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## Top newsmakers of 1988



**Phillip Niedzielski-Hobbs** ...Led EDSC Miss Hereford  
**Deanna Eichner** ...1988  
**Don Cumpston** ...led team to area  
**Troy Don Moore** ...chaired WDIC/EDSC  
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**Christmas Stocking Fund** ...YOU set a new record  
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## Year of change, triumph in Hereford

By SPEEDY NIEMAN  
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When you look back over a year's worth of stories, it's impossible to arbitrarily decide which specific story should be No. 1 or No. 10 or not selected at all for someone's list.

Every year, there are dozens of important stories. Some stories are important for all, some stories aren't important at all.

But, with generalization, there were themes to 1988's news.

There was evidence of change throughout the year as we took an in-depth look at where we have been, where we are now, and where we'll be in the future.

The Waste Deposit Impact Committee changed to the Economic Development Strategy Council to the Economic Development Council. They researched where we have been, looked at our present situation, and helped us map our future.

Thousands of square feet of office space was vacated as the Department of Energy and associated contractors closed their operations with the Salt Repository Project.

Congress had decided in December 1987 to concentrate its efforts to bury high-level nuclear waste in Nevada. Gone were over 300 jobs. Hereford's housing market was no longer filled with "Want to Buy," but with "For Sale, Lease or Rent."

It was a year of change among our elected officials, with changes from the City Hall to the nation's capitol.

Elected officials and other community leaders also helped promote change and betterment around the region and the state.

Bob Josserand, taking time away from his practically-full-time job as president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Association, and Frank Barrett served on a governor's task force to promote agricultural development.

Hereford Mayor Wes Fisher helped form a regional task force of area cities to give the Panhandle better representation in Austin.

Many others had leading roles in area, state and national organizations.

1988 was a year when we could point to our young people with pride. Perhaps that is the best story of all.

It wasn't a shining moment, it was a shining year for our children. They starred in the academic and athletic achievement.

Hereford qualified teams or individual players for the state playoffs in girls track, girls, boys and team tennis, boys and girls cross-country, baseball, volleyball and football.

Jim Bob Parker went to the State UIL literary meet and John Mark Streum went to the National Citizen Bee to lead a long list of academic achievers.

Hereford's young people helped themselves, too, beginning peer-group programs to help each other fight the temptation to abuse drugs, alcohol and sex.

If our young people are our future, they proved in 1988 that we are in store for good things.

### JANUARY

2--Millard Moon, 47, escaped from the Jester III Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections, using a fire to mask his escape. Moon was sentenced to life in prison on April 21, 1980 for the murder of Lillie Mae Walker on Jan. 1, 1980.

5--The list of candidates for the March 8 Super Tuesday primary sweeled with last-minute filings.

Local races included Ted Langgood on the GOP ticket to face incumbent Sheriff Joe Brown; incumbent Precinct 1 commissioner Bill Brady challenged by Lupe Chavez, John Stribling Jr., and Gloria Salinas Hubner; and Gerald McCathern for the Democratic slot opposite incumbent Republican Larry Combust for the U.S. Representative's seat from the 19th District.

5--The 1987 Christmas Stocking Fund set a new record, with total contributions of \$13,600, eclipsing the old record of \$10,600 set in 1986.

5--The Hereford boys' varsity basketball team picked up its first district win with a 66-53 win over Pampa.

6--Betty Drake was named the Woman of the Year at the annual installation banquet of the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

6--State Rep. John Smithce vowed to fight a state income tax, and also pledged to help on legislation concerning insurance regulations, tort reform and workmens' compensation.

7--A 15-member board was formed to investigate the possibility of constructing a juvenile home here in conjunction with Buckner's

Childrens Home.

8--The Waste Deposit Impact Committee held one of its final meetings as the WDIC. The group, which was formed as an oversight group over Department of Energy activities in the county, agreed to a plan which would determine the needs and desires of Hereford and Deaf Smith County and develop a plan to fill the needs and desires.

13--Lalean Henry was named 1988 president of the United Way of Deaf Smith County at a UWDSC board of directors meeting.

13--Hereford High School juniors registered a decline in their 1987 TEAMS test scores from scores posted by the previous year's juniors.

14--Officials were left wondering by a wandering whooping crane at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The birds usually spend the winter along the Texas gulf coast, but the crane had been seen for over two months in the lake area near Umbarger.

15--Building permits for 1987 totalled \$6.1 million, well above the 1986 total of \$2 million but well below the \$11.8 million total in 1985.

17--Area sugarbeet growers received praise for their 1987

efforts, learned results of demonstrations, and received a pep talk at the annual meeting of the Texas Sugarbeet Growers Association.

19--Raymond Schlabs was named the Hereford Brand's Man of the Year in Agriculture at the annual Texas Sugarbeet Growers Association banquet.

19--The 1988 farm program, the Conservation Reserve Program and conservation compliance were outlined at a special meeting.

20--Walcott school superintendent Dr. Bill McLaughlin was rehired on a 4-3 vote of the Walcott school board.

20--Technology and controversy dominated the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference. Extension Service personnel and other experts detailed procedures for new crops for the area, while Texas Department of Agriculture personnel outlined the Texas Agricultural Hazard Communication Law.

20--Jim Bob Parker was named as a finalist for the academic all-state football team.

22--Whitney Whitaker was named Miss HHS and Marcus Brown was chosen Mr. HHS at the annual Koobraey assembly at Hereford High School.

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## Cosper has enjoyed service



### Pheasantly surprised

Game warden Chuck Cosper frequently takes this stance or climbs on top of his Ram Charger when scouting for hunters who are violating the law, such as shooting a pheasant hen. His spotting scope can read a license plate at half a mile.

BY ANDREA HOOTEN  
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The locals at the coffee shop say Chuck Cosper would give his mother a ticket if she were caught fishing without a license.

"I just say 'No, she's over 65 and she doesn't need one,'" said Cosper, the area's game warden who never turns his head when a friend, relative or ne'er-do-well disobeys the hunting laws he's commissioned to uphold.

This 49-year-old with a solid handshake and an easy smile won't be scouting the grasslands much longer. After 20 years of early morning expeditions and work on the holidays, Cosper is taking early retirement.

Starting Jan. 31, Cosper will be a pilot for Nutrition Service Associates Inc., flying with the birds he spent so many years protecting.

"I've been flying since '71 and I've been flying for Nutrition Services on my days off," said Cosper, who patrols Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties. "Finally, they decided they needed a full-time pilot, they made me an offer, and I took it."

Leaving law enforcement, especially the game warden side of it, will have its disadvantages.

"Since I was a little ole bitty kid I've had the desire to be in law enforcement. I looked at all the areas of law enforcement and I decided this was it. You're your own boss, you have a lot of freedom," Cosper said, as one finger cocked his cowboy hat to the back of his head.

"In other areas of law enforcement you're told when to go to work, when to go home and where to work. I'd rather do my own thing."

Doing his own thing may require rolling out of bed at 2 a.m. and scanning the fields for illegal  
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## Local Roundup

### Two jewelry thefts reported

\$15,000 worth of jewelry was stolen in two separate thefts reported Friday to Hereford police.

\$10,000 worth of jewelry was stolen in the 100 block of Aspen, and \$5,000 worth was stolen in the 100 block of Mimosa.

A microwave and other miscellaneous items were taken in another burglary in the 400 block of Avenue G.

Other reports included thefts of beer in the 1300 block of East First and in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue; cruelty to animals in the 700 block of Stanton; \$200 damage to a vehicle in a criminal mischief incident in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue; a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Bradley; and criminal mischief in the 600 block of Stanton.

Police arrested a man, 36, in the 600 block of Main for public intoxication and a man, 25, in the 600 block of Avenue F for second offense of no liability insurance.

### No school for HISD on Monday

Hereford public school students will not be attending school on Monday, contrary to a report in Friday's Local Roundup.

The Brand inadvertently used an incorrect copy of the 1988-89 school calendar, which had listed Jan. 2 as a school day. The day will be a work day for teachers, and public school students will resume classes on Tuesday.

The Brand regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the mistake.

### EDC to meet Tuesday

The Economic Development Commission will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at Hereford City Hall.

The council will discuss a consultant's report on operating plans and consider recommendations from the National Development Corporation.

The EDC will also consider the selection of an executive director. The meeting is open to the public.

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13--County approves \$1,500 to help pay for Panhandle Community Services van, approves tax abatement for Whiteface Ford. County commissioners learned that the jail is short 12 jailers, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

14--The Cowgirl Cafe, which will showcase items from the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Hereford, will open in February and plans are being made for a local group to attend the opening. A local food drive will boost the efforts of the Christmas Stocking Fund.

15--Kim Blackwell, defeated GOP candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, filed a lawsuit which alleged that illegal votes were cast in the Nov. 8 election.

16--Rocky Lee was elected as president of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for 1989.

18--The acquisition of First National Bank by FirstPerryton Bancorp was completed this week with formal approval of the sale of stock by the Sears family and James Witherspoon. Bruce Lee received the Policeman of the Year award. Mrs. Lee Cave won the retail merchants' "Live for Free in December" contest.

22--The Christmas Stocking Fund surpassed last year's record contribution total as funds went over the \$14,000-mark. Residential and business winners were picked for the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the chamber.

23--Businessmen and firms extend holiday greetings in the Christmas edition of The Brand. Tim Homer honored as volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

# Closing plan gets support

WASHINGTON (AP)--A plan to close 34 of the nation's major military facilities won the endorsement of key congressional leaders and appears headed for success.

In fact, Sen. Sam Nunn and Rep. Les Aspin, chairmen of the Senate and House armed services committees, say they would like to see even more obsolete bases closed.

Nunn, D-Ga., and Aspin, D-Wis., pledged to work hard to ensure that the plan is not blocked by lawmakers concerned over jobs lost in their districts.

Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci has until Jan. 15, five days before he leaves office, to approve or reject the entire package of recommendations, which were presented to the Pentagon on Thursday by the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. There appeared little doubt that Carlucci would back the proposal enthusiastically.

Congress then has to buy or reject the whole package, and initial comments suggested it would accept the commission's proposals despite hometown appeals from areas which would lose bases.

In all, the panel, led by former Republican congressman Jack Edwards of Alabama and Abraham Ribicoff, a former Democratic senator from Connecticut, called for closing 86 facilities, partially closing five, and changing the role and manpower levels at 54 others.

The cuts would save an estimated \$693 million annually and \$5.6 billion over the next two decades. That's a small fraction of the total Pentagon budget of about \$300 billion a year, but the closings could set a precedent.

"I think this ought to be a continuous source of study by the new (defense) secretary," said Nunn.

If Carlucci endorses the package, it will go to the White House for the president's signature unless both houses of Congress pass resolutions specifically rejecting it. Congress drafted the law creating the complex procedure, which was designed to reduce political pressure to keep the bases open.

Carlucci was vacationing over the holidays and had no immediate reaction to the recommendations, but spokesmen for the Army, Air Force and navy endorsed them.

An Army spokesman, Maj. Dick Bridges, said he saw "no unwarranted closures on the list" of bases. "If we don't need them, we should get rid of them."

Nunn and Aspin said their only objection was that the list was too short.

"I would have liked to have seen more," said Nunn. Aspin called the list "too modest and said it could have been up to about 30 percent longer. Neither specified which other bases could have been included.

The two states hardest hit by the closures would be California and Illinois. California would lose George, Mather and Norton Air Force bases, a future Navy base at Hunters Point in a Francisco, and the Presidio, headquarters for the 6th Army, also in San Francisco. Illinois would lose Chanute Air Force Base and Fort Sheridan, an Army base.

"How can we justify closing military bases in our own back yard when we don't even consider a single one of the 1,500 overseas U.S. military facilities for the same treatment?" said Sen. Alan Dixon, military facilities for the same treatment?" said Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill.

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9--Thousands of hunters are expected to invade Hereford and the area for the opening of pheasant season. HHS juniors recorded a big improvement on TEAMS test. Alina Benitez and Benny Carrasco were named to the all-state cross-country track team.

13--County approves \$1,500 to help pay for Panhandle Community Services van, approves tax abatement for Whiteface Ford. County commissioners learned that the jail is short 12 jailers, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

14--The Cowgirl Cafe, which will showcase items from the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Hereford, will open in February and plans are being made for a local group to attend the opening. A local food drive will boost the efforts of the Christmas Stocking Fund.

15--Kim Blackwell, defeated GOP candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, filed a lawsuit which alleged that illegal votes were cast in the Nov. 8 election.

16--Rocky Lee was elected as president of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for 1989.

18--The acquisition of First National Bank by FirstPerryton Bancorp was completed this week with formal approval of the sale of stock by the Sears family and James Witherspoon. Bruce Lee received the Policeman of the Year award. Mrs. Lee gave won the retail merchants' "Live for Free in December" contest.

22--The Christmas Stocking Fund surpassed last year's record contribution total as funds went over the \$14,000-mark. Residential and business winners were picked for the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the chamber.

23--Businessmen and firms extend holiday greetings in the Christmas edition of The Brand. Tim Homer honored as volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

# Closing plan gets support

WASHINGTON (AP)--A plan to close 34 of the nation's major military facilities won the endorsement of key congressional leaders and appears headed for success.

In fact, Sen. Sam Nunn and Rep. Les Aspin, chairmen of the Senate and House armed services committees, say they would like to see even more obsolete bases closed.

Nunn, D-Ga., and Aspin, D-Wis., pledged to work hard to ensure that the plan is not blocked by lawmakers concerned over jobs lost in their districts.

Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci has until Jan. 15, five days before he leaves office, to approve or reject the entire package of recommendations, which were presented to the Pentagon on Thursday by the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. There appeared little doubt that Carlucci would back the proposal enthusiastically.

Congress then has to buy or reject the whole package, and initial comments suggested it would accept the commission's proposals despite hometown appeals from areas which would lose bases.

In all, the panel, led by former Republican congressman Jack Edwards of Alabama and Abraham Ribicoff, a former Democratic senator from Connecticut, called for closing 86 facilities, partially closing five, and changing the role and manpower levels at 54 others.

