The Texas Department of Public Safety has predicted an increase in holiday fatalities this season - 35 during Christmas and 40 during New Year's. The DPS lists the same contributing factors: high speeds, alcohol and poor trip planning or fatigue. The increased speed limit - 70 miles per hour on the highways - is an added element of worry this season. When spreading your holiday cheer, remember to be safe. It is not only your life at stake, but the lives of those riding with you and the lives of others using the roads. Don't drink and drive. Those four words should apply any time of the year, not just during the holidays. But because of all the parties and celebrating, it is a timely warning. Be wary of your speed. Drive the speed you and your vehicle are capable

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of. Remember there are others on the road with you. While a slower driver can be just as much of a menace, stay within the speed limits posted. And don't drive yourself to death. Make sure you know how long it will take. Plan to stop and rest if it is a long trip. Before starting, be sure you are rested and ready to go. Again, we are not alone on the highways. We have never been. There will always be others sharing the highways and byways with us. That is why it is so important to drive defensively and take care of yourself, then takes care of the others on the road. Christmas is a time to celebrate. Don't make it a time of mourning for your family or for someone else's.

WORLD

NATO takes over in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The United Nations ended a humiliating 3-year effort to stop the fighting in the Balkans at a fog-shrouded airport today and handed over the job to NATO.

As the U.N. flags at Sarajevo's airport were taken down, NATO commanders assumed control of U.N. military bases throughout Bosnia. In many cases soldiers attached to the U.N. mission merely changed their distinctive blue U.N. helmets for the fighting green helmets of their own countries.

U.S. Navy Adm. Leighton Smith, commander of the NATO military mission, was to assume command at a formal ceremony but his plane was unable to land in the fog, a nervous reminder of the weather problems that have slowed the deployment of NATO troops in recent days.

Instead, Maj. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, who will head the 60,000 ground troops of the NATO Implementation Force, the commander of the NATO corps that is helping to coordinate NATO's arrival and the transfer of command, announced the changeover in a one-minute ceremony.

Smith was attempting to return later in the day for a formal signing ceremony. At a terminal building heavily fortified with sandbags and pocked with shells, Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier, commander of the U.N. military mission in the former Yugoslavia, formally relinquished control of a mission that confounded and divided the West.

NATO honor guards from Italy, France, the United States, Britain, Germany and other countries stood at attention during a brief ceremony marking the change in command.

Operation Joint Endeavor, the largest Western military operation in Europe since World War II, will be charged with the same unenviable task: to sow peace among Bosnia's edgy — and angry — Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

But where the U.N. forces lacked heavy arms, authority



As the last in line keeps a watchful eye, U.S. Army soldiers of the 325th Infantry walk a snowy trail while on patrol near the perimeter of Tuzla Airbase Tuesday. U.S. troops continue to arrive in Bosnia as part of the NATO implementation force.

and a clear purpose, NATO will have all of the above. Its troops will be backed by an array of artillery and, most importantly, they can use it.

The troops also have a promise, contained in the peace treaty signed in Paris last week, that the conflict's three warring sides will lay down arms.

On Tuesday, as the fog broke enough for planes to land, NATO's massive deployment to various staging grounds in the area continued. Seven U.S. C-130 planes and one C-17 brought troops and food to Tuzla, 50 miles north of Sarajevo, where 20,000 U.S. troops will be based.

"We offer the chance of something that everybody wants — peace," said Walker, the commander of the NATO corps coordinating NATO's arrival.

Walker said NATO will be working "with Bosnian people evenhandedly to help create the environment in which the reconstruction of this country can take place."

But restoring some semblance of prewar functioning to Bosnia and giving Bosnians a "taste of ordinary life," as President Clinton put it, will demand more than just weapons and troops.

Vast amounts of international aid and investment are necessary, as is some way of cultivating a new trust among one-time neighbors who have become bitter enemies in months of savage battles.

A small step in that long-haul project occurred Tuesday.

After months of patchy electricity, lights and television screens in the Bosnian capital grew a bit brighter. To rejoicing by residents, German ambassador Johannes Presinger threw the switch on a new power line financed mostly by Germany.

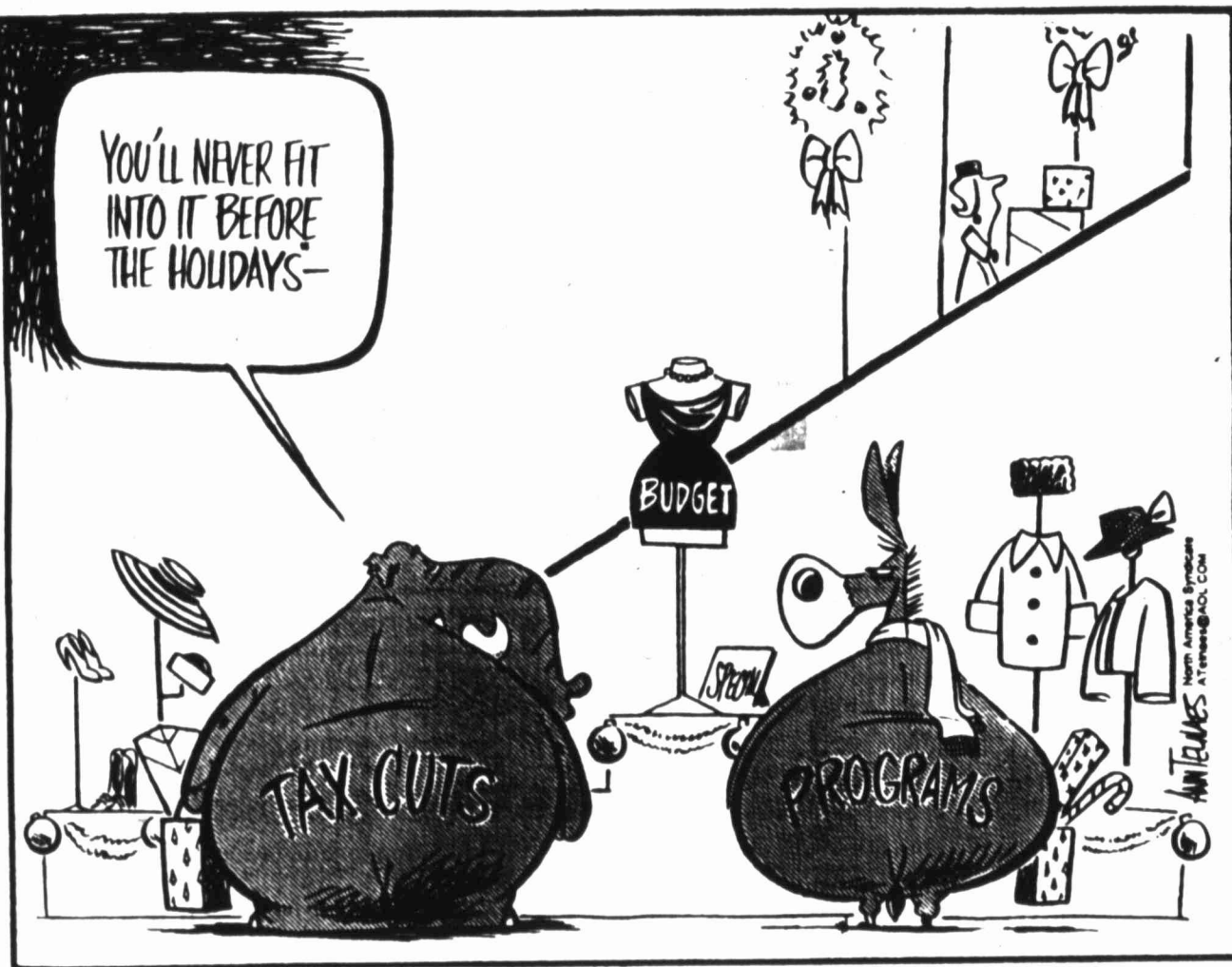
"This is great. Look at those lights — white, yellow, white, yellow," said Jasna Miletovic as she drove her car past Bosnian Serb positions 100 yards away. "This now looks like real peace."

Numbering 24,000 at their peak, U.N. troops never achieved anything close to real peace. They were at best able to help deliver humanitarian aid to the besieged and needy.

At worst, they were harassed, shot at, taken hostage and accused of failing to protect Bosnian civilians from a war that left at least 200,000 dead and 2 million homeless.

The United Nations will not be leaving Bosnia altogether with the arrival of NATO forces. Some 2,000 civilian policemen will patrol Serb-held areas around Sarajevo that revert to Bosnian government control under the terms of the treaty.

And the U.N. High Commission for Refugees will continue to administer to an estimated 1.3 million people displaced by fighting and ethnic partitioning in the former Yugoslavia.



Letters to the Editor

Fire strips family; donations sought

Editor: May God bless you all. Merry Christmas to all. As many may have heard a house fire in the 800 block of San Antonio Dec. 11th has taken the Christmas spirit away from

Travis and Jessica, because they lost everything they had to that fire.

I pray that we of Big Spring can help them by donations to make their Christmas a brighter and happy one. They both are 20 years old and have nothing but the clothes they had on at the time of the fire. Please bring any donations to 700 W.

14th, Mitchem Auto Sales, and also the home of Big Spring Taxi.

God will bless you 10 fold for every good deed. Again I wish you all a merry merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David C. and David Mitchem Big Spring

Yeltsin says he will pursue course of democratic reforms

MOSCOW (AP) — In his first comments since parliamentary elections that were dominated by Communists and hard-liners, President Boris Yeltsin said today he will continue to pursue democratic and free-market reforms.

"We have no reason to worry or assess the elections as a tragedy," Yeltsin said at the Barvikha health resort where he is recuperating from heart trouble, according to the ITAR-Tass and Interfax news agencies.

He was quoted as saying that Russia "will manage to stick to the previous political course."

Yeltsin said he could work with a legislature that has a large Communist representation. The Communists dominated the voting in elections Sunday for the State Duma, the lower house of parliament.

"I'm sure that the majority of Russians don't stand for communism," Yeltsin said. "In some countries ... there are more Communists in parliaments, but there they find ways of interaction and normal democratic development."

Yeltsin may offer some lesser Cabinet positions to the Communists, one of his aides, Georgy Satarov, told Russian Televi-

sion on Tuesday.

The comments by Yeltsin indicated he is willing to compromise in an attempt to hold off a rising opposition. The Communists, intent on capturing Yeltsin's job at the polls next June, are all but certain to wave away such an olive branch in the final months of his term.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov told reporters today that the government must respond to the election results by making big changes.

"The elections were in effect a vote of no-confidence in the government," Zyuganov said. "With such a level of confidence they will be unable to continue the current policy."

The makeup of the next State Duma, which has limited clout under Russia's powerful presidency, remained in limbo today as the vote count lumbered into a third full day. Officials are tallying two sets of ballots.

Reports estimate 65 percent of the vote has been counted. In the party race, which fills half the Duma seats, the Communists were ahead with 21.03 percent. In the individuals' race, which fills the other half, they were dominating as well, although they will wind up well short of a majority.

Deployment linked to early warning

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel might be willing to set aside its demand to have its own ground-based early warning stations in the Golan Heights if Syria agrees to pull forces far back from the border, Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said today.

The suggestion was a new sign of flexibility in Israel's negotiating position — one officials say is intended to lure Syria into serious negotiations.

Israel's demand for early warning stations — made to insure its security after a withdrawal of Israeli troops — prompted Syria to suspend talks last June. Secretary of State Warren Christopher on Saturday announced that negotiations would resume Dec. 27.

Orr, in an interview today with The Associated Press, said a combination of factors could determine Israel's security needs in the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Mideast War.

These include the size of the Syrian army, and how far away Syrian troops are stationed from the Israel-Syria border.

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Break given by speed limit hike

DALLAS (AP) — Under Texas law, motorists have been able to prevent a speeding ticket from being reported to their insurance company by taking a defensive driving course, so long as they weren't driving more than 24 miles over the speed limit.

With repeal this month of federal speed limits, that provision has some people upset. With speed limits of 70 mph on rural interstates, that means a driver now can be ticketed for going up to 94 mph and still avoid having it affect his insurance rates.

"It's insanity," Joe Pirtle, vice president of the Texas Municipal Courts Association, told The Dallas Morning News.

"The idea that one can go up to 94 miles an hour and still avoid the usual punishment by (taking) defensive driving is unbelievable," said Pirtle, a municipal court judge in Seabrook, southeast of Houston.

"If you have insurance and a driver's license, the court has no discretion but to give you defensive driving if you ask for it," Pirtle said.

"We can look for wholesale slaughter of innocent lives on Texas roads unless the law is corrected," said Jerry Johns, a spokesman for the insurance industry in Texas.

"It is far too fast for the type of cars we drive in this country," Johns added. "It is far too fast for the roads we have in Texas. And it is going to contribute to a horrendous loss of lives and an intolerable number of injuries."

