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## Hopes high for good harvest in Borden County

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

GAIL — Borden County cotton producers have watched their crops get pelted by sandstorms, hail, boll weevils and a too-early freeze, but hopes are still very high for a bountiful harvest.

For the past three years, drought and other factors have, for all practical purposes, denied Borden County producers from cashing in on their crops.

While the drought is now history, other problems hit this year, probably leaving Borden farmers to wonder if they were snake-bit.

Early summer sandstorms hit this area

hard, forcing a sizable portion of the cotton acreage in the county to be replanted, county agriculture agent Dennis Poole said.

As the summer went on, the replanted cotton had to fight off boll weevil infestation. Weevils found the younger, more tender plants a more inviting target than the older fields, Poole said.

Then, just to add a final insult to injury, hail storms also hit the area, inflicting more damage to the area crops.

While the undamaged cotton matured at about the same time as other fields in this area, the younger cotton still needed some more time on the plant when the first autumn freezes hit last week.

"We've got cotton ranging from old to very

young," Poole said. "We've got a good crop in the field, but the freezes came a week to 10 days too early."

The good news, however, is that the freezes didn't damage the younger plants too much, and recent warm weather has coaxed them toward maturity. Many farmers with older cotton, meanwhile, have already started the harvesting process, Poole said.

"The older cotton looks very good," Poole said. "The younger cotton was a victim to a variety of things."

The ups and downs suffered by Borden's

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## Beginning Sunday:



The State of the Community

... a multi-part series in which elected and civic leaders in Big Spring and Howard County evaluate the state of the community ...

## Airpark rail spur repairs set to begin

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

It's been the topic of discussion for several weeks, but repairs to the railroad spur at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark are finally on-line to happen.

The Big Spring City Council recently awarded the bid for spur repairs to Trac-Works Inc. of Amarillo, which submitted a bid of \$110,792.40.

For its portion of the project, the city will spend approximately \$26,000. Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. will spend about \$54,000 and the Industrial Foundation will cover the remaining \$30,000, according to Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard.

The purpose for the repairs is work needs to be done to the 1.33 miles or 7,045 feet of track at the airpark.

"Over time, some of the rail ties have gone bad causing spikes not to work," according to Moore Executive Director Danette Toone said.

"The track is definitely in need of maintenance," Bogard said. "The line is good if we can just get it updated. If the spur goes down, so will some of the businesses along it."

According to Bogard, the tracks that run through the airpark have not had a major overhaul in more than 20 years.

Approximately 25 percent or 1,500 of the rail ties along the spur are estimated to be in need of repair and of those, approximately 700 of those are visible.

Having the spur in good condition is also an economic development concern because future prospects for Big Spring may need the service the spur offers.

The options originally considered when repairs were discussed earlier this summer included: 1) replacing the current 90 lb rail with a 120 lb rail at a cost of approximately \$500,000; 2) replacing 700 ties and doing some ballast work at a cost of \$70,000; or 3) replace 1,500 ties at a cost of \$112,000, which is what the city asked Moore to consider.

Tuesday, Bogard told the council that the actual work will consist of replacing 1,150 ties.

The airpark actually maintains the spur financially fixes what breaks, but the spur needs to be repaired in order to remove the burden of the airpark having to spend an average of \$4,000 per repair on the spur, according to Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan.

## DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN

Dental Hygiene student Susette Mansanares of Sweetwater dresses as a sheik for Halloween. Howard College had a variety of activities planned throughout the day that were open to both students and faculty as well as the community.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett



## Police, sheriff departments set to start digital booking

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

In just a matter of weeks, the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office will be joined at the hip when it comes to booking suspects.

In July, the Big Spring City Council accepted a bid of \$12,948 from Big Spring's ALH Computers to provide the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) with a digital booking system.

The system is in place for the BSPD and now the department plans to share the system with the sheriff's office.

"The booking system will link the booking records of the police department and the sheriff's office, which should make processing prisoners much easier," BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness said.

Deputy Mike West Jr., formerly with the BSPD, and now chief administrative assistant

in charge of identification with the sheriff's office, addressed the commissioners' court earlier this week about the system.

According to West, the sheriff's office will use approximately \$12,775 from phone funds for installation of the system. ALH Computers will also install the system for the sheriff's office.

"We will be compatible with the Big Spring Police Department system," West told commissioners. "The police department is on-line now and working out the bugs in the system."

"When the system in the sheriff's office goes on-line, we will already have access to the police department data base," West added. "The system should be installed and operational sometime in November."

With the new booking system in place, the sheriff's office will be about where Sheriff Bill Jennings wants the department

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## IN COSTUME EARLY



Brandi Phillips (from left), Paola Mercado and Laurel Nix parade around the Proffitt Day Care playground with their classmates in their Halloween costumes today.

## Halloween, halloween and more halloween activities

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431.

### Weekend Ticket

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You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

Halloween activities include: Things get off to a spooky start at Big Spring State Hospital. BSSH Octoberfest activities include a carnival for community, staff and patients at the activity therapies build-

ing from 1:30-5 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Employee Charitable Contribution Campaign.

Radiology students from Scenic Mountain Medical Center vow they'll do their best to "scare you to death" at their haunted house, which will be open from 7:30 p.m.-closing today. Admission is \$3 per person.

Sand Springs' Lions

Club will host a Halloween party beginning at 7 p.m. tonight at the club building on Scout Road off the north service road of Interstate 20 in Sand Springs. There is no admission, and food and drinks (no alcohol) will be served.

The Texas West Elks, the staff of the VA Medical Center and several Big Spring businesses will sponsor a Fall Carnival from 6-8:30 p.m. today at the VA hospital. Events planned include a spaghetti din-

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## WEATHER

Tonight:



Weekend:



Mon:



Tue:



Tonight, clear. Low 45-55. Saturday, sunny. Highs 70-80. Saturday night, clear. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Extended forecast, Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs 60-65. Monday, fair. Lows in the mid 30s to near 40. Highs 65-70. Tuesday, fair. Lows 40-45. Highs 65-70.

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# Separatists make last-minute effort to mount a legal defense

ALPINE (AP) — Texas separatists have made a last-minute attempt to mount a defense in their organized crime trial, turning their case over to the court-appointed attorneys they ignored for nearly a week.

Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren and his co-defendant, Robert Otto, asked their standby counsel to step in Thursday after the prosecution had wrapped up its case.

McLaren's attorney, Frank Brown, said it would be difficult taking over at this late a date.

"I guess being standby counsel is like being a fireman," Brown said outside the courtroom. "You have just got to be ready to go at any time. We've got a pretty big fire and we just need to find the biggest fire extinguisher we've got."

Brown and Otto's attorney, Mike Barclay, have been in the courtroom since the trial began Monday, but their clients did not allow them to act until the eve of closing arguments.

The attorneys had been expecting to present summations today.

McLaren and Otto are charged with engaging in organized criminal activity for allegedly plotting to kidnap two people who lived near Republic members in the Davis Mountains Resort, a rural community 175 miles southeast of El Paso.

The April 27 abduction of Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe, carried out by three of McLaren's followers, sparked a standoff with 300 state troopers and Texas Rangers. The siege ended May 3 when the group agreed to lay down its weapons.