The cuts would save an estimated \$693 million annually and \$5.6 billion over the next two decades. That's a small fraction of the total Pentagon budget of about \$300 billion a year, but the closings could set a precedent.

"I think this ought to be a continuous source of study by the new (defense) secretary," said Nunn.

If Carlucci endorses the package, it will go to the White House for the president's signature unless both houses of Congress pass resolutions specifically rejecting it. Congress drafted the law creating the complex procedure, which was designed to reduce political pressure to keep the bases open.

Carlucci was vacationing over the holidays and had no immediate reaction to the recommendations, but spokesmen for the Army, Air Force and navy endorsed them.

An Army spokesman, Maj. Dick Bridges, said he saw "no unwarranted closures on the list" of bases. "If we don't need them, we should get rid of them."

Nunn and Aspin said their only objection was that the list was too short.

"I would have liked to have seen more," said Nunn. Aspin called the list "too modest and said it could have been up to about 30 percent longer. Neither specified which other bases could have been included.

The two states hardest hit by the closures would be California and Illinois. California would lose George, Mather and Norton Air Force bases, a future Navy base at Hunters Point in an Francisco, and the Presidio, headquarters for the 6th Army, also in San Francisco. Illinois would lose Chanute Air Force Base and Fort Sheridan, an Army base.

"How can we justify closing military bases in our own back yard when we don't even consider a single one of the 1,500 overseas U.S. military facilities for the same treatment?" said Sen. Alan Dixon, military facilities for the same treatment?" said Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill.

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We are not making excuses--only pointing out that the margin of error is great in this business and we simply ask for your patience and understanding. We pledge that The Brand will never knowingly mislead its readers, and we will never be too proud to make corrections of errors in fact when they are called to our attention.

It has been, and will always be, our policy to present the news in a fair and accurate manner. We shall strive to base our reporting of the news on fact, and to confine our opinions and comments on it to our editorial columns. We believe strongly in freedom of the press, which is also vital to our readers, and we will do our utmost to protect that freedom. We feel a responsibility in providing the public with the right to know.

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## Guest Editorials

By The Associated Press  
Here is a sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

### Tower Must Oversee Attitude Change

The biggest challenge facing Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower is not cutting defense spending but restoring a basic sense of right and wrong to the Pentagon.

This week's revelations of a longtime, continuing traffic in secret Pentagon documents comes in the wake of the procurement scandal in which consultants and defense insiders apparently provided arms makers with inside information about their competitors' business with the Pentagon. That case is expected to produce indictments soon.

Tower, with his own close relationships to the military and the defense industry, is on trial along with the department he will head. He can let matters slide or he can use his considerable insight into the military-industrial network to help effect a cure.  
— Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dec. 23

### Find New Answers to Smog

Texans are nervously awaiting congressional action to renew the Clean Air Act, because cities which have even minor ozone problems are being threatened with sanctions by the Environmental Protection Agency. Los Angeles is beyond nervousness -- it's almost panic time there.

Cleaning up the air will be costly for Los Angeles and other cities, including Dallas. But the expense will be offset in large measure by reductions in health expenditures. The battle against pollution must be pressed on all levels.  
— Dallas Times Herald, Dec. 26

### U.S. Must Determine If Crash Was Terrorism

If sabotage is found to have been the cause of Wednesday's tragic Pan Am crash in Scotland, which killed all 258 people aboard and at least 17 on the ground, this would be one of the most dastardly acts of terrorism against the United States.

The possibility that this could have been a deliberate act virtually defies rational explanation. But in a world where radical fringe groups label their perverse pathologies acts of political heroism, such barbarism becomes possible.

Early indications at the Pan Am crash site suggest that the crash was the act of terrorists, who may have planted a bomb among the packages belonging to Christmas travelers returning home from Europe.

As international attention has turned to the usual terrorist suspects, denials were quickly issued by the Palestine Liberation Organization and Iran. The PLO is in an especially delicate position of having renounced the use of violence last week, leading the United States to open dialogue last week, leading the United States to open dialogue with Uasser Arafat. However, the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, issued a report of a telephone threat made two weeks ago by a person claiming to belong to the Abu Nidal group, a radical Palestinian group that is not part of the PLO, who said that a bomb would be placed aboard a Pan Am flight.

The Iranian government, which also has been implicated in acts of state terrorism, not only denied involvement in the crash but extended condolences to the families of the victims. But it was reported in London that a man describing himself as a spokesman for the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution claimed responsibility for the crash as retaliation for the Iranian passenger plane mistakenly shot down by the U.S. cruiser Vincennes earlier this year.

What can be made of these claims? The Reagan administration's focus must be to uncover the facts. Both the PLO and Iran have moderated their policies. It would strengthen their bid for international stature if they would help bring to prosecution those terrorists whose acts of sabotage cast them in an unfavorable international light.

The international community also must reflect on whether safeguards to protect against this kind of terrorism may have been faulty. A warning received at the airport in Frankfurt, West Germany, of a possible terrorist bombing was not apparently transmitted to London. And some Western governments have shown a disappointed reluctance to prosecute terrorists -- the latest example of this was the decision by the Greek government last month to release a suspected terrorist rather than face possible retaliation by his co-conspirators.

If we are to avoid a repeat of this tragic crash, the responsible members of the world community must insist that such incidents be treated for what they are: cold-blooded murders, not acts of political heroism.  
— The Dallas Morning News, Dec. 23

# Viewpoint

## Bootleg Philosopher

Editor's note: The Bootleg Philosopher on his Johnsongrass farm on Tierra Blanca Creek asks an odd question this week.

Dear editor:

Over the past few weeks I've been writing down bits of information I run across in newspapers and dropping them in a box on my desk.

The other day I looked them over and have come to an important question I'll get around to asking by the time I get to the end of this letter.

As everybody but Washington knows, even if the Federal budget gets balanced, some time or other, the country will still owe over two trillion dollars on its national debt, at a cost of over \$150 billion a year in interest alone.

As far as anybody knows, every other country on earth owes similar amounts of money and is borrowing more to pay the interest on what it can't pay back.

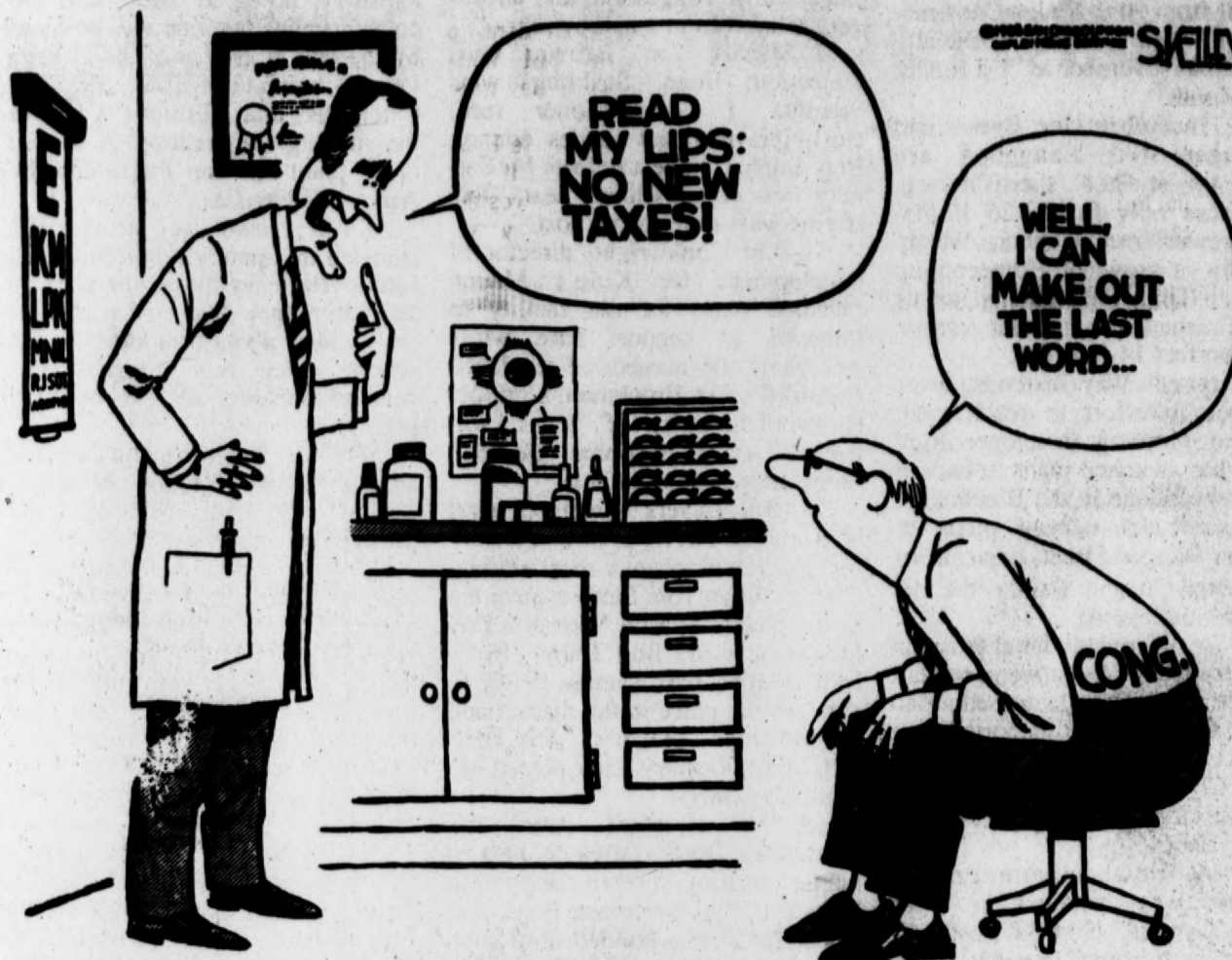
Without going into the plight of other countries, take the situation in the U.S. We've borrowed about \$500 billion from abroad. It's estimated we'll need \$85 billion to save the 500 busted Savings and Loans, \$160 billion to clean up nuclear plants, \$36 billion to save the outfit that lends money to farmers, undetermined billions to help the homeless, untold billions to repair the country's roads and bridges, countless billions to clean up polluted rivers and oceans, billions and billions to fight drugs and crime, more billions to build more jails, and a few million to give Congress a raise.

Moreover, according to a report by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, which I stumbled across at the bottom of an inside page, U.S. corporate debt, expressed as a percentage of corporate assets, is 104. In other words, business has joined credit card holders in owing a lot of money.

Now you add up all this, throw in the debt and spending plight of every other country on earth, including the fact \$400 billion is being spent every year to defend countries from each other, and the total cost to keep the world going becomes so mind-boggling that you naturally scratch your head and ask the question:

Can the word afford itself?  
Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

Warm Fuzzies,  
Doug Manning



Doug Manning

## The Penultimate Word

W.P.A.

I hate to admit it but I am old enough to remember the W.P.A. I have no idea what the real name of the organization was. I heard several rather crude definitions. We Piddle Around was one of them. The other one can not be repeated in a family newspaper. The W.P.A. was a government program during the Depression designed to make work for people who could not find work anywhere else. The government actually made up jobs to keep these people busy. When the war came along and ended the depression the W.P.A. supposedly passed into history. The name may have died but the concept is alive and well in Amarillo, Texas. It is no longer a government program. Now it belongs to the highway construction people.

Talk about making work. What else could possibly be behind the constant construction and reconstruction of bridges in Amarillo. I have been in this part of the world for sixteen years. During that time there has never been a day when the bridges were not being built. Some of them have been built at least four times in this span of years.

The bridges on the Canyon E-Way have been done and redone over and over again. First the road went under the side roads. Bridges were built over the E-Way. The last one to be done was the one on Bell Avenue. They worked for a couple of years on

that one. It was in service a few months and they decided all of the side roads should go under the E-Way, so they tore them down and started all over again. Since the one on Bell Avenue was the newest it was only logical they should tear it down first. Down it came and we were in detours for another two years.

Like the old W.P.A. these folks did not like to work very hard or very fast. They seemed to only want to work when it was pretty weather, so they waited until summer when the road was in use the most and then they tore it up. They finally got all of the Canyon E-Way done so, now they are tearing up all of the ones on I-40. Drive through town any time and tell me the W.P.A. is not alive and well in Amarillo, Texas. The only difference is the government got out and left the idea for the contractors. Once again the monkeys are running the zoo.

I would be more upset than I am except for my one basic philosophy about government spending: Be grateful for graft. If it were not for graft we might be getting all of the government we are paying for.

## U.S. Chamber Voice of Business

# Raising taxes makes deficit larger

By Dr. Richard L. Leshner,  
President

U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
WASHINGTON -- Just once I wish I could open a newspaper or magazine without coming across yet another breathless commentary lamenting the federal budget deficit and insisting-against all reason-that tax increases are the only viable solution.

They are nonsense words written by people who should know better. We do not have a taxing problem in this country. With the exception of a one-year, recession-induced decline, Uncle Sam's take has

increased every year since 1980. In 1987, taxes continued to absorb exactly the same share of Gross National Product as they did in 1980 before the deficit exploded-19.4 percent.

But we do have a spending problem. Since 1980, federal spending has increased 80 percent, of which only 54 percent was needed to keep pace with inflation. Since 1980, the federal government has grown 25 percent. During that same period, the population of the country rose only 8 percent.

But perhaps the most damning of all arguments against tax increases

is the inevitable way they would be used - and I am not referring to deficit reduction. Since the end of World War II, Congress has spent \$1.58 for every dollar in new taxes it has raised. In other words, raising taxes is probably a sure-fire way to make the deficit even larger than it is, not smaller.

Last year, Congress created the National Economic Commission (NEC) to recommend ideas for balancing the budget. Unfortunately, however, the staff of the NEC has devised a computer model of the budget that makes it appear impossible to balance the budget by

1993 without draconian spending cuts or massive tax increases. The model assumes economic growth will fall 28 percent below the post-war average in each of the next five years it has exceeded that average by 21 percent. That dismal forecast is simply unrealistic.

