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## 36th annual Rattlesnake Roundup attracts both the curious and the nervous

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

If you headed to the Howard County Fair Barns Saturday, it was almost like a preview of the annual Howard County Fair in September, but the main attraction this past weekend was not the family but rattlesnakes.

Saturday's activities at the county fairgrounds were all a part of the annual American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) Rattlesnake Roundup.

For those not in the mood to slither over to the snake pits and take in one of many handler demonstrations, there was everything from a carnival and an arts and crafts fair to a flea market and a variety of food items including sausage on a stick, tater twisters, funnel cakes and hand-

### The 36th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup continues today at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

dipped foot long corn dogs.

The Big Spring chapter of AMBUCS uses the annual roundup as it fundraiser to benefit scholarships for training physical therapists.

What people didn't know about rattlesnakes, they were able to find out and some of what people thought they knew was proved to be nothing more than a myth.

Big Spring resident Jonathan Reed, 16, has been around and handled rattlesnakes most of his life and its something he loves to be involved with. "I'm old enough to know better and still too

young to care," Reed said as he worked a pit of snakes. "They're (snakes) not as bad as people make them out to be, and they do let you know what their intentions are."

Approaching the pits, it could have been easily taken for granted that a giant fish and chicken fry was taking place because of the ominous sound coming from the snakes' rattles, but once you peep into the pit you realize that you're not looking at chicken.

Reed said some of the more frequent questions people ask him about rattlesnakes concern their age and the color variations.

The largest snake Reed has handled weighed about five and a half to six pounds, according to

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Billy Sanderson, an AMBUCS snake handler, shows youngsters about snake safety.

## Taking care of baby ... child care in the '90s

At a time when more and more parents are working, where does one start to find the right child care facility?

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

When it comes to selecting the right day-care facility for a child, no one is more qualified to make that choice than a parent or parents, but where does one begin.

According to industry officials as well as the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS), when parents visit a day-care facility, asking to see the facility's license is a good start.

A license means the facility met the minimum licensing standards the last time it was inspected for such things as fire, sanitation and safety; the number of child-care staff required; staff qualifications and requirements for special services.

Parents are encouraged to establish a good relationship with their day-care facility by spending time at the facility

before making the choice to enroll their child/children.

Diana Spiser, division administrator of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) Child Care Licensing Division says the following rules are a good guideline for parents ready to choose a child-care provider:

- Ask questions about the program and observe activities.

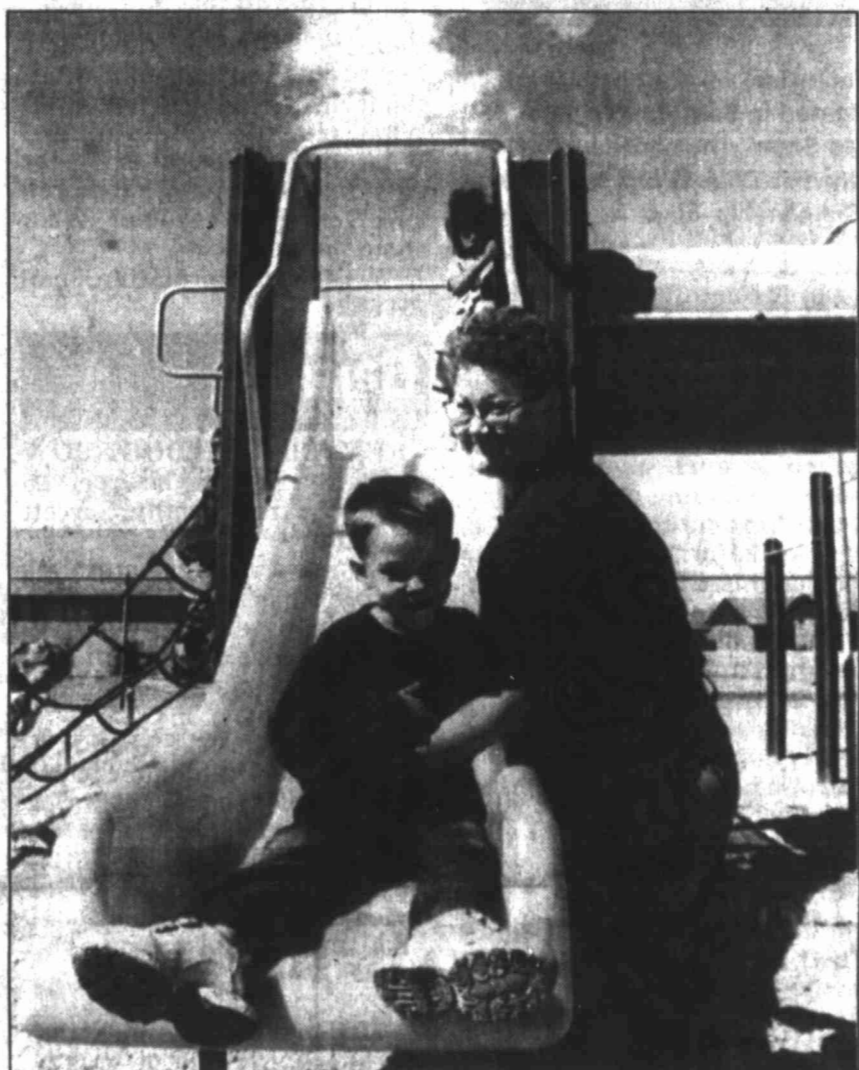
- Make sure the day-care facility has all the information needed about your child and family so that it may provide quality care.

- Work with the staff of the day-care facility you choose. Parental involvement is an important part of a successful day-care experience.

- Read all the material the day-care provider gives you. In addition to PRS policies, each facility has its own policies and regulations.

- Drop in occasionally during

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Cyndy James, a child-care worker at Jack & Jill, plays with a youngster on the sliding board.

### Child-care facilities must be state-licensed

In Texas, the number of children under the age of six sending at least part of their day in some type of care outside of their own home is steadily increasing.

With the growth in the number of homes having two parents working as well as in the number of single parent households, the availability of affordable child care for working families is an economic necessity, according to Diana Spiser, division administrator of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) Child Care Licensing Division.

"Even more important, the quality of the care our children receive will impact the future of this state," Spiser said. "Recent research has shed new light on children's development and underscored the importance of the first years of life in later intellectual and emotional growth."

Social and economic pressures in recent years have produced changes in the child-care industry and the agencies that regulate it, according to Spiser.

"Since 1985, the number of licensed day-care facilities has increased by 19 percent, while the number of registered family day-care homes has declined.

The PRS licensing program focuses on two approaches where regulating child care is concerned. The first is education by working with the industry to improve the quality of care available, and provide information to parents about choosing care for their children.

The second focus is enforcement.

PRS inspects regulated facilities to ensure that they meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the PRS board.

"Child care is an important decision for families," Spiser said. "A good program can be a wonderful experience for a child, but finding the right facility may require research and careful consideration."

Part of PRS' role is to help parents understand the choices available to them.

"We distribute information in brochures such as 'Exploring Child Care Options,' 'Choosing a Family Day-care Home,' and

'Choosing a Day-care Center or Group Day-care Home' to thousands of parents through public libraries, employers and child-care facilities," Spiser said.

In 1996, PRS licensing staff made 36,580 inspections of day-care and residential child-care facilities. PRS also investigates all complaints involving child-care facilities and in fiscal year 1996 investigated 10,722 complaints. These investigations resulted in 201 corrective actions; 41 facilities being placed on probation; 13 license suspensions; 10 licenses being revoked; and a denial of a license for one applicant.

PRS also investigated 718 complaints of abuse or neglect involving child-care facilities with 23 percent of the claims being substantiated resulting in 84 adverse actions.

The PRS Licensing Division was established by law to regulate facilities to help protect the health safety and well-being of children in care. Licensing staff inspect day-care centers, private kindergartens and nursery schools, some unaccredited private schools, group day-care homes and drop-in centers to be sure that minimum standards are met.

Child-care/day-care facilities are required to meet minimum standards established by PRS, but the licensing division does not regulate day-care fees, collection policies or the kind of learning program a facility offers.

Finding the right facility may require a lot of research or parents may be lucky enough to find a facility in their own neighborhood, church or place of employment.

The local PRS office can provide parents a list of licensed facilities and registered family homes.

According to PRS, a child-care program can have great influence on a child. Children often improve their vocabulary, learn to share with others and gain self-confidence and self-esteem. They may also learn new skills whether physical, social, emotional or intellectual.

No program can replace a parent's love and attention, but a good program can

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## Many reasons for center's longevity, says owner

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

What it takes to stay in the child care business for 17 years is a love for children, commitment to a goal and sometimes even great sacrifices, according to Proffitt Day Care Inc. co-owner Lynda Proffitt, but the end result is immeasurable.

Lynda and her husband Dan have owned and operated Proffitt Day Care for many

years and say there's nothing better than seeing a child happy.

"Day care used to have a bad name, but now it's a big issue," Lynda Proffitt said. "It's important for a child to be happy and cared for at their youngest stages."

"We have people coming back from college to tell us how much they appreciate what we did for them as children," Proffitt added.

One reason for the success of

the center is because attention was placed on the one-on-one contact Lynda, Dan and their staff have strived to maintain with each of their 57 children.

"Years ago the state considered changing the staff-child ratios, but it never happened," Proffitt said. "That worried me because infants in some cases almost need a one-to-one staff-child ratio."

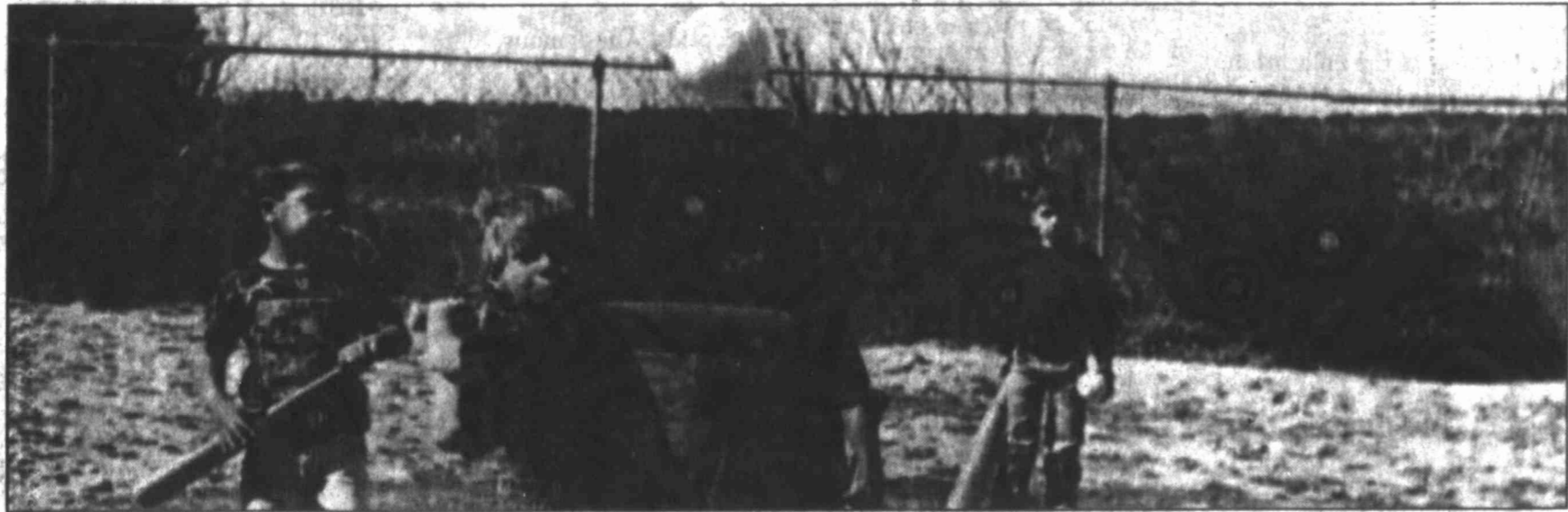
When it comes to curriculum, Proffitt said a second thought is never wasted because the idea

is to teach children through activity, which means a lot of time to play.

"Play has been proven to be very beneficial in a child's life," Proffitt said. "For example, a group of three-year olds may be divided into several smaller groups in order to keep them occupied with the activity at hand, but when they get bored we go to something else."

Four and 5-year old children

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Stephen Weaver gets ready to hit the ball during a game of softball at Proffitt Day Care.

### WEATHER

Today:	Mon:	Tues:	Wed:

Today, partly cloudy and windy. Highs 75-85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows upper 40s. Monday, Breezy and a little cooler with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Tuesday, a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s.

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## Career Expo '98 set Monday at Howard College

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Howard College will be full to overflowing with employers ready to help people make that critical career connection during Career Expo '98, to be held Monday at the Student Union Building from 9:30 - noon.

Students and community members are invited to the free event, sponsored by the college's Special Services Office.

Between 40 and 50 employers from all over West Texas and nine different career areas will review resumes, answer questions, and provide information about literally hundreds of jobs.

"It helps students find employment and find out about different types of fields that will help them in the future," Betty Johansen, special services secretary said.

Participating employers include: Fina Oil & Chemical, HEB, Norwest Bank, Big Spring State Hospital, Glenwood Hospital of Midland, Big Spring and Midland Fire Departments, the City of Big Spring, Texas Dept. of Transportation of San Angelo, Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, University Medical Center of Lubbock, Permian Basin Community Centers of Midland, Attorney General's Office of El Paso, CCA Eden

Detention Center, Cornell Corrections, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Midland Police Department, Texas Department of Criminal Justice of Lubbock, Texas Department of Public Safety of Midland, all branches of the U.S. Armed Services, the Big Spring Workforce Center, the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission of Midland and more.

Tips for the serious job seeker include:

- Take the event seriously. Make a good impression. Dress well, shake hands firmly, smile and make eye contact.

- Develop an excellent resume. Use good quality, white paper. Keep it short, neat and

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## OBITUARIES

Brooks G.  
Bedell

Brooks G. Bedell, 76, of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from complications following a heart attack. Graveside service is 4 p.m. Monday, March 30, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Joe Whitten officiating.

Arrangement are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1946 in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher and had worked at the Colby, Kansas Mission.

Mr. Brooks was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He owned Bedell Brothers Motorcycle and Automotive on North Birdwell Lane.

He is survived by his wife, Ivy Lee Bedell of Big Spring; one grandson: Steve and his wife Lacy Bedell of Big Spring; three brothers: Ed Bedell of Kingfisher, Okla., Hoppy Bedell of Odessa and Deecy Bedell of Kermit; two sisters: Wenoka Roberts of Odessa and Frankie Sowers of Homer, Alaska; and a number of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Clay Bedell Sr. and Stella Richardson Bedell; one brother: Clay Bedell Jr.; and one sister: Fern Bedell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Joe Whitten Prison Ministries, P.O. Box 1407, Big Spring, 79721-1407.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Andrews, Dr. Reg Cranford, Jesse Hernandez and Steve Coleman.

(Paid obituary)

## Mireille Sharp

SAN ANGELO — Mireille Sharp died Thursday, March 26, 1998 in San Angelo Community Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 30, at the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Sean Farmer officiating. A private graveside service will be held at a later time. Arrangements are made by Johnson's Funeral Home. If desired, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mireille was born on April 15, 1934, to Charles and Lucie Berthoud of Geneva, Switzerland. She came to the United States in 1958 after marrying her husband, Robert D. Sharp, and had been a resident of San Angelo since 1981.

Mireille was an active member of Dove Creek Baptist Church. She was employed by MHMR Services for the Concho Valley for 16 years as the Clinical Records Coordinator/Office Manager. She was also an active member



Courtesy photo

The Freeman family (from top, clockwise) — Carolyn, Karen, Chandler, Kara and Ross — participated in Saturday's Spade & Hoe-Green Thumb Garden Club Style Show. The show was held in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church and proceeds benefitted the Johnny Johansen Scholarship Fund at Howard College.

and former president of the Concho Valley Health Information Management Association.

Mireille is survived by her husband, Robert D. Sharp of San Angelo; three daughters, Chantal Milliken and her husband Brad of Coahoma, Terry McCullough of Midland and Joyce Cormier and her husband Jed of San Angelo; one sister, Daisy Froidevaux of Switzerland; and five grandchildren, Craig and Eric Milliken of Coahoma, Joshua McCullough of Midland and Brent and Lane Cormier of San Angelo.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Rahman and his staff at West Texas Medical Associates and the Third Floor nursing staff of San Angelo Community Medical Center for the excellent care and compassion extended to Mireille and her family.

(Paid obituary)

Betty Jo  
Saunders

MONAHANS — Graveside service for Betty Jo Saunders, 61, of Monahans, will be 2 p.m. today in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of Midland officiating.

Mrs. Saunders died Friday, March 27, 1998, in Midland.

She was born July 22, 1936 in Stanton and had lived in Monahans for 20 years. She worked as a bail bondsman for many years in Monahans.

She was married to Lyle Saunders in 1982 in Monahans. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1993.

Survivors include a step-son, Don Cox of Monahans; a sister, Mildred Phillips of Stanton; two brothers, J.C. Steward of Midland and Jake Steward of Stanton and two grandchildren.

Service is under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## SNAKES

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his estimation.  
"The percentage is about 50/50

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when it comes to the apprehension kids and adults show toward snakes," Reed said. "If you leave them alone, they will leave you alone."

Reed has also heard some rather strange myths about snakes including one that says if you don't cut the head off of a rattlesnake when you kill it, come nightfall it will come back alive.

"I've handled snakes all of my life and I'm pretty comfortable with it," Reed said.

Reed also provided approximately 30 pounds of snakes for the roundup, which had approximately 1,400 pounds of snakes on display early Saturday afternoon.

"West Texas is a pretty good habitat for snakes," Reed said. "Their biggest threat is humans. People need to become more educated as to what snakes do for the environment."

Snakes frighten many people, but they also make a tasty treat for others.

"Frying is the easiest, quickest and perhaps most popular method of preparing snake meat," Reed said. "But I like to marinate it and cook it on the grill. I also like it barbecued."

Rattlesnake roundups have been a part of Texas tradition for well over 100 years and the roundup in Big Spring was started in 1962 by a local chapter of the Jaycees. The AMBUCS chapter took over the roundup in 1983.

Rattlesnakes are only found in North America and the predominant variety in the Big Spring area is the Western Diamondback, according to AMBUCS member Wayne Pierce.

The Diamondback got its name because of the coloration pattern on its back; a series of inter-connected diamond shapes running down the center of its back.

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AROUND THE TOWN

The roundup began at 10 a.m. Saturday, and will resume today at noon and conclude at 6 p.m.

AMBUCS is an organization founded in Alabama in 1922. The Big Spring chapter was founded in 1934.

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digestible in one minute's time.  
• Be prepared. Find out what companies are participating. Do some homework about those you are especially interested in. Be ready to ask specific questions.

• Answer questions briefly, directly and politely. Your goal is to get a second interview.  
• Feel free to ask questions such as: "Do you have an application for employment that I may take and fill out?"  
• Network. Get acquainted and ask questions. Employers and other job seekers may know of other opportunities.

• Ask questions such as: What is the outlook in your industry? What types of jobs are available in your company/organization? What are the dangers in the industry? What is the safety record at your organization? What is the salary potential? What benefits are available? What opportunities exist for part-time workers? What do you look for in a resume? What about job security?

For more information, call 264-5020.

## BRIEFS

KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW in Big Spring will be April 25 and 26 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The shows usually feature 100 or more American Kennel Club breeds, and admission is free. About 900 dogs compete in conformation, obedience and junior showmanship.

Entries close April 8. Premium lists with entry forms are available from Onofrio Dog Shows, P.O. Box 25764, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73125-0764, or call 405-427-8181 or review www.onofrio.com.  
For more information, call Carole Owen at 263-3404.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT awareness month, using the theme, "Standing Together Against Sexual Violence." During this month, Rape Crisis-Victim Services is asking local citizens to show support by putting a green ribbon on their vehicle antenna.  
Speakers from RCVS can be arranged for groups, clubs and organizations as well. Call 263-3312.

CHILD SERVICES PROVIDERS CONFERENCE will be held from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Tuesday in Room 400 of the Midland Independent School District Administration Building, 615 W. Missouri Ave., Midland.

Volunteers, board members, committee members and concerned citizens who work with or provide services to children in the court system are invited to attend a free satellite conference provided by the national Court Appointed Special Advocates Network.

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Yvonne Moore at 915-570-1084.

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA of West Texas will welcome David Barton, nationally recognized speaker on American history, at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 16 in Big Spring High School Auditorium. He will speak on "America's Godly Heritage," an uncensored view of American political and religious history.  
For information, call 263-0140.

FORSAN ISD TRANSFER APPLICATIONS will be accepted until April 9.

New applicants must come to the Administration Office on the Forsan campus between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to complete paperwork and interview with the Superintendent.

Parents are encouraged to bring a copy of student records, including attendance and discipline reports, report cards and TAAS scores.

For more information call 457-2223.

## SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing.

Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY  
• Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

• 36th Annual Rattlesnake Roundup Arts & Crafts Show & Flea Market, Howard County Fairbarns, \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 4-11. Free admission for the Arts & Crafts Show.

MONDAY  
• Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

• Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

• TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds, Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY  
• Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

• Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

WEDNESDAY  
• Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

• Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY  
• Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

• Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

• NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

• Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

• Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

## POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

• ANTHONY INGRAM, 31, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JUAN RENTERIA, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JOHNNY GREEN, 35, was arrested for driving with an invalid license.

• CHRISTOPHER VANOVER, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

• SAMUEL WAGGONER, 20, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

• MONTRELL RAMSEY, 19, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

• ANGELA HINOJOSA, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

• KATRINA HARVELL, 24, was arrested on local warrants.

• ERNEST KERR, 33, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

• PHILLIP PRICE, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1000 block of E. 12th; and the 600 block of N. San Antonio; and the 3600 block of Hamilton.

• THEFT in the 500 block of Lamesa Hwy; and the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• FORGERY in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 2200 block of Chanute.

• THEFT OVER \$1,500 in the 800 block of Lorilla.

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**PROFFITT**

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are very inquisitive, according to Proffitt, so they get to play at doing all type of arts and crafts projects and during good weather the children get to help in the garden.

"The children help grow a garden and then we eat what we grow," Proffitt said.

There are several facets to a day care operation and at Proffitt, Lynda is the designated director and Dan takes on most of the ownership role such as the business end.

"We're successful because we always communicate with our parents," Proffitt said. "Discipline is not a problem if you can keep a child's mind occupied."

Rewards are good incentives for children and are not overdone, according to Proffitt.

"Our kids know that Friday is bubble-gum day and that when they leave for the day they will have their piece of bubble-gum and that gets them so excited," Proffitt said.

Nothing worth having is ever easy and the same is true of operating a day care center.

"One of the difficult things about the business is the numerous taxes and types of insurance required, but it's all worth it to us," Proffitt said.

Maintaining a comfortable size as far as the center is concerned is important for Proffitt because it's an assurance that the one-on-one contact with each child is not lost.

Despite the past reputation of the industry, Proffitt says new laws have taken away a lot of the abuse that was once in many day care centers across the country.

"Big Spring has some of the best day care centers anywhere," Proffitt said. "When we hire, one of the things we look at is how people can associate with children. For Dan and I, this is our life and out of 57 children, we have 57 good kids."

The number of children a day care center is allowed to keep by license is determined by the



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Sara Grant (left), Robyn Castle and Colton McClure enjoy activities with day-care owner/operator Linda Proffitt.

availability of square footage per child in a facility.

"Day care is easier for us as a husband and wife team, Proffitt said. "The staff sees us caring and being concerned about the children and they do the same things."

What does it take to get a parent to make a choice about where to leave their child?

"Parents are sometimes apprehensive about leaving their children with someone else, but if you can show parents that their kids will be happy, it definitely gives them a sense of security," she said.

Being in the business for 17 years has produced many changes as far as children, adults and laws are concerned but some things have remained the same for the Proffitts.

"After 17 years in the business, Dan and I see consistency in the family structure," Proffitt said. "Sure, there are some broken homes, but in 17 years we have been fortunate to have seen good family structures where our kids have been concerned."

"We try to base our operation on quality," Proffitt added. "We try to give our children and our parents the very best we have."

Picking up children or dropping them off at school is one thing, but what about after school or when the children are actually at the facility?

"It's all in how much you care about what you're doing," Proffitt said. "Instead of just crackers and juice we'll give

the kids a sandwich or vegetables or fruit when they come in and that keeps them going."

What about the concerns parents have about day care centers?

"Concerned parents who put their children first will pay for quality day care, but parents who are not involved and put themselves first will put their kids anywhere and bad day care centers are living proof of that," Proffitt said.

Day care directors are required to attend at least 20 hours of seminars yearly and employees are required to attend 15 hours of classes each year, all of which do not include CPR and first-aid.

Keeping current on day care issues is important to the success of a facility, according to Proffitt, because classes cover things such as business issues, child development, abuse and association with parents.

"If every day care center could give parents peace of mind, it would be wonderful," Proffitt said.

As far as competition is concerned in the day care industry, Proffitt said she feels no need to compete with anyone.

"We stay full and take care of our own licensed capacity and don't feel that need," Proffitt said. "Because we care about children the way we do and because we raised both of our children in our center, we feel like the thing for us to do is share our knowledge and experience with other people."

**Demographics a factor for facilities**

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

When considered the impact of child care for a state, various demographics must also be considered, according to the National Child Care Information Center.

In 1995 the population of Texas was 18,723,991, with 5,455,000 being children under the age of 18 or 29.1 percent of the state's total population. Children under the age of five totaled 1,581,624 or 8.44 percent of the state's total population.

The poverty rate for all persons in Texas in 1995

was 17.4 percent and the median income for a family of four was \$42,570.

Licensed child care centers totaled 7,445 in 1995 and licensed family child care providers totaled 13,936.

Staff/child ratios for center-based child care in Texas (as of Sept. 1, 1997) is as follows:

- \*1 to 4 for children 0 to 12 months old or 2 to 10.
- \*1 to 5 for children 13 months to 17 months or 2 to 12.
- \*1 to 7 for children 18 months to 23 months or 2 to 15.

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complement parent's efforts and greatly enhance a child's development, according PRS' Austin office.

Parents wanting more information about finding the right child-care program may call PRS at 1-800-862-5252. PRS can offer information about licensed child-care centers and group homes or registered family homes.

The local PRS licensing office closest to Big Spring is in Midland at 901 West Wall or may be contacted at (915)686-2208.

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the day to observe how your child interacts with staff and other children in order to get a good picture of the day-to-day activities at the center.

"Discuss your concerns with the facility director and remember that a teacher's main responsibility is working with children.

When a child begins day care, it's normal for him or her to have some fears and misgivings about the first day, according to Spiser.

"Children need time to get used to new situations," Spiser said. "Prepare your child for change as far in advance as possible."

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Responsibilities of parents preparing to put their child in a day-care facility also include providing certain information to the facility to ensure the child's health and safety, handle emergencies and meet minimum standards. Without basic information about a child, a day-care facility will not be in compliance with minimum PRS standards.

Other parental responsibilities include:

- \*Completing an enrollment form that includes basic information about your child; telephone numbers where you can be reached during the day; authorization for emergency care for your child; and written permission for swimming, other water activities and transportation services.

Caregivers should be made aware of any special concerns or needs, including allergies, medical history and current medications being taken by your child.

Give your day-care facility a copy of your child's immunization record showing immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and Haemophilus influenzae type b. In some parts of Texas, a tuberculosis test report is also required. For school-age children, you can sign a statement that these records are on file at your child's school.

Provide a doctor's statement that your preschool child is physically able to participate in a day-care program.

Inform your day-care facility in writing who is permitted to take your child from the facility. Generally, a facility may only release your child to you or to an adult you have designated.

Most day-care facilities, like parents, take good care of children, according to PRS, and abuse in a facility is rare.

But, if parents do suspect any type of abuse, the situation should immediately be reported to via the Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400), which is available 24 hours a day. If abuse is suspected in a day-care facility, then parents should call the PRS licensing office.

Many parents will remove a child from a facility when they suspect abuse, but they don't report it, which leaves other children in danger. State laws requires parents to report suspected child abuse.

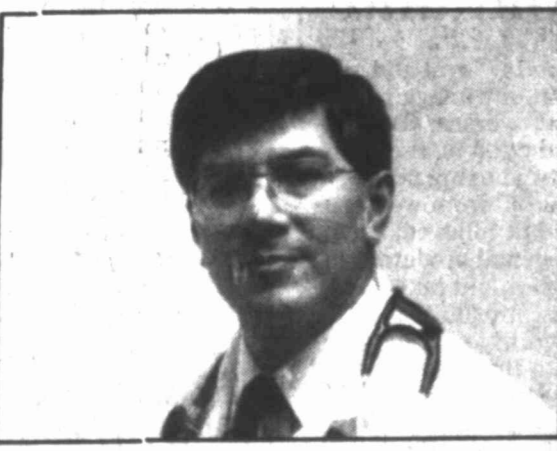
Signs that parents should be concerned about include:

- \*Parents not being encouraged to visit the facility.
- \*Children left alone without direct adult supervision.
- \*Adults spending too much time scolding, ordering and yelling at children.
- \*Adults are physically rough with children or allow rough play.
- \*The building is dirty or parents see unsafe conditions.
- \*Your child is unhappy about being left alone at the facility and the situation does not improve with time.
- \*A child comes home bruised or injured and the facility can't explain what happened.

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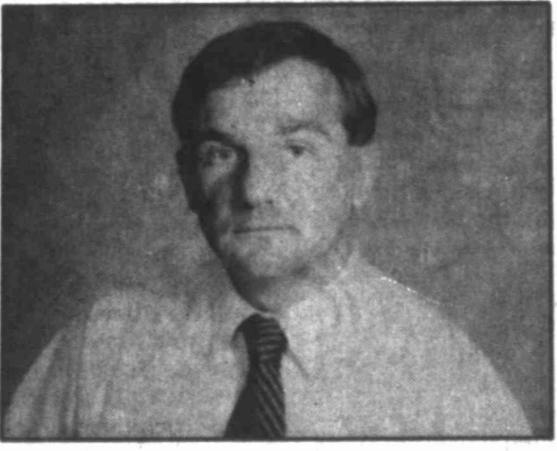
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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEW

### Worthwhile walks upcoming around our community

Now that spring has arrived, so have several opportunities to serve the needs of our community through a popular warm-weather activity — walking.

Several charitable organizations and associations plan springtime walks to raise money for their worthwhile causes.

For example, the MS Walk is planned for April 25. By simply pounding the pavement, participants can help raise money for people with multiple sclerosis.

Walkers are needed, as are volunteers to work in other areas. Teams of at least four walkers should start collecting pledges as soon as possible.

Your team can be from work, church, schools, club or organization. Come up with a team name, select a captain and get registered. There will be prizes for several categories.

For more information about the MS Walk, call the Midland office of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 570-8248.

Then on May 15-16, American Cancer Society will once again hold its annual community camp-out fundraiser, Relay for Life.

At this highly successful event, teams will spend the night at Blankenship Field, walking or running around the track in shifts. They can also participate in a variety of other activities designed to make the weekend fun, as well as raise funds.

Teams are forming now, so contact Jay or Kim Phinney at the Karat Patch for a packet. Call them at 267-1480.

To kick off the season, "Great Strides" for cystic fibrosis will be Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Call Kay Watson at 264-3641, ext. 166 and get all the details on this walk for a good cause.

Any of these events would be an enjoyable way to spend a few hours, or even a weekend. We urge you to hit the pavement this spring and give a boost to a worthy cause.

You might even enjoy the walk.

# California court ruling offers some hope

Just when you thought you had the folks on America's left coast figured out, go figure... they do something logical.

Take the action of the California Supreme Court a couple of weeks ago when they issued two landmark decisions, both unanimous.

The first was that the Boys Scouts of America were under no legal obligation to admit homosexuals into the organization.

The second was that the organization was within its bounds for bouncing two Scouts who refused to say the word "God" or to acknowledge his existence.

Key in the two decisions is the statement issued by the court that the Scouts, as a private organization, have no obligation — legal, moral, ethical or otherwise — to essentially lower their standards for membership.

"While one might be able to buy a product being sold by a member of the Boy Scouts, one cannot purchase their way into leadership training or any other activity sponsored by the organization," wrote the court in the unanimous decision.

The California decision came on the heels of a New Jersey appeals court ruling that said the Scouts' ban on admitting

gays violated the state's laws against discrimination.

New Jersey's anti-discrimination law was expanded in 1992 to prohibit most organizations from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

Because the New Jersey ruling was not unanimous, it will be automatically appealed to the state supreme court.

I guess I'm pretty intolerant when it comes to issues like those addressed in the courts in California and New Jersey... after all, we now have an entire generation that has no idea as to the true meaning of the word gay.

The primary definition, if you consult Webster's Third Collegiate Dictionary, pertains to being happy, showing exuberance, etc.

The secondary meaning is that of being homosexual.

But as my grandchildren grow up, they'll not know the word gay to mean having fun or to be in good spirits, but rather as a descriptive term for perverse sexual behavior.

The long-accepted meaning of a word has been altered because the many are forced to be tolerant to the few... the lifestyle of the great majority is changed to accommodate the needs of those who violate God's law.

Remember when we kids and gay meant having fun and a joint was a bad place to go? Yes, times have changed.

Another woman is set to go to the death chamber, this time in Florida.

Judy Buenoano, 54, is set to be electrocuted Monday. She waits in a cell a few feet from the electric chair.

If her execution is carried out — on what would have been her son's 37th birthday — Buenoano will be the first woman executed in Florida since 1848, when a freed slave was hanged for killing her master.

Pensacola prosecutor Russell Edgar, who gave Buenoano the "black widow" name that has dogged her to this day, described her as a scheming, cold-blooded killer.

"She's like a black widow — she feeds off her mates and her young," Edgar said, repeating comments he made at her trial for her son's 1980 drowning.

She collected about \$240,000 in insurance money from the deaths of her husband, son and a boyfriend in Colorado.

Buenoano's husband of nine years, Air Force Sgt. James Goodyear, was 37 when he died of arsenic poisoning in 1971.

That was just three months after he returned from a year's tour in Vietnam.

Her partially paralyzed son, Michael Goodyear, 19, was wearing leg and arm braces when his mother pushed him out of a canoe in the East River near Pensacola in 1980.

But suspicions weren't aroused until after a 1983 car bombing in downtown Pensacola. Her fiancé, John Gentry, survived the bombing and told detectives she had given him "vitamins" that made him sick.

She was sentenced to 12 years for the bombing, and Gentry's tale started investigators on the path that led to discovery of her other crimes.

In 1984, Buenoano was convicted of killing her son and sentenced to life. And the next

year, she was convicted of killing her husband and condemned to death.

She continues to deny any role in the deaths of Morris and her husband. And in television interviews in the past week, Buenoano said her son's death was a terrible accident, not murder.

Edgar said she gave four different versions of how Michael died: a snake fell into their canoe and it overturned; the canoe hit a log; he was decapitated by a boat propeller; he died as a result of Army chemical warfare.

"It wasn't an accident. The guy was paralyzed," Edgar said. "He had 15 pounds of braces on his legs without a life jacket. He was taken up the river in a canoe and basically pitched out."

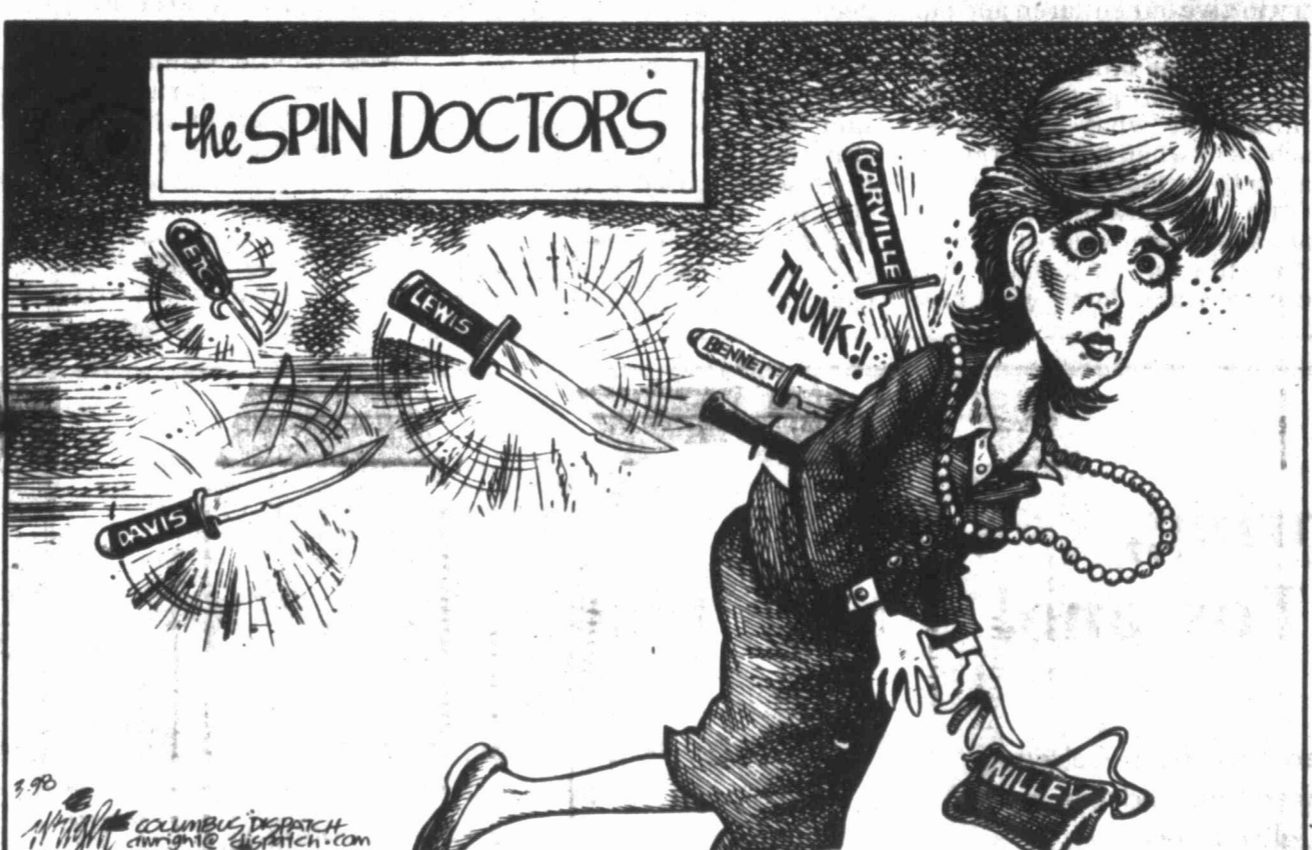
Authorities also believe she was responsible for more than Michael's drowning. His crippling illness had developed after he returned home from the Army, and an autopsy eventually found traces of arsenic.

Only two women have been executed in the United States since the U.S. Supreme Court lifted its ban on capital punishment in 1976. North Carolina executed Velma Barfield in 1984 for poisoning her boyfriend; Texas executed Karla Faye Tucker on Feb. 3 for hacking a man and woman to death with a pickax. Barfield and Tucker died by injection.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper. The Associated Press contributed to this column.)



**John H. Walker**  
Managing Editor



## Clinton & his escapades as seen from afar

By **BONNIE ERBE**  
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GEORGETOWN, Guyana — In this steamy South American country, far from the high-tech, high-power, highly partisan world of Washington, D.C., talk is nonetheless focused on one thing: President Clinton's woes.

Guyana is a tiny nation (about the size of Florida, with a population of well under one million residents) where the price of sugar cane and income from tourism are normally more important local topics of conversation than anything on the international scene. But not these days.

I have come to this country to interview President Janet Jagan. She is not only one of a handful of women country leaders — she is the only American native to have left and become president of a foreign land. She met her now-deceased husband, Cheddi Jagan, while she was a nurse in her twenties and he was studying dentistry in her native Chicago. They returned to his homeland while the British still ruled Guyana. He became involved in politics, was quite instrumental in gaining independence from

Britain and later won his nation's top political post. He died last year, and she ran for and won his seat in December.

Janet Jagan is a symbol of women's progress. A full partner in her husband's political triumphs, she formed the dominant political party with him (the People's Progressive Party), went to jail with him to protest British rule, was barred from returning to America in the 1950s and '60s due to her then-Marxist proclivities and developed a fully independent career as member and then Speaker of the Guyana Parliament while her husband was president.

Meanwhile, the pre-eminent political figure in America is anything but a symbol of women's progress. Most emblematic of the damage President Clinton's alleged escapades are doing to women's cultural advancement is a conversation I had with a Dutchman I met while on a trip to Guyana's Amazon jungle. The young man in his twenties exclaimed, "What's all the fuss about? This is normal relations between men and women. It happens all the time."

An unbending Clinton supporter might look at all the good things our president has done for

women on a policy level and sigh with relief that our image is not being damaged overseas. But as one who is outraged by the thought of men abusing power to gain sexual favors from women, I was anything but relieved. How horrible that sexual predators in other countries might take allegations about our president to assuage their guilty consciences. How awful that the years of hard work women activists in our country and others have undergone to teach men what it means and why it is important to treat women equally are so easily destroyed by the allegedly depraved acts of one apparently sick man.

U.S. women may now have legal and economic freedoms enjoyed by few other women in the world. We may have blown up barriers that took from us the ability to choose whether to work inside or outside the home. We may have equal voting and civil rights.

But by continuing to support a man who apparently sees women on an individual level as nothing more than unpaid prostitutes, we undo much of the hard work we and our foremothers have done. And I doubt that President Janet Jagan would approve.

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## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Approximately two weeks ago, Howard College was selected as the team we would host at the NJCAA tournament here in Salina. I immediately contacted Coach Matt Corkery by phone to let him know Dorothy and I would be their host. As team host our goal was to make them feel welcome and wanted to meet the team needs.

When I received a call from the coach letting me know they had arrived, I asked him if he would like a tour; he graciously accepted my invitation.

When I met him in the hotel lobby, he immediately made me feel a part of the Lady Hawks by presenting Dorothy and me with two Howard College Lady Hawk caps and T-shirts. Thanks again, Coach!

Later that afternoon I had the opportunity to meet the team and watch them practice; needless to say, I was impressed. You have a great group of Lady Hawks and one of the most impressive coaching staffs I have been acquainted with. (Student trainers) Nicci Hayes and Heather Caston helped me acquaint myself with the team members during practice and thanks to them, I was able to put names with faces.

Monday night, Dorothy and I had the opportunity to sit with the team and coaching staff during the banquet and enjoyed getting further acquainted. We met (head trainer) Everett Blackburn for

the first time and enjoyed the visit we had with him (found out he was a Kansas native).

Then came Tuesday afternoon — the first round game — we asked to sit with the Lady Hawk fans and they were very gracious to us. Clois and Peggy Snell helped acquaint us with all the fans and from that time on, we were hooked as true Lady Hawk fans.

Our thanks go out to president Cheri Sparks, all Lady Hawk fans, and the coaching staff in letting us feel a part of Howard College. We enjoyed the excitement all tournament week.

Head Coach Matt Corkery and Coach (Natasha) Taylor have done a great job with your team. They are very professional and very focused in their efforts to make this one of the best women's basketball programs in the nation. They are two great individuals!

Congratulations to the team in being one of the top teams in the nation. We enjoyed the way you played and the sportsmanship you presented throughout the whole tournament. You have a great coaching staff and you have a great team!! Keep up the hard work so we will see you back in Salina next year!!

**WAYNE AND DOROTHY OWEN**  
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P.S. Thank you for the card and gift. We will never forget our Lady Hawk friends. It was hard for us to say goodbye. We are true Lady Hawk fans.

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# Big Spring offers variety of child-care options for parents

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

What does Big Spring have to offer in the area of child care or day care facilities? In today's fast-paced society, which more times than not requires both parents to work outside the home, the question often becomes: Who takes care of the children?

Big Spring is not unlike any other community, where child care outside the home is a necessity for many working parents.

Several facilities call Big Spring home, including Bizy Bee's Playhouse; Hillcrest Child Development Center; Jack and Jill; Lil' Angels Daycare; Proffitt Day Care Inc.; Rainbow Christian Preschool; Snoopy's Playhouse, which also includes Snoopy (for younger children); Tot Stop Childcare; and West Side Community Day Care Center.

Bizy Bee's Playhouse is owned and operated by JoEllen Canales and is licensed to care for 12 children ranging from newborn to 12 years old.

"We're open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and have a basic curriculum which includes learning of ABCs, primary colors and things such as name and address," Canales said.

Hillcrest Child Development Center is an extension of Hillcrest Baptist Church. Operated by Brenda Hyatt, it is licensed to care for 119 children ranging from 18 months old to prekindergarten age.

Hillcrest is open from 7:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Because we're a Christian daycare facility, we're able to introduce children to the Lord," Hyatt said.

Hillcrest uses the A-Beka curriculum, emphasizing phonics and numbers.

"Hopefully, by the time they reach kindergarten, they will know most of their sounds, etc.," Hyatt said. "We also work on small motor

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For family child care providers of preschoolers, the staff/child ratio is 1 to 6.

Staff members must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

The child care licensing agency in Texas is the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Child Care Licensing, P.O. Box 149030, M.C. E-50, Austin, 78714-9030.

skills such as painting and cutting. What we try to do is offer a well-rounded type of curriculum."

"We like to teach the children how to interact and get along with other children," Hyatt added. "We teach with games and sometimes the kids don't know that they are learning when they really are."

Jack and Jill, Big Spring's largest daycare facility, is owned and operated by Mary Petrie and is licensed to care for 150 children ranging from newborn to 12 years old. Jack and Jill is open from 5 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

"Our curriculum varies according to the ages of the children," Petrie said. "We have a preschool/prekindergarten program and our teachers are certified in early childhood education. Some people come to us just for our educational programs."

According to Petrie, there is a great need for early childhood education.

"The programs we have prepare a child for kindergarten," Petrie said. "We make sure our days are full of fun. The activities are directed toward learning."

Jack and Jill is part of a family owned business, according to Petrie, that has been in operation for 17 years and operates eight childcare centers in four counties.

"A lot of things come and go and theories change," Petrie said. "But when you channel a child's energy, you end up with a child that is successful and full of self-esteem."

One of the features of Jack and Jill is its nutrition pro-

gram.

"Everything here is cooked from scratch," Petrie said. "Nothing is canned or processed. This came about by observing children."

"We have been extremely successful because we look at the whole child including education, nutrition and security," Petrie added.

School-age children at Jack and Jill have the opportunity to choose from a variety of afterschool activities.

"When you work with children, they are not afraid of failure and they are full of self-esteem, which is the biggest gift you can give a child," Petrie said.

Lil' Angels Daycare is owned and operated by Sharon Williams and is licensed to care for 12 children ranging from newborn to 13 years old. Lil' Angels is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Most of our children are 18 months to four years old," Williams said.

"We have breakfast, the children play and then they have a snack," Williams added. "We watch a movie sometimes and then we go to arts and crafts, games, ABCs — activity based objectives."

Proffitt Day Care Inc. is almost 17 years old and owned and operated by Lynda and Dan Proffitt, and boasts a Monitor 3 rating by the Texas Department of Human Services Childcare Licensing Division — the highest rating available to a daycare facility.

Proffitt is licensed to care for 57 children and is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We haven't changed much over the years," Lynda said. "Big Spring has some of the

best daycare facilities in West Texas and we're glad to be part of it having started our facility in our home years ago."

"We don't institutionalize children, we let them play and have fun," Lynda added. "The big issue these days is structure. So many facilities are too structured and begin teaching too early. Most of our day is centered around play."

Rainbow Christian Preschool is owned and operated by Dianna Phiefer and is licensed to care for 68 children ranging from 2 years old through age 13.

Rainbow is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and also uses the A-Beka curriculum, which is the name of the curriculum's Pensacola, Fla. founder. The center emphasizes letters, phonics, health safety, numbers and Bible verses.

Phiefer decided to open her own center after working at Hillcrest for six years.

"After working for six years at Hillcrest, I decided to try it on my own," Phiefer said.

Snoopy's Playhouse is owned and operated by Glenda Williams and is licensed to care for 12 children in each section of its duplex (for a total of 24). The facility is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Part of Snoopy's Playhouse is called Snoopy, which Williams says is for newborns up to 3 years old. Snoopy's Playhouse cares for children ages 3 to 12 years old.

Maria Ortega directs Snoopy for Williams, who got into the child care business after an injury forced her to

become self-employed.

Williams likes things small, she says, because it allows her to take a more personal approach with the children in her care.

Williams said she wished there was some sort of facility for children in the 13 to 17 age category.

Tot Stop Childcare is owned and operated by Rhonda Paradez and is licensed to care for 12 children ranging from newborn to 13 years old. The facility is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I have four children of my own, which is how I got started in the business," Paradez said. "Our program tries to prepare our preschool children for kindergarten by emphasizing numbers, alphabets as well as writing letters."

"For our smaller children, we try to interact with them

at all times," Paradez added. "I enjoy being around kids. It's hectic, but always enjoyable and fun to watch the kids change."

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Westside is also connected with the Westside Community Center which care for 24 children through its afterschool program designed to assist working parents.

In the midst of our sorrow, we want to thank everyone for the love, kindness, and compassion shown us during our recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Robert Bruha and the staff at Hall-Bennett, the Big Spring Fire Department and the Emergency Squad, Dr. Fagner, Lorna Jean Wynn and the ER Staff at SMMC, China Long, Ettie Juan Echols, Walt Lee, Russell Mullins, Beverly Grant, Judy Pherigo, Dick Stone, Barbara Robertson, Vicky Dittmore, Anita Stone, and the ladies of the Coahoma Church of Christ. May God bless each and everyone of you. Thank you for caring and sharing your love with us.

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# Ex-priest convicted in Dallas altar boy molestation case

DALLAS (AP) — A former priest was convicted Saturday of sexually abusing three altar boys after a one-week trial — far briefer than a related 11-month civil trial last summer that devastated the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

A jury deliberated 7 1/2 hours over two days before finding Rudolph Kos, 52, guilty of three counts of aggravated sexual assault and one of indecency with a child.

The jury acquitted Kos of one indecency count involving the alleged molestation of one altar boy.

