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## One year later, loss still haunting memory



### Close family feels loss at Christmas

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

The holiday season isn't the same for those who knew Troy Hogue.

Everyone who did know him understood Christmas was his favorite holiday, and now his family is coping with their first Christmas without him.

His mother, Della, said she has to take it one day at a time, keep busy and push the thoughts away. Every morning, she looks at Troy's picture, tells him good morning, she misses him and then starts her talk with God.

She asks God to keep her family safe and to give each of them the strength to get through another day.

"When you are a close family and you lose someone so close to you, especially by this senseless act, it just takes a part of you. It breaks your heart in two even though you have gone through life accepting things you cannot change," Mrs. Hogue said.

The holidays are tough and Mrs. Hogue remembers last year when she was tired of all the preparations and she said something to the effect that they

shouldn't have Christmas. Troy hugged her and said, "Mom, we will always have Christmas here."

The family just isn't up to celebrating and no Christmas tree was put up at the Hogues this year. In years past, half of the living room would be filled with presents but it is too soon to continue those traditions.

Her and her husband, Bobby, said each family member has their own way of coping and they try not to be bitter or not to hate but it is hard at times. "It's hard because when you think about the fact if Levy Lee Edmondson Jr. had been in some type of correctional facility after he robbed a man at knife-point just days before the shooting, maybe our son would be alive.

"The law is going to have to change, regardless of their age. If they do the crime, they should do the time and if they take a life, their life should be taken," added Mr. Hogue.

They credit the ability to make it through to God, their family, the church and Department of Public Safety families and other law enforcement families always for showing them

### Officer Down

The ground was wet, yet strangely warm.  
His chest burned from the piercing thorn.  
He clutches the Badge he so proudly wore  
and felt his life slipping from his pores.

The Badge was heavy, much heavier than before,  
He had never really thought about the Badge he wore.  
The Badge had given him life beyond compare;  
a family a brotherhood, people who care.  
A life of joy, misery and fear,  
All the things that make life so sincere.

His vision blurred as he stared at the night,  
Night to day. Day to night.  
Loud noises, flashes, burst in the air.  
Oh my God, my God, what am I doing here?

He was only a man, but a man with a quest.  
A man who wore so proudly the Badge on his chest.  
The time had come for him to step down.  
To pass on the Badge, as he lay on the ground.  
All is quiet, he feels no pain.  
His life is over, his soul has drained.

They stand before him all dressed in blue  
Like Knights of the Round Table, tall and true.  
Their swords at their sides, their shields on their chests

A fallen brother they lay to rest.  
Out into the field of battle they go;  
Never knowing if home they will go.

Sgt. Victor Brake

### Ceremony remembers Hogue

It was a chilly morning at mile marker 187, illuminated by the flashing lights of the police cars, but few gathered there seemed to notice.

They were there to honor the

memory of slain Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue.

Members of the Big Spring

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### Master plan coordinator top priority

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Now that the city of Big Spring has a master plan the issue most entities are focusing on is getting it implemented.

Wednesday the Big Spring City Council unanimously approved the final reading of a resolution to support the plan with the addition of the following language:

"To support and implement the plan where economically and administratively feasible."

One aspect Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Tommy Churchwell view as vital to the master plan, once the council accepts it, is coordination.

No timetable has been set, but now that the plan is complete the long range planning committee sees the first priority the committee has is for the council to hire a plan coordinator to oversee its implementation.

Committee Chairman Tommy Churchwell said hopefully Big Spring will see the beginning of the plan's implementation by early January.

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### CHRISTMAS COMES TO AN END



After all that work, now it's time to take them down. Big Spring residents began removing Christmas decorations Wednesday.

Herald photo by Mary McArthur

### Troy Hogue's death, Edmondson's trial top stories in 1995

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Residents of Big Spring and Howard County were treated to a variety of news events during 1995. Several of them brought the community together while some nearly destroyed it.

The shooting death of DPS Trooper Troy Hogue was perhaps the most bitter news of all to handle.

1. One year later it's still tough to talk about for most people and still profoundly affects his family and the law enforcement community he worked with.

A trial which lasted almost a month finally ended with what many consider an unjust verdict because it was not a death penalty and because the jury was deadlocked 11-1 in favor of the death penalty.

But still a verdict of guilty of capital murder was rendered for Levy Lee Edmondson Jr.

The man convicted of the murder of Trooper Hogue must serve at least 40 years in prison

for his crime.

2. Another event in Howard County that immediately made us think of our families was the outbreak of rabies in Texas, which hit Howard County the hardest.

At last count Big Spring and Howard County stood at 53 positive rabies reports since mid-January with several people undergoing vaccinations.

The crisis that has plagued Texas and local Animal Control officials since January will receive some much needed help from the state health department in January or February.

A series of public meetings sponsored by the Division of Zoonosis Control of the Texas Department of Health also took place across West Texas to explain the plan to combat this outbreak - the fox Oral Rabies Vaccination Project.

Topics discussed at the public meeting in Big Spring in November included a review of the 1996 Oral Rabies Vaccination Project, fox rabies in Cen-

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**Texas Trivia**

Approximately how many Texans enlisted in the army during the War Between the States?

2,000

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**WORLD/NATION**

**World:** A U.S. military vehicle on a reconnaissance patrol struck a snow-covered mine Saturday, wounding a GI and making him the first casualty of the American mission in Bosnia. See page 5A.

**STATE**

**Controversial**

A radio station disc jockey's nude and pregnant pose on the cover of a free monthly fitness magazine has ranked distributors. See page 8A.

**Abuse tape shown**

In a rare pre-trial move, police have released a videotape of a 3-year-old unable to walk or talk because he was so badly battered following arrests of the child's mother and her common-law husband. See page 8A.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today **68** ▲ Highs **38**  
▲ Highs **38**  
▼ Lows

**Partly cloudy**

Tonight, Partly cloudy, high upper 60s, west winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty, lake caution advised; mostly cloudy night, low upper 30s.

**Permian Basin Forecast**

**Monday:** Cloudy, windy, colder, high mid 40s; cloudy night, low upper 20s.

**Tuesday:** Cloudy, windy, colder, high mid 40s; cloudy night, low upper 20s.



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tral and West Texas, and vaccine laced rabies baits and distribution method.

In this project animal food "baits" containing special rabies vaccine will be air-dropped. When foxes eat these baits, they will be protected against rabies.

In January and February, the vaccine baits will be dropped in a semi-circular pattern throughout parts of 16 central and western Texas counties, a 240-square mile area, creating a barrier of immunized foxes that should prevent the spread of fox rabies to areas outside of the "drop zone."

3. A 1995 story that seemed to divide the younger and older generations in Big Spring was the proposed closing of a portion of 10th Street for the purpose of building a multi-purpose athletic center.

Most of the argument against closing the street cited inconvenience of having to go another way to get some where.

After much consideration and discussions the Big Spring City Council agreed to the proposal and decided to close a portion of 10th Street to accommodate the building.

4. If not the most controversial decision made by the city of Big Spring in the last few years, the choice to award the city's ambulance service to the Big Spring Fire Department came very close.

Previous ambulance provider American Medical Transport didn't believe the fire department could have enough paramedics trained to take over the service.

The Big Spring Fire department now has 11 paramedics to man the department's new ambulance service, but not without a little extra studying for some.

The number is up from seven to 11 as a result of four more paramedic class members passing the retake of the state exam.

The results from the state exam taken Aug. 22 by the Fire Department's paramedic class revealed five of 20 class members had passed the test to become certified paramedics.

This means when the department took over the city's ambulance service Oct. 1, there were seven paramedics and 15 certified Emergency Medical Technicians handling the service.

Each of the ambulances currently has at least one paramedic and one EMT or a special skills or intermediate EMT aboard.

The difference between a paramedic on an ambulance and an EMT is the EMT would not be certified to use drugs.

Ten members of the paramedic class retook the state exam and those not passing the retest will meet with EMS Coordinator Tina Stone to decide what areas they need to concentrate to pass the test. They will also undergo 80 additional hours of classroom instruction before they can retake the test.

The fire department now has 11 paramedics and 22 EMTs for a total emergency medical staff of 33.

Fire chief Frank Anderson said he is pleased with the number of personnel on the EMS staff and feels like the department has two times what they need already.

5. One story followed closely by area cotton producers was the boll weevil, its eradication and the outbreak of the beet armyworm.

Howard County was not hit nearly as hard as San Angelo's Concho Valley, which lost more than half its 1995 crop or the Rio Grande Valley, where producers blamed the eradication program for killing several of the secondary pests which would have combated other insects.

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

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

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

Producers in the Rio Grande Valley had anticipated producing of more than 400,000 bales of cotton in 1995, with a yield of 581 pounds per acre. But, because of the beet armyworm infestation, production in the Rio Grande Valley was only 53,000 bales, with a yield of only 160 pounds of cotton per acre.



Rabies hit hard in Howard County as well as throughout the state. Quarantines were enforced while officials struggled to get the epidemic under control. Alone, in Howard County, there were 53 cases and several people had to endure rabies vaccinations.

San Angelo producers in the Concho Valley had expected to produce 168,000 bales of cotton, with a yield of 394 pounds per acre, managed 68,000 bales with a yield of 260 pounds per acre.

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

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

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

The efforts to get the boll weevil eradication program repealed in the Rio Grande Valley is also on Richardson's mind.

He said that's a situation everyone will have their eyes on and even though it may not directly effect the Howard County area, it may effect future programs throughout the state.

6. In what could be considered the most valuable lesson ever taught to a community, Big

Spring High School Football Coach Dwight Butler found himself and his team in the middle of a tough situation.

A junior varsity football player accidentally participated in two contests in the same week, the junior varsity and varsity contests, which is a violation of U.I.L. rules.

Butler thought about it and decided he was not the type of person to cover up an infraction so he turned the team into the state.

The infraction cost the Steers to forfeit a rout over Pecos, costing them a trip to the state playoffs, but what happened was clearly an accident and a coach was able to demonstrate real integrity and sportsmanship to his team.

7. On the economic development front the Wright fibers project was once thought to be a real windfall for Big Spring, but problems with financing finally forced Moore Development to cut its losses and look to someone else to take over the property and make the project a go.

In the early days of the project, optimism was so high that local business leaders felt like as many as 300 local jobs could be created by the textile mill.

The Wright Fibers project has been like an adopted child of

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., with Moore Development and the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority backing loans in excess of \$2.5 million.

After sending letters to Wright Fibers early in 1995 requesting he pay the interest owed on the note, Moore Development finally began the process of foreclosing on the property in April.

8. Described as a church elder and retired journalist from Texas, Big Spring resident Marj Carpenter became the first female in several years and layperson to be elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

Carpenter was elected to the position heading the 207th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church July 15.

Prior to her election carpenter had been active as mission interpreter for Presbyterian Church USA, retiring from that position Jan. 1 to travel to churches and presbyteries for sermons, talks and seminars on the church's mission.

9. An issue that was talked about in Big Spring and Howard County for almost a decade came to an end when voters defeated one half of a bond issue that would have built a new 96-bed county jail.

Voters said no to building a \$3.22 million facility. Many of the questions people had concerning the jail had to do with having a combined law enforcement center with the Police Department.

The size of the jail was also an issue. At one point there was discussion of a jail as large as 192-beds.

A lot of the jail discussions also stemmed from the fact that the state was behind in building additional prison beds, but overcrowding was eased when the state began opening new prisons.

10. Perhaps the most positive news of 1995 was the development of "Kids Zone."

The name for the community park was chosen by Big Spring kids as part of a contest for a unique way of building a park.

When the park is complete most of the labor and materials will have been donated and the park will become a permanent part of Comanche Trail Park sometime in 1996. The project,

once underway, will take only five days to build.

Architect Steve Lauzun met with kids at local schools to see what they wanted included in a park.

A few hours later he presented plans to the community during a public meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Katy McAteer is the Kids Zone coordinator and the idea came from within the parks and recreation task force of the Long Range Planning Committee.

McAteer saw a similar park in Plainview and thought what an idea for Big Spring.

OTHER TOP STORIES

Other stories making news in 1995 include the current federal budget situation that has delayed veterans benefits checks and cause several federal workers in Big Spring to be placed on furlough with uncertainty of whether they will be paid or not.

Big Spring resident Chris Christopher was convicted last summer in Rhode Island on 21 counts of defrauding two insurance companies.

Long time city employee Gary Fuqua became the new city manager in June after an extensive search to replace Lanny Lambert who resigned to take a similar position in Abilene.

The Big Spring community helped Howard College turn 50 years old by participating in various events marking the college's contributions and impact on the community.

Big Spring's first annual National Inter-Tribal Gathering transformed the Howard County Fairgrounds into a mecca of Native American culture.

The 157-mile Ivie Pipeline System was several months in the making, but was perhaps the biggest project ever completed by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Big Spring biggest undertaking is probably yet to come, but the development of the city's master plan, a blueprint of its future.

The proposed Planet U.S.A. Factory Outlet Mall seems to be a project on hold at the present time, but statistics are encouraging as to what an outlet mall could do for the community.

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"If we would have new knowledge, we must get a whole world of new questions."

Susanne K. Langer, philosopher, 1942

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# We must never forget those who serve us in blue

One year ago, Dec. 30, 1994, a tragedy took place in Howard County - Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue was shot and killed by Levy Lee Edmondson.

We know a good man was taken from our community. This was shown by the number of police in attendance at his funeral and by the many citizens lining the streets on a cold day to honor the slain officer.

We also know that his family has been suffering since such a senseless act took his life. They will continue to suffer the loss of a son, husband and father for the rest of their lives, a void that simply cannot be filled.

The one-year anniversary of Hogue's murder was marked by a wreath-laying ceremony at the site of his killing. His memory will continue to live when the Big Spring Police Department building is renamed in his honor next month.

The Hogues tell people, when asked what someone can do to help, that one way is to make a donation to the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement College Scholarship Fund at Howard College. This will honor him by keeping his memory alive.

That's what we can all help to do - keep his memory alive. We can work to change the laws that allowed Edmondson to be on the streets after allegedly attacking another man with a knife a couple of days before Hogue was killed.

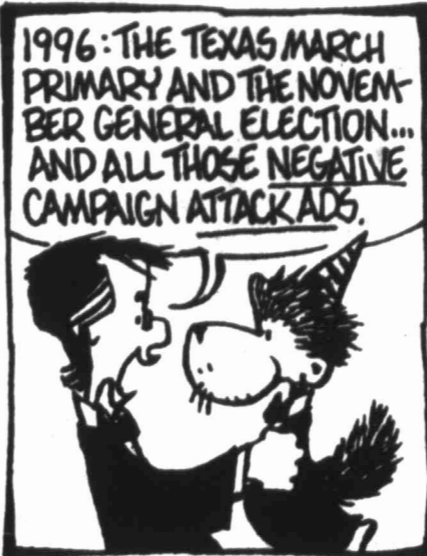
We can find ways to help kids like Edmondson early, in hopes of staying the criminal elements in their lives and filling it with better choices.

We can simply be nicer to the next police officer who stops us because they are putting their lives on the line for all of us. A little bit of appreciation for an extremely hard job can go a long way.

We must never forget the men and women in blue.

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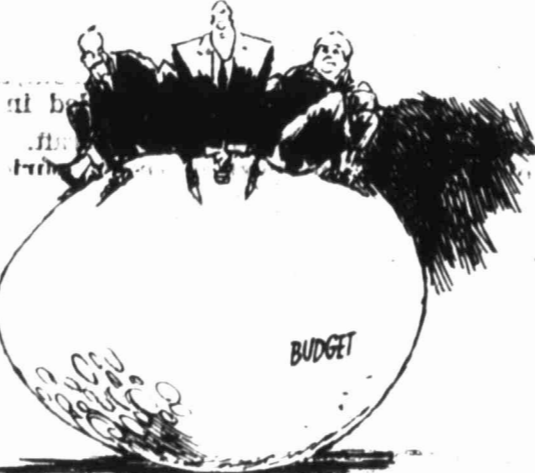
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# Predictions for 1996

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will face Senate Republican leader Bob Dole in November and beat him.

But it will be a bitterly contested, razor-thin victory with almost half of all eligible voters staying home from the polls.

Republicans will sweep the South and Intermountain West; Clinton will do well in the Northeast, along the Pacific West and much of the northern tier, and capture enough votes in battleground states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri to turn the tide.

Republicans will gain Senate seats in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and Louisiana and hold onto seats in Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, but they won't get the filibuster-proof 60-seat Senate majority they covet.

South Carolina voters will turn out 93-year-old Strom Thurmond.

Georgia Democrat Sam Nunn will resign his Senate seat early to allow former VA administrator Max Cleland to take his seat.

Despite a desperate attempt to lower his profile, Newt Gingrich will be forced to step aside as House speaker. Jittery Republican freshmen, worried about their own re-elections, will cut loose the father of the GOP revolution without so much as a look backwards.

The economy will lumber along, not taking a nosedive but lucky to match this year's 3.3 percent growth rate.

Merger mania will continue, especially in telecommunications and financial services industries.

The broad advances of the Dow and other market indices during 1995 will give way to more volatility in stock prices,

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but corporate restructurings will keep things generally up. Unemployment will drift down, but barely.