In truth, the budget deficit is already on a steady downward arc toward equilibrium. All we have to do is leave Social Security alone, pay interest on the national debt without banking on any reduction in interest rates, and restrict all increases in federal spending to the rate of inflation.

That is what we call the Fair Freeze Solution and it does not require any fanciful surge in economic growth to become reality. Indeed, if the economy continues its present rate of growth, the budget will be balanced in 1992. And even if it falls short of the post-war average by as much as 12 percent, the Fair Freeze will bring the budget into balance by 1993.

In other words, we are well on our way out of this fiscal wilderness. Let's not blow it now by raising taxes which would surely undermine our economy and leave us worse off than before.

The World Council of Churches was formed in 1948 at Amsterdam, embracing churches from every part of the world.

Archduke Ferdinand of Austria and his wife were assassinated in 1914 in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, by a Bosnian revolutionary, triggering World War I.

## Things Uncle Sam can do for workers to get medical insurance

WASHINGTON -- An estimated 25 million to 37 million Americans do not have health insurance - a sobering statistic that represents great hardship suffered by many of our fellow citizens.

Unfortunately, the remedy offered by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) would exacerbate the problem, not solve it. Their plan - breathtaking in its simplicity - is to force business to foot the bill for health insurance for all workers. Assuming the Kennedy-Waxman scheme did not disrupt employment patterns, it would extend health insurance to about 64 percent of those who do not now have it.

The trouble is - such a requirement would have a devastating impact on employment patterns. The simple fact is that the minority of businesses that do not now provide their employees with health insurance are deterred primarily by its rising cost. In 1986, payments for medical and medically-related benefits amounted to 8.3 percent of payroll, or an average of \$1,604 per

worker. Next year the cost of health care premiums will soar 20 percent to 30 percent.

A great many employers-especially small firms-cannot afford it. It isn't a matter of parsimony; they flat don't have the cash flow to cover it. If Uncle Sam imposes a unilateral health insurance mandate on these firms, they will have no option other than to axe jobs by the barrel and limit hours worked by part-time help to avoid the requirement.

It is difficult for the non-liberal mind to discern how throwing uninsured workers out of work will improve their lot in life or, for that matter, their access to medical care.

However, there are at least four things Uncle Sam can do to help uncovered workers obtain medical insurance:  
-Permit unincorporated businesses to use the same 100 percent deduction for health insurance that incorporated firms have. Under existing law, small unincorporated firms can only write off 25 percent of the premiums.

-Encourage the expansion of "multiple employer trust" through which small firms band together to buy health insurance in bulk, getting lower rates. Many regulatory obstacles now deter such arrangements.

-Preempt state laws that mandate specific benefits, thus driving up insurance costs. Preemption would enable firms to offer low-cost, bare bones plans.

-Modify Medicaid eligibility so that individuals now excluded from coverage can buy into the program on an income-related basis.

The ham-handed approach advocated by Kennedy and Waxman, like so many liberal nostrums, seems based upon an unspoken premise that private business is an enemy to human progress. But private business has provided more benefits to workers than government ever has or will, and private business can help resolve the health insurance gap too, if government will work with us instead of against us.



# Reagan, Bush subpoenaed in North trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and Justice Department officials are examining the legal issues raised by subpoenas ordering President Reagan and President-elect Bush to be defense witnesses in the Iran-Contra trial of Oliver North.

The officials said it would be "premature to speculate on the final decision" on how Reagan and Bush will respond to the subpoenas they got Friday.

North, the fired White House aide charged with conspiracy for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, called for testimony from the nation's two highest-ranking elected officials in subpoenas delivered to the Justice Department.

North's trial is scheduled to start Jan. 31, or 11 days after Bush takes over for Reagan.

While declining to state directly whether they would contest the sub-

poenas, spokesmen for the White House and for Bush signaled they would not automatically accept them. The Washington Post in today's editions quoted unidentified Justice Department and White House officials as saying they would fight them.

Statements from the White House and Bush's office called it "unprecedented" for a sitting president to testify in court, said they were

reviewing the legal issues, and noted that historical precedent would call for the witnesses to testify in writing rather than take the stand.

In Palm Springs, Calif., where Reagan is on vacation, a White House statement acknowledged North's subpoena, "seeking the president's testimony at the criminal trial of Oliver North. The subpoena also seeks the discovery of certain personal records of the president."

The subpoenas were anticipated, it said. Aides to both Reagan and Bush

told them Friday morning that the documents would come that afternoon, their spokesmen said.

White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said Reagan had known of the likelihood since Wednesday.

"It raises significant legal and constitutional questions which are currently being reviewed by the Department of Justice and counsel to the president," the White House said in language similar to a statement released by Bush spokeswoman Sheila Tate.

Justice Department spokesman Loye Miller said the subpoenas were received at mid-afternoon, "one for the president and one for the vice president," by Robert Ross, the executive assistant to Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Tate said Bush legal counsel Boyden Gray was reviewing the matter, but that the vice president was going ahead with a long weekend of relaxation at Camp David, Md., and planned no meetings to discuss the trial matter. Bush and his wife Barbara arrived at Camp David on Friday and planned to stay until late Monday.

## COSPER



hunters with his binoculars and spotting scope.

"Anytime you want to start to work, you begin. It's that simple. I've caught goose hunters at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. You usually do that on a bright night. It's definitely not an 8-to-5 job," Cosper said.

One wouldn't expect a game warden to have his life threatened more than a police officer or a highway trooper, and though Cosper has never been in a line of fire, a few threats have flown his way.

Cosper once sat across from two hunters who, not knowing that he was behind them, described Cosper as "one mean S.O.B."

The game warden thought the comment was humorous and gleefully introduced himself to the gentlemen, but Cosper said he hoped most people didn't consider him an enemy.

"I hope those I've given tickets to think of me as a friend. I've always treated everyone the same way I'd want to be treated. You can't let somebody off just because

they are your friend, but I've always been fair."

Now Cosper has other pursuits. He said he stayed away from being a police officer or highway trooper because of the routine and controlled hours.

"But it's really gotten to where this job has gotten a little routine. I'm gonna miss it, but there's other fish in the sea."

If the incoming game warden is anything like his predecessor, Cosper better be sure he has a license before casting that line.

As for the gun he carries—"I use it only as a trolling sinker."

The fall and winter months keep Cosper jumping, constantly driving the roads in his Ram Charger looking for violators.

"Starting in September we have dove season and I usually stay busy through the first of February. Then I have what I call my PR time of the year 'til fishing gets started around May. I make all the coffee shops, grain elevators, visit with the farmers and do a lot of loafin'," he said.

One thing Cosper doesn't loaf on are the rules of the game. If he sees a law being violated, the ax falls.

"There's always a certain percentage of folks who don't buy a hunting license. Licenses go on sale around August and come December, they say they didn't have enough time to buy one," Cosper said with a laugh. "And if somebody shoots a pheasant hen, and they say it was an accident, my opinion is that pulling that trigger was no accident."

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## Obituaries

**RALPH W. MITCHELL**  
Dec. 30, 1988  
Ralph W. Mitchell, 90, of Hereford, died Friday.

Services are pending with Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Throckmorton and moved to Deaf Smith County in 1946 from Lamb County. He was a retired farmer.

He married Mabel Michael in 1918 at Throckmorton.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Gayle Worthan of Hereford, Agnes Bostick of Hobbs, N.M., and Blanche Gerhardt of Lake Tanglewood; three brothers, Kenneth Mitchell of Throckmorton, Floyd Mitchell of Abilene and Dean Mitchell of Sharon, Okla.; four sisters, Eulala Mitchell and Dollie Damaio, both of Throckmorton, Mabel Cribbs of Wildorado and Vera Louth of San Diego, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

**LUCIUS L. GAULDING**  
Dec. 30, 1988  
Lucius L. Gauling, 83, of Hereford, died Friday.

Services are pending with Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gauling was born in Fitzgerald and had lived in Vega for 12 years. He was a mechanic and an electrician. He married Mary Gordon in 1963 at Tucumcari. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Vega.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, LaVaughn Gauling of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Sonny Gauling; a sister, Ada Rosser of Dumas; and three grandchildren.

## Crimestoppers

Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers is offering a \$300 reward in connection with the CRIME OF THE WEEK.

One Dec. 25 or 26, a burglary occurred in the 500 block of Blevins. Items taken included a 19-inch GE color TV; a York stereo; a Colortyme VCR; an IBM typewriter; 16 Spanish video tapes; and assorted jewelry. A description of the jewelry may be obtained by calling the CLUE LINE.

Anyone with information about the crime or any other crime should call the CLUE LINE at 364-CLUE. Anyone giving information leading to the arrest and indictment of persons responsible for this or any other felony may be eligible for a reward of up to \$300. All callers may remain anonymous.

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Sometimes it results from the kind of physical exertion that's normal in your daily activities. A carpenter, for example, can develop the syndrome from heavy hammering. So can a mechanic who pulls forcefully on a wrench. So can a housewife who scrubs the floor by leaning on one hand with the wrist bent backward.

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# Sports



## Scholarships at YMCA

The scholarship program at the Hereford YMCA can provide more children to join these who are enjoying the huge gym at the Y.

## YMCA offers scholarships

Hereford young people are taking advantage of the scholarship program at the Hereford YMCA.

The scholarships are open to all children and are based on need determined from applications. Children whose families are unable to afford the cost of a Y membership may apply for scholarships which could pay most or all of the cost of a Y membership.

Harry Ford, a first grader at Aikman Primary School, was one of the Y's first scholarship recipients. While playing at the Y in late November, he started watching wrestling practice and decided to join the wrestling program led by Dan Odell.

Despite very little practice, Harry has participated in two tournaments and has a record of 6 wins and 3 losses.

Harry said wrestling "looked like fun, even though Coach Odell works us pretty hard. Workouts are fun even when they're hard."

The Y granted Harry's sister, April, a scholarship, too. She has become involved in the Y's gymnastics program.

The scholarships are made

### ATHLETIC DOLLARS

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — College athletic departments spend more than \$1.6 billion annually for goods and services, according to the NCAA.

The NCAA obtained that figure from College Athletic Management, a new magazine devoted to collegiate sports.

The athletic directors who answered the survey taken by the magazine reported that traveling expenses for teams topped the list of expenses with facility maintenance second.

## Bills-Oilers could get rowdy

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—Forget the "House of Pain" Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy hopes a "Home of Drone" will help bring victory in Sunday's AFC playoff game against the Houston Oilers.

Levy, well aware of the noisy, home-field advantage teams like the Oilers get in their domed stadiums, wants the sellout crowd at Rich Stadium to do its best to surpass the decibel level found in Houston's AstroDome.

"I would hope (Bills fans) give us the same advantage that we experience as a disadvantage when we go into places like Seattle, Indianapolis and Houston," he said.

The AFC East champion Bills, 12-4 during the regular season, will need any advantage they can find to beat the Oilers, who won last week's wild-card game 24-23 in Cleveland against the Browns.

The Oilers, 10-6 during the regular season, have a multi-faceted offense, a gambling defense and a swashbuckling personality that led to a league-high 1,150 yards in penalties this season.

The Browns-Oilers game was marked by a number of skirmishes, but the Bills didn't need to watch that game to know about Houston's style of play. Two Bills were tossed out of a game last season against Houston following a punch-out with an Oiler.

"We let our play do the talking," said Bills quarterback Jim Kelly. "They do both. They like to talk but they get it done, too."

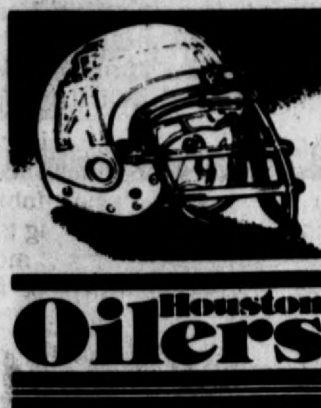
Levy has already talked to his team about the need to stay level-headed.

"I've told them let's come to play. Don't do something foolishly or retaliatory that maybe the other team's trying to provoke."

Oilers coach Jerry Glanville protested his team's "chippy" label.

"We are a hard-nosed team," he said. "They play at 100 mph and they get after you. I don't think you should ever have to apologize for that in the NFL. This is football."

The big challenge for both teams will be to establish a running game if the predicted wintry mix of snow, wind, and cold temperatures materializes.



The Bills' defense, top-ranked in the AFC during the regular season, will be at a disadvantage because it appears likely their best run-stopper, Pro Bowl linebacker Shane Conlan, won't play because of a foot injury.

With Mike Rozier expected back in the lineup, the Oilers have four solid running backs in Rozier, Allen Pinkett, Alonzo Highsmith and Lorenzo White.

Pro Bowl guards Bruce Matthews and Mike Manchak anchor an offensive line whose average weight is close to 300 pounds.

"It would be nice to say shut down their running game and you beat them, but they've got some

### OFFICIATING TAPES

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other weapons," Levy said.

With Pro Bowl quarterback Warren Moon doing most of the throwing, wide receivers Drew Hill and Ernest Givens combined for more yardage than any other team's pair of receivers. The Oilers frequently combine that pair with two more speedy receivers, Curtis Duncan and Haywood Jefferies, in a four-receiver set.

"Their passing game is extremely dangerous," said Bills linebacker Scott Radecki, who will get the start if Conlan can't play. "They're always sending people way down-field and spreading you out."

The Bills will counter with a running game that features rookie Thurman Thomas in most first and second-down situations, and veterans Robb Riddick and Ronnie Harmon in short-yardage and passing situations.

Kelly has three primary receiving targets, Andre Reed, Trumaine Johnson and Chris Burkett, who could see a lot of action if the Oilers blitz with the frequency they have

shown in the past.

"Our major concern is giving me enough time to throw the ball," said Kelly. "If we get the time to throw, I think we're going to put some points on the board."

Putting points on the board has been a problem for the Buffalo offense in losing three of the team's last four games. The Bills averaged only 13 points a game in those games.

Still, Glanville said he doesn't see any glaring shortcomings on the Bills.

"I was hoping to find some real reasons why they lost those games and find their weaknesses and be all excited, but the more film you watch, the better the team you see."