The victims and their families greeted the verdicts with smiles and hugs. "We spent a lot of time on this case, and we talked to a lot of other victims. You can't imagine the courage it has

taken each and every one of them," said Richard Pawlik, father of victim Michael Pawlik, 18, who agreed to be identified.

"He should be put away for life," he said before his son's wife burst into tears and embraced him.

From Kos, there was no visible reaction as he turned and looked at the jury as it was polled on each count.

The punishment phase is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday. The aggravated sexual assault convictions are punishable by up to life in prison; the indecency counts are punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Kos had pleaded guilty earlier in the week to one count of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency

with a child. The eight-count indictment alleged sexual abuse involving four former altar boys who said they were molested a total of about 1,350 times.

"I believe the not-guilty verdict goes to show this was a very fair jury," prosecutor Howard Blackmon said. "He's going to have a lot to answer to next week."

Kos' attorney, Brad Lollar of Dallas, said he and his client were not surprised by the verdict and are prepared to proceed with the sentencing phase.

"The jury closely examined the issues we raised," Lollar said. "We are now ready to go into the second phase of the trial, a phase we knew was coming."

"We'll live with it," he said of the verdict.

Lollar described his next step. "Certainly, you'll be hearing something about his remorse in the punishment phase," he said.

The former clergyman entered guilty pleas as his trial opened Tuesday to one count of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child. All are second-degree felonies punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Sex-abuse allegations against Kos have already led to a jury award of \$119.6 million against Kos and the Catholic Diocese of Dallas. That was the largest monetary judgment in any clergy sex-abuse case in U.S. history.

"The events related to this case have been difficult and painful for our church," said diocesan spokeswoman Lisa LeMaster. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families."

According to testimony during the 11-week civil trial, Kos sexually abused boys during a period from 1981 to 1992 at churches in Dallas, Ennis and Irving.

"This hasn't affected my faith in God, but it has affected my faith in the diocese," said Susan Scroggins, aunt of Nathan Nichols, a 19-year-old Ennis former altar boy who accused Kos of molesting him.

Kos did not testify in either the criminal or the civil trial against him.

## Border businesses worry about cost of new crossing card from INS

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Nogales merchant Nils Urman takes a contrarian view about the new U.S. border crossing cards that Mexican citizens will need to visit.

Unlike a number of pessimistic officials and fellow border businessmen, Urman thinks it will work.

"My approach is that it's inevitable, it's going to happen, so make the best of it and make it work," he said.

Starting Wednesday, Mexican citizens will have to pay \$45 for each new crossing card.

Douglas Mayor Ray Borane is among those who worry that the cost and bureaucratic hoops Mexicans will face to replace cards they now hold, or to get them for the first time, will turn many away. And that, he worries, will lead to a business downturn.

"My biggest fear is that the city of Douglas is going to see a drastic reduction in the ability of those people to come over here, and a severe impact on our economy," he said Friday.

The old, free border crossing cards from the Immigration and Naturalization Service had no expiration date. They'll be replaced by a digital-technology card from the State Department.

The so-called "laser visa card," good for 10 years, will have a digital photograph and fingerprint and a magnetic strip to be read by laser. It's designed to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, said

American consulate officer Sandra Salmon in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Congress required the fees to cover the program's costs.

Actually, processing applications will be phased in over several months, starting Wednesday at the American consulate in Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso, Salmon said.

Consulates in Mexico City, Monterrey, Hermosillo and Guadalajara will follow, and the State Department hopes to open consular operations in Nogales, Mexico, by July, she said.

Officials also hope to send workers temporarily to Agua Prieta, San Luis and elsewhere to take renewal applications, she said.

All 5.5 million border crossing cards in Mexico will expire as of Sept. 30, 1999. Salmon said the State Department has alerted Congress that the replacement process may take longer.

"It's the most abused card out there," said Roseanne Sonchik, INS district director in Phoenix. "We'll have a much more secure document and the immigration inspector should be able to identify the individual as properly having the card."

First-time applicants will need a Mexican passport — at additional cost.

Urman, who owns an apparel store in Nogales, said he doubts that a one-time fee will keep a lot of Mexicans out.

Those who travel to Tucson to shop "pay for membership to

the Price Club, so why not pay ... to come into the United States?" he said.

Store owners in border communities traditionally have adjusted to fluctuations and changes, whether from peso devaluations, buildup of the Border Patrol or rules changes, Urman said.

"Our initial reaction in our community has always been all this stuff here has been a roadblock to us doing business. And I don't look at it that way."

Nogales merchant Paul Bracker sees it differently.

"Mexicans are being asked to pay \$45 for the privilege of visiting the United States when we should be opening our doors," he said.

"What are we doing? We are throwing up more obstacles in the way of people coming here."

Alejandro Ruiz, city administrator in San Luis, agreed the fee likely would have a negative impact. He predicted most Mexicans would not get the new cards if obtaining them is difficult — which would hurt the border communities.

Borane said his city is closely aligned socially and economically with 180,000 residents of Agua Prieta, Nacoziari and Cananea, Mexico. He said at least 15,000 people enter the Douglas port of entry daily.

"I don't think that Congress really knew the magnitude of what they were doing to communities along the border that depended heavily on Mexican traffic," he said.

## 2 ex-students sentenced up to 5 years for setting school afire

EASTLAND (AP) — Two former students at Cross Plains High School football player remains charged as an adult with arson in connection with the fire.

A Cross Plains nurse who admitted furnishing a beer keg for the party was fined \$1,000 and placed on probation for two years.

Each of the juveniles was also ordered to pay \$10,000 restitution to the high school.

District Judge John Weeks of Abilene, sitting as juvenile judge for Callahan County, ordered the two youths committed to a maximum security, lock-down facility supervised by the Texas Youth Commission.

They'll remain there until transferred to another facility or paroled, or until they reach the age of 21.

Due to the severity of the offense — up to \$1.5 million in damage — it is unlikely that either will be paroled before reaching 21, but that is up to the TYC, not the prosecutor or the

courts to decide, the judge said.

A third former Cross Plains High School football player remains charged as an adult with arson in connection with the fire.

Corey Lee Switzer, 18, a 1997 CHS graduate, has been free on \$40,000 bond since his arrest four days after the fire.

Shortly after the fire, then-

Cross Plains Police Chief Ed Duncan said Switzer told him he helped the juveniles get some diesel fuel in a container about 3 a.m. on Dec. 7, but didn't know what they were going to do with it.

Duncan said as many as 50 teen-agers may have attended a late-night drinking party at a ranch north of Cross Plains.

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## Stanley Marsh 3 works plea bargain

AMARILLO (AP) — Prosecutors agreed to dismiss five felony charges against Amarillo millionaire Stanley Marsh 3 in exchange for his plea of no contest to two misdemeanor charges.

Marsh, 60, was accused of locking a teen-ager in a chicken coop. He agreed to plead no contest to charges of unlawful restraint and criminal trespassing in exchange for dismissal of counts of kidnapping, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and three counts of indecency with a child and sexual contact.

In a brief hearing Thursday at the Potter County Courthouse, Marsh appeared before visiting District Judge Don Lane with attorneys Charles Rittenberry

and Jerry Johnson.

Lane agreed to the plea bargain and ordered Marsh to serve 10 days in jail and pay a \$2,000 fine on each of the misdemeanor charges. The jail sentences will run concurrently, and the judge agreed to a defense request for community service.

The unlawful restraint charge said Marsh by force, intimidation or deception restrained Benjamin Burkhardt Whittenburg, son of prominent Amarillo attorney George Whittenburg, by confining him in a chicken coop on Oct. 22, 1994. According to court records, the trespassing charge resulted from Marsh entering Whittenburg's property without

his consent on the same date.

Special Prosecutor John Mann said he filed motions dismissing all other criminal charges against Marsh. Mann said he was adamant that any plea agreement in the case included some jail time.

In three motions to dismiss three counts of indecency with a child/sexual contact, Mann noted that the complaining witness — who is not Ben Whittenburg — met with prosecutors twice, insisted that the charges be dismissed and advised prosecutors that he did not want to testify.

The witness and his father each signed affidavits asking that the charges be dismissed, according to court records.

## UT investigating KA hazing incident

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas is investigating allegations that Kappa Alpha fraternity members brutalized a pledge last month.

Freshman Tim Hesselsweet alleges that three fraternity members struck him with sharp sticks, spat on him, punched him and pushed him into concrete wall headfirst during a pledge meeting.

After several days in the hospital, the freshman was told that he could not complete the semester with his injuries, said Bill Whitehurst, his lawyer.

"He received a fractured skull, had some hemorrhaging in the brain, a major concussion and some dizziness," Whitehurst said. "It affected his vision, and he vomited several times that evening."

Glenn Maloney, associate dean of students, said the university is investigating

Hesselsweet's complaint but could not comment further.

Hesselsweet suffers from severe headaches and cannot drive or engage in strenuous activities, Whitehurst said.

But Jim Ewbank, a lawyer representing the national chapter of the fraternity, said fraternity members have seen Hesselsweet engaging in normal activities. "We have great questions as to whether his condition is as bad as his lawyers says," he said.

Ewbank added that the results of their internal investigation contradicts Hesselsweet's story. "What we've learned so far ... is that while there was a hazing incident, his injuries may have been accidental," Ewbank said.

He said while there was some yelling, pushing and shoving, Hesselsweet may have slipped and hit his head.

The Feb. 14 meeting was the first time that Hesselsweet and two other students had met with fraternity members after being accepted as pledges, Whitehurst said. The hazing "was obviously well-orchestrated," he added.

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# Jonesboro remembers its dead — two students, teacher last to be buried

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — This grieving community buried two more little girls and a teacher Saturday, saying goodbye with songs, symbols of childhood and prayers that something good will come out of the tragedy.

Mourners wept for the victims of Tuesday's shootings at Westside Middle School and ministers said their short lives would not be forgotten.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," the Rev. Alvin Swan said to Stephanie Johnson's mother, Tina McIntyre. "God gave you Stephanie. You had 12 wonderful years."

At the end of the service at Emerson Funeral Home, McIntyre stroked her daughter's brown hair and kissed her on the cheek. She put a baby doll and a teddy bear with a yellow rose tied to it in the casket.

"This is a tragedy that we wish could be turned about, but it can't," Swan told about 200 mourners. "Perhaps we can draw strength from this."

Stephanie's was the first of three funerals Saturday for vic-

tims of a shooting rampage that left four young girls and a teacher dead. Britthey Varner, 11, was buried Saturday afternoon. English teacher Shannon Wright was buried in Boho, just a few miles from this northeast Arkansas city of 50,000.

Eleven-year-old Natalie Brooks and 12-year-old Paige Ann Herring, each remembered for smiles and upbeat attitudes, were laid to rest in separate services Friday.

Police say all five died in Tuesday's bloody shooting, that injured 11 others. Drew Golden, 11, and Mitchell Johnson, 13, are being held on five counts each of murder and 10 counts of battery. Police say the two, dressed in camouflage and armed with rifles and handguns, ambushed classmates and staff members who had left the school after the boys triggered a fire alarm.

Mrs. Wright, who leaves behind a 2-year-old son, died shielding a student.

You wouldn't have to look farther than Mrs. Wright "to hear the voice of an angel and see the actions of a saint," the

Rev. Benny Baker said. "There is a community and a nation. I believe, who are grateful for what she has done," he said. "She gave her life doing something positive for our children."

## Arsenal of weapons found near middle school

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — The two boys accused of killing five people in an ambush outside their middle school had assembled an arsenal of weaponry that police said was powerful enough to bring down big game.

Officials said Friday that 10 weapons, including three rifles, were recovered near where the two had lain in wait as classmates and teachers streamed out of the school after a false fire alarm.

"It's fair to term some of the weapons as high-powered, hunting-style weapons," investigator Mike Davidson of the Arkansas State Police said.

Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Drew Golden, 11, are accused of blasting 22 shots into the

crowd Tuesday during a four-minute barrage. Four girls were killed, along with a teacher. Ten others were injured.

The sharpest sharpshooter can bring down deer from 400 yards away with the right rifle. Mitchell and Drew were between 93 and 120 yards from their victims, Davidson said.

"You get hit with one of those and it's going to do major damage," said Larry Salinger, an associate professor of criminology and sociology at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. "The closer it is, the more damage there is going to be."

"I know guns and it was a big caliber," said James Ray of Tuckerman, who was working

softly during Puff Daddy's tribute to a fallen friend, "I'll Be Missing You."

A bulletin board showed about three dozen photos of Stephanie, from infancy to a girl on the edge of her teen

years. "When I closed my eyes in remembrance, I seen Stephanie and the Lord spoke to me and said, 'She's so innocent,'" Swan said.

seven guns from Drew's grandfather and the rest belonged to Drew's father.

Drew had four guns when police caught up with him after the shootings and Mitchell had five more. One gun was left on the ground on a wooded hill near where the shots originated.

Mitchell's stepfather, Terry Woodard, is prohibited from owning weapons because of 1990 felony convictions for possessing drugs, methamphetamine, with the intent to distribute and the illegal transportation of a firearm.

Federal investigators said Friday they had no reason to believe that Woodard had guns in his home.

Police say the pair took

on a building under construction at the campus at the time of the shootings.

Another rifle had the sound of an M-16, said Derek Trotter, another worker.

"He had that trigger down and was mowing down everything in sight," Trotter said. "One of the two shot so fast it sounded like a fully automatic, or he had a fast trigger finger."

Police also recovered 325 bullets and shells from Drew and 199 from Mitchell. In a van they allegedly stole from Mitchell's house, police found additional ammunition, knives, a machete and Mitchell's hunter education card.

Police say the pair took

## More suspicious death reports at LA hospital that employed 'angel of mercy'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As police tried to determine whether a self-proclaimed mercy killer was a mass murderer or a fraud, people came forward Saturday to tell police their relatives died mysteriously at a hospital that employed him.

"Their loved ones seemed to be OK one day and gone the next," said Rick Young, spokesman for the Glendale Police Department, which is heading the investigation into the claims by the former respiratory therapist at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Police were still unsure if Efran Saldivar, who is in his 20s and lives in Los Angeles, told the truth when he admitted killing 40 to 50 terminally ill patients in the last decade.

"We must establish that a crime did in fact occur," Young said.

Saldivar hasn't been charged with a crime and remains free while police, prosecutors and medical regulators continue with their investigations. His license was suspended March 13, regulators announced Friday.

Inundated with calls from the media and relatives, the 450-bed, 1,800-employee hospital in the Los Angeles suburb distributed a letter to all of its patients Saturday to outline the allegations and explain why it suspended its entire 44-member respiratory care department.

"We want to assure you that we firmly believe there is no reason for concern regarding safety," it said. "We have taken every reasonable precaution to protect patients and we are committed to doing what ever it takes to get to the truth in this investigation."

Saldivar told a police investigator earlier this month that he was an "angel of death" who killed patients he deemed to be on the verge of dying anyway through suffocation or drug

injection, state medical regulators said.

Friday's announcement, in response to media calls to the state Respiratory Care Board, caught investigators by surprise, Young said.

"We were angry to begin with, and now we are totally frustrated as it has hampered this investigation 100 times fold," said Young, who noted that some hospital employees have become reluctant to cooperate for fear their names will be revealed.

Kathleen McCoy, executive officer of the state's Respiratory Care Board, which released the documents, responded that they officially became public once an administrative law court suspended Saldivar's license for 30 days. The court placed no secrecy order on the documents.

"We did not want to hamper their investigation, but these are public documents," McCoy said.

Saldivar faces a hearing Tuesday on whether regulators may permanently suspend his license.

He was jailed earlier this month but released two days later for lack of evidence pending further investigation — a situation that legal analysts say is not uncommon.

"If they don't believe he's a flight risk, they are better off releasing him and developing a case that will actually stick than holding him on superficial charges," said Carol Chase, a professor at Pepperdine.

Police have been interviewing patients' relatives and reviewing hospital files, and they were strongly considering exhuming some bodies.

In a statement to the state regulatory board, Glendale police Officer William Currie described a March 11 interview in which Saldivar waived his right to have a lawyer present.

"Saldivar talked about his anger at seeing patients kept

alive as opposed to the guilt he would feel at the failure of providing lifesaving care," Currie said. A polygraph examiner "asked Saldivar if he considered himself an angel of death. Saldivar replied yes."

Gloria A. Barrios, a state deputy attorney general, wrote in court papers seeking the license suspension that "there is no reason to believe" that Saldivar would concoct the story, adding that his "statements cannot simply be discounted as the rantings of a person seeking attention."

Another question is whether Saldivar acted alone. In the statement to regulators, Currie said: "Saldivar said he felt encouraged by other therapists at (Glendale Adventist) who would sometimes give him room numbers of patients who needed lethal injections."

Saldivar could not be reached for comment Friday or Saturday. His brother, Eddie, said Friday the allegations could not be true and that his brother's life "is being torn apart by something someone said."

Currie said it was Saldivar himself who admitted killing with either lethal injections of Pavulon and succinylcholine chloride — both paralyzing medications — or by decreasing oxygen to patients relying on a ventilator.

Saldivar told him that patients had to be unconscious, have a do-not-resuscitate order and "they had to look like they were ready to die," Currie said. The hospital first heard rumors about hastened patient deaths in April 1997, hospital officials have said. A two-month internal investigation revealed nothing suspicious.

The criminal investigation began after police received an anonymous phone call on March 3 from a person who said Saldivar "helped a patient die fast" about Feb. 16, Currie said.

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# Clinton: United States aid to Africa is 'enlightened self interest'

**SOWETO, South Africa (AP)** — At a landmark in the bloody uprising against apartheid, President Clinton on Saturday honored South Africans "who answered the call of conscience" and defeated their country's system of white supremacy.



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Clinton, standing on the world's poorest continent, also promised to battle for more U.S. aid and debt relief for Africa. "This is not charity. This is enlightened self interest," Clinton said, stressing that aid and trade go hand in hand.

American businesses are getting an average return of 30 percent on investments in Africa, the president said. "This is a good deal, folks."

In his armored limousine, Clinton rode past cinder block houses and wooden shacks in Thokoza and Soweto, two black

townships on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Residents stood on shop roofs and walls for a glimpse.

Security was intense, particularly in crime-ridden Soweto. Sharpshooters watched from a church steeple. Two armored personnel carriers were parked nose-to-nose to block the road to the site where Clinton addressed about 100 invited dignitaries. Police armed with semi-automatic weapons outnumbered the audience.

In 1976, Soweto exploded in rage when police opened fire on students protesting compulsory lessons in Afrikaans, the language of the white minority. The uprising gave birth to the movement that broke the back of apartheid.

Clinton saluted "the bravery of the young men and women who took to the streets in protest — many of whom were cut down in struggle, more of whom were damaged by prison and torture." He honored all "black, white, colored South Africans who answered the call of conscience."

Clinton and his wife Hillary planted a tree and laid flowers at the brown marble headstone memorializing Hector Peterson, the first schoolboy killed in the demonstration.

"This solemn place commemorates forever the death of one young boy, a death that shocked the world into a new recognition of the vast evil of apartheid," the president said.

Clinton also sat down at a roundtable discussion with South Africans who stressed that their country will need time and assistance to heal from the wounds of apartheid. "It's completely unrealistic to believe that that legacy can be wiped out in five, 10 or even 15 to 20 years," said Kumi Naidoo.

South Africa was the fourth country on Clinton's six-nation journey through Africa. "This has been a magical tour of this magnificent continent," he remarked. He promised to convene a Washington summit of African leaders sometime in the next three years "to make sure there is follow-up and this trip is not a one-shot event."

The Clintons fly to Botswana on Sunday for a safari in a game preserve. They also will stop in Senegal before flying home.

In Johannesburg, Clinton dedicated a commercial center named for Ron Brown, the secretary of commerce and Clinton friend who was killed in a 1996 plane crash.

Clinton said America's emerging trade partnership should not come at the expense of U.S. development assistance. He said he would urge Congress to restore African aid to its historic high level — \$830 million a year. Currently it is \$700 million, and Clinton has requested a \$30 million increase this year.

"Trade cannot replace aid when there is still so much poverty, flooding, encroaching deserts, drought, violence, threatened food supplies, malaria, AIDS and other diseases," the president said.

He outlined previously announced assistance programs, including \$500 million in U.S.-backed loan guarantees for U.S. companies building roads,

airports, ports and other infrastructure in Africa. He also said he would work with allies to reduce Africa's debt. His budget would permit \$1.6 billion in debt relief for Africa.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry snapped back at Republicans critical back home of Clinton's repentant tone in Africa. "Congressional Republicans are just feeling the pressure from their restive conservative wing," McCurry said. "It has more to do with the whacked-out politics of the Republican party than it does with anything involving sanity."

At various stops, Clinton has expressed regret for America's role in the slave trade, neglect of Africa and U.S. hesitation to stop genocide in Rwanda. In Washington, a Republican leader, Texas Rep. Tom DeLay, was quoted as calling Clinton a gray-haired "flower child."

"It just offends me that the president of the United States is, directly or indirectly, attacking his own country in a foreign land," DeLay said.

Administration officials also tried anew to clear up confusion after Clinton, at a news conference, seemed to signal a change in U.S. policy toward Nigeria. McCurry said the president "gave a truncated answer, he didn't do the entire answer."

Clinton said Friday he would not object if Nigerian military strongman Sani Abacha competes in the country's elections as a civilian. That appeared at odds with remarks two weeks ago by Clinton's top State Department aide for Africa, Susan Rice. She had said, "Nigeria needs and deserves a real transition to democracy and civilian rule, not another military regime dressed up in civilian clothes."

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger insisted that Clinton and Rice were saying the same thing, and the real question is whether Abacha leads a credible transition to civilian leadership and free elections. "I want to focus on what they do," Berger said. "It doesn't matter what clothes he might wear."

# Envoy continues push on new U.S. initiative for Israel, Palestine

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Seeking to draw Israelis and Palestinians closer on the thorny issue of Israeli troop pullbacks from the West Bank, U.S. mediator Dennis Ross was shuttling between the two sides Saturday to press for a deal.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Ross emerged from their meeting saying nothing.

The American envoy, in his

first visit to the region in nearly three months, has been trying to win acceptance of a U.S. proposal calling for an Israeli troop pullback from 13.1 percent of the West Bank over 12 weeks.

Each gradual withdrawal would have to be accompanied by evidence that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was cracking down on Muslim militants.

The percentages are part of a larger U.S. initiative, the com-

plete terms of which have not been publicly disclosed. Based on Ross' report following this trip, President Clinton will decide whether to go public with the plan.

Netanyahu's top aide, David Bar-Ilan, said the meeting between Ross and Netanyahu focused on security matters, and the two did not discuss specific withdrawal percentages.

"The talks were mostly about

reciprocity issues ... and we concentrated on what Israel needs by way of reciprocal actions on the part of the Palestinians," Bar-Ilan said after the three hour meeting.

Ross and Netanyahu are scheduled to meet again — for the third time in three days — today.

Even before Saturday's meeting, the Israeli prime minister had rejected key elements of the U.S. proposal, saying he would not hand over more than 9 percent of the land to the Palestinians before beginning talks on final borders.

The Palestinians, too, have been cool to parts of the plan. The Palestinian Cabinet said it would not accept changes in a U.S.-backed accord reached a year ago, which Netanyahu has refused to implement.

"What I'm insisting on is an

accurate and honest implementation of what has been signed and agreed upon," Arafat told reporters in Gaza Saturday after meeting with Ross. But he said the talks had been general in nature, rather than centering on the U.S. plan.

Arafat and Ross were to meet again early today.

Under the 1997 accord, Israel had pledged to carry out three troop pullbacks by this summer. The Palestinians interpreted that to mean that by the end of the withdrawals, they would be in control of most of the West Bank before talks on a permanent peace agreement begin.

However, Netanyahu later said he would go ahead with only one withdrawal, and only if the Palestinians met a series of security demands, such as arresting and disarming Islamic militants.

Related to that, a senior Palestinian security official said Saturday that Palestinian security forces raided seven Hamas bomb factories in Gaza during the last two days and arrested about 10 Hamas activists.

The raids yielded more than 100 submachine guns and dozens of pistols and grenades. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said more arrests are expected.

Meanwhile, the latest U.S. plan is aimed at breaking the yearlong stalemate by proposing a withdrawal more generous than the one offered by Israel, but far less than the Palestinians had expected.

Ross said Friday that the plan was presented to both sides in mid-January and that the purpose of his trip was to "finalize the ideas."

# Learning Heimlich maneuver is valuable lesson for life

**DEAR ABBY:** A column you published in 1977 saved my life. I was 4 years old and having dinner with my family. My father, sitting across from me, noticed that I was turning blue. My mother realized I was choking on a piece of potato. Just the week before, having read about it in your column, she had learned how to do the Heimlich maneuver. She performed the maneuver on me and successfully dislodged the potato.



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

Abby, please urge everyone to learn this technique. You never know whose life you may save. — INGRID, WILTON, CONN.

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**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "Examining Life in Ohio," who seemed to have a solid marriage, but didn't think she had married her "soul mate."

I am 60 years old and have had two husbands and six gentleman friends throughout the years. I have never felt the giddy, swept-away feeling of being "in love," and I've decided that's OK by me.

Too many young women marry someone who "turns them on" only to find out some years later after the passion wanes (and it does) that they've married someone who lacks the qualities to sustain a long-standing, loving relationship. Far too many women pass up perfectly good potential mates while waiting for "Mr. Right" to come along and light their fire.

I've talked to other women who also have never been "in love," so I know there are many of us out there. One of

the things we seem to have in common is a logical, rather analytical way of thinking. — DONE EXAMINING, WHITTIER, CALIF.

**DEAR DONE EXAMINING:** I have received a flurry of letters from readers who agree that a flaming passion is not the most important ingredient for a solid marriage. Read on for some input from the clergy:

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ounce of her being, and once he was happy and fulfilled, she serve him with the divorce papers. "It will rip his heart out," the lawyer promised.

The woman followed his advice. Several months later she returned to the lawyer's office. He handed her the divorce papers to examine before serving them to her husband, and the woman replied, "I won't be needing them now. We're getting ready to leave on our second honeymoon." — THE REV. SCOTT WOODDELL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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## Bulldogettes remain perfect in 2-2A with 13-0 win over Loraine

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

**COAHOMA** — If Coahoma's Bulldogettes were unfamiliar with the adage suggesting that bad teams can make you look bad, they learned it first hand Friday when they played host to Loraine's Lady Bulldogs.

By the time both teams had gone through an infield warm-up, it was clear the District 2-2A softball game would be a mismatch. The only questions remaining in most observers' minds was how many runs the Bulldogettes would score in the 4 1/2 innings they'd have to play before ending the game on the 10-run rule and what effect 35 mph wind gusts would have on the game.

In the end, Coahoma turned nine

hits, four walks and a hit batter into a 13-0 win that improved the Bulldogettes' record to 12-4 overall and 4-0 in district play.

And the wind, while certainly a factor, made little difference in the outcome.

"It's really frustrating when you play teams that aren't very good," Bulldogettes coach Rob Dickenson admitted following the lopsided victory. "Your timing is completely off playing teams like this ... your hitting is completely off because you're having to wait so long on the ball getting to the plate. It throws you off defensively, as well, because when they do put the ball in play, it comes off the bat going places it normally wouldn't."

While it was clear that the Bulldogettes were simply putting in a day at the office, Coahoma's simply

taking care of business was more than Loraine could handle.

Perhaps the only play in which the wind played a part ignited the Bulldogettes' five-run first inning when leadoff hitter Brandi Hart popped up a 2-1 offering from Loraine's Andrea Chavez.

The pop should have been an easy play for Chavez to field, but a strong gust pushed the pop toward the first base line and left the Lady Bulldogs pitcher making a diving stab at the ball which caromed off her glove and allowed Hart to reach third when second baseman Jenny McDaniel was unable to field a throw from catcher Amy Garcia.

Bulldogette shortstop Misty Baker provided the game-winning RBI with an infield single and swiped second before Coahoma pitching ace Tara

Sterling was hit by a pitch.

A passed ball allowed both runners to advance before Coahoma's Cassie Tindol lofted a fly to left that Loraine's Jennifer Rich mishandled, allowing two more Bulldogette runs to score.

Shanna Earnest laid down a sacrifice bunt, moving Tindol to third and setting the stage for Kelli Buchanan to chalk up an RBI with an infield single.

Buchanan wound up on second when the Lady Bulldogs made an unsuccessful bid to throw out Tindol at the plate and swiped third a few seconds later, allowing Amber Bingham to chalk up her first of two RBIs on the day with a bunt single.

The Bulldogettes wound up sending 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first inning, but hadn't done as much damage as some might have imagined. And when Chavez managed

to retire Coahoma in order in the second, it appeared as if the game might last more than five innings.

But Coahoma would send nine to the plate in the third and score six runs to make it an 11-0 game. Two more runs in the fourth left the Bulldogettes only needing to limit their visitors to less than four runs to end the game.

That was no problem for Coahoma, as Amber Bingham gave up just one hit in the final inning of relief for Sterling.

The loss leaves Loraine with a 2-10 record overall and still looking for their first district win.

The Bulldogettes, who were scheduled to play Midland Christian Monday, have postponed that game to April 13. As a result, Coahoma's next game will be Tuesday's 6 p.m. district game at Anson.

## Stewart leads Sidewinders

### Lawrence, Farris also qualify for trip to regionals in Wichita

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Sidewinders trio of Stephanie Stewart, Brooke Lawrence and Mikelle Farris managed scores during Saturday's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships that earned them berths in the Region III USAG Championships next month in Wichita, Kan.

"That was the primary focus ... to qualify for regionals," Sidewinders coach Russ McEwen said after watching Lawrence stick an almost perfect landing on her vault that drew a 9.3 from judges on her first event. "Anything else they're able to accomplish is extra, but the key is getting to work three more weeks on our routines before heading to Wichita."

Stewart, a 15-year-old freshman at Big Spring High School, had the Sidewinders' best individual performance finishing tied for third in the Level 10, Junior B division floor exercise with a 9.4, and a fifth in the vault to place 17th in the all-around competition.

Stewart's 9.4 on the floor tied her with Sunbelt Gymnastics' Tanya Powers and Acrofit's Nicole Gause. Kryssa Ancelletti from Brown's Gymnastics in Houston finished first in the floor with a 9.575.

Ancelletti also won the balance beam competition, but it would be Powers, who piled up 37.325 points, that took the all-around individual title, edging Ancelletti by one-tenth of a point.

Shannon Hrozek of the Flips team took first place in the vault with a 9.375 score, while Mikah Hammond from World Olympic Gymnastics of Plano finished second with a 9.325.

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### AT A GLANCE

**Today's schedule**  
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8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Stretch and bar settings.  
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., March-in.  
8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Warm-up and competition.  
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Session 5 — Level 9 Senior A & B  
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Stretch and bar settings.  
1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., March-in.  
1:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., Warm-up and competition.  
5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., Awards ceremony.

Cook took the top spot in the Level 10, Junior B bars, turning in a 9.7 score, while Rebecca Hatfield of Aerial Works was second with a 9.55. Kristine Harper from Brown's Gymnastics was third with a 9.52.

Lawrence's vault, the fourth best in the Level 10, Junior A division, proved vitally important when she dragged her feet during her uneven bars routine and twice fell off the balance beam.

Nonetheless, she finished with 34.75 overall points, three-quarters of a point more than the 34 needed to advance to regionals.

"It was a tough day," the 13-year-old Lawrence admitted. "My first vault wasn't all that good and then when I drug my feet on the bars and then fell off the beam, I knew I wasn't going to score that well."

Farris, making her first appearance in the state meet's Level 10, Junior A division, suffered through a difficult time on the uneven bars that netted her just an 8.0 score, but rebounded with a solid 8.65 showing on the beam and closed with a 9.05 grade in the

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Brooke Lawrence of the Big Spring Sidewinders finishes her bars routine after scraping her feet on the floor during the exercise at Saturday's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Although she later fell off the beam twice, Lawrence turned in a 9.3 in the vault to advance to the USGA regional meet set for next month in Wichita, Kan.

## Back nine spoils Steers' quick start in district opener

HERALD Staff Reports

**PECOS** — Regardless of how Big Spring's Steers finish in the three-round District 4-4A boys' golf tournament this spring, they'll be able to look back at Saturday's opening round and quickly remember where they picked up 20 strokes the wish they hadn't used.

The Steers made the turn after nine holes on the almost 6,000-yard, par 71 Reeves County Country Club course with a 149 team total, leading the field.

However, the Steers finished the back nine with a 169 to finish the round at 318 and seventh in the 12-team field.

"If you ask me to tell you what happened to us, all I can say is, I don't know," Steers coach Gary Simmons said after watching his team's disappointing finish Saturday. "I watched them play the last nine holes and can't tell you what we did differently."

Andrews' Mustangs didn't really need the Steers to collapse down the stretch, as they turned in a 293 to take a six-stroke lead over San Angelo Lake View in the team standings.

Andrews' junior varsity stood at 301, in serious contention for a regional tournament berth. Fort Stockton finished the first round with a 307 for fourth place, while Sweetwater was fifth at 312 and Pecos was sixth at 313.

"You don't really want to make excuses, because there aren't any," Simmons said. "Everyone has to tee it up and play the same course, but we were playing a course better suited to the kids on these other teams. Our courses in Big Spring are much longer and sometimes that gives us a prob-

lem."

Andrews also owned the top two spots in the medalist standings following the first round with Ben Gulley leading the way at 70, while teammate Corey Ellison was one back at 71. Lake View's James Higdon and Dylan Degulio both finished with rounds of 72.

The best Big Spring could manage was Sammy Rodriguez's round of 77 that left him tied for 14th place individually. Rudy Gamboa and Blake Weaver both finished with rounds of 80 and were tied for 19th place. Heath Bailey's 81 and O.J. Hernandez's 84 rounded out the Big Spring varsity's scores.

Chris Rodriguez led the Big Spring junior varsity team, which stood in ninth place with a 341. He finished the round with an 83, while Aaron Harland was right behind with an 85. Richard Gaigen turned in an 87, while Jamie Womble finished at 89 and Zac Hall rounded out the team's scoring with a 96.

Big Spring's Josh Long, playing for medalist honors only, finished with a round of 94.

### Mitchell sets record in at Jesuit Relays

**DALLAS** — Big Spring's Steers, led by junior sprint sensation Tory Mitchell's automatically-timed meet record of 20.55 seconds in the 200 meters, finished tied for fourth Saturday with South Grand Prairie in the Class 5A team standings of the 34th Jesuit Shearer Relays.

"It was a good meet for our kids," Steers coach Randy Britton said after watching Mitchell take first place in the 100 meters with a 10.32-second

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## Lady Steers take four-stroke lead playing host in first round

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Making the most of their home course advantage, Big Spring's Lady Steers opened the District 4-4A girls' golf tournament with a 338 Saturday, taking a four-stroke lead over Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

That Big Spring and Andrews would be sitting atop the team standings following first-round play on the 5,455-yard, par 74 Big Spring Country Club layout was no surprise, but Pecos' Lady Eagles turned in a shocking 346 to grab third place just eight strokes off the Lady Steers' lead.

Sophomore Ashlie Simmons rebounded from what could have been a devastating start — her first shot of the day, a tee shot on No. 18, finding the water — to post an 82 and share the individual medalist lead with Pecos' Alva Alvarez.

Simmons' biggest shot of the day came at No. 14 where she posted a three to eagle the par 5 hole.

Lady Steers senior Kelly Hollar finished the round with an 83, one-stroke off the lead and tied with Fort Stockton's Renee Gonzales and Andrews' Jennifer Sanders for third place.

Stefanie Waggoner and Alicia Wood turned in rounds of 86 and 87, as both rebounded from sluggish starts on the front nine to finish in the top 10 individually.

"Our girls played just the way we needed them to play today," Lady Steers coach Mike Scarbrough noted. "Ashlie puts her first shot of the day into the water and then

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bounces back with an eagle and finishes tied for the medalist lead. And both Alicia and Stefanie did a great job. Both of them had 46 at the turn and came back with a 40 and a 41 on the back nine — the hardest part of the course."

Andrews' Jessica Treadwell was sixth in the individual standings, while Waggoner was tied with Fort Stockton's Ashley Dunagan for seventh. Wood was tied with Andrews' Rachel Robb and Eydie Guelker and Pecos' Sarah Armstrong and Amanda Stickle for ninth.

Rounding out the Big Spring varsity's scores was Tatum Weeks' 105.

Scarbrough, while pleased with weather that was almost perfect, said the Lady Steers' four-stroke edge was nice to have, but added that he expects Andrews to mount a serious challenge in the next two rounds.

"We've known all along it was going to be a dogfight between Andrews and us and that's just exactly what it's turning out to be," the Lady Steers coach said. "Pecos really surprised some people by pulling in there at third, but they're going to have a pretty tough time hanging onto that spot for two more weeks."

Fort Stockton's Prowlers, who were expected to hold down third place, will go into next week's second round 16 strokes off the pace in fourth place with a 354.

Scarbrough, however, said he expects the Prowlers to gain some ground back next week when they host the district meet's second round.

Fort Stockton's junior varsity led the way in the second echelon with a 372, followed by Andrews' junior varsity at 383. Pecos' JV was seventh at 394, while Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs finished at 397. Sweetwater's junior varsity turned in a 400, Big Spring's JV finished at 404 and Lake View's Maidens rounded out the team field with a 420.

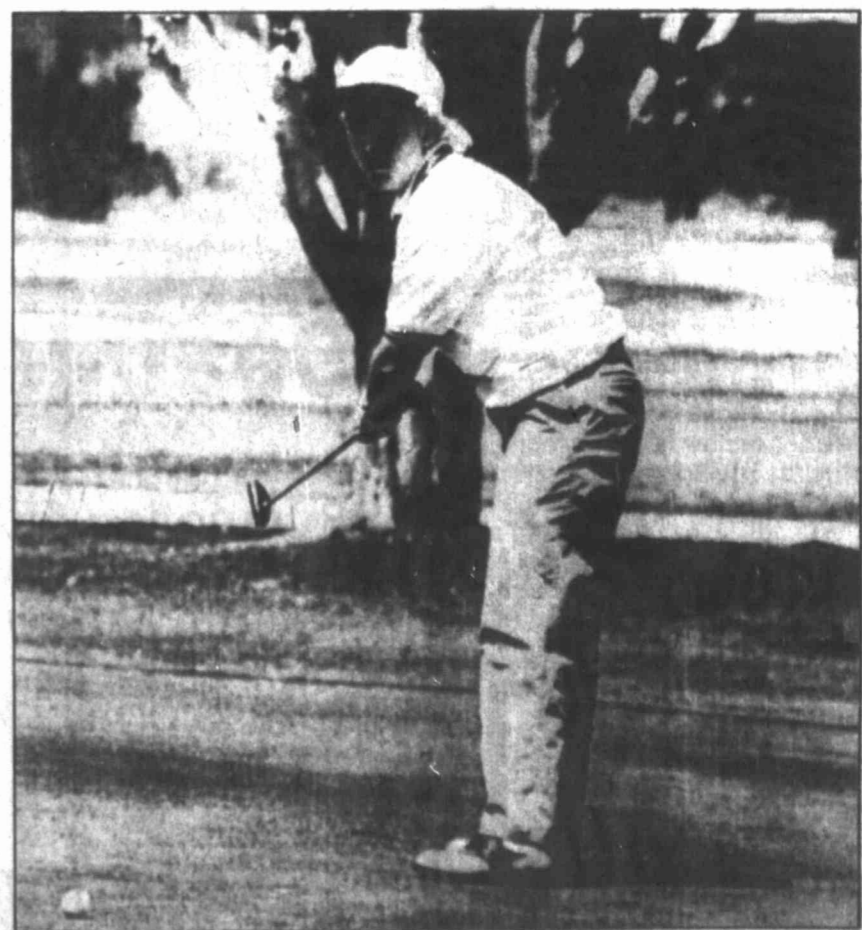
Lauren Fraser led the second Big Spring team with a round of 98, while Pricilla Del Bosque turned in a 99. Christine Medellin finished with a 101, followed by Brittany Roberson's 106 and Heather Harris' 115.

In addition to Alvarez's 82, Pecos turned in its surprising 346 behind the twin rounds of 87 turned in by Sarah Armstrong and Amanda Stickle. Kim Clark added a 90 for the Lady Eagles, while Amanda Hernandez rounded out Pecos' scoring with an 99.

Fort Stockton, while getting Gonzales' strong round of 83, faltered when only one other player on the team managed to break 90, that being Dunagan's 86.

Jennifer Bilano finished the round with a 92 for the Prowlers, while Taryn Elliott carded a 93 and Whitney Lower rounded out the scoring with a 94.

The Prowlers do figure jump back into the mix a little more next week when they host the second round of district play at the Pecos County Municipal Golf Course, a shorter layout more to their liking.



Big Spring's Alicia Wood watches her putt head toward the hole on the green at No. 17 during Saturday's first round of play in the District 4-4A tournament at the Big Spring Country Club. The Lady Steers took the first round lead with a 338.

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BOYS & GIRLS

RESULTS-Boys' Yellow Rose over Big Spring...

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS-Morris Robertson Body Shop over...

SPORTS BRIEFS

Country Club slates charity scramble event for April 4. A four-person charity scramble golf tournament...

Industrial Softball League now taking team entries

Teams are now being accepted for the Big Spring Industrial Softball League's 1998 season.

TUESDAY COUPLES

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Sheppard leading Kentucky back to championship game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A year ago, Jeff Sheppard merely watched Kentucky go to the Final Four championship game. This time, he put the Wildcats there.

The sweet-shooting senior with the unpretentious crewcut saved Kentucky from a second-half blowout, nailed one big shot after another down the stretch, and carried the Wildcats to an 86-85 overtime victory Saturday over a Stanford team that wouldn't

achieve. Kentucky (34-4) trailed most of the game but scored the first five points in overtime, all by Mohammed and Sheppard, to jump to a 78-73 lead. Stanford never recovered.

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by these kids. "We made some critical errors. Maybe it was fatigue, maybe it was youth. But we answered the call every time we were down."

Stanford took a 13-3 lead in the first five minutes of the game, and led throughout the half despite one five-minute stretch when it couldn't get off a shot and Kentucky came back to 18-17.

Staying in a man-to-man defense and keeping Kentucky's fast break contained with good position under the boards, Stanford rode 3-pointers by Weems and Lee for a 37-32 half-time lead.

Mohammed picked up two fouls in the first few minutes, sat out most of the rest of the first half, and went scoreless until hitting three inside shots in a row early in the second half.

But Stanford kept answering Kentucky's inside shooting with 3-pointers, including one by Sauer that gave the Cardinal its biggest lead of the second half, 46-36, and another by Lee that made it 49-40.

The Wildcats fought back to 49-48 on a basket by Mohammed, a 3-pointer by Allen Edwards and a steal, drive and foul shot by Sheppard.

Kentucky stayed close but couldn't grab the lead until Scott Padgett sank two free throws to put the Wildcats ahead for the first time, 54-53, with 10:04 left.

A 10-foot hook by Mohammed made it 56-53, but Stanford regained the lead with two straight baskets before a pair of free throws by Mohammed, on Tim Young's fourth foul, put Kentucky ahead again with 7:23

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NCAA-MEN

EAST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Saturday, March 21 North Carolina 79, Connecticut 64

SOUTH REGIONAL

Regional Championship Sunday, March 22 Kentucky 86, Duke 84

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Sunday, March 22 Stanford 79, Rhode Island 77

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Saturday, March 21 Utah 76, Arizona 51

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At The Alamodome San Antonio, Texas Saturday, March 28 Kentucky 86, Stanford 85 OT Utah 65, North Carolina 59

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Kentucky 34-4 vs. Utah (30-3), 8:18 p.m.

NCAA-WOMEN

EAST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23 N.C. State 60, Connecticut 52

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23 Louisiana Tech 72, Purdue 65

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Regional Championship Monday, March 23 Tennessee 76, North Carolina 70

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Championship Monday, March 23 Arkansas 77, Duke 72

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At Kemper Arena Kansas City, Mo. National Semifinals Friday, March 27 Tennessee Tech 84, N.C. State 65

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, March 29 Louisiana Tech (31-3) vs. Tennessee (38-0), 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

RESULTS-ASS Bowling over O'Daniel's 6-2, Parks Convalescence over...

NBA

Friday's Games Indiana 133, Charlotte 96 Chicago 89, Atlanta 74 San Antonio 110, Philadelphia 85

NHL

Friday's Games Chicago 2, Ottawa 1 Ottawa 1, Edmonton 0 Today's Games Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m. Florida at Chicago, 2 p.m. Philadelphia at Carolina, 6 p.m. Buffalo at Detroit, 8 p.m. New Jersey at Dallas, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND INDIANS-Reassigned LHP John Cummings to their minor-league camp. Optioned 1B Sean Casey to Buffalo of the International League.

BASEBALL

DETROIT TIGERS-Purchased the contract of Pete Incaviglia from Toledo of the International League. Placed LHP John Rosenberg on the 60-day disabled list.

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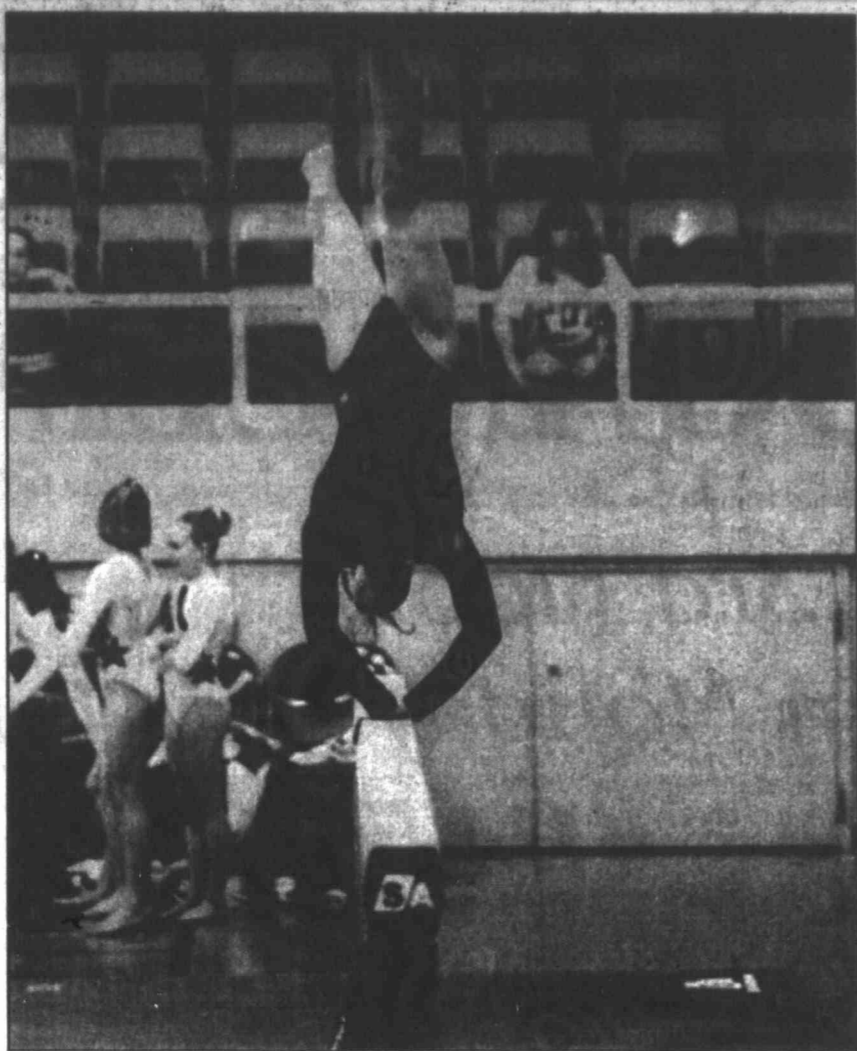
floor exercise. She finished the day with a 34.35 total.

Megan Downen of the World Olympic squad took the all around title in the Level 10, Junior A division with a 37.5, while Nina Kim of Brown's Gymnastics was second with a 37.4 total. Laura Mikeska of the Infinite Bounds team finished third with 37 points.

In Level 10, Senior B competition, Devin McCalla from Richardson Gymnastics took first place, edging Cheryl Lancaster of AeroFit for the all around title. McCalla piled up 37.875 points, while Lancaster had 37.6. Third place went to McCalla's teammate, Angie Welch, whose total was 36.925 points.

In Saturday morning's Level 9, Junior B competition, Valerie Conroy of the Infinite Bounds team took the all around title with a 36.975 total, edging teammate Jacquie Carey, who finished with 36.675 points. Third place went to Meredith Fricke from Trevino's Gym.

The championships were scheduled to continue this morning with Level 9, Junior A division competition from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., followed by Level 9, Senior A & B divisions taking the floor from 12:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.



Mikelle Farris of the Big Spring Sidewinders makes an inverted move during her exercise on the balance beam during Saturday's USA Gymnastics Level 9/Level 10 State Championships at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Farris, who had her troubles on the bars, turned in a good performance on the beam and followed that with a strong floor exercise to earn a trip to the USAG regionals.

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clocking and senior Antwoyne Edwards finish second in the 110-meter high hurdles with a 14.28.

The Steers' 4x100-meter relay team finished fourth in Saturday's finals behind Longview, Dallas Carter and Duncanville.

Big Spring also got a third-place finish from Marco Torres in the 1,600 meters, as he turned in a 4:31.42 clocking. He was fourth in the 800 meters with a 2:08.

Had Torres and Edwards been entered in the Class 4A division's 1,600 meters and 110 hurdles, both would have taken won those events.

Britton said he intentionally entered his team in the Class 5A division, even though the Class 4A division's field was almost equally as strong.

"There's no reason to travel this far, come to a meet like this and not put your kids up against the very best they have to offer," Britton explained.

Li falls to Earl in Open finale

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li reached the finals of the single elimination Lubbock Open Tennis Tournament before running afoul of Lubbock Coronado's

Jeremy Earl.

Earl, who knocked Li out at the finals of the Big Spring Invitational earlier this season, took a 6-1, 6-1 win to take the singles championship.