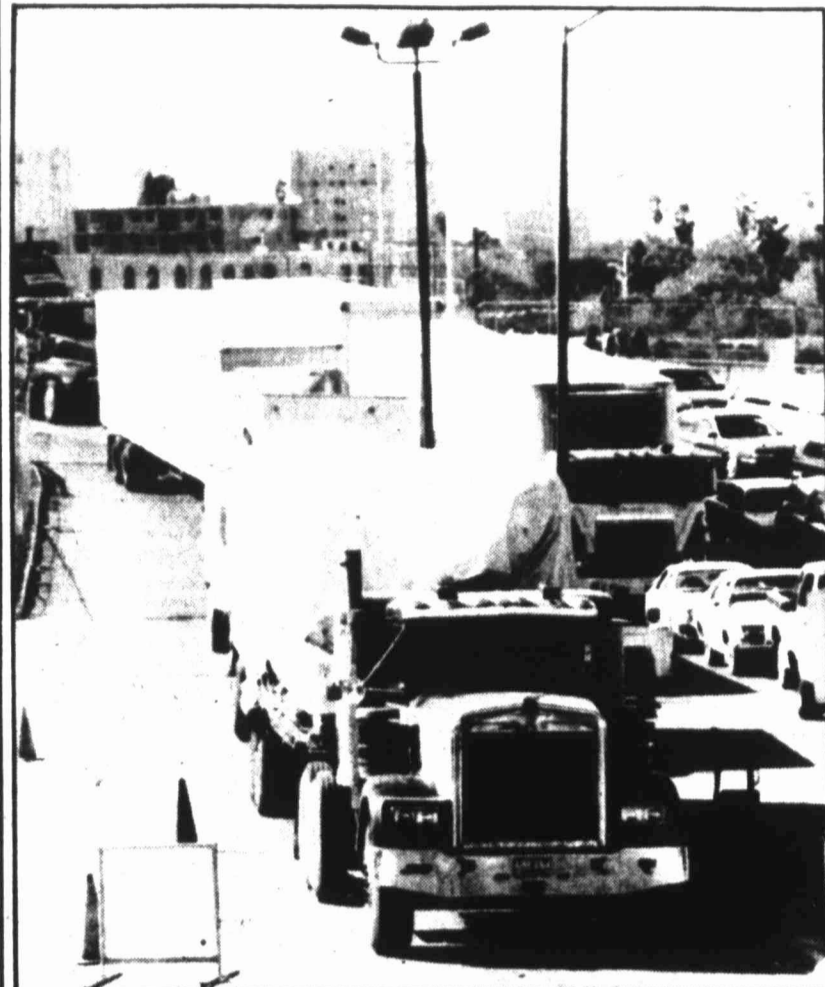
Rep. Clyde Alexander, D-Athens, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said he will work to have the state law changed when the legislature next convenes. But it will be January 1997 before the Legislature meets again.

"I'm going to get some advice from the Department of Public Safety and some other people, but I'll carry a bill to make it the way it was" before repeal of the federal speed limit, Alexander said.

Kevin Cooper, legislative liaison at the Department of Public Safety, said the agency opposes any provision that might discourage motorists from obeying the speed limits.

"If everybody could just drive 10 miles an hour slower on Interstate 35, we'd have fewer people die," he said.

TRUCKING PROBLEMS



Several hundred Mexican produce trucks line the International Bridge in Hidalgo Tuesday. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said the government was postponing new regulations giving Mexican truckers full access to interior highways in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Currently trucks are restricted to a maximum 20-mile commercial border zone.

Man indicted for threatening accuser

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man feels the U.S. system already took his children from him, and now he feels it's out to get him again — this time on charges he threatened a witness who testified against him in a civil trial.

Sadri "Sam" Krasniqi was indicted Tuesday on charges of retaliation, which his attorney, Khalid Y. Hamideh of Garland, says are unmerited. Hamideh said the charges are a black eye on the Dallas County district attorney's office.

The grand jury indicted Krasniqi, 56, on three counts of felony retaliation for statements he made to The Dallas Morning News in a Nov. 29 story about an unidentified female witness. Although it is unclear which woman was the subject of his remarks, three women have filed as complainants.

The 1990 trial, in which Krasniqi was charged with sexual abuse for fondling his daughter during a karate tournament six years ago in which his son was participating. He lost custody of both his son, Tim, now 16, and his daughter, Lima, now 11.

In the newspaper story three

weeks ago, Krasniqi recalled a day several years ago when one of the witnesses looked through the window of his downtown pizza shop. When he went into a restroom he thought she entered, she wasn't there, he said.

"If I ever see her again, I will kill her," he said, making a gesture mimicking strangulation, the paper said.

Hamideh dismissed the charges as another chapter in the unfortunate experience that Krasniqi, who immigrated from Albania in the early 1970s, has had with the American justice system.

Other complainants in the retaliation indictments were court-appointed investigator Virginia Butow and child welfare case worker Meredith Wunderlich, Hamideh said.

"You can't threaten people, witnesses and so forth," Dallas County District Attorney John Vance said from his home Tuesday night.

A civil jury took away Krasniqi's parental rights in April 1990, but a criminal jury deadlocked on a sexual assault charge two years later.

Their driver's licenses indicate both men are from Parkersburg, Iowa, police said.

Chad Kelsey, 21, surrendered at a convenience store in Gregory Monday night. He was being held on nearly \$1.8 million bond.

Infant remains found in trash can

CANTON (AP) — Medical examiners in Dallas have determined that what were thought to be the remains of a baby found in a trash can actually were the bodies of two infants, Tyler station KETK-TV reported Tuesday.

The remains were found Monday in a trash barrel near Texas 64 in eastern Van Zandt County.

Authorities believe Jackie Manley, 24, gave birth to the babies two weeks ago. Ms. Manley had said Monday that she panicked when she gave birth to a stillborn child and threw it into the trash.

The Van Zandt Sheriff's Department will await the medical examiner's report to deter-

mine whether charges will be filed against Ms. Manley.

Sheriff Truman Price said his office received a tip Monday night that a baby might have been buried off the highway. Deputies then found the remains in the barrel.

Canton is about 50 miles southeast of Dallas.

Reporter temporarily avoids jail for not revealing sources

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston Chronicle reporter who refused to reveal her grand jury sources in a story about the shooting of a police suspect has avoided incarceration, at least temporarily.

Jennifer Lenhart was detained Tuesday afternoon in a holdover room in the 209th state District Court while her attorneys raced to Austin to file a motion with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to keep her out of jail.

State District Judge Mike McSpadden had found her in contempt of court for refusing to name her sources. She was to be placed in the Harris County Jail at 6 p.m. CST if the paperwork were not filed in time.

Her defense team left the court at 2:40 p.m. on a flight to Austin, which is about 145 miles west of Houston. The attorneys reached the appeals court in time and filed paperwork to arrange an appeal bond for Ms. Lenhart sometime after the 6 p.m. deadline.

A judge on the criminal appeals court, whose name was not revealed, released Ms. Lenhart on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond and gave

McSpadden 30 days to respond to the Chronicle's writ of habeas corpus.

Tony Pederson, managing editor of the Houston Chronicle, said newspaper executives were "ecstatic" with the quick legal work and the release of their reporter. Her co-workers in the newsroom applauded when the legal team returned.

"The Chronicle is fully supportive of her exercising her First Amendment rights. We think she has behaved in a perfectly professional manner," Pederson said.

Ms. Lenhart refused to comment to The Associated Press.

The issue being contested is the secrecy of a grand jury proceeding.

In Ms. Lenhart's case, the sources for her Sept. 29 story were members of the 180th State District Court grand jury, whose term ended Nov. 2. On Sept. 27 the panel refused to indict a Bellaire police officer who fatally shot a Lamar High School student.

On Tuesday, Ms. Lenhart answered several questions before the grand jury panel, but refused to name the sources, invoking the First Amendment.

Garage door traps man in fire

DALLAS (AP) — An elderly Dallas man was killed Tuesday when his automatic garage door trapped him as he attempted to fight a fire with a garden hose.

Fire investigators say Benjie Givens, 82, left his Oak Cliff area home around 10 a.m. to retrieve a hose when an electric space heater apparently caused a fire inside his home. He returned through the garage to fight the blaze, but the automatic door closed behind him.

"There was still running water (through the hose) when we got here," said Battalion Chief Haskell Wilford. "The victim's body was lying against the garage door with the opener still in his hand."

Section Chief Dick Langran recommended as colder weather approaches, people should take care to keep heating elements far from flammables. Givens' heater first ignited a recliner before the fire spread through his home, where he lived alone.

"Always, always call the fire department first," said Langran.

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Second suspect sought in plane heist

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Authorities were searching Tuesday for the father of the man they have in custody for stealing a twin-engine plane from Houston and ditching in Aransas Pass.

Police were looking for 43-year-old Raymond Kelsey. They believe he and his son, Chad Kelsey, took the Beechcraft King-Air from West Houston Airport around 4:45 p.m. Monday.

Airport manager Woody Lessikar said controllers tried to contact the pilot by radio as he was taking off, but got no response.

Within minutes, a U.S. Customs Service jet was following the plane south toward Mexico.

The plane landed at an airfield in Aransas Pass, about 30 miles north of Corpus Christi. The Customs jet landed right behind and tried to block it.

The pilot tried to steer the

stolen plane around the Customs jet, but ran off the runway and into a ditch. Police believe the Kelseys, who police said left their wallets inside the aircraft, split up as they fled the plane.

Their driver's licenses indicate both men are from Parkersburg, Iowa, police said.

Chad Kelsey, 21, surrendered at a convenience store in Gregory Monday night. He was being held on nearly \$1.8 million bond.

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Livestock gather around feeders in an open field off of Wheeling Pike in southern Grant County, Ind., Tuesday. A storm dumped several inches of ice and snow over portions of north-central Indiana Monday and Tuesday.

Snow jams traffic, baby enters world 100 feet from hospital

High winds and heavy snows whipped up blizzard-like conditions from the Plains to the Northeast in the second day of a wintry tempest that foiled holiday travel plans and forced a baby to be born in a stranded car.

As much as a foot of snow had fallen in Ohio overnight; New York and Boston had each received 9 inches, while Newark, N.J. had 7 inches.

In Indiana, an estimated 10,000 residents were still without power early today after getting socked with the state's worst ice storm in four years.

Heavy snow was continuing in parts of the Northeast today and expected to result in a total of up to 20 inches from northeastern Pennsylvania to southern New England.

Joshua Charles Hoefelmann made his 8-lb., 1/2-ounce entrance into the world Tuesday at the height of a storm that dumped 10 inches of snow on St. Louis.

Caught in a traffic jam, Don and Diane Hoefelmann had made it to within about 100 feet of the hospital emergency room when they realized their time was up.

"I just stopped in the intersection, went around to her side of the van and did what I could, making sure the cord wasn't

wrapped around the baby's head," Hoefelmann said.

A doctor stuck in the same traffic jam came to the parents' aid, using Mrs. Hoefelmann's hair clip to clamp off the baby's umbilical cord.

"It was great," Hoefelmann said. "That doctor just left his own car sitting out there in the middle of the street in the blizzard. He was wonderful."

The storm threw a wrench into local commutes and long-distance holiday journeys from Missouri to New York.

More than 129 flights were canceled Tuesday at St. Louis' Lambert Airport, and more than 125 were canceled at New Jersey's Newark International.

At Boston's Logan Airport, only one of three runways was open early today. The entire airport shut down for nearly four hours early this morning.

In Cleveland, Hopkins International was open intermittently Tuesday because of poor visibility. A British Airways Concorde was diverted from New York's Kennedy Airport to Bradley International near Hartford, Conn.

Elsewhere, airports from Chicago to Baltimore reported cancellations and delays.

Travelers napped on benches at Pittsburgh International Air-

port as one after another of their flights were canceled or delayed.

"I missed my first flight because of the show. And then the second flight just got canceled," said Fayad Khatib, who was trying to get to Charlotte, N.C. "Just take me somewhere where I don't have to be in the snow."

Ice on power lines Tuesday blacked out thousands of people in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Slippery roads shut down schools from Kansas to Connecticut. And most New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Indiana state employees were sent home early.

National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Eberwine — who remained on the job — dubbed the storm the "Great Furlough Storm of 1995" in reference to the federal government's shutdown. He and fellow weather service workers were part of the furlough, but considered essential employees.

"We're here and not getting paid. We're dedicated, or wacky, I don't know," said meteorologist David Riley from the weather service's Brookhaven Township, N.Y., office.

The Associated Press

Clinton to veto defense spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton plans to veto a \$265 billion defense bill just sent to him by Congress, a move that will require a scramble to save a military pay raise set to take effect Jan. 1.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the bill as approved by the House last week and by the Senate on Tuesday "would be subject to a veto."

Clinton objects to provisions limiting his powers to deploy troops overseas, requiring the military to deploy a national missile defense system by 2003, and setting aside a half-billion dollars to begin expanding the B-2 bomber fleet.

He also opposes provisions requiring the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus and banning abortions at overseas military hospitals.

But Republicans have placed Clinton in a difficult position because the bill also includes a 2.4 percent military pay raise and a 5.2 percent housing allowance increase for married service members.

The veto would come as television news carries images of U.S. troops trudging into snow-bound Bosnia for a year's peace-

keeping deployment.