Both defendants had been ignoring their standby counsel throughout the four-day trial, preferring to represent themselves.

They had made their own objections

and cross-examined witnesses. But their attempts at a defense made little sense, leaning heavily on McLaren's belief that he is an ambassador for the Republic of Texas, and their conduct has caused them to be ejected repeatedly.

As soon as they were given the authority, Brown and Barclay submitted a motion seeking a mistrial, citing the admission of evidence not directly related to the case.

"The evidence is just so overwhelming and so prejudicial, at this time ... it's really impossible for my client to receive a fair trial," Brown told state District Judge Kenneth DeHart.

The motion specifically cited the presentation of weapons not related to the actual abduction and a videotaped reenactment of the kidnapping that included unsworn testimony from victim Joe Rowe.

The motion also challenged the

admission of "extraneous offenses that may inflame the jury," such as testimony about the standoff and explosive devices found at the Republic encampment.

Otto and McLaren are not charged with anything beyond organizing to commit criminal activity connected to the Republic.

When DeHart denied the motion, Brown and Barclay asked for a directed verdict of innocence, which the

## Speeds could be lowered on Texas roads under emergency rule

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans concerned about road speeds that they think are dangerously high could see them lowered by as much as 12 mph under an emergency rule approved Thursday by the Texas Transportation Commission.

Prompted by a 17.8 percent increase in state traffic fatalities last year — after the speed limit rose to 70 mph on many roads — the rule will give Texas Department of Transportation engineers more flexibility in

recommending lower speeds to the commission.

The rule won't automatically lower maximum speeds, which must be based on engineering studies and practices. It comes after the agency had 26 meetings around the state to get public input on speed limits.

"What we heard during these meetings is that most Texans generally agree with the higher speed limit, but there are some roadways, particularly narrow rural high-

ways, that we should re-examine," said commission Chairman David Laney.

Carlos Lopez, deputy director of the agency's traffic operations division, said public input varied by region.

"Mainly in West Texas, everything's cool," he said.

But in areas with fewer wide-open spaces and more curves in the roads, more concern was expressed about whether speed limits were too high.

Lopez said the emer-

gency adoption will allow the agency to put the procedures in place right away, and that it will be responsive to the public.

"Our engineers can go out and look at roadways as people call in with maybe some concerns and apply these new procedures as they study the roadways," he said.

Engineers also will look at roads people expressed concern about at the meetings, he said.

The commission will make the final determination on a road's speed.

Under previous rules, placement widths of 20 feet or less, horizontal or vertical curves, or limits be raised or lowered up to 5 mph per hour from the posted limit.

At locations with crash rates higher than the state averages, the speed of motorists can be lowered by as much as 12 mph.

Average crash rates vary with the type and location of road, said state DOT spokesman Randall Dillard in Austin. He said averages raised 5 mph of speed differ on rural

stretches of interstate highways there are, for example,

### TEXAS BRIEFS

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — It was the sentence Ben Salazar had been waiting to hear for five years.

He heard it Thursday in the same courtroom where five years earlier he had been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the rape of an Austin woman in 1991.

"The court finds that he is not guilty of this offense," said District Judge Jon Wisser. The judge made the ruling after hearing that three DNA tests had shown that Salazar was not guilty.

The judge said that Salazar's trial was handled correctly, "but now we have better evidence." Salazar, 31, hugged David Schulman, his lawyer, and his mother, Dolores Almaguer.

CORPUS CHRISTI — Two Corpus Christi police officers have been indicted on fraud and felony theft charges in an alleged insurance scam.

The indictment returned Thursday by a Nueces County grand jury, accuses Lt. Leandro Benavides, 43, and Senior Officer Joe Manning, 33, of faking auto and home burglaries in order to make false insurance claims, police investigators said.

Ken Botary, a lawyer representing Benavides, says his client is innocent and is being framed by a jilted girlfriend with a checkered past. "These allegations are not true," Botary said.

Botary said the former girlfriend is on probation for theft in San Patricio County following her conviction on charges of stealing funds from a high school band booster club.

WASHINGTON — Two East Coast railroads mindful of safety and service problems in the West are slowing down their plans to take over Conrail.

Executives with CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. said Thursday they would wait months after getting regulatory approval before linking computer systems and adjusting their operating procedures.

"Do nothing is a viable alternative," said Ike Prillaman, executive vice president for marketing at Norfolk Southern. "Day One will extend for a period of time until we are ready to go forward."

His comments came at a railroad conference at which the Federal Railroad Administration announced plans to dispatch 85 inspectors to Texas and other states after the two latest train wrecks involving Union Pacific rail cars.

"This is a crisis for Union Pacific," Administrator Jolene Molltoris said. "We are not going to go away until these issues are resolved."

WASHINGTON — Rolling out their list of targets in next year's House races, Democratic lead-

ers say the defeat of Republican congressmen Ron Paul and Pete Sessions will be their top priority in Texas.

"We will be very competitive in Texas," Rep. Martin Frost, the Dallas lawmaker who chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said at a briefing Thursday.

To help fund Texas races, the DCCC is bringing Vice President Gore to Dallas on Nov. 24.

Republicans professed little concern for the future of Sessions, whose Northeast Texas district lies south of Dallas, and Paul, whose sprawling district stretches from the outskirts of Austin down to the Gulf of Mexico.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, whose district neighbors Frost's, shrugged off his fellow Texan's prognostication.

SAN ANTONIO — A grand jury's decision to take no action against a police officer in the death of a Mexican businessman has angered government officials south of the border, who vow to fight for a federal probe.

San Antonio police Officer James A. Smith was no-billed Thursday by Bexar County grand jurors in the death of ENI Morisimo, who died six days after struggling with Smith on New Year's Day.

"We are very, very disappointed about the outcome of this case because have been asking for justice, and we feel there is more than enough

evidence to prosecute," said San Antonio-based General of Mexico Carlos M. Sada.

"We will continue to fight this case. There was a request from the state government to open a federal investigation and we are following what the FBI is doing," Sada said. The witnesses been interviewed.

AUSTIN — The state lottery, dealing with a year of setbacks and a loss of enthusiasm for its numbers game, is looking to increase the state's share of lottery revenue by its first real slump in sales.

The head of the state lottery member governing committee said Thursday the five-year-old agency is looking to point the way for its future.

But a head of the lottery said Thursday that "Texas is not a state of winners."

And the latest sign of the agency's internal turmoil, former executive director Lawrence Littwin, says Texas lottery sales dropped off in the first six months of 1997. The Lottery Commission's board members, John Hill and Anthony ... wouldn't talk about Littwin's dismissal. George W. Bush said he believes the commission made a mistake hiring Littwin.