With girls' singles star Monica Villarreal nursing a sore left forearm, Big Spring's netters got their only other match win in the opening round when Kim Dominguez and Christina Vera took a 6-3, 6-4 win over Beth Sanders and Jamie Bennett of Coronado.

Big Spring's other girls' doubles entry, the tandem of Yuching Li and Stephanie Lewis lost their opening round match to Amarillo Tascosa's Meredith Schooler and Emily Moss.

Li and Lewis opened the match with a 6-2 win before dropping the final two matches 3-6 and 4-6.

The Steers and Lady Steers will travel to San Antonio next weekend for the McFarlin Tennis Center's High School Invitational — an event coach Ralph Davis calls the "most intense and prestigious tournament on our schedule."

Steers post 9-7 win in rescheduled game

After postponing their District 4-4A baseball game with Sweetwater's Mustangs until Saturday, Big Spring's

Steers had to fight off a determined comeback bid to post a 9-7 win and remain unbeaten in league play.

Steers coach Bobby Doe knew it would be "somewhat of a different day for us," when pitching ace Jeff Denton had to be relieved after pitching to just three batters and being unable to throw strikes.

James Darling took over the mound duties and managed to keep the hot-hitting Mustangs from putting together a big inning.

The Steers, instead, almost scored all the runs they'd need in the bottom of the first when they erupted for seven runs — the biggest blow being a triple off the bat of Joe Owens that drove in two runs.

Owens finished the day 3-for-3 and added a double to his statistics. Third baseman Aaron Boadle finished 3-for-4 and J.J. Aguirre added a 2-for-3 showing in highlighting the Steers' 13-hit attack.

The Steers added two more runs in the second to take a 9-2 lead, only to see the Mustangs rally for two runs in the third inning and solo tallies in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings.

Big Spring, now 10-8 on the season and 2-0 in district play, will play host to Fort Stockton's Panthers at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Park.

Janzen widens lead at Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lee Janzen proved again he plays his best when conditions are the toughest with a 69 Saturday on the firm and fast Stadium Course to take a three-stroke lead into the final round of The Players Championship.

Janzen, whose one-stroke victory here in 1995 was the only winning margin in the tournament since 1991, was at 10-under-par 206, with Glen Day at 209 and British Open champion Justin Leonard at 211.

The 69 by Janzen on Saturday was especially impressive on a day in which no one shot below 68 and there were only six

rounds in the 60s. "The other guys will have to shoot at the pins and that makes it tougher," Janzen said. "I can't do anything to let them catch up. As long as I make pars that will help me."

Janzen stretched his lead when he played the last 10 holes three under par, managing not to make a bogey while rolling in birdie putts on Nos. 9, 14 and 16.

The birdie on No. 16 was nearly an eagle when Janzen's putt from 30 feet hit the hole but stayed out.

"It's not as much of a lead if the course were soft," Day said, implying that Janzen could stumble on Sunday. "A three shot lead here ... you never

knows what's going to happen." Even Janzen seemed to agree. "Disaster is waiting on every hole," he said. Leonard, who like Janzen fares well when birdies hard to come by, shot a 70 in the third round with 12 one-putt greens.

MC's Jones wants Lamar job

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Ron Jones, the only head coach in the history of the Midland College women's program, has applied for the vacant head coaching job at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Jones, 100-28 in four years at Midland College, is among 80 applicants for the position.

Lamar officials have already interviewed Janice Joseph, former NAIA All-America at Louisiana College and current head coach at Xavier, La., and Dana Chapman, the top women's assistant at LSU.

The job came open when resigned after two losing seasons and problems with the NCAA. The NCAA accepted Lamar's self-imposed penalty, which included the loss of two scholarships.

Jones is a native of Stillwater, Okla. and played junior college basketball at Midland. The Chaparrals reached the Region V finals in 1977

and Jones was selected to play in the all-star game at the end of the 1978 season.

Following his career at Midland College, he played at Pan American University.

Jones began his coaching career in 1987 in Guthrie, Okla. where his teams finished 25-2, 21-2 and 23-5, winning the state championship in 1990.

He was named head women's coach at Western Texas College in 1992 and posted a two-year mark of 33-26, including 18-11 in 1994, which was good enough for a third-place finish in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and a berth in the Region V tournament.

All four of Jones' teams at Midland have advanced to the Region V tournament. Twice, in 1995-1996 and 1997-1998, his teams have reached the region finals, only to lose.

First, Midland lost to then-No. 1 Grayson, while earlier this month, the Lady Chaps were eliminated on their home court by eventual national third-place finisher Howard College.

Jones' teams have compiled a 49-13 record in WJCAC play and have a winning record against all their conference opponents except Howard. Midland is 4-8 against Howard.



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to go. With the 7-foot-1 Young going to the bench, Stanford lost a big presence in the middle who had accounted for 10 points and seven rebounds.

That meant Madsen had to step up even more, and he responded with an offensive rebound, layup and free throw that put Stanford ahead once more, 68-66, with 3:04 left in regulation.

With three seconds to go in regulation, Turner missed a short bank, and Madsen rebounded to give Stanford a chance to win the game with 1.1 seconds left. But a 40-foot heave by Weems under pressure fell well short and the game went into overtime.

Utah 65, North Carolina 59

No gimmicks this time for Utah, just another win over a No. 1 seed.

One week after the Utes shocked the defending national champions in a 25-point laugher, they held on for a 65-59 victory over top-ranked North Carolina on Saturday, advancing to the Final Four championship game for the second time in school history. Utah won the national title in 1944.

On Monday night, the Utes (30-3) will face Kentucky, which beat Stanford 86-85 in overtime in the other semifinal. Kentucky knocked Utah out of the tournament the last two seasons and also in 1993.

Against Arizona last Saturday in the West Regional final, Utah coach Rick Majerus went with a triangle-and-2 defense and held the Wildcats to 28 percent shooting.

Against North Carolina (34-4), the nation's leading shooting team at 52 percent, the Utes went straight man-to-man and lived up to their title as the No. 2 field goal defensive team in the country. The Tar Heels shot just 39 percent (27-for-69), including 3-for-23 from 3-point range.

"This is just tremendous," Majerus said. "I thought our guys played their hearts out and let them game come to them." The loss ended the great rookie season of 60-year-old Bill Guthridge, who replaced Dean

Smith after sitting beside him for 30 years.

He led the Tar Heels back to the Final Four, just the seventh time a first-year coach got his team to the semifinals. He also set the record for victories by a first-year coach, but it wasn't enough to get the Tar Heels to their eighth national championship game.

Michael Doleac had 16 points for Utah, while Andre Miller, who had the first triple-double in school history against Arizona, had 16 points, 14 rebounds and six assists.

Vince Carter had 21 points for the Tar Heels on 10-for-16 shooting, the only Carolina player to

shoot better than 50 percent, while Associated Press player of the year Antawn Jamison had 14 points on 7-for-19 shooting.

Shammond Williams, who was 1-for-13 in last season's 66-58 Final Four loss to Arizona, went 2-for-12 this year, finishing with seven points.

It seemed like North Carolina was going to end its season as Arizona had — at the wrong end of a big score against Utah. The Tar Heels, however, had a different ending planned and almost got it.

Trailing by 15 points six times in the second half, North Carolina used an 8-2 run to get within 50-41 with 11:15 to play.

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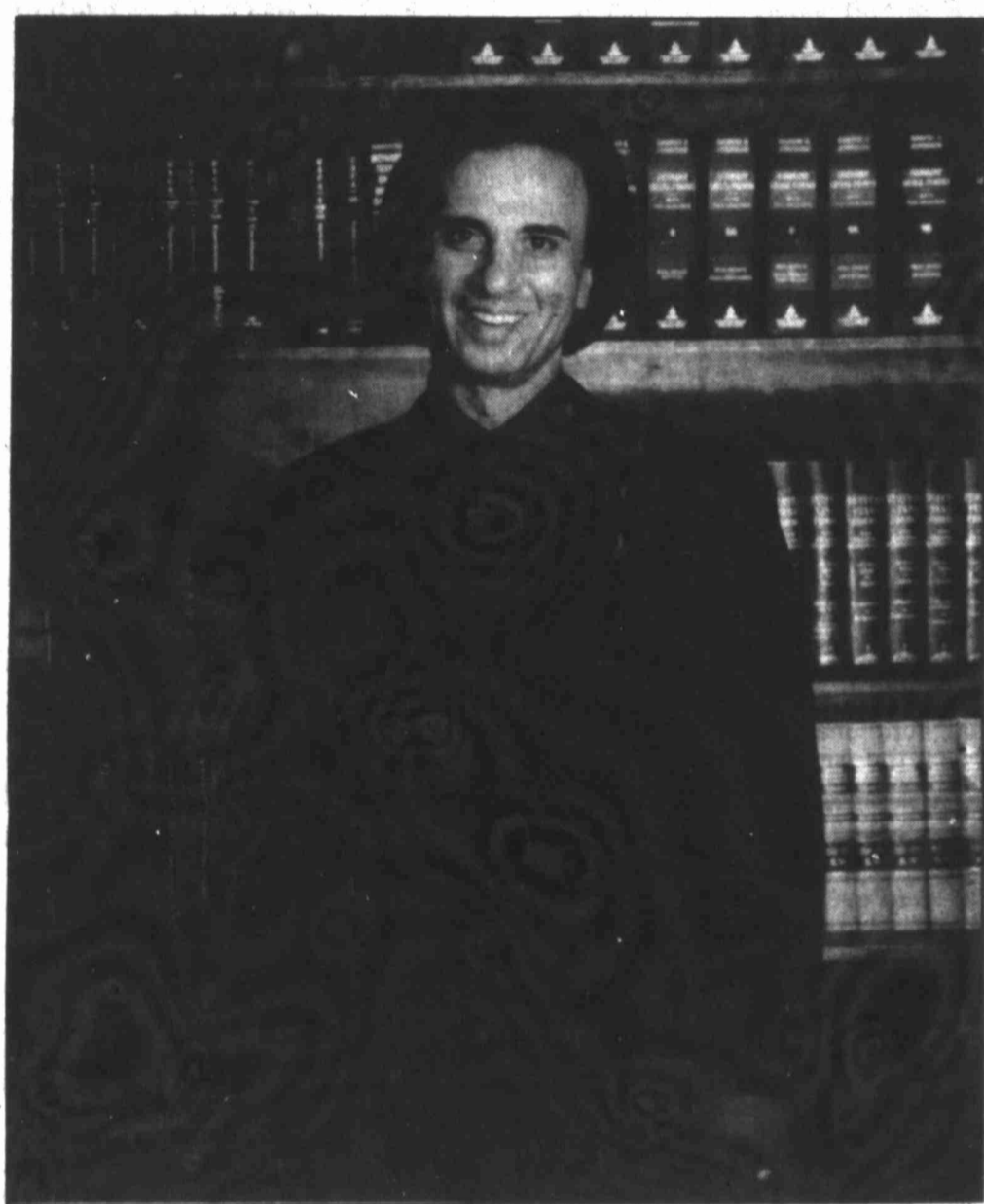
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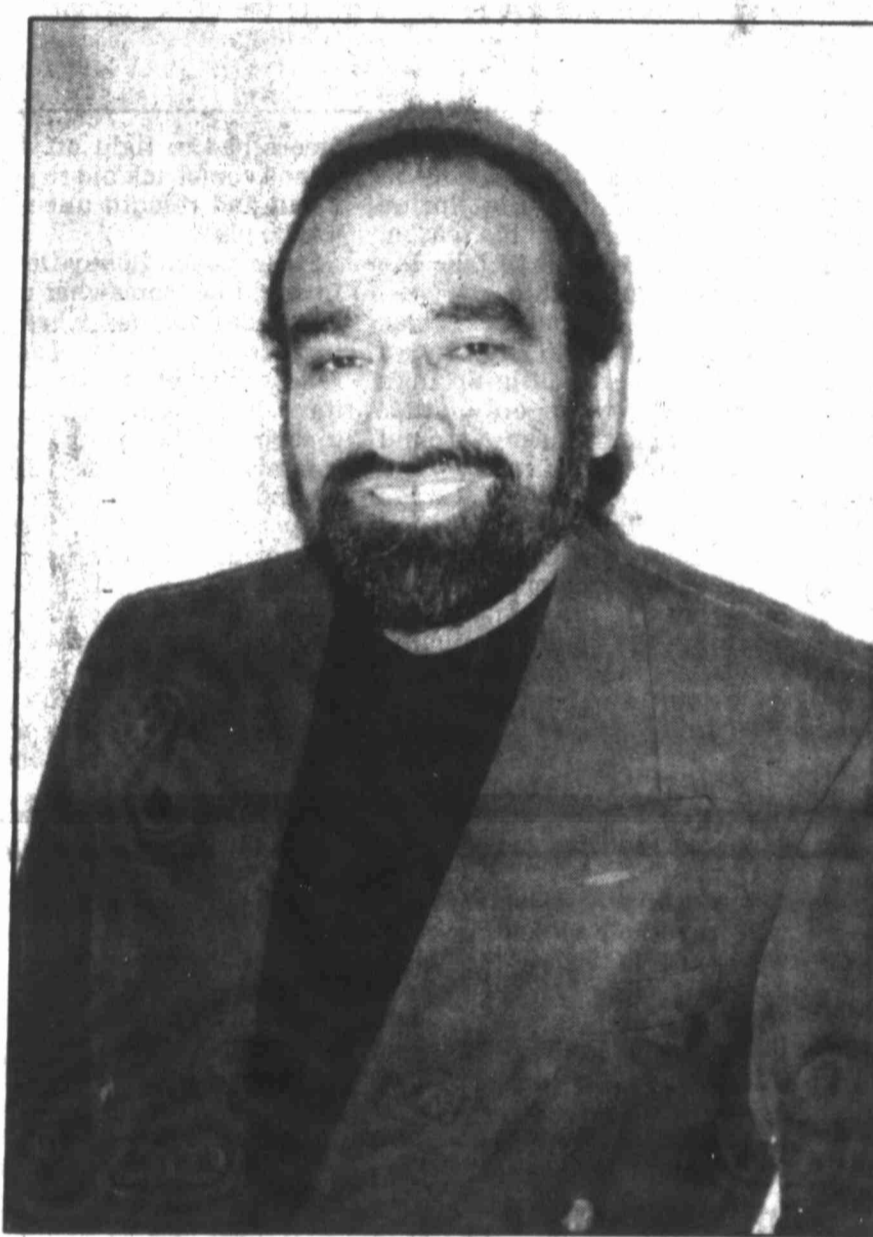
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## A friend in need

### The Compassionate Friends share love, support, understanding

When LaVera Mitchell's son and grandson were killed by a drunk driver seven years ago, she knew her life would never be the same.

"I felt my legs had been cut off," said Mitchell. "It was a physical hurt like one I had never felt before."

A friend invited her to a meeting of The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents and grandparents who have lost a child.

"The first night," Mitchell recalled, "I could do nothing but sit there and cry. But they cried with me, and their tears were tears of love. They felt exactly what I was feeling."

Over the next two years, Mitchell said she rarely missed a meeting.

"It was like I had been drained and refilled," she said. And now, "I cry those tears of love for the others."

The Compassionate Friends Big Spring chapter is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special meeting April 7. For 10 years, local women and men have been gathering monthly to share their feelings, coping techniques and often their tears.

"The name 'Compassionate Friends' sounds really good," said Janelle Britton, a founder of the group who lost her 13-month-old grandson to the complications of a premature birth. "But until you've been there, you don't really know what that can mean."

Members say they can share their common experiences — although the circumstances vary. Some lost a child to suicide, others murder or an accident. Some lost an adult child, others a tiny baby. For some, it has been a decade or more.

Carolyn Tindol became a spokesperson for Lifegift organ donation agency after losing her son. After learning that he was brain dead, Tindol, who had lost her husband two years before, had to make the heart-wrenching decision to turn off the machines that kept her son's body alive.

"When I buried my son," she said, "I felt like something had ripped me open and pulled part of me out. You bury part of you with that child, and you will never be the same."

But organ donation, she said, was a way to create some good out of the pain.

"Just knowing that what I was doing was helping someone else, that gave me strength," she said. "I put myself in someone else's place."

Some members of the group said their other friends often didn't understand their needs for grieving, while their Compassionate Friends did.

"You want to talk about it, but they want to change the subject," said Frances Loftis, who lost a granddaughter to brain cancer. "You



have memories. You want to think about all the good memories."

At meetings, Compassionate Friends start out by going around the room, each person telling how his or her child or grandchild died. That way, members said, visitors to the group can find someone who has a situation in common with them, and they may find someone to talk to.

Darla Swindell, who lost her son Phil to carbon monoxide poisoning, said the pain can tear a family apart. But having someone else to share with, she said, is vital.

Connie Bridges agreed. She lost her son Jesse to a car accident 10 years ago.

"I didn't realize until later that I was not there for my husband or my daughter during that time, and they needed me," she said.

"You get a real eye opener when it's your child," said Judy Pherigo, whose son Allan was electrocuted in May of 1989. "Everyone grieves at a different rate, and you do feel like you are going crazy at times."

As years pass, members said, the pain of a child's death does not disappear, but may numb.

"When I knew I was getting better," Rosson said, "was when he wasn't the first thing on my mind when I woke up in the morning and the last thing on my mind when I went to bed at night."

Group members can check out tapes and books about the grief process, and how to cope after a child's death. They receive a regular newsletter with helpful information, and often share poems or stories written by other members.

Julia Lerma waited two years after her son died of lung cancer to attend a meeting.

"I was still struggling with numbness, shock," she wrote about her experience. "I didn't know I could have a positive purpose in life."

Visiting with The Compassionate Friends, though, made her realize her feelings were normal.

"They were so supportive," she wrote. "Does it get better? Yes, it does. But it takes time. And it takes love."

Photography by Linda Choate  
Story by Debbie L. Jensen



In the photos, clockwise from top: At top, members of the Compassionate Friends support each other through the grief when a child dies. In the photo above, Carolyn Tindol talks about the loss of her son. The picture, I Butterfly, by Marilyn Sunderman is often given as a memorial to Compassionate Friends. LaVera Mitchell clutches a photo of her grandson. Mitchell lost her son and grandson to a car accident caused by a drunk driver. Frances Loftis and Darla Swindell listen to another member discuss her feelings.



The Compassionate Friends is a national mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents. There are no dues. The group depends solely on voluntary contributions. It is not a religious organization, nor is it a therapy group.

For more information about The Compassionate Friends in Big Spring, call any of the following members: Janelle Britton, 263-6892; Connie Bridges, 263-8376; Julia Lerma, 267-8193; Frances Loftis, 263-4568; LaVera Mitchell, 267-8951; Judy Pherigo, 394-4763; Darla Swindell, 267-2769; or Carolyn Tindol, 263-5303.

The 10th anniversary meeting of Compassionate Friends will be April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

## Free childhood gifts that came with a lifetime guarantee

As I get older, as I read the news and listen to the radio, I find myself yearning for the past.

My childhood seems more attractive, and somehow, cleaner. I'm aware of how we romanticize and stylize our memories to suit our own needs. But, even accounting for that, the times seemed better then.

I look at my grandchildren now and wonder, when they are my age, what will they miss? What will they remember as the best part of their childhood?

Lately I've been thinking about the people who added so much to my everyday life back then. They are women I think of.

There was Grandma Milam. She wasn't my grandmother,

she was Betty Jo's, but all the kids called her that.

My parents were divorced and my Mother worked, but I wasn't what they call today, a latch-key kid. Every day when I walked home from East Ward school, there was Grandma Milam on her front porch, catty-corner across the street from me.

We would speak and pass the time of day. When I went inside my own house, I knew it was safe because she had kept an eye on things. If I needed anything, there she was. And if she needed anything, there I was.

There were other women at home in the neighborhood if Grandma Milam was gone. There was Tink, who allowed my sister and me to use the telephone, but only if it was an

emergency." Everything is an emergency to a child.

There was Mrs. Mason, in and out of her little a d o b e house, washing the laundry she took in, and hanging it out on the line to dry. She always had time to say hey, and to put you to work if you were bored.

Across from her was Grandma Milam's daughter-in-law. She would let me play with Betty Jo's paperdolls on

the porch. Then she would come out and remind me to run do my chores before my mother got home.

We knew each other's schedules and the neighborhood seemed to throb to the beat of a collective pulse.

The women knew Mother would play softball with all the kids when she came home. If any boys showed up in our yard too early, Mrs. Williams, Ama Jean's mother, hollered at them and made them go wait in her yard, two houses down.

As I grew older, wherever I lived, there were women who welcomed and watched out for me. They made time for me, and gave me the priceless gift of their attention.

There was Marcella Fuqua, who let me spend as many

nights in a row as my Mother would allow. She had a knack for knowing when something was bothering me.

There was Ma Weaver, when I lived in duplex behind the house she lived in.

Every Saturday afternoon she sat in her green swing on her porch and listened to all the songs from the musical I had seen at the picture show. She would laugh and whistle and stomp until I felt like Betty Grable.

Ella Mae Rutherford. She owned her own business and worked all week, but weekends were open house for her daughter, Mary Alice and me. She was never too tired to listen to a couple of silly 14-year-old girls.

The two women I call my sec-

ond mothers, Mrs. Fuller and Mary Rosser. My connection with them goes so far back, I can't remember life without them.

All these women took up the slack for a tired, working mother.

They reinforced her authority and taught me some of the most valuable lessons I've ever learned. They treated me with respect and, thereby, taught me self-respect. With their hands and eyes and open hearts, they showed me I was worth something.

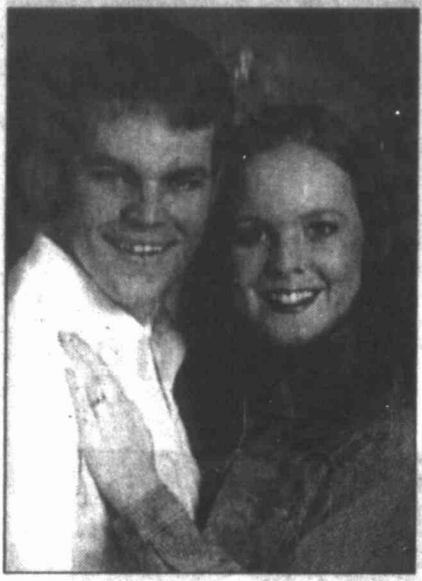
If I could give my grandchildren something that would, someday, make their childhood memories as good as mine, I would give them friends like these women.

Gold bless them, everyone.



Eunice Choate  
Columnist

**GETTING ENGAGED**



Joy Lynn Adams, San Angelo, and Rodney R. Robertson, Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on May 30, 1998, at the Stanton Church of Christ with Rick Laing, of Austin, officiating.

She is the daughter of Michael and Leatrice Adams, Stanton, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Glaze and Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Adams, Stanton.

He is the son of Donna Simer and Rodney Robertson, Big Spring, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Simer, Big Spring.



Alice "Elizabeth" Glass and Shelby Wayne Staggs, Lubbock, will be united in marriage on May 30, 1998, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lubbock with Rev. Davis Price, of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, officiating.

She is the daughter of Helen and Lynn Glass, Big Spring.

He is the son of Lee and Joe Owen, Lubbock.



Brenda Suzanne Shirey and Jeffrey Thomas Hays, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on May 30, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, with Rev. Gary Groves, of First Christian Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Julie Shirey, Big Spring, and Del Shirey, Lake Worth, and the granddaughter of Marjorie Rainwater, Big Spring.

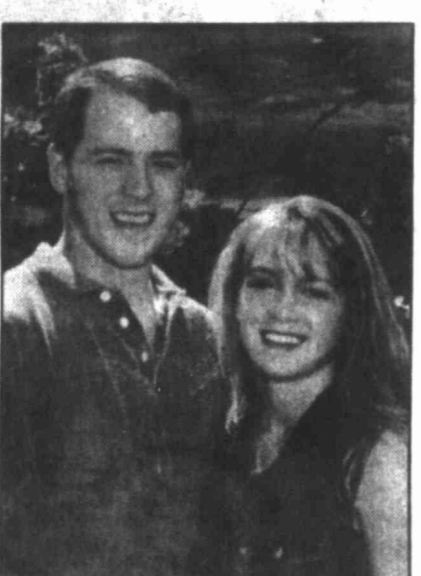
He is the son of Thomas S. Hays, and Bevely J. Hays, Council Bluffs, Iowa.



Wendy K. Kennemer, San Antonio, and Mark Rusin, Adkins, will exchange wedding vows on May 30, 1998, at the Courtyard Chapel Gazebo in San Antonio.

She is the daughter of Mary Kennemer, San Antonio, and the late Fred Kennemer, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Anthony and Glenda Rusin, Adkins.



Casey Lenan Cook and Kent Cox, both of Stephenville, will be united in marriage on May 2, 1998, at the First Methodist Church in Stephenville with Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating.

She is the daughter of Larry and Jennan Swafford, Big Spring, and Don and Kay Cook, and the granddaughter of Irene Chick, Big Spring.

He is the son of Randy and Cheryl Lawson, Waco, and the late Dwight Cox.

Rose Marie Saenz, Dallas, and James Michael Cook, Jr., Plano, will be united in marriage on May 9, 1998, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, San Angelo, with Father Terry Brennan officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Saenz, Jr., Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Ms. Sopopa Salazar.

He is the son of James M. Cook, Sr., London, Ky., and Virginia Cook, San Angelo.

**life! Sunday policies**

Sunday items (engagements, weddings, anniversaries, birth announcements) must be submitted on our forms, which are available at the Herald office, 710 Scurry.

Deadline is Wednesday at noon.

Photos must be picked up within 30 days of the announcement's publication, or they will be discarded.

Photos should have the name of both of the couple on the back.

**Humor adds life to this murder mystery**

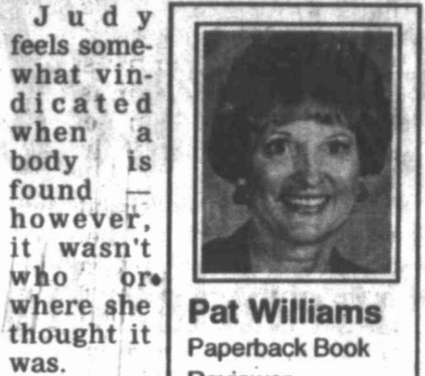
"Wed and Buried." Mary Daheim. Avon Books, New York, New York. February, 1998. 299 pages. \$5.99

Judy McMonigle Flynn runs a bed-and-breakfast, takes care of her mother who is afflicted with "selective retention of facts," and manages to get into more troubling situations than most of us could imagine. It seems that Judy often feels the need to "assist" her husband, policeman Joe, in solving his cases.

It certainly was not in Judy's plan to witness a murder that occurred during the reception for her son's wedding.

No matter how sincere she seems in trying to get Joe to search an abandoned building for the body of the victim, he is adamant they would find nothing. Joe insists Judy is just wasting time that he and his partner could be using in solving cases that were already on the books.

Judy feels somewhat vindicated when "a body is found" however, it wasn't who or where she thought it was.



Pat Williams  
Paperback Book  
Reviewer

Not to waste a minute, Judy compels her cousin Renie to join her in searching for clues, questioning potential witnesses, and

other various sleuthing activities. All of these things are done innocently, but without the knowledge of the police. It's truly a wonder that they only infrequently muddy whatever progress Joe and his partner have made.

In her 12th novel, Mary Daheim writes a cleverly crafted humorous mystery that never loses its acceleration or your interest. Daheim creates Judy to be a person you would love (or maybe you wouldn't) to have as your next-door neighbor.

Her conversations and actions are a tad eccentric, but honest enough to be real.

She has concerns about money, children, and her home that permeate everything she

does. Judy's relationships with her husband, son, and cousin are not painted as perfect, and as such, very believable.

Witticisms, puns, and amusing words are stuffed into the most surprising corners of Daheim's writing.

She uses originality in naming places, as well as most of the minor characters. It would be impossible not to like a story that includes Uncle Gurd, Reverend Crump, Billy Big Horn, and Experanza Highcastle.

If you don't care if your friends and relatives think you are crazy as you laugh aloud when you read, don't wait to pick up this latest treasure!

RATING: (\*\*\*\*) four out of four = Not to be missed!

**NEWCOMERS**

Among those welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service were:

Timothy and Kayla Karr and son T.J., Hail Center. He is employed by G.H.P. Trucking.

Alan and Cecilia Moskoe and sons Jason and J.J., Prescott, Ariz. They both work for the VA Medical Center.

Donnie and Beverly Wren, Giddings. They are both employed by Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

Ron and Ramela Pavlovsky, daughters Suzzette, Cody and Tiffany, and son Jeffery, Snyder. He works for the T.D.C. in Snyder, and she works for Cornell Corrections.

Susan Gibbs, Dallas. She is employed by Created by You.

Sharon Martinez, Giddings. She is an LVN at Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

Jason Myers, Colorado City. He works for Western Container.

Cecil and Kyla Willey and sons Kaleb and Garrett, Ft. Polk, La. He is retired from the Army.

**Tips for making your family reunion a success**

WACO (AP) — Ernest Bezdek felt his extended family was beginning to "forget who they were," so several years ago he took out pen and paper and began planning a family reunion.

"Some cousins really haven't visited each other in years," the 69-year-old West resident said. "It gave them the opportunity to get together."

Getting a family reunion off the ground without a hitch can be tricky.

Not only is there a lot of preparation and planning involved, but also some research.

"I had to do a lot of research to figure out who's part of the family," he said. "I did a lot of telephone calling to get names and addresses."

But in the end, all of his efforts paid off. His family reunion averages about 150 family members each year.

When it comes to planning a reunion, besides establishing a guest list, there are several essential elements to decide upon, including location, date, entertainment and activities and food.

Instead of planning the entire reunion himself, Bezdek said each year a different family group is appointed to host the reunion.

Bezdek's family always holds the reunion at the same loca-

**Plenty in store at BSSH for spring**

April 23 is going to be a big day at Big Spring State Hospital. It will be "Bring your daughter or son to work day" and the Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon.

Superintendent Ed Moughon announced plans this week inviting employees to bring their school-aged children to the hospital for an orientation of the hospital and a tour of the facility.

"This is an opportunity to educate our young people about mental illness and for them to be able to see the work-place of their parents," stated Moughon. The activity will begin at 8 a.m. in the Allred Auditorium with a welcome and orientation by Moughon, followed by a tour from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Kathy Higgins Community Relations is coordinating the event and reservations for all children attending should be in by April 15.

In observance of National Volunteer Week and 50 years of service to BSSH, the volunteers will be honored at the Volunteer Awards Luncheon. "BSSH Volunteers, This is your Life," will be the theme for the anniversary luncheon. David Wrinkle will present the volun-

teers 50 years of pictures and commentary. All community individuals and groups that volunteer for BSSH are invited to attend as our guests. Call Community Relations at 268-7535 to RSVP by April 17.

May 1 is the date for the "Denim and Diamonds" Reception and Dance, hosted by the Volunteer Service Council. Letters have been sent to all past donors for the contributors for this year's event and if you have not mailed yours in, the deadline is April 1.

The reception will be in the home of Don Newsom, 1005 Scurry, with Mrs. Dorothy Garrett honorary chairperson. The dance will be at The Stampede with Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys. Proceeds from the dance are used to help BSSH patients, and this year, a portion will go to the building

of the Animal Assisted Therapy Building. If you would like to be a donor for the dance and reception, it is not too late to send contributions, sponsor \$50, patron \$100 and benefactor \$200 and up. These donations include reception and dance tickets. Dance tickets are only \$25 couple and \$15 single. BSSH employees will participate in the Howard County Health Fair April 18 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. There will be health screenings and educational materials available free or at a minimal charge. The fair is open to the public. BSSH has openings for volunteers in the following areas: clerical assistants to type, file, run errands, reception, and other light secretarial duties, canteen assistant, and greeter for the ATD building. An attorney and physician are needed to serve on hospital committees. There will be a volunteer orientation April 29, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call Community Relations if you are interested. Kathy Johnson Higgins is director of community relations at Big Spring State Hospital.



Kathy Higgins  
State Hospital

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**TUESDAY**-Chicken quarters, rice, squash, fruit, milk/rolls, brownies.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Pork Chops, spinach, sweet potatoes, squash, milk/cornbread, pudding.  
**THURSDAY**-Hamburger, carrot & raisin salad, lettuce & tomato, beans, milk/bun, pie.  
**FRIDAY**-Brisket, potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, milk/cornbread, fruit.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Taco (crispy chicken sandwich, french fries), salad, corn, Spanish rice, pineapple tidbits, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chilimac, breaded okra, green beans, apple, hot roll, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Chicken strips, Whipped potatoes, corn on cob, applesauce, hot roll, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburger, french fries, pinto beans, salad, cookie, milk.

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Bar-be-que on bun, french fries, salad, cobbler, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Salisbury steak w/gravy, whole new potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie, salad, cornbread, fruit, pinto beans, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Fish w/tartar sauce, macaroni & cheese, pork &

beans, french fries, fruit, milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Cheeseburger or hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, fruit cup, fruit drink, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Spaghetti or corn-dog, buttered corn, tossed salad, applesauce, french bread, fruit drink, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Country steak or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peaches, hot roll, fruit drink, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Nacho grande or tamales, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.  
**FRIDAY**-Grill cheese or deli sandwich, french fries, sandwich salad, fruit wedges, peanut butter bar, milk, fruit drink.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-NO SCHOOL

**TUESDAY**-Pizza fries, salad, cookies, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-spaghetti w/meat, corn, salad, bread pudding, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Burritos, tater tots, fruit, cobbler, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-BBQ on bun, potato, fruit, milk.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Beef & bean burritos, salad, carrot sticks, cake, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Frito pie, chili, cheese, corn, lettuce & tomato salad, cookie bar, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Spaghetti, blackeye peas, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, garlic bread, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Bar-b-que chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, sliced peaches, sliced bread, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Fish sandwich, chips, pickle spears, lettuce, fruit, bread, milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY**-NO SCHOOL  
**TUESDAY**-Pizza, corn, salad, pudding, vanilla wafers, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Hot dogs, chips, pork & beans, pickles/onions, salad, cinnamon rolls, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, peaches/creme, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit jello, milk.

**ELBOW SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY**-NO SCHOOL  
**TUESDAY**-Stew, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.  
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Pictured: "Sunshine" Male orange Tabby, 5 months old, 6 toes.

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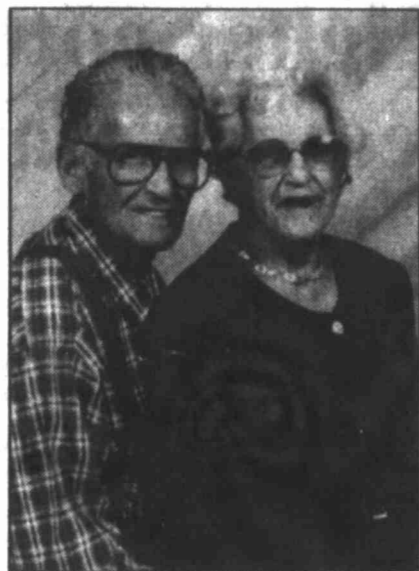
### Rodriguez

Moises and Elizabeth Rodriguez celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on March 21, 1998, at the couple's home hosted by their daughters and sons.

He was born at Lagoon Ranch in Laredo, and she was born as Elizabeth Gaitan in Alpine. Moises was Elizabeth's brother's friend and met her in Sterling City. They were married on March 21, 1936, in Sterling City. They have eight living children and one deceased child, 26 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez have lived in Sterling City for most of their lives, moving to Big Spring 14 years ago.

He is retired from the Highway Department of Sterling City. They are affiliated with Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

This was their comment on



MR. AND MRS. RODRIGUEZ

their 62 years of marriage. "We have a love for God, each other and our family and that is what has kept us together."

### STORK CLUB

Crystal Dawn, girl, March 16, 1998, 8:30, six pounds 12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Shawn and Randy McCutchan.

Grandparents are Calvin and Sandy McCutchan, Colorado City, Phillip Brown, Coahoma, and Stephanie and Walter Sizemore, Graham.

Lindsay Mae Woodard, girl, March 4, 1998, 11:08 a.m., six pounds 10 ounces and 19 1/8 inches long; parents are

Dorothy Viasana and William Woodard.

Grandparents are Mary and Jeronimo Puga, Lee Viasana, Dolly and J.C. Woodard, all of Big Spring, and the late Shirley Mae Woodard.

Jesse Eric Cervantes, boy, March 15, 1998, 1:58 p.m., seven pounds five ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Erica Lanspery and Oscar Cervantes, Jr.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Larry JoJola, Eric and Dianna Lanspery and Oscar Cervantes, Sr., all of Big Spring.

### IN THE MILITARY

Navy Seaman Recruit Felicia M. Lara, daughter of Mar. A. and Lupe Pattin of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

She is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Pvt. Pablo Rodriguez, son of Paul G. and Mary Rodriguez, Stanton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School.

## America's teens too fat, facing health problems

By KEVIN MANNING  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Generation X-ers who have made a lifestyle of grazing on fatty foods and spending countless hours flipping through TV channels and surfing the Net are now faced with thicker waists and serious health problems, experts say.

In fact, there are twice as many obese teens today as 10 and even 20 years ago, resulting in more cases of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease among youths ages 18 and younger.

Obesity can be determined by using the body mass index (BMI) formula, says Dr. Bess Marshall, assistant professor of pediatrics at Washington University in St. Louis. "You have to take the weight in kilograms, divide it by the height in meters squared," she says.

A BMI over 25 is typically considered overweight. But diagnosing weight problems in teens isn't quite so easy.

"In adults, you use a ratio of height to weight. But in kids, it's dependent on age and pubertal development," Marshall explains. "Most of the time people rely on the eyeball test - if the pediatrician says you look overweight, you're overweight."

While some medical problems are to blame for excessive weight gain, experts say many youngsters are obese due to undisciplined eating habits and sedentary lifestyles.

The problem is once a child reaches the teen years, obesity is difficult to reverse. "I think that everybody realizes that an overweight teen-ager is at higher risk of staying an overweight adult," Marshall says. "We know that the earlier we can correct or prevent obesity, the better off we will be."

Heftier numbers of teen obesity cases have also precipitated an increase in certain diseases that were often considered adult concerns. "When I first started here, we rarely

ever saw teen-agers with Type II diabetes," Marshall says. "But now we see them quite often." Obesity can also spark hypertension, heart disease and other problems.

If you have or know of an interesting or unique mailbox, the Herald life! section wants to know for an upcoming feature. Call Linda Choate or Debbie L. Jensen at 263-7331 and tell us where it is located.

## Marriage success takes work, skill, patience

By KRISTY L. CRISTY  
Scripps Howard News Service

Falling in love is easy. Staying together may be the hardest thing either of you ever have to do.

"Marriage is work, but we don't teach that," said George Doebler, chaplain at University of Tennessee Medical Center. "We teach that when people fall in love, they live happily ever after. It's not true. You learn after the first week that it wasn't what you thought."

Couples often go into marriage with unrealistic expectations, said psychotherapist Elizabeth Elliott.

"I've had a lot of couples who will actually sit in here and say, 'If she loved me, she'd know what I was thinking.' I tell them there are a few psychics around, but not many and we aren't."

Bob Money, minister of counseling and family life at First Baptist Church downtown and author of "Christian Marriage: Grace & Work," said it doesn't take as long for problems to crop up in a marriage as it did 20 years ago.

"In other words, the seven-year-itch doesn't take seven years anymore," Money said. "Everything in our culture has speeded up, including how quickly a marriage can get into trouble. The seven-year-itch historically meant that marriage was dealing with some new agendas that you couldn't put off anymore, and it created

a crisis. I think in our culture now that within a year or two the marriage moves beyond the romantic, highly emotional chemistry that got us together, and you're going to have to deal with what keeps a marriage going in the first year or early second year."

When the intense passion between spouses starts to fade, Money said, you'd better make sure there's something underneath: friendship and commitment.

That doesn't mean passion has to die when the honeymoon's over, Money said. He offers five skills couples need to learn to keep their marriages fulfilling.

First, he said, is keeping romance, passion or "specialness" at the forefront.

"I like the word 'specialness,'" he said, "because 'romance' can be kind of gooe-eyed, but a sense of specialness that couples cultivate and nurture in the relationship requires ongoing (effort). A lot of times, courting ends with marriage."

Don't let that happen to the way you look at your spouse, Elliott said. Put some effort into appreciating each other.

"Treat them as though they were precious, like a blessing," she said. "I think couples who have that attitude about each other tend to do very, very well."

Next, Money said, talk, share what's going on in your life with your partner.

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# Production cut promises to lift oil prices off floor

LONDON (AP) — After the oil market crashed to its lowest level in nearly a decade, the world's biggest petroleum exporters pledged to come to the rescue by slashing production.

But oil traders and consumers were left Monday pondering a tricky question: Can OPEC and its new allies in Mexico and Oman deliver on that promise?

Futures prices surged wildly, and analysts predicted retail gasoline prices would inch higher in coming weeks.

But even if the oil producers manage to restrain output, the deal likely will mean that consumers will be getting less of a bargain, rather than facing a new era of high prices.

Analysts suggested the deal, initially announced by OPEC heavyweights Saudi Arabia and Venezuela and non-OPEC producer Mexico, could in some ways turn out to be self-defeat-

ing. Prices soared on futures markets before a single barrel of output was actually cut, and higher prices could create the inevitable temptation for producers to once again pump more than they agreed — thus hurting prices again.

"The problem they're going to face is the market is going to soon find out that the production-cuts are a mirage," said Larry Goldstein, president of Petroleum Industry Research Associates, a New York consulting firm.

But Goldstein said the effort to strengthen the market should not be dismissed — even if producers both in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and outside come up with only a portion of the planned cutbacks.

The oil producers say they want to remove from 1.6 million to 2 million barrels of oil from the market a day — and

individual nations have announced cuts totaling some 1.15 million barrels.

Goldstein figures the real number will be closer to 650,000 barrels — still a sizable amount of oil in a market that instantly shook off its bearish psychology.

Prices had been plunging ever since OPEC's ill-judged decision in November to raise its official production ceiling by 10 percent. The decline also was attributed to lower demand from Asia's battered economies and the unusually mild winter in parts of the United States.

Now, U.S. motorists will likely see gasoline pump prices rise by 5 cents a gallon over the next few weeks, but that needs to be put in context, Goldstein said.

"Gasoline is down 18 to 20 cents a gallon versus a year ago," he said. "About a nickel a gallon is what we would

expect to be the outcome of this announcement."

Plunging energy prices have been a boon for the American economy by restraining inflation to virtually nothing and softening the blow from Asia's financial troubles.

The Labor Department reported last week that energy prices skidded 2.2 percent in February, holding the overall increase in the Consumer Price Index to a scant 0.1 percent.

Since September, crude oil prices have plummeted from \$23 a barrel to less than \$15. On Monday, light sweet crude oil to be delivered in May shot up by \$1.90, to \$16.51 per barrel, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude rose as high as \$17.50.

In London, Brent crude oil to be delivered in May rose \$1.82 per barrel, to \$15.04, on the International Petroleum Exchange. Brent had peaked

earlier at \$15.63 per barrel.

At the center for Global Energy Studies in London, senior oil analyst Manouchehr Takin acknowledged the producers will be tempted to violate their agreement if prices rise.

But Takin said an unprecedented level of cooperation between OPEC and non-OPEC producers might give this deal a better chance of success than previous attempts to lift fallen markets.

The 11-nation OPEC has never found a way to get non-OPEC producers to help rein in production, but, this time, Mexico was in on the deal from the start.

The price collapse this winter — which some experts say pushed prices lower than the crisis of 1986, when inflation is taken into account — sent shock waves through all oil-producing nations. It was also

painful for small players in the American oil patch.

Among OPEC and other big exporters, quiet diplomacy moved above the oil minister level, with some heads of state getting involved as the producers grappled with the dilemma.

Within OPEC, a standoff had developed between Saudi Arabia, the top producer, and Venezuela, the biggest quota-buster.

Venezuela was insisting just two weeks ago that it would not cut a single barrel of oil production, while the Saudis said they never again would become OPEC's "swing producer," adjusting their own massive oil production to keep world supply and demand in balance.

The Venezuelans finally adopted a conciliatory stance, saying they would join an effort to lower production if some non-OPEC players could be brought onboard.

## Court's decision could effect insurance rates

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Supreme Court is considering whether standard homeowners insurance covers all damage caused by plumbing leaks in a case likely to affect future policies in Texas.

Consumer groups and the Texas Department of Insurance have sided with an Austin couple trying to get insurance coverage for 1993 damage caused to their home by foundation movement brought on by a plumbing leak.

But the couple's insurance company, Safeco, and industry officials say the standard homeowners policy, written by the state, does not include protection from such damage.

They say plumbing problems that lead to foundation damage or movement generally are the result of lax maintenance, which insurance was not meant to cover.

The argument is a high-stakes affair, with hundreds of millions of dollars on the line. The court has had the case for several weeks and could rule any time.

The standard policy is used to cover all of the more than 2.8 million insured homes in the state, according to the Insurance Department.

Under the policy, a home's structure and appearance is protected from all damage except for those caused by certain events. Contents of a home and other personal possessions are protected under a different part of the policy.

Among home damage insurers won't pay for is that caused by "settling, cracking, bulging, shrinkage, expansion of (the) foundation..."

The exception does not apply to damage caused to personal possessions, which also are protected from "accidental discharge, leakage or overflow of water or steam from within a plumbing, heating or air conditioning system or household appliance."

Joe Balandran and his wife Dolores Balandran argue that the inclusion of coverage for personal possessions from damage caused by water leaks or foundation movement also requires coverage for structural and cosmetic damage to the home.

The couple sued Safeco Insurance Co. of America after the company denied a 1993 claim that a water leak caused the foundation movement and damage to the Balandrans' home.

A federal jury in 1996 awarded the couple \$66,500, but U.S. District Judge Larry Nowlin reversed the decision.

The Balandrans appealed, and the U.S. 5th Court of Appeals referred the case to the Texas Supreme Court.

## Schlotszky's open in Big Spring

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents passed the construction going on at 1513 E. FM700 for several weeks wondering what new business was about to open, but the wait was worth it as Schlotszky's Deli opened for business Monday.

Manager Sid Rau said the reception from the Big Spring community has been extremely good.

Rau describes Schlotszky's as a cross between a fast food restaurant and a regular restaurant.

"We try to get our sandwiches out fast, but sometimes good food does take a few minutes," Rau said. "On average we try to get people their food within five minutes, but from start to finish we're looking at a 10 to 15 minute process."

Everything at Schlotszky's is good, hot and fresh and not a pre-made product, according to Rau.

Schlotszky's hired about 45 people locally for the grand opening of the store and would like to maintain that level according to Rau.

"We never really want to go below 35 people because it makes things just too difficult," Rau said.

Schlotszky's is opened from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Items offered at Schlotszky's include original sandwiches; light sandwiches; deli sandwiches; local favorites, including the Texas Schlotszky's®, The Philly and Pastrami Reuben; soup; desserts; 8" sourdough crust pizzas; specialty pizzas; salads; kids



Schlotszky's employees Lori Holcomb and Chad Brake work on the sandwich line as Manager Sid Rau (bottom photo) waits on customers up front. Schlotszky's opened in Big Spring Monday.

Schlotszky's and a variety of sourdough, wheat, dark rye and jalapeno cheese buns, pizza crusts and cookies, on a daily basis.

Schlotszky's bakes fresh its

## Higher cotton prices require marketing

As everyone knows, the Howard County economy is very dependent on cotton. This year, the one thing that really hurt economically was the price that many producers received for their cotton.

There are some alternative methods of marketing cotton other than at harvest time. Producers must understand these marketing techniques before they can utilize these marketing options. They must also be willing to monitor prices and other markets for some of the marketing alternatives.

We will be offering to teach these techniques to Howard County producers if there is enough interest. We will need a minimum of 10 producers to offer this locally on a biweekly basis. Tuesday will be when the



David Kight  
County Agent

U.S. Department of Agriculture's prospective planting report will be released. Most indications is that 12.8 million acres will be planted. This is approximately 1 million acres less than 1997. As with all other years, there will be an opportunity for cotton producers to lock in a profit at some point within the growing season.

Unless the producers is willing to analyze the data at least three times per week, there is no point in trying to utilize alternative pricing strategies. There was a time in 1997 when producers could have received approximately 68 cents per pound if they marketed their crop in a timely fashion.

Most producers know what their cost of production is. With that information, they can take advantage of pricing opportunities that will minimize risk and maximize income.

If you are a Howard County agricultural producer and would like to be apart of the Cotton Marketing Club, call the county extension office by Tuesday to register.

## United Savings' board now target of fed probe

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly a decade after United Savings Association of Texas fell — costing taxpayers \$1.6 billion — federal regulators want the money back.

They've come to Houston to get it, or at least part of it, from Maxxam Corp. chief executive Charles Hurwitz and business associates who served on the board of United Savings in the 1980s.

The Office of Thrift Supervision opened its case last fall before Administrative Law Judge Arthur Shipe, who ultimately will recommend to the agency director whether any of the respondents in the case should be assessed damages.

Shipe has already heard three months of lengthy testimony, but recessed the case. It is scheduled to resume June 16. Hurwitz's attorney says they don't expect him to testify until July.

Why is the government pursuing failed savings and loan money, after so many years?

The investigation has been painfully slow, but after several extensions, the statute of limitations on the case runs out this year.

Also, Hurwitz's defense attorneys say the case against him is politically motivated since the Texas financier has been in the headlines recently in a battle between his Pacific Lumber Co. and environmentalists over a plan to clear ancient redwoods in California.

Hurwitz never owned United Savings. He did, however, own almost a quarter of United Savings' parent, United Financial Group, through MCO Holdings Inc., which later became Maxxam, and MCO's

controlling shareholder, Federated Development Co.

According to rules in place at the time, once an entity owns 25 percent of a thrift, it has a legal responsibility to guarantee the savings and loan remains healthy and that its net worth is safe.

At issue, though, is a relationship with junk bondsman Michael Milken's Drexel Burnham Lambert investment firm, which owned 9.7 percent of UFG shares.

MCO Holdings held options on those shares guaranteeing that Drexel Burnham Lambert would not lose money if the stock declined.