"What kind of signal do we send to those troops right now who are trying to fight the fog and the snow?" said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind.

The Senate sent the fiscal 1996 defense authorization bill to the White House on a 51-43 vote. The \$265 billion measure is only slightly larger than last year's defense bill, but \$7 billion more than what Clinton requested.

Although the pay raise and other benefit increases were included in a separate appropriations bill that the president signed, the authorization bill is required for the raise to take effect Jan. 1.

Congress is expected to go home for the year at the end of this week, leaving little time to grapple with the disagreements over the defense bill.

As a stopgap measure, Congress could attach the pay raise to a stopgap spending bill it may pass this week to keep the federal government running in the absence of a budget agreement.

Only a handful of lawmakers crossed party lines. Among them, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., opposed the increase in defense spending and voted

against the bill. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., whose state would benefit from a Seawolf submarine construction contract, supported the bill.

Democrats asserted that the Republican majority was using the defense bill to pay back friendly contractors.

"Certainly the defense lobbyists have had a banner year," said Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., opposed a final defense authorization bill for the first time in his career, complaining the bill contained too many provisions directing Pentagon contracts to specific shipyards in the home states of powerful lawmakers. Normally, the Pentagon issues contracts based on competitive bidding.

"These are sweetheart deals for certain shipyards," Nunn said.

Among those provisions: —\$1.3 billion for a helicopter carrier ship not requested by the Navy that would be built at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss., hometown of Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican whip and a member of the Armed Services Committee.

Better training order for FBI rescue team

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director Louis J. Freeh has ordered more and better training for the bureau's hostage rescue team in an effort to prevent the kind of mistakes made at the deadly 1992 standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

In a statement issued late Tuesday, Freeh said he has ordered all members of the FBI's hostage rescue team to receive training in hostage negotiations, behavioral science and crisis management. Coordinators of the FBI's regional SWAT teams also will be trained in those skills, he added.

"I believe this will ensure that every member of the team fully understands the importance and priority I place in negotiated solutions," Freeh said. The team "should only be used sparingly and only in situations that I am convinced, warrant their deployment," he added.

Freeh has previously acknowledged that the FBI made serious mistakes at Ruby Ridge and said he had made changes after the failed siege, including the revamping and expansion of the bureau's crisis management teams.

In October, amid stinging criticism in Senate hearings of the role played by law enforcement agencies in the debacle, the Clinton administration laid down new rules of engagement for federal agents. Under those rules, agents should shoot only in cases of "imminent danger" — and then only to kill.

The FBI was sharply admonished for its use of special orders at Ruby Ridge that said snipers "could and should" fire at any armed adult male spotted outside white separatist Randy Weaver's mountaintop cabin. The customary FBI shooting rule, by contrast, restricted the use of lethal force to protecting oneself or others.

Judge eases up on shackle order

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The judge who ordered a teenager shackled to her mother for a month to keep her out of trouble decided to make the arrangement more comfortable for both.

Family Court Judge Wayne Creech ruled 15-year-old Tonya Kline may be connected to her mother by a nylon belt around her waist attached to a strap instead of by the traditional prisoner's shackles. And he said the girl's mother, Deborah Harter, may opt to share the 24-hour responsibility of watching Tonya with Mrs. Harter's husband, Richard.

Tonya's attorney, Kevin Kearse, said he filed a motion Friday asking Creech to reconsider his Dec. 7 sentence.

The judge ordered Tonya shackled to her mother last week after Mrs. Harter said she would do anything to keep her daughter from being returned to a juvenile detention center.

Wrestlers help subdue rowdy tourists

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Their bulk came in handy.

When a Northwest Airlines crew could not bring a group of 18 British tourists under control during Monday's flight from London to Minneapolis, a group of wrestlers, who said they were in training for the U.S. Olympic team, offered to help.

"They assisted the flight attendants in subduing and restraining the rowdy, almost violent passengers,"

spokeswoman Sara Steig said Tuesday. "They were much larger than the flight crew."

The wrestlers helped pin several of the British tourists and handcuffed three men to their seats, in accordance with airline regulations for handling unruly passengers, Steig said.

The wrestlers said they were training for the U.S. Olympic wrestling team, but Steig said she was not able to verify that. She didn't have their identities.

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Abandoned twins find a home

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Only hours old, they were stuffed in a duffel bag and abandoned in a cold public restroom.

Now the newborn twins, who have been named Mary and Joseph, have been placed in a warm foster home for the holidays.

"They've got clothes, blankets, rattles and washcloths. Everything they've got is Christmas," the children's new foster mother said Tuesday. "I've got their stockings hung." So nicknamed because they were found so close to Christmas, the twins somebody didn't want now seem to be wanted by everybody.

Since news broke of their discovery last week, more than 650 people from as far away as Canada have offered to take care of the babies.

But the couple finally selected by state social services officials was not among them. They have been foster parent for six years and often care for infants. They also have two grown children and three grandchildren of their own.

"I was elated," said the foster mother, who asked not to be identified. "We don't have any small ones right now. Christmas without children is just not any fun. ... Usually in our family, we just hang out at the house and eat cookies and sing Christmas carols."

The couple brought Mary and Joseph to their two-bedroom home in the Panama City suburbs Saturday.

"We were up with Mary from 1:30 to 5 a.m. She's a little fussy. The night before last we were up with Joey. They take turns, I guess," the foster mother said. "They're already smiling. You can talk to them and they just smile."

Before adoption is considered for the twins, police are trying to find their parents or whoever left them in a duffel bag in a boat-ramp restroom at the Lake Powell Recreation Area, about 20 miles west of Panama City.

Used in summer by fishermen and as a lovers' lane, the park is largely deserted at this time of year, said Panama City Police Lt. Jerry Girvin.

Girvin called it a "Christmas miracle" that Debby Brewer and boyfriend Scott Price stopped to use the restroom Dec. 12 and found the day-and-a-half-old twins. The officer



Associated Press photo
Nurses at Bay Medical Center in Panama City, Fla., hold abandoned twins Joseph, left, and Mary Wednesday, less than 12 hours after they were discovered in a gym bag in a recreation area restroom.

said they probably would have died of exposure if left overnight in the 50-degree temperatures.

Now, said the foster mother, "They're doing real good. Mary has a little snuffle. Joey is doing fine. They're beginning to eat better."

Police fear that whoever abandoned the twins may have been just passing through the area and may not be found.

Florida counts about 1,600 abandoned children a year of more than 14,000 nationally, said Mike Haney, who investigates abandoned baby cases for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

"Obviously it's a very troubled person who would aban-

don a child," Haney said. "Most of the time you would suspect that the person is so clinically depressed they are not thinking clearly."

In Aurora, Colo., on Monday, a maintenance man on his way to work discovered an abandoned newborn baby with his umbilical cord still attached wrapped in a curtain and left in the snow at a trailer park.

Doctors said the baby was recovering from mild hypothermia Tuesday at a hospital, but was otherwise healthy. Authorities were trying to locate the mother.

Regardless of whether Mary and Joseph eventually are adopted, they will be the center of their foster parents' Christmas this year.

Stalled budget talks restarted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Republican leaders are renewing stalled budget talks with the hope of recalling idled federal workers before Christmas and settling on a seven-year, balanced budget by New Year's day.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., pronounced a two-hour White House session with Clinton on Tuesday "a very useful and very important step in the right direction." Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., called it "very productive."

But a one-hour follow-up session in the Capitol between White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and the chairmen of the House and Senate budget committees failed to work out all of the ground rules for a second session today between the president and GOP leaders.

Another preliminary meeting with Panetta and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, and Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., was set with the hope it would lead to a schedule for negotiating a balanced budget by the end of the year.

Gingrich said Republicans were waiting for the results of a second meeting with Clinton before deciding on whether to pass a temporary spending bill to recall 260,000 furloughed workers and end the second partial government shutdown in a month, which entered its fifth day today.

They spoke positively, though, of the latest effort to end the protracted struggle over Medicare and Medicaid savings, spending cuts and tax reductions that has consumed Washington since Republicans won control of Congress a year ago.

"It's a big step. We're serious about this now," Dole said.

Gingrich said Clinton had agreed to personally participate in talks from here on, to use the pessimistic Congressional Budget Office economic estimates that will require steeper spending cuts and to finish negotiating on New Year's Eve.

But Vice President Al Gore dampened the cautious GOP optimism.

Gore called Gingrich's statement on the CBO estimates a

"slight misunderstanding" and said Clinton would not be reconfiguring his latest proposal using CBO estimates. Rather, any new proposals tabled in the discussions would be estimated by the CBO and the ultimate result of the talks would use the CBO projections, he said.

Gore also said the New Year's deadline wasn't fixed. The administration, he said, wants to strike a deal "as quickly as possible and if it is possible to complete it by the end of the year, we want to do that."

"We don't want to search for disagreements here. We want to search for agreements," he said.

Angry Republican House leaders reviewed a videotape of Gore's comments late Tuesday night.

The tentative steps toward reigniting discussions occurred against a backdrop of tough talk at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue and a rebound in the stock market, which Monday plunged 101 points, the largest single-day decline in four years.

Clinton vetoed his third GOP spending bill in two days.

Senate Whitewater vote nearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Locked in a stalemate with the White House, Senate Republicans are pressing ahead with plans to take President Clinton to court for refusing to turn over disputed Whitewater notes.

The full Senate was to debate today a request from the Senate Whitewater Committee to authorize a court challenge to Clinton's claim that the notes are protected by attorney-client privilege.

On Tuesday the White House reached an important agreement with Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr, but it was not enough to break the impasse over the notes taken by a former presidential aide during a November 1993 meeting.

Presidential aides said they secured a "no-waiver" agreement with Starr under which the prosecutor acknowledges that if Clinton releases the notes, he would not be giving up his legal right to claim that other Whitewater communications with his lawyers are confidential.

Both Starr and the Senate committee have subpoenaed the notes, and both are willing to accept the White House insistence that Clinton is not waiving his attorney-client privilege.

But neither has gotten the documents because the White House continues to maintain that three other investigative bodies must also sign the "no-waiver" agreements.

Clinton, Dole even in New Hampshire poll

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Clinton and Republican front-runner Bob Dole are in a dead heat for the 1996 general election in New Hampshire, partly due to Clinton's strong support from independent voters, according to a poll released today.

Clinton would receive 42 percent of the vote and Dole 41 percent if the election was held now, according to the University of New Hampshire poll. Twelve percent of voters are unsure.

Independent voters are the key for Clinton in New Hampshire, which has more registered Republicans than Democrats. Independents support the president 2-to-1 over Dole, who would get 26 percent of their vote to Clinton's 52.

The telephone survey of 400 registered voters was conducted Dec. 10-15 and has a margin of error of 5 percentage points. Respondents were not asked about any GOP candidates other

than Dole, who has consistently led the pack of Republican candidates participating in New Hampshire's leadoff presidential primary, Feb. 20.

"These results suggest that Clinton would remain competitive if Dole were to win the presidential nomination of the Republican Party," the poll said.

Clinton in 1992 defied the conventional wisdom of New Hampshire being a conservative Republican state by beating George Bush.

Pollster Brad Coker of Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research in Columbia, Md., was less optimistic for Clinton.

"I would suspect that if Dole secures the Republican nomination and starts to put the party together, I think his numbers versus Clinton will improve," Coker said.

The strong showing among independent voters means little at this stage, he said. "Clinton is being seen at this point as the

lesser of two evils," he said.

Voters also were asked whether Clinton has done a good enough job to deserve reelection. More voters said he does not deserve another chance, 55 to 35 percent.

Even so, Clinton's approval rating has improved slightly from earlier this year.

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Jones seems unfazed by Cowboys' woes

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are banged up and have lost two games in December. Yet their leader, owner Jerry Jones, says to fret not.

"I feel we've got as good a chance as we've ever had as we go into the playoffs," Jones said on Tuesday. "We're 11-4 and thankful for it."

Jones, whose driving ambition is to win a Super Bowl without Jimmy Johnson involved, admitted the Cowboys have problems coming off two losses and a victory over the New York Giants Sunday that came only with a field goal at the final gun.

"I respect the fact that obvi-

ously we'd like to be playing well going into the playoffs. We'd like to see our team working on all cylinders," Jones said. "But I'd like to be sitting here for the next several years with an 11-4 record."

If the Cowboys win in Arizona on Christmas night, they will clinch their fourth consecutive NFC East title and a first-round bye in the playoffs. It could even happen on Sunday if the Philadelphia Eagles lose to the Chicago Bears at Soldier's Field.

But a Philadelphia win and a Dallas loss would put the Cowboys in a wild card spot, likely playing at home on New Year's Eve.

Injuries have hurt us, but there are some other teams even more banged up than us ... There will be no changes in our coaching staff whether we win a Super Bowl or not.

Jerry Jones

"Injuries have hurt us, but there are some other teams even more banged up than us," Jones said.

Despite the Cowboys record, Jones continues to be asked if coach Barry Switzer will be back next season.

"There will be no changes in our coaching staff whether we win a Super Bowl or not,"

Jones said.