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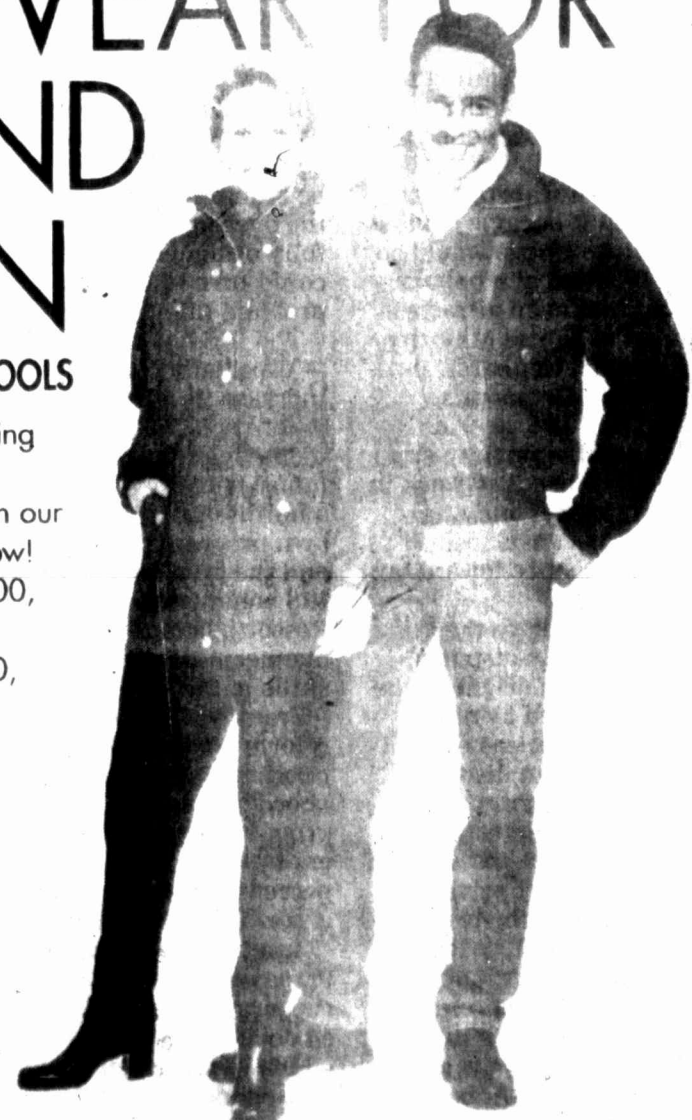
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## Senate votes 69-30 to block Clinton's vetoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' first-ever attempt to thwart a president's use of the line-item veto has succeeded by a surprisingly lopsided margin in the Senate. But the roll call ultimately may be little more than a footnote because Republican leaders seem reluctant to schedule a vote in the House.

In a slap at President Clinton, the Senate voted 69-30 Thursday to preserve 38 military construction projects that he has killed with the line-item veto. That topped the two-thirds majority lawmakers would later need to restore the programs if the effort advances.

Even so, top House aides said GOP leaders have no plans to schedule a vote before Congress adjourns in November for the year. Top Republicans doubt they could get the needed two-thirds margin, and worry that they could be viewed as opposing a power they had fought for years to give the president.

But in the Senate, many lawmakers who had supported the power in theory had little reluctance to oppose its use by Clinton when he aimed it at their home states.

Thirty-eight of the 48 senators from the 24 states where military construction work was vetoed voted to preserve the projects.

"A terrible mistake," is how Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., a line-item veto supporter, described Clinton's decision to kill a \$6.8 million project at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

Another source of strength for advocates of blocking Clinton's vetoes was the Senate Appropriations Committee, which wrote the military construction bill and 12 other 1998 spending measures vulnerable to the president's new power. Of its 28 members, 25 voted to undo the vetoes.

"The Senate ought to do its duty," said panel Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. "And that duty is to try and remedy the mistake that was made when the line-item veto was mistakenly" used against the military construction bill.

Clinton has stirred up a hornet's nest in Congress by casting 63 line-item vetoes against six bills, mostly affecting defense projects. The power, which he received only this year, allows the president to kill individual items in bills that otherwise

become law. He vetoed the 38 military construction projects on Oct. 6, an act he said would save \$287 million.

Opponents of the line-item power followed two opposing strategies. Some, such as Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., voted to block Clinton's action, saying the power was unconstitutional and should therefore be rejected.

"Today is a black day for this institution, whose members must prostrate themselves on bended knee before the president and ask him to do what the Constitution requires, execute" the laws of the land, Byrd said.

Other line-item foes including Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., voted for Clinton's action.

"The more pain we inflict" on senators by canceling their home-state projects, "the more likely we are to repeal" the power, Bumpers said.

Overall, 42 Republicans and 27 Democrats voted to revive the vetoed projects, while 12 Republicans and 18 Democrats backed Clinton.

## British nanny guilty, faces life sentence

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — With shoulders slumped and hands buried in her face, British au pair Louise Woodward wailed "Why?" after jurors decided she had murdered an 8-month-old baby by violently shaking him because he was being fussy. "I didn't do anything!" the 19-year-old nanny cried out Thursday night as defense attorney Andrew Good embraced her. "Why did they do that to me?"

The round-faced and soft-spoken Woodward faced a sentence of life in prison for second-degree murder with parole possible in 15 years. The conviction meant jurors believed Woodward intentionally killed the infant she was caring for and acted with malice.

Judge Hiller Zobel was to announce the mandatory sentence today.

Deborah and Sunil Eappen, physicians who have said they firmly believe Woodward killed their son Matthew, watched the verdict on televi-

sion. "They're obviously satisfied that the person responsible for killing Matty was found responsible," prosecutor Gerard Leone Jr. said.

One alternate juror denounced the verdict.

"I was wondering if these people were sitting in the same courtroom as I was for the last three weeks," Robert Mangold told WBZ-TV.

The verdict also stunned Woodward's attorneys, who lost a gamble that the jury be allowed to consider murder charges but not a lesser charge of manslaughter. They said they would ask the judge to reject the jury's decision.

Woodward, jailed since her arrest in February, later spent 30 minutes with her parents in an isolation cell.

It took jurors 27 hours over three days to reach a verdict. Matthew died in the hospital Feb. 9, five days after Woodward called an emergency operator to say he was unconscious.

## Three women talk about HIV-infected partner

NEW YORK (AP) — One woman spoke about the flowers, jewelry and candy that Nushawn Williams gave her. Another talked about getting high with him. A third suggested that the women he had unprotected sex with were just as reckless as he was.

One by one, they recounted how the 20-year-old drifter duped them when he lived in their rural western New York community, never telling them he was infected with the AIDS virus.

Even as they recited their stories, sometimes between sobs, a brooding mugshot of Williams loomed behind them Thursday on a large TV monitor, framed by the words: "AIDS Scare in a Small Town."

Authorities say hundreds of people may be at risk of HIV infection through direct or indirect contact with Williams, who hung around parks in Jamestown, sweet-talking young girls, sometimes offering them drugs.

"He didn't trade me sex for drugs," an obviously distraught 18-year-old woman named Andrea said during a taping of "The Montel Williams Show" that will air Monday. "He was my boyfriend. He bought me anything I wanted."

Andrea, who gave only her

first name, has tested positive for HIV. The two other women — 20-year-old Christina and 18-year-old Amber Arnold — are living in fear they'll test positive, too.

"We partied together, got drunk, got high," Christina said, adding that she and Williams had sex three or four times. "I am very worried. I am very scared."