Regulators say that means MCO Holdings had rights to another nearly 10 percent, making it cross the 25 percent threshold.

They have accused Hurwitz and five other United Savings officials of collaborating with Drexel Burnham Lambert to avoid responsibility for guaranteeing the solvency of the S&L.

The Office of Thrift Supervision, in a 140-page list of allegations, paints Hurwitz as a corporate puppetmaster, who sprinkled his friends among high-levels posts at United Savings so he could control the thrift at a safe distance.

But defense attorneys say it helps to remember what Houston and Texas were like in the 1970s and early 1980s.

As the nation decried rising gasoline prices, Houston's oil-based economy laughed all the way to the banks and thrifts, where a bounty of loans on new construction were handed out.

At the same time, the government began deregulating the savings and loan industry.

## Paying mortgage early has its good and bad points

By PAMELA REEVES  
Scripps Howard News Service

If you follow the advice of most financial planners, you won't put money into the stock market if you're going to need it within five years. And you won't add extra payments to your mortgage — or even get a 15-year loan — if you can get a better return on your money by investing.

While many people have benefited from such advice, others have done just fine by ignoring it. For example, five years ago, if you were saving for a down payment on a house — or for college tuition — and put all your money into a savings account, it would have taken you much, much longer to reach your goal than if you had ignored conventional wisdom and invested in stocks.

The stock market has added so much wealth to numerous households during the '80s and '90s — and especially in the last three years — that even several years of losses would leave you well ahead of where you would be by keeping the money in a savings or money market

account.

Years and years of good market returns also have made people bold. Financial planners would consider it reckless to keep the money for next fall's tuition payment in a stock account until a few weeks before you need the money. But people do. The long stock market drought of the 1970s isn't even a memory for most.

Similarly, you may find yourself thinking that a financial planner makes sense when he tells you not to pay off your mortgage early. But you may want to make those payments anyway.

For example, a reader with a 30-year mortgage at 7.5 percent interest wrote that he has been making extra payments each month and is wondering whether he should increase the payments or invest the money. A financial adviser told him that since the mortgage payments are tax deductible and he is in the 31 percent tax bracket, he is realizing a gain of only 5.18 percent on his extra payments.

From that perspective, the extra payments don't make

financial sense. The homeowner could do better by investing his money, even in a fixed-income portfolio.

If the homeowner invested in stocks, he might do a lot better than paying down his mortgage. As his savings built up, the money would be available to use as needed. It's almost always harder and more expensive to get money out of a house.

But even knowing the financial facts, many people pay down their mortgage anyway. Here are some of the reasons to do it yourself:

— You don't have substantial credit card debt or car loans outstanding. If you do, it makes much more sense to pay these off first since the interest is not tax deductible and the interest rate probably is higher.

— You already have substantial savings in money market funds or stocks or bonds.

— You have a goal for paying off the mortgage by a certain date, such as the year your young child starts college or the year you'll be retiring.

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Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Christy Zubiate, Bezaill Small, Jr., Andy James Kilgore, Jason Michael Gonzales, Percy K. Grayson, Freddy L. Mora  
Order: Christy Zubiate, Bezaill Small, Jr., Andy James Kilgore, Jason Michael Gonzales, Percy K. Grayson, Freddy L. Mora  
Probated judgment DWLS: Daryl Wayne Wright \$250 fine and 180 days in jail; Aaron Freeman \$250 fine and 180 days in jail  
Probated judgment - deferred adjudication: Juana Silva  
Order amending conditions of probation: Joseph Lee Turner  
Order of dismissal: Harold Joe Baker, Alfred Ray Miers, Bertie Ann Deax, Melody Lynn Gay, Manuel Cuellar, Michael D. Peterson II, Jim Jason Coker  
Probated judgment DWI: Melody

Lynn Gay \$500 fine and 180 days in jail; Kevin Ramirez \$1000 fine and 180 days in jail; Manuel W. Cuellar \$1000 fine and 180 days in jail; Juan Justino Juarez \$1000 fine and 180 days in jail  
Probated judgment criminal trespass: Robert Marvin Carson \$500 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Doyle Ray Miers \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 25 days in jail; Herbert Bruce Belcher \$300 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence DWI: Herbert Bruce Belcher (2nd offense) \$1000 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Probated judgment theft over \$500/under \$1500: Gilbert R. Puga, Jr. \$1000 fine and 365 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence display fictitious inspection certificate: Sharon West Thompson \$400 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Probated judgment fail to identify: Jessie Mier \$250 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence display fictitious motor vehicle registration: Sharon West Thompson \$400 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Doyle Ray Miers  
Probated judgment resisting arrest: Jimmy Wayne Roper \$500 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence fail to identify: Simon A. Saldana and Robert E. Ramos  
Judgment and sentence DWI: Richard Wayne Rains \$500 fine, \$227 court cost and 30 days in jail; Marcos Chavera \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail; Sharon West Thompson \$400 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence evading arrest/detention: Richard Rains \$500 fine, \$227 court cost and 30 days in jail  
Judgment and sentence evading arrest: Richard Wayne Rains \$500 fine, \$227 court cost and 30 days in jail

Dead Records:  
Warranty Deeds:  
grantor: Cavan McMahon and Donna Johns McMahon  
grantee: James Nicholls  
property: All of lot 5, except the east 12' of the north 87' of lot 5, all of lot 6 and the east 30' of lot 7, blk. 18, Edwards Heights Addition  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Marshall Cates  
grantee: Hollis Kennemur  
property: a tract of land in the southeast 1/4 of section 13, blk. 34, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: A.R. Ballard  
grantee: Susan Ella Myers  
property: lot 1, blk. 2, Edwards Heights Addition  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Phyllis Jeannette Gregory  
grantee: Susan Ella Myers  
property: lot 1, blk. 2, Edwards Heights Addition  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Susan Ella Myers  
grantee: P.B. Enfield and Verina Lea Enfield  
property: lot 1, blk. 2, Edwards Heights Addition  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Bennie G. Cox, Estate of Louis N. Cox, Jr.  
grantee: Bennie G. Cox  
property: 1/2 undivided interest belonging to L.N. Cox  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Denise H. Ross dba Ross Construction  
grantee: Ross Builders, Inc.  
property: all of lot 9, blk. 6, a replat of lots 2 to 9, blk. 4, replat of all of blk. 5 of the amended plat of Muir Heights  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Steven P. Robisky and Arnelinda Robisky  
grantee: Andy Gamboa  
property: lot 26, blk. 2, Kentwood (Unit No. 1)  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Janice Yates fka Janice Tatum  
grantee: Mary Louise Traczyk Trust  
property: lot 21, blk. 4, replat of Wasson Place Addition  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Oscar Yanez, Ascencion (Chon) Yanez, Prospero Yanez, Jimmy Yanez, David Yanez, Kathleen Yanez Hunter, Mary Alice Bonilla, Lorie Yanez Juarez, Edward Clarence Yanez - all heirs of Clarence Yanez, Sr.  
grantee: Oscar Yanez, Ascencion (Chon) Yanez, Prospero Yanez, Jimmy Yanez, David Yanez, Kathleen Yanez Hunter, Mary Alice Bonilla, Lorie Yanez Juarez, Edward Clarence Yanez  
property: the east 1/2 of tract 23, Wm B. Currie Subdivision  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: Simona Juarez  
grantee: Alberto A. Mendez  
property: out of and part of lots 3 and 2 blk. 10, Brennard Addition  
filed: March 17, 1998

grantor: Paul and Nina West  
grantee: Marion and Charline Hayes  
property: lots 13-16 and the south 18' of lot 17, blk. 18, Original Town of Coahoma  
filed: March 17, 1998

grantor: Rodney D. Cline and Paul E. Cline  
grantee: Donald E. Hanikas  
property: lot 3, blk. 67, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: March 18, 1998

grantor: Ricky Prater  
grantee: Charles and Earlane Williams  
property: tract 1 - all of lots 1-3, blk. 2, Wrights First Addition; tract 2 - the north 1/2 of lot 9 and all of lot 10, blk. 33, Original Town of Big Spring; tract 3 - all of lot 10, blk. 7, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
filed: March 18, 1998

grantor: Ellen Barnes  
grantee: Debra Norsworthy  
property: lot 9, blk. 21, College Park Addition  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: Debra (Coleman) Norsworthy  
grantee: Ellen Barnes  
property: lot 42, blk. 3, College Park Addition  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: Donald M. and Won Hui Homan  
grantee: Richard W. Hembree  
property: the surface estate only of a 5.06 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 19, blk. 32, cert. #21/18, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: SNB Investments, Inc.  
grantee: Robert H. Moore, III  
property: the west 1/2 of lot 7 blk. 15, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: Charlene White  
grantee: W.L. and Pauline White  
property: All of lot 7 and the south 1/3 of lot 8, blk. 2, Earles Addition  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: HFS Mobility Real Property Services Corp.  
grantee: Dewey J. and Mary P. Slape  
property: lot 20, blk. 1, Highland South Addition  
filed: March 20, 1998

Grant Deed:  
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:  
grantor: Ross Builders, Inc.  
grantee: Loren Chandler  
property: the south 60' of lot 9 and the north 1/2' of lot 10, blk. 6, Amended Plat of Muir Heights  
filed: March 16, 1998

grantor: John and Wilma Doll  
grantee: Brian Joseph and Corrie Doll  
property: the south 50' of the southwest 1/4 of blk. 43, College Heights Addition  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: First Bank of West Texas  
grantee: Rodney and Roe Lynn Fugus  
property: tract 1 - 159.9 acres of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 38, blk. 31, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co.; tract 2 - 305.2 acres of land out of section 33, blk. 31, T-2-NM, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: Tin Than Myint  
grantee: Petra Tovar  
property: 5.10 acre tract of land out of and part of the southeast 1/4 of section 32, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: Bonnie Lou Youngblood  
grantee: Ken and Kendra L. Sharp  
property: lot 9, blk. 2, Jordan Park Estates No. 1  
filed: March 20, 1998

grantor: The Edward Eugene Jones and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust  
grantee: Robert Esquivel Gutzman, Annalisa Pacana Szabo, Emil George Szabo and Clara Ranin Szabo  
property: lot 6, blk. 23, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
filed: March 20, 1998

Trustee's deed:  
Quit claim deed:  
118th District Court  
Filing:  
Accounts, notes & contracts:  
J.P. Anderson, Inc., dba Southeast Builders vs. Manish H. and Pragna M. Shroff  
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. David Bair  
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. David A. Risner  
MT Admin. Corp. dba Exxon, A Texas Corp. vs. Melvin Bryant  
Divorces:  
Richard Sterling Stovall vs. Cynthia Kaye Stovall  
Elizabeth Scroggins vs. Brandon Debra Scroggins  
Adrian C. Verar vs. Ennett Puentes  
Glenda Ann Smith vs. Daniel Clifton Creager  
Dalliah M. Munoz vs. Jose Munoz, Jr.  
James Stephen Riggs vs. Sunok Chong Riggs  
Melvin Jones vs. Elizabeth Jones  
Pedro Rosendo Aguilar vs. Charlene Yvonne Aguilar  
Donald Hanson vs. Tina Hanson  
Kristina Kay Hembree vs. Daniel Fredrick Hembree  
Family:  
Tammy Levette Lang vs. Billy Dewayne Threats  
Carmen Chavera vs. Marcos Chavera  
Fawn Marie Goodblanket vs. Ray Carl McGee  
Anita Valle vs. Reuben Rios  
Susan Alice Garza vs. Robert Mitchell  
Endella Segundo vs. Samuel Segundo  
Gloria A. Gallardo vs. Gumesindo C. Prado  
Amanda Renea Bingham vs. Gary Lee Christian  
Gaylene Jean Brandt vs. James P. Shanahan  
Angela D. Clanton vs. Don Lloyd Brooks  
Janie Juarez vs. Lee Cortez  
Dorothy Michelle Viasana vs.

William Dean Woodard  
Injuries & damages:  
Charles and Kimberly Scott vs. Saga Petroleum Corp., Saga Petroleum Limited Liability Company of Colorado and Robert Riffe  
Robert Grady vs. Phoenix American Life Ins. Co. and Big Billy Barrett, Inc.  
Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:  
Joyce and Bruce Parker vs. Raymond Martinez Torrez and Armando Martinez, dba Mrs. Rios Corn Products  
Other: Ex Parte Viola Jane Kirksey, P.R.D.  
Mary Skalicky vs. Clifton R. Skalicky and Lisa C. Brackeen  
Individually and as Independent Executors of the Estate of Mileslav (Mike) Skalicky, deceased  
Tammy Renea Junek vs. Calvin Wayne Junek, family law  
John H. Myer vs. Teresa Gali Myers, family law  
Joe Kay vs. Betty Joe Petty, disposed-of-her  
Coahoma ISD vs. John Schlipf et al, disposed-tax  
Diana Castro vs. Samuel Christopher Castro, family law  
Coahoma ISD vs. Darrell B. Poolek, disposed-tax  
Delta Dean Craig vs. Stephen Ray Craig, granted-divorce  
Big Spring ISD vs. Wilfredo Gonzales, et al, disposed-IDO  
Jackie Justin Jobe vs. Stephanie Gayle Jobe, dismissed-divorce  
Meliss Townsend vs. James Townsend, dismissed-family  
Betsy Brewer vs. Tim Brewer, granted-divorce  
Karen Gardner vs. Martin Lee Barnes, family law  
Amanda Laramie Salazar vs. John William Salazar, granted-divorce  
Claud Ray Christian vs. Debra Michelle Siegel Christian, granted-divorce  
Roselinda S. Mancha vs. Ben M. Mancha, granted-divorce  
Nancy Ann Rios vs. Jacob Jackie Rios, Sr., granted-divorce  
Rosemary Cortez vs. Lee Cortez, Jr., granted-divorce  
Christine Leib vs. Joshua Leib, family law  
Deborah Jean Ford vs. Paul Walter Ford, granted-divorce  
Debra J. Calley vs. Kevin L. Calley, granted-divorce  
Tracee Teresa Beauchamp vs. Wesley Ray Beauchamp, disposed-divorce  
Willard Denton, Jr. and Pamela vs. Abdul Bauchi, M.D., Et Al, 1. judgment IDO, 2. state-friendly  
Catherine Krueger vs. Eric Paul Drueger, granted-divorce  
Broughton Joint Venture vs. Scott Underwood, dba American, disposed-IDO  
Terry Lynn Coates vs. Teresa Lynn Coates, granted-divorce  
David B. Perrin vs. Rose Ann Perrin, granted-divorce  
Deborah K. Scott vs. Tommy Bruce Scott, granted-divorce  
Jamie Alleen Hultt vs. Charles Carlyse Hultt, granted-divorce  
George True Griffith vs. Janette Ann Griffith, granted-divorce  
Peggy and Harry Dalton vs. Marsha K. Hale, Et Al, disposed-IDM  
Margarita Trevino vs. Joe Trevino, dismissed-family  
Barbara Montemayor vs. Frank Montemayor, family law  
Herlinda Franco vs. Fernando Franco, family law  
Patricia Ann Morris vs. Otis Porter, family law

Minorities face higher loan denial rate  
AUSTIN (AP) - For Austin's black and Hispanic residents, the American dream of owning a home may be harder to attain than in other Texas cities, according to a new study.  
The disparities between denial of home loans to the two ethnic groups compared with loans to whites were higher in the Austin area than for any other Texas city its size or larger, according to the study by the Texas Community Reinvestment Coalition and the Consumers Union.  
The study was based on information from more than 400,000 home loan applications in the state in 1996 under the federal Home Mortgage Disclosure Act.

Engineer takes drying technology to new level

By SHERRI BURRIS  
Beaumont Enterprise

SILSBEE - For years John Robinson wrestled with a mathematical equation.

The chemical engineer knew if he could mathematically describe an industrial dryer - the kind used to dry foods, wood and other materials - he could manipulate the moisture content thereby improving the process and the products.

Until about twelve years ago, products would go through a dryer, emerge and the moisture content would be checked. Then the product would be sent back through the dryer to either add or take out moisture.

"It's very unreliable. The product only comes out right one out of three times," Robinson said.

So Robinson spent every spare moment for four years scribbling equations until he found the right one.

"When I got it right I knew immediately I had something very good," Robinson said.

That was in 1986. Today Robinson has two patents linked to his equation and has developed computer software that helps control the moisture content of the dryers.

His first customer was a plywood manufacturer which bought six copies of his software program as well as computers to run them.

Today, twelve years later, Robinson's company, Drying Technology Inc., has gone global - operating with six employees out of small unassuming building in Silsbee.

Robinson sells his technology to Kraft General Foods for use in making its macaroni and cheese products and to Frito Lay for use in making its pretzels.

The software is also used by producers of pet food, pool chemicals, lumber kilns, towels, draperies, potatoes from Idaho, minerals from Columbia as well as cheese dryers in Australia.

that its universally applicable. And its right 100 percent of the time," Robinson said.

Robinson's company builds a computer and installs the software. The computer is then installed in the dryer and the product's moisture content is manipulated while in the dryer.

Whether the computer is in a dryer in South Carolina or Columbia, Robinson and his staff can control the software through modems from their office in Silsbee.

"It's really very cost effective. We don't have to pay for travel expenses and it saves us time," he said.

Robinson marvels at the advances in computer technology that has allowed him to expand his business globally.

"E-Mail is the most fascinating thing," he said.

Robinson's innovative technique has garnered him several awards - U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Innovation Award; the National Environment and Energy Award from the America Paper Institute/National Forest Production Association; State of Texas Energy Innovation Award; and the Texas Forestry Association research award.

Robinson won't reveal sales or profits for his company which is privately owned. He will say, however, that he expects sales to double this year.

For a man that has practically changed an industry in a decade, Robinson had humble beginnings.

He was raised south of Tulsa, Okla. He said he always liked school, but was not a particularly outstanding student.

"You know in high school when they tell you to write down what you want to do, I wrote that I wanted to go to West Point. It was just one of those high school things. I didn't really know what I wanted to do," he said.

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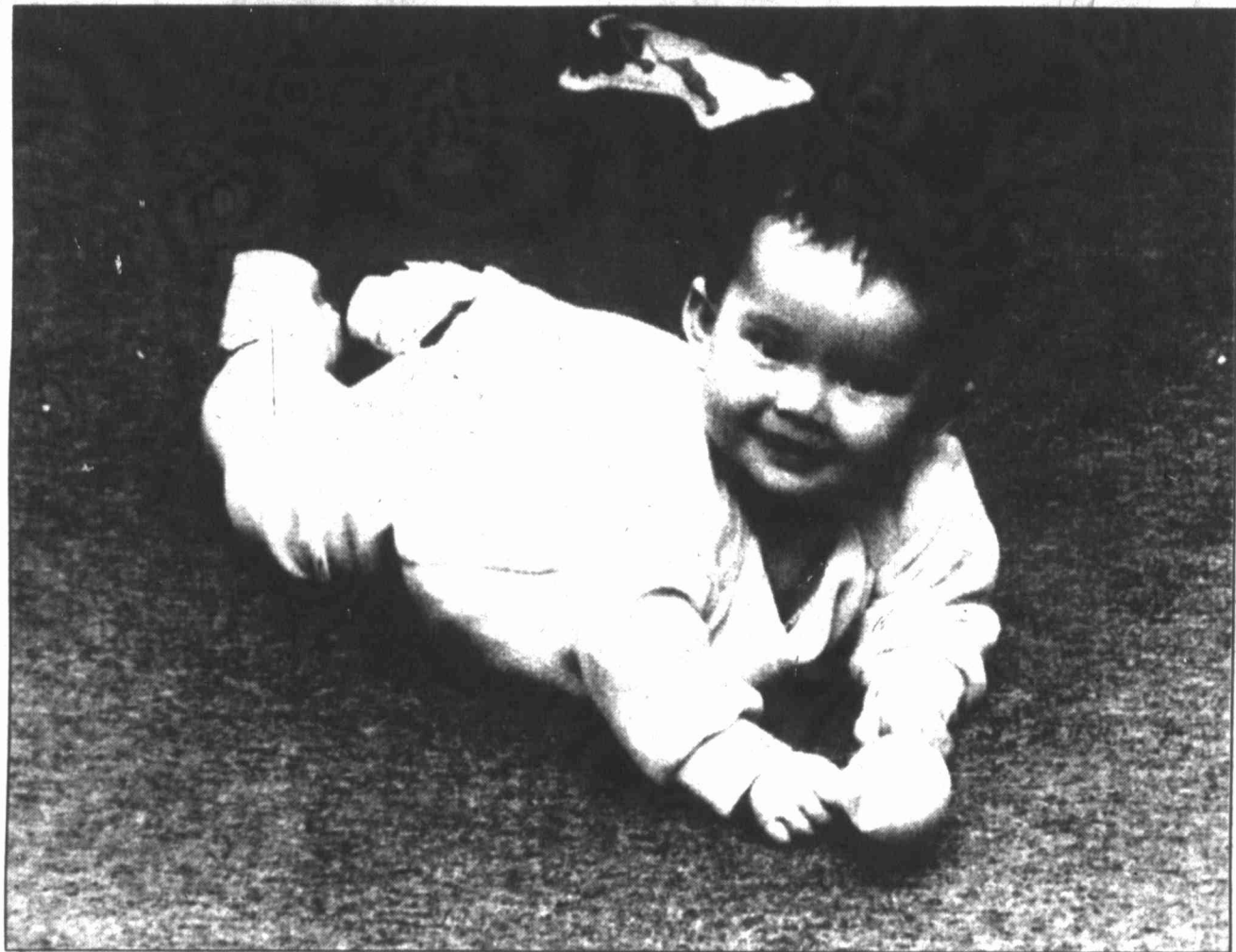
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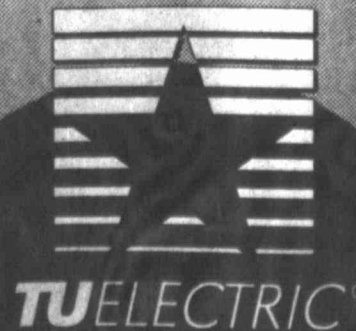


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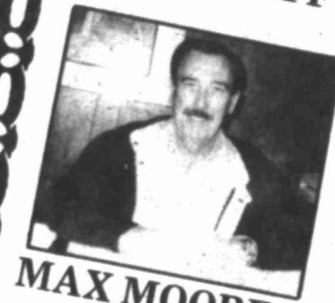
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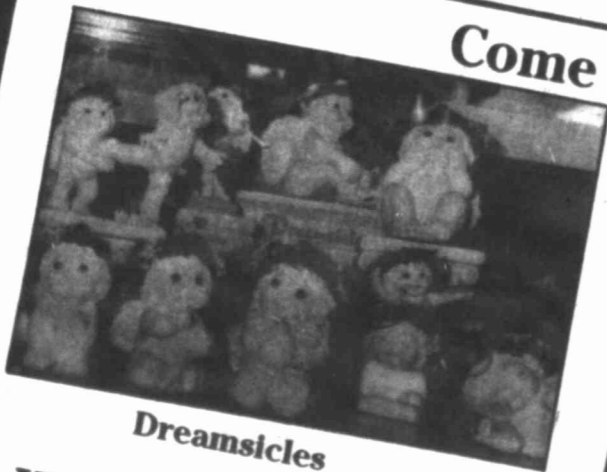
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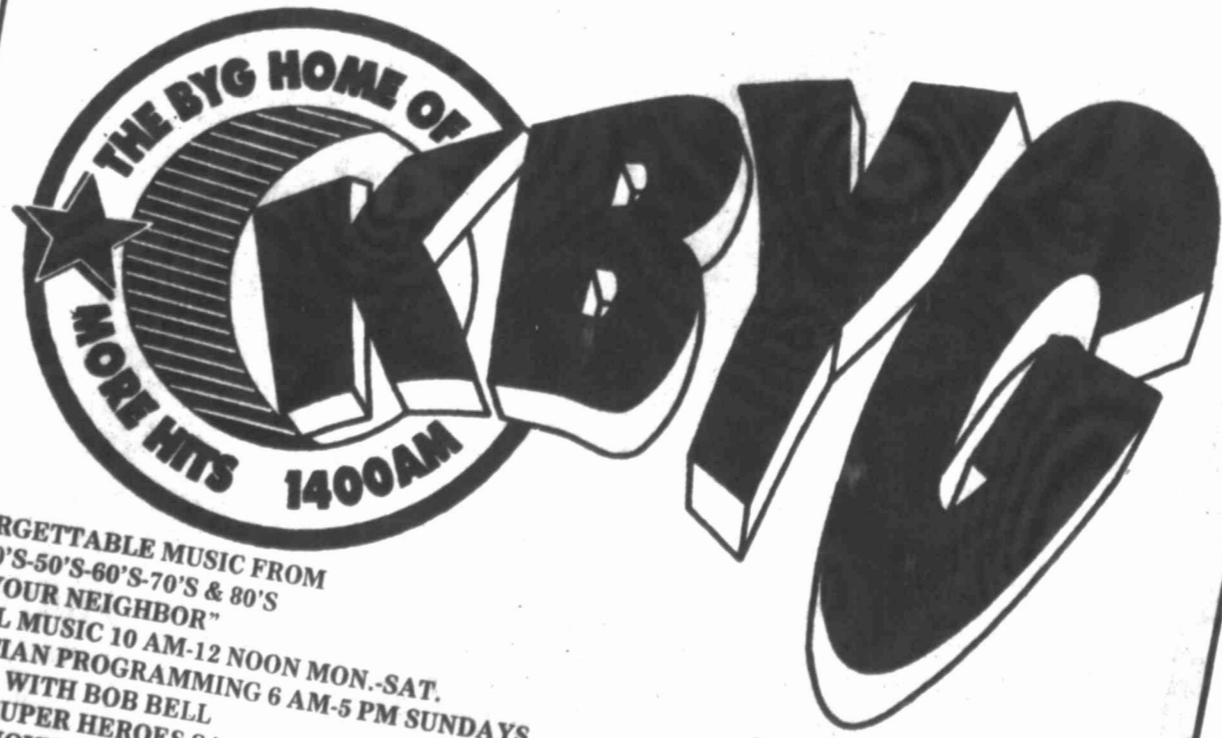


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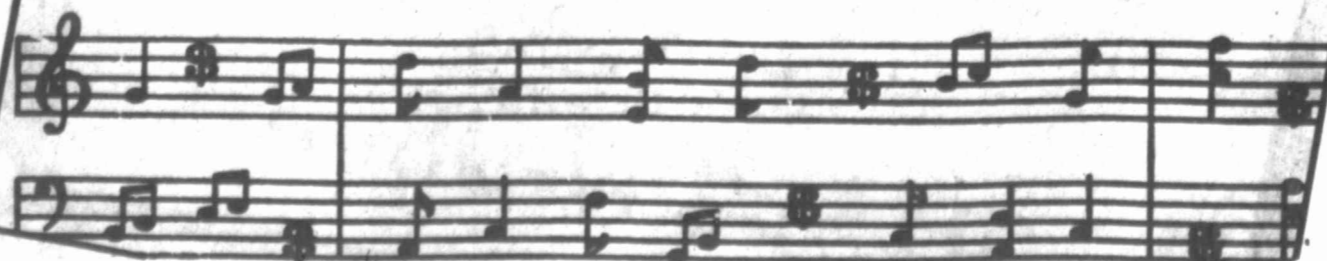


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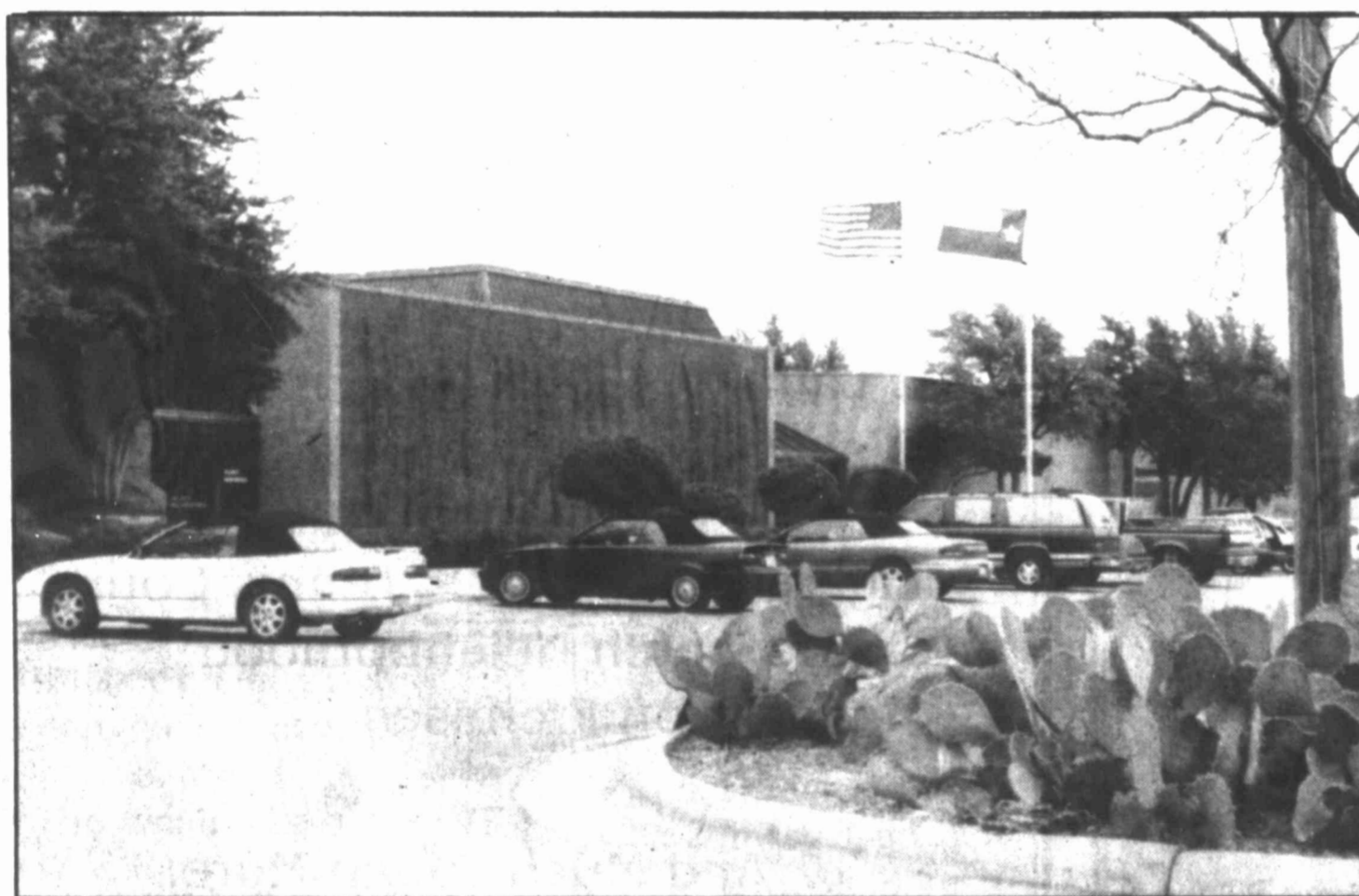
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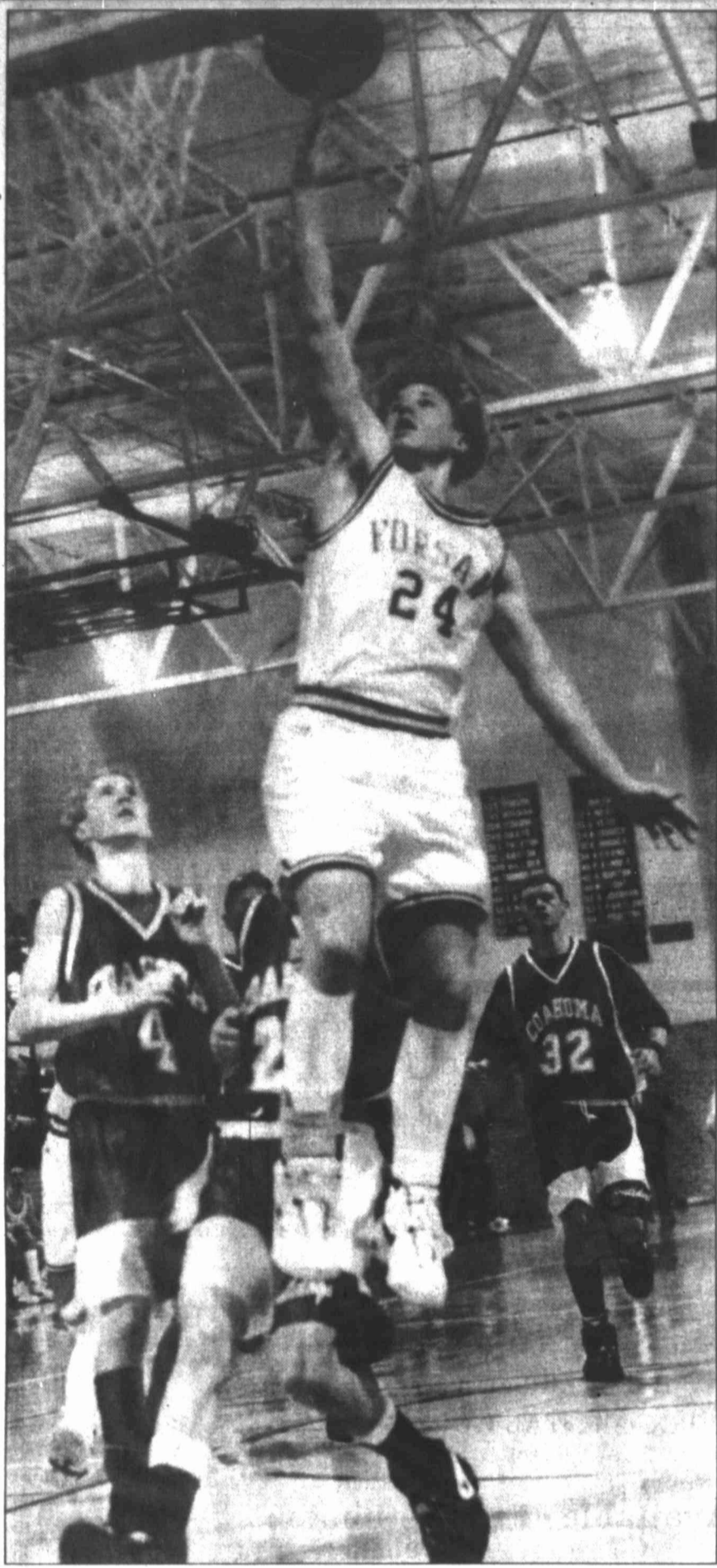
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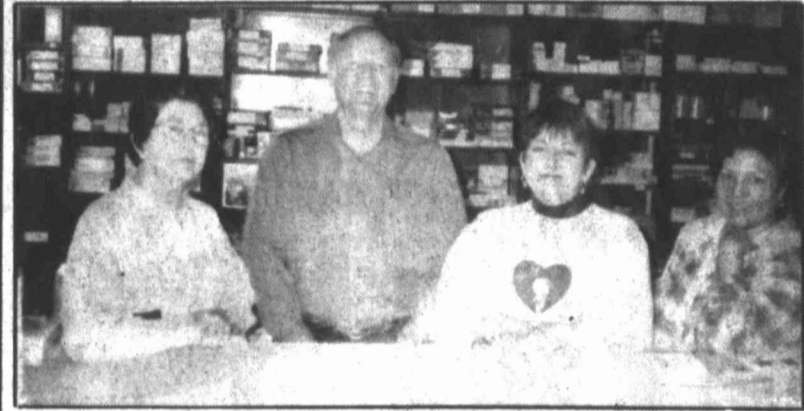
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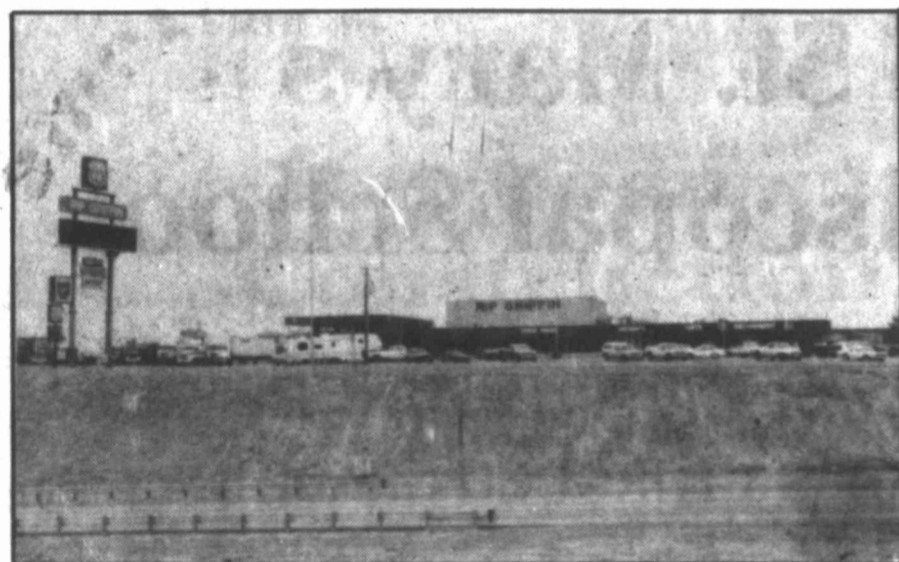
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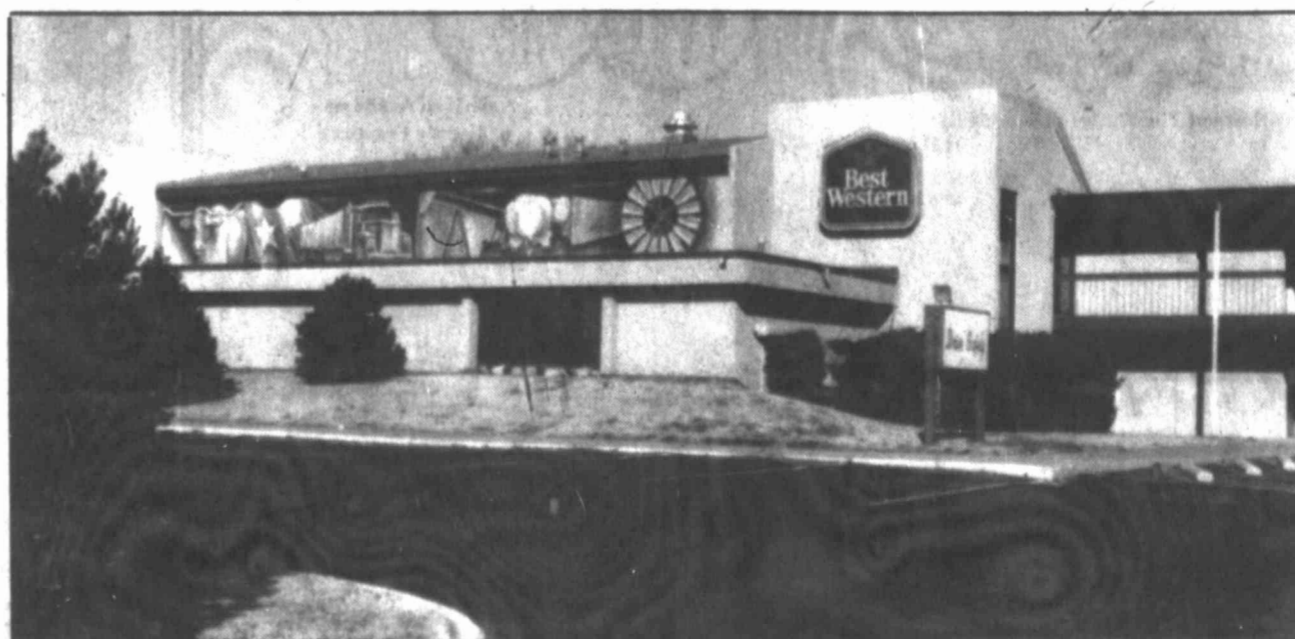
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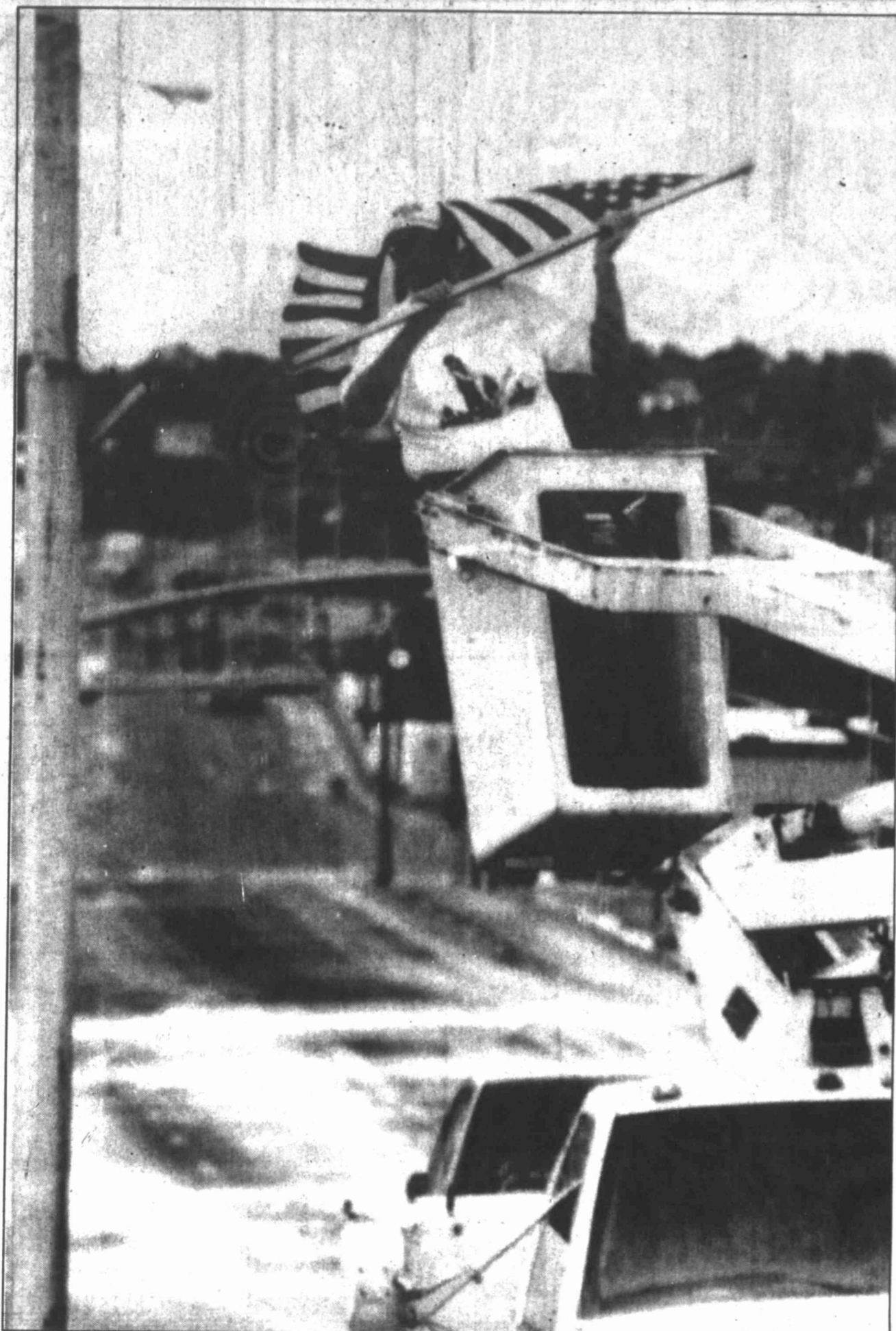
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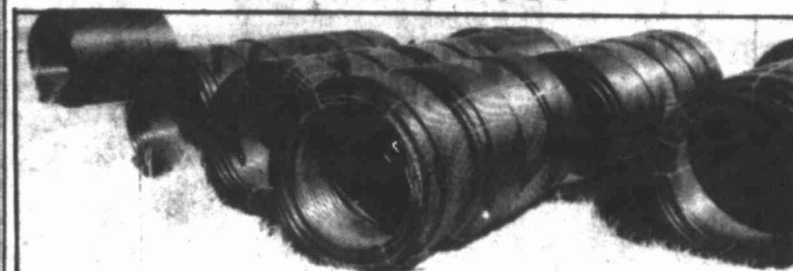
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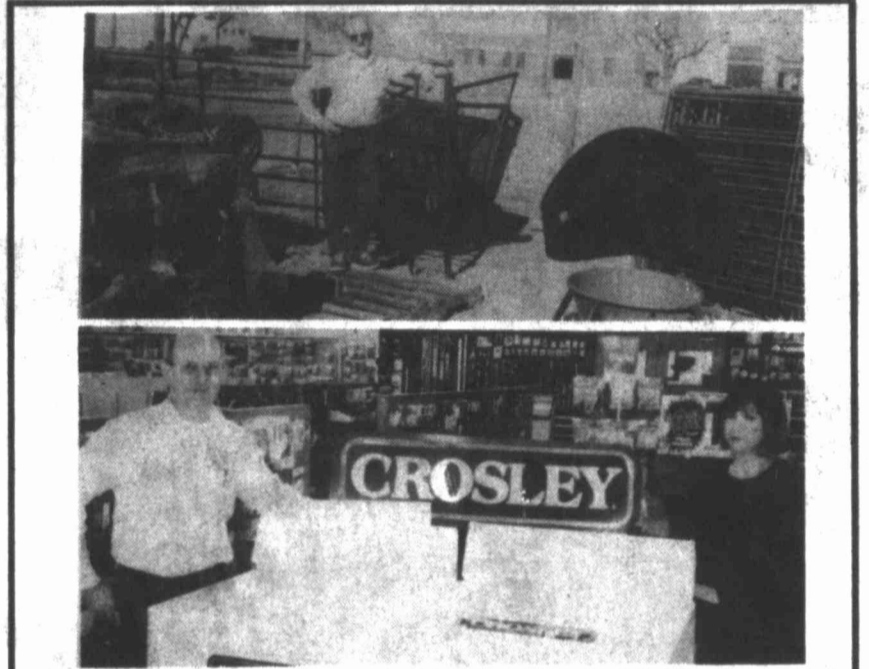
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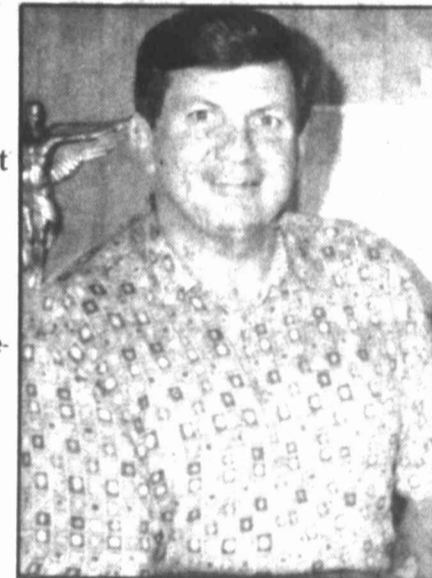
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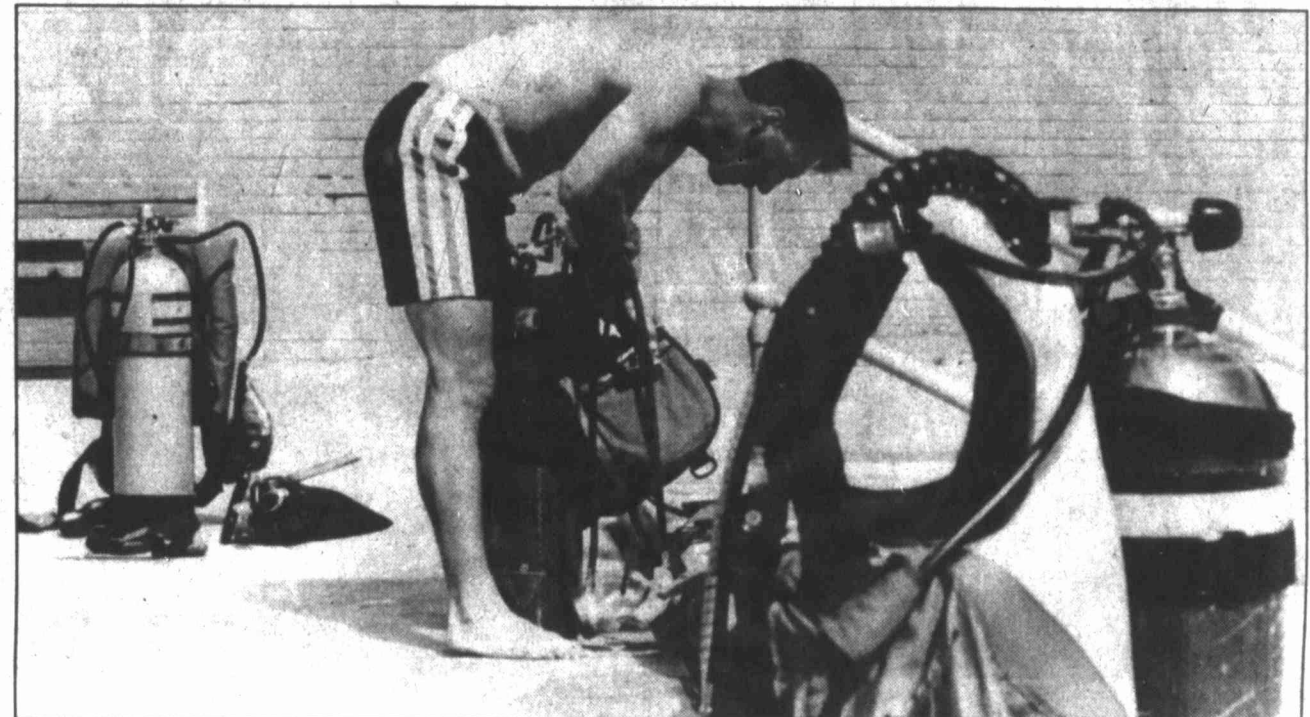
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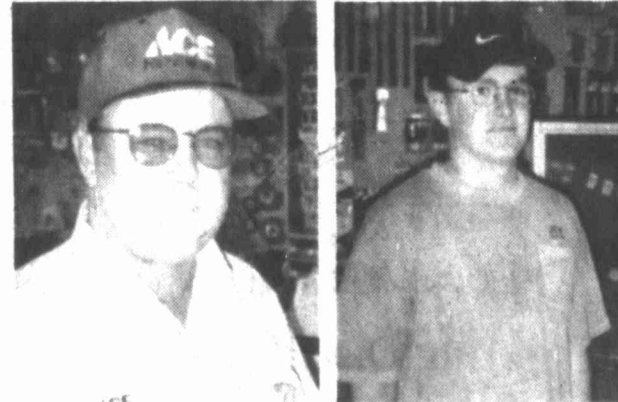
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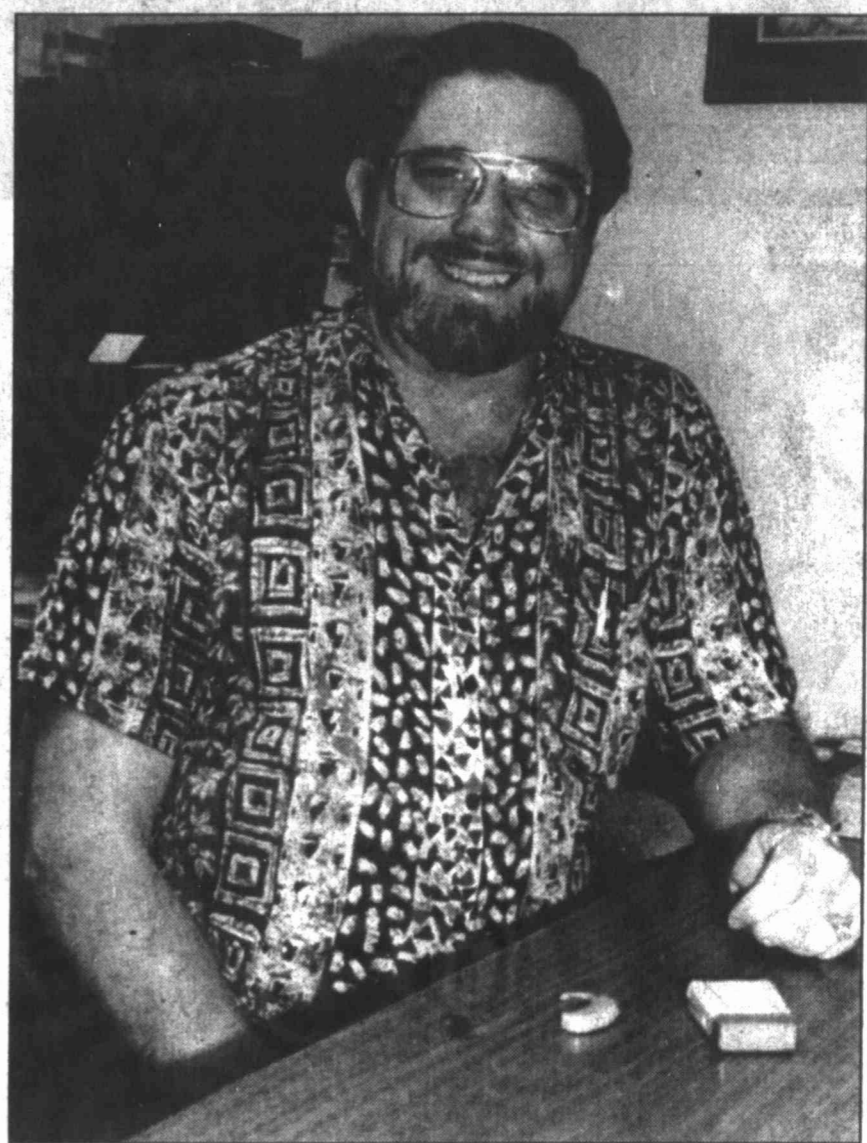
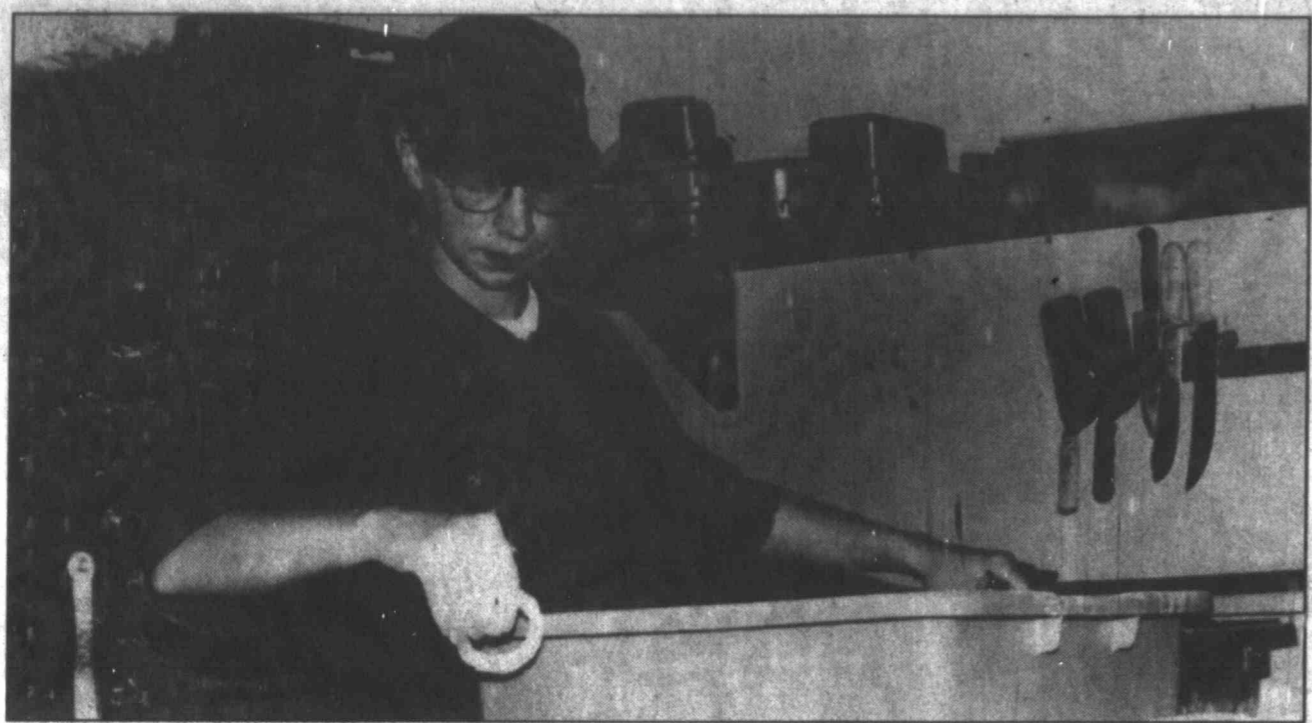
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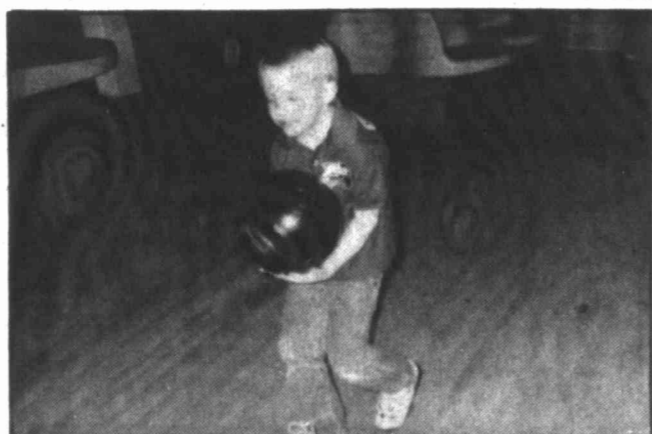
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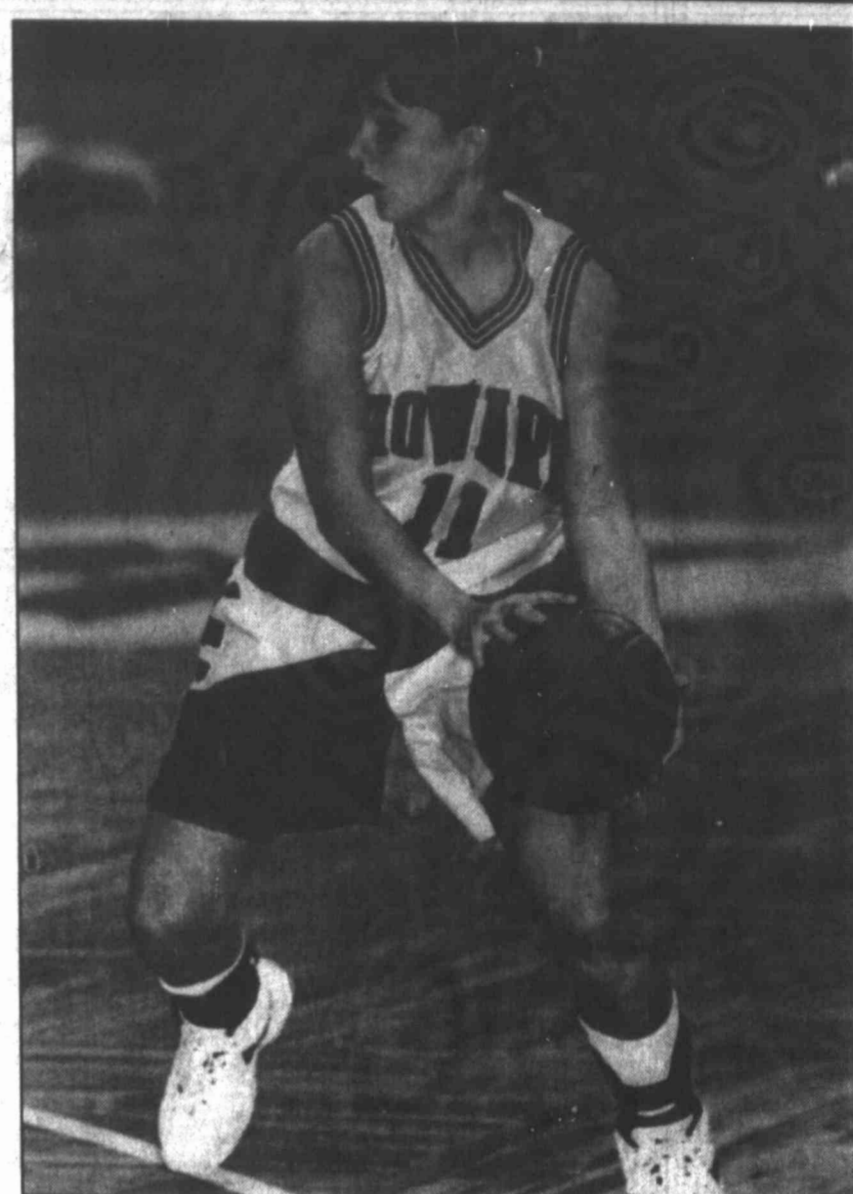
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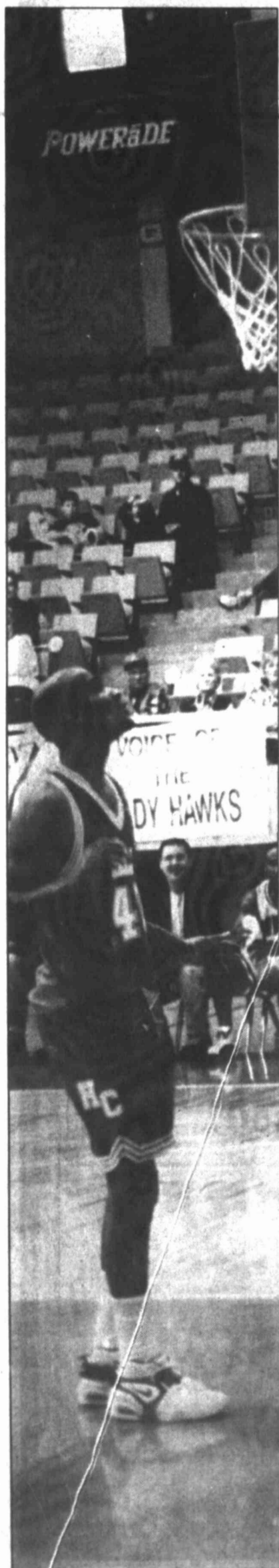
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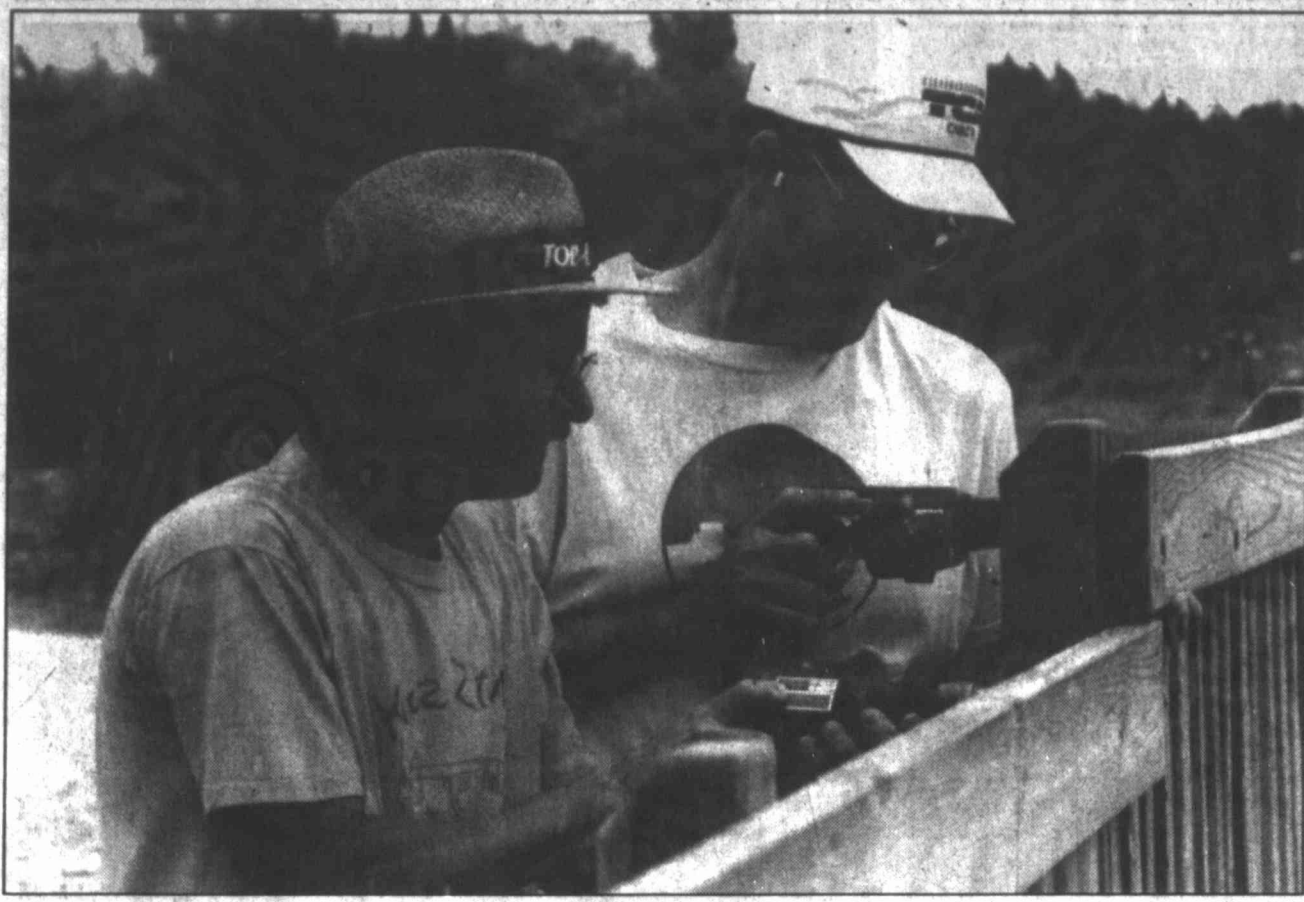
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The Chamber will continue to sponsor public meetings with state and national leaders to keep abreast on latest issues facing our community.