Whitewater will plague the president. Hillary Rodham Clinton will be forced to testify before the Senate Whitewater Committee, where she will rise Oliver North-like and smite her chief antagonist, New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and his Republican minions.

Bosnia will remain a searing controversy, and there will be American deaths. But it won't escalate into war. Pulling the troops out will be harder than Clinton promised but Congress will hold him to it.

Boris Yeltsin's presidential days are over. Russia's elections will bring back the right-wing (formerly communist) nationalists.

An Israeli-Syrian peace deal will return the Golan Heights to Syria with American troops sent to patrol the peace.

The final legislative scorecard from the 104th Congress will be mixed:

— There will be tax cuts, but less than promised.

— Welfare reform will pass and be signed by the president, but it will spend more money on child care and school lunches than Republicans proposed.

— Damage suits for faulty products will be limited, but the rest of the GOP legal reform package will fall by the wayside.

— Medicare will be overhauled. Medicaid spending will be curbed, but will remain an entitlement.

— The president will get the line item veto (but not until just before the election.)

Scripts Howard News Service

Well, another Christmas season has come and gone. A new year is about to begin.

I'm really not one of those who likes the Christmas season all that much, however this one was a learning experience.

I got the honor of hosting the family for Christmas. And honor equates to a lot of work.

First, there was the house to clean. I don't live in a pig sty or anything, but there were things that had to be done in order to fit five people into a house normally occupied by one and a cat.

Mother had given me a beautiful glass table for my birthday, but I had no chairs to go with it. Actually, I didn't worry about that after a talk with Mom. We decided a beautifully set table would offset the lack of matching chairs.

New Year's resolution number one: Get chairs for the table.

I purchased items I thought I never would in my life: lace covered placemats, lace napkins, napkin holders, candles, decorator salt and pepper shakers. I have to admit, though, Mom was pleased when she saw it.

Then there was buying all the stuff to eat. I admit I'm not much of a hostess - I'm not used to doing it, so I forgot food to feed them the day before Christmas. Mom and I went foraging.



DD Turner  
Managing Editor

# A Christmas learning experience

That was after we went to some junkyard Mom and Granddad saw on their way in for last-minute gift items. This idea of Mom's made for fun wrapping and opening and a good many laughs.

That all done, everyone but Mom and I got to nap because we were foraging.

I tell you, when you are a hostess there is no rest for the wicked. We went out to see the lights, listened to some Christmas music, and welcomed Brother, who was able to make it after all.

While the men played dominos, Mom and I baked pies and cornbread.

Finally, sleep. But, not enough. Granddad was up at 6 a.m. looking for coffee and breakfast.

What I didn't know was that the real work was just beginning. There was putting the turkey on, cutting up vegetables, cutting up fruit for fruit salad and peeling potatoes.

There was opening cans, washing up because I didn't have enough pots and pans. Did I mention peeling potatoes? I probably peeled eight pounds of a 10-pound bag and put them on to cook in the biggest pot I had.

New Year's resolution number two: Get pots and pans.

I listened to the brother while peeling potatoes. I had most of the bag already peeled, there were about four left, so, he suggested finishing off the bag.

I thought Mom's eyes were going to come out of her head when she saw the amount of potatoes being cooked!

Everything was coming together. For my first time, all went well. I broke with Turner tradition - burning something - until the next morning when I burned breakfast.

All this in a tiny kitchen with enough room for one and a cat but which was full of three people and a meowing cat.

Pippin never shut up. I have to give him his due, though. He acted very, very well. Didn't strike out at anyone, not even Brother. But, he meowed, meowed, meowed.

To make matters worse, my Dad was taken with a gift I had been given - a cat treat holder that meowed when the lid was lifted. My Dad would sit in there and play with it, Pippin getting the blame, and everyone about to tear a cat's vocal cords out. Dad continued playing the thing, especially since it held cookies, not cat treats.

I know I mentioned at the beginning I learned something from all this. I learned cooking for holidays is no easy chore. It's a great deal of work and preparation.

I never knew what Mom was going through when she tried to tear me away from the Dallas Cowboys game to help her fix Christmas or Thanksgiving dinner. I remember complaining about having to chop celery.

No any more. In fact, I salute all women who can do this with ease, without crying from the stress of it all, like I did. Those who can put together the beautiful setting, the best meal, everything. Much goes into it. Intellectually I knew this was hard work, that a great deal went in to it. I simply didn't know how much until I did it. Then it went from intellectual to actual knowledge.

All the hard work wasn't for naught, though. It was measured by the silence of people thoroughly enjoying a meal. As Mom said, that's the best

reward. New Year's resolution number three: Remember being a homemaker isn't as easy as it looks.

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In a photo off APTV footage, a wounded U.S. soldier is carried from a helicopter in Zupanja, Croatia, after being evacuated from northern Bosnia where he was injured in a mine explosion Saturday. The unidentified soldier was riding in a U.S. military vehicle Saturday when it hit a land mine making him the first American casualty in the NATO-led peace mission in Bosnia.

## Explosion wounds U.S. soldier

DUBRAVE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.S. military vehicle on a reconnaissance patrol struck a snow-covered mine Saturday, wounding a GI and making him the first casualty of the American mission in Bosnia. Spc. Martin John Begosh of Rockville, Md., a member of the 709th Military Police battalion, was treated by a Swedish physician at the scene, then taken by helicopter to the U.S. mobile military hospital at Zupanja, Croatia, NATO said. Begosh, whose age was unavailable, suffered a fractured right lower leg and injuries to his right foot, NATO officials said. Other U.S. forces in his four-Humvee convoy were not hurt in the 2:15 p.m. (8:15 a.m. EST) explosion. "Considering all the possible alternatives, the crew was fortunate," said Maj. Ryan Yantis, a U.S. Army spokesman in Tuzla. The explosive device was a surface-laid mine that sits on the road unburied, but it was covered with snow, Yantis said. NATO said Begosh was driving the first of four Humvees down a snow-covered side road near Bijela, about two miles south of Dubrave, when the

antitank mine exploded. The two rear vehicles were able to back out of the area, but the convoy was forced to leave the front two on the road. The convoy was "diverted" from its planned course, but Yantis had no details. Officials said mine warning markers — inverted red triangles — had been posted on both sides of the road but not on the road itself. NATO, which is implementing the Bosnian peace accord, says land mines pose a major threat to its troops. Officials estimate that between 3 million and 6 million mines are buried in the countryside. Begosh's mother, Judy, said from her Rockville home that she was told her son's injuries "weren't too serious." "When he first said he was going over there I was very worried because they said about all the land mines," she said. "I told him, when I knew for sure where he was going, to watch his back, to be sure to stay on the road and be very careful." In Washington, President Clinton pledged mine detection will remain a high priority. "Obviously we're very sorry

that it happened," he said. "But they're making good progress on the mine problem. ... We will continue to monitor it and do the best we can." Military specialists say it's sometimes difficult to find the mines because the Bosnians used no logical patterns in laying them. The blast site, just south of a Serb-controlled region, is heavily laced with mines. It's near where Americans are setting up a staging area to deploy armored vehicles into the northeastern sector of Bosnia. The type of mine that the Humvee hit contains about 12 pounds of high explosives, officials said. Signs erected by Swedish forces warn of the danger, and all people entering the region are warned to stay on well-traveled roads. Begosh is the first American injured in the 11-day-old peace mission. A German soldier was killed during an exercise on a frigate in the Adriatic Sea. Begosh is based in Hanau, Germany, and is deployed with U.S. forces on the Croatian side of the Bosnia-Croatia border.

## Stranded GIs find refuge, friendship on Serb farm

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Stranded for four days in freezing rain and snow, 28 American soldiers took refuge in the home of a Bosnian Serb dairy farmer who gave them firewood and boiled potatoes. The hospitality of the farmer, and of the townsfolk he brought by to see that — honest — there were Americans in his basement, gave the soldiers their first real contact with the people they are in Bosnia to help. "If there was anybody in the platoon who had questions about why we are here, those are dispelled now," Lt. Nick Alexander of Pittsburgh, the 23-year-old platoon leader, said Friday. "If we can do anything to help those people by being over here, it's worth it."

The soldiers, paratroopers from the 3rd Battalion of the U.S. Army's 325th Infantry, had just finished a foot patrol around the Tuzla air base on Christmas Day when they learned that a U.S. Blackhawk helicopter had gone down. They packed little equipment as they rushed to respond. "We didn't plan on being out there that long," Alexander said. Christmas Day was unseasonably warm in Tuzla, and the soldiers weren't wearing thermal clothing or insulated boots. Expecting to guard the downed helicopter in shifts for just one night, they took only one sleeping bag for every four men. Transmission problems had forced the Blackhawk to make an emergency landing in a hayfield near the Bosnian Serb-held town of Banja Luka, 75 miles west of Tuzla.

The paratroopers were nervous about entering Serb territory. But when they arrived Monday evening, accompanied by a British liaison officer and an interpreter, they found the Blackhawk pilots drinking beer given to them by locals. The pilots were flown out, and the paratroopers settled in to guard the disabled aircraft. The next morning, curious local residents came out to investigate the sudden appearance of American troops. "No problem," they assured the soldiers in English. By afternoon, the temperature dropped sharply, to just above freezing. The wind picked up, and it began to rain. Without shelter on a hilltop field, the soldiers quickly became cold and wet.

"At first we didn't mind getting a little bit wet. We thought, 'We'll be in a nice warm tent later on tonight,'" said Sgt. John Jolley, 27, of Columbus, Ohio. But as the weather deteriorated, it became clear that the team that was to haul away the helicopter would not come. When two soldiers began showing signs of hypothermia, Alexander and the interpreter walked to a nearby dairy farm where they had spotted earlier in the day and asked the farmer who answered the door if they could use his barn. The farmer, a huge man named Vladimir Usorac, opened the barn and also offered the soldiers a basement storage room with a wood-burning stove.

He gave the soldiers wood for the stove, offered them food and drink, and invited them to stay in his house. Later, he brought them potatoes and a huge pot of water for boiling. "He said basically, 'Anything you guys need, you let me know,'" Alexander said. The men took turns staying in the stove-warmed storage room and the unheated barn. Outside, the temperature dropped below freezing and it started to snow. By Wednesday morning, a foot had fallen. The soldiers were enthusiastically adopted by the local community. Neighbors offered coffee and the unheated barn. Outside, the temperature dropped below freezing and it started to snow. By Wednesday morning, a foot had fallen. The soldiers were enthusiastically adopted by the local community. Neighbors offered coffee

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## Floodwaters continue to delay bridge crossing

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.S. military policeman who drove over a land mine Saturday became the first American injured in the fledgling Bosnia peace mission, which was again delayed when floodwaters prevented the bulk of the U.S. soldiers talking part from leaving Croatia. And in a decision likely to raise tensions between former enemies, NATO announced there would be no delay in unifying Sarajevo under the Muslim-led government. The Bosnian Serbs had requested the postponement, saying they fear reprisals. Spc. Martin John Begosh of Rockville, Md., was in stable condition at the U.S. military hospital at Zupanja, Croatia, after driving over a land mine

in a Humvee, said Maj. Simon Haselock, a spokesman for NATO. Begosh, a member of the 709th Military Police Battalion, was in the first of the four vehicles when it hit a mine on a snow-covered side road halfway between Zupanja and Tuzla. Tuzla is the headquarters for the 20,000 American troops who will be patrolling northeastern Bosnia as part of the NATO-led operation. Zupanja is the Croatian border town where U.S. Army engineers are building a pontoon bridge over the Sava River into Bosnia for the U.S. deployment. Engineers were unable to complete the bridge Saturday because flooding caused by recent thaws made the venture too risky.

"We'll do it tomorrow morning," said Brig. Gen. James O'Neal. A column of M1-Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles was lined up on the Croatian side ready to cross. The American troops are part of a 60,000-strong NATO force that will patrol a U.S.-brokered peace accord in Bosnia, where Serbs waged a war of secession for 3 years. Some American troops have already arrived in the Tuzla area in northeastern Bosnia, but the Americans are depending on the bridge to transport most of the troops and equipment. O'Neal said rising water, which spilled over the Sava's banks, made it unsafe to anchor a key section of the bridge.

## Trade Center bombing suspect arrested in Philippine raids

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The brother of the man suspected of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Center bombing was among nine terrorism suspects arrested during raids in Manila, authorities said Saturday. Authorities displayed the nine to reporters at national police headquarters. Interior Secretary Rafael Alunan did not detail the allegations against the men, but offered explosives, detonating cord and other material seized in Friday's raids as evidence they were terrorists. Manila Police Chief Hermogenes Ebdane said Anonn is believed to be the twin brother of Ramzi Yousef, who allegedly planned the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured 1,000 others.

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# Parties talk budget, but shutdown continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and congressional leaders were discussing "all the areas of disagreement" in balanced-budget talks Saturday, but a partisan Senate quarrel left the government partially shut in a deepening crisis.

As the impasse affected increasing numbers of Americans, the president and Republican leaders met for more than four hours at the White House, took an afternoon break for their advisers to meet and scheduled an evening session.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the president, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich were working "on all the areas of disagreement." He said the three were sorting through the implications of possible agreements, rather than making agreements.

Dole said that the afternoon session concentrated on revenue measures and welfare, and that in the evening session "anything that's left" would be discussed.

Earlier, McCurry said the leaders were discussing "some of the fundamental issues first" — Medicaid, tax breaks, welfare and other tough areas of disagreement. "So it's not going swiftly," he said. "These issues are complex."

The spokesman described a casual atmosphere with light moments and "no acrimonious exchanges that I'm aware of."

The White House mess served bagels with cream cheese and honey, along with coffee and tea for a mid-morning snack. For lunch, Chief of Staff Leon Panetta's office ordered sandwiches from a restaurant chain: 20 turkey and cheese, 10 ham and cheese, 10 roast beef.

Clinton began the meeting by expressing optimism.

"I think we made a good start yesterday, we're making progress, and I believe we need to open the government. I hope we can agree to do all that," Clinton said before the White House meeting began.

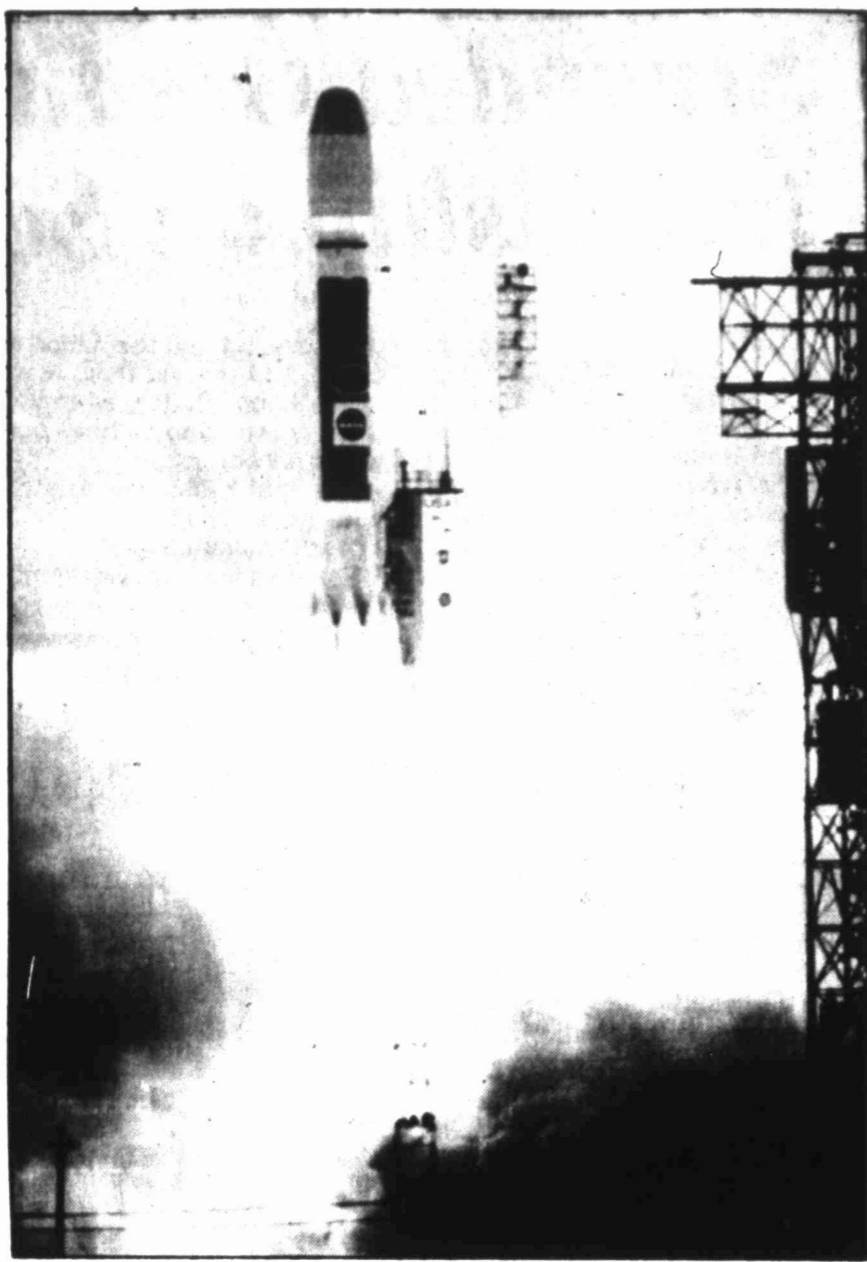
Dole said, "We're going to be in very late, late into the evening. The president said he's planning on feeding us tonight."