Miss Arnold said she did not blame Williams for having sex with women without telling them he was infected with HIV. She plans to visit him in prison. "It's not only his fault," she said. "Any one of these girls could have told him to put on a condom and he would have done it because that's the kind of man he was."

"Why should I... let him die alone," she added. "I know how it feels to be alone, alone in jail, alone in life, and have nobody love you."

Andrea said she dated Williams off and on for a short time. "He liked the way I looked and I liked the way he looked," she said. She tearfully added that he hit her and threatened to kill her if she left him.

Williams gave health workers in upstate Chautauqua County the names of 20 sex partners at the time of his own HIV test a

year ago. He gave New York City officials dozens more names last week during an interview from jail, where he has been since last month on a drug charge. Police and health officials were concerned that Williams could have had partners in Brooklyn and the Bronx, where he also lived for a while.

Also in the Manhattan studio were students from Jamestown High School, which on Thursday allowed youngsters to leave school early to be tested for the virus that causes AIDS.

In Jamestown, where Williams himself was suspected of infecting nine girls with the human immunodeficiency virus, the anxiety was building as dozens of teen-agers rolled up their sleeves to be tested.

"I'm worried, for real," 15-year-old Mike said. "I'm afraid if they do say I have it I'm going to flip."

State Health Commissioner Barbara DeBuono promised that tests from Chautauqua County would be given priority at the state lab.

"They told me three weeks," a blond girl named Carrie said, "but I can call in two."

Brian Jones, a former roommate of Williams, said he joined him on drug-dealing trips to Washington, Richmond, Va.,

and Boston, where Williams may have had sex with more women.

The two men made several trips to Boston during the last year, Jones said in an interview broadcast Wednesday on WPIX-TV in New York.

New York officials were following up the lead but said they found nothing to indicate Williams infected anyone in Boston. The Boston Globe reported today, citing Sean Fitzpatrick, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

"I have no idea whether to put credence in the report. It's one of a lot of leads that we have," said Fred Winters, spokesman for the New York Health Department.

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## Dow drops 125, but swings are less violent

NEW YORK (AP) — Few would describe the market's recent behavior as comforting, but at least Wall Street's mood swings are becoming less violent.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 125.00 points to 7,381.67 on Thursday, expanding its loss over the past five sessions to 650 points, or more than 8 percent.

In an early encouraging sign before U.S. stock markets opened, prices were rising in trading of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, signaling buying interest among blue-chip stocks and expectations of a rising stock market. World markets also stabilized, with major Asian stocks closing with gains and European markets down only slightly in late trading today.

With 1.6 billion shares changing hands Thursday on U.S. stock markets — leisurely compared with Tuesday's record-busting 2.83 billion, but still the

11th busiest day in history — analysts said it was significant that the day's decline never snowballed into another full-blown selling frenzy.

"Some people would find (Thursday's drop) disturbing, but at same time it's not untypical of a market's reactions a couple of days after a very sharp decline and a very sharp rally," said Eric Miller, chief strategist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities, referring to Monday's 554-point plunge by the Dow and Tuesday's 337-point rebound.

"What we'll watch for (today), will be whether there appears to be a stabilization, and whether we hold above the old lows of Tuesday morning," when the Dow slid as much as 178 points before rallying back, said Miller.

The biggest damage Thursday was incurred among the shares of technology companies, which have a greater stake in Southeast Asia's crumbling for-

tures than other industries. The technology-laden Nasdaq Stock Market fell 2 percent on Thursday.

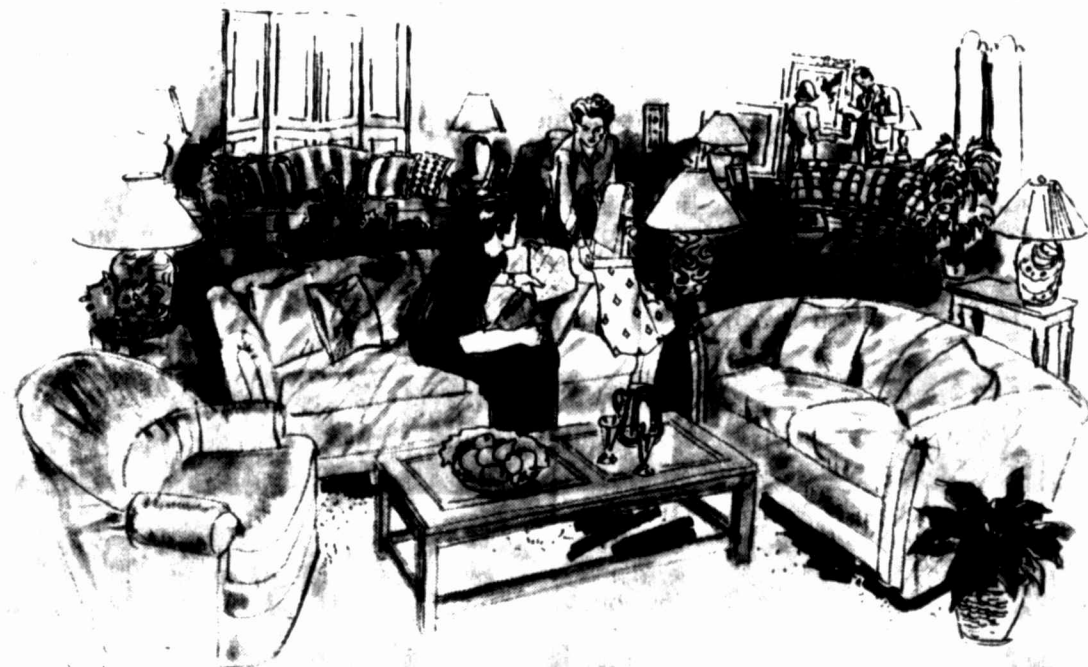
"People are having a difficult time getting a clear idea about each company's specific exposure to Asia," said Robert Streed, senior investment adviser at Northern Trust in Chicago. "We know technology companies have more exposure, so technology companies are being painted with a broad brush. They rounded up the usual suspects and took them out to shoot them this morning."

Compounding the lingering concerns over Asia were mounting jitters over Latin America, where several developing nations roiled world financial markets about three years ago with their own fiscal crises.

Most world markets stabilized today, taking the lead from Hong Kong and Japan, which bounced back from morning losses.

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# Iraq bars two U.S. inspectors, says it's ready for 'military confrontation'

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq today barred two U.S. arms inspectors from entering the country, U.N. officials said, underscoring its determination to remove Americans from a team monitoring its weapons program. Iraq later warned it is prepared for "a military confrontation" if pushed.

Iraq acted despite a U.N. Security Council demand that it rescind a Wednesday order prohibiting Americans from working with U.N. weapons teams in Iraq, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

"We have not chosen confrontation ... we are defending our rights," Saad Kasim Hamoodi, head of the Arab and International Committee in the Iraqi Parliament, told reporters in Baghdad later today.

"We are on the defense but if they (the Americans) pushed the issue towards a military confrontation, we would not be scared of this option and we will not back down from the stand we took," he said.

Washington warned earlier that it would "carry out the will of the international community."

"There are a range of options that we can pursue to ensure compliance by

Iraq," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, providing no specifics.