The Leadership Big Spring and Jr. Leaderships programs will continue to prosper and improve to provide the leaders of tomorrow with knowledge and skills to insure the future of Big Spring. Man and Woman of the Year will uphold its high quality criteria to recognize outstanding citizens for the year.

Associate Programs: Transportation, Leadership Big Spring, Jr. Leadership, and Man and Woman of the Year.

### Membership Development

The Membership Development Committee continually strives to reach more businesses throughout Howard County. This year an ongoing drive will entail a "year-wide" drive that will focus on personal contacts to possible members. Individuals of current members will be able to join the Chamber and participate for a nominal fee.

The Focus, a monthly newsletter, will continue to communicate important Chamber issues and events to the membership.

A new membership directory will be published around June listing all members of the Chamber, categorized by business type, to be used as an informative and recruiting tool for the businesses of our community.

Associate Programs: Membership, Membership Relations, Welcome Home Committee, and Publications

### Public Affairs

Public Affairs is keyed at providing the community with programs, business information, and networking through events throughout the year. The Chamber will continue to offer health awareness to citizens by sponsoring the Health Fair. The Chamber will also recognize the agricultural industry by providing support of the Ag Expo and Ag Appreciation Luncheon to offer education and appreciation to our farming community.

Associate Programs: Community Luncheons, Health Fair, Ag Expo, and Annual Banquet.

### Retail Development

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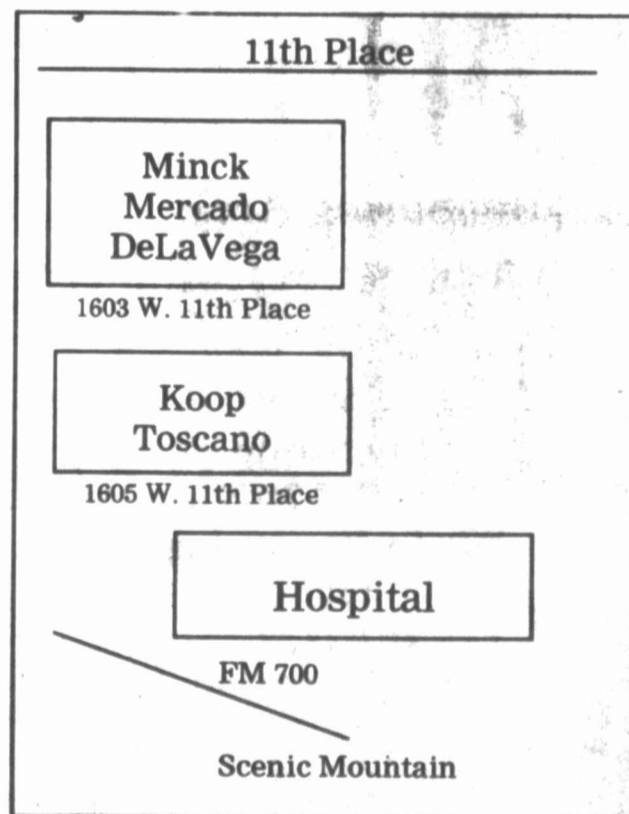

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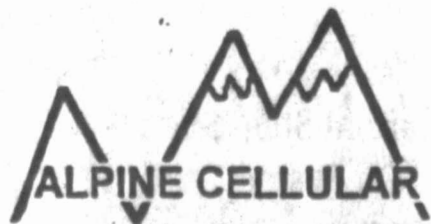
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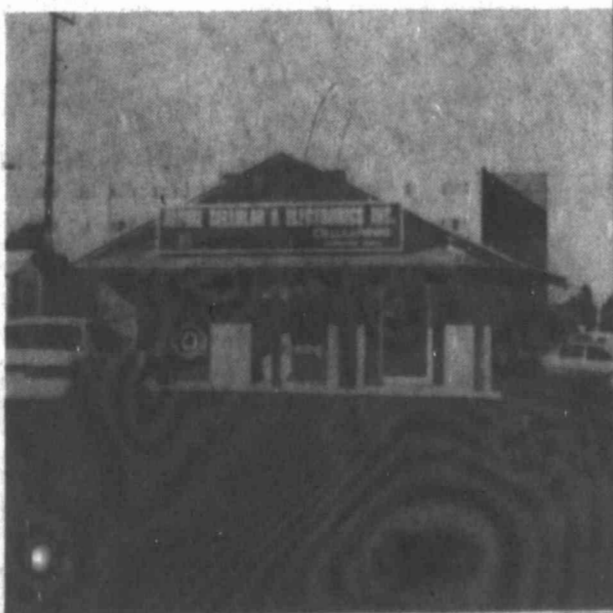
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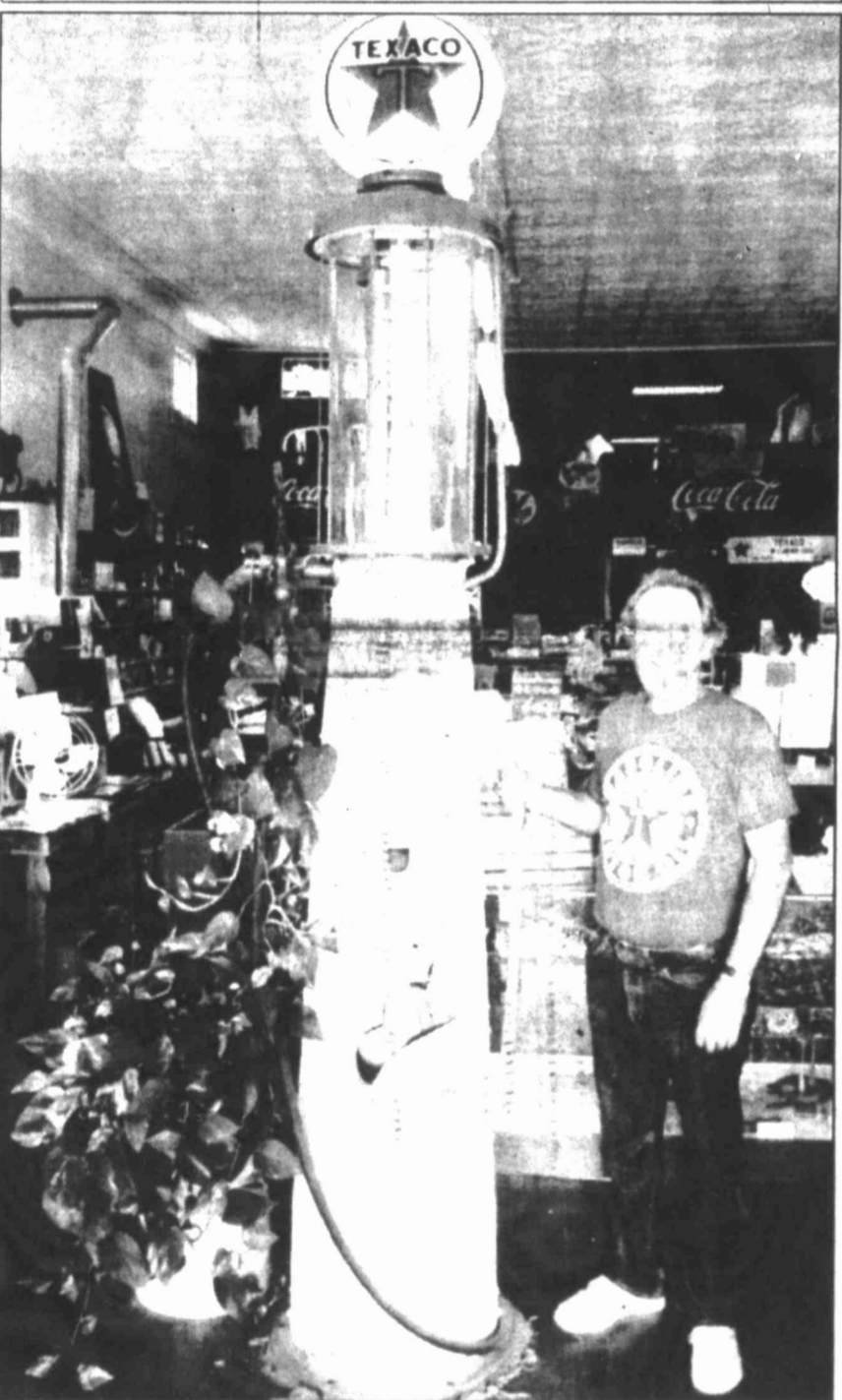
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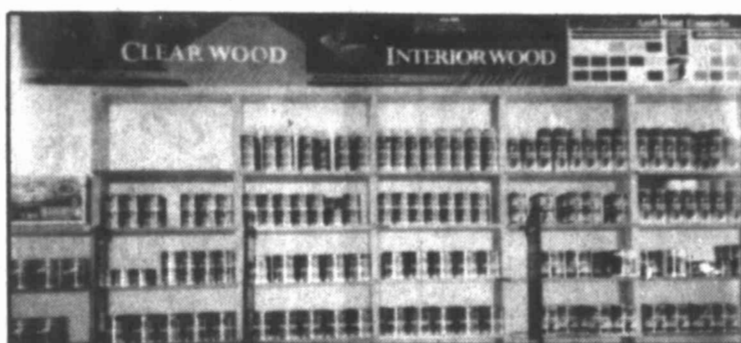
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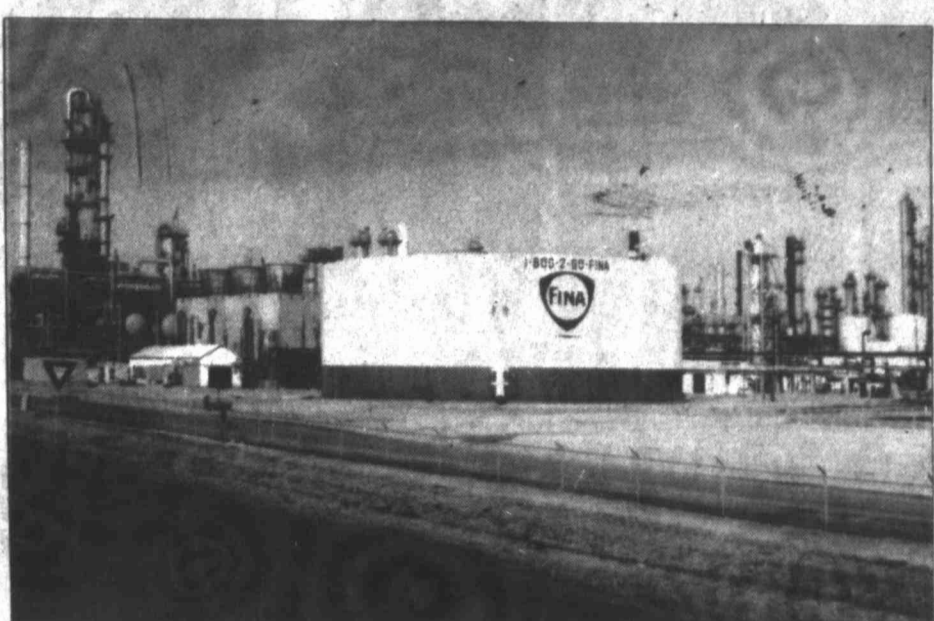
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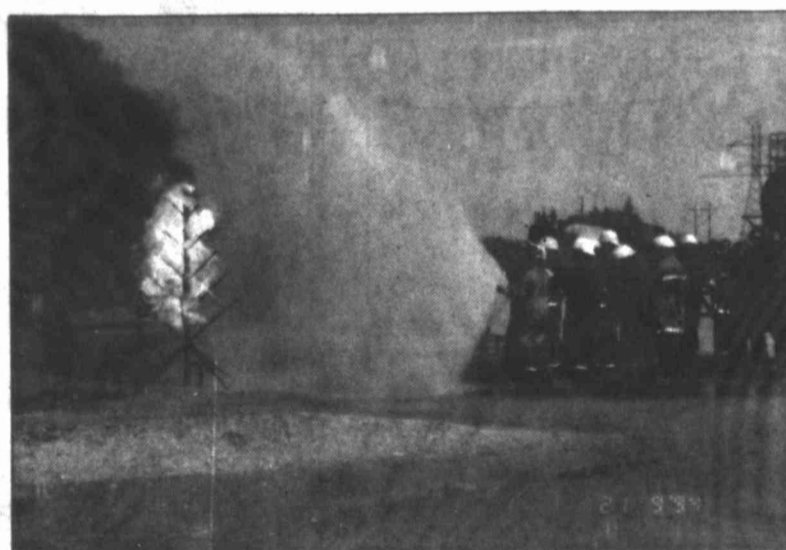
Jeff Morris, Vice President Fina along with Ron Haddock President/CEO chats with employees during Accomplishment Luncheon, Jan. 98.



Big Spring Plant Manager Phil Carruthers pose with Donald Miller and John Price, of Big John's Feedlot during Accomplishment Luncheon



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Chuck Carr with Fina race car grand opening of Abilene Terminal December 17, 1997.



Fina Retiree Tom Ivey delivers train to annual picnic, August 16, 1997.

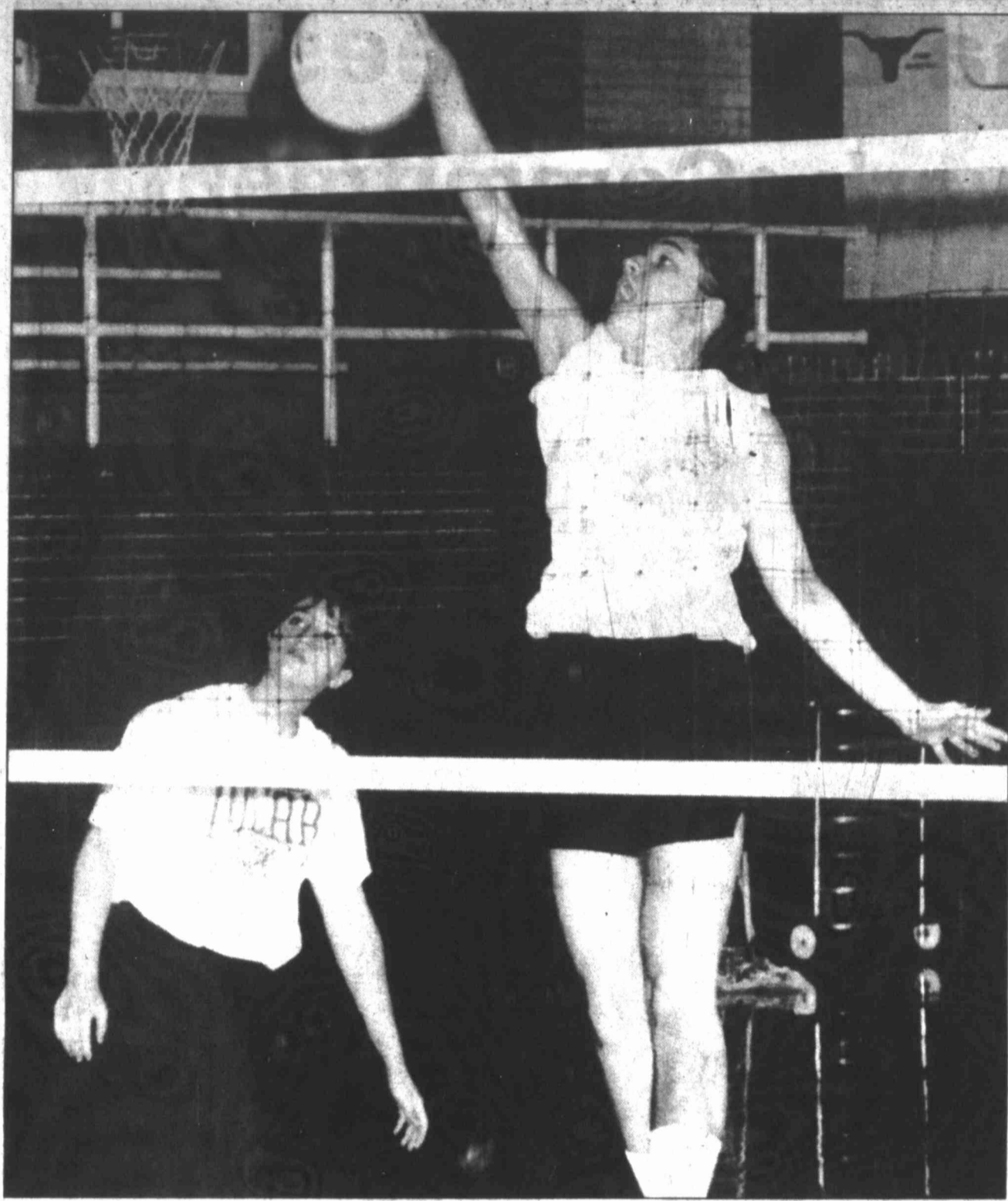


Robert Amos and Rich Robertson take a break during fire training exercise.

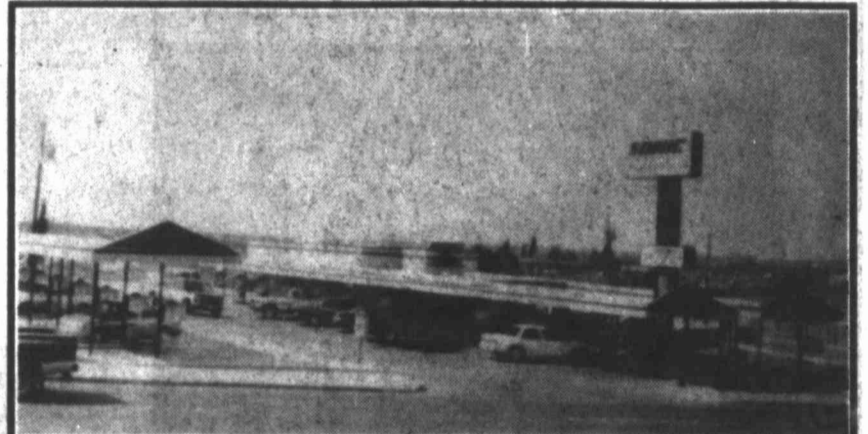


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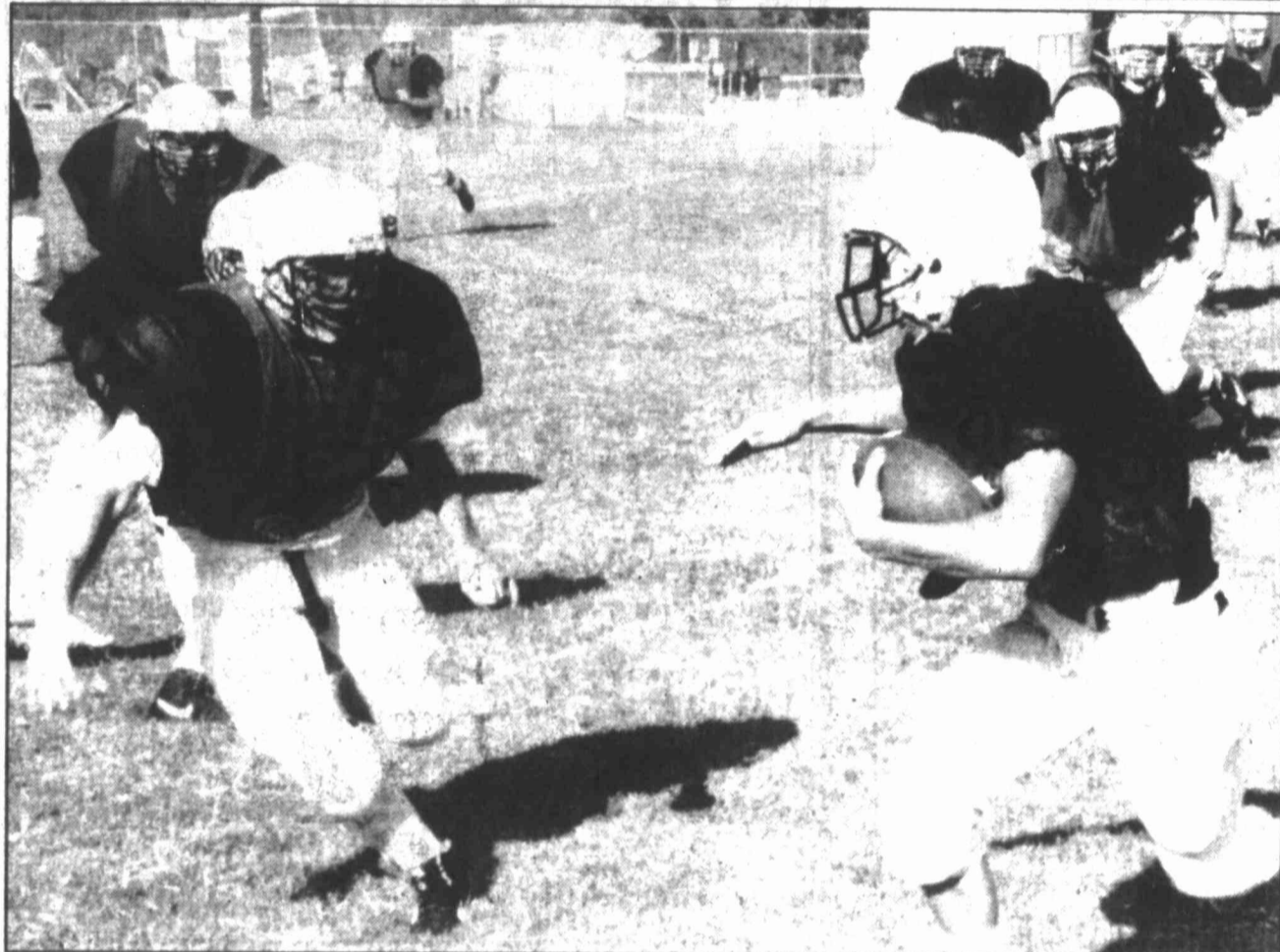
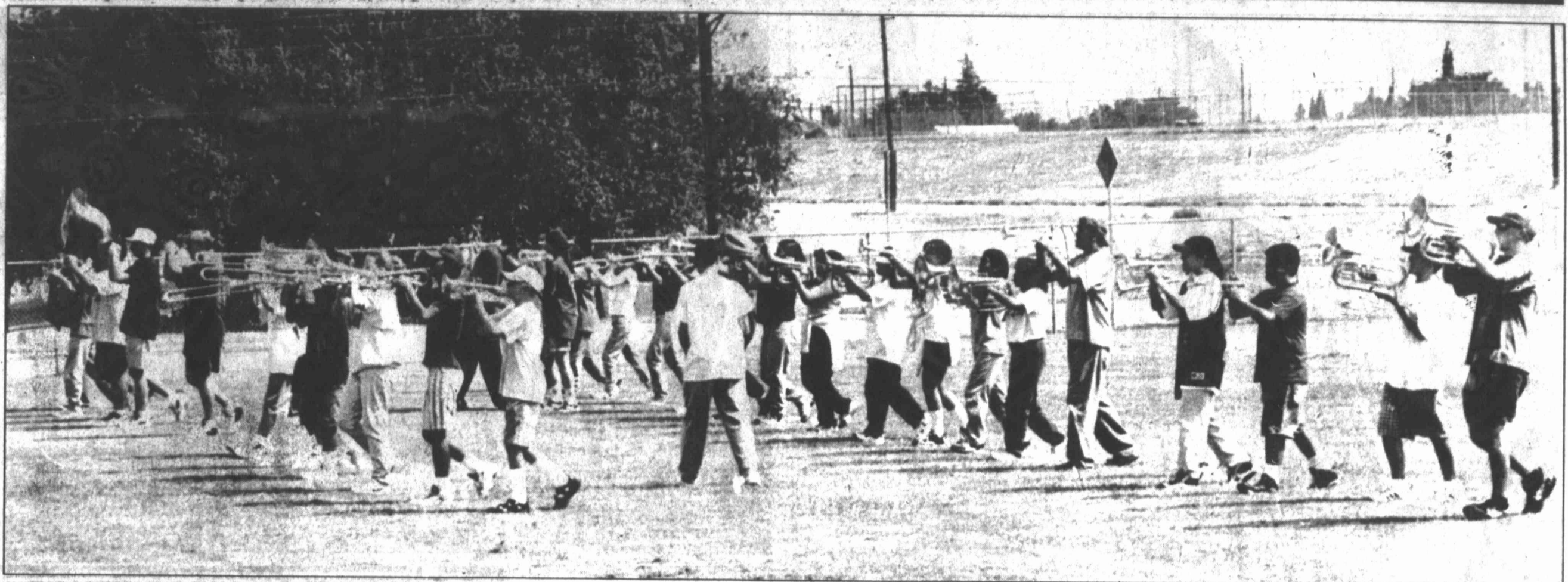
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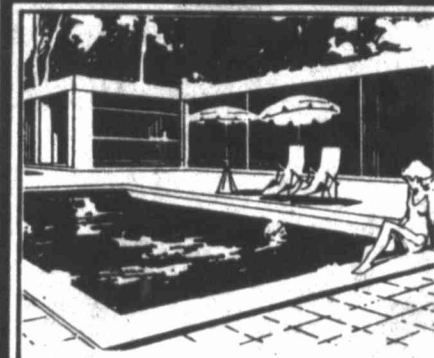
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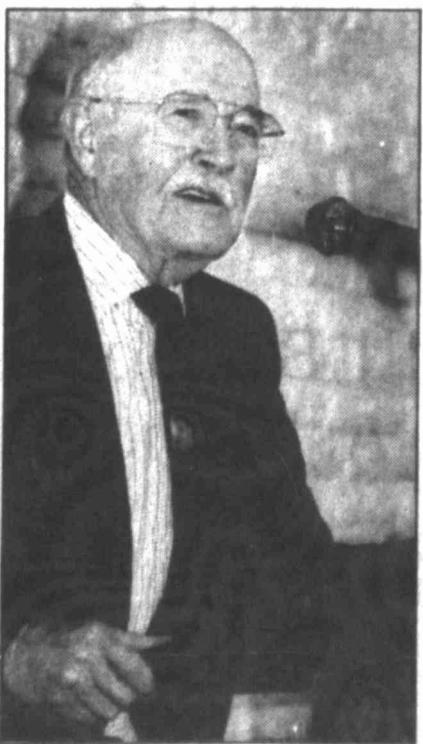
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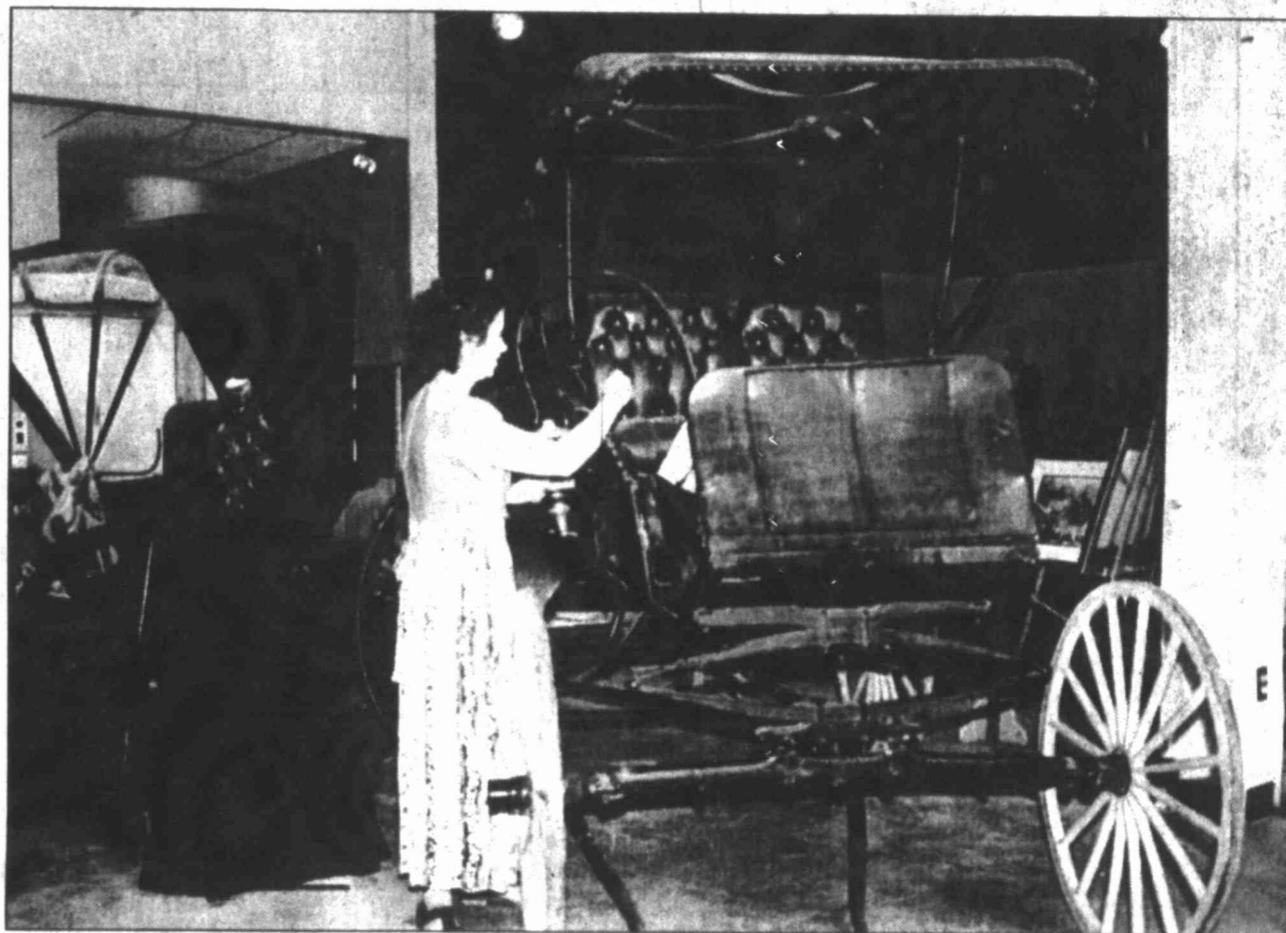
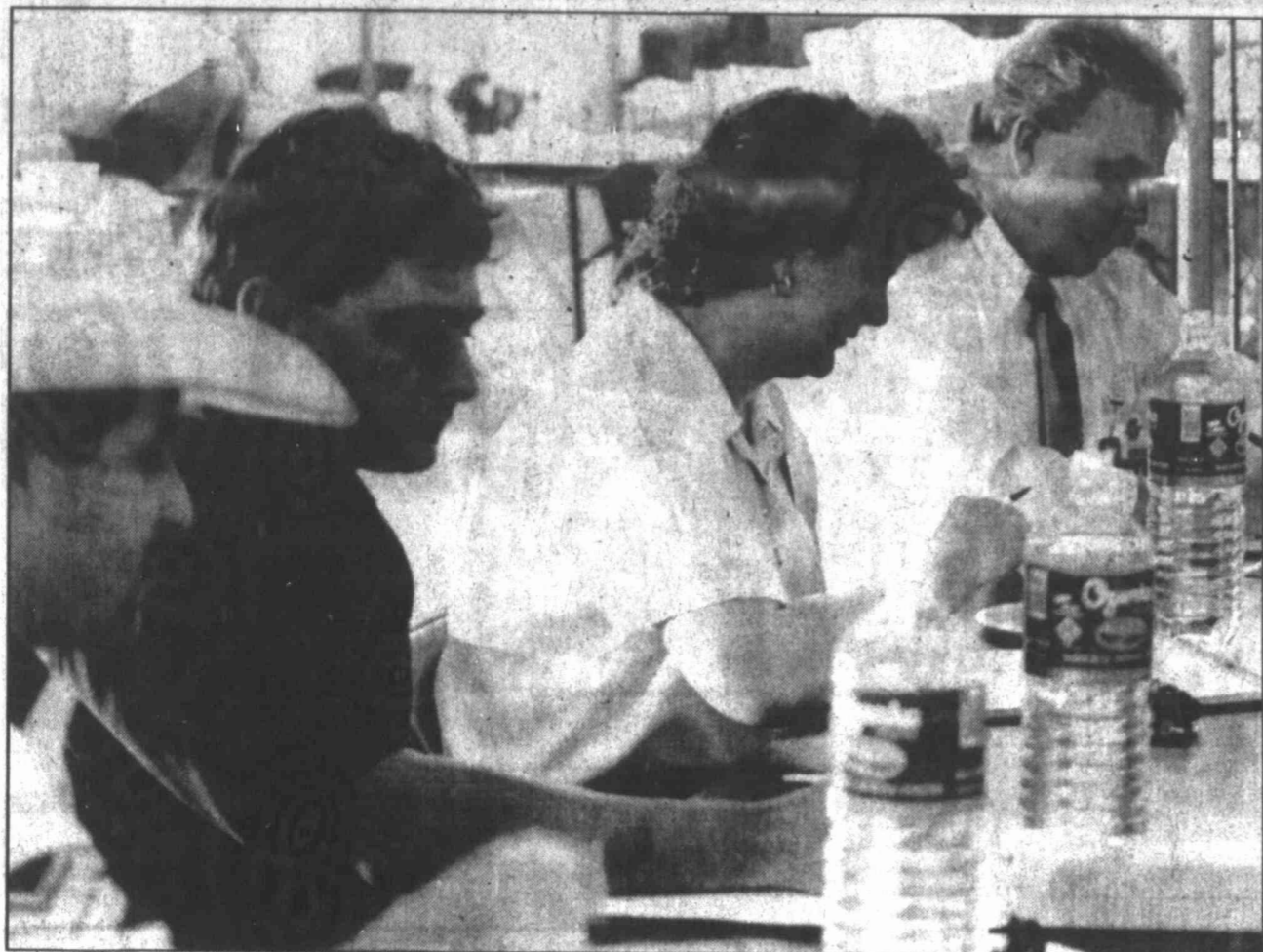
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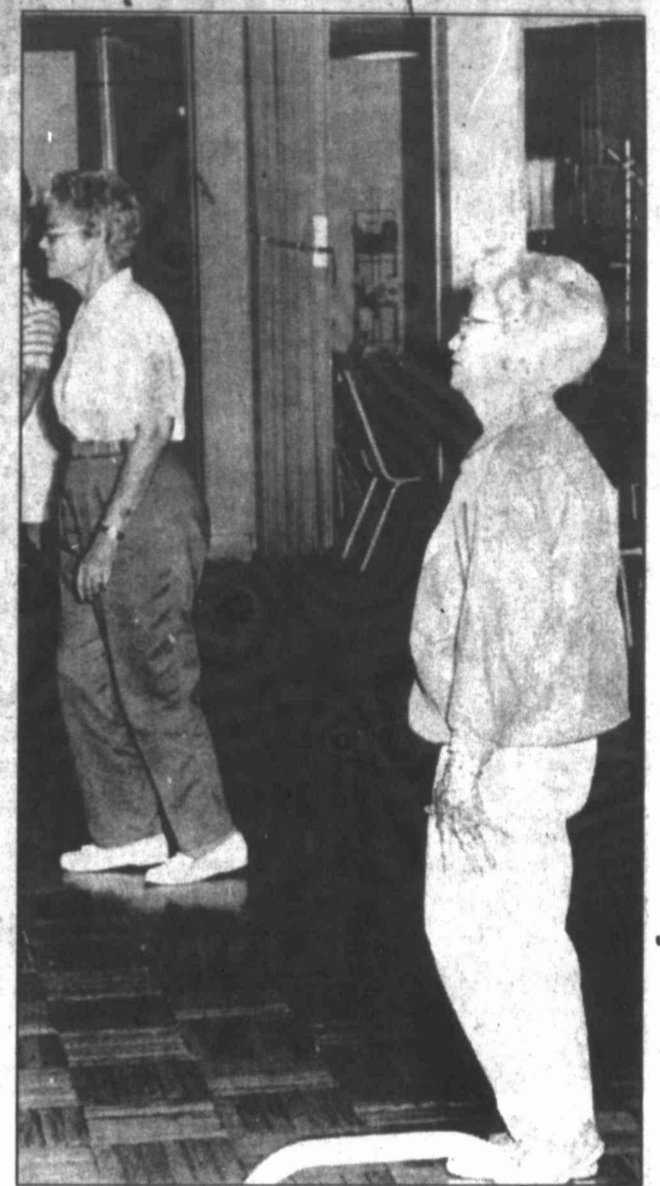
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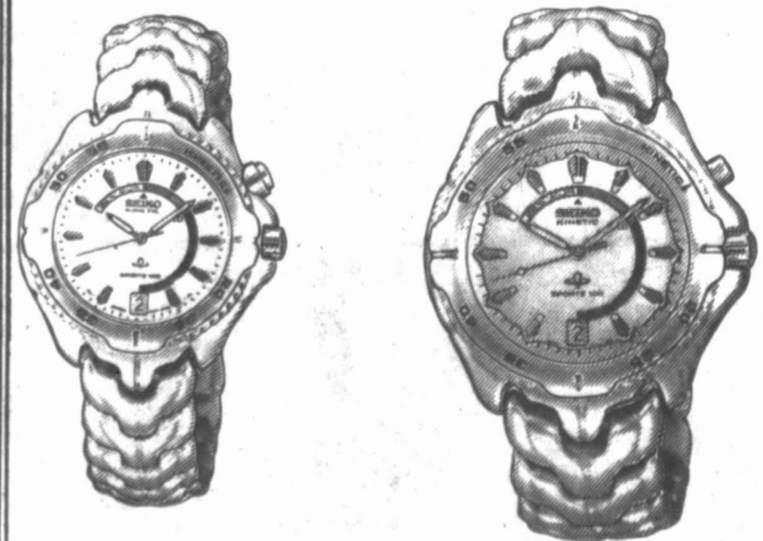
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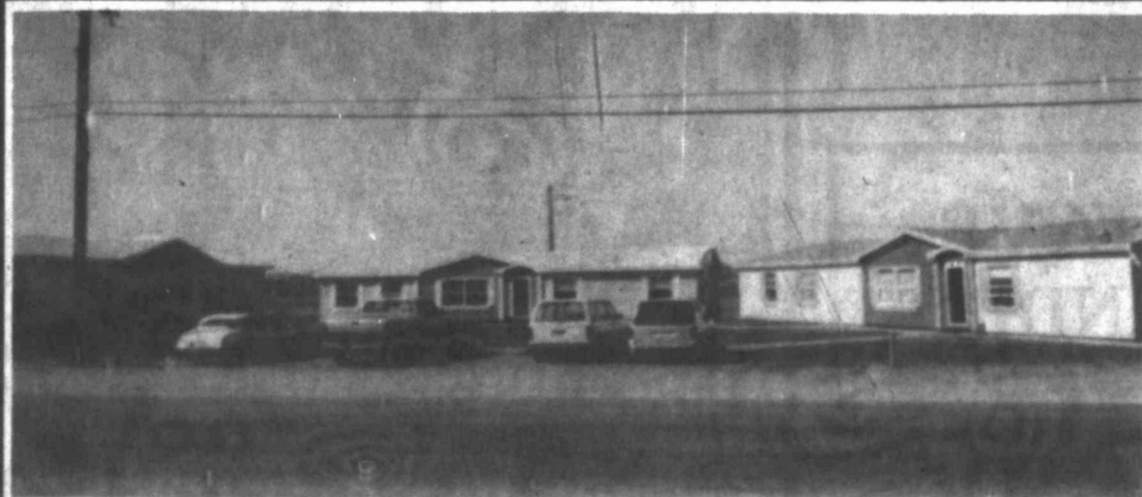
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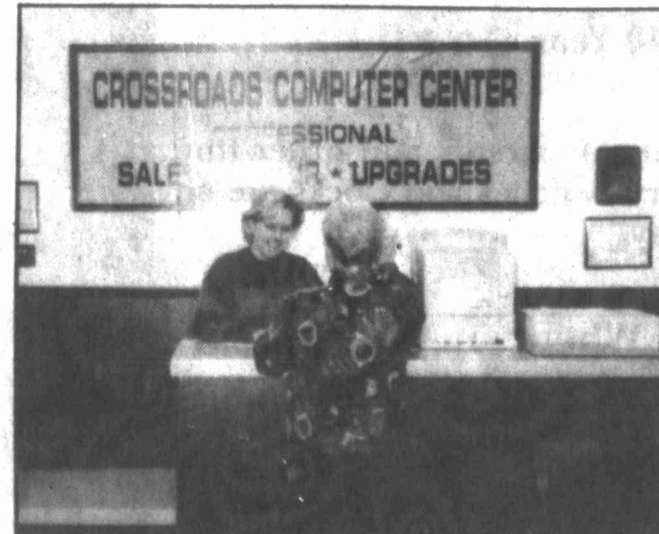
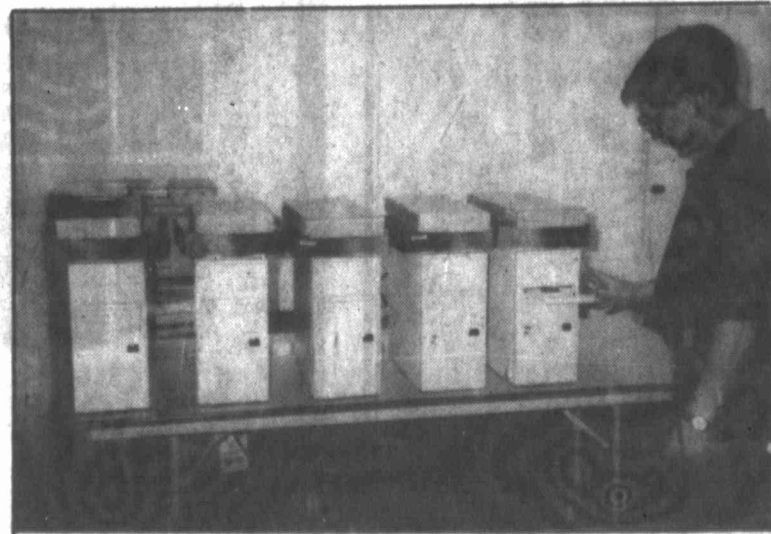
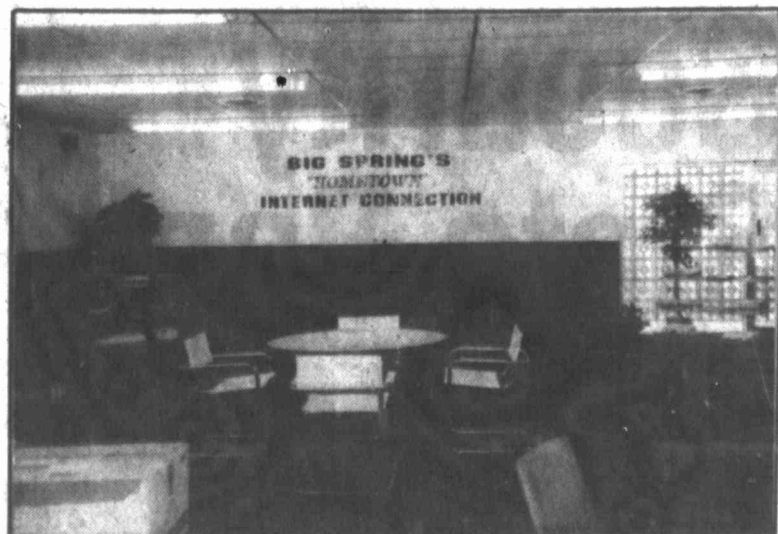
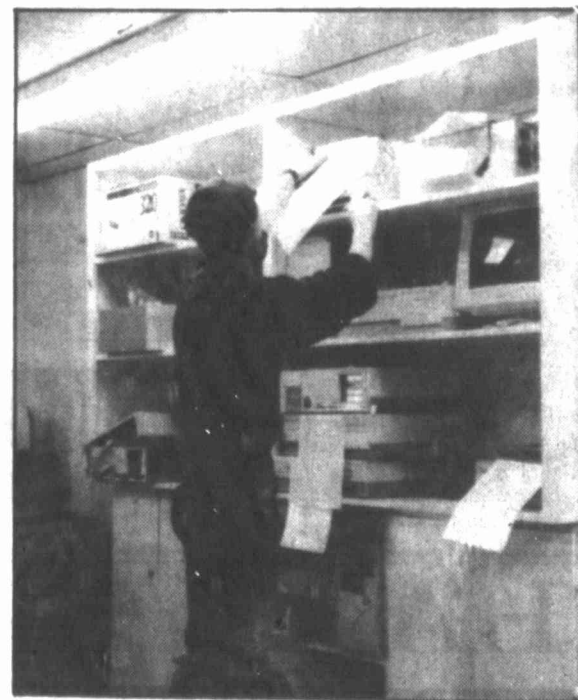
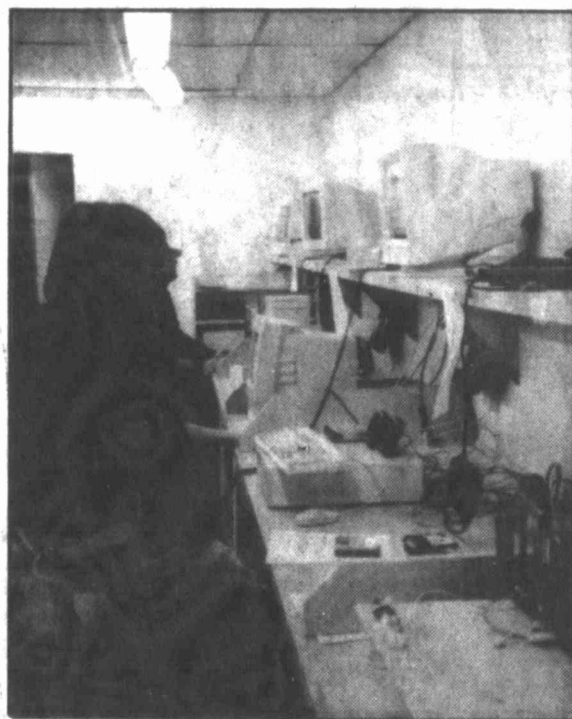
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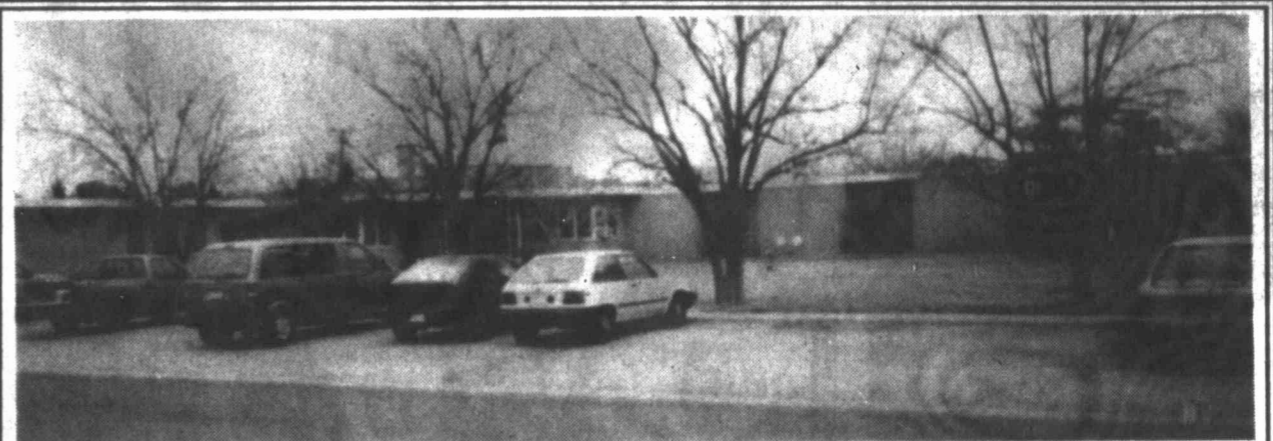
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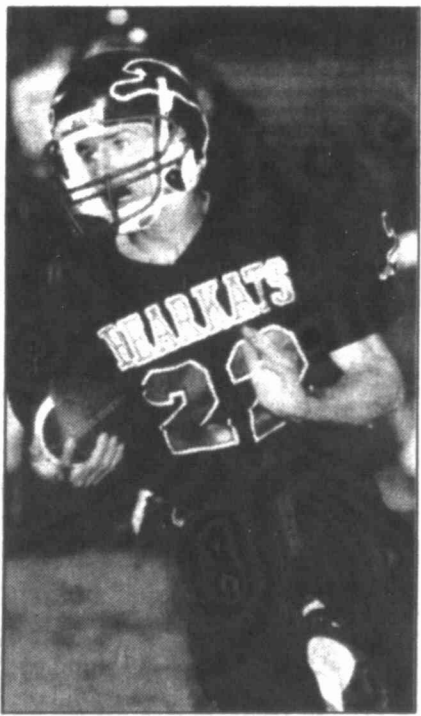