And forget Switzer returning to Oklahoma, where Howard Schnellenberger suddenly resigned as head coach on Monday.

"It's not going to happen," Jones said.

However, Jones said it's possible the Cowboys could lose defensive line coach John

Blake, a former Sooner, who is lobbying for the job.

"We're not going to have any changes in our assistant coaches other than some coach getting a better opportunity somewhere," Jones said. "Losing John to Oklahoma wouldn't be something that would upset me."

Switzer said he was trying to concentrate on the game against the Cardinals.

"They need someone young there with a lot of energy," Switzer said. "They need a guy who will drive 35 miles in a snowstorm to talk to a recruit. I support John Blake. I think he would make a great coach."

Switzer said the Cowboys

problems are obvious.

"We haven't played good defense for three straight games. We're not a physical team. On offense, we can't score from inside the 20. We can't run the ball once we get down there," Switzer said.

"We expect the Cardinals to play an intense game against us. The Cowboys bring out the best in anybody. Maybe the Cardinals will be upset they are having to play on Christmas night."

Dallas is an 8 1/2-point favorite, but the Cowboys were favored by 17, 9 and 15 points the past three weeks and failed to cover.

Red Raiders off to red-hot start

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Koy Smith and three fellow seniors on the Texas Tech starting lineup have brought the Red Raider basketball team its best start in 38 years.

Smith leads Tech in scoring at 18.3 points per game. The 6-5 guard from Hale Center leads the Southwest Conference in 3-pointers, hitting 23 of 62 attempts (37.1 percent).

"We can play with just about anybody in the country if we just come out and play every game," Smith said Tuesday. "The Top 25, it means something to get up in there, but if we don't get up in there it makes us work even harder."

The Red Raiders (6-0) are averaging a SWC-best 89 points and 48.2 rebounds.

Yet they point out that the duration of their winning streak hinges on better shooting percentages, free throws and turnovers.

"It's tough. Everyone sees the six wins and no losses and so automatically they think everything's going hunky-dory," said Darvin Ham, a 6-7 senior forward.

"But that's not the case," Ham said. "As a team, we know what we have to do and we know there's a lot of ground we need to make up before conference starts."

Ham had 15 points and 10 rebounds Monday in Tech's 89-

84 victory over Old Dominion. Smith added 16 points.

Other than Oklahoma, the schedule hasn't been fearsome. The other victories came against Prairie View, Arkansas-Little Rock, Southwest Missouri State and Nicholls State.

But the 6-0 start gives the Red Raiders momentum going into their matchup Friday at home against Brigham Young (5-2). Tech has won 21 straight games on its home court at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

"We just aim to go out, have fun, play a good game, play up to our capability ... things have been working out for us so far," Ham said.

Other seniors on the starting lineup are forward Jason Sasser and guard Jason Martin. Sophomore Tony Battie also starts.

Coach James Dickey said his team is more mature than the group that tied Texas for the SWC title last year but failed to draw a bid to the NCAA tournament. Players need to work on managing time and momentum, he said.

"We're going to make mistakes simply because our guys are going to run hard. We're going to give them some freedom to create," Dickey said. "But we've got to eliminate the careless turnover."



Texas Tech's Cory Carr (21) scores during the first half of Tech's game with Old Dominion Monday in Lubbock.

NFL, players agree to extend labor peace

NEW YORK (AP) — Even while franchise free agency bedevils the NFL, it now has labor peace into the 21st century.

The league and its players union agreed Tuesday on a contract extension through the 2002 season.

The agreement was announced jointly by the league and its players. It adds one year to the current contract, which ends after the 1999 season, with the option for two more.

"We have a window of labor-management peace and a (collective bargaining agreement) that works well for both sides," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Union.

"It makes sense to extend the agreement. The fans, the players and the clubs want to see the games on the field, not in the courtroom or on the picket line. This extension should create more stability for the franchises, something everyone wants."

The agreement, in negotiation for more than a year, was held up by franchise moves.

It must be ratified by three-quarters (23) of the owners, who are to vote on the matter Jan. 17 in a meeting in which they also will decide on the Cleveland Browns' relocation. A majority of voting union members also must approve the contract.

The agreement comes during a year in which four franchises have either moved or announced plans to move — the Raiders and Rams from Los Angeles to Oakland and St. Louis plus the proposed move of the Browns from Cleveland to Baltimore and the Oilers from Houston to Nashville.

Seattle, Phoenix and Tampa Bay also are thought to be considering moves.

That movement had stalled talks for a while, largely because owners hadn't anticipated the effects of free agency and the salary cap. The cap has led to large signing bonuses, which are prorated to get around the ceiling, and has led owners like Cleveland's Art Modell to claim they had to go into debt to come up with ready cash.

Part of the agreement was the addition of a cap for 1999, an uncapped year in the original agreement.

In return, the players get the years required for free agency reduced for that year from six to four, which is the free agency period in use in capped seasons.

In addition, the cap for 1996 was increased by 1 percent to 63 percent, which the league and union estimate will add an additional \$700,000 per team. From then, it will be either 62 percent or 63 percent, depending on options to be exercised by both sides.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Goliad takes first place

The Goliad girls B-team took first place at the Greenwood tournament with wins over Greenwood and Sweetwater last weekend.

The Lady Mavericks defeated Greenwood 17-11 in their first game of the tournament. Heather Harris and Erin Matschke led with four points each.

Amanda Rubio got the defense going with six steals.

In the winner's bracket the Lady Mavericks met Sweetwater and delivered a 29-11 defeat.

Heather Harris helped the Lady Mavericks jump to an early lead by scoring 15 points.

Erin Matschke and Vanessa Rodriguez both scored four points while Brooke Kaczysk had seven

rebounds and six steals.

Klondike downs Dawson Dragons

DAWSON — Klondike's boys and girls teams dropped Dawson Tuesday night.

The Cougars clawed their way to a near-00 point game, winning 97-38. Leading scorers were Tanner Etheredge with 23, and Chris Arismendez and Michael Arismendez with 12.

The Lady Cougars defeated Dawson 52-48 to improve to a 5-3 record.

Snyder game cancelled

The Big Spring-Snyder girls basketball game set for Thursday has been cancelled.

The Lady Steers will return to action Jan. 2 against Lake View.

Rodeo cowboys trying to form union

DENVER (AP) — Contradicting the image of the cowboy as a rugged loner, rodeo riders are trying to form a players union. They don't think the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association is giving them a fair shake.

The contestants began organizing after losing a power struggle on the PRCA board in late November. During the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas earlier this month, the cowboys formed a task force to explore launching a players association.

"There's been some talk forever about having a players union, and I think maybe it's time for that to evolve," said

Rod Lyman, a steer wrestler from Lolo, Mont., who abruptly resigned as PRCA chairman after the cowboys lost the key vote in November.

"I think the cowboys are tired of not getting a fair share and not having much say-so," he said.

Since 1936, when rodeo cowboys formed the Cowboy Turtle Association — so named because they stuck their necks out — they've been battling for better earnings and a measure of security in a business where injuries and the luck of the draw are the norm.

In 1975, the group became the PRCA, the oldest and largest rodeo sanctioning body in the

world with 6,500 members. While most of the PRCA's membership consists of contestants, it also includes stock contractors, the local committee members who organize the rodeos, and rodeo contractors — bull fighters, clowns and rodeo announcers.

In the past, rodeo contestants usually were working cowboys with little education, but today they tend to be college-educated and they train like professional athletes. They also have different aspirations than their predecessors, who were happy to walk away from a rodeo with some cash in their jeans.

Tom Reeves, a saddle bronc rider from Stephenville, Texas,

who is on the players union task force, said contestants want insurance, more money and maybe even a retirement plan.

"If you get your leg broke, you have no way to support your family after you've given it your whole life," he said, adding that a players association might not benefit him — "I'm further along in my career, but maybe my little boy or my brother's little boy, it might benefit them."

PRCA Commissioner Lewis Cryer says things have improved dramatically for contestants since the PRCA reorga-

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SHOT OF THE DAY



What I did on Christmas break
UCLA center Mike Flanagan dances with a Maori dancer after arriving in Honolulu. UCLA plays Kansas in the Aloha Bowl Christmas Day.

TEXAS

Stars acquire Nieuwendyk

DALLAS (AP) — Joe Nieuwendyk has already cost one general manager his job. Now the high-scoring center has a chance to make another's much easier.

Nieuwendyk, whose contract dispute with the Calgary Flames played a major role in Doug Risebrough's firing last month, was traded to the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night and agreed to a five-year contract.

"We're really happy to announce the addition of Joe Nieuwendyk," Stars coach and general manager Bob Gainey said. "We feel that he will fit into our team and addresses needs that we have. We feel that Joe and the Dallas Stars will be a good match."

The Flames acquired center Corey Millen and the rights to junior right wing Jarome Iginla.

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Haselrig on ice

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Carlton Haselrig, the suspended New York Jets guard who has been missing since Nov. 27, was arrested on an assault charge by the Cobb County Sheriff's Office.

Haselrig, 29, suspended for a year by the NFL for violating its substance abuse policy, was charged with simple battery and being a fugitive of justice, sheriff's Lt. Ren Cross said.

Pacific drops football

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — The University of Pacific, which has had a football team for 77 years, is dropping the sport next season to save money.

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Denison (15-0) vs. La Marque (15-0),
2:30 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome,
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Class 3A
State Championship
Commerce (13-1) vs. Sealy (15-0),
7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey
Stadium, Waco

Class 2A
State Championship
Celina (14-1) vs. Alto (15-0), 7:30
p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Class A
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Floresco (14-1) vs. Thorndale (15-0),
6 p.m. Saturday, Brownwood

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N.Y. Jets	3	120	200	233	372	
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	733	388	303
Cincinnati	6	9	0	400	322	350
Houston	6	9	0	400	320	307
Cleveland	5	10	0	333	268	332
Jacksonville	3	120	200	251	383	
West						
x-Kansas City	12	3	0	800	332	238
Oakland	8	7	0	533	320	301
San Diego	8	7	0	533	294	306
Seattle	8	7	0	533	360	340
Denver	7	8	0	467	357	317

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	398	278
y-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	304	318
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.333	273	313
Washington	5	10	0	.333	306	342
Arizona	4	11	0	.267	262	385
Central						
y-Green Bay	10	5	0	.667	380	295
y-Detroit	9	6	0	.600	390	326
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	372	346
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	368	355
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467	228	298
West						
x-San Fran.	11	4	0	.733	430	230
Atlanta	8	7	0	.533	334	322
St. Louis	7	8	0	.467	287	377
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	272	305
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	307	348

x-cinched division title; y-cinched
playoff berth.

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 41, New England 27
Green Bay 34, New Orleans 23

Sunday's Games
Detroit 44, Jacksonville 0
Buffalo 23, Miami 20
Cleveland 26, Cincinnati 10
Houston 23, New York Jets 6
Carolina 21, Atlanta 17
Philadelphia 21, Arizona 20
Chicago 31, Tampa Bay 10

Washington 35, St. Louis 23
Kansas City 20, Denver 17
San Diego 27, Indianapolis 24
Dallas 21, New York Giants 20
Seattle 44, Oakland 10

Monday's Game
San Francisco 37, Minnesota 30

Saturday, Dec. 23
San Diego at New York Giants,
12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 6
p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Jets, 1
p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25
Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.
End Regular Season

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	18	6	.750	—
Utah	16	7	.696	1 1/2
San Antonio	14	7	.667	2 1/2
Denver	10	12	.455	7
Dallas	7	15	.318	10
Minnesota	6	15	.286	10 1/2
Vancouver	4	21	.160	14 1/2
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	15	7	.682	—
Seattle	15	8	.652	1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	5	.706	3 1/2
Portland	11	12	.476	4 1/2
Phoenix	9	12	.429	5 1/2
Golden State	9	14	.391	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	16	.333	8

Monday's Games
Chicago 123, Boston 114
Utah 110, New Jersey 103
Sacramento 92, Vancouver 85

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 94, Toronto 82
New York 89, Miami 70
Cleveland 100, Minnesota 95
Houston 103, Phoenix 96
Chicago 114, Dallas 101
San Antonio 111, Portland 103
L.A. Lakers 109, Milwaukee 105
Vancouver 94, Seattle 93
Washington 108, L.A. Clippers 104
Golden State 102, Charlotte 99

Wednesday's Games
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	18	6	.750	—
Orlando	18	6	.750	—
Miami	12	10	.545	5
Washington	12	10	.545	5
Boston	11	11	.500	6

New Jersey	9	12	429	7 1/2
Philadelphia	4	17	.190	12 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	21	2	.913	—
Indiana	11	10	.524	9
Cleveland	12	11	.522	9
Atlanta	11	12	.478	10
Charlotte	11	14	.440	11
Detroit	10	13	.435	11
Milwaukee	7	14	.333	13
Toronto	8	18	.308	14 1/2

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Utah	16	7	.696	1 1/2
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Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30
p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
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Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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Peter Ferraro, center, to Birmingham
of the AHL.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Traded
Paul Carey, first baseman, to the
Boston Red Sox for a player to be
named.