A third American working for another U.N. agency — the International Atomic Energy Agency — was first told he also would not be admitted. After negotiating with Iraqi authorities, they agreed to let him enter.

He returned to Bahrain with the others because he was told by his Vienna-based agency not to enter Iraq if the other Americans were barred.

Chief weapons inspector Richard Butler said the Americans were traveling to Iraq as part of a regular personnel rotation.

Arriving for a Security Council meeting today, U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said Iraq's action was "very disturbing and continues a pattern of Iraqi obstructionism that we've tried to point out for some time."

The two Americans had flown from Bahrain to Iraq to join the 40-member inspection team trying to determine if Baghdad has complied with U.N. orders to destroy mass destruction weapons, Eckhard said. But Iraqi officials refused to let them off the plane.

Iraq has given the 10 American inspectors in Baghdad one week to

leave the country. The order applies only to Americans working for the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq, formed in 1991 to carry out weapons inspections there.

Even nations generally sympathetic to Iraq, including France, joined its adversaries in condemning Iraq's expulsion order.

The arms inspectors are trying to determine if Saddam's government has adhered to 1991 U.N. orders that Iraq destroy its weapons of mass destruction. Without compliance, the United Nations refuses to end harsh sanctions imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait, sparking the Persian Gulf War.

U.N. officials said expulsion of the Americans would cripple the inspection team. Butler, an Australian, suspended inspections and postponed a Nov. 7 trip to Baghdad.

Iraq also asked the United Nations to stop using American reconnaissance planes to help verify compliance.

It said nothing about what it would do if the deadline passed with its demands unmet. China today urged both sides to "avoid further intensifying the conflict."

U.N. officials described the crisis as

the most serious since October 1994, when Saddam sent troops to the Kuwaiti border and threatened to kick out American inspectors. He backed down after President Clinton dispatched a carrier group and 54,000 troops to the region.

Saddam's latest challenge comes at a time of growing rifts in the Security Council over policy toward Iraq, which is negotiating lucrative oil exploration contracts with firms from Russia, China and France.

Those deals would take effect once sanctions are lifted. Last week, five council members — Russia, France, China, Egypt and Kenya — refused to support a U.S.-British resolution threatening a travel ban on Iraqi officials if they persisted in blocking weapons inspections.

The resolution was approved anyway last week, but U.S. and British diplomats had feared the lack of unity would only encourage Iraq to greater defiance. The expulsion order was Iraq's response.

France has been among the Western countries most sympathetic to Iraq's insistence that it is trying to abide by U.N. disarmament orders.

In Paris today, Foreign Ministry spokesman Jacques Rummelhardt urged "the Iraqi authorities to reconsider their position immediately."

On Wednesday, all 15 council members issued a statement saying the decision could have "serious consequences" for the Iraqi government.

Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun, called the council statement "counterproductive" and said "it's not going to help in any solution to the problem we are trying to resolve."

He accused the Americans of prolonging the inspections as a cover for U.S. intelligence operations.

Iraq's ruling Baath Party, meanwhile, today appealed to Arab countries to stand by Iraq in "repulsing the conspiracy of the continuing embargo" and in "confronting the unjust imperialist American Zionist resolutions." The statement was distributed by the official Iraqi News Agency.

Iraq's order would not affect a 10-month-old U.N. deal that allows it to sell oil to buy food and medicine, said Denis Halliday, the program coordinator in Baghdad. Only one American works for the program.

## Efforts to rid Vietnam's battlefields of unexploded bombs and mines may be unleashing Agent Orange's toxins

LAM XUAN, Vietnam (AP) — Efforts to rid Vietnam's battlefields of countless unexploded bombs and land mines may be unleashing a long dormant enemy — Agent Orange's deadly toxins.

Old bombs, artillery shells and land mines litter the wasteland just south of what was the demilitarized zone during the Vietnam War, killing innocents long after the conflict's end.

The work to locate and destroy the war's leftover ordnance is churning up soil saturated with the American military's war-era herbicide, Agent Orange. Experts are concerned that the ensuing release of poisonous chemicals could produce an environmental and health disaster.

Vietnamese army engineers routinely detonate the bombs and mines they uncover in their campaign to make the land of central Quang Tri province safe again.

"The process of de-mining frees up this soil, destabilizes it, and soil erosion then carries those toxins into the water system," says Donald Price, a graduate research fellow from James Madison University in Virginia. He is in Vietnam to study the long-term environmental consequences of the mine removal.

Agent Orange, used by the U.S. military to clear away the forest canopy its enemies hid beneath during the war, contains a cancer-causing byproduct, dioxin. It has been linked with a growing number of medical ailments in both U.S. war veterans and their Vietnamese counterparts.

Once in the water system, the

dioxin may readily pollute the entire food chain, Price warns.

Working through the U.S. Department of Defense-chartered Humanitarian De-mining Information Center, Price is the first scientist to examine the combined effect of chemicals and explosives on Vietnam's ecology.

His findings, while preliminary, point to potentially dangerous repercussions if Vietnam goes headlong into an all-out mine removal campaign. "You want to do the humanitarian thing and clear the land mines, but with the toxins present in the area you'll do more harm than good," he said.

Along Quang Tri's Highway 9, which bends and winds with the curves of the Cua Viet River, hamlets and villages are scattered throughout one of the most heavily bombed parts of the planet.

The same stretch of road was also doused with Agent Orange. Dubbed Operation Ranch Hand, U.S. military C-123 cargo planes blanketed the South Vietnamese countryside with Agent Orange. By 1971, the United States had sprayed about 12 million gallons of the defoliant over parts of southern and central Vietnam. The total load included about 375 pounds of dioxin; a mere trace of dioxin can cause cancer.

Vietnam says Agent Orange has poisoned its former troops and is also responsible for countless birth defects in children of war veterans.

Similar findings are apparent among U.S. combat troops exposed to Agent Orange. Although no definitive link between Agent Orange, birth

defects and other illnesses has been established, evidence is mounting.

The U.S.-based Institute of Medicine released a study last year that suggested a strong connection between the herbicide and a serious birth defect called spina bifida. Earlier studies tied exposure to Agent Orange with cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and soft-tissue sarcoma.

Vietnamese studies and independent research by Syracuse University's Dr. Arnold Schechter indicate Quang Tri is tainted with dioxin.

Down Highway 9 near the tiny hamlet of Lam Xuan, young soldiers scour the side of the road looking for bombs.

"In most cases we explode old bombs we find," said army Col. Le Doan Luc. "It's safer than trying to handle the aging and fragile bombs."

One day's work across a 100-yard stretch finds 32 unexploded U.S. 122-mm artillery shells in this area alone.

In Vietnam, at least 5,000 people have been killed by old bombs and land mines since the war ended in 1975.

"I can only say they are everywhere," said Luc, who leads the effort to rid Quang Tri of the remaining unexploded bombs.

Although he agrees with Price's concern for the environment, his pressing interest is more immediate — to make the rice paddies and village roads of his home province safe from explosives.

"We don't have the manpower or the technology to deal with this problem any other way," he said.