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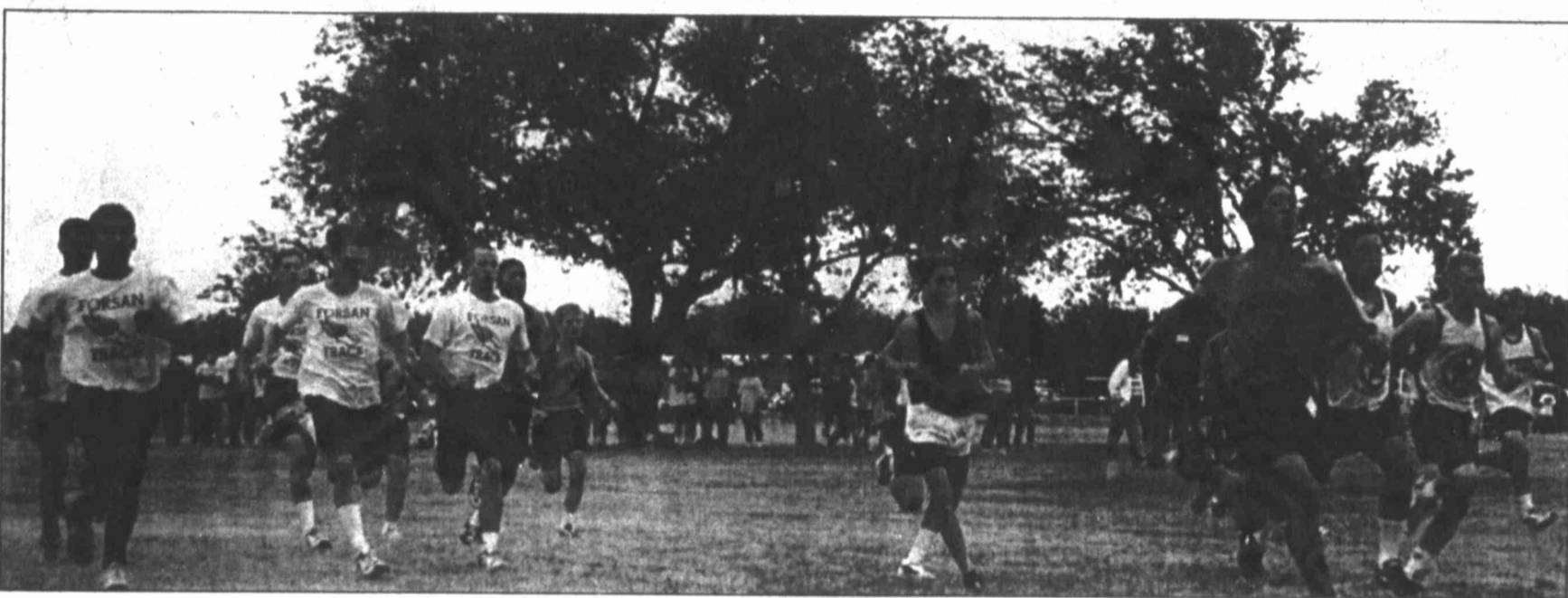
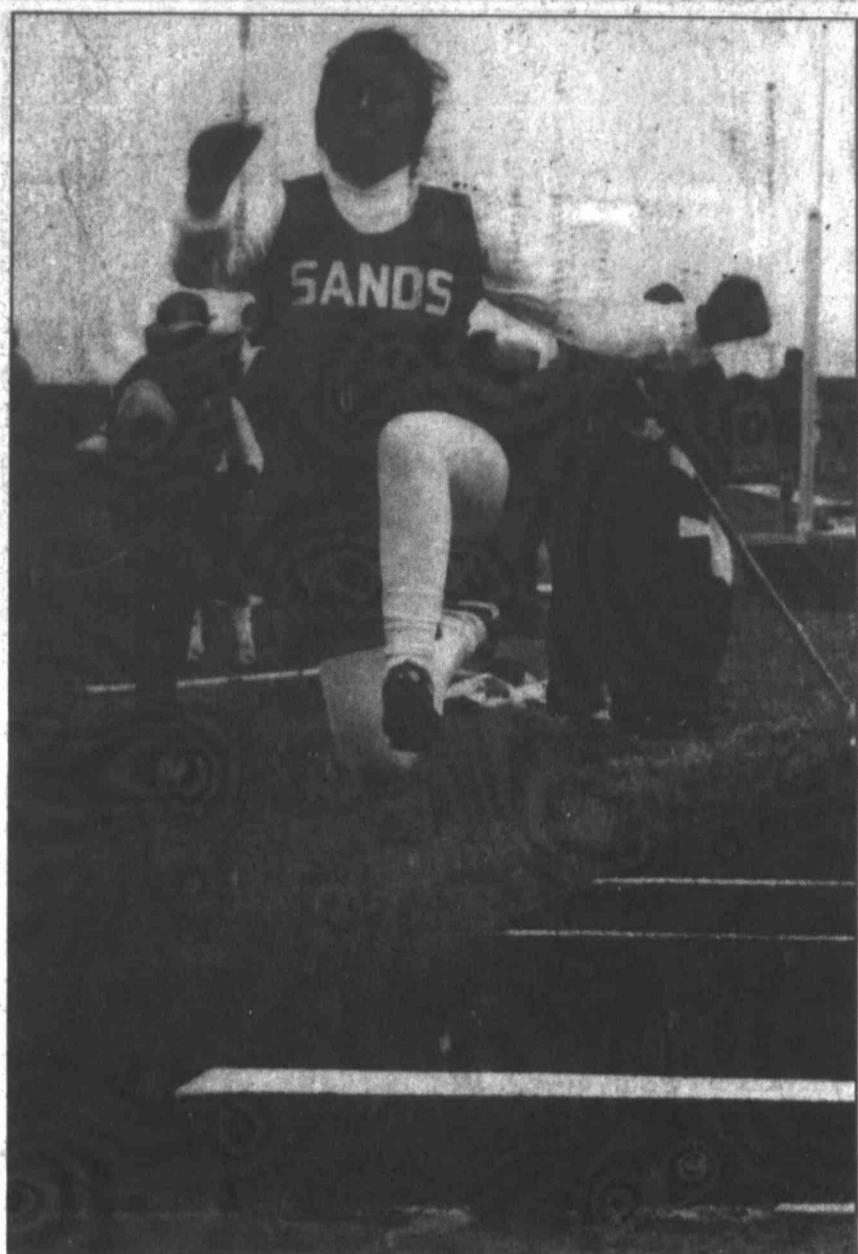
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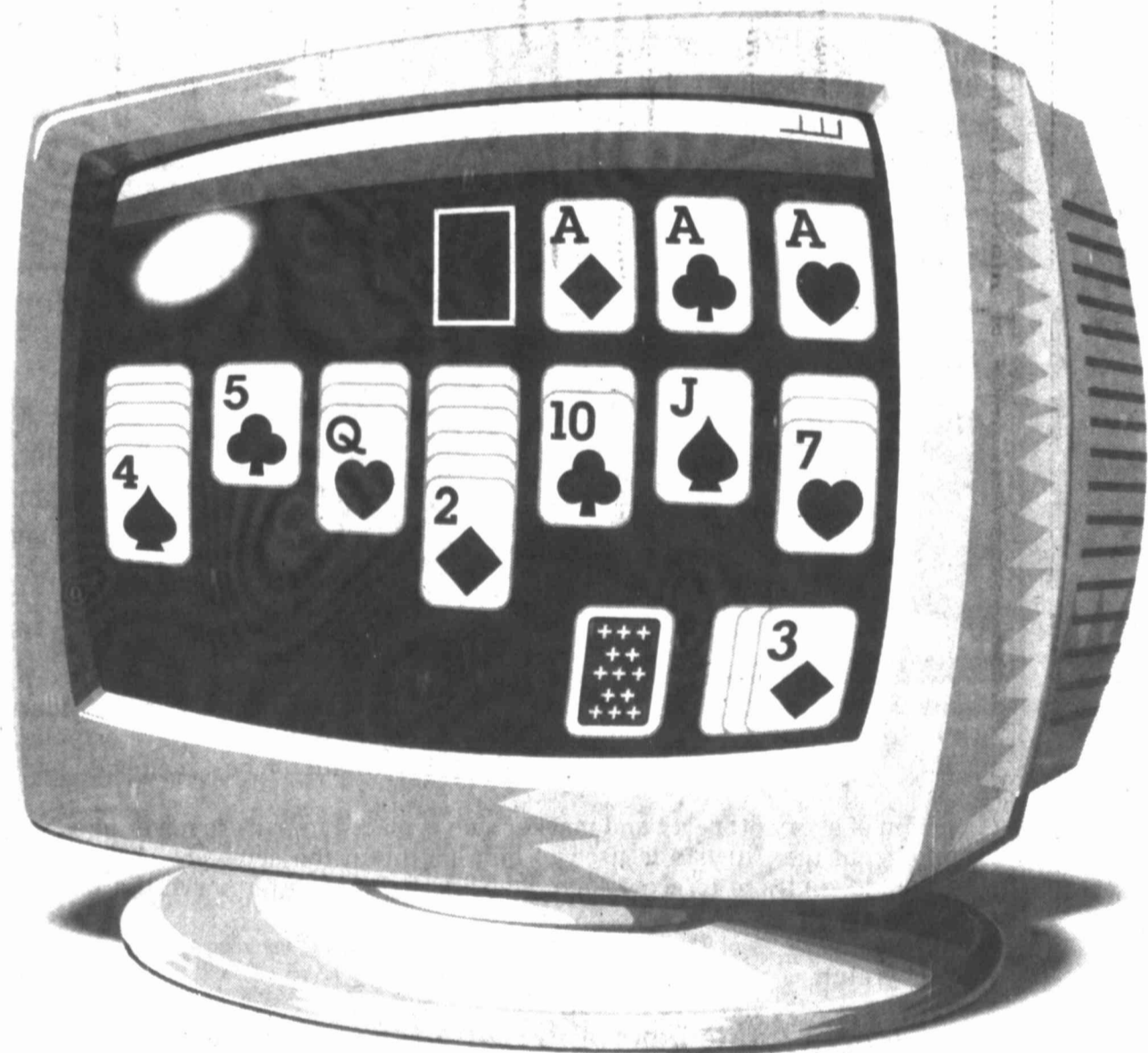
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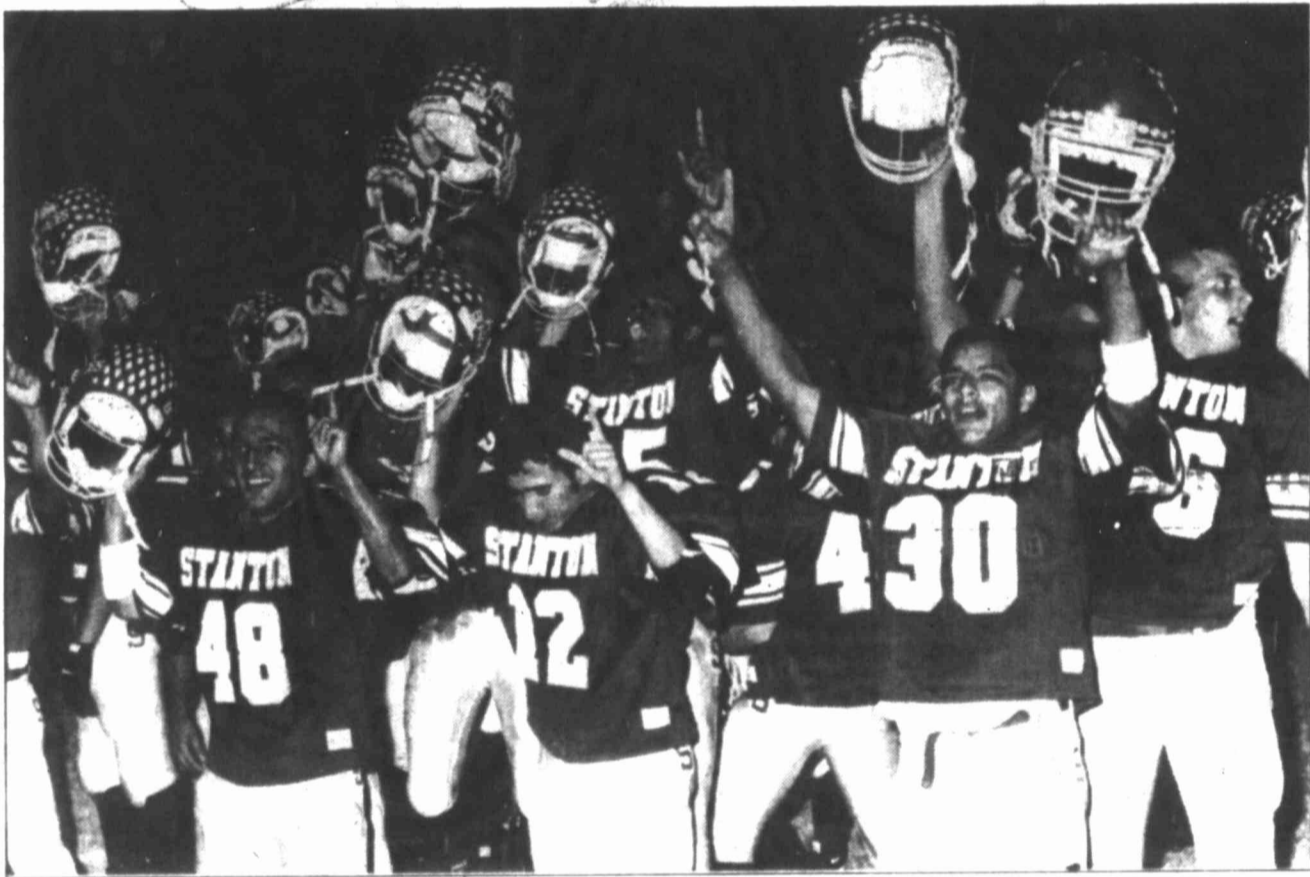
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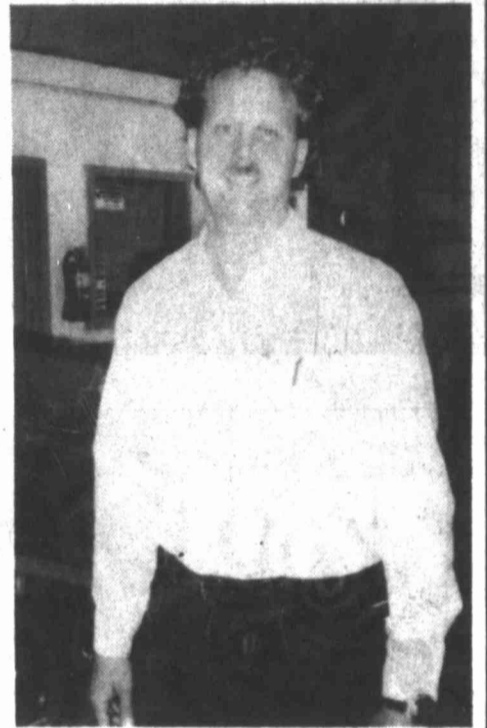
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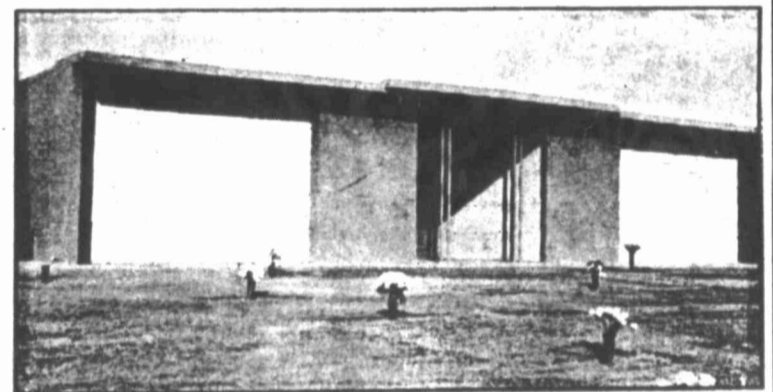
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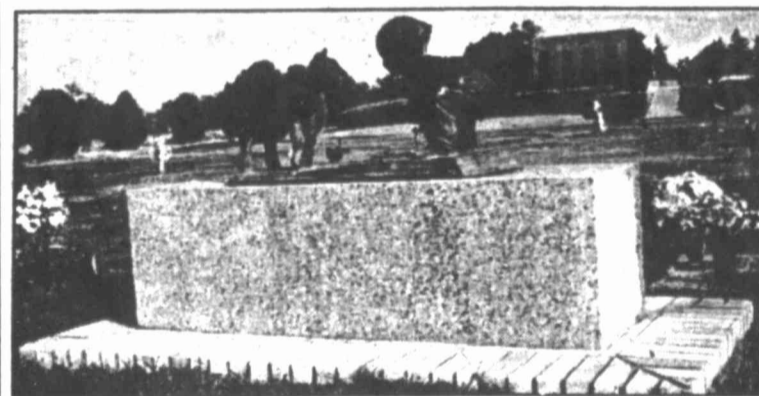
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Cash & Money Market	15,511.56
U.S. Government Bonds	100,872.17
Mutual Funds	63,114.84
Corporate Stocks	75,856.74
<b>Total Property Trust Fund</b>	<b>255,355.31</b>
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Cash & Money Market	13,160.28
U.S. Government Bonds	114,126.57
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<b>Total Bronze Trust Fund</b>	<b>192,510.48</b>
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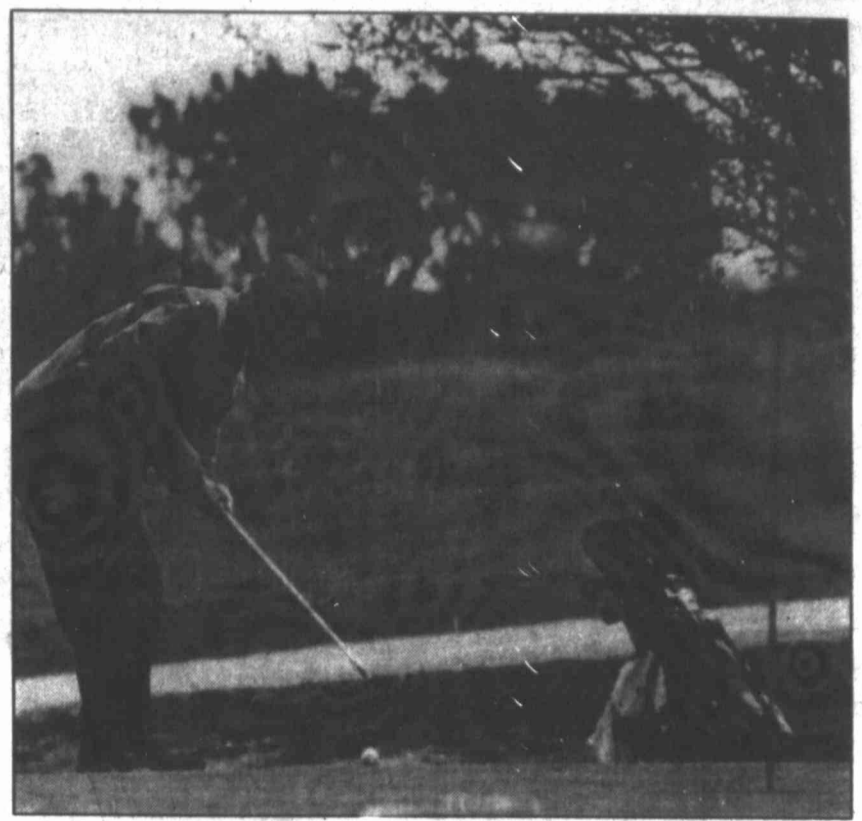
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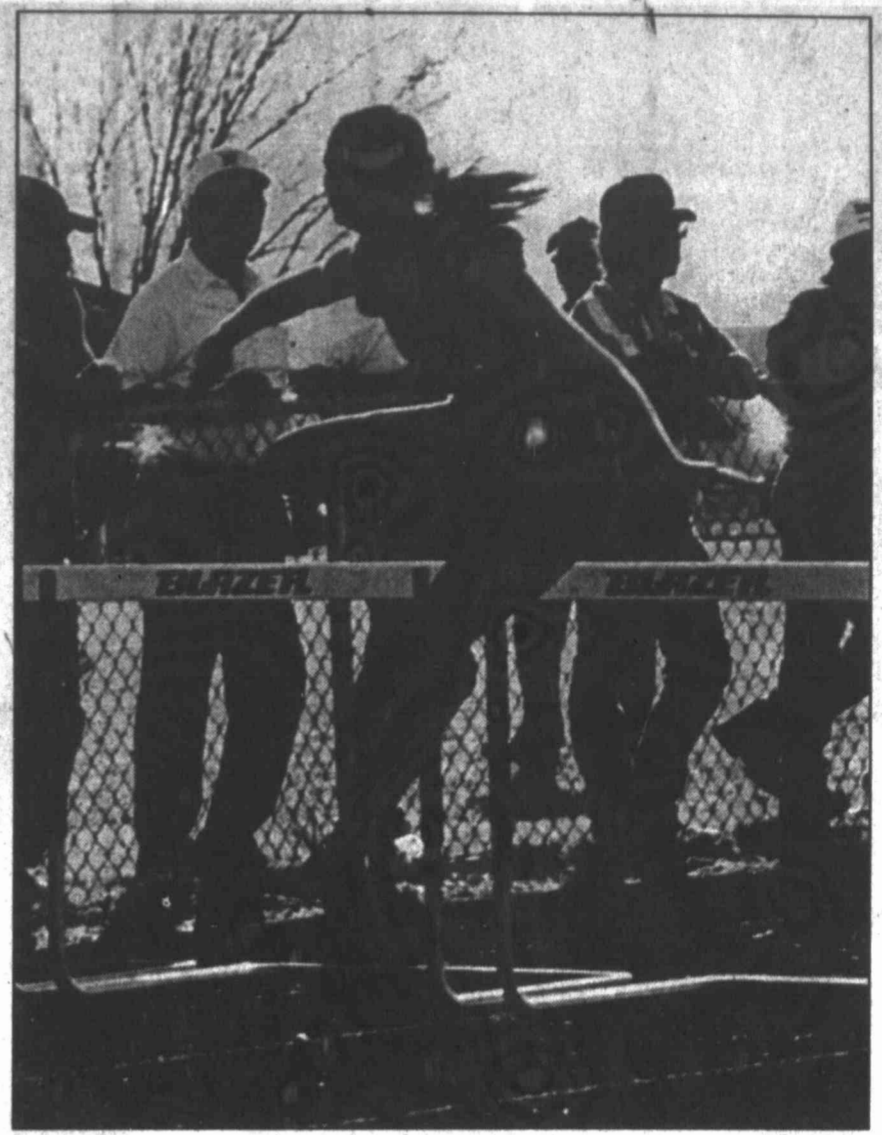
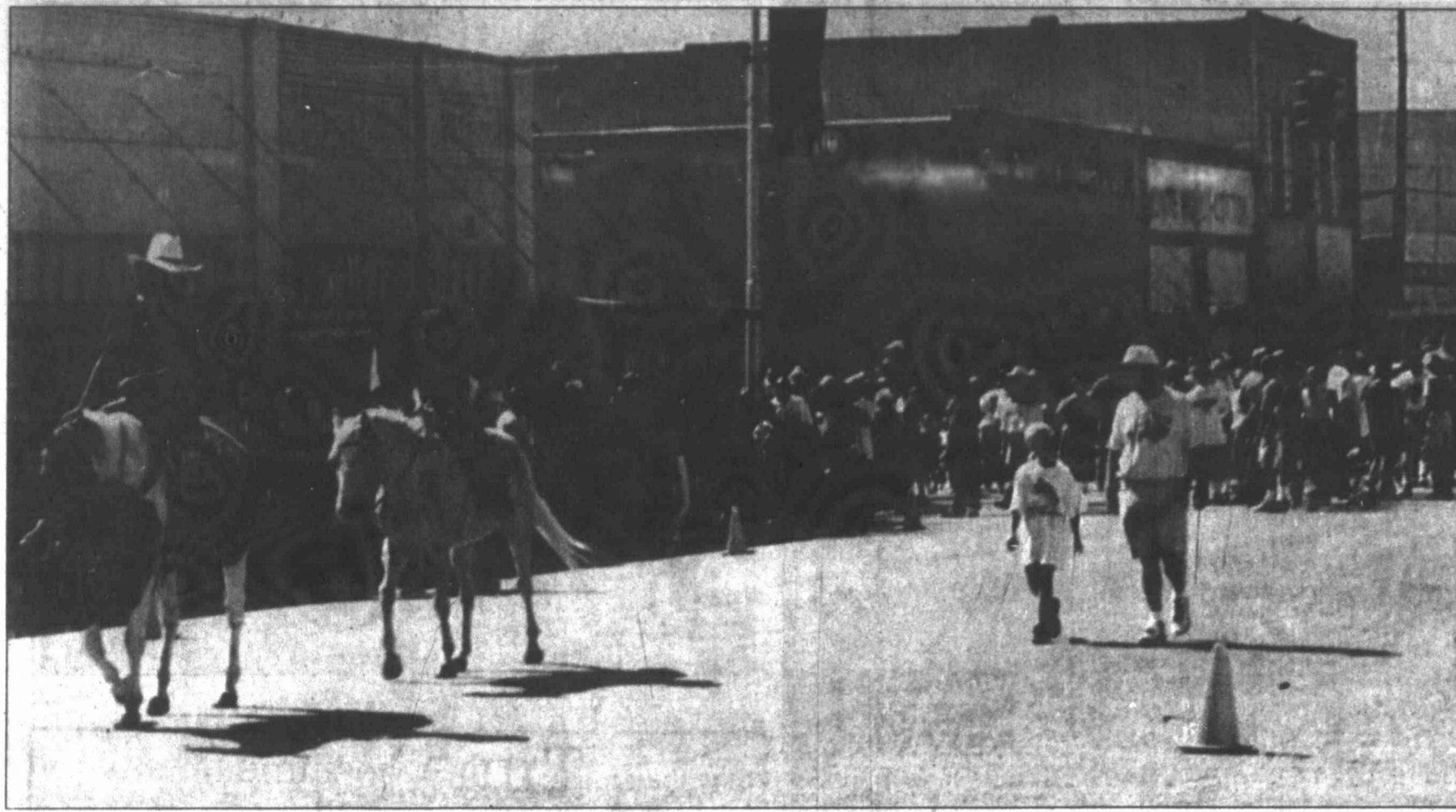
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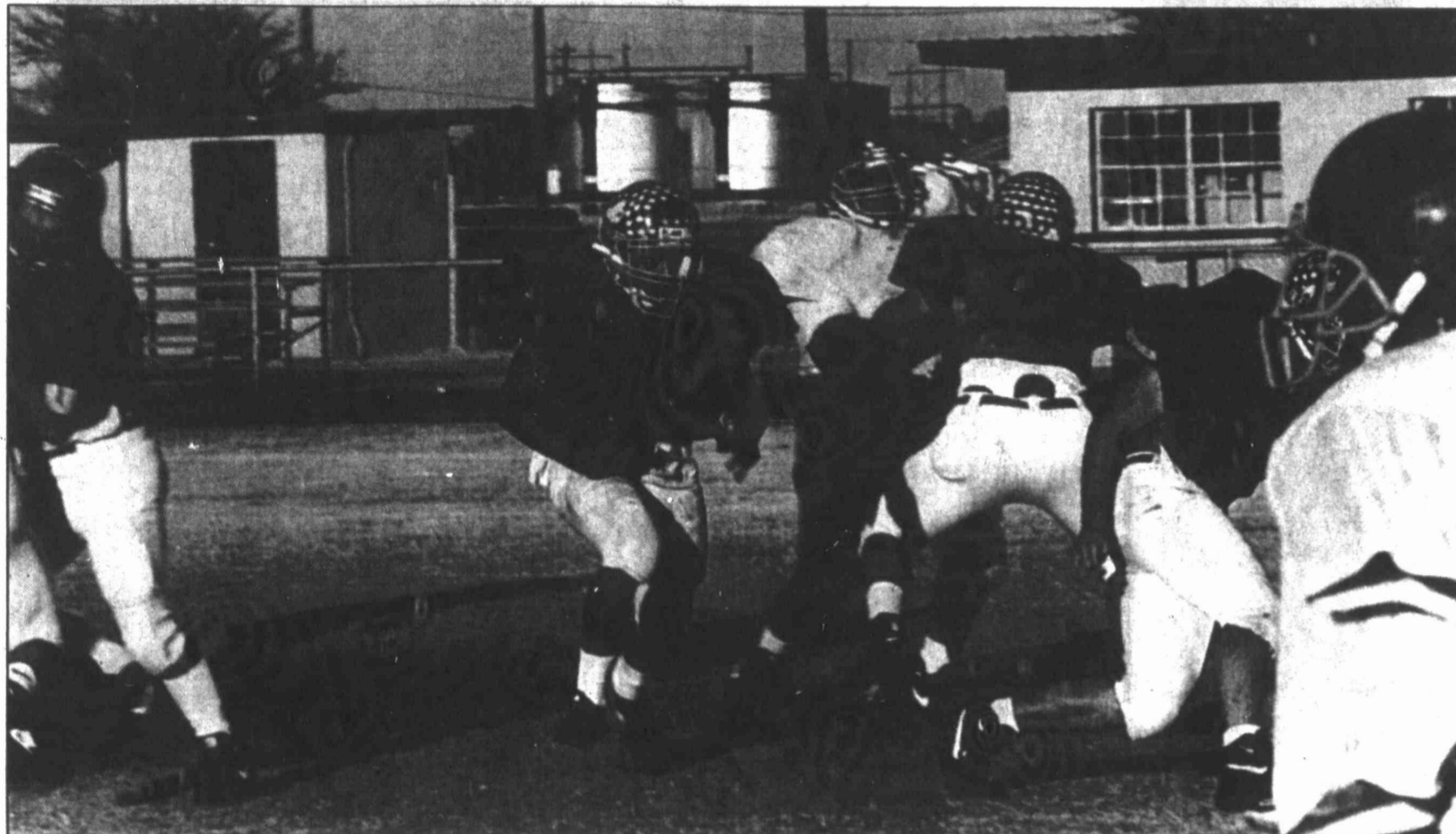
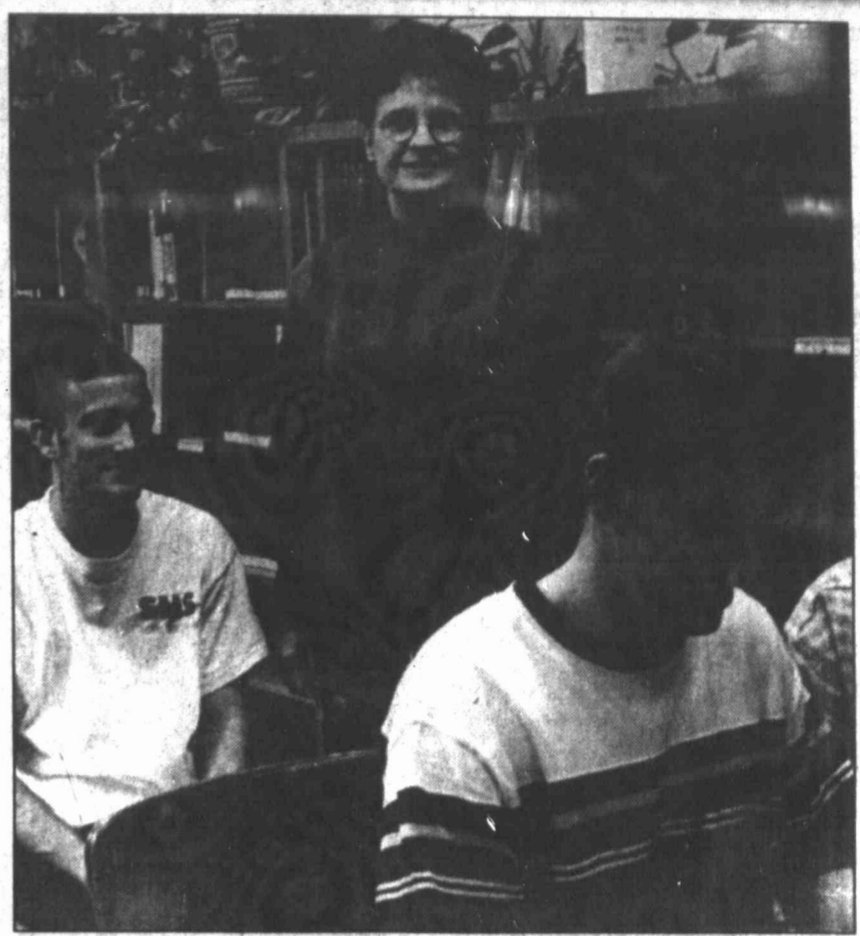
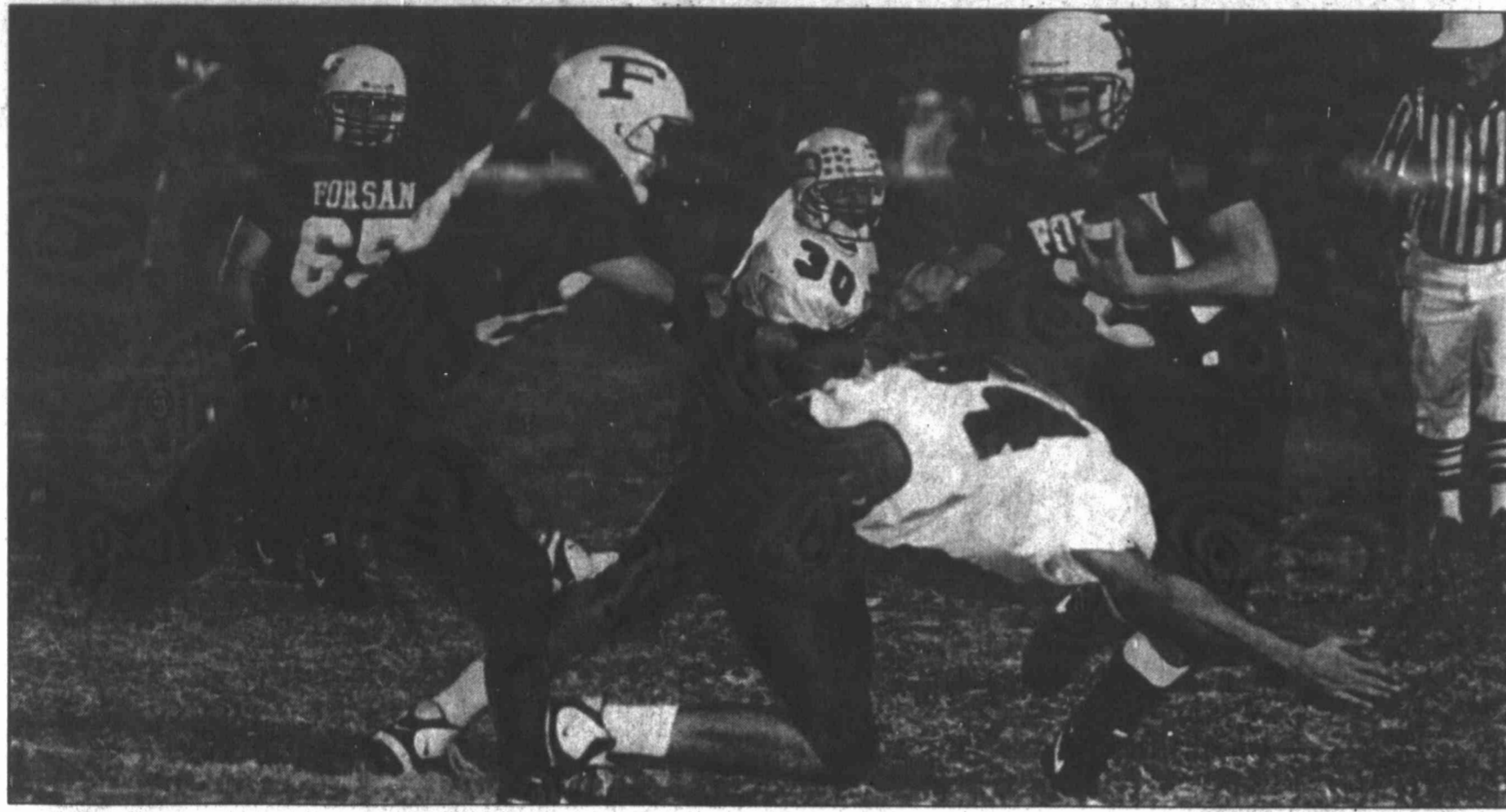
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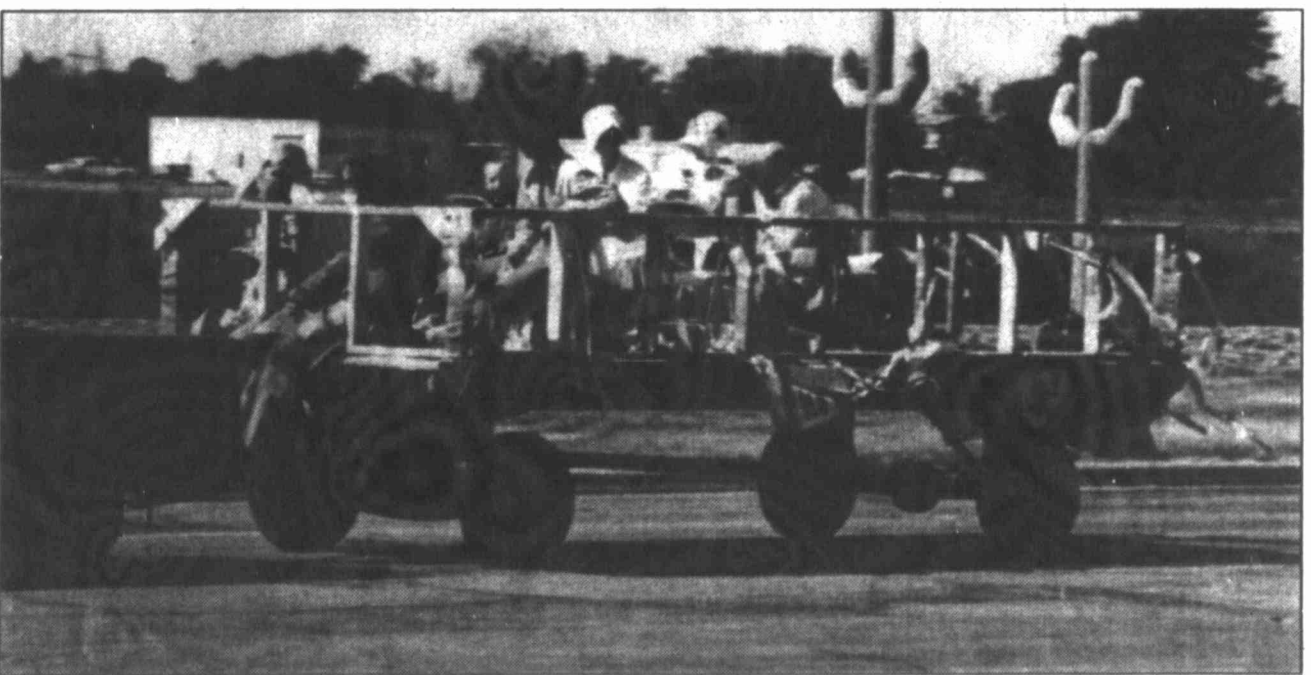
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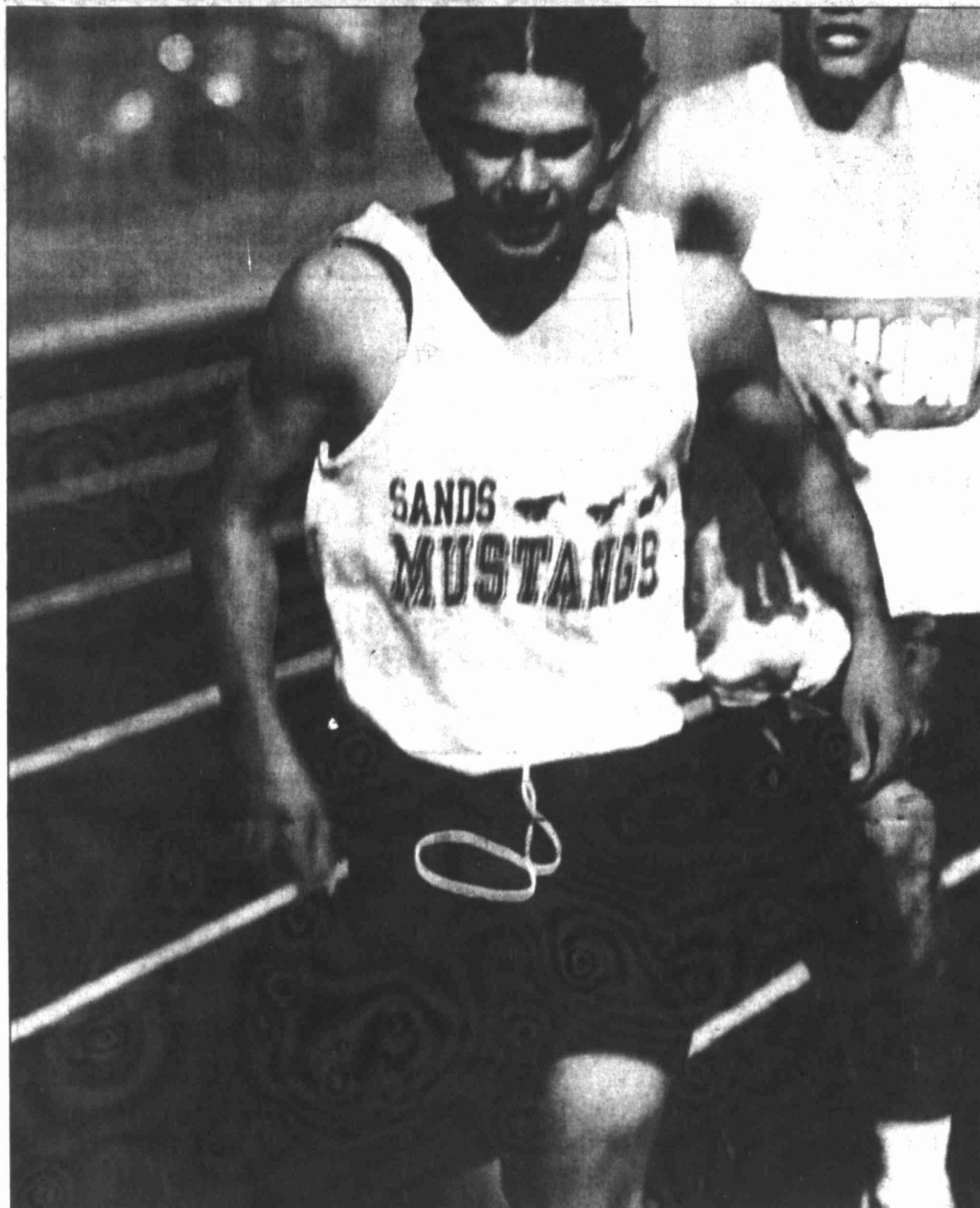
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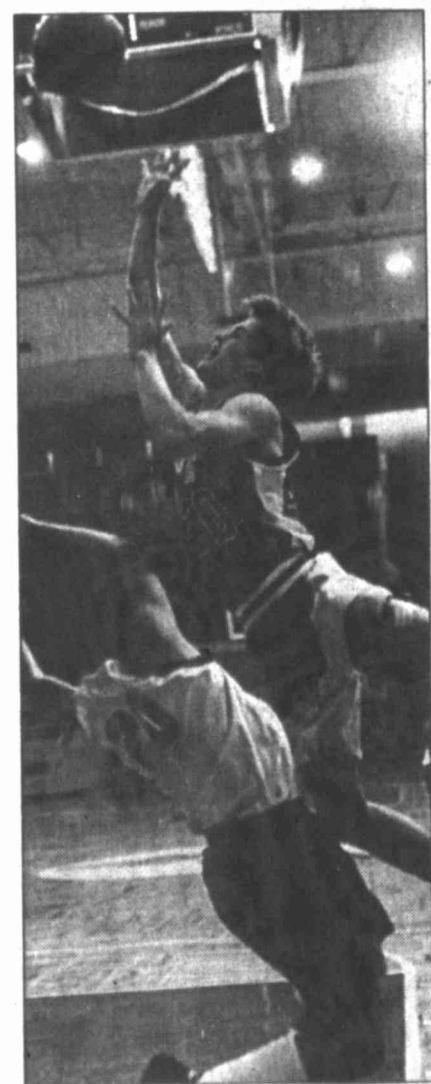
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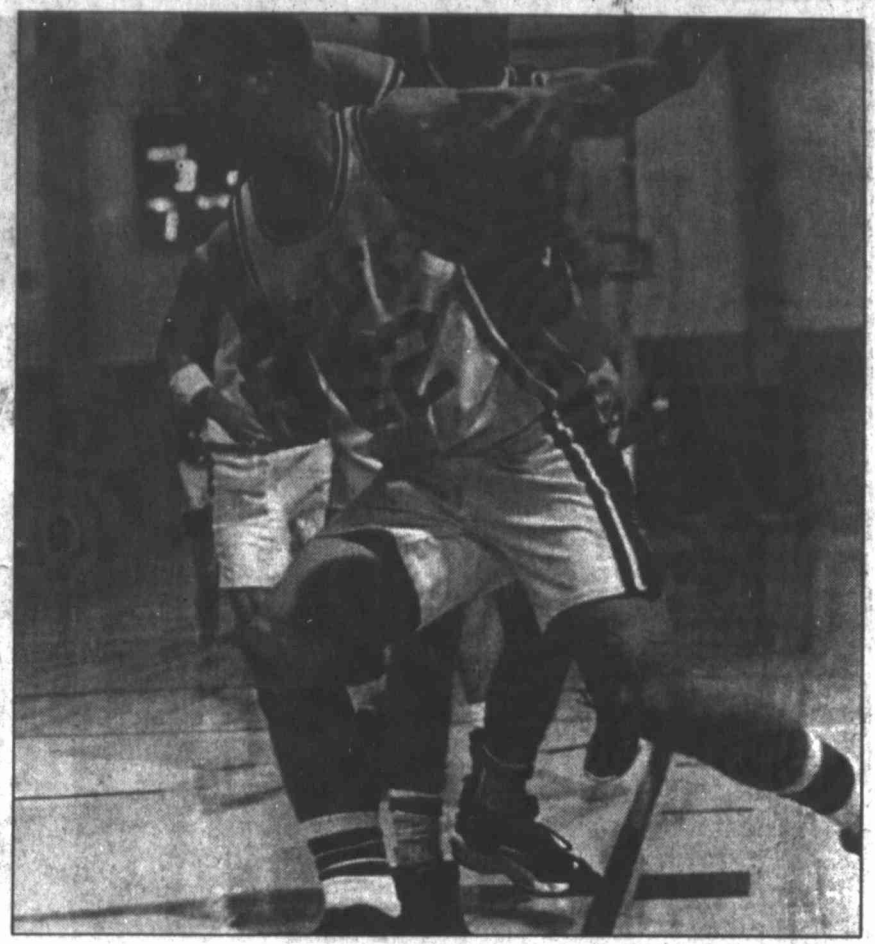
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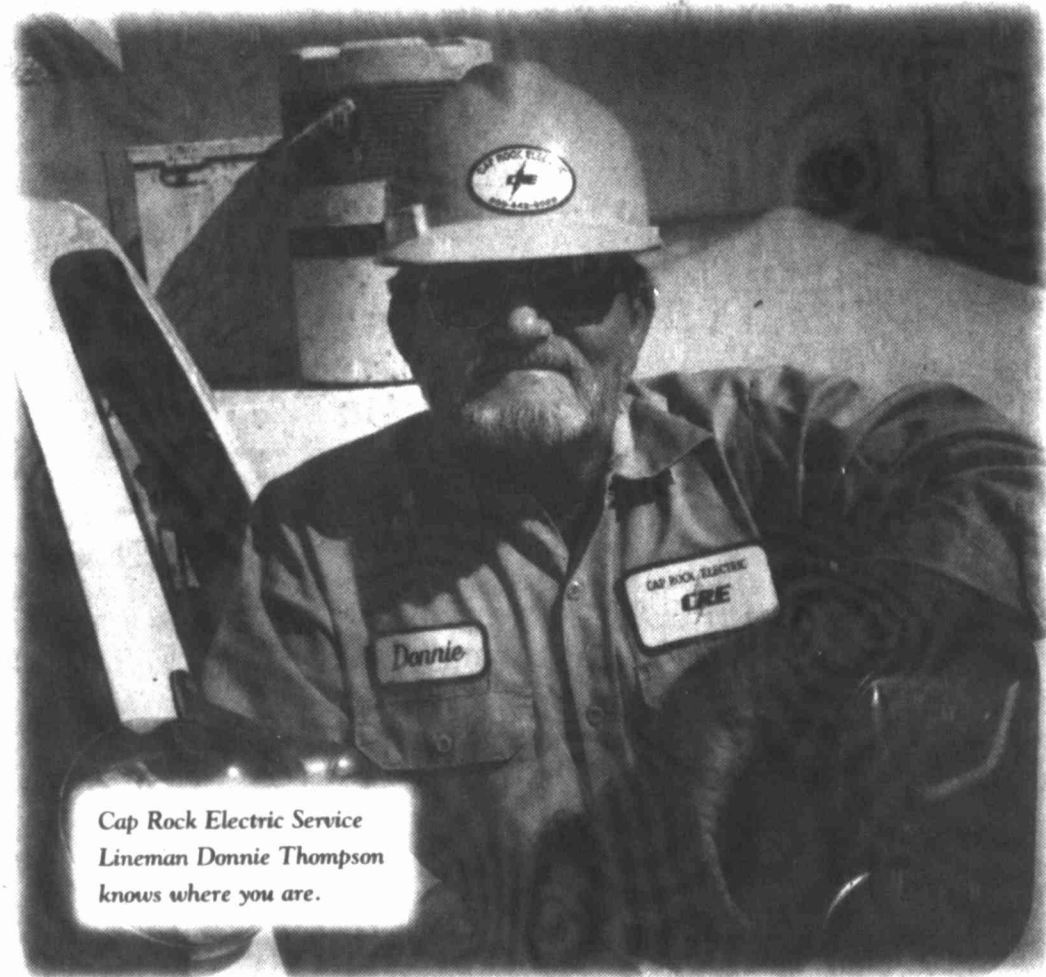
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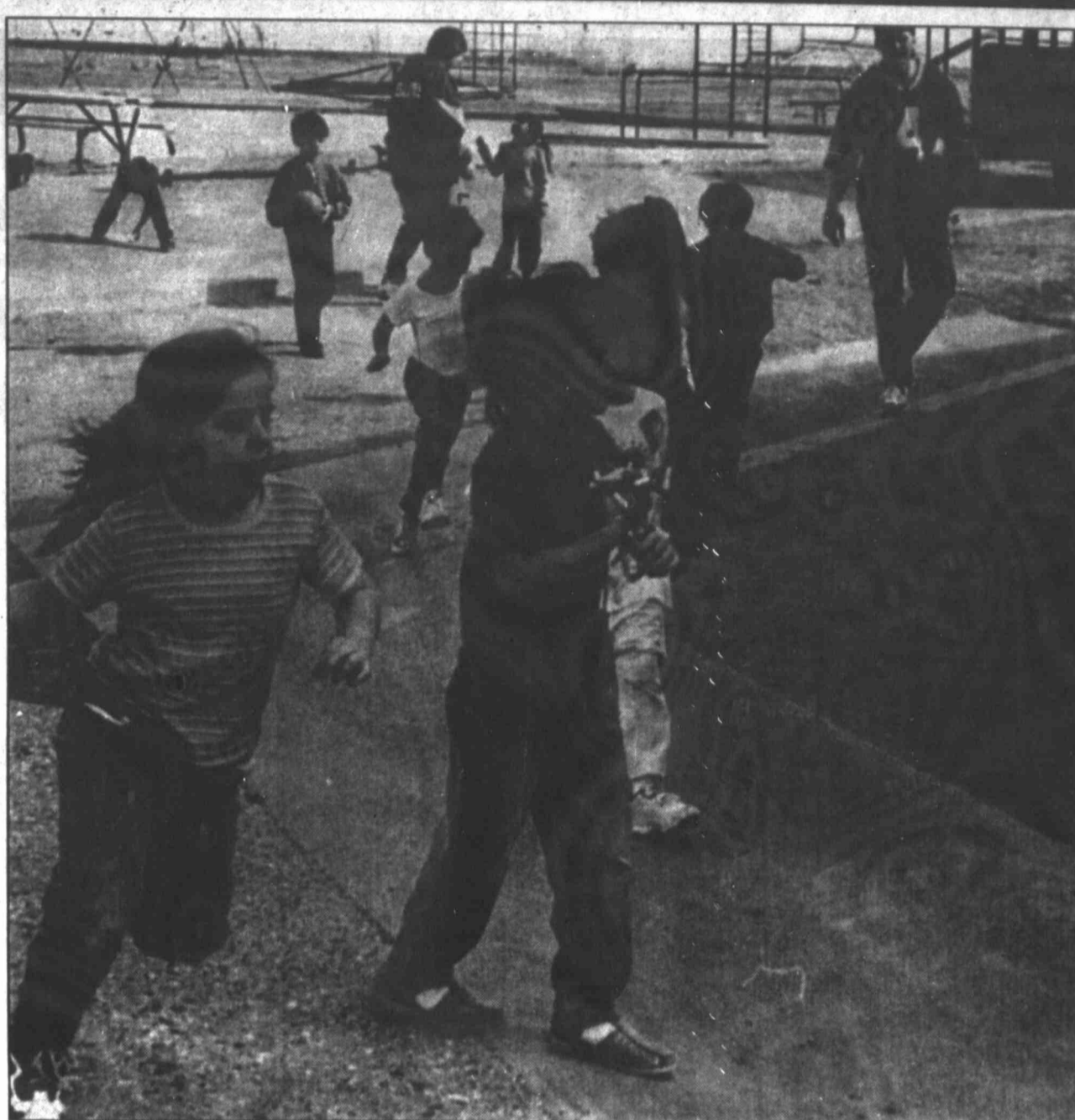
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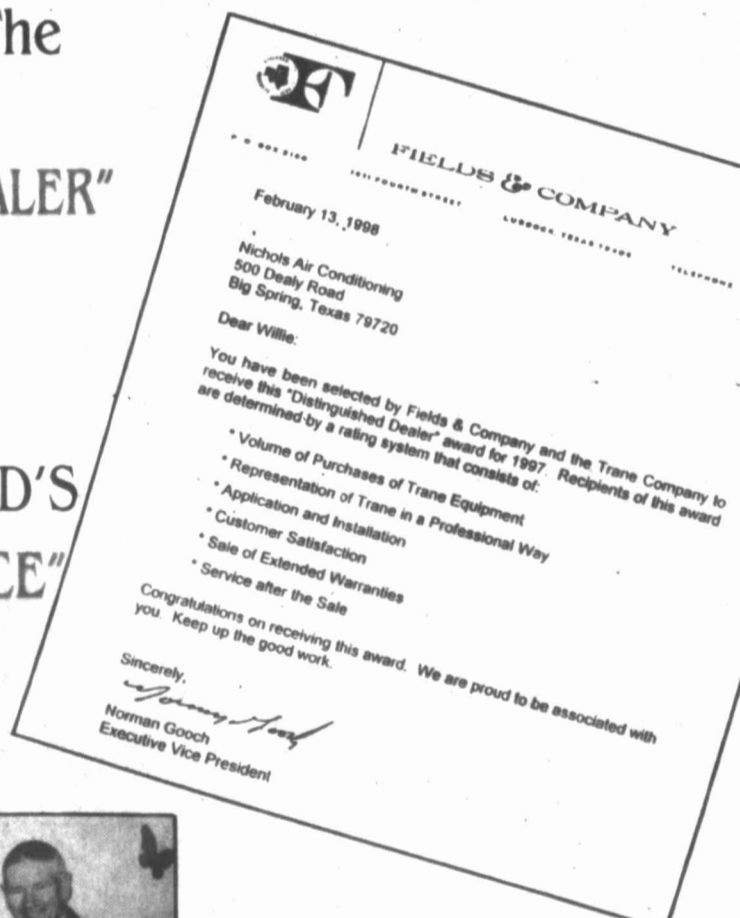
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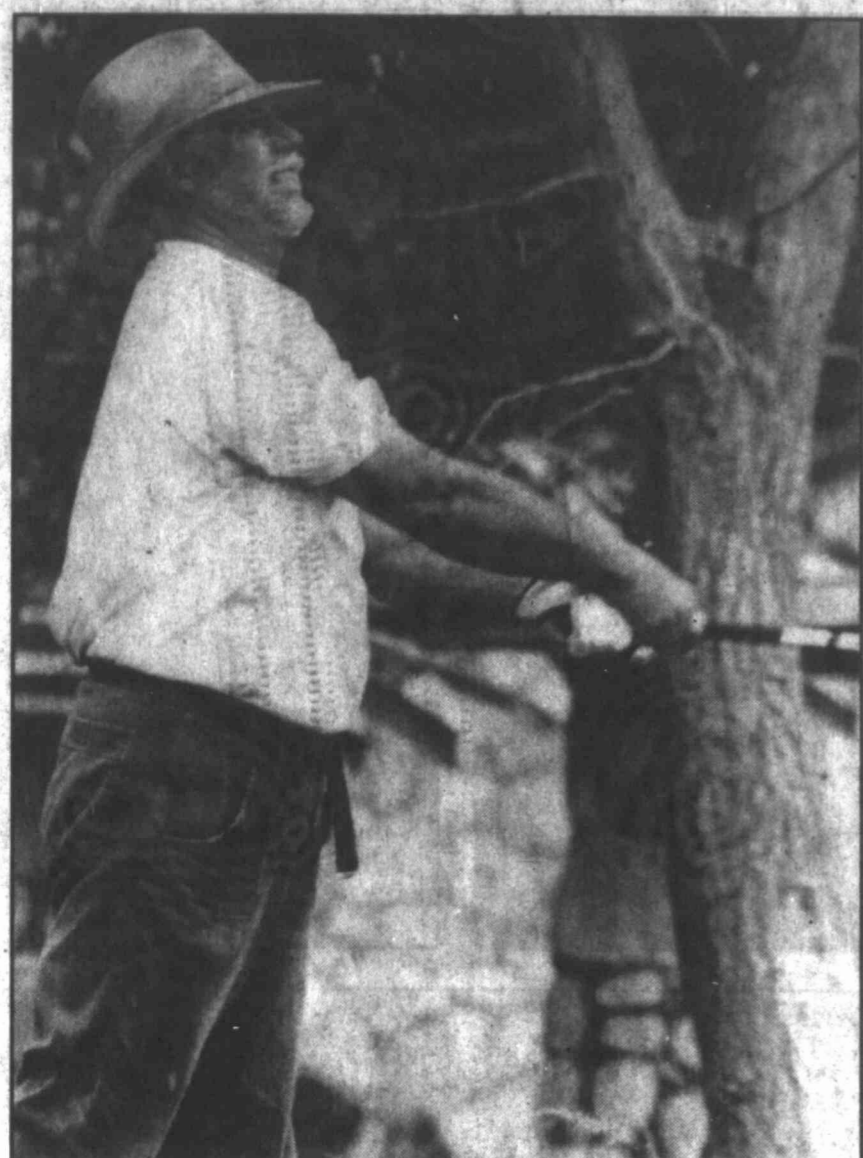