The Bills started the season 11-1 but Levy dismissed talk about a loss of momentum going into the playoffs.

"There's no such thing, in my opinion, as momentum going into the playoffs," he said. "You create your own momentum when the time comes."

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# If it's New Years, it's time for Freeman awards

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer  
DALLAS (AP)—The envelope please, it's time for the eagerly awaited, tongue-in-cheek Freeman File awards for 1988:

**ROY ROGERS WHITE HAT**, To Dallas coach Tom Landry for withstanding with good humor the barbs of the Dallas media during the Cowboys' second losingest season in history. A class act all the way.  
**RRWH II**, To the Cotton Bowl's Jim Brock, who keeps the New Year's Day Classic interesting with his hustle and hullabaloo.

**RRWH III**- To Texas golfer Ben Crenshaw, who has become the state's best goodwill ambassador

through his international travels, play and knowledge of the game.

**JACK ELAM BLACK HAT** - To Houston Astros' owner John McMullen for letting free agent Nolan Ryan go to the Texas Rangers to finish out his incredible career. (There will be other Jack Elam awards this year; read further).  
**JEBH II** - To Dallas Cowboys' majority owner Bum Bright for never returning a telephonic call.

**JEBH III** - To major league baseball owners for not letting Edward Gaylord go ahead and buy the Texas Rangers from Eddie Chiles.

**JEBH IV** - To the school administrators for the big academic mess at Dallas Carter High School, home of the state Class 5A state football champions until March.

**GENE AUTRY CUP OF COURAGE AWARD** - To Texas A&M President William Mobley for bucking some members of the board of regents to clean up the mess created by songbird George Smith and Jackie Sherrill, who resigned as athletic director and head coach when he couldn't get Mobley's backing. Mobley is still trying to get to the bottom of the "hush" money payments Smith said he got from

Sherrill before he later recanted same.

**CUP OF COURAGE II** - To Red Oak's Louise Ritter for winning the women's Olympic high jump medal after her critics had dismissed her long ago as being unworthy of champion consideration in big meets.

**RIVER BOAT GAMBLER SILVER GOBLER** - TO Texas Rangers' general manager Tom Grieve for setting the baseball world on its ear with a dizzying series of trades at the winter baseball meetings, capped by the signing of Ryan.

**THE SHIRLEY TEMPLE GOOD SHIP LOLLYPOP LAUREL** - To Dallas Mavericks' owner Donald Carter, who never saw a television camera or a reporter's notepad he didn't like. Carter kept himself in the news by trying to buy leftover tickets to the Cowboys' final game for \$5. Now, he wants to own the team for the ego trip.

**THOMAS EDISON BRIGHT IDEA AWARD**, To Texas coach David McWilliams for reinstating the old 2001 "smokers" before and after Longhorn home football games, taking a page out of Darrell Royal's smart ways to operate 20 years ago.

**TEBI II** - To SMU administrators for moving the Mustangs' football program back to Ownby Stadium on campus. If SMU went back to Texas Stadium, home of the professionals, the critics would say the Mustangs were back to their old ways of play for pay.

**QUOTE OF THE YEAR AWARD**, To Embattled Dallas coach Landry, who quipped after Mayor Annette Strauss showed up at his final press conference in a show of support: "Whew, I thought you came here to give me my gold watch."

# It's time for the serious bowl business

By The Associated Press  
The success of Penn State and Pitt in recent years has elevated the image of eastern football. West Virginia and Syracuse will have a chance to boost it even more as bowl games get down to more serious business this weekend.

At stake, among other things, is the national college football championship, which probably will be settled between No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 3 West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday.

Second-ranked Miami has an outside chance to win the mythical championship with a victory over No. 6 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl in a day of frenzied bowl activity Monday when seven games will be played.

Among them, No. 17 Syracuse will try to uphold the honor of the east against No. 16 Louisiana State in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

In other games on Monday, it will be No. 11 Michigan vs. No. 5 Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl, No. 4 Florida

State against No. 7 Auburn in the Sugar, No. 9 UCLA against No. 8 Arkansas in the Cotton, and No. 10 Oklahoma vs. No. 13 Clemson in the Citrus.

In Friday night's action, Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders scored five touchdowns and rushed for 222 yards as 12th-ranked Oklahoma State routed No. 15 Wyoming 62-14 in the Holiday Bowl.

The weekend activity continued today with the Peach Bowl matching Iowa and North Carolina State. On

Sunday, No. 19 Georgia faces Michigan State in the Gator Bowl.

As for Eastern football, Penn State won the national championship two years ago, Syracuse was undefeated last year and West Virginia is fighting for a title this year.

"Anybody who says Eastern football is a weak sister isn't very smart," West Virginia coach Don Nehlen said before running his team through another workout in preparation for the Fiesta Bowl showdown in Tempe, Ariz.

Since Syracuse's national championship in 1969, 17 years elapsed before another Eastern school — Pittsburgh — won a national title.

Since 1976, Penn State, Pitt, Boston College and Syracuse all have finished in the top five, and Penn State has won two national titles. West Virginia this year could give the East its 11th top five team over the last 12 seasons.

West Virginia and Notre Dame each played Penn State and Pittsburgh during the year, with the

Mountaineers winning by bigger margins over both teams. Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said he is confident West Virginia is strong enough to play in the Fiesta Bowl.

"One thing I have great concern about is that West Virginia has completely dominated the offensive line of scrimmage against everybody they played, including Penn State and the University of Pittsburgh," Holtz said.

Both Notre Dame and West Virginia are 11-0 this season.

# Devine recalls 1977 ND champion team

By HAL BOCK AP Sports Writer  
The joke around Phoenix, where Dan Devine works as an assistant to the president of Arizona State University, is that the ex-Notre Dame football coach can't remember the names of all his kids, but he can tell you about the fourth play in the 1977 game against Southern Cal.

If that's true, there is a good reason for it. Devine has a collection of seven children and 14 grandchildren, and his 1977 team was Notre Dame's last national champions.

The Irish go for their eighth national championship Monday when they play West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl on the Arizona State campus. Coach Lou Holtz will have to go some, though, to match Devine's green jersey gimmick that propelled Notre Dame to its last title. In Irish lore, it stands alongside Rockne's "Win one for the Gipper," speech for dramatic impact.

The Irish, ranked No. 3, had won their '77 opener against Pitt. "But we didn't play well," Devine said.

The next week they were beaten by Mississippi, when, in the heat and humidity of a Saturday afternoon at Jackson, they could not stop a late 80-yard drive to the winning TD.

"We never expected that loss, especially when we thought we had it won," Devine said. "When they got 80 yards to beat you, it shakes you."

The coaches decided to have the entire team watch the full game film, play by play, instead of breaking it down into offense and defense. "That way, people who played bad on defense had their offensive buddies see it," Devine said. "It went 3½ or four hours. They could react two ways — suck their thumbs, or be upset and take it from there. These kids took it from there."

There were wins over Purdue and Army, but Notre Dame still wasn't playing up to the potential Devine saw in a team that included future

NFL stars like Joe Montana, Ross Browner and Bob Golic.

Next on the schedule was Southern California, a traditional rival, at South Bend. The Trojans were ranked No. 5 and Notre Dame, still paying the price for the upset loss at Ole Miss, was No. 11.

"We warmed up in our traditional blue and whites," Devine said. "Then, when the players got back to their lockers, they each had green and gold jerseys hanging there."

The reaction was enormous, much more than Devine had anticipated. The players burst through the tunnel on to the field where a capacity crowd of 59,075 roared at the sight of this sea of green. Riding the emotional crest, Notre Dame won 49-18. Suddenly, the Irish were back in the national picture.

"I had the jersey idea from the time I took the job three years earlier," Devine said. "I thought we'd do it sometime when we needed it. You've got to anticipate needing

it. We put in a hurry-up order after the Mississippi game. It was kept a secret, which is tough to do at Notre Dame."

The players wanted to stay in green the rest of the season. "The idea was to bring the green to a national championship," Devine said. "It was the first time we talked about it. I told them for a chance at that, we had to continue to play extra well and not stub our toes again."

Notre Dame won the next five games, scoring less than 43 points only once. The Irish moved up in the poll to No. 5. They were a hot item at bowl time, with the option of picking where they wanted to play. The choice was easy: Texas in the Cotton Bowl, where a win could mean the national championship.

"They were the only undefeated team," Devine said. "They had the Heisman Trophy winner (Earl Campbell) and the Outland winner (Brad Shearer). And they were No. 1."

Notre Dame got 100-yard games from running backs Jerome Heavens and Vagas Ferguson and won 38-10 in a game that was not as close as the final score.

The Irish had beaten No. 1. And that made them No. 1.

That is a lesson West Virginia coach Don Nehlen is reminding his team of this week as the Mountaineers prepare to play another undefeated No. 1 team in its ex-coach's backyard.

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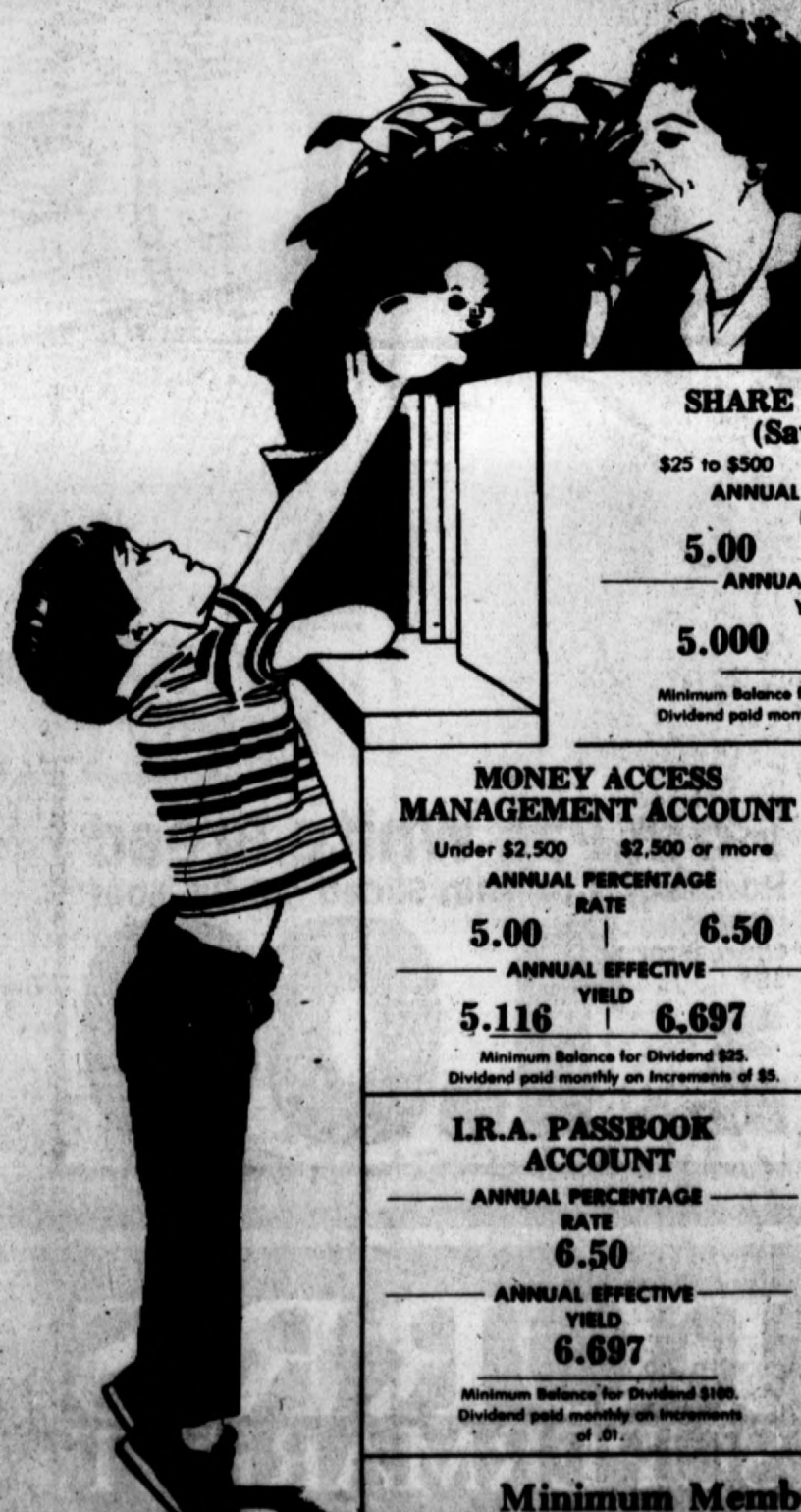
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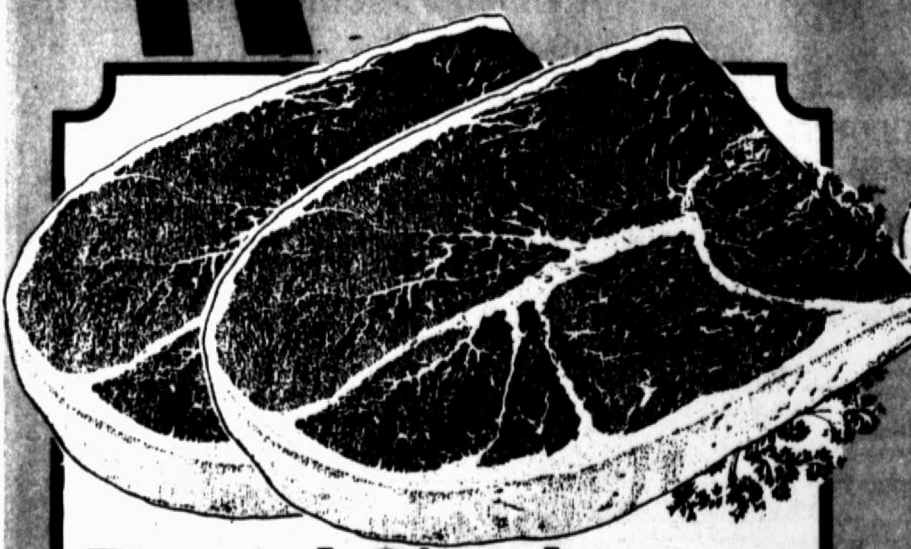
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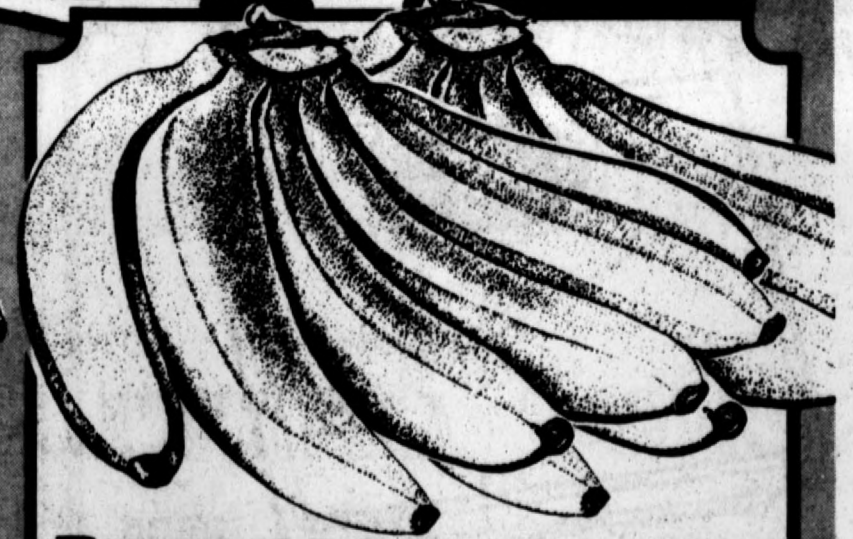
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## Cattle feeders enjoyed a good 1988