DETROIT RED SOX—Agreed to
terms with Reggie Jefferson, first
baseman, and Bill Haselman, catch-
er-infielder, on one-year contracts,
and Juan Bell, infielder, on a minor-
league contract.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed
to terms with Damon Easley, infield-
er, on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to
terms with Eric Hiltland, catcher, on a
minor-league contract. Named
Charles Maher sports psychology
consultant.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to
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KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded
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O.H.I.V.I.E. Water clear on main
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on crank baits, spinners and worms,
worms, smallmouth are far in jugs
on crank baits, white bass are slow,
crappie are slow to far on slabs,
20 to 40 feet of water over brush,

base are far on slabs and live bait,
catfish are far to good on live and cut
bait.
BAYLOR Water clear, lake full, 45
degrees, very few fishermen out due
to cold weather.
FORT PHANTOM HILL Water
murky, 51 degrees, very few
fishermen out.
FRYER Water clear, 3 feet low,
very few fishermen out due to cold
weather.
GRANBURY Water clear, 4 inches
low, 58 degrees, black bass to 3-
pounds are far on worms and spinner
baits fished in 2 to 12 feet of water,
striped bass are far on slabs fished in
30 feet of water, white bass are far on
small jugs fished under the lights at
noon, crappie are far on minnows
fished over brush piles, catfish are
good over batted holes.
GREENBELT Water clear, low, 52
degrees, black bass are slow to far,
white bass are far on spoons, wall-
eyes are far on live bait and Bottom
Bouncers.
KEMP Water clear, lake full, 53
degrees, very few fishermen out.
MEREDITH Water fairly clear, nor-
mal level, 50 degrees, very few fish-
ermen out due to cold weather.
OAK CREEK Water clear, 6 feet
low, 53 degrees, black bass to 5
pounds are far on worms, white bass
are slow, crappie are slow, catfish to
2 pounds are good on chicken liver
and shrimp.

FISHING
West Texas
ARROWHEAD Water clear, 2 feet
low, 45 degrees, black bass are far
on minnows and various jugs, white

But I just got here!

I haven't written too many
columns so you probably
don't know who I am,
which is good because I'm leav-
ing.

"What, you're leaving? You
just got here," is what you
might be saying, know-
ing that y'all will miss
my extremely talented
writing abilities. Or you
could be saying, "Good.
Hurry up and leave
so we can get someone who can
write."

Well, whatever you are say-
ing I am halting my short
career as a sportswriter to con-
tinue my education so I can
become certified to teach and
coach.

Now your saying "Oh, great -
he's going to be teaching our
kids," and the coaches are
probably saying "Uh-uh. See if
he gets hired on, what with the
story he wrote about us."

Whatever the regards I think
this is what I want to do.

It's ironic, while working on
becoming a sportswriter I
found out that I wanted to be a
coach. Covering West Texas
football only fueled my desired to
be on the field.

As an ex-jock I was reunited
to the smell of the locker rooms
and the feel of the grass. I
guess you don't know how
much you miss it until it is
gone.

I can remember my head
high school coach saying
"This is you seniors' last game
and when you leave you are
going to miss me being on your
tails, the smell of this smelly
locker room and your faced
buried in the grass."

Well he was right. He wasn't



Darrell Ericson
Sportswriter

as wordy as Dickens by saying
"these are the best of times and
the worst of times," but he got
his point across.

I couldn't have asked for any-
thing more as a sportswriter.
Six teams in the surrounding
area made the playoffs and
three were truly success sto-
ries.

Westbrook, in its second UIL
season, won its district, while
Stanton, picked near-last beat
No. 7 ranked Iraan to advance
to the area playoffs. Colorado
City, holders of a 19-game los-
ing streak, won district and
made it the area playoffs.

The talent of the players was
truly the best thing to watch.
Working with talent such as
Tanner Etheredge, Arian
Emmerson, Taylor Looney, and
Jeff Hill must be a great thing
to be involved with. I look for-
ward to working with such tal-
ents myself.

The one thing that remained
consistent in my coverage of
the area teams was the respect
the players had for their coach-
es and the effect the coaches
had on their players.

That has to be the biggest key
to success and I just hope in
time I can gather the knowl-
edge to possess it.

I can't wait to get on the field
with new and old talents and
watch them grow in abilities
that they have yet begun to
know.

No matter where I am or
what I am doing, I'll always
remember the teams and coach-
es that inspired me to go into
coaching and teaching:
Stanton, Colorado City, Sands,
Westbrook, Forsan, Coahoma
and Klondike.

There are a lot of people at
the Herald I will miss. They
have made a tough transition
easy. I just hope they know
how grateful I am for the
opportunity they gave me to
decide which road to take in
this game called life.

Thank you Herald and thank
you Big Spring.

Well he was right. He wasn't

Union

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nized in 1987, the year he
became commissioner.

Cryer said close to 800 PRC-
sanctioned rodeos are held
every year, 140 more than in
1987, and an additional \$8 mil-
lion in prize money is offered.
Moreover, while in the past
cowboys put up 70 percent of
the prize money at rodeos in
entry fees and the rodeo com-
mittees furnished the rest, just
52 percent of the purse now
comes from cowboys and entry
fees have not increased appre-

ciably.

"We have closed the gap
administratively," he said.
"We've applied rules and regu-
lations that make it possible to
conduct it like a business and
run it like a sport."

But the contestants have long
been dissatisfied with their lot
in the PRC. Six years ago,
they tried and failed to take
over the organization.

Things came to a head at the
November meeting in Colorado
Springs just before the National
Finals Rodeo.

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Jordan reclaims center stage; Bulls down Mavs

After playing a supporting role for several games, Michael Jordan was back in his accustomed spot as the focal point of the streaking Chicago Bulls.

Jordan, who has let Scottie Pippen carry the load lately, scored 32 points as the Bulls beat injury-ravaged Dallas 114-101 Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to 11 games.

Pippen, who averaged 31.5 points, 9.5 rebounds and eight assists in his previous four games, played only 29 minutes and left for good after the Bulls took an 81-72 lead with 1:25 left in the third quarter. He finished with 13 points, four rebounds and four assists.

"Scottie didn't have his game, so I did what I had to do," Jordan said.

Jordan, playing with a strained back and dislocated finger, was taken out with 8:42 to go as the Bulls finished a stretch of five games in seven nights.

"It was nice for us to get some rest at the end," Pippen said. "I didn't have a whole lot to give."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Detroit 94, Toronto 82; New York 89, Miami 70; Cleveland 100, Minnesota 95; San Antonio 111, Portland 103; the Los Angeles Lakers 109, Milwaukee 105; Houston 103, Phoenix 96; Vancouver 94, Seattle 93; Washington 108, the Los Angeles Clippers 104; and Golden State 102, Charlotte 99.

Dallas coach Dick Motta was ejected for arguing with referee Dan Crawford with 6:32 left.

"We probably got fouled 10 times that they didn't call," said Motta, who missed the previous two games because of his father's death.

Tony Dumas scored 24 points for the Mavericks, who have lost 14 of 16 since a 5-1 start. Dallas played without injured stars Jamal Mashburn and Jason Kidd.

Rockets 103, Suns 96

At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon had 31 points and 17 rebounds as the Rockets overcame the loss of Clyde Drexler. Drexler was carried off the court on a stretcher early in the second period after colliding with Phoenix forward Charles Barkley. Drexler has a deep bruise and is listed as day-to-day.

Knicks 89, Heat 70

Patrick Ewing had 18 points and 16 rebounds as New York defeated Miami in Pat Riley's first game at Madison Square Garden since quitting the Knicks in June. Riley was booed by the crowd, which watched the Knicks hold Miami to its lowest point total of the season.

Cavaliers 100, Timberwolves 95

At Cleveland, Terrell Brandon scored a career-high 32 points and the Cavs rallied in the fourth quarter to spoil Flip Saunders' debut as Minnesota's coach. Saunders, a two-time CBA coach of the year who grew up near Cleveland, replaced the fired Bill Blair.

Pistons 94, Raptors 82

Grant Hill led Detroit to vic-

tory at Toronto with 26 points and 11 rebounds. After the Raptors pulled even at 72 on Damon Stoudamire's basket, the Pistons took control. Detroit shot only 41 percent from the field, but made 34 of 39 free throws.

Lakers 109, Bucks 105

Nick Van Exel's 24 points helped Los Angeles hold off the Bucks at Milwaukee. Marty

Conlon scored a season-high 17 points, all in the fourth quarter, as the Bucks rallied to take a 100-95 lead. But Van Exel passed to Anthony Peeler for a 3-pointer and then made a 3-pointer of his own to put the Lakers ahead for good.

Grizzlies 94, SuperSonics 93

At Vancouver, Blue Edwards hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 remaining and then sank two free

throws to give the Grizzlies their first victory over a team with a winning record. Vancouver has won two of four following a 19-game losing streak. Edwards led the Grizzlies with 22 points.

Spurs 111, Trail Blazers 103

At San Antonio, David Robinson scored 31 points and Sean Elliott 27 as the Spurs rallied to beat Portland. Robinson

had 10 points and six rebounds in the final quarter as the Spurs won their third straight following a three-game losing streak.

Bullets 108, Clippers 104

At Los Angeles, Juwan Howard scored 27 points and Chris Webber had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Bullets. Brian Williams scored a season-high 33 points and grabbed

14 rebounds for the Clippers.

Warriors 102, Hornets 99

Rony Seikaly had 24 points and 19 rebounds as Golden State beat road-weary Charlotte. Seikaly's tip-in with 20 seconds left gave the Warriors the lead, and his two free throws with 4.3 seconds remaining clinched the victory. Larry Johnson led Charlotte with 23 points.

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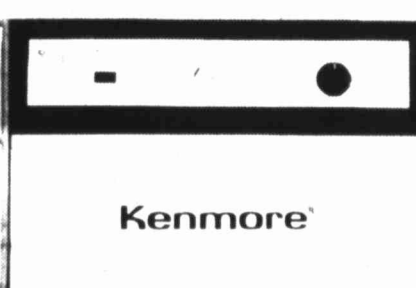


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Wednesday, December 20, 1995

Familiar faces brought Mitchell County judge back home

MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY - "I wanted to come back to a town where I could walk down the street in the morning and see familiar faces. Where I knew people, and people knew me," Ray Mayo said of his return to Colorado City.

Mayo's father was an oilman, and the family moved several times during his childhood, coming to Colorado City when he was in junior high school. Mayo graduated from Colorado High School in 1966

and went on to Angelo State University, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism.

After college came a career in newspapers, during which he did everything from being a reporter to managing editor. "The hours are terrible and the benefits are horrible," he said, "but it was fun."

He worked on the North Dallas Suburban News, the Corsicana Daily Sun, and the Huntsville Morning News before he tired of big-city life.

He came back to Colorado City in 1984, intending to enjoy the leisurely pace of a small

town. He even bought a place out by the lake, planning on taking up fishing.

"I've never had time to wet a line," he said, smiling.

Moving back home brought a lot of benefits, even though his job on the Colorado City Record took as much time and energy as any

big-city paper. Lifelong bachelor Mayo renewed a friendship with a girl he'd known in high school, and in 1985, he and Janet were married.

Marriage brought another new experience - fatherhood - with stepson Jeffrey, now a freshman in college. Parenting is fun and rewarding, Mayo remarked.

He decided to run for county judge in 1990. "County government always interested me," he said. "The courthouse was my first beat." County government is the arm of state government closest to people's lives, he

said, the place where one person can make the most difference.

A jack-of-all-trades is the way Mayo describes the county judge's job. In addition to presiding over Commissioners' Court, the county judge presides over County Court, Probate Court, Juvenile Court - even performs marriages and pronounces people dead. "I only had to do that once," he said. "Mostly that's the justice of the peace's job, and I'm just as glad not to have to do it."

He finds performing marriages to be fun because he knows the

people involved and it's a happy occasion.

As if being county judge didn't keep him busy enough, Mayo is president of the local Cancer Society, chairman of the local Salvation Army unit, Chairman of the three county juvenile board, and a member of the Executive Board of the West Texas Central Council of Governments.

Social life kind of died when Jeffrey graduated high school, he said, with no more band parents or booster club meetings to

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MAYO

Penwell postmaster rattles along

DANA BARTHOLOMEW
The Odessa American

PENWELL - He's self-starting, punctual to a fault; he everes the Stars and Stripes and wears a smile, rain or shine.