While the leaders talked, Americans suffered the consequences of a partial shutdown that began its 15th day Saturday. The problems are ranging far beyond the well-publicized closings of national parks and Smithsonian museums.

Processing of Federal Housing Administration mortgages has been halted. Passports are not being issued. Some veterans' benefits cannot be processed. Contractors handling Medicare claims will not be paid and federal funds to states for Medicaid will be limited.

Some states are preparing to close unemployment offices, because they exhausted their federal funds.

While a balanced-budget agreement may require several days to iron out differences over Medicare, Medicaid, discretionary spending and other issues, lawmakers could move quickly to return 280,000 furloughed employees to work.



Despite the government shutdown, a Delta rocket carrying NASA's X-Ray Timing Explorer satellite is launched Saturday from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The \$195 million vehicle, the size of a small bus, is designed to study collapsed stars and possible black holes.

# Shutdown doesn't cancel satellite's rocket trip

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's X-Ray Timing Explorer was considered essential enough to be launched Saturday in spite of the federal government shutdown.

The \$195 million satellite, the size of a small bus, is designed to study collapsed stars, possible black holes and other hot, compact objects in the universe for at least two years.

A Delta rocket carrying the satellite, the first new X-ray astronomy observatory since 1978, was launched at 8:48 a.m. after six previous attempts.

"We put in a lot of hard work

after all the scrubs and to finally get the spacecraft into orbit is exhilarating," said Lyle Holway, launch site director for rocket maker McDonnell Douglas Corp.

The launch initially was scheduled for the end of August, but that was delayed by a rocket malfunction.

Other launch efforts were dogged by high wind and technical problems. And one attempt failed because a valve froze shut as a result of successive filling and draining of the rocket's fuel tank.

# Co-workers charged in attempted bombing in Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Joseph Baillie boasted that he didn't pay taxes. Ellis Hurst kept to himself. Their co-workers were surprised to learn that they knew each other.

The government says they planted a bomb that would have ripped into the Internal Revenue Service building if it weren't a dud.

Baillie, 40, and Hurst, 52, could each face up to 50 years in prison if convicted of attempted destruction of a government building and use of a destructive device. They were ordered held without bail during a brief appearance Thursday before a federal magistrate.

Gardnerville rancher John Henningsen said Hurst lived alone in a cottage near his spread.

"I'd be irrigating and stop to talk to him once in awhile. But he never talked against the gov-

ernment. It was always the weather or something like that. He didn't seem like the sort of person who would get into trouble," Henningsen said.

Baillie was more outspoken, bragging that he was exempt from paying taxes, according to Chet Wass, who supervised both men at a building materials business in Gardnerville. "That's all he talked about," Wass said. "He was a little radical."

Both men worked fork lifts at the business 50 miles south of Reno, although Hurst was laid off earlier this month, the Reno Gazette-Journal reported on Friday.

A complaint filed on Thursday by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said Baillie enlisted Hurst to help him with the plan and borrowed Hurst's pickup to transport the bomb on Dec. 17.

# Lawmakers travel while shutdown continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chilly temps and frosty relations over the federal budget impasse are being left behind by some members of Congress. They're heading for South America, Asia and other foreign getaways, drawing criticism from the White House and their own colleagues.

It's a matter of bad timing, say some, what with the government's partial shutdown having idled a quarter-million federal employees.

While the number of Democrats and Republicans traveling appears even, the White House was quick to criticize Republicans who have fought against a temporary spending bill to reopen the government during negotiations.

"Is this really a way to negotiate a balanced budget?" White House spokesman Mike McCurry asked. "They should ask themselves that question and they should do so before they go fly overseas."

Picking up on the annoyance of foreign service officers, McCurry quipped that diplomats feel guilty that staff reductions are making it difficult to "carry all the bags."

Left to arrange accommodations and scheduling for traveling legislators are U.S. embassies, where some officials have been furloughed and others are working without pay.

F. Allen Harris, president of the American Foreign Service Association, which represents diplomatic corps members, said staffing cuts in recent years have made it more difficult to cater to lawmakers' needs abroad.

"We no longer have the capacity that we had in the past to engage in official tourism," he

said.

In one planned trip, Rep. Carlos Moorehead, R-Calif., is to lead members of a House Judiciary subcommittee through Panama, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Ecuador to investigate copyright issues.

The five-member group planned to take in the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru,

the spectacular Iguazu Falls in Argentina, the Otavalo market in Ecuador and Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro.

"Frankly, we are disturbed by the thought that while American school children are being turned away from Smithsonian museums, national parks, mon-

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# One killed, 32 injured in high-rise fire

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One woman burned to death in the fifth-floor apartment where the fire began, said Peter Michell, assistant chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire. A man on the 15th floor died of a heart attack, but authorities don't know if it was directly related to the fire.

All of the injuries were caused by smoke inhalation.

"I was walking around the hallway and it was pitch black," said Edward Randle, who lives one floor above where the fire started. "I thought I was going to pass out because of the smoke."

Randle, who became disoriented from the fire, had to wait for a firefighter to guide him out of the building.

"Smoke did go throughout the building through the ventilation systems, but most people on the other floors were OK if they stayed in their apartments," Michell said. "Most of the injured were on the fifth floor or those who tried to get out through the hallways."

Most of the 250 residents of the Liberty Park building returned to their apartments after the fire was out, but the fifth floor was uninhabitable.

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# Dear Voter: Please read on - and send a donation

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Dear voter: Please read on, please send money and, by the way, hope you don't mind all the mail.

With the 1996 presidential primaries and caucuses around the corner, it's campaign mail season in New Hampshire, Iowa and other key political states.

Registered Republicans, independents and activists — from gun owners to environmentalists — will be inundated with mail from GOP candidates as New Hampshire's Feb. 20 lead-off primary nears.

Many of the letters end up in the trash, but that's a risk the campaigns take to build early support and raise money.

Neil Wallace, 72, of Manchester, has gotten mail from Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and conservative commentator Pat Buchanan.

Some campaigns have followed up with additional letters and telephone calls.

Wallace reads the letters and isn't bothered by the calls but said he isn't influenced much.

"Anybody who calls me who wants me to vote for him for president, I tell him 'Yes,'" Wallace said.

Campaigns tailor letters for audiences. One letter goes to people known to care about a particular issue — like pro-family groups, gun rights supporters and small business owners — another to registered Republicans, another to independents and another to known contributors.

Before Florida's GOP straw poll last month, party activists were flooded with mail from presidential contenders. Each got a letter from someone in Alexander's hometown of Maryville, Tenn. Dole's frequent mailings included one from his daughter, Robin, and another targeted Christian Coalition members.

"Your mail has to complement your television; your television has to complement your message," said Jim Courtovich, Gramm's New Hampshire director.

Allen Clobridge of Strategic Message Design Group in Washington has specialized in campaign mailings for 24 years. Over the years, campaigns have adopted strategies from businesses that solicit customers by mail or phone.

"Some of the most sophisticated fund-raising mail that is likely to be seen is going on up there," he said of New Hampshire.

The extra work is intended to avoid making the right pitch to the wrong audience.

"That simple principle has been taken to its extreme. We spend as much time figuring out who to mail to and what to tell them as we do creating the piece," Clobridge said. "You don't want to talk about agricultural issues in New York City."

Even obtaining addresses is an art.

Campaigns buy lists from state motor vehicle departments. That gives them names and addresses, which are matched with voter registration lists collected from town and city halls.

Armed with a name, address and party affiliation, campaigns get more detailed information — and phone numbers — from companies specializing in data gathering. It's a process similar to that used by credit card companies or other businesses that solicit by mail.

In campaign parlance, the key is to get a "clean list."

"That means these people are all still alive, are all still Republicans or independents, are still at the same addresses," said Pat Griffin of Alexander's campaign.

Campaigns then categorize people, identifying those who might contribute money or sponsor a coffee chat, those who might need prodding, those who give the slightest indication of support. Good prospects get the royal treatment — video or audio tapes, books, faxes.

Dole's campaign has sent up to 30,000 audio tapes, while Lugar, Alexander and others have sent videotapes.

The work pays off in the final few weeks, when people begin to pay closer attention.

"Political campaigns have learned you have to — early and often — reach out to voters.

# Refuge

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fee and brandy and took pictures. The soldiers gave chocolate and candy to the children who crowded around, and joined them in snowball fights.

The farmer dropped by often. "He loved bringing his friends over to show them, 'Hey, the American army's here, in my basement!'" Alexander said.

The soldiers said they encountered nothing but friendliness on the part of the villagers. Local police offered to guard the helicopter for them, and Bosnian Serb soldiers invited the Americans to stay in their barracks.

"This hospitality was across the board," Alexander said. "Everyone said, 'We're glad the

# Travel

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uments, and memorials, some members of the U.S. Congress are looking forward to seeing exotic attractions," said one State Department cable from a South American post.

Dan Buck, top aide to Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., who plans to join Moorehead, said she would not go if a budget agreement is not in place. Asked what copyright issues were relevant to stops in Machu Picchu and Copacabana, Buck said, "Those were scheduled by the committee."

Americans are here."

On Wednesday afternoon, a truck convoy arrived from Tuzla, bringing food, sleeping bags and cold-weather gear. But the snow kept up, and it was not until Thursday that an army crew came to remove the damaged Blackhawk and — six hours later — take the exhausted paratroopers home.

Then, as the helicopter ferrying the paratroopers back to Tuzla took off, it accidentally fired a 70mm rocket. The rocket did not explode and no one was hurt in the incident, which was believed to be due to an electrical malfunction.

The soldiers, who have had little opportunity to get off the base, said the mission gave them a new appreciation of

their role in Bosnia.

"It was a really good opportunity to meet these people we're supposed to be helping out and to see them as people," said Jolley, the sergeant.

Alexander agreed. "I don't understand all the huge geopolitical concepts

about the war and why it started," he said.

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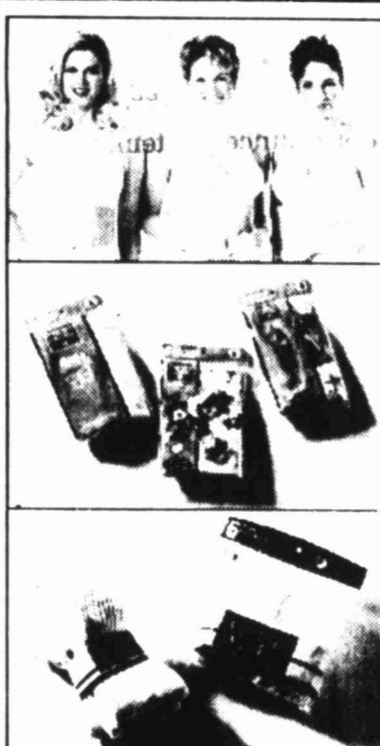
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# Police take rare step, show tape of abused child

HOUSTON (AP) — In a rare pre-trial move, police have released a videotape of a 3-year-old unable to walk or talk because he was so badly battered following arrests of the child's mother and her common-law husband.

"It made me ill. ... This is the worst case I've ever worked in four years in child abuse," said Houston Police Sgt. Catheryn Gardner.

The child's 19-year-old mother, Tracy Lynn Gillen was charged Friday with injury to a child by omission and remained with her common-law husband Sanol Antowan Terry in the

Harris County Jail on Saturday. Terry was charged with injury to a child and is being held without bail. Ms. Gillen was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

The couple have denied beating the child, authorities said. They say the boy got his injuries because he fell a lot, police said.

The unidentified child is now living with family members in Georgia, where state officials are monitoring his recovery from what appeared to be numerous severe beatings with a belt, switches and sticks.

A videotape made in Austin

County, where Ms. Gillen's mother lives, shows the mass of multicolored bruises and cuts on the child's arms, legs, back and chest. On the tape, the grandmother displays the injuries while the boy utters only a series of soft grunts.

Sgt. Gardner said the boy does not speak.

Houston police spokesman Joe Gamino said police decided to show the videotape "to address the problem of child abuse, not just in the city but all over the state, and to remind all caretakers ... state law requires certain things from them."

Among those requirements,

he said, is to seek medical attention for an injured child and to report child abuse. Failing to do either is a felony.

The injuries first came to light in late November when Ms. Gillen asked her mother to come get the boy, saying Terry was kicking her out of their apartment.

Ms. Gillen told her mother she had to go to a woman's shelter and could not take the boy because authorities would see his bruises.

That may have been a ploy to get her mother to take the child, Sgt. Gardner said, since Ms.

Gillen did not move from the apartment.

The grandmother drove from Austin County, picked up the child and returned home, where she called authorities, who later notified police and county child protective services.

The tape shows the grandmother standing him up, holding out her hands and asking him to walk. After a couple of failed attempts, the child shakes his head.

It later turned out that one of the boy's bruised, swollen legs was broken.

Sgt. Gardner said Ms. Gillen denied knowing about the boy's

injuries, although they cover nearly every portion of his body.

The boy is not Terry's child, Sgt. Gardner said.

Judy Hay, CPS spokeswoman, said an 11-month-old girl, who is Terry's child, appeared fine. That child is living with Terry's parents.

Hay said CPS will take custody of the child if Ms. Gillen gets out of jail and tries to take the girl.

Ms. Gillen is nine months pregnant with her third child and intends to give that child to Terry's parents once it's born.

## Imitation cover rankles

Disc jockey's cover of Moore's nude pose causing distribution problems

HOUSTON (AP) — A radio station disc jockey's nude and pregnant pose on the cover of a free monthly fitness magazine has rankled distributors.

Dayna Steele is the featured cover model of the January issue of Houston Health & Fitness Sports Magazine. She appears nude and 6 1/2 months pregnant, imitating the infamous pose first initiated by actress Demi Moore.

"Let's face it, I'm not a shy person," Steele said. "If I was a shy person, I wouldn't be on the radio. It's what I do. I'm an entertainer — and it certainly didn't hurt Demi Moore's career."

While the January issue won't be fully distributed until next week, some businesses have already called to return copies featuring the KLOL radio host.

"It's not directly pornography, but it's about as close as you can get without being pornography," said Lisa D'Angelo, executive director of the Northwest YMCA, who sent back copies received at the center.

Dermatologist Esta Kronberg says she wasn't offended by the cover. But she returned the copies to the publisher anyway because she worried about her patients' sensibilities.

"We didn't want to cause a stink. I didn't want them to waste it," Ms. Kronberg said. "It's just inappropriate for my office."

The 36-year-old Steele said the response she's received — from callers to the station to colleagues — has been overwhelmingly positive.

"People have been generally quite excited about it," she said. "This is a celebration of the pregnant, fit body. There's really nothing more beautiful than a pregnant woman."

KLOL program director Andy Beaubien said the decision was all Steele's.

"It wasn't really a station promotion idea," Beaubien said Saturday. "It was basically something she wanted to do and she arranged it and it was her decision."

Some businesses are waiting to hear from their clients or customers before deciding whether to keep or toss the January issue.



Radio disc jockey Dayna Steele is shown at the KLOL studios in Houston. Steele's imitation of Demi Moore's pregnant pose for the January cover of Health & Fitness magazine has several stores and other outlets refusing to stock the free publication.

"It did put us in an awkward position having to censor something, or potentially to have to censor something," said Dave Cardone, owner of Memorial Athletic Club.

At first, he thought he'd send them back.

Now, he's waiting to find out what his clients think.

"I personally thought it might be a bit too much, but I realize there are people out there with a lot of different tastes," Cardone said.

The Randalls grocery store chain, which displays Health & Fitness on magazine racks, will discuss next week what, if anything, to do about this issue. The grocer is waiting to gauge customer reaction.

The magazine, typically filled with stories on family fitness, exercise and nutrition guidelines, and with ads for health

clubs and plastic surgeons, was founded 11 years ago by editor Diane Stafford.

"It's a departure for us, but we're in the entertainment business, so we feel like it fits and it works," Stafford said. "When the Vanity Fair cover came out, my daughter and I were kind of eyeing a woman at The Houstonian who was a very fit pregnant woman, and we were thinking this would make a great cover and a great way to celebrate the pregnant body, which I think is beautiful, incidentally."

But they never acted on the idea until they were approached by Steele, who also got the idea from Moore's Vanity Fair cover four years ago.

"I'm having a good time pointing out to people that Demi Moore was touched up," Steele said. "She was airbrushed. I'm not."

## Football star charged in father's death

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas (AP) — A Richland High School football star has been charged with murder in the fatal shooting of his father.

The charge was filed Friday against Lance Eric Butterfield, 18. He was released from the Tarrant County Jail Friday afternoon after posting \$15,000 bond, authorities said.

He is accused in the shooting death of William Arthur Butter-

field, 45. Butterfield was shot to death Wednesday at the family's home.

Police said the high school student admitted the shooting, but declined to give a motive.

North Richland Hills police Capt. Richard Kitchen said Butterfield's attorney advised him not to give a motive.

The attorney, whose name was not available Friday, was hired by the Butterfield family,

police said.

Family friends said family members visited Butterfield in jail. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday that relatives could not be reached for comment.