Cattle feeders enjoyed a very good year in 1988 "and fed cattle prices remained robust in the face of strong competition from large supplies of competing meats," it was reported Monday by Wes Bonner, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

Bonner, in remarks prepared for the annual TCFA year-end news conference in Amarillo Thursday, said part of the credit for cattlemen's fortunes must go to the \$1-per-head checkoff.

"We've seen consumer demand for beef remain strong all year. And signals indicate that beef demand will continue to be strong, thanks to aggressive research and education programs the beef industry is undertaking," added Bonner.

The TCFA listed its "Top 10" news stories for the year and most of them contributed to a successful year. But Bonner said the year had its downside, too. "Perhaps the most noteworthy was the drought

that scorched much of the nation. As a result, cattle feeders saw increased costs of grain and some negative profit margins."

Picked as the No. 1 news event was the passage of the beef referendum by an overwhelming majority--79% nationally and 88% in Texas. Next was the beef export agreement between the U.S. and Japan which will increase quotas of beef to Japan.

Other top stories: 3. Packer control on inventory created considerable debate within the industry; 4. The drought of 1988; 5. Mexico purchased significant numbers of U.S. fed cattle; 6. Fed cattle prices averaged above \$70 for the first time ever; 7. U.S. cattle numbers dropped to the lowest level since 1961; 8. A possible ban on beef produced by growth promotants and exported to Europe concerned the industry, which feels the EEC is using the ban as a non-tariff trade barrier; 9. Beef fared well in the

U.S. Surgeon General's report on nutrition and health; 10. Congress repealed the infamous "heifer tax."

Bonner thinks the drought is a short-term situation. "Long-range weather forecasts indicate the drought won't be repeated in 1989. As a result, we'll have some easing in commodity prices," he said.

Looking ahead to 1989, both Bonner and Dr. Richard McDonald, executive VP, see another good year for cattlemen, with improving beef demand and steady retail beef prices.

"However the year will have plenty of challenges. Feeder cattle supplies will remain tight, meaning competition and price for those calves will continue to be high," said Bonner.

And, he said, there's no doubt that legislative challenges will continue to abound. "Our primary legislative goal is to work with other associations to reform workers compensation laws."

The TCFA staff also selected its own top 10 stories. These included:

1. Charlie Ball, executive VP, retired after 16 years and was replaced by McDonald; 2. The presidents of IBP, Excel and Con-Agra met with TCFA feedyard managers about packer feeding and forward contracting;

3. M-Net continued to grow with 70 computer units now operating in TCFA feedyards; 4. TCFA Beef-PAC had a good year, contributing almost \$140,000 to 128 candidates--91% of whom won their races; 5. TCFA "feeder feedback" meetings were attended by more than 1,600 members;

6. TCFA continued its legislative efforts by hosting U.S. congressmen and other key officials on feedyard tours; 7. Chief executive officers of 23 major allied industry companies met with TCFA leaders for an exchange of ideas; 8. TCFA produced "Feedyard Fiasco," the first-

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The program in the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C at Park Avenue, begins at 8:30 a.m. More than a score of scientists and experienced growers and shippers

will address the theme, "Profitable Alternatives."

"For growers who are serious about the vegetable business, this program will present vital, practical information they can use to make profitable decisions for 1989 and beyond," said Dr. Roland E. Roberts, vegetable specialist with the Texas Agricultural Service and conference coordinator.

The session will open with an update on research to improve one of the area's major vegetable crops, potatoes, and on a new entry into

the marketplace, the Texsprout mungbean. This will be presented by Dr. Creighton Miller, professor of horticulture with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), College Station, and Doug Smallwood, TAES research associate, Lubbock.

Other specialty crops for Texas will be discussed by Tom Longbrake, Extension Service horticulture, College Station. Getting a profitable mix of specialty crops will be examined by Dr. H.L. Goodwin, assistant professor of

agricultural economics, TAES, College Station.

Other speakers will detail the latest information on materials, equipment and strategies in pest and disease control, fertilization and irrigation, and production of onions, cucumbers, potatoes and spinach.

Educational and agribusiness exhibits will provide growers a look at new materials and equipment.

The conference has been planned by the Extension Service with the cooperation of the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, the Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Program Development Committee, TAES and Texas Tech University.

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## Irrigation meet is Jan. 10

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Other topics will include successful use of surge irrigation, how soil properties affect water intake, how pump and power unit efficiency affects irrigation costs, equipment maintenance, and obtaining the best possible crop mix with limited water. Commercial distributors will display the latest equipment and supplies.

"For more than 15 years, this

conference has always focused upon the major concerns of area producers who irrigate some four million acres of crop and pastureland," said Leon New, agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

New coordinates the conference, which begins at 9:25 a.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The Extension Service is an arm of the Texas A&M University System.

Application of insecticides by irrigation systems will be discussed by Carl Patrick, extension entomol-

ogist at Amarillo. Herbigation through such systems will be explained by Brent Bean, extension agronomist at Amarillo.

Chemigation equipment, laws and safety will be discussed by George Ratledge, assistant manager of Inject-O-meter Co., Clovis, N.M.

The influence of soil properties on water intake will be explained by Fred Pringle. He is area soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Amarillo. Robert Bruno, with P&R Surge Systems, Lubbock, will discuss successful surge use.

New will explain the influence of pump and power unit performance on irrigation costs. Steve Amosson, extension agricultural economist and management specialist at Amarillo, will review an optimal farm program crop mix for limited water situations.

The growers' panel, a popular feature of the conference each year, will present experiences in management and operation of irrigation engines and maintenance of center pivots. Panelists will be Dale Coleman of Dumas and Glen Hart of Stratford.

## Lubbock center pivot meeting is Jan. 18-19

LUBBOCK--Experts from universities and industry from several states will be joined by experienced producers to present information vital for the best use of center pivot irrigation systems at a conference here Jan. 18-19.

An added feature of the Center Pivot Irrigation Conference, being presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be a trade show exhibiting the latest equipment and supplies for pivot irrigation.

The conference will be at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel, South Loop 289 at Indiana Avenue. It will open

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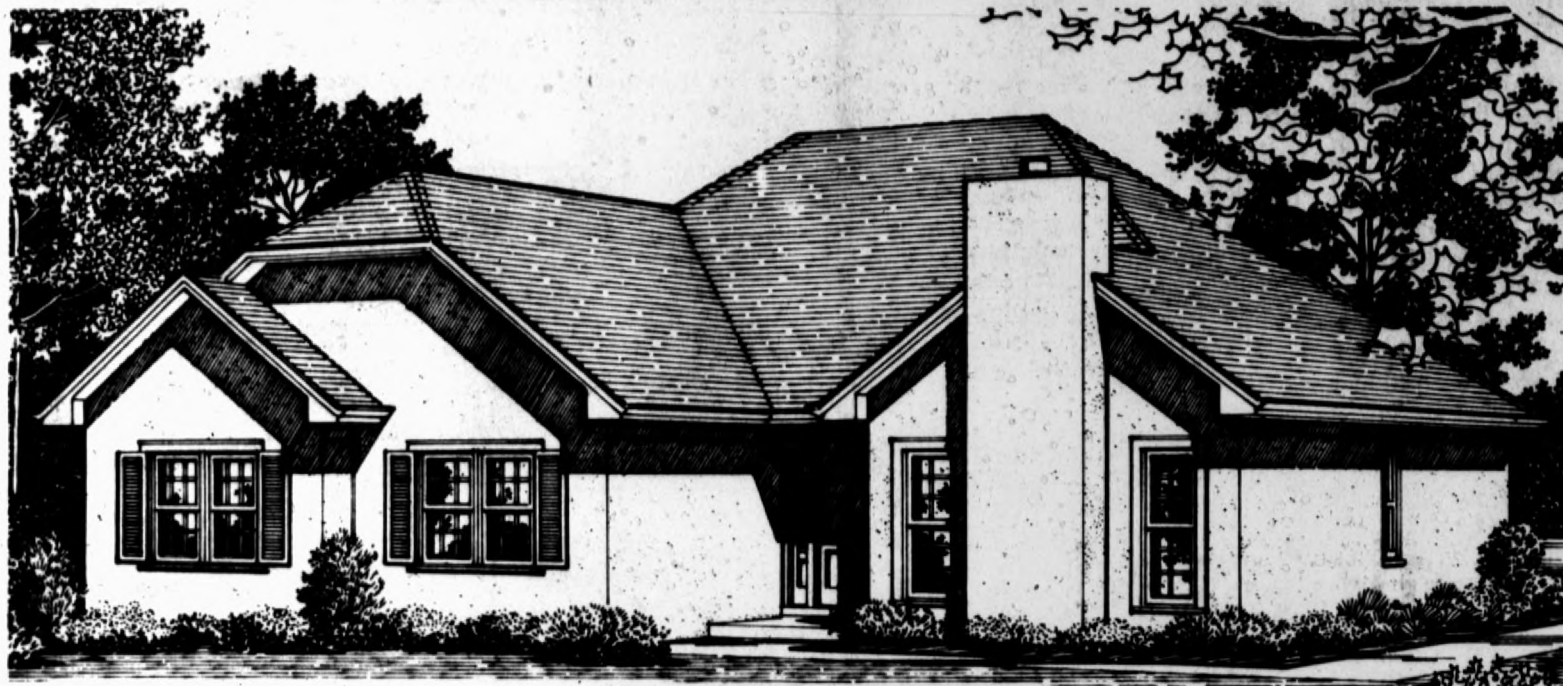
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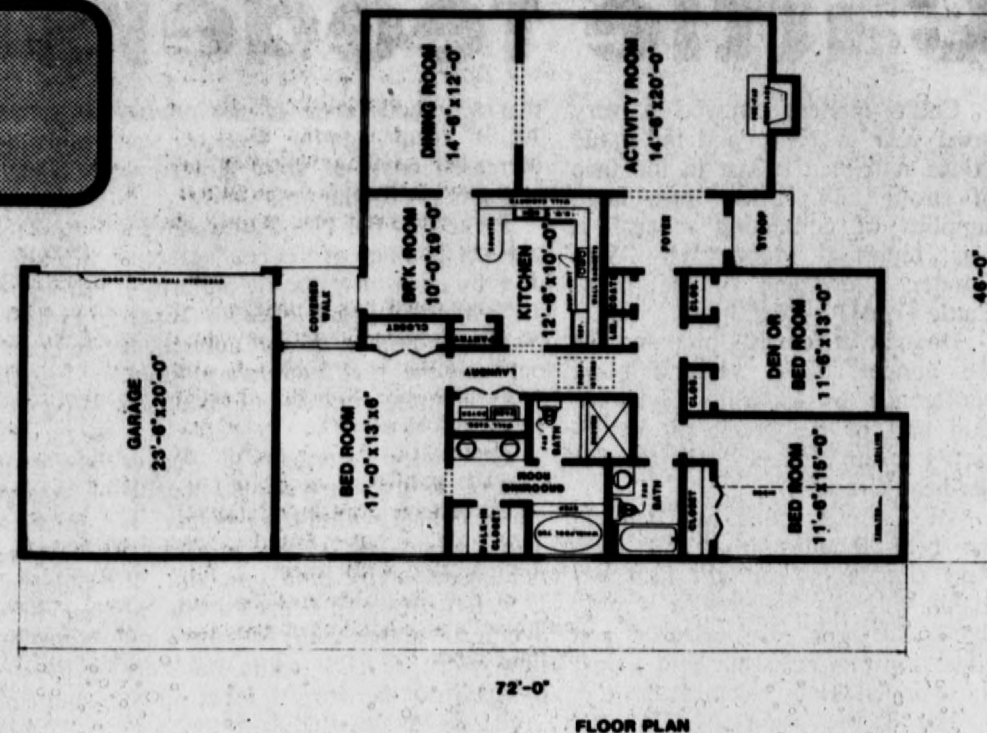
An entrance foyer leads to a full depth great room and formal dining room which leads to the compact kitchen and breakfast room which form the central hub of this home plan. A covered walk

provides access to the rear double garage.

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## Furniture buys no easy chore

By BARBARA MAYER  
AP Newsfeatures

The whole world finds it easy to buy a new living-room couch or bedroom set. You're the only one who has put it off for years. Right?