## Death toll from drought, fires increases to 507 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Famine and disease from the worst drought in half a century have claimed at least 507 lives in Indonesia's remote Irian Jaya province, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The Suara Pembaruan said 420 people had died in Jayawijaya district, another 67 in the district of Merauke and 20 others in Puncakjaya.

The area is on the Indonesian-controlled western half of New Guinea.

About 90,000 people from 42 villages in Jayawijaya, were still threatened by malnutrition due to harvest failure, the report said.

The drought, combined with forest fires, devastated the country's crop harvests. Indonesian officials delivered 56 tons of rice for the victims Wednesday.

Wildfires have blackened 4.2 million forest acres in Indonesia and spread a thick haze over a vast section of Southeast Asia.

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# Mission for mothers-to-be

## Elizabeth House is haven for unwed teens

By GRACIE BONDS STAPLES  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — If there were a way to capture tranquility in a picture, it would look much like Elizabeth Home, a sprawling single-family residence set against a backdrop of blue skies and lush green trees just off U.S. 380 in Denton.

But with its interior "prayer closet," its imposing inscription over the kitchen stove — "Heavenly father ... Give us this day grateful hearts" — it is at once direct and deceptive.

The contradiction might best be explained by the fact that Elizabeth Home, which opened Sept. 1, is new to the long and ongoing campaign to help curb one of America's ugliest blights: teen-age pregnancy.

In which case it is more than just a pretty picture. Elizabeth Home is a mission, one dedicated to providing a "Christ-centered" residence for unwed pregnant mothers.

"We are about the business of working with young women who are experiencing unexpected pregnancies and their families," said Beth Cathey, director of the nonprofit agency. "It's our first goal to reconcile them to God, to reconcile them with their families and to reconcile them to their communities."

Pregnant teens who come here will have the opportunity to attend church, receive counseling and educational and life-skills training, to prepare them to lead productive lives for

themselves and their babies. The hope is to have them do that without joining the nation's welfare rolls.

Although teen pregnancy rates have dropped modestly in recent years, 40 percent of girls and women become pregnant before they are 20 years old, according to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

The campaign, which recently began a drive to cut teen pregnancy rates by one-third in 10 years, said half of teen pregnancies end in birth, one-third in abortion and the rest in miscarriage.

This year alone, four out of 10 teens ages 13 to 17 will become pregnant.

For those who choose to give birth and have no place else to go, or who, like 19-year-old Pamela Carter, simply can't afford the cost of bringing a child into the world, Elizabeth Home exists.

In less than six months, give or take a week or two, Carter will join the ranks of unwed mothers here and across the country.

For now, she and 16-year-old Amber Dailey of Grapevine bide their time at Elizabeth Home. The teen-agers are the first of some eight expectant teens officials will try to guide through pregnancy.

One moment they talk about making a home for their unborn children, and the next they lament how badly they themselves want to go home.

One moment, they seem to understand why this might be the best place for them now, and the next they say they would do anything to just be able to pack up and leave.

Carter, a self-described rodeo star from Midlothian, is five months pregnant. Dailey is six months. Each of them was referred to Elizabeth Home by officials at the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Their stories are almost parallel. Girl meets boy. Girl falls in love. Girl and boy have sex, and girl becomes pregnant. Boy is excited — at first. Boy abandons girl.

"I was with this guy for four years," Dailey says. "He was a great guy, but reality hit and he's gone."

Five years ago, Elizabeth Home was just a dream shared by a few members of Southlake's Countryside Bible Church who were involved in the area's anti-abortion movement.

Members of the group finally agreed to purchase the 18-acre site in Denton. On July 1, house parents Clarence and Audrey Galucki moved in, and the home opened to its first clients, Carter and Dailey, in September.

The 5,800-square-foot facility has a huge living and family room, each with large stone fireplaces; a large dining area just off a spacious kitchen; a sun room with an indoor grill; four large bedrooms and 31/2 baths.

### CLUB

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moved here two weeks ago from Red Oak, Okla.

The Old Soreheads Band entertained before and during the luncheon hour with music, vocal and instrumental, using an assortment of musical instruments.

Bro. Mullins lead in the opening prayer. Following a delicious meal, club president, Gertrude McCann, called the meeting to order and welcomed those who were visiting. Visitors were invited to become members of the Mighty Oaks Club. Birthday honorees for October were Willie Mae Harrison, Norma Kelley and Bonnie Bennett.

Minutes of the June, July, August and September meetings were read by club secretary, Ida Belle Bankston, and approved as read. President McCann announced that tentative plans for the next two monthly meetings included a special Thanksgiving program and luncheon for November and in December possibly going as a group to view the Nativity Pageant at the First Church of the Nazarene and driving around town to look at the Christmas lights.

### Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters had its weekly meeting Oct. 29.

Table Topics were led by Joelle Ford, and the word of the day was elicit, meaning to bring out one's feelings. Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, the amendment election. Best Table Topic speaker was Kathy Terrazas.

Greg Parde was voted best speaker. His speech was "Rules of Eating." Best evaluator was Kathy Terrazas.

The goal of Tall Talkers is to educate people to become better leaders and communicators. Contact Bailey Anderson, 267-3008 for more information.

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### BIBLE

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### CHURCH

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ministry to the membership of the church and the community. That night, Virginia Martin, who had blessed the church with her ministry of music as church organist for many years, was honored with a fellowship supper, songs, and special agape from the choir and

congregation.

Thursday, Nov. 6, the Christian Women's Fellowship will have their luncheon and program. Rev. Groves and Linda White will present a program on "Food Distribution" after which the ladies will set up and decorate for the bazaar. The CWF Bazaar will be

Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be three main booths: Baked Goods, Crafts and Trash to Treasure booths. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a choice of stew, soup or chili served with bread, dessert, and a drink for \$4.50.

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AREA SCHEDULE

Here is a composite schedule for the seven high school football teams in the Crossroads Country area for the remainder of the regular season:

FRIDAY, OCT. 31
JSHS at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Coke Creek at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Ozona, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Stanton, 8 p.m.
W Valley at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Sands at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.
Wellman at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOV. 7
Andrews at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Wall, 8 p.m.
Roscoe at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Anthony, 8 p.m.
Strotte at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

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Thursday's Games
New Jersey 8, Vancouver 1
Ottawa 5, Florida 2
Anaheim 3, Boston 0
N.Y. Islanders 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Colorado 2, St. Louis 1
Calgary 4, Phoenix 2
Friday's Games
Buffalo at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Edmonton at Boston, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Dallas at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Announced an affiliation with the PCL.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Damon Esley on a three-year contract.
National League
NEW YORK METS—Named Dave Wallace assistant to the general manager.
Carolina League
WINSTON-SALEM WARTHOGS—Named Mark Viniard assistant general manager.
Eastern League
HARRISBURG SENATORS—Named Rick Sweet manager.
South Atlantic League
CAPITAL CITY BOMBERS—Named Doug Davis manager.
Northeast League
CATSKILL COUGARS—Declined to exercise their contract option on 1B Kevin Chabot, C Mike Schwartz, SS Francisco Perez and RHP Marty Domo. Announced the retirement of RHP Bert Belasco.
Northern League
NL—Awarded the 1998 All-Star Game to the Sioux City Explorers.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes teams like Miami, New England, N.Y. Jets, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Denver, Kansas City, Seattle, San Diego, Oakland.