Lance Butterfield has been described by friends as the "all-American boy" who lettered in football, baseball and track and was on the student council and the homecoming court.

## Murder charges to be filed against man who shot hubcap thieves

DALLAS (AP) — A man outraged that four youths were trying to steal the \$60 hubcaps off his car was jailed Saturday on charges that he murdered two of them when he unloaded about 30 rounds into their parked car.

Shedrick Bables, 23, was in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center facing \$100,000 bond on each

murder charge.

Bables was awakened about 5:45 a.m. Friday when a silent alarm on his car set off a pager. He grabbed his assault rifle, went outside his apartment and saw a person bent over near the wheels of his car, Martin said.

Bables likely thought the person was after his chrome-plated

hubcaps, worth about \$60 each.

Even if the teens were stealing his hubcaps — one of which was later found inside the parked car — Bables violated state laws regarding a person's right to protect their private property.

## Program would give limited phone access

DALLAS (AP) — A controversial pilot program that will allow some Texas prison inmates access to telephones is expected to generate about \$158 million over five years.

The Texas Legislature has mandated telephones be installed, but prison officials are not happy about it. They fear it could lead to problems and could allow some inmates to engage in unlawful activities.

Comptroller John Sharp says the state could demand 40 percent of the long-distance rev-

enues from prison calls and estimates that this could be \$158 million over five years.

Proponents of phones in prisons say that inmates should be allowed to talk with their families and new technology prevents problems of fraud.

Victims' rights groups are opposed to the plan as are most Texas Board of Criminal Justice members.

Polunsky believes much of the money would be eaten up prosecuting new crimes committed over the phone.

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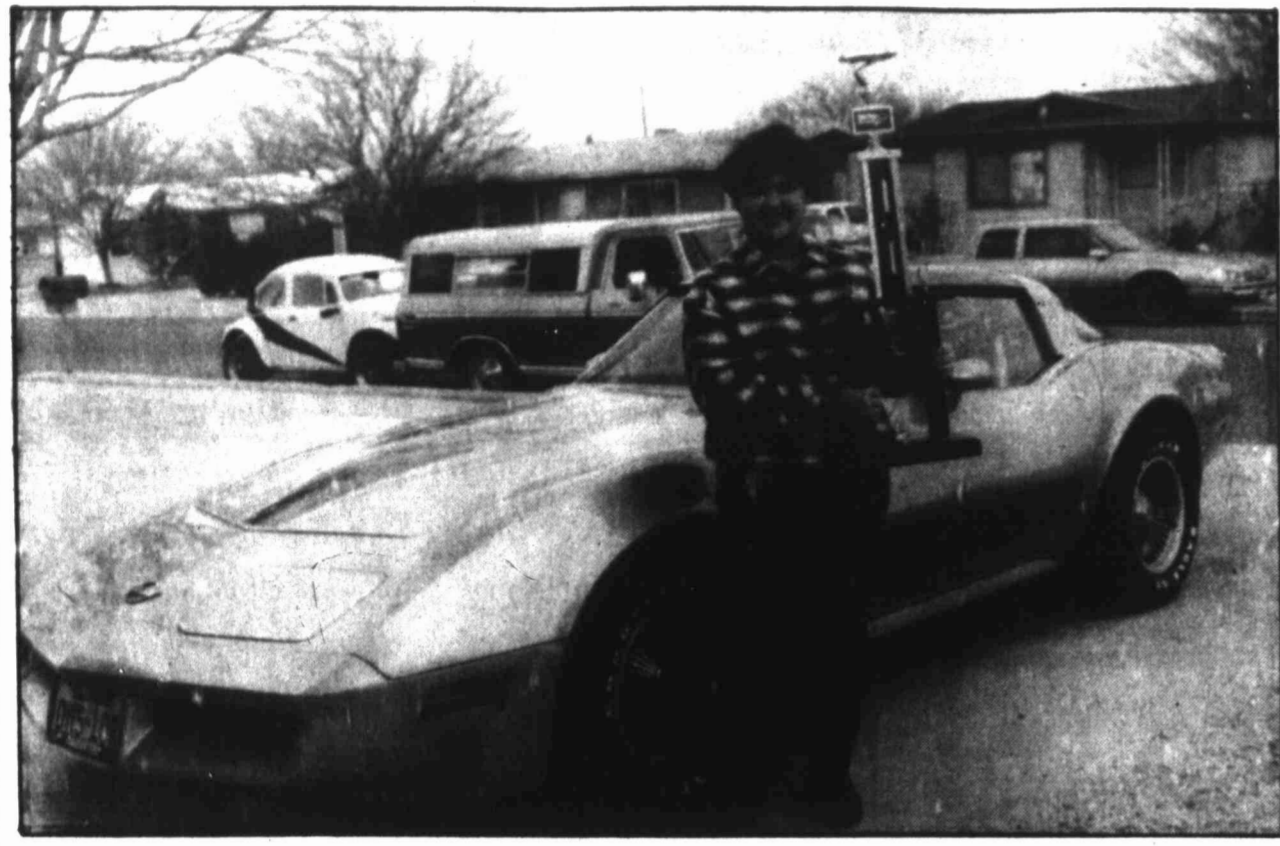
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**Herald photo by Steve Reagan**  
Sonia Puente holds the trophy her father, Robert, won at the recent Super Tejano Car Show in Odessa. Puente's 1982 Corvette, shown behind Sonia, won first place in the sports car street custom category. Puente is chief deputy sheriff for Howard County.

# Recent big plays give Williams confidence

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jimmy Johnson always had a fascination for Miami players. He liked 'em burning fast. It shouldn't have been a surprise when the former Dallas coach picked Kevin Williams as the Cowboys first player taken in the 1993 draft. The only question about the speedy Hurricane wide receiver was his size, 5-foot-9 inches. Pressed about Williams' size, Johnson replied "He's got a big heart. You'll see. He'll make you hold your breath when he gets the ball." As a rookie, Williams made an immediate impact on special teams, dazzling opponents with his runs on reverses. He even caught seven passes, two of them going for touchdowns.

But something happened to Williams this year with the pressure of replacing Alvin Harper as the Cowboys' second receiver. He busted routes and dropped passes. Williams did a natural thing.

He was pressing. The game suddenly became hard. Teams double-covered Michael Irvin but quarterback Troy Aikman still had trouble hooking up with Williams. Until two weeks ago. On a desperate, last-minute drive against the New York Giants, Aikman went to Williams twice on critical third-down plays. Each time Williams produced. He made a leaping, fingertip catch on a third-down pass that set up the winning field goal in the 21-20 triumph. "That drive gave me all the confidence in the world," Williams said. "I knew then I could do it in the clutch. I knew I could help when teams doubled Michael. I knew Troy would look for me." In a 37-13 win on Monday night over Arizona, Aikman went to the kid the players call "K-Dub" time and again. "I never lost confidence in Kevin as I've said all along," Aikman said. "He has the talent. I'm really happy for him.

He came up huge and had a great night. It's what we needed with the way teams are playing Michael. I kept telling him he was going to get these kind of opportunities." Williams had a career night both receiving and all-purpose on reverses and kick returns. "Kevin makes us a much more threatening offense," coach Barry Switzer said. "It really opens things up for us." Williams caught nine passes for 203 yards and two touchdowns. It was the sixth highest night by a wide receiver in Cowboys history. Williams also had 21 yards rushing and 83 yards on kickoff returns. The 307 combined yards broke the club record of 292 held by Herschel Walker against Philadelphia in 1986. "The Cowboys have another receiver now they have to worry about," Williams said. "I knew one of these games I'd have a night like this." So did Johnson.

## E. Carolina wins Liberty Bowl

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chad Holcomb kicked a career-high four field goals and East Carolina's defense forced four turnovers as the Pirates downed Stanford 19-13 Saturday in the Liberty Bowl. The Pirates (9-3) never trailed but didn't seal the victory until Marcus Crandell directed an 11-play drive that ate up 5:13 of the clock, setting up Holcomb's fourth field goal, a 34-yarder, with 1:15 to go. Damon Dunn gave Stanford (7-4-1) one last chance by returning the kickoff to the Cardinal 47. But Brian Manning dropped Mark Butterfield's fourth-and-1 pass inside the Pirate 20 with 11 seconds left.

Featuring a pair of quarterbacks who each threw for more than 2,500 yards, the game was expected to be an offensive shootout. However, East Carolina intercepted Stanford twice, and he finished 15-of-27 for 139 yards. Crandell performed a bit better, completing 19-of-49 for 218 yards and one interception, as his receivers repeatedly dropped catchable passes. East Carolina converted on only four of 19 third downs compared to 4-of-15 for Stanford. A junior, Holcomb started the game with the longest kick of his career at 46 yards and added kicks of 25 and 41 yards before his final field goal.

## Sands

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The Lady Mustangs used defensive pressure to rally from an early 11-point deficit to down Miles 69-62 in the girls' semifinals at the Sterling Invitational. Sands had trouble containing a hot-shooting Miles team in the first half — the Bulldogs led 16-5 late in the first quarter and by as much as nine points in

the second — but the team's press finally began taking its toll in the last half. Miles took its last lead halfway through the third quarter when Mandy Day's jumper gave the Bulldogs a 38-35 lead, but that's when the floodgates finally broke. The Lady Mustangs regained the lead for good on consecutive baskets by Shauna Nichols and Kim Webb, and Sands held

Miles scoreless over a 3 1/2-minute stretch, during which time the Lady 'Stangs increased their lead to 10 points. Miles never got closer than four points the rest of the way. Stacy Newell scored 20 points to lead Sands, while Mendi Floyd and Nichols added 19 and 12 points, respectively. Jessica Jennings led Miles with 17 points.

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## Bills

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time winningest coach to retire, although team owner Wayne Huizenga has voiced support of his coach — it is a terrible way to go out. After a 4-0 start, Miami slumped to 9-7, squeezing into the playoffs on the final weekend with help from other teams. The Dolphins exited quickly, falling behind 24-0 in the first 21 1/2 minutes. They were down 27-0 when Dan Marino hit O.J. McDuffie with a 5-yard TD pass with 13:53 left. Marino, who completed 33 of 64 passes for 401 yards and three interceptions, found Randal Hill for a 45-yard touchdown with 8:01 to go. Terry Kirby's 1-yard run and McDuffie's 2-point conversion pass provided Miami's other points. Seldom-used Tim Tindale punctuated the blowout with a 44-yard run with 9:31 remaining. Thomas, who tied John Riggins' NFL rushing record of

six 100-yard playoff games, scored from the 1 just 5:02 into the game. Tasker caught three passes for 45 yards on the drive. Steve Christie's first of three field goals, a 48-yard line drive, made it 10-0 on Buffalo's next possession. The early margin could have been greater, but Kelly made a terrible pass on third down from the Miami 2. His floater was picked off in the end zone and returned to the Dolphins 20 by Gene Atkins, killing a 98-yard drive. Darick Holmes had a 34-yard romp, Billy Brooks went 21 yards on a reverse and Tasker — who killed Miami on reverses in a Buffalo win Dec. 17 — gained 26 on a reception. Miami finally got moving, only to be stymied on fourth-and-7 at the Bills 32 when Marino's pass to Gary Clark was too high. It took Buffalo only four plays to make it 17-0. Thomas had rushes of 13 and 32 yards before Holmes broke four tackles on a

21-yard scoring run. The Bills made an even quicker kill on their next possession, set up when Marino was hit by Phil Hansen and his wobbly pass fell right to linebacker Mario Perry. Three plays later, Tasker — who missed the second half with a hamstring injury — caught Kelly's perfect 37-yard pass in the corner of the end zone, and the Dolphins were finished. Eagles 58, Lions 37 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles put themselves where many thought the Detroit Lions would be — into the second round of the playoffs. With Rodney Peete, rejected by Detroit for Scott Mitchell, having the game of his life, the Eagles routed the NFL's hottest team 58-37 in the highest scoring game in playoff history. Mitchell meanwhile, threw four interceptions as the Eagles forced seven turnovers.

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# Hokies, Texas seeking respect at Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — When your nickname is the Fighting Gobblers, people tend to snicker. When the leading question about your team is, "What's a Hokie?" you would like a little recognition.

Virginia Tech won its last nine games, a No. 13 ranking and a third straight bowl appearance. Now, the Hokies would like people to recognize them as a top-notch team.

So would No. 9 Texas. The Longhorns want to be known for their current accomplishments, not bygone glory.

Virginia Tech and Texas both think a victory in Sunday's Sugar Bowl would go a long way toward giving them the national prominence they crave.

"We've never been to the

Sugar Bowl," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "Now we have to make the most of it. I've read a lot about how we don't deserve to be here. Well, we want to show that we do."

Virginia Tech (9-2) won the Big East championship to earn a spot in the Sugar Bowl. They did it with a nine-game winning streak sparked by tough defense, including the No. 1 rushing defense in the nation.

In their nine-game run to the conference title, the Hokies averaged 34 points and 397 yards per game offensively, while allowing just 13 points and 281 yards. During those games, Tech got five blocked kicks and a touchdown from its special teams and six touchdowns from the defense.

Virginia Tech gave up just 12 sacks in the last nine games while their defense posted 42 and forced 19 turnovers.

A victory Sunday night would cap a season of accomplishments, Beamer said.

As for Texas, the Sugar Bowl marks the first time the Longhorns have played in back-to-back bowls in a decade. It's also only their third bowl game in nine years.

People are still reluctant to believe that Texas (10-1-1) is back, coach John Mackovic said, although winning the final Southwest Conference championship helped.

"Don't forget, I'm the only one who picked us to win the SWC back in August," Mackovic said. "Nobody else thought we could do it."



Texas fan James Perry of Austin, dressed as a clown, greets Virginia Tech fan Rita Stuewe in the French Quarter of New Orleans Saturday. Associated Press photo

## Nostalgic version of Cotton Bowl minus Southwest flavor

DALLAS (AP) — Call it the Nostalgia Bowl.

When seventh-ranked Colorado plays 12th-ranked Oregon in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day, it will be an attractive matchup of two potent offenses.

But the day will be marked as much for what is missing and what is about to pass into history as by the players and teams on the field.

For the first time in 55 years, a Cotton Bowl will be played on New Year's Day without a Southwest Conference representative. Colorado comes from the Big Eight, soon to be the Big 12 as it absorbs teams from the old league; Oregon hails from the northern reaches of the Pac-10.

It's an emotional goodbye to an era when the SWC provided the host team for the Cotton Bowl. Texas, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech played in other bowl games this year. Baylor didn't but will join the foursome in the new Big 12 Conference.

Other SWC teams such as SMU, TCU, and Rice will play in the Western Athletic Conference. Houston joins Conference USA.

"It won't have the same feeling, it won't be the same game," said Jim Brock, former executive director of the Cotton Bowl. "It's kind of sad to see the end of an era. It was always great to have a Texas team as the host. We had some great, great games."

"But life moves on and the Cotton Bowl will put on some good games. It's too bad they didn't get into the Tier I coalition. But maybe they will someday."

The Cotton Bowl in future games will match the runnerup in the Big 12 against either the Pac-10 runnerup or the WAC champion.

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draw, attendance is down for Monday's game. Officials have sold some 59,000 tickets for the 69,000-seat stadium.

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## 'Huskers will stop Fun-n-Gun; Texas tops at Sugar

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Can Nebraska stop Florida's Fun-N-Gun? Can Florida stop Nebraska's ground game? And how many times will Tostitos be mentioned during CBS' Fiesta Bowl telecast?

These and other vital questions will be answered Tuesday night when the top-ranked Huskers play the No. 2 Gators for the national championship.

Neither team was seriously challenged during the regular season. Then again, neither team played an opponent like the one they'll face at Sun Devil Stadium.

The game will feature two of the best offenses in the country. Nebraska led the nation in scoring with 52 points per game, while Florida was third with 44. The Huskers were No. 1 in rushing with a 400-yard average and No. 2 in total offense with 556 yards per game. The Gators were No. 2 in passing with a 361-yard average and No. 4 in total offense with 534.

Both teams are going to gain a lot of yards and have a lot of

### BOWL PREDICTIONS

scoring opportunities, so big plays by the defense and costly mistakes by the offense will be crucial.

In that category, Nebraska has the edge. The Huskers had the fifth best turnover margin in the country, forcing 28 while committing only 15. The Gators' turnover ratio was 29-25.

The Huskers also have the advantage in big-game experience. While Florida has won three straight Southeastern Conference titles, Nebraska will be playing in its third consecutive national championship contest. And there's nothing quite like the pressure of a national title game, especially between No. 1 and No. 2.

Both teams have great quarterbacks, but Nebraska's Tommie Frazier has much more postseason experience than Florida's Danny Wuerffel. Frazier will be making his fourth bowl start, including

MVP performances in the last two Orange Bowls. Wuerffel's only previous bowl was last year's Sugar, where he threw for 394 yards in a loss to Florida State.

The Fiesta wild card is Florida coach-offensive wizard Steve Spurrier, who will probably come up with a new twist or two against the Huskers. If anybody can figure out a way to beat Nebraska, it's Spurrier.

Florida (plus 4) will put on a good show, but Nebraska will become the first repeat champion since Alabama in 1978-79. ... NEBRASKA 31-24.

SUNDAY  
Sugar: No. 9 Texas (minus 2 1/2) vs. No. 13 Virginia Tech  
Longhorns' first Sugar Bowl appearance in 38 years ... TEXAS 24-14.