Wrong, says market researcher C. Britt Beemer. His survey of more than 3,400 consumers led him to the conclusion that most Americans find shopping for furniture so irritating, they'd rather do almost anything else. The reasons? For one thing, they want to buy quality, but haven't been able to find anyone to tell them what it is.

If the furniture industry believes Beemer, who presented his findings

at the fall wholesale furniture market in North Carolina, it may be easier to shop for that sofa and to get it faster. If it doesn't, most people will find reasons to buy clothes, home electronics and vacation trips instead, he said, and furniture will face a 6 percent sales decline just in 1989.

His suggestions for improving the shopping experience are going to cost money, and you're likely to be paying the freight in the form of higher prices. He said a 5 to 10 percent price rise would provide money for the national advertising and marketing studies he advocates.

(See FURNITURE, Page 11)

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# Problems around the house? Here's the answer

**By ANDY LANG**  
AP Newsfeatures

**Q.** — In a recent reply to a reader, you said that when you cannot remove the odor from a very old piece of furniture it sometimes can be disguised with another scent, such as cedar or some other sweet-smelling material wrapped in an old stocking. You also said you can buy scented bags and similar products to use for the same purpose. However, I have found that varnishing the inside of the piece with two coats will eliminate the odor. Cover every square inch. Leave nothing unvarnished. If working with drawers, varnish the inside, outside, bottom side, everything.

**A.** — Your letter was similar to several others. Most mentioned shellac as the product to use. Your point is well taken. But the reader tried several methods, including the sealing of the wood, without success. In certain cases, the disguise idea is the only one that will produce results.

**Q.** — We have an old water heater. It seems to be working efficiently but I suspect it is wasting energy. A friend suggested wrapping it with fiberglass. Does this help save energy?

**A.** — Yes. Wrapping the heater with a fiberglass blanket or some other type of insulation, some of which can be purchased in a kit, definitely will save on whatever fuel is being used to heat the equipment. The move will save you money as well as energy.

**Q.** — Our town has a program of packaging chemicals and anything else that might be a pollutant and placing it at a collection site where it will be picked up and disposed of properly. Wouldn't it be better to educate the public about using certain substitutes for these pollutants? For example, I have found white vinegar, diluted with water, is fine for cleaning tubs, tiles and the like. Baking soda also has lots of uses as a cleaning agent.

**A.** — Both the education program and the town pickup of pollutants are excellent for the handling of hazardous household products and their disposal.

**Q.** — One of the wide floor boards has become warped in our recreation room. Is there any way it can be straightened? My husband says he can replace the board if necessary but would like to avoid it if possible.

**A.** — A wide board can sometimes be straightened by allowing water to soak into it, then nailing it when it appears to be OK. This doesn't always work but you can try it. Then, if you get no results, go ahead with the removal and replacement.

**Q.** — We have an old piece of furniture we would like to refinish but find it has a musty odor which doesn't go away no matter what we do. Any suggestions?

**A.** — Every so often, old wood will have a disagreeable odor that cannot be removed no matter what you do. If the furniture is so good that you do

not want to get rid of it, try disguising the odor. Wrap cedar or other nice-smelling wood shavings in an old stocking and keep it in the bottom drawer or somewhere else in the item. After a few weeks, you are likely to smell the wood scent and nothing else. Some stores sell scented bags that can be used for the purpose.

**Q.** — I have a workbench that hasn't been used for a long time. The top has a lot of gouges in it. If I fill the openings with wood filler of some kind will the patches stand up under hammering and such?

**A.** — A much better way is to forget about the gouges. Merely screw a piece of 1/2-inch tempered hardboard to the top of the bench to serve as a new work surface. It will last for years. And if it ever gets to the point where you want to replace it, just take out the screws, turn the hardboard over the rescrew it into place.

**Q.** — I will be putting down resilient floor tiles in a recreation room. I once saw a shuffleboard design on such a floor. Can I buy the tiles for such a design?

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# Adjustable wrench often misused

**By ANDY LANG**  
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One of the most widely used tools in the workshop of a professional or a do-it-yourselfer is the adjustable wrench. It also is one of the most widely misused tools.

The right way to use an adjustable wrench is to pull it. That automatically makes pushing it the wrong way. The right way to place a wrench on a nut is so that the pressure will be on the permanent or fixed jaw. That automatically means the wrong way is to place the pressure on the jaw that moves.

The first reaction of some of you may be that you never knew a wrench had two different jaws — one fixed and one movable. A knob near the top of the wrench regulates the moving jaw. It can be turned so the movable jaw gets closer or farther away from the permanent jaw. Therefore, when you fix the wrench on the nut, be sure the force you are about to exert will be on the fixed

jaw. You pull on a wrench to prevent injury. If you push it and the nut gives way suddenly, as it sometimes does, you can smash your fingers or lose your balance or both. Once in a while, when you are in close quarters, you may find it necessary to push the handle of the wrench. But if you are aware of what can happen, you can prevent it by quickly drawing back your hand.

A wrench improperly placed on a nut, either because it was adjusted carelessly or because it wasn't the correct size, also can slip suddenly, another reason why pushing on a wrench is not a good idea.

Adjustable wrenches, versatile as they can be, are not intended for freeing a "frozen" nut, which means a nut that will not yield to ordinary loosening means. An open-end wrench, a box wrench, a socket wrench or any of the heavier duty turning tools must then be used. An open-end wrench has one or two open ends. It is meant to fit nuts of certain sizes.

In most cases, when you buy an open-end wrench, get it in a set of different sizes. Other strong turning wrenches, such as the box or socket, fit over the sides of a nut, allowing pressure to be applied equally everywhere.

When a large object must be turned and you have no room to use a regular wrench, there is a chain wrench that probably will do the job. Among the wrenches used mostly on pipes are Stillson or so-called "monkey" wrenches. They are somewhat similar to adjustable wrenches, but they have toothed rather than flat jaws, enabling them to be used on round objects.

It is well to remember when using wrenches on pipes that nearly every time two wrenches must be utilized. One is for gripping, one for turning. If you do not remember this, you will find yourself throwing the piping out of kilter.

The wrench used for gripping should be on the pipe you do not want to turn. Never use a pipe on the handle of the wrench. It will increase the

leverage and may enable you to turn something that would not but you risk all kinds of trouble because the wrench was not meant to handle that heavy a task.

One of the big troubles is a loss of safety, since a piece of the equipment may break off. For the same reason, never hit a wrench with a hammer.

When you work on plumbing or use a certain type of portable electric drill or do any one of many other chores, you will find a need for what is called an Allen wrench. It has a head that can be inserted into a chuck or setscrew and then turned. Here again, as with open wrenches, you should buy a set of them so you will have the right size when you need it.

Every time you get ready to use a wrench, give it an inspection. Look for damage to the jaws, pins, springs or other small parts. While they seem like unrepairable tools, they can be fixed. Some manufacturers even have small repair kits for the purpose.

### FURNITURE

However, it's not customer resistance, but retail competition that keeps prices down in an industry with an "I can sell it to you cheaper" mentality, according to Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group of Atlanta. He conducted the research for the furniture industry.

Asserting the American public is being poorly served by most of its furniture manufacturers and retailers, he advised the industry to adopt uniform quality and shipping standards and to begin finding out what people want to buy by asking them.

He also identified the most common irritations, such as long waits for delivery of special orders. The longest most people are willing to wait is six weeks.

His research, which included consumer focus groups in five cities as well as telephone interviews, found the biggest consumer frustration is that people feel there are no objective quality standards. About three-fifths of those interviewed believe they cannot trust salespeople to inform them because of dishonesty or lack of knowledge.

Beemer said furniture salespeople are among the two to three lowest-rated in terms of honesty and product knowledge, even though car salesmen rank lower and shopping for appliances is less appealing than shopping for furniture. Many people would rather shop for clothing — something they do feel qualified to judge.

Most people put off looking for furniture until what they have wears out, most likely because the last time they shopped nearly two-thirds said they had not been able to find what they wanted.

To reverse a downward spiral in sales, he suggested many changes to make it more fun and easier to shop.

First, agree on what quality furniture is and let the public know in advertising. Do something about

packaging so furniture arrives undamaged. Show more styles in larger stores which also serve consumers by carrying plumbing and lighting fixtures and home accessories. Make special orders available in six weeks or less. Have the new styles ready for the public to buy in 60 to 90 days after they are introduced to retailers and have a national sale every year around July 4 at which last year's styles are reduced in price and new styles are shown.

Is this just another survey that won't lead to changes? Perhaps, but several furniture industry executives found some of his findings right on target.

"As an industry, we haven't been telling our story or understanding the consumer as well as we should," said Fred Starr, president of Thomasville Furniture Industries. (Starr was co-chair of the industry group that hired Beemer.)

"The furniture industry should do market research and come up with fresh new ideas so people would want to change their homes," commented Carl Levine, vice president of Bloomingdale's.

Both like the idea of emulating the auto industry with new models every year. But they explained some of the reasons for the lapse of months that occurs between showing new items to retailers at semi-annual markets and getting the furniture onto the retail sales floor.

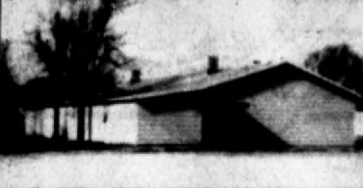
"Many companies go to market with patterns that won't be made unless retailers buy them," said Starr.

"But retailers don't want it immediately because they have to go back and get rid of something to make room," said Levine.

"There is a system in place. The irony is that nobody is talking to the consumer," said Starr. "If companies could deliver the right product faster, I think the industry would benefit."

But as for faster delivery: "I would love it but to be practical, you don't know that you can do it," said Levine. He added that despite a wide variety of fabrics for immediate delivery, special order fabrics which may require a wait of 12 to 15 weeks are often chosen by Bloomingdale's customers.

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# When calendar changes the crystal balls appear

By SAUL PETT

AP Special Correspondent

Think of the years as numbers changing in a speedometer and we can begin the countdown now.

Yesterday, the last day of 1988, flipped over to 1989 today and the last march of the nines began. Next year, a nine will move over, be replaced by a zero and the total will read 1990.

And before we know it, in the steadily rising speed of subjective time, there will be three nines and then the days will roll up and out and the weeks will roll up and out and the months will roll up and out and finally, in a single moment of breathless magic, a zero will come up for the year, another zero for the decade, a third zero for the century and, with one to carry, to be carried oh so carefully, we will have a whole new millennium in the life of humankind.

There, in the big roll of nines and zeros, will come the ultimate for lovers of symmetrical milestones: the first day of a new year, a new decade, a new century, a new millennium. It is a calendar combination prophets and prognosticators can't resist. They are already busy.

In their latest crystal balls, they see a century in which the deaf will hear and the lame will walk; most Americans will be descended from non-Europeans; more than four million new jobs will have to be found for people replaced by robots that never tire, eat, get paid or join unions.

They see a time when the life span will be stretched to 150 years and the divorce rate will zoom because who can look at the same husband for more than 100 years? A time when computer networks will match a liver donor in Duluth with a patient in Dusseldorf. When businessmen conferring by television continents apart will be able to see each other, talk, sell, argue, exchange contracts and baby pictures. When cars will be fully computerized and, after centuries of frustration by horse, camel and raft, a man finally will be able to answer the eternal question, "Daddy, when will we be there?"

A time of scary scientific discovery, especially in genetic engineering, when society will have to deal with the questions of whether man is ready to play God and is God ready to let him.

Who will prevail among the soothsayers, the prophets of a bright new world or the seers of doom and gloom? In that trade, history indicates that the optimists and the pessimists run about neck-and-neck.

So far, the meek have not inherited the earth. But neither has Big Brother. The year 1984 came and went without "1984," the grim scenario of an ultra-totalitarian state by George Orwell, Freedom stirs in China. Gorbachev sits in Stalin's office in Moscow.

The world has not exploded in a nuclear Armageddon, and the planet is alive, if not well. The 20th century has improved the health of humans more than all the previous centuries combined, but it has not been kind to the planet. Unlike all the centuries that passed before, the 21st will inherit tons of man-made nuclear wastes which will remain dangerously radioactive for 280,000 years.

A hundred years ago, the prophets predicting that technology would cure most of society's ills. Now they're wondering how society will survive technology.

In the hot summer of 1988, the experts warned that a severe "greenhouse effect" may be awaiting us in the next century, that carbon dioxide reaching the atmosphere from the vast burning of oil and coal below could heat the earth, melt glaciers, raise sea levels, parch the middle of the globe and produce bumper crops in Canada and Siberia.

In the same hot summer of 1988, Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev told us in Moscow that their two governments and others would try to plan cooperatively for changes in climate. Could it come to pass that the Cold War may one day end because the superpowers will fear the changing earth more than each other?

No area of human prophecy has produced worse batting averages than the question of war or peace. The most recent to step up to the plate was Edward C. Aldridge, Air Force secretary. Unveiling the new stealth bomber, he predicted, "We are ushering in a new age of strategic deterrence."

About 200 years ago, Thomas Jefferson thought that submarines, when invented, would prove so devastating they would prevent wars. Victor Hugo, in 1842, predicted balloons would end war. So, by turn, would the machine gun, the tank, the airplane and the atom

bomb. Humans will live very differently but human nature is likely to remain, as it has since the cave man, unchanged and "unevolving," notes Timothy Willard, editor of The Futurist Magazine. "Human ability to solve problems has improved but human ingenuity will continue to embrace both the constructive and destructive."

Willard and others preoccupied with the future think that small wars are more likely than big wars in the next century. They think that terrorists from the countless ranks of the have-nots are more apt to create world tension than the major powers; that hunger is more likely to bring war than ideology.

For most other people, bursting technology will provide a new world in the new century. According to Marvin Cetron, Arthur C. Clarke, John Diebold, Isaac Asimov and the diviners of the future in fact and fiction, we may expect...

Homes and places of work will be computerized, robotized and, if we're not careful, completely homogenized. Automated housekeepers will heat, cool, ventilate, dust, vacuum, wash and take out the garbage at the press of a button or voice command. Mood makers will provide music, wind noises, thunder cracks and filmed images on the wall of a crackling fire, falling snow or pelting rain.