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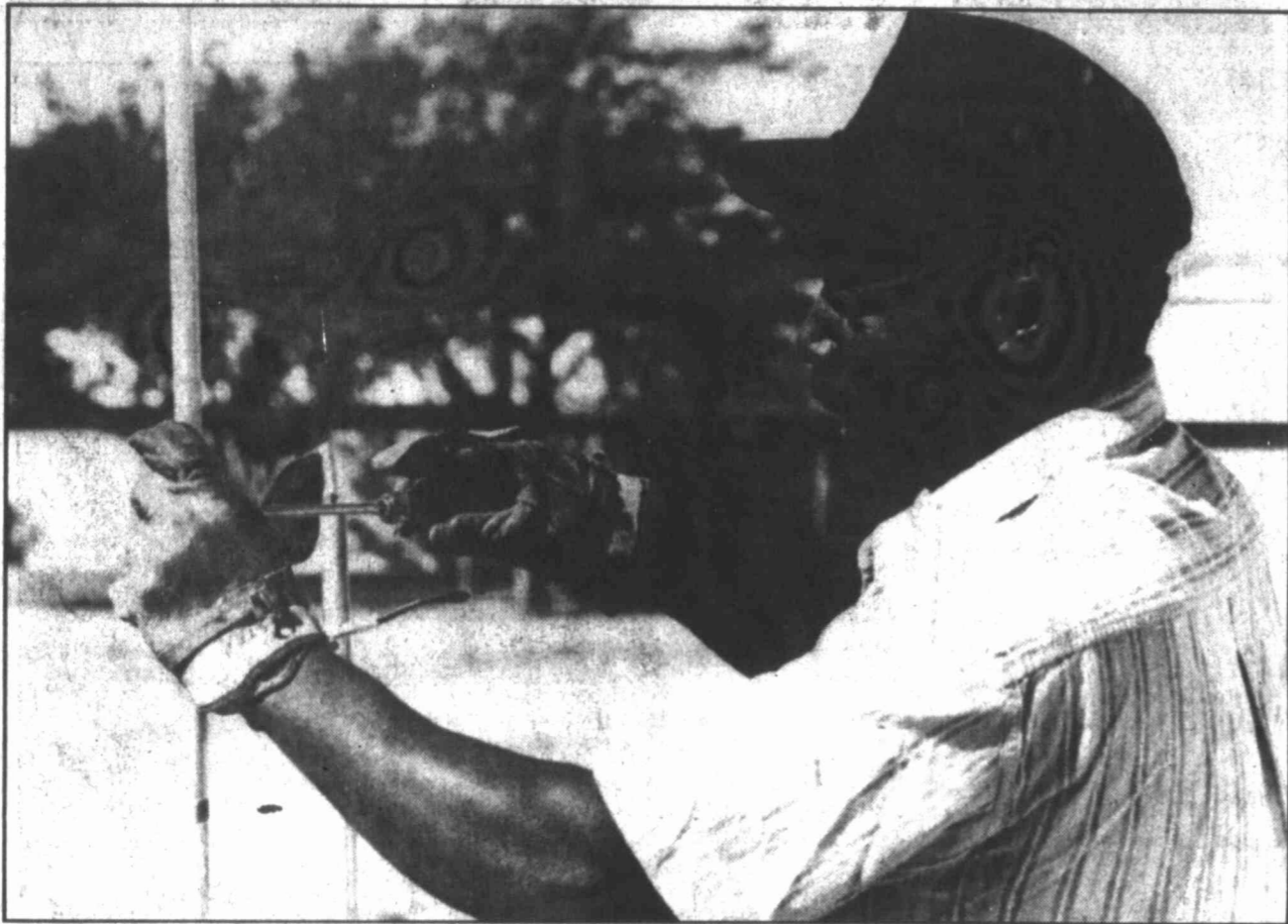
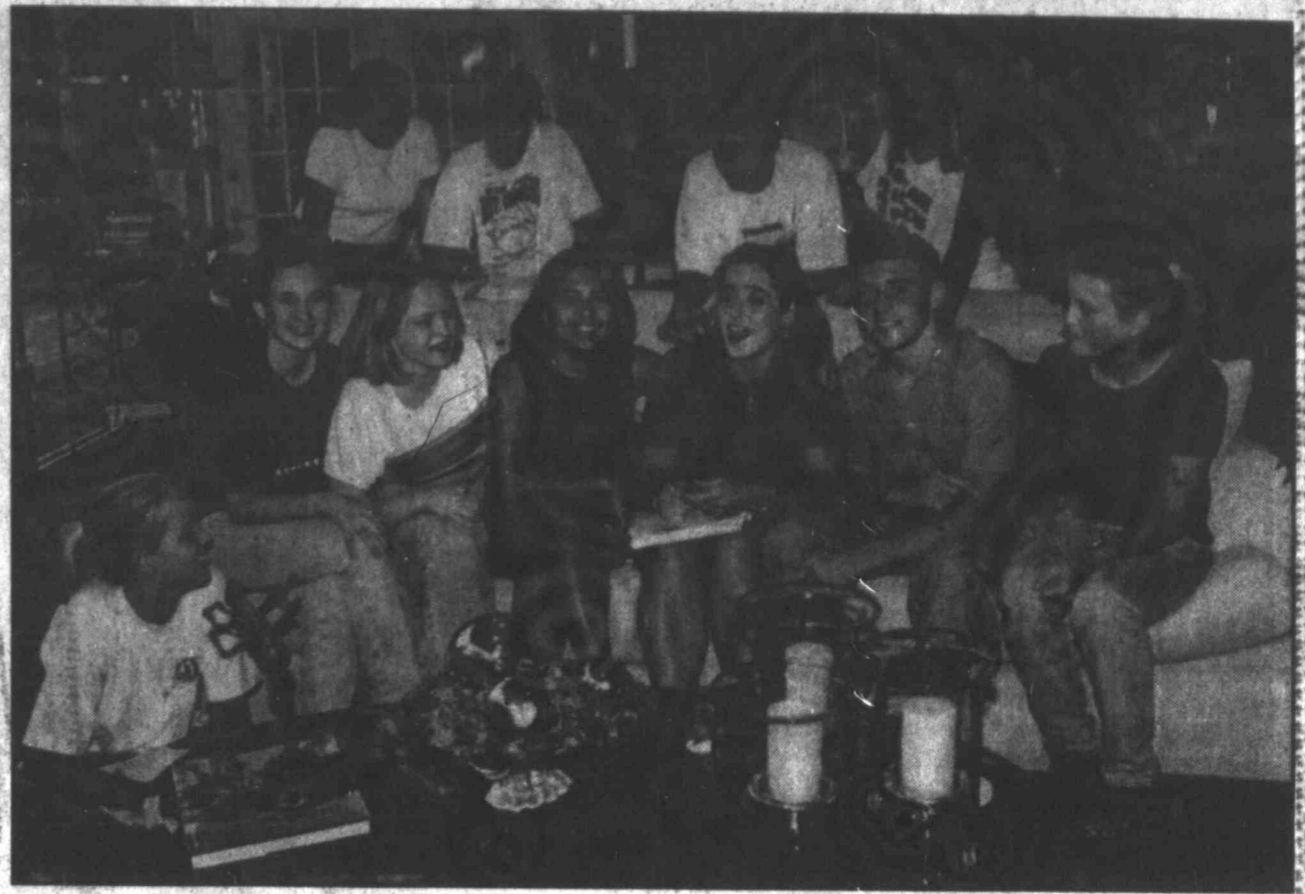
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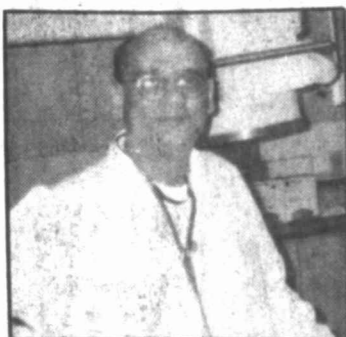


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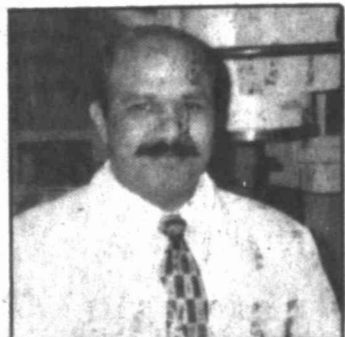
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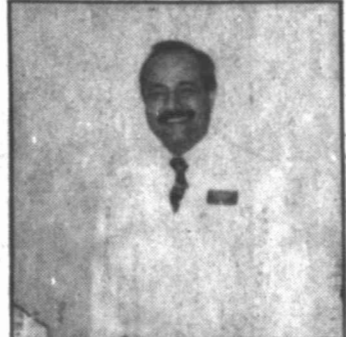
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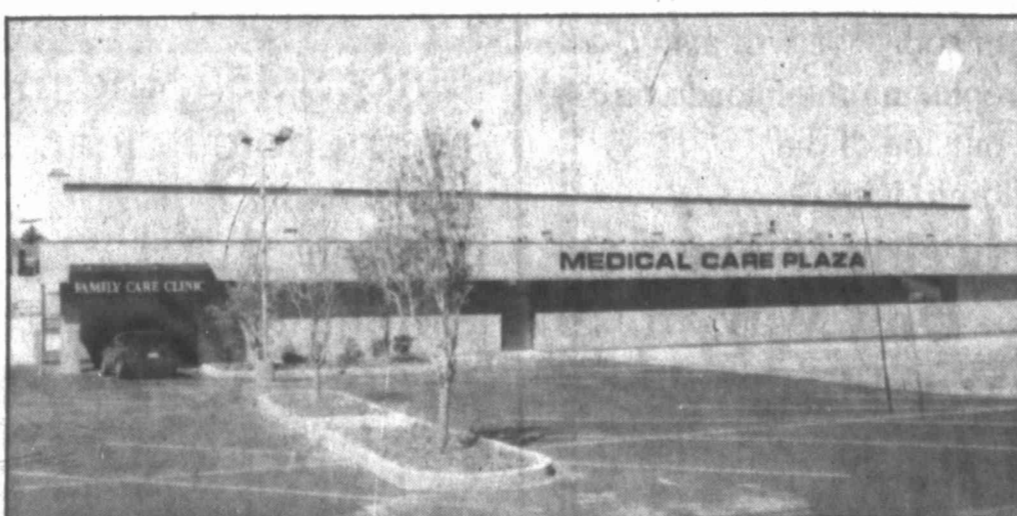
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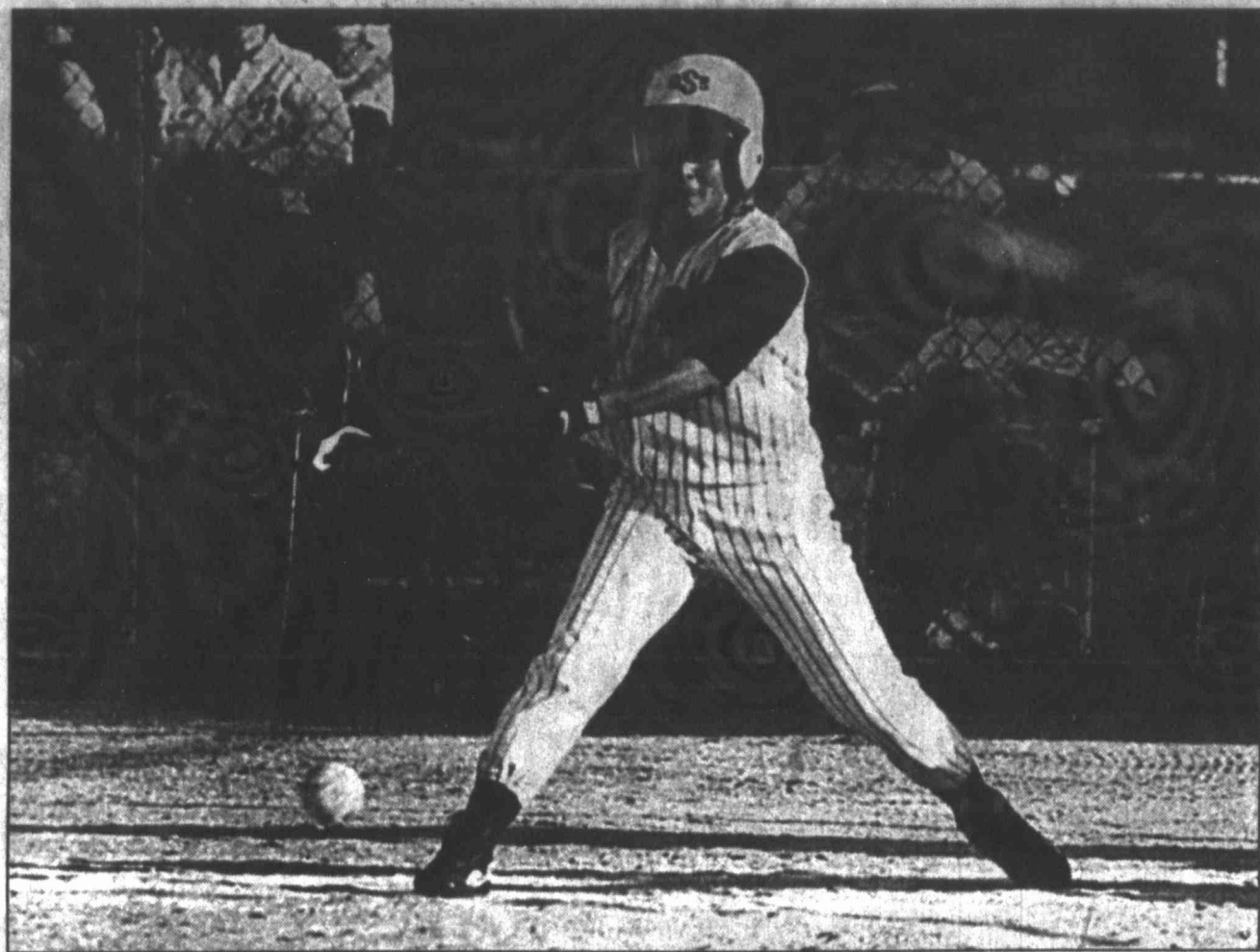


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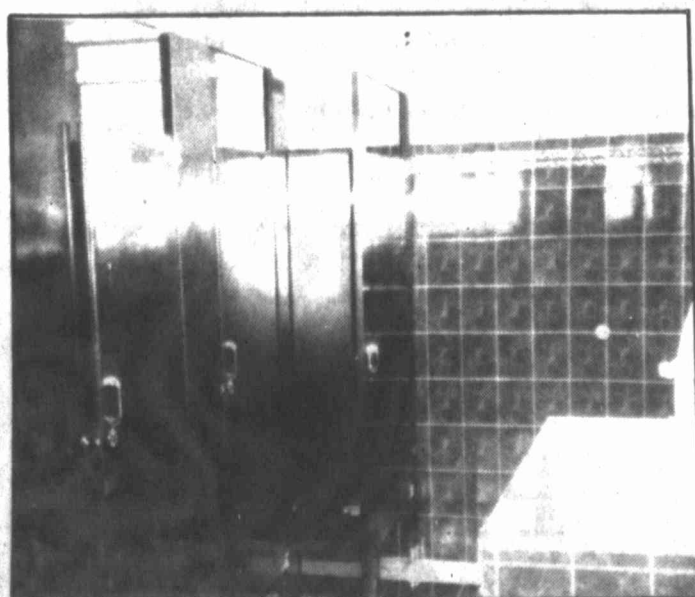
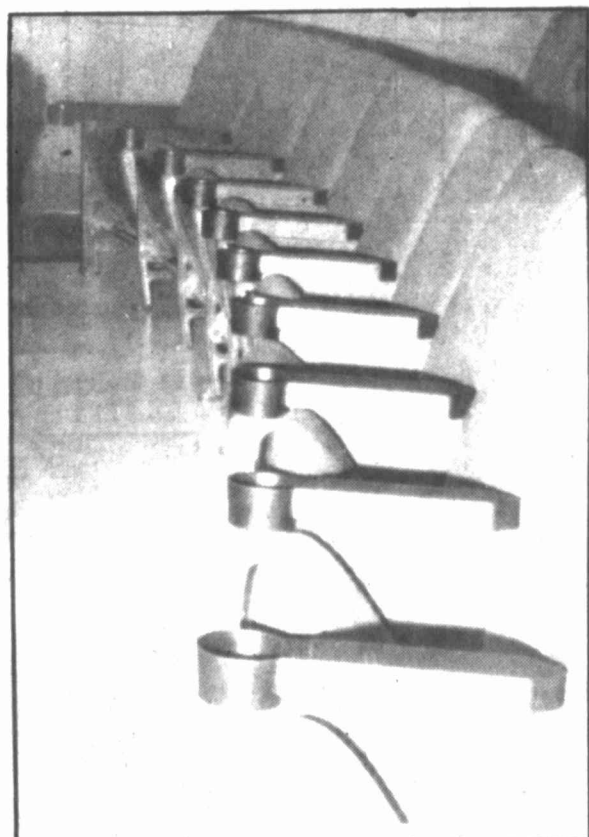
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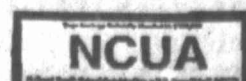
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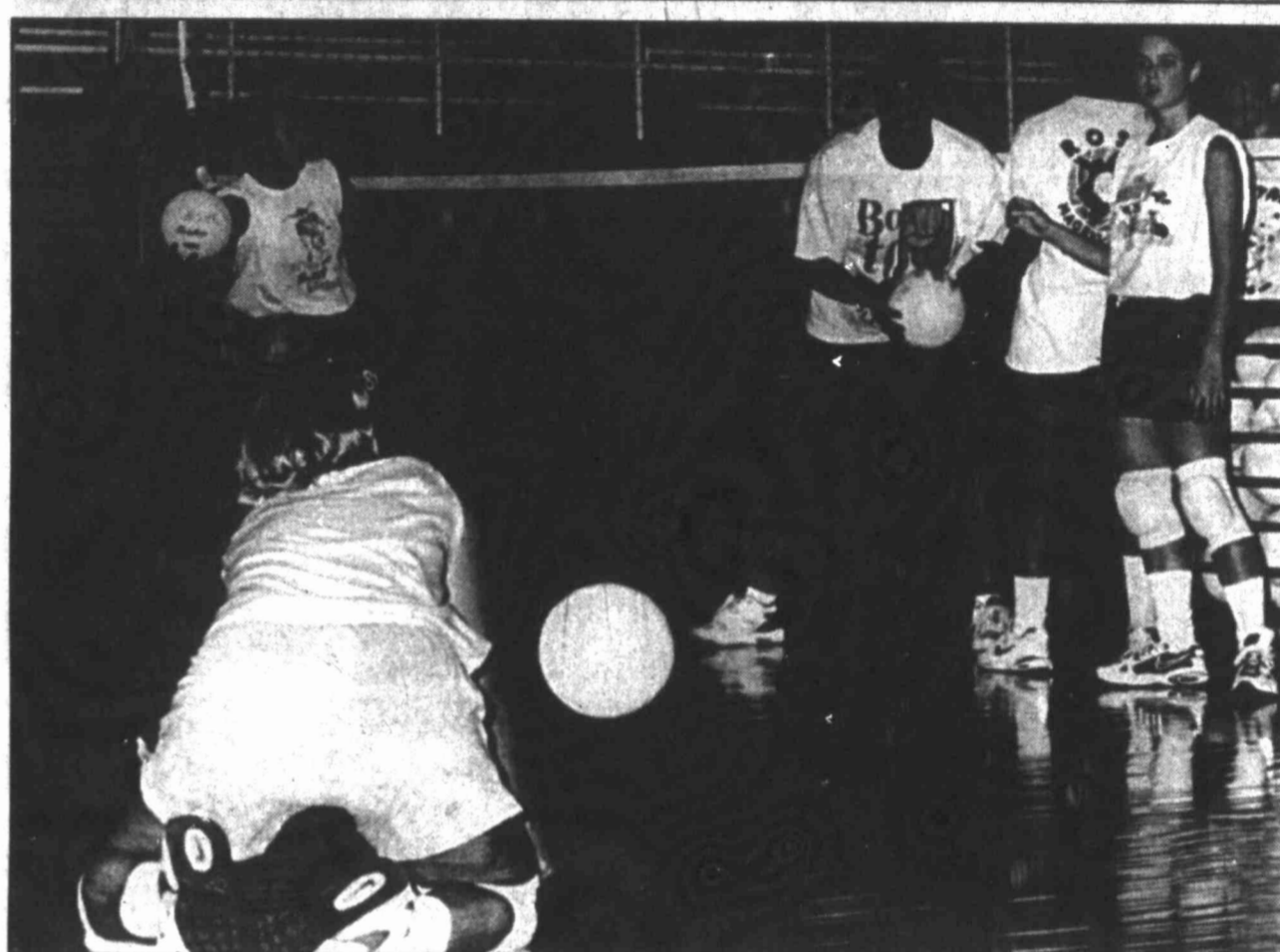
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Since acquiring MidTex Detentions (a prison management company based in Big Spring) in 1996 and making Charles (Chuck) Haugh (a Big Spring resident) its Executive Vice-President of Secure Institutions, Cornell Corrections, Inc. has more than doubled its size. In 1996, Cornell was a company that contracted to operate 20 private detention and pre-release facilities with a total capacity of 3,349 beds. Today, Cornell Corrections, Inc. contracts to operate 41 facilities in 11 states with a total offender capacity of approximately 8,000. Although Cornell Corrections, Inc. is a Houston based company, Chuck Haugh continues to keep his office in Big Spring because the Big Spring Correctional Complex is the largest concentration of institutions operated by Cornell, and as he states, "Big Spring has become home to my family; we love it here."

In Big Spring, Cornell Corrections, Inc. currently has 1,300 prisoner beds contracted to the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Additionally, the INS has a cadre of staff located at the facilities where, in conjunction with the Executive Office of Immigration Review, immigration hearings are conducted for residents of these Cornell facilities as well as a other federal facilities in this area.

Cornell Corrections, Inc. is in Big Spring because of a unique arrangement between the City of Big Spring, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Cornell. The City, through an intergovernmental agreement, contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to incarcerate federal offenders. The City, in turn, sub-contracts with Cornell Corrections, Inc. to manage the institutions. In 1998, Cornell will pay the City approximately \$750,000 for contract maintenance and lease fees.

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Established in June, 1989, the Interstate Unit is located at Interstate 20 and Highway 176. It provides approximately 360 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 70 employees.

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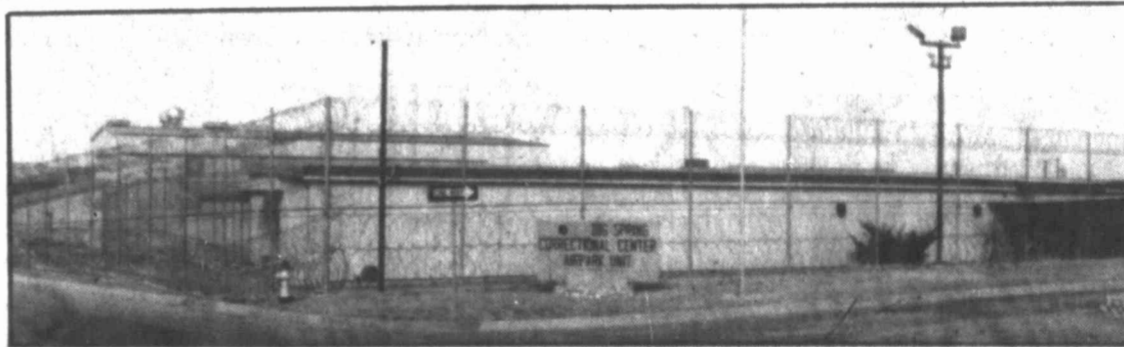
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Established in February, 1995, the Flightline Unit is located on the west side of the McMahon-Wrinkle Air field near the main runway. It provides approximately 500 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 100 employees.