MONDAY  
Outback: No. 15 Penn St. (minus 2) vs. No. 16 Auburn  
Tigers 3-0 vs. Big Ten in bowl

games ... AUBURN 24-23.  
Citrus: No. 4 Ohio St. (minus 4) vs. No. 4 Tennessee  
Buckeyes would rather be in Pasadena ... OHIO ST. 42-24.  
Gator: No. 23 Clemson (minus 2) vs. Syracuse  
The real Orange bowl ... CLEMSON 21-17.  
Cotton: No. 7 Colorado (minus 6 1/2) vs. No. 12 Oregon  
First Cotton since 1940 without Southwest Conference team ... COLORADO 34-24.  
Rose: No. 3 Northwestern (plus 3) vs. No. 17 Southern Cal  
Wildcats are everybody's favorite except the oddsmakers' ... NORTHWESTERN 24-10.  
Orange: No. 6 Notre Dame (plus 10 1/2) vs. No. 8 Florida St.

Seminole have won 10 straight bowls ... FLORIDA ST. 35-28.

Last week: 3-2 (straight); 3-2 (spread).  
Season: 179-51 (straight); 112-110 (spread).

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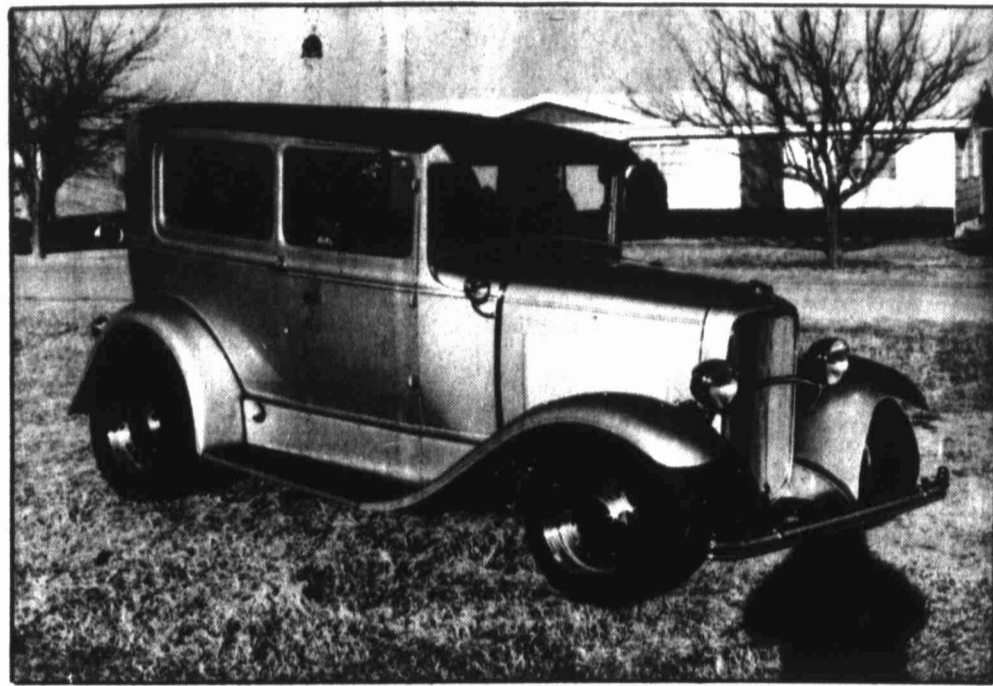
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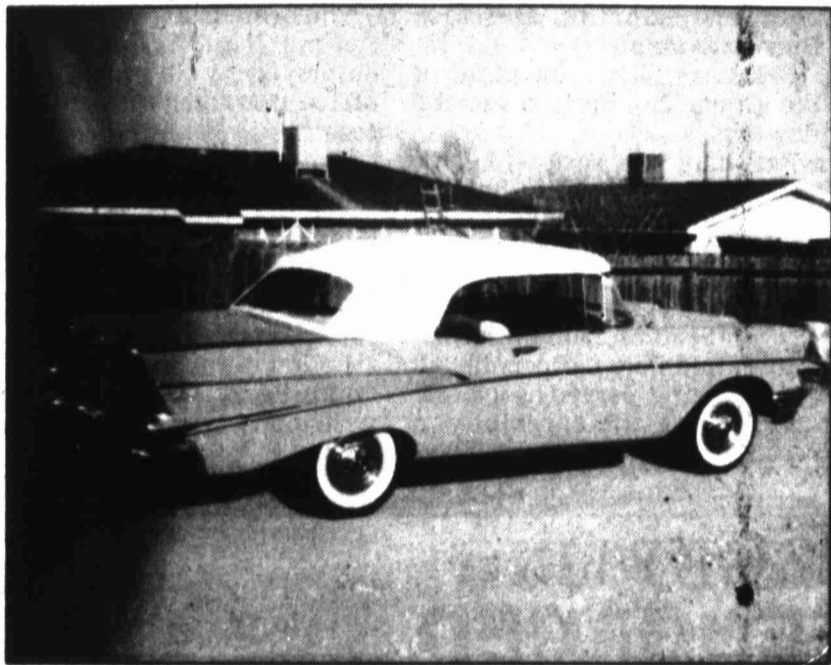
# C A=CRAZY R



Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines - but don't be surprised if they need to be cranked first. Classic and antique cars can be a pain to restore, and a wonder to behold



Stories by Mary McAteer



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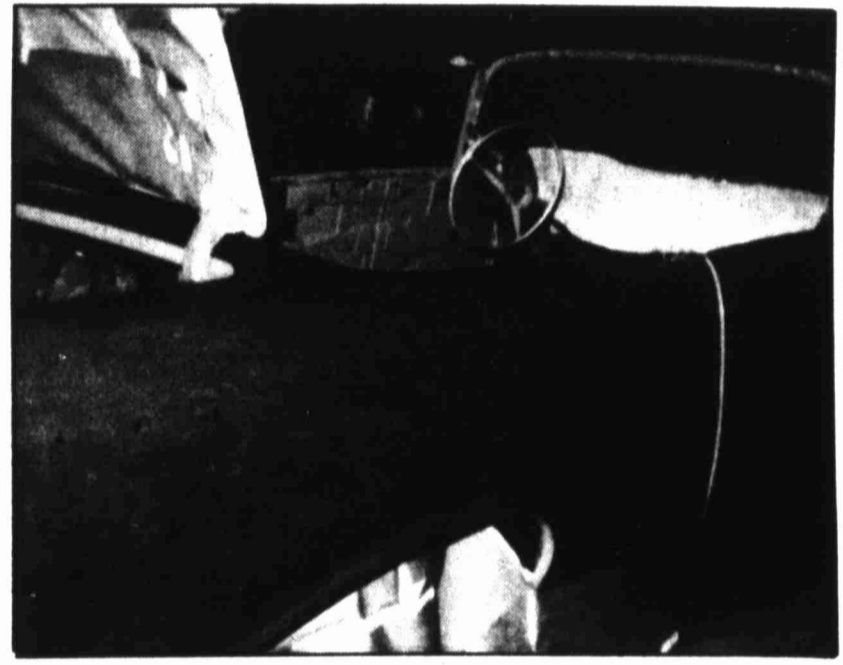
Robn and Kay Clifton's 1931 Model A. In bright sunlight the rosy undertone is clearly visible.

Restoration of a 1957 Chevy start to finish - the body has been completely stripped and sanded and the engine removed. The primer coat has been applied.

The engine - cleaned, reworked, and newly painted - is installed in the front of the chassis. Note the freshly painted firewall and the front end in the background.

The final stages - preliminary coats of paint have been applied, the engine and front end are reinstalled, and some of the chrome has been reattached.

The finished product, better than when it first came off the showroom floor. Dickie Jones's '57 Chevy.



## The Cliftons' Model A

Robn Clifton of Sierra Mercantile had liked the body style of the 1931 Model A Ford since he was a kid, but hadn't planned on becoming a serious automobile restorer.

A while back, a Model A that was virtually in pieces caught his eye, and he found himself with a project on his hands.

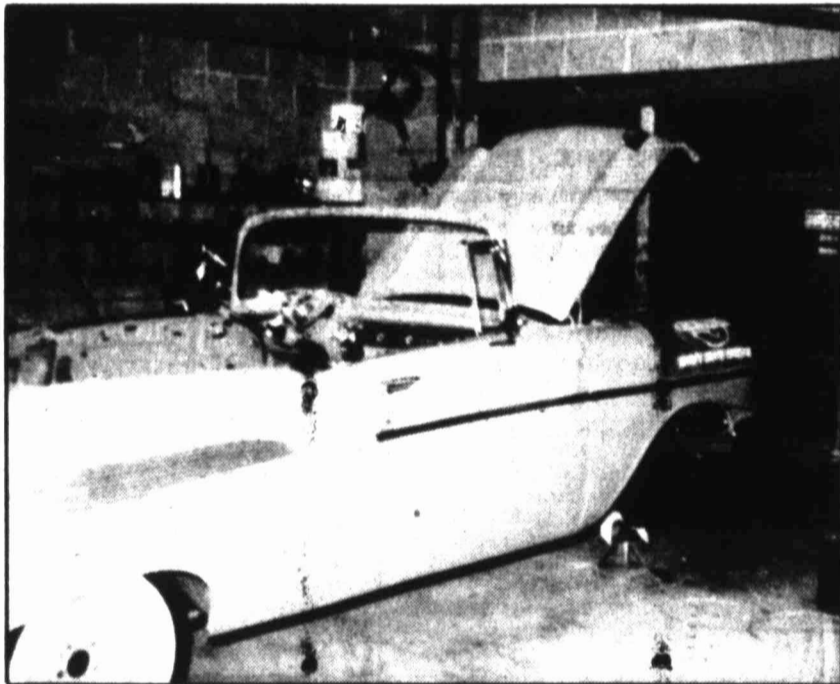
Originally, Clifton thought he was just going to be doing a fairly simple job of restoring - stripping the car down, repainting and refinishing it, putting it back together. But some parts were missing or broken, and others were difficult to get.

He put the car aside while he traveled to swap meets and auctions to find parts he needed.

Even that didn't solve the problem - some of the parts just couldn't be found. Clifton used the skills he'd gained building and erecting metal buildings in the Big Spring area to make and repair some parts himself.

Once he had the parts collected, rebuilding the car took about a year of nights, weekends and holidays, working alone and with help from "a lot of friends."

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## Dickie Jones' 1957 Chevys

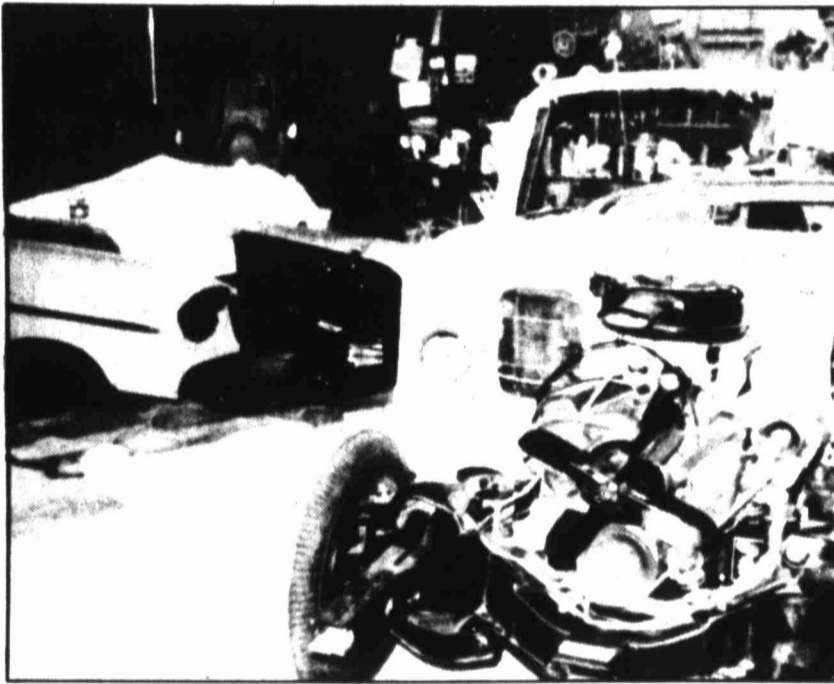
Talk about restoring cars in Big Spring, and three names come to mind: Ford, Chevy and Dickie Jones. If you're talking about restoring '55 to '57 Chevys, there's only one name: Dickie Jones.

Restoring classic cars started as a hobby for Jones, but became a full time job when he retired from Southwestern Bell.

Jones shakes his head and says he's never kept count of how many cars he's restored over the years, but it's more than a hundred. "I've taken so many of them apart and put them back together," he says, "I think I could do it in my sleep."

Restoration is a long, tedious job, and Jones does all but the most specialized jobs himself, with assistance from his dad, C.E. Jones.

Usually working on five or six cars at a time, Jones completely strips each car, removing the chassis from the frame, stripping the paint



off with pain remover, sanding each individual part.

Parts he can repair he does himself. Jobs like re-plating the chrome are sent off to custom shops for completion. Then the car is rebuilt piece by piece, including engine work and upholstery.

The final touch is priming, blocking (sanding with very fine sandpaper wrapped around a rubber block to flatten the surface perfectly), and painting the car, applying as many as twelve to fifteen coats of lacquer paint to achieve the desired finish.

The car looks and runs as

well or better than the factory original. The process takes a year to a year and a half, and involves a lot of work, but the finished product is worth it. When he's done with a car, you can turn the key and drive it away.

Jones' shop reflects his meticulous work, with each tool and part in its place and paint carefully protected from dust and grit. He's concerned about quality work - everything must be done right and with care. Just putting a new paint job on

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## Johnny Garcia's Model A

When Johnny Garcia was a kid in high school, he used to see old Model A Fords on the road from time to time. He thought they were neat, and decided he'd love to have one someday.

When a friend out of town called him and told him he had a '28 Model A, Garcia went and looked at it, and bought it for \$850. He had no idea what he was getting into.

The parts were all there, but a lot had to be restored and re-chromed. He decided to make a street-rod out of it, painting it red, putting in a Corvette engine and rear end.

Garcia did the work himself, but says friends helped a lot, and one friend in particular he'd like mentioned - Dickie Jones. He helped get the car running.

Like the rest of us, Garcia had a job to do and a family to raise - his daughter was three years old. Money and time were tight, so he worked on the car when he could and set it aside when he couldn't. Time went by. After he turned down an offer of \$28,000 for the car, his wife said, "Finish it or

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# Start of a new year means time for the start of a new me

A new year. Whew, where did the old one go? Has anyone else noticed how time seems to be going faster?



Barbara Morrison  
Columnist

the next one arrives. My kids say it still seems like the holidays are a long time coming, but I think the earth is rotating faster.

I guess that would help explain my falling memory. If the earth is rotating faster, then I have a shorter time to remember things and there are more items to be stuffed into an already overused memory slot in my old and decrepit brain. Hmmmm...I wonder about the scientific basis to all of this.

So, with the new year coming, what are some of my thoughts, resolutions and ponderings? Lucky readers, this year I've got a list.

My goals for 1996:  
1) Find some pantyhose that fit. No more rolling down at the top or sagging knees. No sir, I'm on a mission.

2) Be a better friend. I've got the best friends in the world and it's time for me to give just a little back to them. One friend in particular picks my

little girl up each day after school and treats her like one of her own. She takes Megan to gymnastics (something I never had time to do) or scolds her when she needs it. My friend makes sure my daughter's homework is always finished right after school and offers plenty of hugs and love when needed. Thank you, Karen Wingert.

3) To go to the grocery store only once in a week. It doesn't matter which week, any one will do. Just one time during the next 52 seven-day increments, I'd like to say I was able to only go once. It sounds like a simple thing to many, but when it seems that every day or so I'm using either my lunch hour or going after work (when everyone else is there as well) to pick up either laundry deter-

gent or hamburger meat, going only once in a week would be a luxury.

4) Be a better mom. This year my goal is to take the time to read to my children when they ask and not always use the excuse that I'm too tired. I want to bake cookies with my little girl, and I'd like to spend time with the terrible trio. I have a friend who lost her child this year, and I have a friend who had to leave her children this year. I know both of these women would tell me to take the precious time I have while I still have it.

5) Try to not yell at Little League Baseball games. Yeah right. Anyone who knows me or has had the pleasure of sitting next to me at one of these illustrious events is probably discounting this one as an

impossible task. But what I am wondering is...will it be as much fun without the yelling?

6) Take time to listen. Sometimes in my busy schedule I find myself just giving lip service. People deserve better than that. It's my pet peeve when I go to the doctor to wait for two hours (because my time is not as important as his/hers), see the guy for only a minute or two and then be charged \$150. Sometimes I want to yell, "Hey, I'm a real person, too! I matter!" But, I never do. I can't change anyone else, but I can make sure that I treat others the way I'd like to be treated.

7) Use a new recipe. Well, I guess if we brought Hubby into this and asked him his opinion, he'd say cooking ANY recipe would work. I had relatives for the holidays and my dad

cooked every night. Anyway, one night Hubby had an upset stomach and my dad began apologizing. "It wasn't your cooking," Hubby was quick to inform. "It's just that I'm not used to eating GOOD food." Have fun sleeping with the peacocks, honey.