Appliances will hear and, unless choked, talk. At the moment, though, in this century, talking machines are not selling. Buyer resistance.

"My husband talks back to me," said one shopper. "My kids talk back to me. I don't want my dryer talking back to me."

Designers, however, are not giving up. They think the next generation of consumers, now growing up with talking computers in school, will be less intimidated by babbling machines.

With small high-speed computers for brains, with TV cameras for eyes, hydraulic manipulators for arms and grippers for hands, robots will take over much of the heavy, dangerous or dull work now performed by men and women. They already hobnob with radioactive reactors, visit the bottoms of deep mine shafts, explore ocean bottoms and defuse explosives.

Homo mechanics also paints, welds, grinds, mills, cuts, runs a lathe and drill press, works on appliances, autos and planes without a coffee break, says Cetron. A robot now in the works will be able to return wrenches scattered on workbench to a rack on the wall.

Japan now leads the world in the production of robots. One of the latest from Nippon is called King Kong. It picks up a hospital patient, places him or her in the bathtub and then returns him-her to bed freshly bathed.

It is hard to picture more national change than our century produced. Nations rose and fell, disappeared and reappeared. Empires and ideologies spread and shrank and no nation in Europe today owns a single colony.

But change there will be! By 2100, the population of the world is expected to double from 4.9 billion to 10.4 billion. The poorest nations will have the most people, in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and the richest will have a hard time enjoying their dinner.

The developed countries will drop form a quarter to a seventh share of the world population. The United States will drop from fourth to seventh in population rank, behind India, China, Nigeria, the Soviet Union, Indonesia and Pakistan.

The U.S. share of something called the gross world product will drop from 22 percent to 10 percent but, at that, the United States and Japan will have the largest slices.

Following cheaper labor, not the sun, the Hong Kong shirt-maker, who took business away from the United States and Europe, will lose it to the Mexicans and Thais, who will then lose it to the Bangladeshis; and Egyptians. So says Marvin Cetron.

Economically, the center of gravity of "Western civilization" will shift from the United States and Europe to the United States and the Pacific. U.S. trade with Asia will double that with Europe. Stripped of empire, Europe's share of world commerce has already shrunk to a fraction of what it was in 1900.

In the quickening march of medicine and science, we are told, the blind will see better, paraplegics will step from their wheelchairs, new drugs will dissolve blood clots, and prevent or reduce heart disease, ulcers, cholesterol buildup, hardening of the arteries, hepatitis and some forms of cancer.

Human tissue "farms" will

provide everything from single cells to lungs and hearts, and transplants will become as common as tonsillotomies. Unless stopped, gene tinkers will slow down the aging process and make possible blond, blue-eyed babies on demand.

In that brave new world, with controlled drugs and hormonal manipulation, basketball players will have to be raised; baseball pitchers will throw harder, batters will hit longer and outfield fences will have to be moved back, maybe as much as 100 feet.

Arthur Clarke also predicts a new kind of pit stops for tiring athletes during a game. Like mechanics swarming over a racing car, trainers will swarm over the tired performer, test his blood, inject the nutrients running low and send him back, refueled, to the fray.

Humanity will travel fastest in the spaceships of the next century but there is a reasonable chance it will travel farthest by a different route, learning. Anyone with a home computer terminal may be linked through computer networks to the wisdom of the ages, to the great libraries and universities of the world. Students hemispheres apart could listen to and question a lecturer in Oxford, England. A ghetto high school in Harlem could be wired into the same gathered knowledge enriching Groton.

Togetherness will be strained to its outer limits. Four generations alive at the same time in the same family will be common. Within a family, computers and cable TV will make it unnecessary to leave home to work, go to school, church, take in a movie or concert, shop, reserve an airline ticket, place an off-track bet or do any number of things together at the risk of claustrophobia or fratricide.

By or in the next century, it is expected that spacecraft from Earth will have visited every planet except the distant Pluto; the United States will build a permanent base on the moon; space stations will be transmitting solar energy to Earth.

Then and now, writers of fiction could not be discounted in the march of prophecy. Edgar Allan Poe wrote about crossing the Atlantic in a balloon 134 years before one did; Edward Everett Hale, about an orbiting satellite 88 years before sputnik; Jules Verne, about a man on the moon 100 years before Neil Armstrong.

N.G. Wells thought World War I was the last war; Herbert Hoover thought the Depression was over in 1930; Louis B. Mayer was told, "no civil War picture ever made a nickel" and thus passed up "Gone with the Wind"; Congress considered closing the Patent Office in 1900 because everything the country needed had already been invented.

Closing out the 19th century, The New York Times said the future of democracy appeared bright and, with the fall of Napoleon, the world appeared safe from dictators.

On that New Year's Day, the Times exulted on the front page. "The Century is dead; long live the Century!" One wonders with awe, if a new century made one exclamation mark fit to print, what will a whole new millennium bring?

The first feature length 3-D movie in color, "House of Wax," premiered in New York in 1953.

## EXERCISE YOUR MEMORY

NEW YORK (AP) — Remember to exercise because exercise is good for your memory, says the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

It says University of Kentucky researchers administered memory tests to 66 adults and then put 22 of them into an aerobic exercise program while the others remained sedentary.

After 12 weeks, the exercisers who improved over 15 percent in fitness also improved slightly in short-term and significantly in long-term memory. Dr. Kathleen Blomquist, professor of nursing, says regular exercise increases the oxygen and sugar available to the brain, helping it function better.

## WHERE TO WORK

WILTON, Conn. (AP) — What industries offer job seekers the most promise in the '80s?

According to a study by PHH Homeequity Inc., the four best prospects are chemicals, paper and forestry products, drugs-pharmaceuticals and defense and space electronics.

The chemicals industry, a big exporter, benefits from the weakened dollar. Paper and forestry firms are helped by strong product demand and modernized equipment, says the study. New health-saving products keep the drug and pharmaceutical business growing. Defense and space electronics are expected to benefit from existing long-range contracts.

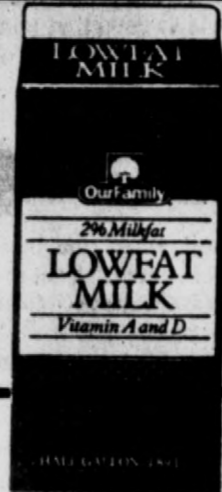
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# Lifestyles

## Johnson, Huston wedding vows exchanged Saturday

Jana Johnson of Hereford became the bride of Tom Huston of Portales, N.M. in an early afternoon wedding ceremony Saturday at the First Church of the Nazarene. The marriage was officiated by the Rev. Bob Huffaker of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cramer of Route 2, Hereford. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Darrel Huston of Watrous, N.M.

In depicting the holiday season, the church was decorated with red and white poinsettias and Christmas greenery and the front altar was enhanced by a brass archway covered with greenery and illuminated with miniature white lights. Pews were marked with sprigs of evergreen and red velvet bows.

Regina Lewis of Hereford served as maid of honor and best man was the groom's brother, Randy Huston of Lexington, Ky.

Bridesmaids included Melanie Watt of Meeker, Colo. and Sonia Smith of Carpenter, Wy. Grooms-men were Jon T. McCready of Albuquerque, N.M. and Jeff Kirkpatrick of Las Cruces, N.M.

Guests were escorted by Duke Sundt of Sapello, N.M. and John Phillips of Valmora, N.M.

The bride's niece, Mylissa Thompson, daughter of Donna Thompson of Muleshoe, was flower girl and ring bearer was James Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Payne of Hereford.

Musical selections included a prerecorded version of "Stand By Me" by Ben E. King and additional music provided by Mrs. Gene Streun of Hereford.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a white slipper satin gown encrusted with seed pearls at accent points. It was also fashioned with a Queen Anne neckline and puffed sleeves with fitted elbow-length buttoned

cuffs. The fitted princess styled bodice was covered with hand-beaded and sequined alencon lace. A back bow was placed just below the waist and the chapel-length train was adorned with smaller bows on the outer edge.

To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a satin picture hat encrusted with pearls around the band and the trim. The veil, which flowed from a bow at the back of the hat, was delicately adorned with small hand-beaded and sequined appliques.

The bride's dress, hat and veil were designed and tailored by the bride's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Thompson of Hereford.

The bride carried a nosegay of red and white mini carnations mixed with Christmas greenery and baby's breath.

In keeping with bridal tradition, the bride wore her gown as something new; a strand of pearls belonging to her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Cora Johnson of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Hereford, was something old; earrings belonging to her mother was something borrowed; and the bridal garter was something blue. She also wore pennies in her shoes depicting the birthdates of the couple.

Bridal attendants wore red slipper satin tea-length dresses featuring scooped necklines, puffed three-quarter-length sleeves and dropped heart waistlines. Each carried a white carnation accented with baby's breath.

Mrs. Larry Kelley of Fort Worth, the bride's aunt, invited guests to register at the reception held in the fellowship hall of the church. She also served cake.

Punch and coffee were poured by Mrs. Tobin Tate of Clovis, N.M. and Shannon Hacker of Hereford.

The bride's table was covered with a red satin cloth and was accented with Christmas greenery. The focal point of the table was the

three-tiered bride's cake placed above a flowing red fountain. Five smaller heart-shaped cakes further accented the bride's cake which was made by Margaret Gamez.

The groom's table, covered with a cream colored cloth, featured a chocolate horseshoe-shaped cake made by Yolanda Guerrero.

Leaving for a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the bride wore a sweater with cream, fuschia and black designs, a long black leather skirt and black leather boots.

The couple will make their home at Route 3, Portales, N.M.

The groom's parents hosted a

rehearsal dinner at K-Bob's Friday evening.

While attending Hereford High School, the bride, who graduated in 1986, was a member of the National Honor Society and competed for the HHS rodeo team. She is a junior math education major at Eastern New Mexico University where she is a member of the women's rodeo team.

The groom graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1986 and he competed with the high school rodeo team. He is currently attending ENMU where he is a junior agribusiness major. He is

also a member of the men's rodeo team.

Out-of-town family members attending the wedding included the bride's great-uncle, Hubert Thompson of Sturbridge, Mass.; the bride's

cousin, Mrs. Carl Morrow of Troop, Texas; and the groom's paternal grandmother, Mrs. H.L. Huston of Corralis, Ore. Other guests represented Dallas, Canyon and Amarillo.



MRS. TOM HUSTON  
...nee Jana Johnson

## Woman of the Year to be announced Thursday night

The Women's Division's Woman of the Year Award will be presented during the Division's first quarterly meeting of the new year at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hereford Community Center.

All members and guests are encouraged to attend the meeting which will also feature a dinner catered by Something Special.

GIBBON, Neb. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl struggling to recover from a shooting accident that required the amputation of her leg just above the knee got some unexpected encouragement from Sen.-elect Bob Kerrey.

Kerrey, whose leg was amputated below the knee after he was wounded in Vietnam, called Lana Gillming after hearing of her accident.

"I notice those sorts of things," the Democratic senator-elect and former governor said. "I just told her I've got a lot of feeling for her and that I am her friend."

"He said he would be a real friend and gave me his telephone number to call if I ever needed to talk," Miss Gillming said. "He also gave me the name and telephone number of his personal doctor in Lincoln."

Miss Gillming said Kerrey told her an artificial leg eventually will allow her to function normally.

Tickets are priced at \$6.75 per person. If planning to attend, reservations must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday by calling the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce office at 364-3333.

Outgoing Women's Division President Sue Malamen will conduct the business session and the Division's first president, Virginia Adams, will install new officers and announce new directors.



Frederick the Great always insisted his coffee be made with champagne instead of water.

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Microcomputer Applications	7:00-9:45p.m.	Thu
Freshman Composition I	7:00-9:45p.m.	Tue
Freshman Composition II	7:00-9:45p.m.	Wed
Literature of Western World	7:00-9:45p.m.	Thu
Government of Texas & U.S.	7:00-9:45p.m.	Wed
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# Selfridge, Bryan exchange wedding vows in Colorado

Former Hereford resident JoAnn Selfridge of Amarillo, and Randy Bryan of Lamar, Colo. were married early Saturday evening in the Church of the Nazarene in Lamar.

Officiating for the couple was the Rev. Galan Burnett of Lamar.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wagner of Hereford and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Opal Moffet of Keyes, Okla. and the late Dale Bryan.

During the candlelight ceremony, the church was decorated by brass candelabra entwined with English ivy and brass stands with overflowing Boston ferns. Pews were marked by satin and lace bows accented with sprigs of English ivy.

Mrs. Frank Peters of Canyon served her sister as matron of honor and best man was Randy Phillips of Pritchett, Colo.

Musical selections included "Trumpet Voluntary", "Jesu-Joy of an's Desire" and "Just at the Right Time." Featured vocalist was the groom's cousin, Sandy Bryan.

The bride's sons, Ben and Adam Selfridge, proceeded her as she walked down the aisle. She chose to wear a candlelight princess-style gown with Chantilly lace applied on bridal net and chiffon covering the fitted bodice and long fitted sleeves. Delicate scalloped lace adorned the low round neckline and a border of matching lace trimmed the hemline of the gown which swept into a chapel-length train.

The fingertip-length English nylon illusion veil was decorated with appliques of Chantilly lace and sprays and clusters of miniature pearls.

The bride carried an arrangement of fern, white roses and sprigs of English ivy.

Her jewelry included her maternal grandmother's wedding ring and a strand of pearls and matching earrings given to her from her parents.

The bride's honor attendant was attired in a tea-length dark emerald green dress designed similar to the bride's gown. It was fashioned with a velveteen bodice and sleeves with taffeta bows on the shoulders and a taffeta gathered skirt. She carried

white roses, fern and English ivy.

The groom's niece, Tessa Bryan of La Junta, Colo., invited guests to register at the reception held in the church parlor.

Cake was served by Melissa Peters of Canyon, the bride's niece, and punch and coffee were poured by Stacy Wagner, also a niece of the bride. Also assisting in the houseparty were Shannon Hazzard and Loretta Hamon, both of Lamar, Colo.