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the AHL

East Coast Hockey League
BATON ROUGE FISH—Traded F Bob Westerby to Wheeling for D Rob McCall and F Dave Neilson.
WHEELING Nailers—Placed LW J.F. Boutin on the 14-day injured reserve list, retroactive to Oct. 26.
United Hockey League
UHL—Announced the resignation of Douglas Kennedy, director of hockey administration-marketing, effective Nov. 30.
Saginaw Lumber Kings—Signed RW Sean Harris. Announced that D Mike Smith has left the team.
Major League Soccer
CHICAGO FIRE—Named Bob Bradley coach and director of soccer operations.
KANSAS CITY WIZARDS—Traded F-F Frank Klopas to Columbus for F Pete Marino.
COLLEGE
BUCKNELL—Named Becky Timmins and Liz Grenner women's assistant basketball coaches and K.C. Vlah women's basketball graduate assistant.
KEAN—Named Neil Ioviero head basketball coach.
RADFORD—Named Chris King sports information director.

LOCAL BOWLING

MEN MAJOR
RESULTS-Parks Agency over O'Daniel's 6-2, Fina Engineers over Mason Roofing 8-0, A&B Poleline over Trio Fuels 6-2, Walker LP Gas over Fred's Contracting 6-2, Kaizon over Team sixteen 8-0, Rocky's over BSI 6-2, Parks Convenience over Western Container 8-0, Hull's Ranches over Bob Brock Ford 6-2, hi sc series ind.-Don Van Dyken 885, Gerald Burgess 660, Adrian Brown 650; hi sc series team-Parks Agency 2941, A&B Poleline 2916, Rocky's 2793; hi sc game ind.-Don Van Dyken 245, Ray Kennedy 242, Mark Dobeck 241, hi sc game team-Parks Agency 1010, Rocky's 979, A&B Poleline 970; hi hdp series ind-Dan Van Dyken 790, Adrian Brown 743, Jason Ogilvie 742; hi hdp series team-Rocky's 3345, Fina Engineers 3329, Parks Agency 3325; hi hdp game ind.-Jason Ogilvie 290, Don Van Dyken 280, Ron Coatsy 271, hi hdp game team-Rocky's 1163, Parks Agency 1138, Fina Engineers 1127.
STANDINGS-Parks Agency 54-18, A&B Poleline 50-22, O'Daniel's 46-26, Kaizon 44-28, Parks Convenience 44-28, Fina Engineers 44-28, Rocky's 40-32, BSI 40-32, Hull's Ranches 36-36, Fred's Contracting 34-38, Mason Roofing 32-40, Walker LP Gas 30-42, Bob Brock Ford 26-46, Western Container 24-48, Trio Fuels 22-50, Team Sateen 0-72.
VA COUPLES
RESULTS-Team ten over Team eight 6-2, Team five over Team nine 6-2, Team seven over Team one 6-2, Team three over Team six 6-2, hi sc series team-Team eight 1932, Team ten 1877, Team two 1868, hi sc series men-John E. Jackson 805, Richard Rowden 600, Jim Gaither 596; hi sc series women-Irene Jackson 558, Carolyn Coatsy 533, Jan Graham 467; hi sc game team-Team eight 676, Team ten 676, Team five 671; hi sc game men-John E. Jackson 280, Jim Gaither 218, Richard Rowden 214.

North Carolina turns second half into 16-13 win over Georgia Tech

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
ATLANTA — North Carolina was tied with Georgia Tech at halftime. So what?
The No. 5 Tar Heels love the second half, as they proved again Thursday night in a 16-13 victory.
"I wasn't frustrated we didn't score more often," said quarterback Oscar Davenport, who had a career night along with tailback Jonathan Linton. "I never felt like we were losing the game."
North Carolina (8-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) went to the half tied 6-6, havingandered numerous chances in the first two quarters, as demonstrated by a 317-109 advantage in total yards. But the final two quarters always belong to the Tar Heels, and Georgia Tech wasn't about to break that trend.
Linton became the first player in North Carolina history to have 100 yards rushing and receiving in a game. Davenport, with a firm grasp on the quarterback job he once shared with Chris Keldorf, was 26-of-41 for 360 yards, setting career highs in all three categories.
While the Yellow Jackets (4-3, 3-2) made it close at the end, it was actually a lopsided game in nearly every category. North Carolina held a 521-186 advantage in yardage, limited Tech to 28 yards rushing and held the ball for 37:30.
The Tar Heels, who have outscored their opponents 158-43 in the second half, will take a perfect record into a Nov. 8 showdown against third-ranked Florida State. The winner will have the inside track to a spot in the bowl alliance's national championship game, the Orange Bowl.
"We cannot make the mistakes we made on offense or in the kicking game next week and have a chance to win that ballgame," coach Mack Brown said. "I'm sure the kids were looking beyond this one."
The Tar Heels drove inside the Tech 40 on five of their six first-half possessions, but managed only two field goals. Two of the drives were halted by turnovers, and there also was a missed field goal.
"It was frustrating for us to be in the red zone and walk away with only field goals," Linton said. "But we kept our cool."
The Yellow Jackets fell short again in their second straight game against a Top 5 opponent, though they turned in a more respectable performance than the 38-0 loss to Florida State.
"I would have been a (big win), but we're still searching for more athletes," coach George O'Leary said. "Like I told the players, I don't fault their effort."
North Carolina's only touchdown was Davenport's 30-yard pass to L.C. Stevens, which broke a 6-6 tie with 7:13 remaining in the third period. Linton helped clinch the victory in the fourth period, rambling 38 yards with a short pass and tacking on a 27-yard run to set up Josh McGee's 31-yard field goal that made it 16-6 with 10:22 remaining.
Linton ran 28 times for 138 yards and came out of the backfield to catch six passes for 137 yards.
"I think (Linton's plays) were the key in the game," Brown said.
North Carolina's other scoring came on a 44-yard field goal by Brian Schmitz in the first quarter and McGee's 20-yarder in the second.
Tech grabbed a 6-3 lead in the opening period on field goals of 42 and 45 yards by Dave Frakes. That continued a trend for the slow-starting Tar Heels, who have been outscored 31-16 in the first quarter this season.
The Yellow Jackets failed to take advantage of three turnovers by North Carolina in the first half. Davenport had two passes intercepted, breaking a string of 154 straight passes without being picked off this season, and the quarterback also botched a handoff with Deon Dyer that resulted in a Tech fumble recovery.
"I was upset," Davenport said. "I wanted to go through the season with no interceptions, but realistically that's a high goal."
Tech had a prime scoring chance late in the half when a pass was tipped at the line and intercepted by linebacker Keith Brooking at the Tar Heels 24. But Charles Wilder was stopped about six inches short of a first down when the Yellow Jackets went for it on fourth-and-1 at the 15.
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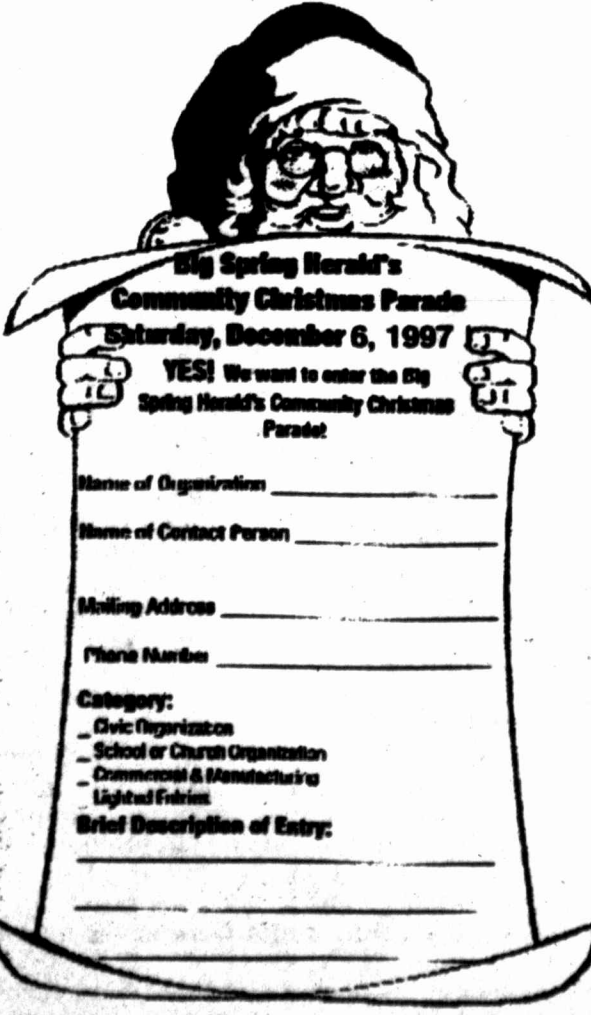
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has always blown through their semifinals opponent, while we've had to battle through our match and then step right on the court against them. This makes it a little fairer."
The key to the Steers' fortunes this weekend, particularly if they reach the championship round, will be the play of both their doubles teams and the men's No. 6 singles matches.
With "elite" players Hsuan-Hsiao Li and Monica Villarreal, the Steers' captains, playing the top boys' and girls' singles matches, the Steers are capable of playing with virtually anyone.
"Hsuan-Hsiao and Monica are essentially as good as anyone's going to have," Davis noted. "The difference is that people like Wichita Falls are so much stronger than everyone else in the other matches. They just don't fall off on quality as they go down the lineup like everyone else does."
But we've got a very good team, we added. If we reach the finals, get some good breaks and play well, we've got a chance to knock them (Coyotes) off. We'll just have to wait and see. The importance is not to get ahead of ourselves... we've got to reach the finals before we have to worry about them."