8) Befriend a shut-in. Loneliness is crazy-making. There are plenty of people who need friends.

9) Give up my grudges.  
10) Improve myself. In some little way, I want to be better one year from now than I am today. I can do this by reading a book, learning a craft, pursuing a hobby. Knowledge is never wasted.

So that's it. I'll let you know in 12 months how well I've done. Happy New Year, everyone.

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# Diagnosing learning disability helps kids

By MIA B. MOODY  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — When Billy Netherton was a toddler, he had extraordinary people skills that no one else in his family had. He could strike up conversations with anybody and he had lots of adult friends, said his father Dr. James Netherton, vice president and chief executive officer of administrative affairs at Baylor University. "Other adults used to sneak out of church just to go by and speak to him while he was in Sunday school class," he said. "Finally his teacher said, 'This has to stop. The adults are interrupting the class.'" The flip side to Billy's personality was he would get abnormally upset when he could not do what he thought he should be able to do, said Netherton. His emotion was out of proportion with what had gone wrong. Life grew tougher and tougher for Billy, whose name has been changed for this story.

Each year, his people skills and artistic abilities became overshadowed by other factors: He could not sit still at school, his grades were poor and he

became a behavior problem, said Netherton.

"His coping mechanism was acting out," he said. "He preferred to be labeled as the kid who chose not to behave rather than the kid who could not perform."

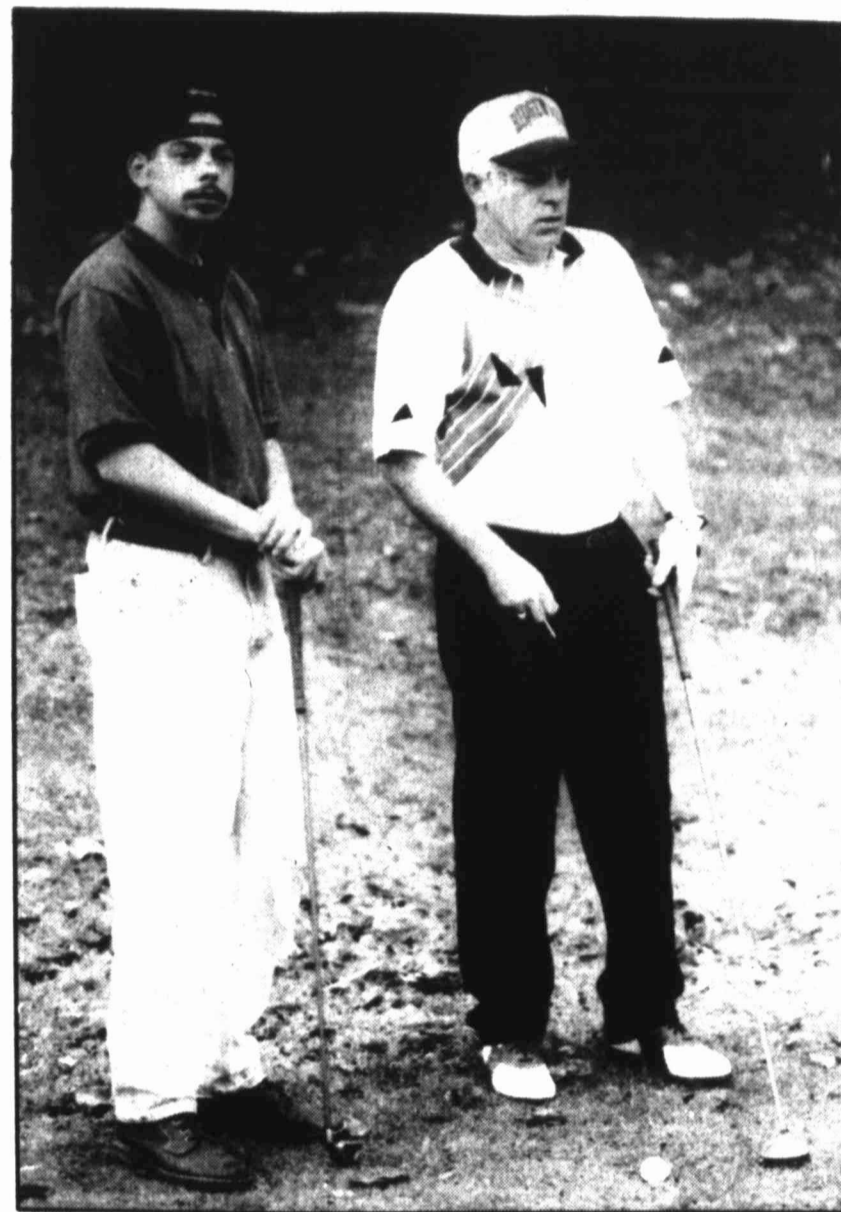
Netherton and his wife, Pat, had Billy tested by several specialists. The results were always the same: he had high intelligence, special gifts and was off the scale in some creative areas, but something was not quite right.

Billy's behavior finally began to make sense a few years ago when Netherton attended a meeting sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County.

The speaker, Trish Raley, a psychologist, discussed the signs of ADD, which include inattention, impulsivity, trouble delaying gratification and disorganization. These were all signs that Billy had exhibited for years, said Netherton.

"Tears were rolling down my face while I was taking notes because it was such an emotional relief for me," he said. "I went home finally understand-

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Johnny Mankin, right, of Waco prepares to play golf with his son Brandon, 19, at Ridgewood Country Club in Waco on Dec. 2. Brandon has learning disabilities. Fathers of learning-disabled children can make a difference by spending time with them.

# Six-year-old boy saves aunt from kitchen fire

By SCOTT KLEINBERG  
The Meadville Tribune

MEADVILLE, Pa. — Jonathan Wright didn't panic when dinner — a whole chicken accidentally left wrapped in its plastic packaging — caught fire in the oven this week, filling the kitchen with smoke.

Instead, the 6-year-old calmly opened the oven door, using his hands and arms to shield himself from the heat and flames, doused the charred bird with an extinguisher and called 911.

In a matter of seconds, one of the young hero prevented a house from burning down and may have saved his 85-year-old great aunt's life.

Ruthie McMillen was hospitalized in good condition Thursday, recovering from smoke and plastic chemical

inhalation.

"She cooked it the first time with the plastic, but it only melted onto the chicken," Jonathan said. "When she couldn't get it off, she tried to cook the chicken again, and it ignited."

After putting out the flames, he closed the oven door to keep more smoke from escaping and stayed on the line with a 911 dispatcher until help arrived.

In the meantime, he frantically swung a fly-swatter to keep the smoke away from McMillen, who was in distress and coughing. "I wasn't scared, and because I knew exactly what to do, I remained calm," he said. "Ruthie showed me where the extinguisher was kept a long time ago, and I remembered when I needed it."

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"Judge" Neutered male border collie mix, brown coat with black lion's mane, 2 years old, would make an excellent farm or ranch dog.

"Ringo" Medium female golden retriever mix, pretty copper coat, sweet and very affectionate.

"Squirt" Young brown and white neutered male, springer spaniel mix, playful and affectionate.

"Hondo" Medium-sized male silver-gray shepherd mix, black muzzle, beautiful coat, affectionate and very friendly.

"Sonia" Young female shepherd mix, very pretty and likes to play.

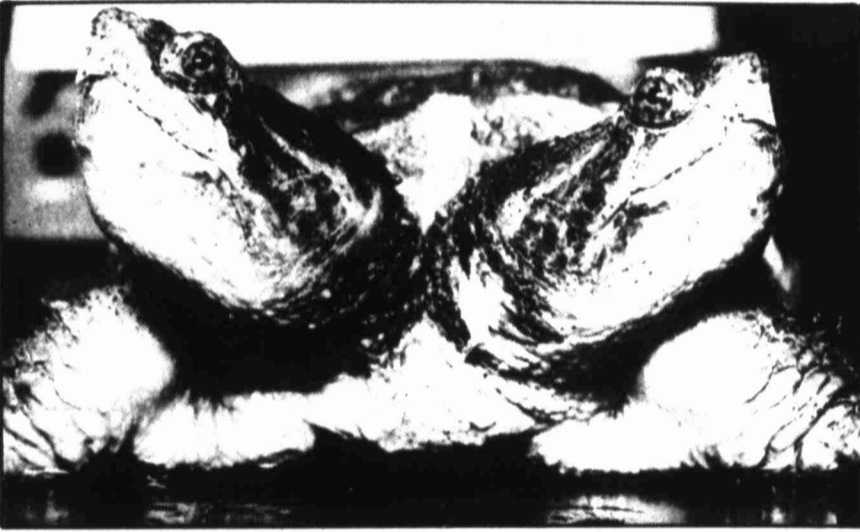
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Gray tabby spayed female, front paws declawed, 263-0566.

## WHICH WAY?

This two-headed turtle, shown Nov. 22 in the care of the biology lab at Thomas Nelson Community College in Newport News, Va., was named "This and That" by adjunct professor John Keinath because the animal's sex is unknown.



## Fun way to preserve history

My wife's Aunt Lillian will be 90 years old this coming spring. Her children are planning a big birthday party for her at home in Milledgeville, Ga.

The other day my wife's cousin came by his plane (Glasair, the sports car of the air), picked me up and flew me to Milledgeville. The purpose of the trip was to get some of Aunt Lil's reminiscences on tape.

After a nice dinner at a lake-side restaurant, Aunt Lil and I retired to her den and she sat in her favorite chair. She talked for an hour about her life.

I asked questions every few minutes, starting out with "Where were you born?" and continuing through the chronological order of her life.

The tape recorder was rolling all the while, making a permanent record of her victories and defeats during the last 90 years.

Recording the voices of family members is one of the best things you could do. Everybody should be doing it.

I notice now in some of the holiday catalogues there are books offered for sale telling readers what questions to ask to elicit the best answers.

There are different schools of thought on just how to go about recording family histories. One says you should just buy a tape recorder, give it to the older members of your family and let

them talk into the built in microphone whenever they feel like it.

This seldom works. For one thing, they're intimidated by the machine and are not sure just how to make it function properly. They're afraid the batteries might not be any good. They don't know where to place the recorder to get a good quality recording.

Also, it's hard to just sit down by yourself and start talking into a machine about things that happened to you during your lifetime.

Another school of thought, perhaps the best one, says you should sit down with the interviewee in his or her familiar surroundings, get comfortable, make the room as quiet as possible and use an external microphone so you won't pick up any motor noise from the recorder.

You don't have to spend a fortune on equipment. \$100 will buy you a good tape recorder and microphone. Make sure you buy a good quality cassette tape not over 90 minutes in

length and use electricity when you make your recordings. Electricity is more dependable than batteries. Before you start the interview, get familiar with the equipment.

It's best to hold the microphone yourself and hold it still. Make sure it's about three or four inches from the interviewee's mouth.

Avoid moving the microphone back and forth between the two of you. It's OK if your questions are off-mike. The important thing is to get the interviewee's words recorded.

Don't ask too many questions. Try to ask ones that require long answers. Sometimes making a comment, instead of asking a question, will trigger an avalanche of memories.

Before the interview, write down areas to cover: birth, parents, childhood, school, early homelife, work, courtship and marriage, events that shaped your life, activities, hobbies, stories and experiences.

Since you know the person you're interviewing, you probably know which subjects to bring up and which not to.

To best preserve the tape, record on only one side of the cassette to prevent bleed-through. When you're through with the interview, label the cassette with the date, time and place of the interview, put it in a plastic case and store it in a dry place. It'll be good for generations.



Tumbleweed Smith  
Columnist

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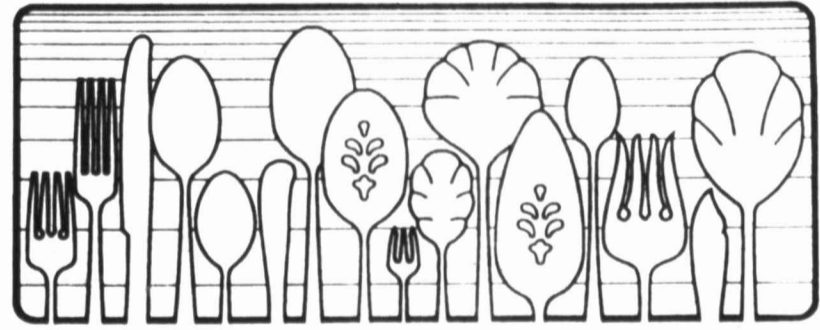
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### Garcia

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sell it," so he decided to finish it. Garcia plans to show the car now and then, when he has time. He's not sure about spending the money again, but the work? For a Model A Ford, "I'd do it

all over."

He does think maybe next time he'd like it to take a little less time. Garcia's daughter, Connie, who was three when the project began, is now over 21 and has a daughter of her own, making him a grandpa. Time sure flies when you're having fun.

### Model A

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It was very fulfilling to use his old skills and develop others, Clifton said. The search for parts and work on the car introduced him to people he would never have met otherwise. The car, a 1931 Model A Ford sedan, has a Chevrolet 350 engine and a Corvette rear end with automatic transmission and power disc brakes all around, which makes it a street rod. A restoration uses the same or a replica engine and transmission and rear end. Clifton built a wooden overhead console that holds heater, air conditioning, and CD player. For ventilation on cooler days, the windshield rolls out. Front bucket seats and rear bench seat are upholstered in pearl, and the headliner and carpet are light mocha, to high-

light the silver rose of the exterior. On bright sunny days you can see the rosy undertone, and on overcast days the car looks silver-gray.

Clifton's wife, Kay, was very supportive of the project, putting up with his absence on a lot of nights and weekends when "we could have been going somewhere and doing something else."

Now that the car is completed, it runs great, Clifton says. The Cliftons had plans to show it when this interview was done.

Clifton said he's not really planning to make restoring classic cars an occupation, then commented he'd found himself thinking about a touring car, if "something catches my eye."

With a chuckle, he said this time he'd like the body in good shape, to have something to start off with.

### Chevys

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and changing the engine out is OK, he says, but it isn't really a restoration.

Jones has always liked Chevys - the one he had in high school is in the barn and still runs great. He's done all the '55 through '57 models of Chevy cars, and says the BelAir convertible is the most popular and most in demand, which makes it the hardest to find.

Parts are actually becoming more common now, because several suppliers are making reproduction parts, but they're also very expensive. Jones used to find parts at wrecking yards and auctions, and still checks auctions, but says most of the ones from the wrecking yards have either been crushed or completely stripped now.

Jones displayed one of the cars he was working on, stripped down to the frame. The driver's side floor plate had rusted out, and Jones was restoring it, welding a little at a time. It can't be done all at once or the metal would warp, but when it's finished no one will be able to tell it isn't the original floor plate. He taught himself welding to do restorations.

Jones explained the difference between a restoration, in which all original or reproduction parts including engine are used, and a street rod, in which the body is used but the engine, transmission, and interior can be changed. Either involves the same amount of work and is largely a matter of personal choice, he says, but they compete in different classes at car shows.

Where do the cars come from? Jones found his personal car, a '57 Bel Air, in an oil field in Ira in 1979. Many people have had their cars for a long time, and bring them to him for restoration. Others find them, either by accident or because they went looking for them.

All older model cars, especially those from before 1948, are in heavy demand for both

street-rodding and restorations. Since they've become so rare and expensive, some collectors are turning to models like early Camaros and Mustangs, which are cheaper and easier to find and nearly as much fun to restore. Everybody has a car they're crazy about.