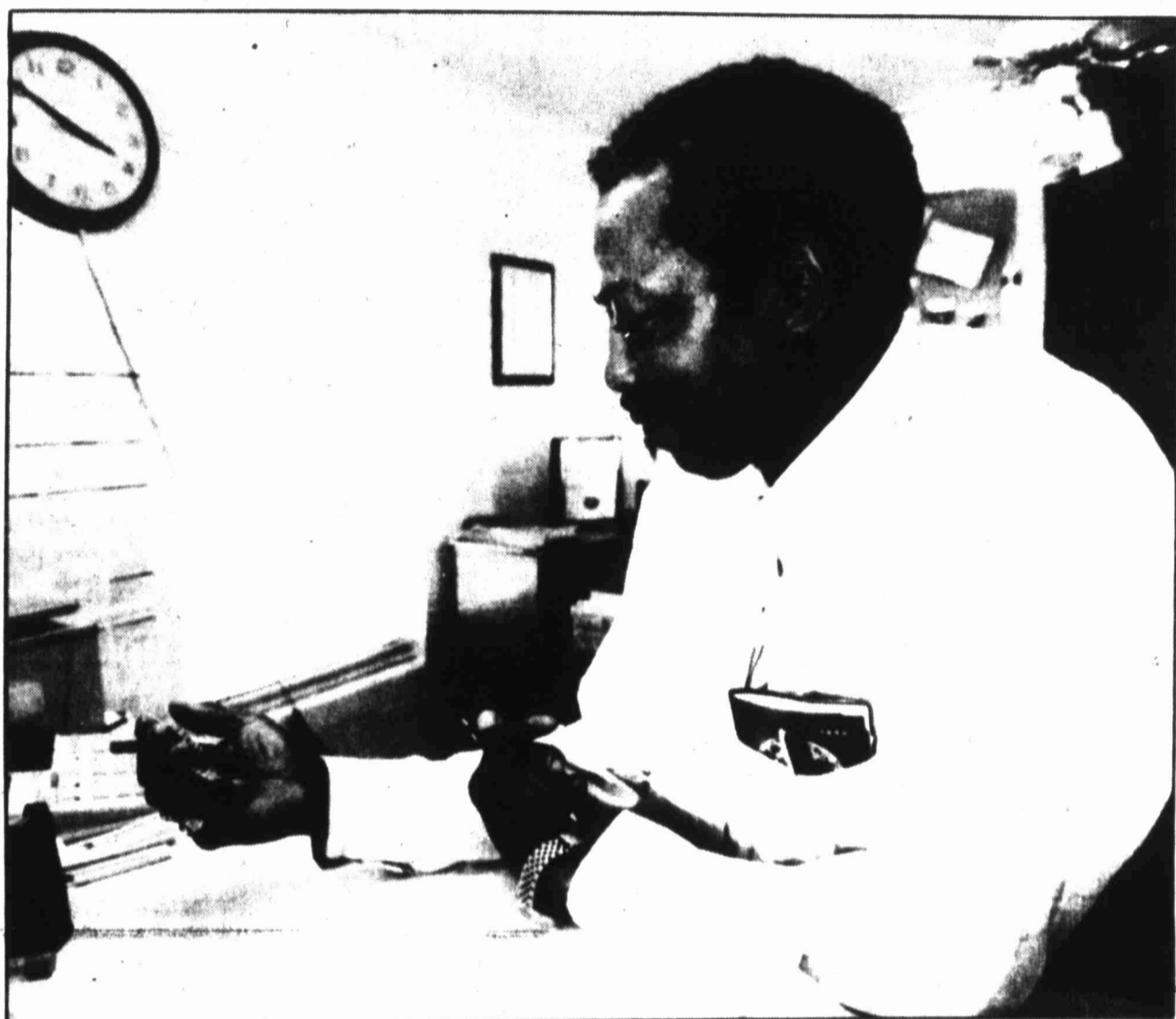
He's Tommy J. Jones, the new postmaster of Penwell.

What Jones didn't realize when he stepped into the job last August was that he would have to cater to the numerous snakes in his district.

Jones, 52, lives in Odessa. So he wasn't exactly prepared for the slew of customers marching into his roughly 15-by-25 cinder block post office shaking rattlesnake trophies like babies waving rattles.

"They tell you about the snakes in this part of the coun-

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Tommy J. Jones holds a handful of rattlesnake rattles that people have given him since he took over as postmaster of the Penwell, Texas post office. The post office has 29 post office boxes in service.

Christmas comes to the World Wide Web

DARIN POWELL
Scripps Howard News Service

Modems hiss, are you listening? On the screen, graphics are glistening.

It's a beautiful sight, we're on-line tonight.

Web-surfing in a winter wonderland.

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas on the Internet. As the big day approaches, holiday-related sites are springing up all over the World Wide Web.

Christmas Web sites come in all shapes and sizes. There are pages devoted to Santa Claus, pages about Christmas trees and pages with recipes and songs. You can look up Christmas-related charities, explore classic Christmas literature, or chuckle over yuletide humor.

One of the best places to start your Christmas Web exploration is Floyd Vest's Christmas Links page ([http://www.auburn.edu/vest-](http://www.auburn.edu/vest-mon/christmas.html)

mon/christmas.html). Vest, the coordinator for new technology at Auburn University, has assembled a lengthy list of Christmas-related sites.

After being greeted by a picture of Santa, you're given a list of links divided into several categories, including Santa-related links, humor links and links to commercial sites.

"I started it last year," Vest says. "It was really one of the first Web projects I designed. It amazed me how much response it did get."

Vest's page recorded 7,000 hits last month, and should get even more use as Christmas approaches. "Maybe even more interesting is that I had 500 hits in July," he says.

Along with the links, Vest's page also has an up-to-the-minute Christmas countdown. With one click, you can find out exactly how far away Christmas is.

"It's a fun little thing," Vest says of his page. "And it helps get me in the Christmas spirit."

IN THE BAG

During this season, many people find themselves gaining weight because they can't withstand the lure of all the goodies found on holiday tables.

Here are a couple of ideas for lower fat fun:

- Betty Crocker Fat Free Sweet Rewards snack cake mixes. Try lemon and chocolate flavors.

- Dandy candy: Candy canes have 55 calories and no fat.

- Two new low-priced cookbooks from Chariot Publishing, the publisher of Vegetarian Gourmet magazine: "Low Fat Desserts" and "Low Fat Kitchen", both priced at \$12.95. If you can't find them, call toll-free to order, 800-345-0096.

Note: Both books have many ingredients you may not have in your kitchen unless you are a vegetarian cook.

Having a cocktail party, dessert buffet, cookie exchange or holiday brunch? Substitute a sophisticated platter of thinsliced kiwi and starfruit in place of the usual mixed-fruit bowl.

Scripps Howard News Service

Hints for the last-minute shopper

It is hard to believe it is Christmas again already. My, how time flies when you are having fun! Or is it just my age?

It seems like every year we have this problem. Just a few days until Christmas and still a lot of shopping to be done. And every year at this time, I say, "Next year..." Well, you know how that goes. Next year I am going to get all my shopping done early and then I will really be able to enjoy the holidays. It didn't happen this year, but definitely next year. HA.

If you are a last-minute Christmas shopper, read on for some tips to help you make wise purchases.

•Before you go shopping for any gift, it is best to have a plan for the gift as well as for how much money to spend.

•Budget a set amount for gift buying - the total amount and the amount for each person's gift. Adjust individual amounts as necessary to stay within your total budget.

•Avoid using credit to buy gifts. If you can't afford it this month, how will you afford it later when the bill arrives?

•Focus on the people receiving gifts rather than the gifts alone. What are their hobbies? What would they enjoy that they would not buy for themselves?

•Take a list with the names of everyone you plan to buy gifts for, including their clothes sizes. This helps avoid returns.

•Have a place to keep receipts for gift purchases, in case you need to return item.

•Consider giving gift certificates or money. This works especially well for those whose interests you may not be familiar with. They can take advantage of year-end sales and avoid being stuck with items they already own or can't use.

•Look at unusual places. Grocery stores, museums, bookstores, craft shops and the like have a wide range of prices and gifts to meet the needs on

your list.

•Holidays are not a good time to test mail-order services. If you have not already ordered by mail, don't do it now!

•Give yourself with a special gift certificate. Give an isolated elderly family member a special dinner during a non-holiday time when he or she tends to be alone more. Give your children two hours a week to be alone with you to do something together, or buy season tickets to sports or other events in the community the two of you would enjoy.

•If foods are a favorite gift, focus on fruit and fiber foods. Avoid high-fat and sugar foods. Prepare a gift basket with all the goodies to prepare a low-cal meal, specialty coffees and a pretty much, a basket filled with fruit and a fancy bowl for fruit salad.

•Use newspaper, shopping bags and other items from your recycling stacks to make environment-friendly package wraps and save shopping time.

Last but not least, make a New Year's resolution to begin now to plan for next year's gifts so you can take advantage of sales and spread out expenses.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

GIVE US A KISS



Salvador Anzures gives Geraldine a kiss. The green sea turtle is a veteran of television, having been on "The Tonight Show" with the Turtle Lady of South Padre Island, Ila Loetscher.

PICTURE THIS



Scared of Santa
Shannon Inman Jr., 18 months old, wants no part of his introduction to Santa despite the coaxings of his dad at Jacksonville Mall in Jacksonville, N.C.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Betty Ruth Gutte, where are you?

The Norman, Okla., high school graduating class of 1946 is trying to locate Betty Ruth Gutte in time for the 50th class reunion. She came to Norman from Big Spring. If you know where she is, please write: Mrs. Barbara Dougherty Young, 1315 Salisbury, Norman, Okla. 73069.

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 swimsuit, 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.

Coahoma students compete to raise money for park

Students at Coahoma Elementary School decorated their Christmas tree and raised money for the Kids' Zone park at the same time.

The students bought stars to put on the paper tree in the lobby of the elementary building for 25 cents a star.

Rivalry between third grade and sixth grade was intense, but the competition ended in a tie, with each class raising \$166.25. The students raised a total of \$443.61.

Library to close for holidays

The Howard County Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays Dec. 23 - 26.

THE LAST WORD

The opposite of freedom is not slavery. A good state is not one that always has the most powerful opponents. It is one that has the most devoted supporters.

—Walter Lippmann

Freedom comes at a hell of a price. It is not guaranteed. It is fragile. It must be constantly championed and defended.

—Allen T. Neuharth

The First Amendment is freedom's gravity; it holds together all our individual liberties.

—Jerry W. Friedheim

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Reindeer: Exotic symbols of the season

By MARGARET FARNHAM
The Toledo Blade

NAPOLEON, Ohio — You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen. But do you recall ... Anya, Noir, and Ragnar?

These three reindeer live on the farm of Gary and Jeanne Westhoven of Napoleon.

Anya and Noir, however, will spend much of this Christmas season munching hay and shelled corn behind the rows of Scotch pine and Douglas fir trees at the Sand Ridge Nursery

and Garden Center on County Road O, just east of Napoleon, while Ragnar, the buck, remains on the Westhoven farm.

The Westhovens co-own the exotic animals with Tim and Kathy Kilroy of Cincinnati, but it is evident they are Mr. Westhoven's pride and joy.

Mr. Westhoven, president and co-owner of the nursery, is a jolly soul who loves Christmas. He doesn't have a white beard, but he does get a twinkle in his eye when he talks about the "magic" of the season.

"I'll still go outside at night on Christmas Eve and listen to

the quiet," he said. "There is still that sense that there's something different in the air. It's probably just an emotional thing, but it feels deeper than that."

Outside the Westhoven home, you can hear the "click, click, click" of the reindeer on Christmas Eve.

That actually is the sound of the tendons in the animals' ankles snapping as they walk, Westhoven explained.

Reindeer were developed in Lapland, the northern region of Scandinavia, as beasts of burden, he said. They were domesticated more than 1,000 years

ago and used for pulling sleighs and for milking.

The Laplanders also used their antlers, bones, and hide.

Many people in this part of the world think the reindeer is a mythical creature of the Christmas season.

In fact, most reindeer depicted in traditional Christmas stories resemble North American white-tail deer. In reality, reindeer are a stockier animal with a darker coat.

Westhoven has been fascinated with all breeds of deer since he was a child. In addition to the reindeer, he keeps a herd of fallow deer on his 45-acre farm.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS weight support group, 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

TUESDAY

- Encouragers Support Group, first and third Tuesdays each month, 5:30 p.m. First Tuesday meetings are at a local restaurant. Third Tuesday meetings are at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels (enter through patio), followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each even-numbered month, room 113 of the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by south-east door. Call 267-2769.
- VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency. 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.
- "The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. Call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- The monthly Family Education & Support meeting sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center is the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at The Corral at 3rd & Benton at 6 p.m. Contact Shannon Nabors at 267-0027.

•The Encouragers Support Group will be having a covered dish dinner, Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. Please bring a salad or vegetable dish and a wrapped gift for gift exchange.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Survivors sexual abuse support group, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church library. Call 264-0500.

THURSDAY

- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
- Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May. Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
- Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, noon and 6:30 p.m., third Thursday each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Sarah Neisig, (915) 683-9114, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829.

FRIDAY

- Survivors, 5:15-7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

- Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc. Call 1-800-329-4144. \$15.

SUNDAY

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

Women's rights are torch to be carried

A few weeks ago I had a party at my house. All my guests were female. The party wasn't anti-male, only pro woman. I truly enjoy the company of other women and I often wondered what it would be like to gather a group together for a party which did not require either bringing a



Christina Ferchalk
Columnist

shower gift or purchasing a set of plastic bowls. People told me my party wouldn't work for two reasons: 1) Women can't get along with

each other, especially on social turf; and 2) A party with no men is a party with no point.