It's time for the 11th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade

5 p.m., Saturday, December 6

Help make the 1997 Herald Community Christmas Parade bigger than ever! Last year there were 77 floats, including 35 with lights. Let's top 100 entries this year and make our Christmas parade not only the biggest in Big Spring history, but the biggest Christmas parade in West Texas!
The parade will start promptly at 5 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the fourth annual Trail of Lights organization's lighting ceremony.
We look forward to your participation in the 11th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade!

Parade theme - "Our Favorite Christmas Carols"
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 21



- First-place plaques will be awarded in each of four categories:
1. Civic organizations
2. School or church organizations
3. Commercial & Manufacturing
4. Lighted entries

PARADE RULES

- 1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the parade committee. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. The only undecorated vehicles allowed in the parade will be antiques.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted in the parade.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade route and will not be eligible for prizes.
6. Mail, fax or hand deliver entry forms to:

PARADE COMMITTEE
Big Spring Herald
P.O. Box 1431
710 Scurry
284-7205 (fax)
Big Spring, Texas

QUESTIONS? Call 263-7331, ext. 227

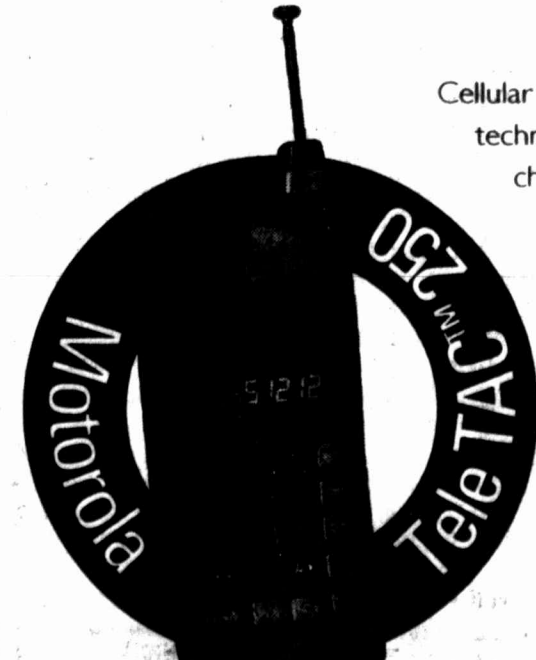
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"Let's go to Grandma! She never can guess who we are."

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"OH WELL, IT WAS WORTH A TRY."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Oct. 31, the 304th day of 1997. There are 61 days left in the year. This is

Halloween. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany. On this date: In 1795, English poet John

Keats was born in London. In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state. In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix. In 1955, Britain's Princess Margaret ended weeks of speculation by announcing she would not marry Royal Air Force Captain Peter Townsend. In 1966, Rear Admiral G.J. Dufek became the first person to land an airplane at the South Pole. In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu took the oath of office as the first president of South Vietnam's second republic. In 1968, President Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations. In 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated near her residence by two Sikh security guards. In 1994, 68 people were killed when an American Eagle ATR-72, en route from Indianapolis to Chicago, crashed in northern Indiana. Today's Birthdays: Actress Dale Evans is 85. Former Attorney General Griffin Bell is 79. Actress Barbara Bel Geddes is 75.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Clues include 'Forbidding', 'Priscilla's man', 'Fish or funny follower', etc.

Thursdays's Puzzle solved: A grid with words filled in, such as HEAR, CLEM, REBEC, ONTO, LESE, ENOCH, etc.

- DOWN: 1 Breathe laboriously, 2 Puerto, 3 Hero, 4 Basic character, 5 Serum constituent, 6 Gehrig and Rawls, 7 NNE, e.g., 8 Cats away, 9 Mors recent, 10 Tumble, 11 Diva's song, 12 Raise, 13 Stable occupant, 14 Walked, 15 French painter of note, 16 Kind of disturbance, 17 Raizes, 18 PGA tour name, 19 Look fixedly, 20 "My country, of these", 21 Part of B.A., 22 Pranks, 23 Keep to the group, 24 Mississippi town, 25 Feed the kitty, 26 Panel, 27 May and Cod, 28 Mongrel, 29 Relating to finance, 30 Snow runners, 31 Gnats, et al., 32 Church official, 33 Small drop, 34 Wander, 35 State strongly, 36 Transmitted, 37 Cease, 38 Edouard, composer, 39 Noted lioness, 40 Act, 41 Expression of discovery

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