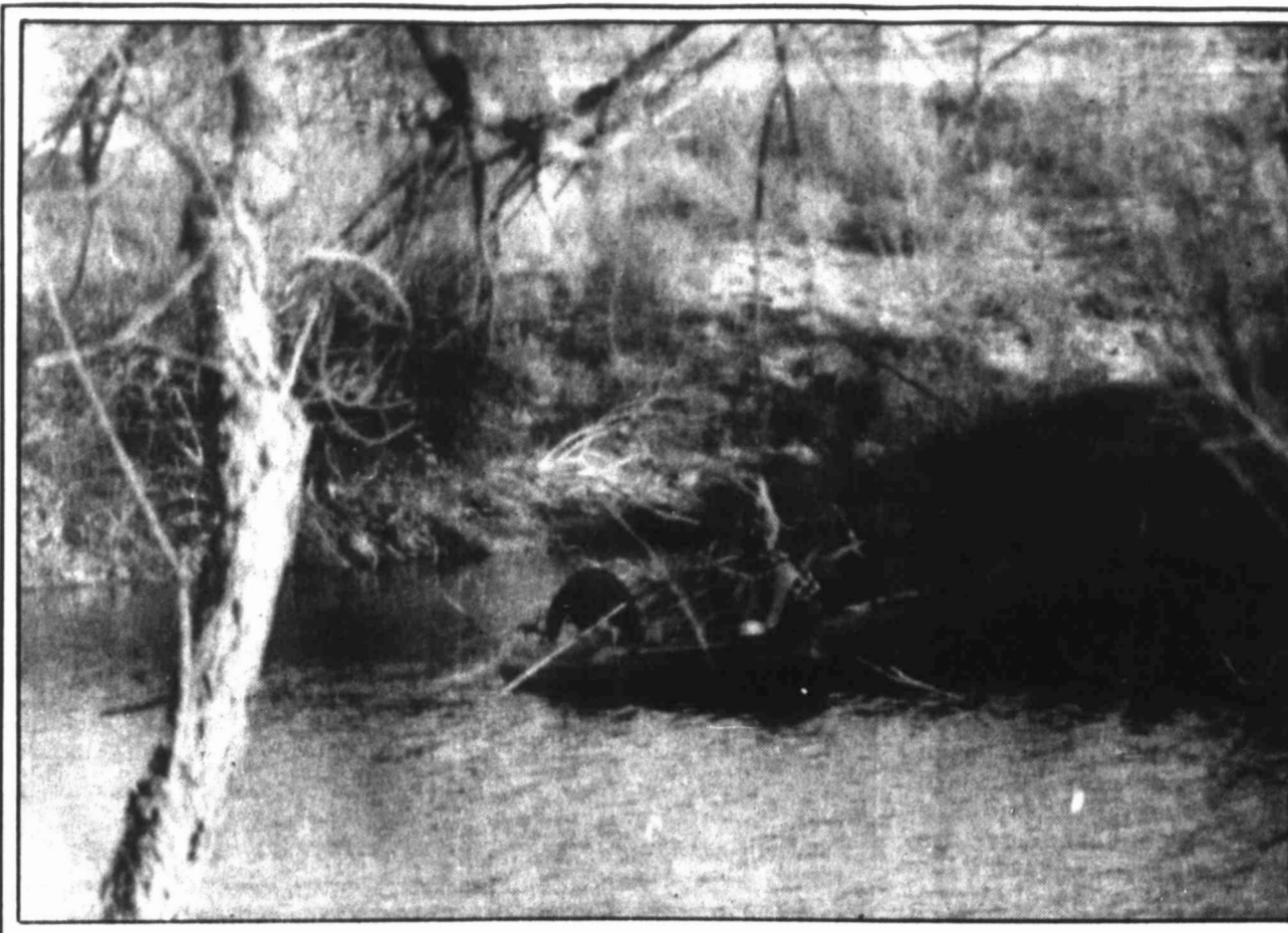
Jones says he wouldn't be comfortable working with other kinds of cars because he doesn't have as much experience with them and would be concerned the job wouldn't be perfect. However, he has tried his hand at the '40 model Ford, with a sedan he uses as a "parts car" and a coupe in the stripped down stage.

For keeping a car looking good, Jones' first recommendation was keep it in the garage, or carport to protect it from weathering. After that, keeping it clean and giving it a good coat of pure wax are the best things to do to maintain the finish. He tries not to wash his cars in Big Spring - the salt in the water is hard on the finish, and they have to be hand dried. The newer finishes, urethanes and acrylic enamels, are beautiful, but they haven't been around long enough to determine if they'll stand up to time.

Car shows can be fun, Jones says, but they can get expensive if you're entering a vehicle, and during the summer season you can attend one a weekend if you have the energy. He says he attends about one a month.

You may see Jones around town from time to time in his white and aqua '57 Chevy "parts car" running errands. The best time to be on the look-out for a classic, though, is the first Saturday evening of each month, when Chevy owners from Big Spring and the surrounding area hold an informal "cruise in" at Sonic.

Drivers come from far and wide to meet, visit and cruise up and down Gregg Street showing off their cars. "It makes us feel like kids again," Jones says.



### GONE FISHIN'

Herald photo by Janet Ausbury

Wednesday afternoon was sunny and chilly, but not too cold for these two fishermen launching their boat in Comanche Trail Lake. Once away from the shadowy shore, the weather was pleasant (for December). No word on whether the fish were biting.

### Diagnose

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ing what he was going through."

Billy was diagnosed with ADD in the 11th grade. When he was diagnosed with the disorder, ADD was assigned to patients with or without the hyperactivity tag. In the current "Diagnostic Statistical Manual Of Mental Disorders-IV," which is the guide of the psychology profession, the new term is attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

The damage to Billy's self-esteem from not knowing why he was different was enormous, said Netherton.

"He still doesn't realize how gifted he is," said his father. "I have a tremendously increased admiration for my son because I did not realize how much he had been struggling in school."

Parents who discover their child has a learning disability or ADHD during their first few years of school are lucky. For some, like the Nethertons, the frustration of not knowing why their child performs poorly at school goes on for years.

The struggle may be even difficult for parents whose children have shown no previous signs.

Don Taylor, principal of Midway High School, said his son John, whose name has been changed for this story, started out as a happy, popular, athletically inclined average student.

That changed, however, when he entered the seventh grade.

Taylor describes his son as going from being a cardinal to a sparrow: His grades dropped, he lost his sports eligibility and his self-esteem plummeted.

Taylor and his wife, Dian, spent many hours each day going over his homework assignments with him without much success.

"He would hear what we were saying, file it away, then not know how to retrieve it from his brain," said Taylor.

"In the beginning, it frustrated me because I thought everybody could make a choice to do well. I thought my son could choose to be successful. Now, I know learning-differenced people can't really make a choice. They can only learn to cope and deal with it."

Finally, John was diagnosed with an auditory processing

deficit, which according to Taylor, means if three conversations were going on, he would process all three at the same time without concentrating on the primary conversation.

Learning disabilities affect children from all races and socioeconomic backgrounds. According to statistics, boys are more likely than girls to have a learning disability, said Dr. Patricia Prewitt, a professor in the educational psychology department at Baylor University. Although scientists are not sure why, boys are more susceptible to many diseases and handicapping conditions, she said.

Learning-disabled students usually have average or above-average intelligence, but some have difficulties understanding or using the spoken or written language or the inability to work with numbers.

If parents suspect their child has a learning disability, they should seek help as soon as possible, said Harriet Shearer, director of special education for the Midway Independent School District.

Learning disabilities are frustrating for students who don't understand why it happens and teachers who believe the student is not putting forth an effort, she said.

One of the most important things to do is set realistic goals, said Taylor.

"For some families, an honor roll is when a child makes all A's or B's, but our honor roll was making anything 70 and above or going to school three or more days a week," he said.

John is a success story. He's 22 years old and owns his own lawn-maintenance business. "Sometimes he makes more money in a week than I do," said Taylor.

He is a student at McLennan Community College, where he has learned to compensate for his learning disability.

"The advice Taylor offers to other parents of learning-disabled children is to "seek help, pray a lot, love your wife, love your other children and stick with your learning-differenced child."

"He (John) will struggle with this for the rest of his life, but I will always be there to help him," he said.

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# Take two prayers and call me in the morning

By WANDA DENSON  
Prime Columnist

Medical researchers are just now discovering what Christians have known for centuries; having a strong faith in God and attending church is good for your health. According to a recent Gallup survey, 90 percent of Americans pray, 75 percent of them daily. Results of numerous studies on spirituality and religion as therapy show that people who go to church have less risk of heart disease, recover from burns and hip fractures faster, have fewer problems with blood pressure and generally have

fewer hospital stays than those who don't worship.

These studies are making a difference in the beliefs of some physicians. Many who were not religious when they completed medical school are now, says psychiatrist and medical researcher David Larson, director of the National Institute for Healthcare Research.

In his book, "Healing Words: The Power of Prayer and Practice of Medicine," Larry Dossey, M.D. tells about Daniel, an elderly patient who suffered from terminal lung cancer. Daniel refused chemotherapy and during visiting hours members of his church prayed for

him. Finally he was sent home to die. But a year later when Daniel returned to the hospital with a severe case of flu, X-rays showed his lungs were free

tions that don't come close to the results of prayer." Therefore, Dossey believes physicians who don't pray for their patients are guilty of spir-

itual malpractice. Of course, we don't always get what we ask for. Just as parents in their wisdom refuse some requests of their children, so does God. As children we

can't see the whole picture and it's hard to understand when we get no for an answer, especially when we are asking for the healing of a loved one.

Renowned author and preacher Dr. Norman Vincent Peale died on Christmas Eve at the age of 95. His daughter said he loved life and didn't want to leave it. However, she found comfort in remembering an illustration used by her father while conducting funerals. He compared the state of an unborn baby who felt safe tucked up under his mother's heart to someone living in the world. "Suppose," said Dr. Peale, "that someone might

come to this unborn baby and say, 'You cannot stay here very long. In a few months you will be born or, as you might think of it, die out of your present state.'

"The baby might stubbornly remonstrate, 'I don't want to leave here. I'm comfortable, well cared for; I'm warm, loved and happy. I don't want to be what you call born or what I call die out of this place.'

"But in the normal course of events, the baby is born," Dr. Peale says. "He does die out of his present life. And then what does he find? He feels beneath

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## We have approved medications that don't come close to the results of prayer.

Dr. Larry Dossey

from cancer. His only therapy had been prayer.

Dossey says science confirms the healing power of prayer despite the skepticism of some. "We have approved medica-

## Prime POEMS

Melissa's Song

Oh where is Melissa  
My brown-eyed Melissa  
The girl that I met at the school.  
Her brown eyes a-shining  
her golden hair twining  
and the jeans she was wear-  
ing were blue.

Lissa, Lissa, golden haired  
Lissa.  
The girl with the pretty  
brown eyes,  
and I miss her so,  
but I never did know  
where beautiful Lissa resides.

Lissa had told me,  
that she might be going,  
to a faraway place out of  
town.  
But I never did know,  
where Lissa did go  
and I wondered, where she  
could be found.

I heard from an old friend  
she came back again  
to a tumble-down shack in  
the hills.  
there in an old-ghost town,  
I'll look all around  
and that's, where she can be  
found.

Lissa, Lissa my brown-eyed  
Melissa  
my memories of you, are so  
true.

Your brown eyes a-shining  
Your golden hair twining  
You're the girl that I met at  
the school.

—Bernice Reed Jones

Christmas Story

Away down in Texas  
under West Texas skies  
a cowboy was round-up  
cattle one night

an old wolf a-howling  
the stars shining bright  
and he heard a babe crying  
out there in the night.

The baby kept crying  
and he looked down to see  
a young girl a-laying  
with a baby so sweet.

He picked up the young girl  
and he picked up the child  
wrapping them up  
in his coat for awhile.

He lived in an old shack  
by an old cattle shed  
he laid them down gently  
in his old wooden bed.

a star up in heaven  
shone down in the night  
her golden hair tangled  
on his pillow of white.

the cattle were lowing  
and hoped he could keep  
the golden haired lady  
and the baby sweet.

The old wolf a-howling  
the baby awake  
but little sweet baby  
no crying he make.

The wolf brought red berries,  
laying them on the floor  
a gift for the baby  
the child he adored.

And early next morning  
the berries still lay,  
the cowboy awakened  
to a bright Christmas day.

The beautiful berries  
so red and so bright  
a gift for the baby  
born Christmas eve night.

—Bernice Reed Jones

## MANICURE



Reba Stallings and other residents of Mountain View Lodge enjoy manicures from cosmetology students of Howard College. The students will volunteer at Mountain View Lodge during spring semester.

## Gift errors make humorous holidays

By MARY RANDLE  
Prime Columnist

I was at my usual post at the breakfast bar, listening to all those clever people on TV doing their thing - making silk purses out of sow's ears, you know, you saw them on TV before Christmas.

The craft folks were on so many channels it was almost like the "Invasion of The Killer Tomatoes." I am happy to say I didn't use a glue gun or put sequins on with 3-inch nails never missing a beat, prurring about how very easy this project is, and you are just going to love it!

Growing older does have its benefits, and watching all the craft ladies, I have one thing to say: "Been there, done that!"

I am going to share some things you don't hear about because they can turn a craft project into your worst nightmare.

I have always liked to work with my hands, but I'm not too great at most projects. I knitted as a child and then forgot how, so when I wanted to make a long sleeve white pullover for Adrian, I found a lovely lady to teach me the finer points.

She also taught English, and we had some great times just visiting. She was a taskmaster. Knit, rip out, Knit, purl, rip

out. Finally she believed I might be able to make the sweater, with her hand on my needles. I started the sweater, and then we went by car to New Mexico with an older friend, and I sat in the back seat, knitting frantically. I did have a deadline.

We went through a violent thunderstorm, I spilled coffee on the knitting, oh well, it will come out. I finished the sweater in record time. It looked strange, I wasn't sure why, so I started putting it together by myself. Wrong!

The sleeves were puffed - a lot - and reminded me of Tyrone Power's costume in "Captain of Castile." Yes, that much.

My wonderful teacher, trying to control her giggles, showed me how to take a sweater apart completely and start over.

I was so embarrassed, I stopped and really listened and watched, and glory be, she of unending patience taught me how to knit a perfect gauge.

We had a lot of girls who grew up in our house. They were my excuse to go shopping, to museums, and tackle more craft projects.

Remember those beautiful wooden bags we used years ago? They were very pretty, and expensive. I wanted to make one for one of the girls who had gone on a special

world tour.

I got lots of travel stickers, decoupage, painted, and even finished it before Christmas. She was very excited when she opened the package, but again there was something wrong.

I had forgotten to slice the bag open. She couldn't use it until three months later when she and her father finally pried it loose. I didn't make any more of those.

I progressed to food drying with some success. I had seen jars of dried vegetables and herbs given as Christmas gifts to make a pot of soup.

I had a food dryer; I was ready. In September and October I dried the vegetables, arranged them in the clear jars, admired them and smugly waited for Christmas.

Fortunately, I looked at them two weeks before. They were full of bugs. You were supposed to freeze them first, for quite a while.

I could go on and on. The marzipan wasn't so bad. All of the breads and rolls that poor Adrian delivered on Christmas Eve, because I really didn't think they could be delivered cold. I have learned they can be delivered cold and will still be enjoyed.

And for those TV people with the craft projects? Bah, Humbug!

## Spilled wine, burned hands, hungry mice: Tales from the pulpit

When my great-nephew, Jamie, was to take his first Communion at College Baptist, he was very worried that he might drop the tray of glasses as it was passed. He was so nervous that I feared we might be paraphrasing the old hymn and singing, "There shall be showers of grape juice."

Fortunately, no mishap occurred, but it made me wonder if anyone ever has dropped one of the trays. Royce Clay, 14th and Main Church of Christ, admits to it happening in a worship service he conducted. He describes the event as "quite a mess."

Carroll Kohl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, has also experienced a catastrophe at Communion. It occurred when he was holding a large chalice of wine above the altar. Suddenly the handle of the silver pitcher fell off and wine inundated the altar.

In his 30 years in the ministry, Kohl has learned to deal with the unexpected.

At Thanksgiving time, church member Lela Hansen faithfully creates a beautiful centerpiece for the altar, using breads, grains, fruits and vegetables.

During one Thanksgiving service, Kohl noticed that members of the congregation were focused on the altar. Everyone was watching it intently.

He looked down and saw a mouse busily eating the bread!

Another time he was upstaged by a burning candle. For the Good Friday service, it is traditional to have everything in black throughout the

### You need to have a sense of humor about the mistakes that are inevitably made in church services.

Carroll Kohl

church. Unable to find any black candles, Kohl sprayed-painted a couple.

Half-way through the service, he noticed the candles were burning unevenly. Then the paint caught fire and the candles fell.

Kohl rushed to put out the flame and blistered both hands. Wryly he remarks, "I have learned never to spray-paint candles."

"You need to have a sense of humor about the mistakes that are inevitably made in church services," he says, "and then people can laugh with you."

He confesses he has a tendency to forget names, especially on Sunday morning when he is concentrating on the coming service. One Sunday morning Kohl, who has been married for 35 years, forgot his wife's name. He adds, "She has never let me forget that."

Not likely to be forgotten is the Good Friday service at St. Paul Lutheran this year. That was the day Big Spring experienced an earthquake. The tremors were especially severe at the church and set chairs rocking and candles swaying on the altar.

A different act of nature interrupted the Easter service four years ago. Kohl's daughter Angela, who serves as church organist and choir director, was nine months pregnant. That morning she suggested to her dad that they have the special music first because "I'm not sure I am going to make it through the entire service."

She was right. She didn't. The choir performed their music, and the congregation was singing a hymn when her water broke. She motioned to China Long, who fills in for her on occasion, to take over. She slid off the organ bench, as China slid on, and left for the hospital.

Kohl's first grandchild was born the next day.



Jean Warren  
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# Captain Bill: A Mississippi fixture

By ED SCHAFER  
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — When the Postal Service went looking for someone to help introduce a new stamp commemorating America's riverboat history this fall, it didn't have to look past the St. Louis levee.

Captain William F. Carroll, known locally as Cap'n Bill, was a natural for the job.

He has been active on the river here for more than 50 years and is known to several generations of St. Louisans who cruised aboard the old riverboat Admiral, a downtown landmark.

Although the art deco Admiral is now a landlocked casino sitting on concrete piles next to the Eads Bridge, Carroll still plays a role in the management of Gateway Riverboat Cruises. At 75, he still works nearly every day in the excursion boat end of the business.

Carroll signed on with Streckfus Steamers as a jack-of-all-trades after being discharged from the Army in 1945. It didn't take him long to fall in love with the Mississippi and its history.

"I did all kinds of work, including general labor," he said. "But eventually, and probably inevitably, I began to spend a lot of time in the pilot house of the Admiral, watching Captain Jim (Brasher) run the boat."