Once the word got around, some men threatened to crash the event, in drag if necessary. On the night of the party I didn't know what to expect. As it turned out, I had nothing to fear. The men didn't show up. The women did. It was grand. My house didn't get trashed, and women clean up after themselves.

There were no fights to break up. Not once did I have to say, "that's enough now, take it outside, girls." And (best of all) although my bathroom was in constant use, no one taking aim at the toilet misfired and hit the wall.

For the most part we sat around my table eating, drinking and flapping our jaws while listening to the music of female blues singers.

Many of the women at my table that night were in their early to mid-20s. They have a tough row to hoe, these young ones. When they decide to be fruitful and multiply, they will remain wage earners. For them holding a job will be more of a requirement, less an option. When they come home to their families at the end of the day, their second shift will begin. During just a few evening hours they will be expected to do the same load of domestic chores it took their mothers and grandmothers all day to accomplish.

But unlike their mothers and grandmothers, their worth will not be evaluated by the cleanliness of their homes and tranquility of their families. These women, like none other in history, will be recognized for what they can attain with their minds, their hearts, their strength.

Just a few decades ago not one of the women at my table could have established her own credit rating or obtained a mortgage. Because of her sex she could be denied the right to serve on a jury. She would have been banned from taverns, restaurants and hotels unless escorted by a male. Her husband could dispose of her property without her consent.

I wondered how many of my young guests were aware of these things. Did they realize how very different their lives would have been just 25 years ago? Did the names Friedan,

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BICYCLE BUILT FOR WHO?



Juan Jose Perez pedals down a street in Brownsville, Texas, with what looks like a bicycle built for two. However, it is his friend's bike riding piggy back. The bike in the rear had a flat on the front tire and Perez was on his way to fix it.

A guide for healthier lifestyles

By LYNN BULMAHN
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — If you or those people on your gift list are planning to go on a diet come the new year, don't bother with those cook books of fat-filled foods you know will be forbidden.

Instead, a Waco author has just the book. And you fill in the blanks.

Nutritional consultant Lisa Hoelscher, a registered dietitian, has published the "Personal Nutrition Planner" (\$29.99; Excellence in Health Co.).

If you want to follow a heart-healthy, low-fat, wellness lifestyle for the '90s, Hoelscher's planner provides everything you'll need to shape up your lifestyle — and your body.

Not only does it help the family's meal planner, it is also a boon for people in training for athletic events, health-conscious people, newlyweds trying to get the knack of grocery shopping and parents busily juggling cooking with careers and kid's activities.

Perhaps its best target audi-

ences, however, are dieters of all stripes — people simply trying to eat healthier, those on special diets because of medical conditions, members of weight loss programs, those who want to lose weight or just maintain



Registered dietitian Lisa Hoelscher holds a copy of the "Personal Nutrition Planner" in Waco.

their present weight. Surprisingly, Hoelscher said, the idea of a health and nutrition planner is not one that's been used by the major planner publishers. The closest she's seen to her product is a section

on grocery shopping in another planner.

"Just like you plan your next week's meetings or your kids' events, you should plan your health," said Hoelscher, who is also one of the first people to be certified as a lifestyle counselor in weight control by the American Association of Lifestyle Counselors.

Simply follow the ample instructions in all eight sections of Hoelscher's book, and you'll find yourself eating healthier, counting your fat grams and making sure your meals are properly balanced on the Food Pyramid.

The looseleaf notebook planner has large enough rings to accommodate pages — and lots of them — from almost any other planner. Pages from standard planner refills will fit into it. That way, people can transfer pages back and forth.

"If someone uses a different planner page that they like better, they can put it in this one," she said.

Hoelscher said the planner is geared so a person can follow a healthy lifestyle program solo.

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Green, Brownmiller, Millett, Steinem, Abzug and Chisholm hold any meaning for them?

"At one point, during the party, I sat back and quietly observed. I took in the various shades of hair color and lipsticks, the melding of soft voices and raucous laughter, the flash of jewelry, and the eclectic mingling of perfumes. Small wonder men are so taken with women.

A woman is, and always has

been, a beautiful, fascinating, courageous, and incredibly unique creature. And now she has come into her own. Instead of being limited, she will have the opportunity to explore the limits of her own boundaries.

I hope the young women of the 21st century understand that the civil liberties they inherit as their birthright are handed to them not as a gift ... but as a torch.

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Judge

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attend Jeffrey is living at home while attending school, majoring in agriculture.

Janet is attending school in Denton to prepare for a new job as supervisor of a new one-on-one reading program for first-graders being instituted in five area school districts. The two take turns visiting on weekends.

Mayo sees hopeful signs of new growth in Mitchell County and its three cities - Colorado City, Westbrook and Lorraine.

The worst part of being a county judge for Mayo is juve-

nile sentencing. Although home probation is the best option, as far as he's concerned, sometimes the only thing left is to send a youngster to the Texas Youth Center. It makes him feel like crying, he said.

The best part of the job is "helping people. There's nothing better than being able to help somebody solve a problem."

In his second term as county judge, Mayo said he likes his job. "I enjoy working with the county officials," he said. "It makes the job a lot easier to have a good working relationship."

Rattle

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ty," he says, pulling from a drawer a half-dozen rattles, only one third his collection.

One customer told him he would bring in a Penwell rattle, the entire snake as soon as the reptile finished eating the rabbit.

"I didn't want to interrupt the dinner," said Jones, who was to see the results of ravishing the ravished.

It is typical of many rural postmasters in that he can run a tight ship in a small shop. He's also the first black postmaster of Penwell.

"I don't see many black postmasters in this part of the country," he says.

"I think it's an improvement," he says.

The Penwell office sits 15 miles east of Odessa, a few miles south of Interstate 20. Nearby is the Penwell drag strip and a heap of discarded car parts. Every few minutes a truck rumbles through belching its air brakes.

"A whiff of the windy door," says a sign beneath "Penwell, Texas 79766."

It's a solitary but important hub for community activity and the repository of unsorted mail boxes, mostly businesses.

The rock lyrics "left a good life in the city" blares from Jones' radio. But Jones, a veteran of the Odessa post office for 20 years, relishes his new responsibility.

"I think it's real good; I think it's a blessing having a postmaster job," he says. "The good thing about it is you can't put your mistakes on somebody else when something isn't done right, it's going to be on you."

Each day Jones, who once

had seven employees working under him as a building maintenance supervisor, feverishly works to show internal clock. Raise the flag at 7:45 a.m. Check the thermometer for the National Weather Service. Box the mail by 8:30. Blaze through the morning customers. Take care of loose ends. Lock the doors at 4 and be down the road at precisely 4:15 p.m.

And as Jones says, "As long as you run it right, you have no problems."

Jones, with a wife and six children, supplements his income with after-hours and weekend car sales at a lot he owns in Odessa.

Mark Barnett, manager of post office operations, is Jones' boss. The U.S. Post Office values predictability and good service, he said, and Jones is well-suited for the job.

"He seems very detail oriented," Barnett said. When Jones first started, "he started keeping records on his own progress of how fast he was going, his own time sheet on himself. I think that's excellent."

Barnett said because the U.S. Post Office is an equal opportunity employer, it wasn't significant Jones is the first black postmaster of Penwell.

"We get all different shapes, sizes and colors of people," he said.

And from time to time, snakes.

Jones places a higher value on his customers.

"They all treat me nice," he says. "It's a real good community. I wouldn't mind living out here. Get a trailer off back in here somewhere — 'course, the wind might blow it over."

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FORECAST FOR DEC. 21

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You deal creatively with unexpected information that comes your way. If you detach and gain a perspective, you see the positive side of what seemed like a negative. You are fortunate enough to have a new beginning or opportunity. **Tonight:** Take charge. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One-to-one relating is highlighted. Be more forthright about a money offer. Follow your instincts, and you will come out soaring. Touch base with your inner values before you "go for it." A partner is on your team; this support helps you do even better. **Tonight:** Go for closeness. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Defer to someone, and you'll get an earful; you might very much want to hear this information. Fun and lightness mix, and this can make your day. Recognize your limitations and needs. Honor a key change and let your popularity flourish. **Tonight:** It's party time. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 20) You accomplish a lot quickly. Positive vibrations surround a relationship. A friend makes a big difference in the quality of your everyday life. New beginnings are possible professionally. Listen to a trusted partner and co-worker. **Tonight:** Share intimate moments. *****

LEO (July 21-Aug. 10) Your imagination is high, break new ground, and you'll like what happens. Your impetuosity is a natural component to a relationship or a professional. A special friend or associate responds positively to your energy. Touch base with a loved one. **Tonight:** Play until you drop. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 21-Sept. 20) A co-worker may have a quarrel against you. Touch base with your needs and your desires before you leap into anything. Recognize your priorities and how important your family life is. New beginnings involve work and an effort. **Tonight:** Consider setting up a home office. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 20) You talk up a storm. Another approach goes a long way. Others respond to your charm and charisma, this often a new beginning. Go for what you want, because others are very responsible. Touch base with your long-term plans. Be more frisky. **Tonight:** Be turning to a loved one. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 20) Finances need to be monitored with care. Question what is important. Your faith, words, extra attention. You might feel more honey than you have for awhile. Bottom line: there is no

your mind, then zero in on what you want. **Tonight:** Get any remaining Christmas errands done. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are on a roll. Go for what you want. Luck, charisma and a special opportunity knock on your door. Your optimism wins friends with ease. Your positive attitude helps your success and positive interactions. Touch base with your long-term needs. **Tonight:** Strut your stuff. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A slow and easy pace helps you deal with an obstacle. Do honor your intuition regarding a monetary issue. Your ideas about gift giving are right on. Realize, think and consider what you want. The day gets better as the day gets older. **Tonight:** Go out, then party. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your softer side emerges. You are on the path to victory. A friend helps you see what's ahead. What happens. You are empowered. Unexpected good luck falls into your lap. You are capable of pulling rabbit out of hats. Go for what you want. **Tonight:** Play your magic. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take a bow in the limelight. Someone offers you something you think you can't say no to. You might find that what you've been looking for has you with a child or loved one. Ready to howl at the moon. Detach and do not be a "trapper." **Tonight:** Go out. *****

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, DEC. 21 You are in great shape this year. You make your dreams a reality. Happiness is the way you want. Your finances are enhanced as you seek ways to make money. A special event is on the horizon. A new beginning is ahead. Your car is in the shop. Your car is in the shop. Your car is in the shop. *****

THE STARS SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU WILL HAVE: A favorable day for Average "Yes" and "No" for Americans' best-selling horoscope, recorded daily by The Spoken Word and The Boney, which are your very own spiritual guides and the best of the services of International Mindpower Inc. *****

Dad of ring-bearing son must deal with ire-bearing ex-wife

DEAR ABBY: I am a service man stationed in the Philippines. Three years ago, my wife of 17 years and I were having marital problems. Without letting me know, she moved out of the house and went back to California, taking our 6-year-old son ("Jordan") with her.

We recently divorced, and I was granted Christmas and summer visitation with Jordan, who is now 6 years old.

Last summer, while Jordan was visiting me, I remarried and included him in the wedding as the ring bearer. My "ex" said if she had known I had this in mind, she never

would have allowed Jordan to come. (Actually, that's why I never told her.)

Abby, should I have told her and risked not getting my son for the summer? And do you see anything wrong with children being in their divorced parents' wedding? — EX-WIFE BLUES

DEAR E.W. BLUES: I see nothing wrong with children being in the wedding of their divorced parent. But I can understand your "ex" being ticked off when she learned you had made an "end run" in order to have Jordan serve as ring-bearer.

Although your wife told you that she would not have allowed Jordan to visit had she known your plans, when the

court gave you visitation rights last Christmas, and you had a visitation, that should be the right to decide what he should or should not visit with. So there was no need for subtlety. Next time, be honest with her, and if you must, remind her that you have paid child support. Have Jordan visit you.

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DEAR HELEN: In several European countries, facilities similar to your retirement community are available to most, if not all — seniors at little or no cost. What a blessing if these facilities were available to the majority of seniors in every country.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

How to choose a health club

By DONNA KENNEDY
Riverside Press-Enterprise

Questions to ask of prospective clubs before you discuss membership:

Decide what equipment, programs and activities you want.

Tour the club at a day and time when you would be using it.

Talk to members privately and ask how long they have

belonged to the club and if they're happy with it.

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HAULING: Have new 16x7 Tadem Trailer. Will haul cars machinery, furniture, and etc. Call 267-6398.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Announcements 036
J & D's Palace of Gifts Pre-opening
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Personal 039
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BUSINESS
Business Opp. 050
Ruff'n'N' Outdoor Sports Rentals is looking for a responsible person, club or organization to operate and share the income of a portable batting facility with pitching machines. You make arrangements with your local parks department for a location near the ball parks. We'll furnish the equipment and set-up. For all information, call 915-368-1830.
Instruction 060
ACT Truck Driving School
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273 CR 287, Merkel, TX 79536
EMPLOYMENT
Help Wanted 085
COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER- 3200 Parkway, a Long Term Care Facility, is interviewing for weekend RN position, 8 hour shifts per day. Please apply in person. EOE.