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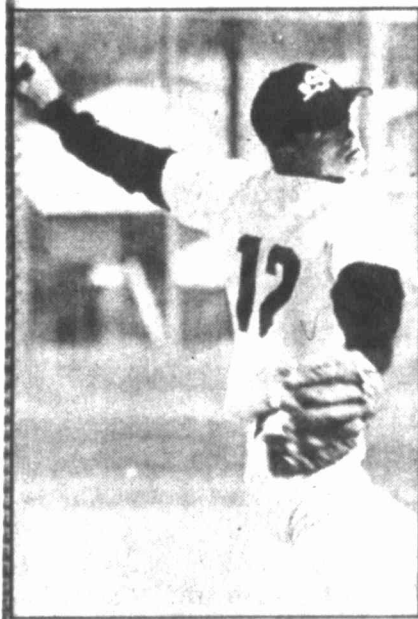
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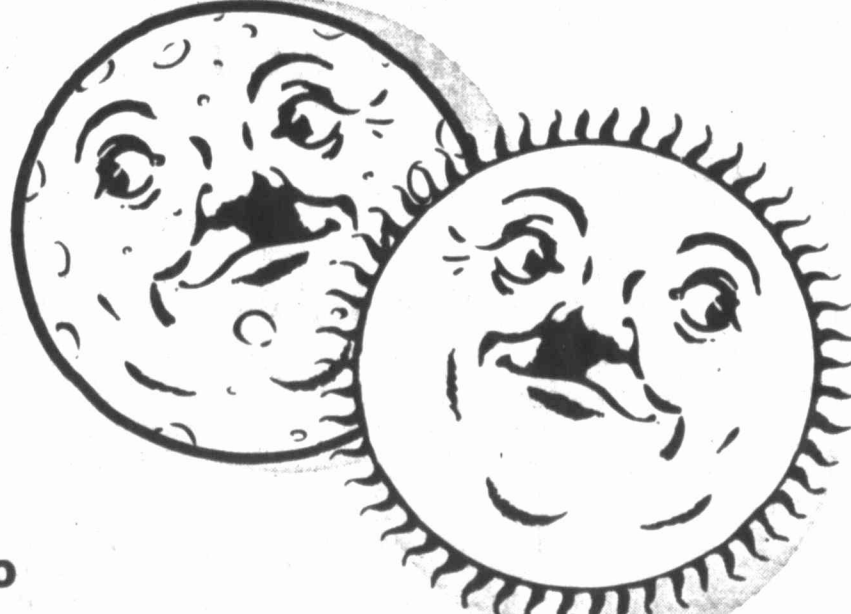
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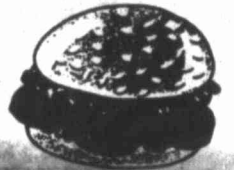
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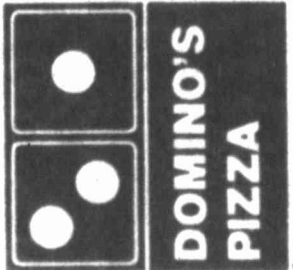
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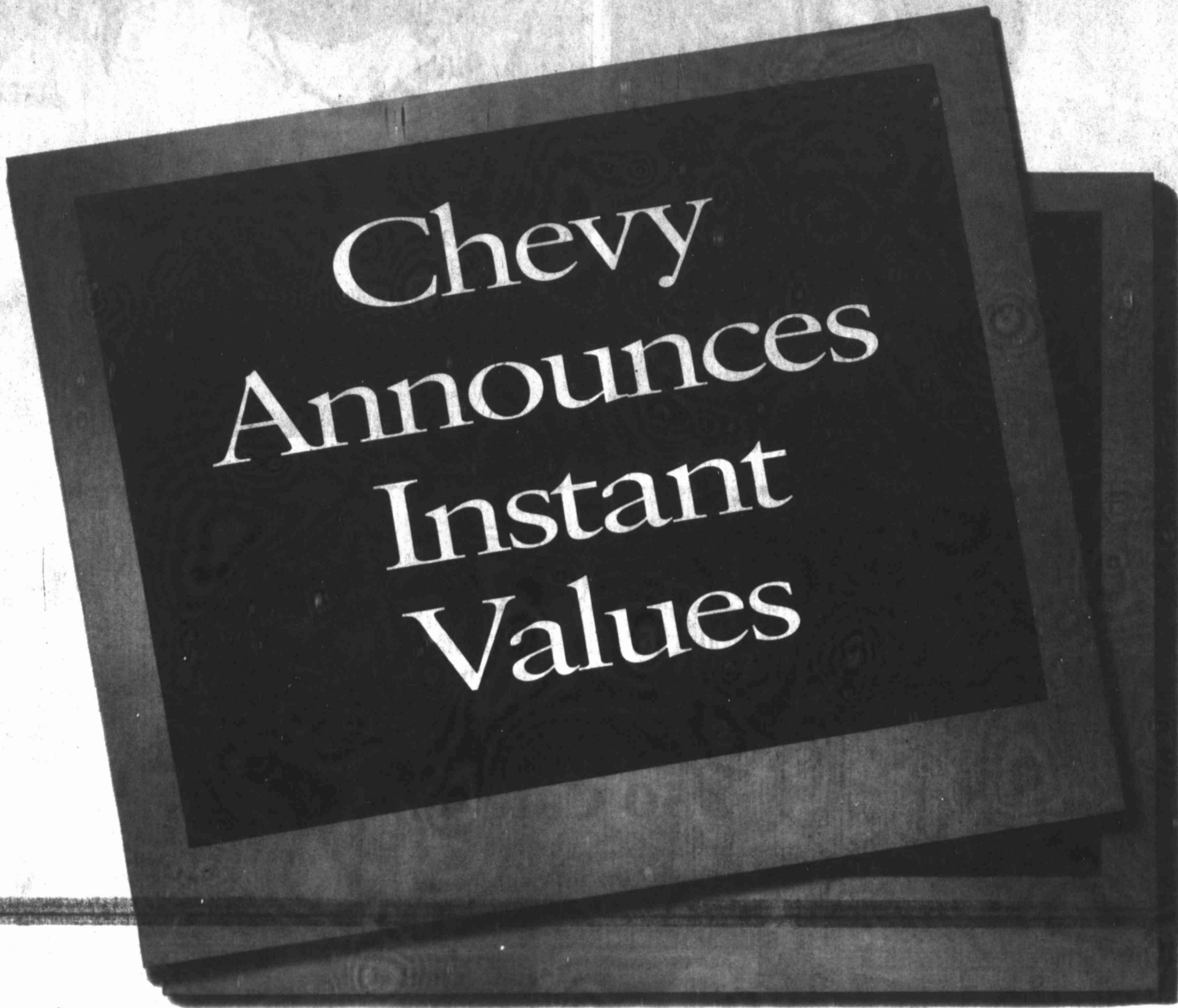
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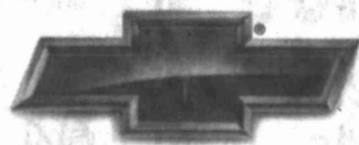




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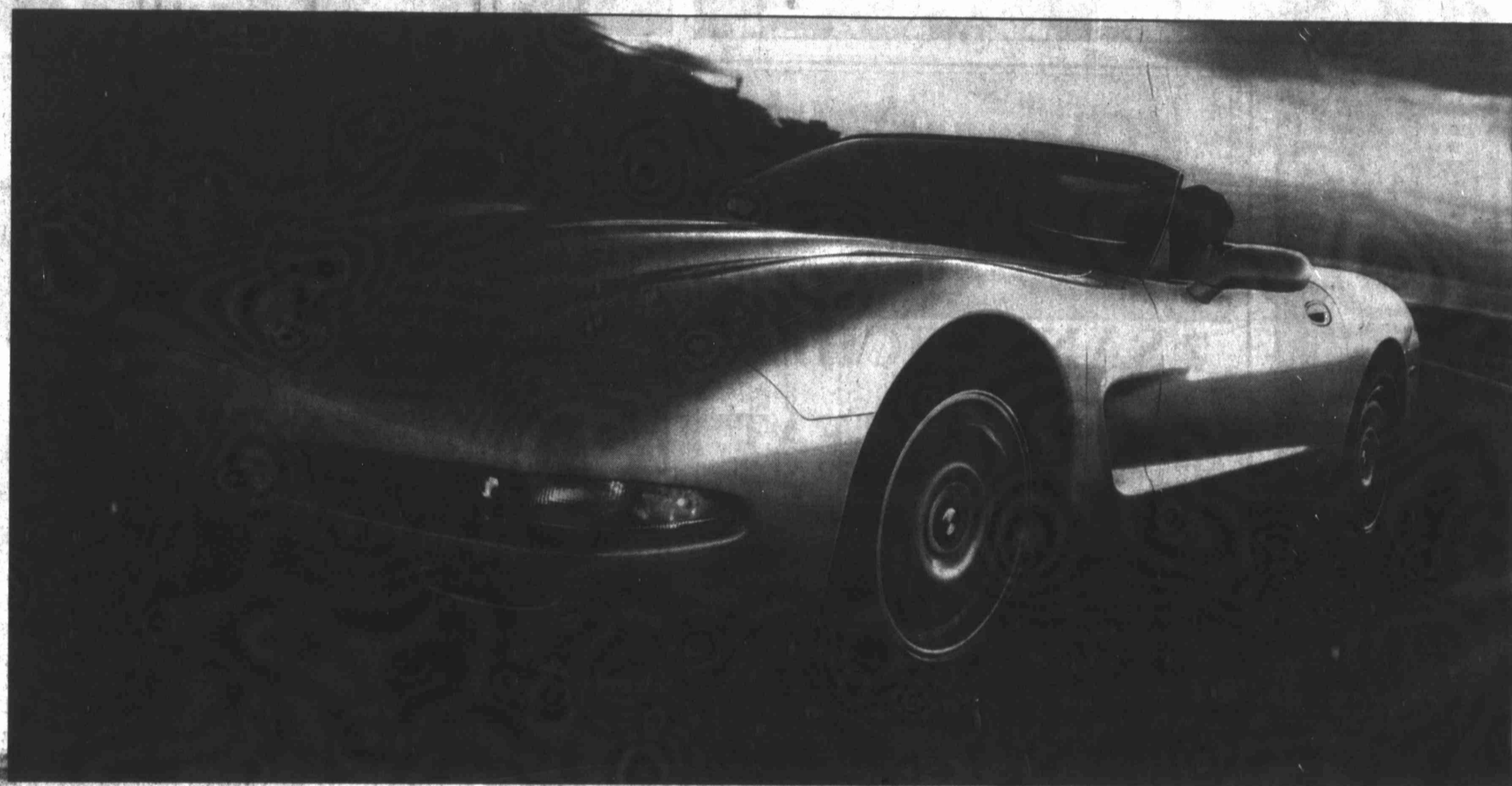
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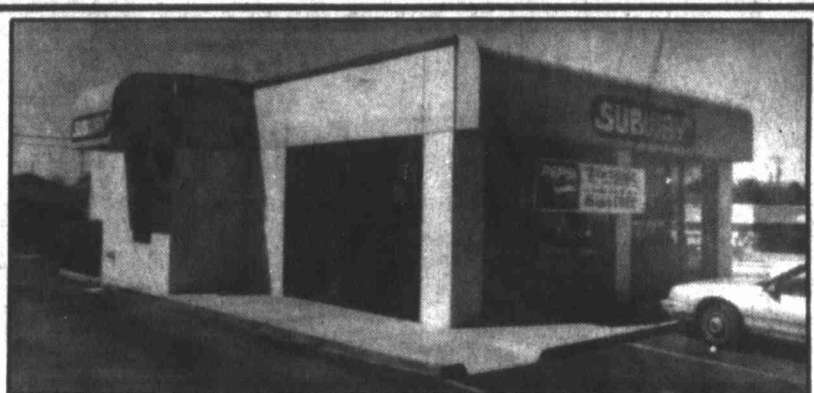


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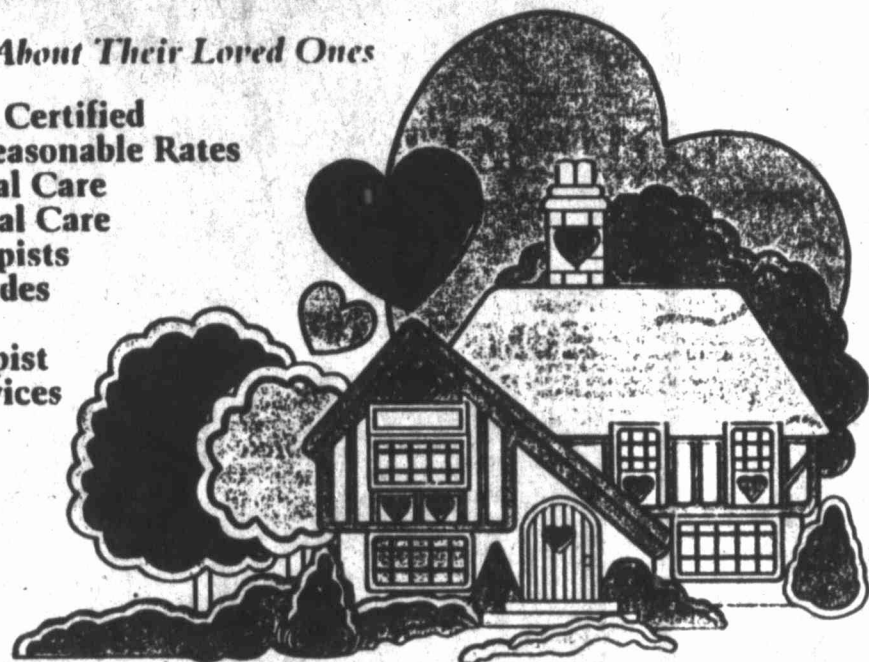
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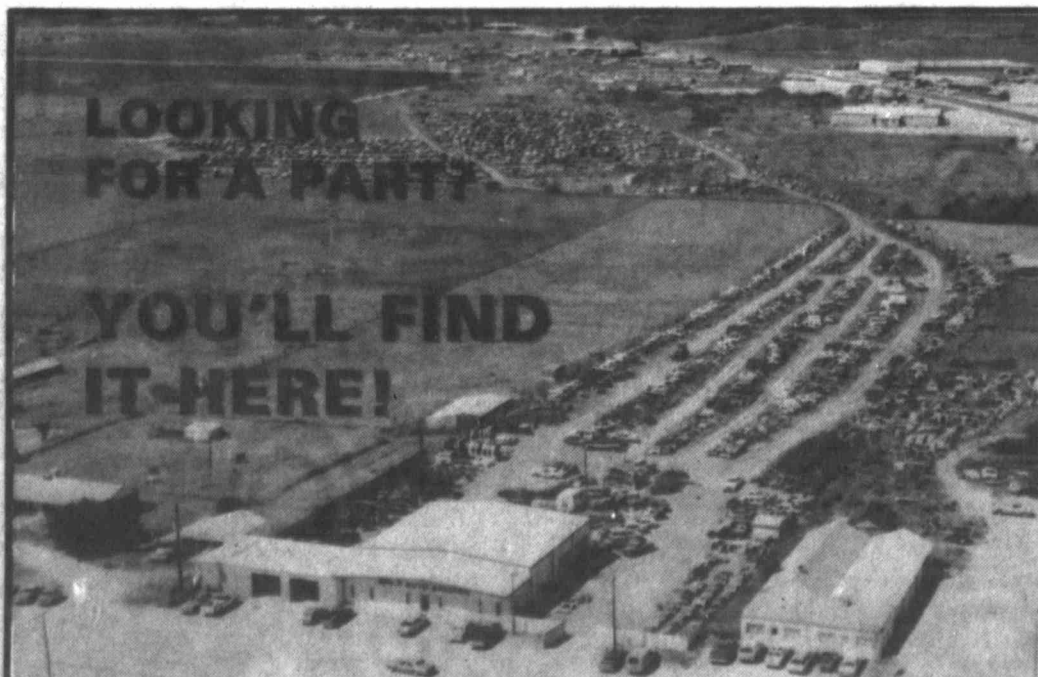
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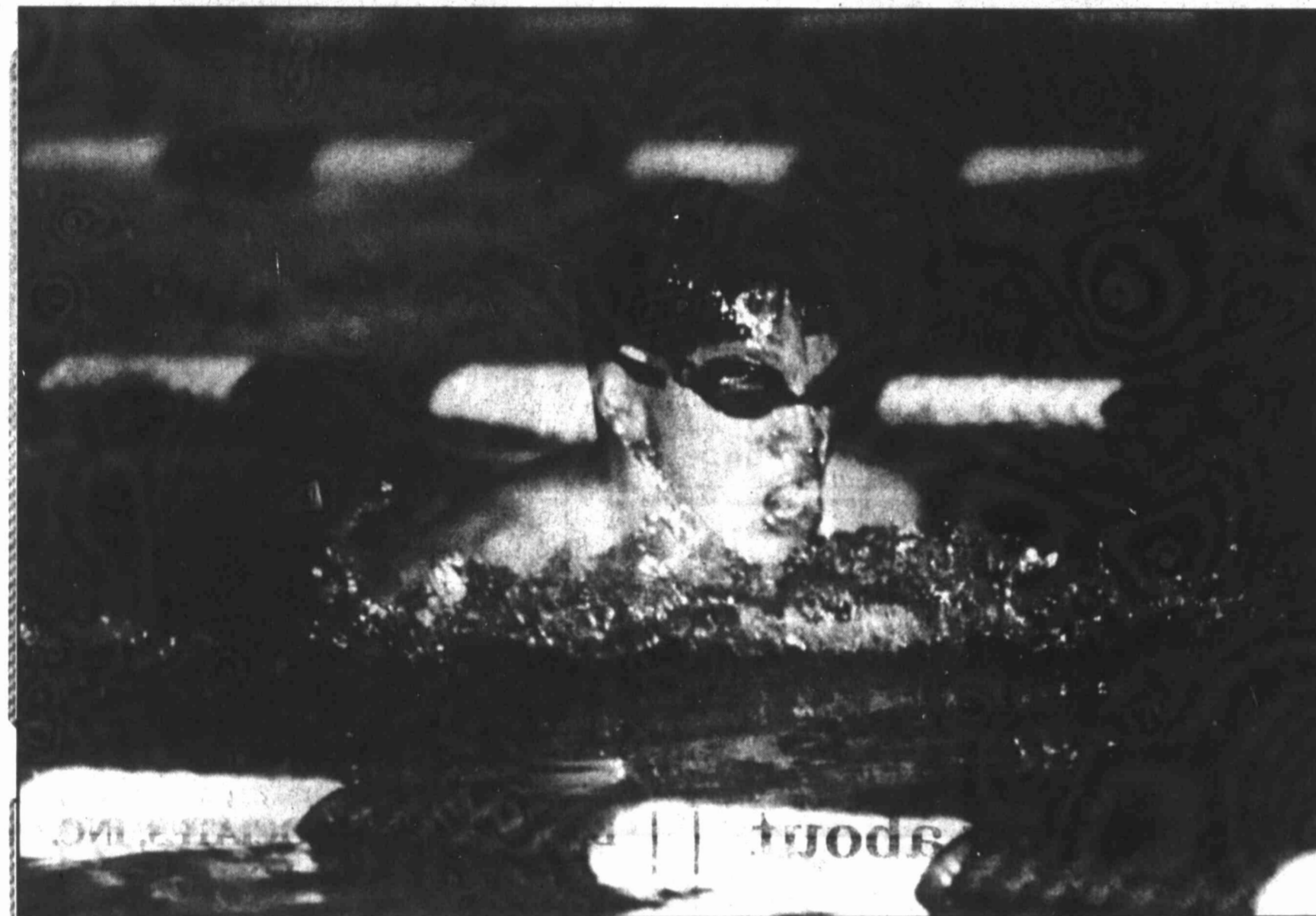
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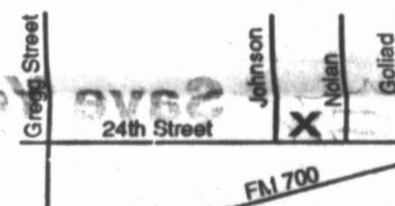
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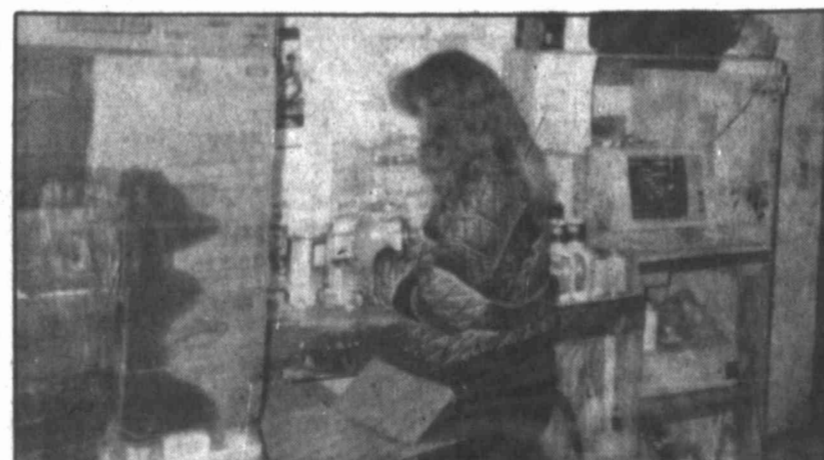


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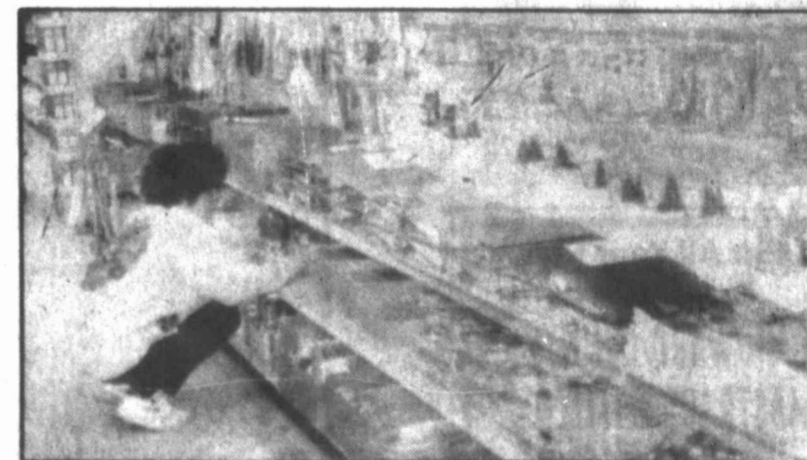


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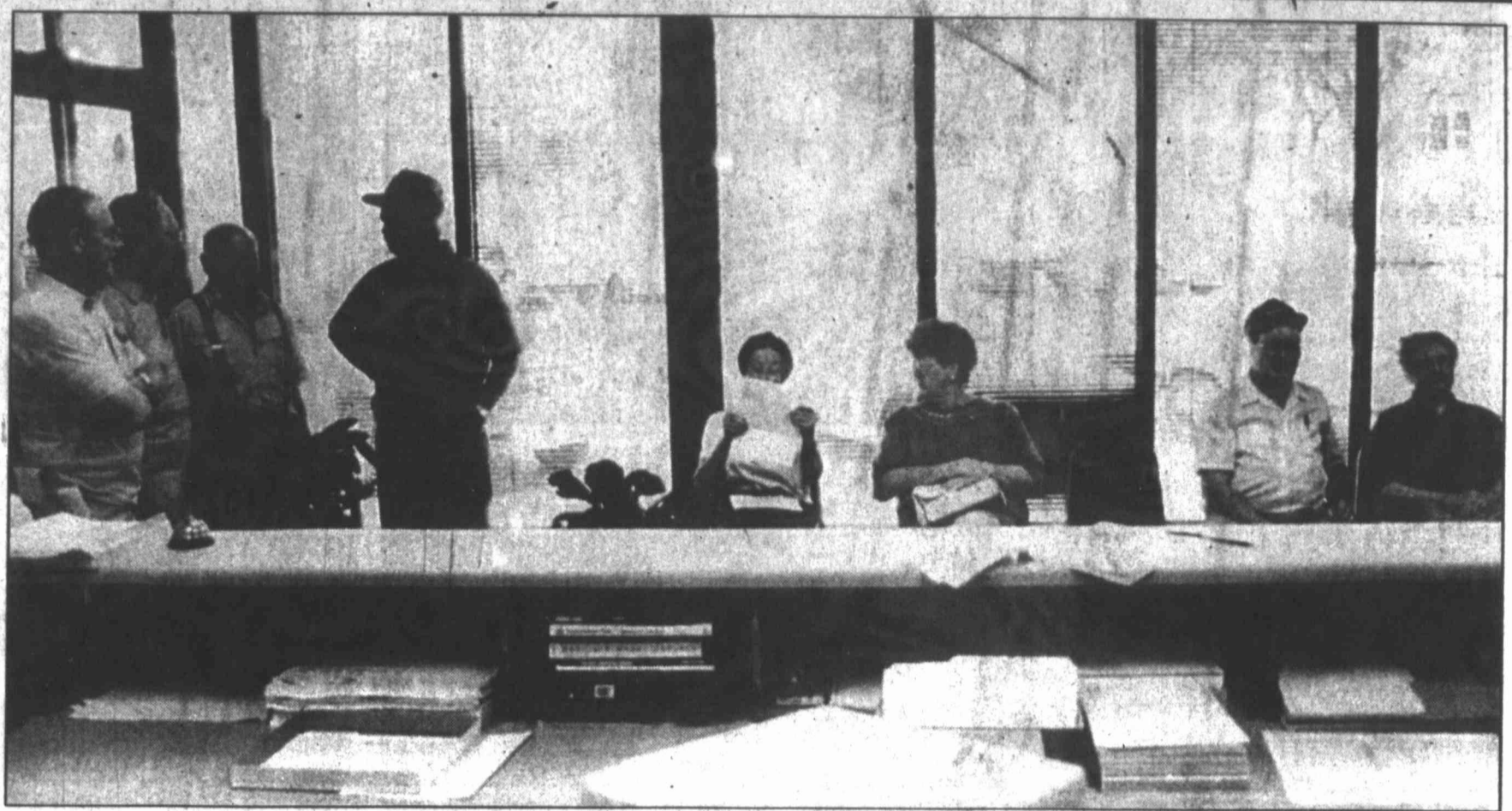


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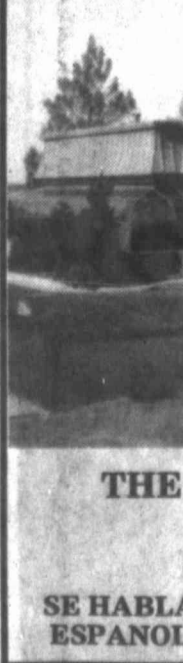
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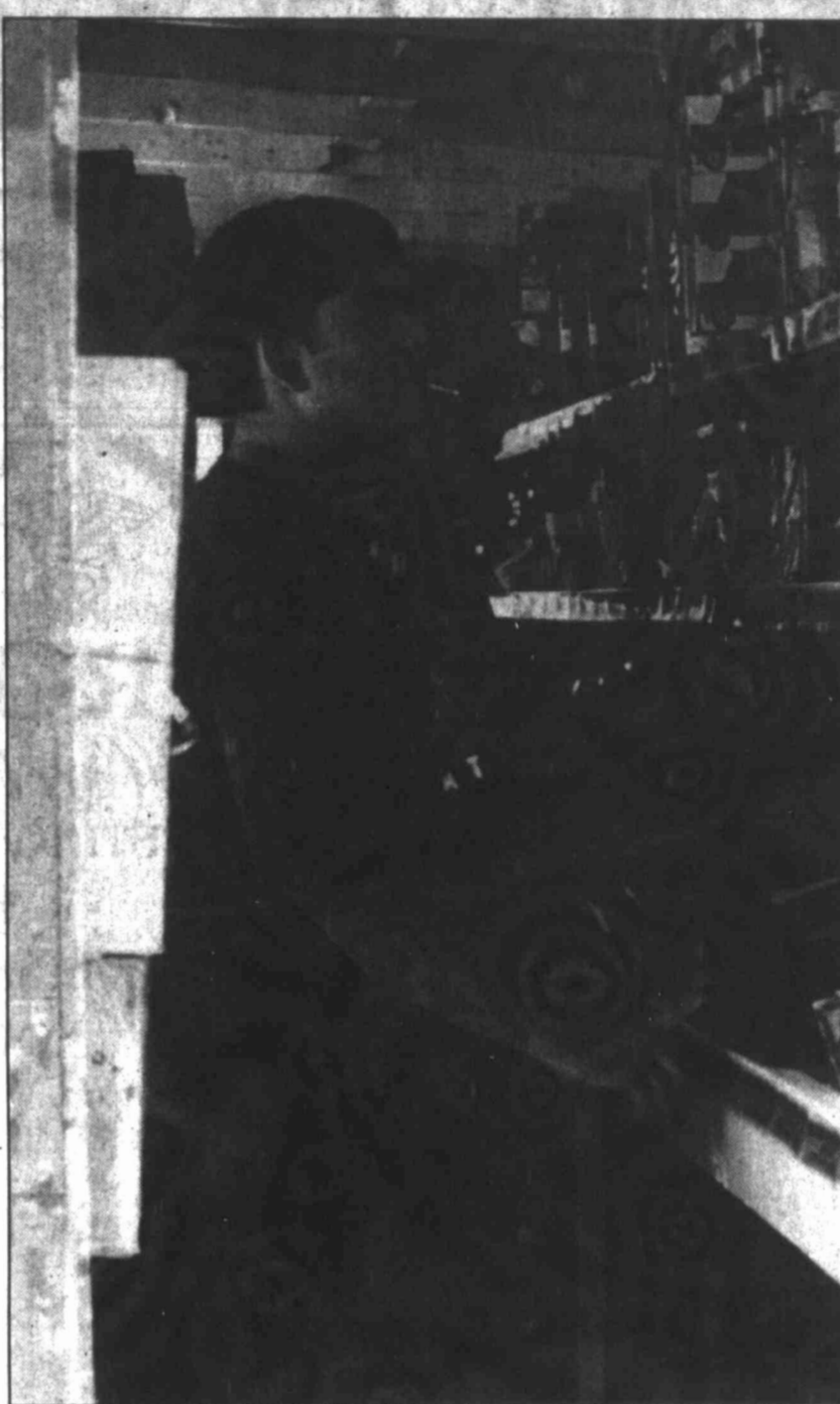


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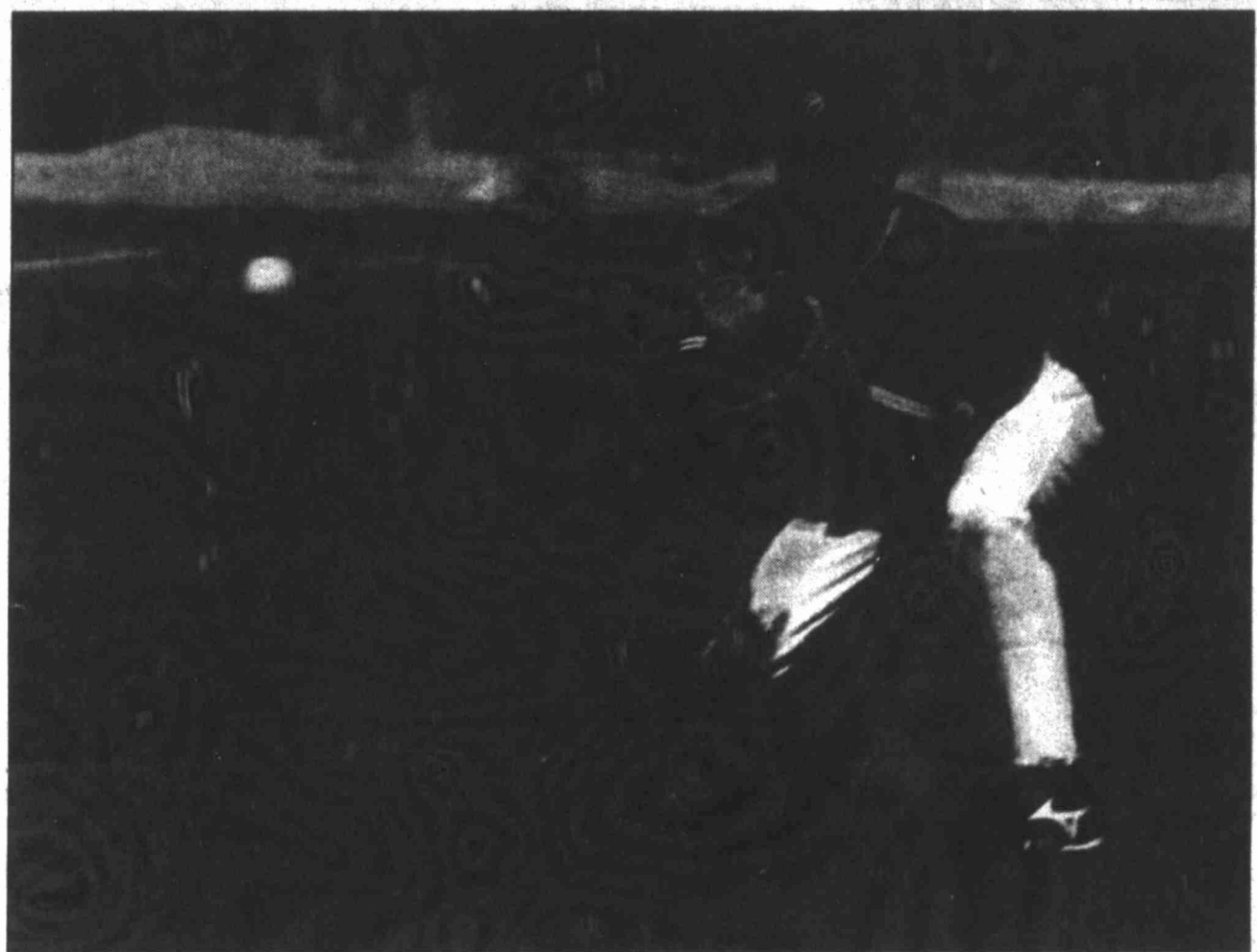
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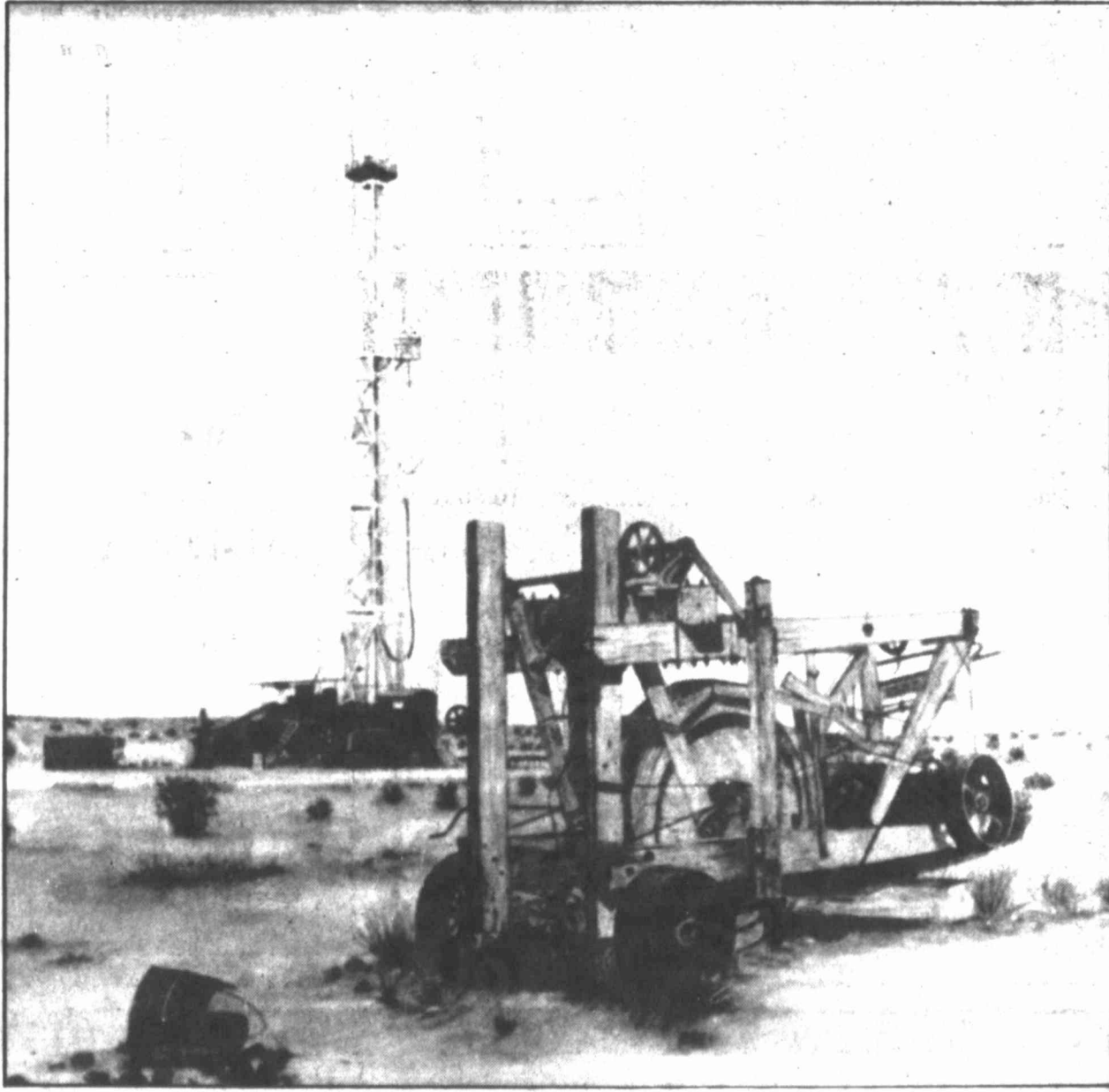


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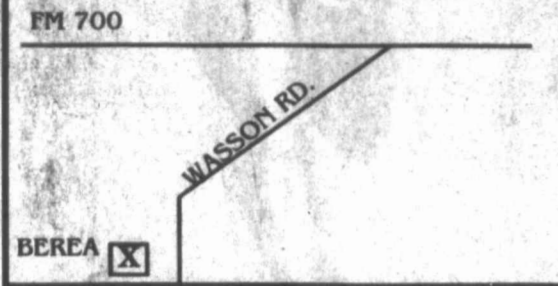
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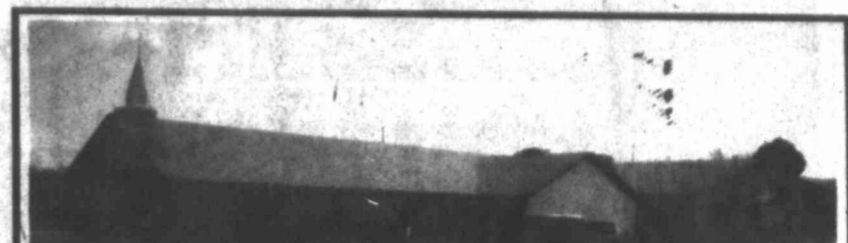
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Youth Choir.....5:00 P.M.  
Adult Discipleship.....5:00 P.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**  
RA's, GA's & Mission Friends.....7:00 A.M.  
Praise & Worship Service.....7:00 P.M.  
Youth Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.  
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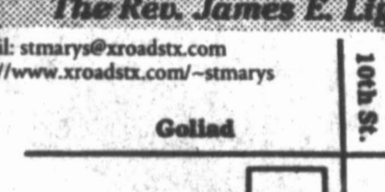


**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Holy Communion - Sunday.....8:00 A.M.  
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Sunday Evening Worship.....7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

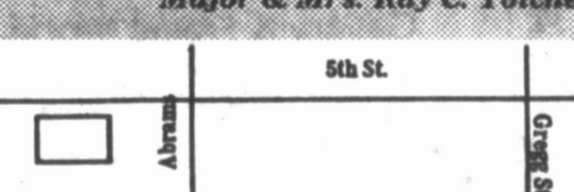

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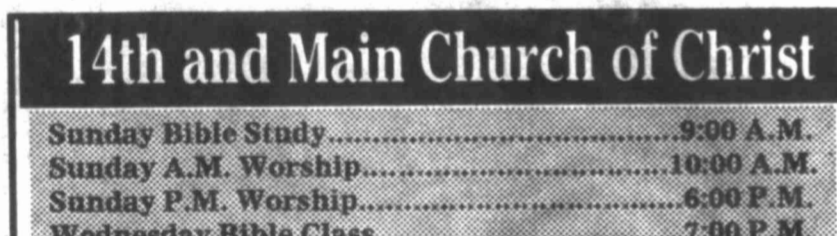
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Choir Rehearsal.....5:00 p.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
Canterbury Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer  
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Youth Bible Study.....6:45 p.m.  
Kid's Club.....6:45 p.m.




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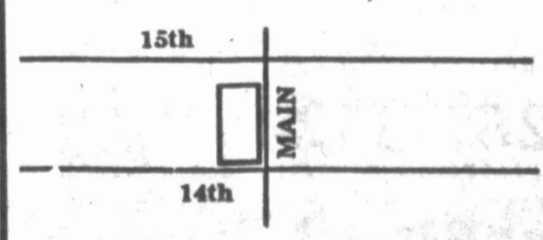

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Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.  
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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
4:00 p.m. Youth Church  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. Matrons Circle  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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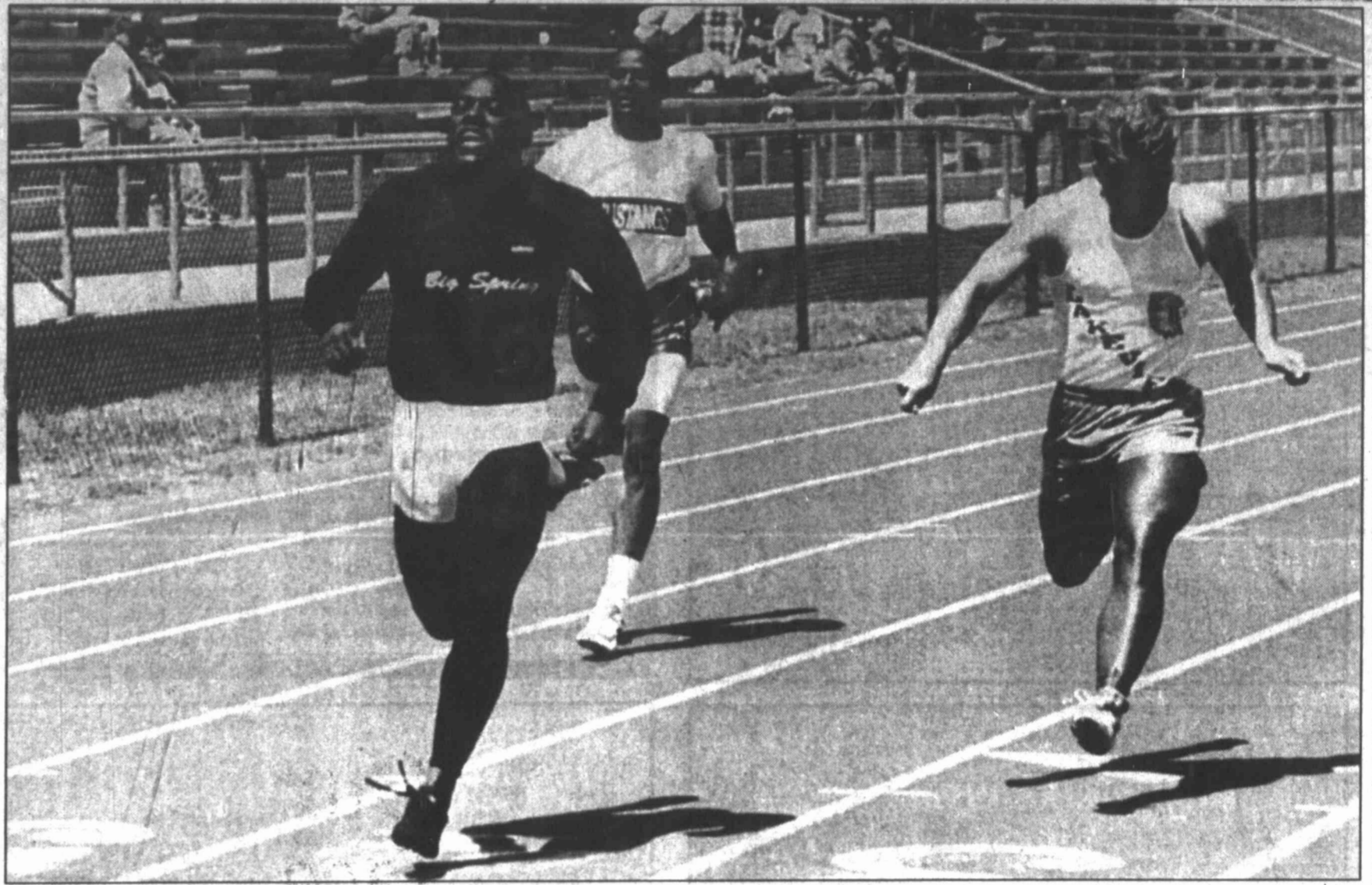
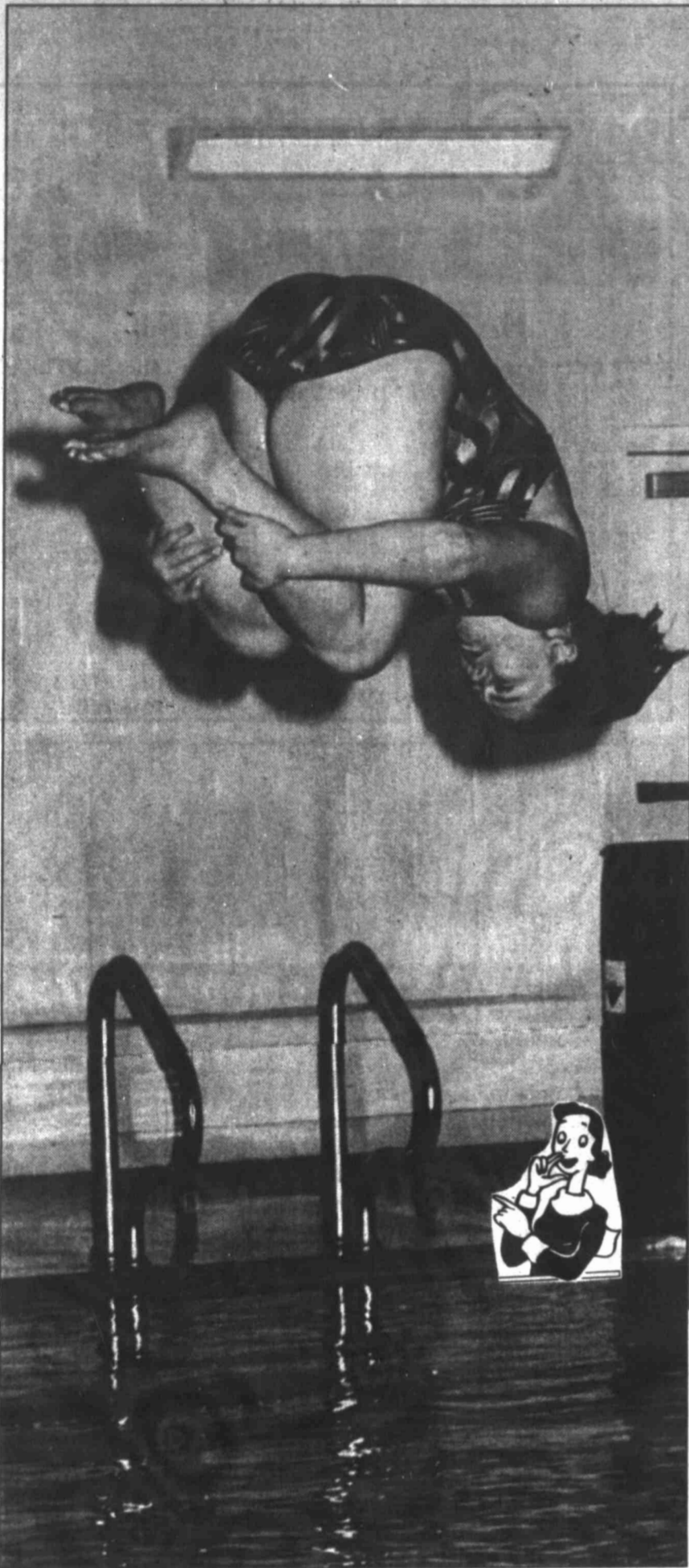
**PASTOR F.M. SMALL**  
**SUNDAY**

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Praise & Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church.....10:30 a.m.

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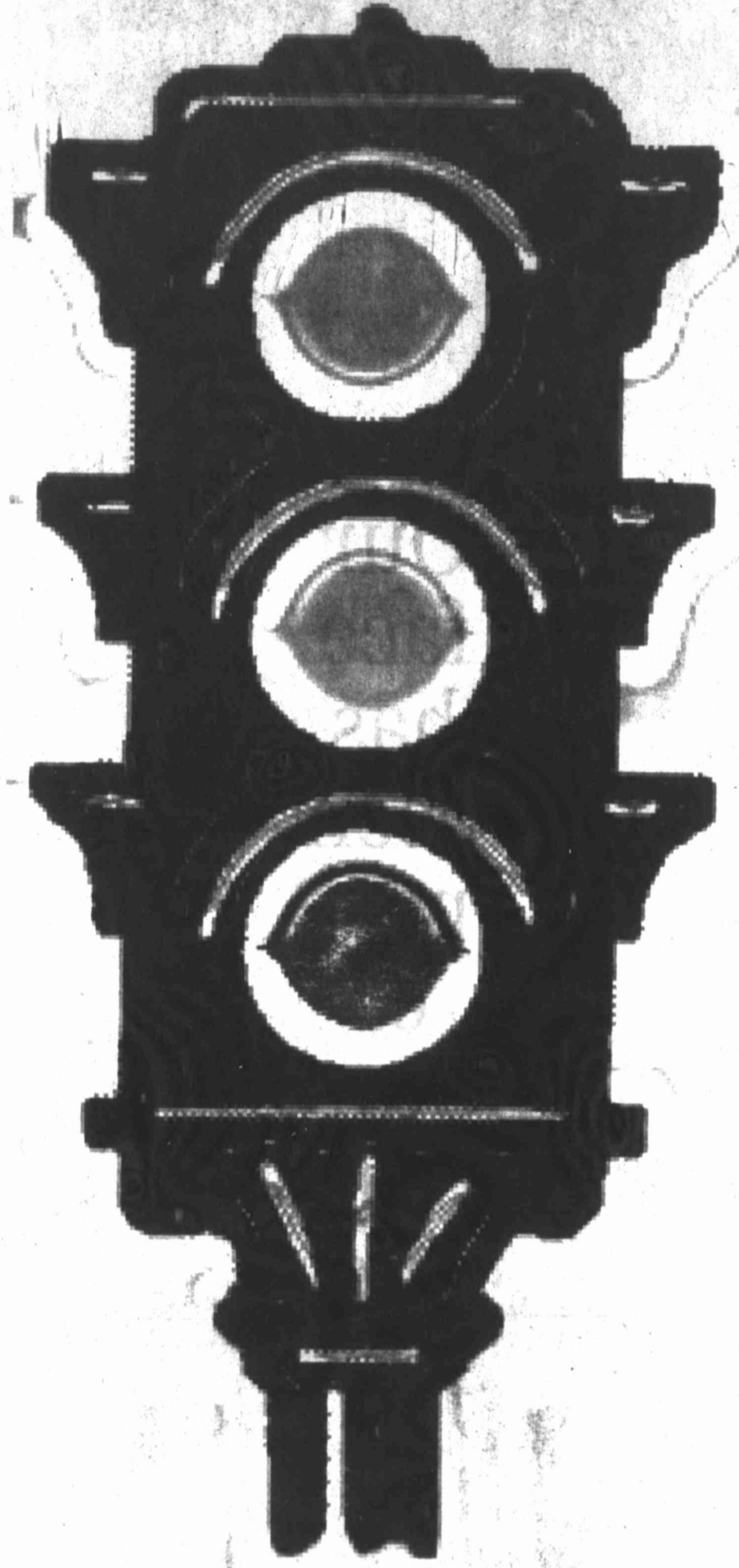
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