"Once in a while, he let me steer while he sat behind me in a recliner chair and offered advice. He didn't want the boat flopping around out there, so he taught me how to ease into



Cartoonist Bill Mauldin sits in his 1946 Willys Jeep in the yard of his Santa Fe, N.M. home. Mauldin is well known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoons depicting World War II soldiers.

the wheel. 'Easy now, easy,' he would say. You stayed in your marks with him. No throwing your rudder down hard. No flopping around."

The experience convinced Carroll he wanted to live his life on the river. But there was a lot of work involved.

"Finally, I took and passed the examinations for mate and captain," he said. "My first boat was the Huck Finn, a smaller boat that takes passengers out for a one-hour cruise of the St. Louis riverfront."

His fondest memories are linked to his long career as skipper of the 374-foot Admiral, which took up to 4,400 passengers on each of two cruises a day during the season. The day cruise gave its passengers a different view of the city and an ongoing patter from Carroll, who called attention to points

of interest and had an anecdote for every one.

When he first started, Carroll said, someone in the company had developed a series of cards from which the commentator could read over the loudspeakers.

"But all it talked about was how many tons of coal the power plant used, or how many bushels of grain a barge would hold or how many gallons of water the waterworks turned out," he said. "By the end of the first week of doing that, I thought I would go crazy. There was no soul in there. It was all numbers."

"So I went to the Missouri Historical Society and the Mercantile Library and started what has turned into a real love affair with the history of the river, the city and whole area."

Carroll has amassed his own library and filing system at his home and has talked about writing a book on St. Louis and its relationship with the river.

He credits the cruise boats with keeping the St. Louis riverfront alive through the years until the Arch, Laclede's Landing and, most recently, gambling once again made it a popular gathering place.

"In the 1950s and 1960s, the Admiral was THE riverfront attraction," he said. "There was nothing else here. Back then, when visitors came to town, you took them to Forest Park or the Central West End. Now, their first outing is to the riverfront to see all the sights."

"It does my heart good to see the levee alive with people again."

# Elderly Americans live longer than Europeans

By DANIEL Q. HANEY  
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The United States may be the healthiest place on earth for old people, a study suggests.

The report found that Americans who reach age 80 can expect to live about a year longer than elderly folks in four other industrialized countries.

Experts say the findings were unexpected, since the United States trails many other countries in life expectancy when measured from birth.

However, it appears that if Americans make it to old age, they do as well as — or better than — elderly people anywhere.

"It's a surprise to us, and I think it will be a big surprise to the Europeans, who always argued that they are doing so much better than the U.S.," said Richard M. Suzman, head of the Office of the Demography of Aging at the National Institute on Aging.

One likely explanation for older Americans' longevity is the quality and availability of their health care.

"When people turn 65, we become a country with universal health care," said Kenneth G. Manton of Duke University, the study's principal author. "Other countries have it from birth, but they cap expenses, and that translates into delays."

Americans on Medicare get virtually any care they need without long waits. Other countries hold down costs by limiting availability of expensive services and requiring patients to wait many months.

"Older people can tolerate waits less well," Manton said. "Being incapacitated while

waiting for joint replacement surgery can have a disastrous effect on someone who is 80."

Manton and another demographer, James W. Vaupel of Odense University in Denmark, looked at death records of people born between 1880 and 1894 in the United States, Sweden, France, England and Japan. They say their data, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, provides the first reliable comparisons between countries.

The study projected that American women who turned 80 in 1987 would live 9.1 more years, while men were expected to live seven more years. Life expectancies for 80-year-old women and men in Japan were 8.5 and 6.9 more years, respectively; France, 8.6 and 6.7; Sweden, 8.3 and 6.5; and England, 8.1 and 6.2.

The researchers also calculated the odds of surviving five more years at ages 80, 85, 90 and 95. Americans consistently did best.

For instance, an 85-year-old American woman has a 58 percent chance of living five more years, compared with 53 percent in France, 52 percent in Japan, 51 percent in England and 50 percent in Sweden.

When life expectancy is measured from birth, the United States trails Japan, France and Sweden and is about tied with England. Japanese women have the world's highest life expectancy — 83. An American woman's is 79.8.

Life expectancy in the United States is lower than in other industrialized countries because of its relatively high infant mortality rate, which results largely from premature births. The study could not pinpoint why old Americans live longer than people elsewhere.

## SPIRIT OF THE SEASON



Franklin Graham, right, son of evangelist Billy Graham, hands out gifts to children in a Sarajevo school Dec. 20. Graham worked with the relief of organization Samaritan's Purse to distribute Christmas gifts to children in Sarajevo.

## New book chronicles a century

By WILLIAM GILLEN  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In a series of books, Studs Terkel has given readers insights into such issues as race and work and into such eras as the Great Depression and World War II.

In a new book, "Coming of Age," Terkel, himself 83, introduces us to 70 people who, like him, are chroniclers of this century nearing its turbulent end. See how they describe aging:

— Sophie Masloff, the first woman elected mayor of Pittsburgh at age 72, says: "I hate the term senior citizen. It groups us all together as people who are out of commission."

— Estelle Strongin, a New York City stockbroker in her 80s, says: "Just surviving isn't enough. It's a form of death. It's giving up...Survival is more than just eating and breathing. It's being involved with life."

Terkel worries about the young, too. He wants to tell us what it was like so we won't forget.

## Pray

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him strong, loving arms. He looks up into a beautiful face, tender with love, the face of his mother. Everyone runs to meet his pleasure. Everyone loves him. He is welcomed, cuddled, cared for. And he might say, "How foolish I was. This is a wonderful place. I'm so happy here."

Dr. Peale thought that was the way it would be when death comes. Not that we would want to go, but that we would once again be born into a wonderful, beautiful place and that we would love our new life there.

While interviewing people for his new book, "How I Pray," Jim Castelli says one man told him, "I would say that living is prayer. If you choose dark thoughts, you're praying for the

dark element as opposed to the light element. The whole process of things is actually a prayer because what you hold in your thoughts is what you bring into the world."

Does that remind you of the scripture "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he"? Or as author-lecturer Deepak Chopra, M.D. says, "Our cells are constantly eavesdropping on our thoughts and being changed by them."

Meanwhile, researchers urge us not to forego medical treatment but to accept that faith and medicine work hand in hand. As one doctor said, "It's exciting to see religion and medicine brought together in a whole new way as we enter the 21st century."

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## January is full of activities

1996 will be a month of agricultural events and activities that are important to a wide variety of interests.

The last week of December kicked off the new stock show season with the Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show. The Junior livestock show was completed Saturday and the rodeo and horse shows continues all this coming week.



Don Richardson  
County Agent

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996, The Conservation and Natural Resources Service (former SCS), will host an important agricultural update program at the County Fairgrounds' Activity Building beginning at 1 p.m.

Bill Fryrear, Eddie Spurgin, Rick Liles and myself will present updates on research in wind erosion control, the government farm programs from the Farm Service Agency and pesticide licensing. One hour in CEU will be available.

A county-wide Junior Swine Showmanship Clinic will be Monday evening, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the judging arena of the fairgrounds. Crane Co. Agent, Greg Gruben, will present a program to swine project owners and parents on how to groom and fit a pig for showing and offer tips on showmanship.

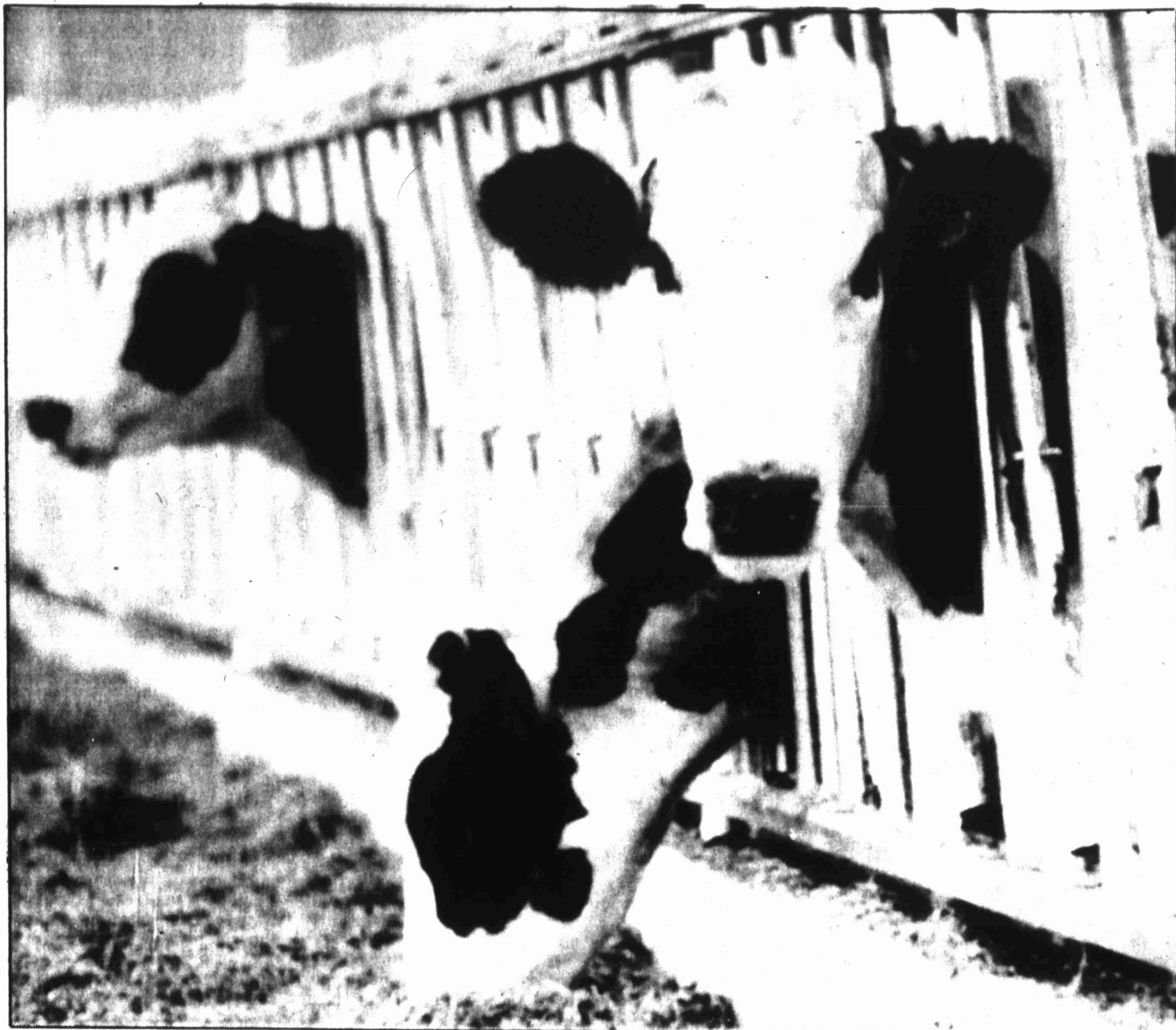
Jan. 10-12, will be the Annual Beltwide Cotton Conference, this year to be held in Nashville, Tenn. This important industry meeting will be attended by a good many area producers, including this agent, that have concerns about the future of this crop, particularly in light of the yet-to-be-passed new government farm program.

Friday, Jan. 12, is the deadline to send in registrations to Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist in Lubbock, for participation in the Cotton Marketing Workshop to be held at the Dora Roberts Community in Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring on Thursday, Jan. 25. Call this office at 264-2236 for registration information and other details on this event. Advance registration is a requirement.

All entries to the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show are to be turned in along with their fees, to the County Extension Office before 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12. FFA exhibitors should have their entries turned in to their respective agricultural science teachers prior to that date. These exhibitors should check with their instructors for their deadline dates.

Saturday, Jan. 13, the County Lamb Shearing, in preparation for the county's Junior Livestock Show, will begin at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Tom Thompson, San Angelo, will on hand to perform this service. A special lamb showmanship training clinic will be held at 10:30 a.m.

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A group of cows poke their heads through a fence waiting on some more feed to eat at Klass Osinga's dairy farm in Proctor. Osinga has more than 400 cows and many are kept beneath two giant holding sheds. The sheds offer relief from the heat in summer and keep them dry in the winter.

## Dairy draws business from afar

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Holstein cow statue that stands in front of the otherwise-stately Erath County Courthouse might appear out of place to some.

But for hundreds of Dutch over the past decade, it stands as a trans-Atlantic beacon.

The sign beneath the spotted helper says it all: "MOOLA. Milk Sales \$188,000,000."

There's money to be made in the north-central Texas dairy region, and dairy farmers are willing to travel from half a world away to make their fortunes milking cows.

Klaas Talsma is a Texas farming veteran among the native Dutch streaming here to set up dairies. After stints in California and Sulphur Springs, a dairy-rich region east of the Dallas-Fort-Worth area, Talsma set-

led his family near Stephenville six years ago.

"I heard Texas was a land of opportunity," said Talsma, 33, who has developed an original herd of 40 head into a bustling dairy of 1,500 milk-producing cows. "It's a nice community. Out here, people kind of care for each other."

In May, Talsma hosted a Dutch festival called "Dairy Break 1995," which included native food, games, entertainment and soccer matches.

The Netherlands native said prohibitive costs and governmental restrictions made dairy farming back home unrealistic.

"There was no way I could get in (business) there," said Talsma.

The numbers back him up. Quality Texas dairy land costs about \$700 per acre. A slightly better plot of land back home could run as much as \$12,800 per acre and carry government-

imposed production restrictions, the Dutch Agriculture Board said.

Klaas Osinga knows about Dutch farming rules. Born in the United States, he moved to Holland at age 13 with his parents. He became a dairyman, but government production limits led him back to his native country.

"The reason why I came back was because of the milk quota," said Osinga, who brought his Dutch wife and daughter to Texas four years ago. "I couldn't milk cows there. Here I can still milk."

Even in California, which is recovering from a real estate bust, prices for good dairy land can run more than three times the cost of comparable plots in rural Texas. Selling out in expensive climes allows dairymen to come to Texas with cash in their pockets and investment on their minds.

Donald DeJong, 29, said he made the trek east to Texas when he recognized that overinflated land prices in Southern California were teetering on collapse. The second-generation American and his wife, Cheri, sold their land to golf course developers and invested their profits in Dublin, just outside of Stephenville.

"It's nicer to farm here," said DeJong of rural Texas compared to his more suburban digs in Southern California. "People understand your needs here. There are better (agricultural) services here, feed is cheaper and we have a major milk market right here."

DeJong's dairy, about 80 miles southwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, serves buyers across the state. DeJong said his parents, who immigrated to California from the Netherlands before he was born, enjoy the

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## Auction nabs \$2,475 for Charles and Diana card

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. (AP) — A pre-separation Christmas card from Prince Charles and Princess Diana sold for \$2,475 and a signed photo of Al Capone sold for \$17,600 at auction Thursday night.

Also at Herman Darvick's autograph auction, a 1962 letter from Lee Harvey Oswald sold

for \$10,450.

The 1990 Christmas card from the Prince and Princess of Wales was addressed to "David" and signed by both royals, who separated two years later. Charles, Diana and their sons Prince William and Prince Harry are pictured.

The card was bought by a Beverly Hills autograph dealer; it was sold by a collector who had bought it from a British dealer, Darvick said.

The Capone photo was inscribed to Joe Cook, a favorite waiter of the gangster's, and was not dated, Darvick said. It was sold by a Boston collector and bought by a Chicago collec-

tor, he said.

Darvick said the price was a record for a 20th century signed photo, eclipsing the \$15,000 paid for a photo of Marilyn Monroe earlier this year.

The Oswald letter to his brother, Robert, was the last letter the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy wrote from

Russia before returning to the United States, Darvick said.

It was sold by Robert Oswald and bought by Anthony Pugliese, who bought the gun Jack Ruby used to shoot Oswald at another Darvick auction four years ago.

JFK was assassinated in Dallas in November 1963.

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## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

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### Christmas time winner

An excited Terrie Bradley shows off her Christmas gift, presented to her by Blum's Jewellers during a drawing Christmas eve, to Santa.

Bradley received a one carat total weight diamond tennis bracelet. Bradley said it made this Christmas "the best ever."

### Financial consultant accused of squandering clients' money

NEW YORK (AP) — He has written how-to books on the risks of investing, syndicates his advice in newspaper columns and is a oft-quoted source for reporters covering the \$4.9 trillion Treasury bond market.

So it's with some surprise that accusations have surfaced this week against Jay Goldinger, a financial consultant in Beverly Hills, Calif. Two client companies have said his firm squandered tens of millions of dollars they entrusted to him.

### No replacement yet

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Ober, who headed CBS News for five stormy years, is leaving his post, a CBS News spokeswoman said.

In an internal memo issued Thursday morning, Ober, who has been with the network for three decades, told colleagues that CBS President Peter Lund "has decided to make a change in the presidency of CBS News." Ober's memo said he was leaving Jan. 12.

No successor had been named, said Sandy Genelius, a CBS News spokeswoman.

### Wrong forecast

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Orange County's former treasurer used interest rate forecasts from a mail-order astrologer while making the ill-fated investments that pushed the county into bankruptcy, a grand jury has been told. Robert L. Citron also regularly consulted a psychic, former county finance director Eileen Walsh testified. Walsh, forced out after the county's \$1.64 billion investment loss was revealed last December, said the disclosure about Citron was made early that month by Citron's top aide.









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