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Contact Fidell Herrera Phone: 915-766-3313. Now interviewing to hire Industrial Spray Painter. Must have extensive experience using industrial airless spraying equipment with industrial coatings. Must pass spray demonstration test. Must pass company required drug test. Good benefits. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Big Spring, TX 79721

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Please Call The Big Spring Herald
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Help Wanted

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INDUSTRIAL SALES OPPORTUNITY
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Network support company is seeking mature and professional CNE. Must be 3 x certified and have been certified for at least 1 year with experience. Send resume to Box 1708 c/o P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

HOME TYPISTS

PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-8423.

PART-TIME Leasing agent. Must work Saturdays. Apply between 1:00-5:00 at 538 Westover Road.

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Now hiring delivery drivers. Apply in person, must be 18. 1702 Gregg St. Excellent part-time job!!

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600 N. Marienfeld
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(915)570-0209

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RCUTE 700. Luther, Vincent & Lake Thomas. Approximate price \$650/monthly. Immediate opening. Call Scott, 263-7331 ext. 153.

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Salary \$1188.00 per month
Plus excellent benefit package

POS #3264. We are looking for a socialized specialist which will provide day, evening, weekend socialized activities with adult mentally ill consumers, and other related duties in skills and vocational areas. Skills needed are Planning, organizational and must qualify as a driver.

Contact: Recruitment, Human Resource Services
Big Spring State Hospital,
Big Spring, TX 79720
915-268-7256
or
915-263-9759
EOE

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is now taking applications for One Child Protective Services Specialist I position in Big Spring, Texas. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. For more information contact the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Personnel Office, 901 West Wall, Midland, Texas, 79701 or call 915-686-2304 between 8-12 and 1-5, M-F. All applications must be received no later than December 21, 1995. 5:00pm. Applications received after December 21, 1995 will not be considered. Equal Opportunity Employer.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER, 153 bed hospital has immediate opening for two Respiratory Care Practitioners, prefer CRTT. Contact T. VonHassell at (915) 263-1211 or fax resume to: Dpt of Human Resources (915) 263-6454 or apply in person at 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. EOE. NO RECRUITERS, PLEASE.

Help Wanted

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UPWARD BOUND ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

Applications are invited for the re-opened position of Upward Bound Academic Coordinator at Odessa College. Bachelor's degree in education preferred or experience in the field of secondary or post-secondary education; two years experience in education, advising, and/or mentoring students; two years experience/supervising student staff, strong communication and interpersonal relations skills, knowledge of TRIO Tracking Software and Upward Bound services and activities preferred. This is a twelve month position. Salary is \$20,000 per year. Upward Bound is funded through a U.S. Department of Education grant is for four years and is renewable at the end of this period. Application deadline is until suitable applicant is found. Applicants will be available from the Human Resources Offices on January 2, 1996, 201 W. University, Odessa, TX: 79764. Odessa College will be closed for the holidays Dec. 18-Jan. 1, 1996. Office hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8am-5pm, Fri. 8am-12pm. 915-335-6606. AA/EEO/ADA.

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Call VISION MAKERS, 264-7233

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Farm Equipment

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40HP FARMALL 504 Diesel Tractor with 8 pieces of equipment. Call 267-4848.

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220

FOR SALE: Horse quality alfalfa hay. See at Trio Fuels, North Lamesa Highway. 267-9434 after 6:00pm call 267-1446.

Livestock For Sale

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FOR SALE: 4 Roosters and 3 Hens. \$2 each. Call 394-4325.

MISCELLANEOUS

Antiques

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370

IBM PS/1 386 with Epson Stylus 800 printer. Lots of software included. \$1000. 263-4930.

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FOUND: Great Dane, 1 year or younger near 6th and Gollad on 12-6-95. Call 399-4868 after 6:00pm.

Miscellaneous

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25in ZENITH CONSOLE Color TV w/remote, excellent picture & beautiful inlaid wood cabinet \$200. Singer Sewing machine w/case, attachments/instructions \$60. Collector Lady Diane porcelain doll, antique \$150. WANT TO BUY: large bassinet w/mattress & sheets. 263-0875.

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Houses for Sale

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POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCE or Assumption! \$20's. Call Ellen Phillips Real Estate 267-3061 or Sharon 264-9207.

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1-915-520-9848

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Call Bill in Midland
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RENTALS

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FOR RENT: Small building or car lot. 810 E. 4th. Call Westex Auto Parts. 263-5000.

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521

\$99. Move in Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer. 263-7811.

FURNISHED SMALL 1 bedroom house, carpeted and drapes. Prefer mature single adult. NO PETS! Inquire at 804 Andree.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets. 263-6944-263-2341.

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525

Prime office or retail space available at 406 FM 700. Call 267-8310.

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3- 1 bedroom apartments. \$175/monthly. \$50/deposit. No bills paid. Available now. 1-1 bedroom apartment. Available January 1. \$200/monthly. \$50/deposit. 457-2358.

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Let's see if your "Letter to Santa" has been printed yet!



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Gift guide for the workaholic

By **TIM HARLOW**
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

"Hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to work I go." Does that familiar refrain describe the person on your shopping list? Here are a few suggestions for the gift-giver with the chore of finding something for the person who seems to spend more time in front of the office computer than he or she spends at home:

— Franklin Quest Planner; \$57 to \$195; Franklin Quest and many department stores.

This organizational tool is more than just a to-do list; it's a prioritizer. They come in four sizes, ranging from compact to jumbo.

— Relaxing music; \$10.95 for cassette tapes, \$17.95 for CDs; Brookstone and many music stores.

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— DeLonghi Caffe Sorrento Espresso machine, \$49.99, Target and many department stores.

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Dick and Beverly Ricenbow, Rawins, Wyo.

Robert Seago, Augusta, Ga. Arthur and Wilma Perry, Gainesville, Fla.

Ronnie and Gale Daughtry, Gainesville, Fla.

Courtesy of Joy Fortenberry, Newcomer Greeting Service

WHO'S WHO

The following area students are on the Texas State Technical College President's Honor Roll for fall 1995: Connie Brito, Big Spring; Velinda Edwards, Colorado City; Maggie Espinoza, Colorado City; Sheri Marsh, Colorado City; Justin Moran, Big Spring; Becky Morris, Colorado City; and Robert Parras, Colorado City.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll.

David Kirk Allen of Coahoma is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer quarter. Allen, a student in the Meat Processing and Marketing Technology program, is the son of David B. Allen.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 for the quarter.

20 MANUFACTURING JOBS

KVF-USA is building an assembly plant which may employ up to 20 employees, and is considering Big Spring, TX for its site as well as ten other locations in Texas. The company is evaluating the available labor pool in each of these locations.

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Demonstrating that there is a sufficient number of people in our community with the skills and interest that KVF requires could be the deciding factor in attracting this business to our area.

THESE LISTINGS ARE NOT FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT

- CNC Programmer
- CNC Operator
- 2AC Lathe Operator
- Welder
- Painter
- Shipping/Supply
- Oilfield Salesman
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THIS IS NOT A JOB APPLICATION

Please circle the response that applies to you, or respond as directed.

- How far do you live from Big Spring, Texas?
Miles: 10 20 30 40 50 Over 50
- Are you currently employed?
Yes No
- How long have you been in your current job?
Years: < 1 1-2 2-4 4-10 Over 10
- What is your current hourly rate of pay?
Dollars: \$4.5 \$5.6 \$6.7 \$7.8 \$8.9 \$10.11 Over \$11
- Indicate your work experience in years in the following areas:
Type of experience: Machining Assembly
Manufacturing Welding
Painting Clerical
Sales
of years
- Identify your level of education and graduation status
of years in school 1-8 1-12 1-13 1-14 1-16 Over 16
Graduate Y/N Y/N Y/N Y/N Y/N Y/N
- Which shifts can you work? 1st 2nd
- Name:
Mailing address:

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Addresses

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DAVID COUNTS, Representative, 78th District, P.O. Box 338, Knox City, 79529. Phone: 817-658-5012.

DAN MORALES, Attorney General, 209 W. 14th and Colorado St., P.O. Box 12548, Austin, 78711-2548. Phone: 512-463-2100; 1-800-252-8011. Fax: 512-463-2063.

In Washington
BILL CLINTON, President, The White House, Washington, D.C.
PHIL GRAMM, U.S. Senator, 370 Russell Office Building, Washington, 20510. Phone: 202-224-2934.
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, U.S. Senator, 703 Hart Office Building, Washington, 20510. Phone: 202-224-5922.
CHARLES STENHOLM, U.S. Representative, 17th District, 1226 Longworth Office Building, Washington, 20515. Phone: 202-225-6605.

Problem Gift List:

What to give Aunt Elsie, the puzzle-lover?

What to give Uncle Ed, the sports-nut?

What to give Cousin Fred, the movie-goer?

What to give Brother John, the travel-bug?

What to give Sister Sheila, the fashion-plate?

What to give Cousin Helen, the financial wizard?

What to give Father, the businessman?

What to give Mother, the recipe-collector?

What to give Little Joe, the cartoon-watcher?



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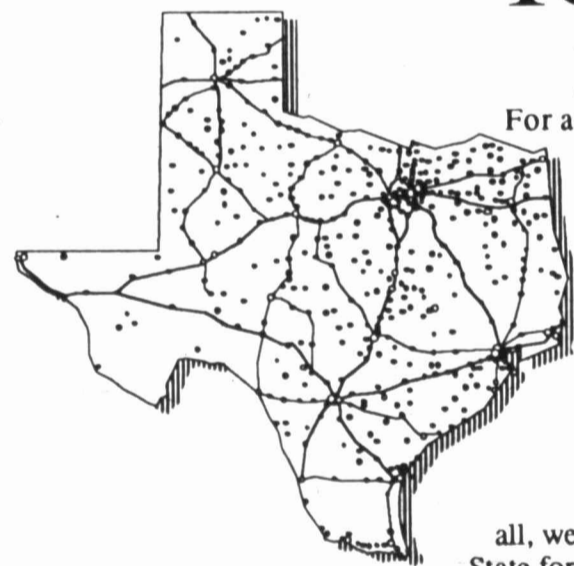
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Disease takes huge toll on state's oak trees

By JERRY NEEDHAM
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SAN ANTONIO — The stately live oaks already were old when Luis Garza moved onto his 2 1/2-acre Leon Valley homestead 32 years ago, and when they started getting sick last year, he was quick to act.

The diagnosis was oak wilt, an infectious fungal disease that has been ravaging oaks in the Hill Country for decades.

With three new locations detected this year, Bexar County now has 38 centers of infection. The disease is active at eight sites in Guadalupe and Comal counties.

"It's a very sad thing to watch your trees die," said

Garza, 70, a retired engineer for the Southwest Research Institute. "Some of these trees are a hundred years old."

With the help of the Texas Forest Service, Garza and his neighbor controlled the outbreak — injecting a chemical into the roots of nearby trees and digging a 2-foot-deep trench around the perimeter of their yards.

It could have been much worse. Oak wilt, which is spread through a flying beetle and the interconnected roots of live oaks, has killed tens of thousands of oaks in Texas over the last several decades, mostly in the Hill Country.

Preventive steps are much easier and cheaper than control

measures, said Mark Peterson, San Antonio-based urban forester for the Texas Forest Service, whose cost-sharing program can pay up to 40 percent of the cost of approved treatments.

"The primary treatments to control the disease are trenching, removing symptomatic trees — live oaks or red oaks — and also using a fungicide to save high-value trees," Peterson said.

"The red oak is the one that actually spreads the disease," he said. "It's the only one that produces a fungus underneath the bark which attracts the insects."

"The insects pick up the spores and fly off to fresh

wounds. You've got to have a fresh wound in order to get a disease center started. If that disease center involves a live oak, then it will spread through the connected roots."

The quarter-inch-long beetles hibernate during the winter, becoming active again in late February, shortly before the fungal mats peak in March, Peterson said.

The death of trees affects not only comfort and aesthetics, Peterson said.

"National studies show that mature, long-lived trees can add anywhere from 5 percent to 20 percent to the value of a home," he said.

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Pictured: "Chiquita" Small Chihuahua female, about 2 years old, fawn-colored coat with big brown eyes, needs calm home environment with older person.

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Ariana Marie Diaz, Dec. 8, 1995, 1:05 a.m.; parents are Cruz and Lupe Diaz.

Grandparents are Mary Lou Galan, Cruz Diaz, and Roy and Carmen Cervantes, all of Big Spring.

Kelly Ann Chapa, 12:25 p.m.; parents are Enemorio Chapa Jr. and Belinda Chapa.

Grandparents are Zaragosa and Rosa Gonzales and Enemorio Chapa Sr., all of Stanton.

Christian Taylor Arista, Dec. 4, 1995, 3:46 a.m.; parents are Christy Lewis and Bob Arista.

Grandparents are Robert Arista, Sand Springs; Rod and Theresa Lewis, Big Spring, and Minnie Quintinilla, Seguin.

Johnathan Garza, Dec. 8, 1995, 5:48; parents are David Garza Sr. and Lucy Garza.

Grandparents are Pedro and

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