The focal point of the refreshment table was a three-tiered Italian cream cake with butter frosting. It was topped with a

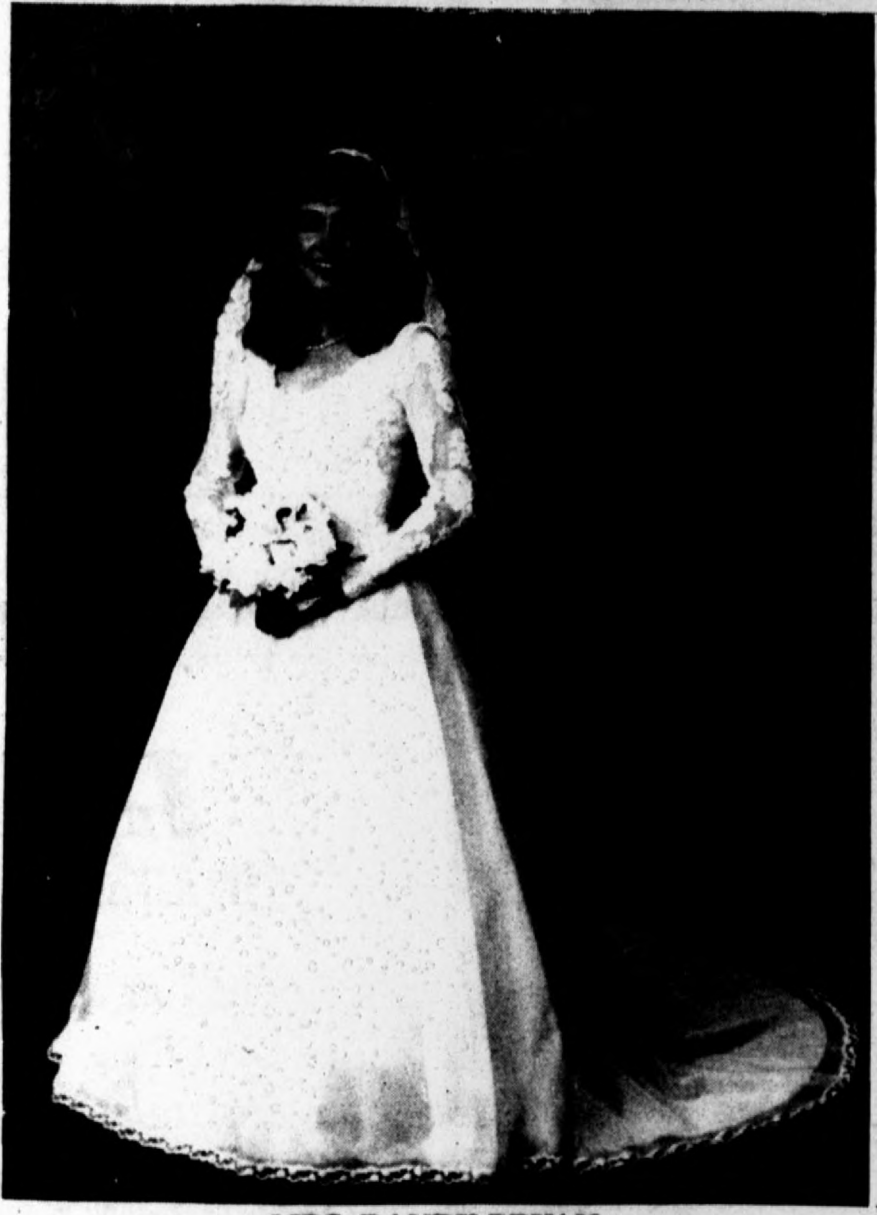
miniature version of the bride's bouquet and a cupid figurine.

Following the wedding reception, guests were invited to a dance.

The bride wore her wedding gown when she and the groom departed for their honeymoon to Cachara Ski Valley in Cachara, Colo. They will make their home in Lamar.

The bride attended Amarillo College and West Texas State University and has been employed by Energas Co. in Amarillo.

The groom attended Otero Junior College and is employed by Southeast Colorado Power Association.



**MRS. RANDY BRYAN**  
...nee JoAnn Selfridge

## Hints from Heloise

DEAR HELOISE:

My daughter needed flash cards for extra practice in her math course at school. After pricing both addition and subtraction cards, I decided to make my own.

At home I took a deck of playing cards and removed the face cards. Now, when we practice her math combinations, I lay out two playing cards face up and ask her to add or subtract the numbers. This also works well for multiplication and can be used for division of the smaller numbers.

We have fun going through the deck several times and the combinations of numbers are numerous after shuffling the cards. — Karen Casper, Oshkosh, Wis.

Aren't you clever! This is a wonderful way to use those decks of cards that aren't complete! Give your daughter a hug from this math major! — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise  
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LETTER OF THOUGHT

Dear Heloise: Recently you included in your column some very helpful hints on getting rid of mice.

Warnings against two diabolical products for catching and killing the creatures should be added to your hints. One product is quite old, a poison which dehydrates and causes

the animal to seek water. I saw a dog die from this poison and it was not a pretty sight. The other product is a sticky trap, which also causes a slow death.

Admittedly, mice and rats are a nuisance at best and dangerous at

worst. If the creatures must be killed, for mercy's sake, use a trap of some sort that kills instantly. After all, the animal is doing only what comes naturally to him and shouldn't be tortured for it. — Mrs. Frances Swigart, Alexandria, Pa.

### CONSUMER NOTICE

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## Between the Covers

By REBECCA WALLS

The year is 1935. Ben Throckmorton hadn't been one of those stock marketers; he hadn't invested in anything but his own hard work in developing his newspaper and radio station.

Not only surviving the Wall-street crash, Ben was one of the few seeming to prosper during the depression. Why has Ben decided to turn his empire over to his only daughter and the Eastern fellow she had married over a year ago?

Anyone who knew Ben well knew it was because he wanted Betsy back in Texas. Betsy had loved hanging around the paper and now after four years of college she was determined to be an aggressive, innovative editor. Ted Winton, Betsy's husband, is a journalist who plans to free-lance articles in his spare time, but is intrigued with the awesome power of radio and the prospect of running KVAT.

As Betsy settles into the roll of editor and investigative reporter, she begins to uncover a few small town crazy stories such as the wild catter who names an oil well after his mistress, or the local banker who drifts into a dangerous get-rich scheme, or the heroic Texas Ranger who may be a little trigger happy.

The discovery of a "Texas Murder Machine" leads to a shocking personal tragedy and launches Betsy on an investigation that will strip bare the secrets of her hometown. Don't miss Fast Copy by Dan Jenkins.

Paul and Joanne: a biography of Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward by Joe Morella is another in which you movie fans may be interested. The stories of Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward are not the stuff of typical Hollywood biographies, maybe because they are not the typical Hollywood stars. Paul and Joanne have succeeded in maintaining a private life that few fans have penetrated.

Both Joanne and Paul are actors first and stars by the virtue of the undeniable talent which both possess. Their marriage of more than 30 years is also a testament to their determination to succeed more than to undying passion.

Inventor Thomas A. Edison received a patent in 1887 for his "Kinetoscope," a device which produced moving pictures.

The first known "test tube" baby was born in 1978 to a woman in Bristol, England.

Glamorous Powers by Susan Howatch is a story about a man of integrity who does not know he is living a lie. He is a man of our century, an Angelican monk who was once a husband in a marriage that now seems a distant dream, although a grown son and daughter bear witness to its past reality. He is compassionate and ruthless, deeply spiritual, immensely attractive. He is gifted, and burdened with psychic powers, the "glamorous powers" of the title.

The commanding and contradictory man who stands at the center of Susan Howatch's richly peopled new novel, is Jonathon Darron, in the midst of a successful career in the church of England. The time is 1940. Suddenly he receives a shattering vision and knows that he must leave the monastery that has been his home for 17 years.

Returning to the world, he is startled and confused, unprepared for the variety of temptations that confront him. Soon he is telling himself that he loves a young woman whom he has only recently met, an enigmatic woman who is not as she seems to be, a woman who becomes increasingly fascinating to him. Then against all counsel, he undertakes the easily corruptible missions of healing and exorcism, and plunges into a spiritual crisis that threatens the lives of those closest to him. It is a crisis that sends him to his past to pluck out the buried truth beneath the deceptions he has imposed on others and himself.

Addressing the often startling discrepancies between what we are and what we tell ourselves and others about our lives, Susan Howatch has given us her most powerfully original novel.

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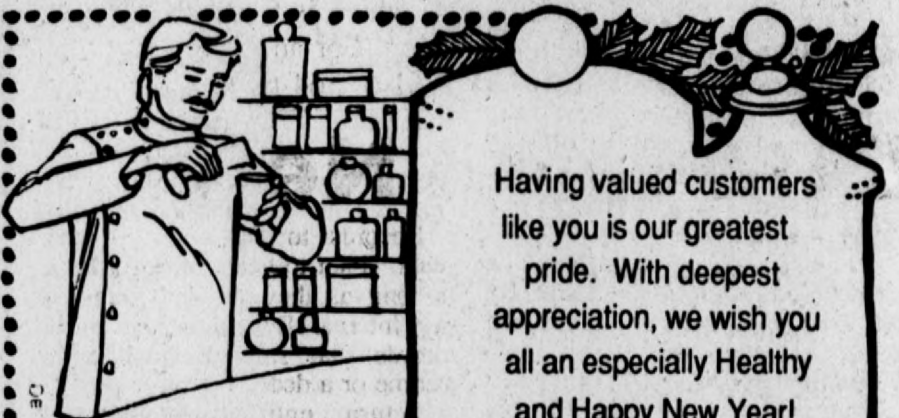
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### Checking blood pressure

Mary Jane Burrus, left, is monitoring Ruth King's blood pressure while preparing for more blood pressure checks during the Jan. 7 "Treat Your Body Better in 89." Set from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Community Center, TUBB will also offer cholesterol testing, various fitness tests, and information on nutrition and other health topics. The Red Cross, Deaf Smith County Extension Service, and Hereford YMCA are sponsoring the event, which is free except for a \$6 charge for the cholesterol testing. For an appointment or for more information, call 364-3761 or 364-6990.

## Extension News

BY BEVERLY HARDER  
Extension Agent

### Weeding Out Records

Winter is a good time to re-assess your financial habits because a year has just ended. Like most people, your financial papers and records could probably stand a little overhauling.

But before you begin reorganizing, consider what you really need and what you can prune out. Most of us save more paperwork than necessary and it just takes up a lot of space.

Start by setting out boxes and files to hold three types of records: those you can toss, those you need to keep six or more years, and those you need to keep for the rest of your life.

Things you can toss: If you don't need the record for tax purposes or if you are sure it can easily be replaced, don't save it.

Receipts for small daily purchases do not have to be saved, especially if they have no tax consequences. But keep receipts for expensive items to settle insurance claims in the case of loss, theft or damage.

It isn't necessary to keep monthly mutual fund and brokerage statements once a comprehensive year-end statement is issued. However, you should save trade confirmations and dividend-reinvestment statements. This information is needed to determine your cost basis when you sell a security. Without it, you may overpay taxes when you sell the security.

You can safely discard most business receipts for less than \$25 and your credit card bills after your bank returns the cancelled check verifying that you paid the bill. However, if you need your credit card statement for analyzing itemized deductions at tax time, keep those statements with your tax records.

Records to keep six or more years: Plan to keep tax records for as long as they are important for any Internal Revenue law. Keep records that support an item of income or a deduction appearing on a return until the statute of limitations for the return runs out. Usually this is three years from the date the return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever date is later.

Sometimes you may have to keep tax records for a longer period, such as in property transactions, when the basis for the new or replacement property depends on the old property's basis. Keep those records for as long as they are important in figuring your property's basis.

Records to keep forever: These records include birth and death certificates, list of financial assets, medical records, powers of attorney, trust agreements, wills and W-2 statements. Also keep divorce decrees and custody agreements, military papers, naturalization papers and prenuptial agreements.

Getting a handle on your paper trail will take a little time and effort, but will be worth it. Once you've accomplished this task, you'll be able to find every paper you need.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Don't expect the fitness boom to die down. A survey done by Athletic Business magazine of 323 sports, recreation and fitness facilities shows that 90 percent expect their enterprise to grow substantially over the next seven years and most are already planning to expand their facilities.

The English novelist Jane Austin was born in 1817.

## Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My husband and I have 12 children. The enclosed article has helped us enormously. At this moment it is taped to the refrigerator. Please run it again.--H.A.S. in Albuquerque

DEAR H.A.S.: With pleasure. It's one of my favorites.

The Rev. C. Galea was assigned to the Guelph Correction Centre for his summer work. While there he developed excellent rapport with many young lawbreakers.

He asked the boys for clues as to why they had ended up in that institution. He then asked them to draw up a code for parents, zeroing in on specific areas where they had failed. Here is what emerged:

1. Keep cool. Don't fly off the handle. Keep the lid on when things go wrong. Kids need to see how much better things turn out when people keep their tempers under control.

2. Don't get strung out from too much booze or too many pills. When we see our parents reaching for those crutches we get the idea that nobody goes out there alone and it's perfectly OK to reach for a bottle or a capsule when things get heavy. Children are great imitators.

3. Bug us a little. Be strict. Show us who's the boss. We need to know we've got some strong supports under us. When you cave in we get scared.

4. Don't blow your class. Stay on that pedestal. Don't try to dress, dance or talk like your kids. You embarrass us and you look ridiculous.

5. Light a candle. Show us the way. Tell us God is not dead, or sleeping, or on vacation. We need to believe in something bigger and stronger than ourselves.

6. Scare the hell out of us. If you catch us lying, stealing or being cruel, get tough. Let us know WHY what we did was wrong. Impress on us the importance of not repeating such behavior.

7. When we need punishment, dish it out. But let us know you still love us, even though we have let you down. It will make us think twice before we make that same move again.

8. Call our bluff. Make it clear you meant what you say. Don't compromise. And don't be intimidated by our threats to drop out of school or leave home. Stand up to us and we'll respect you. Kids don't want everything they ask for.

9. Be honest. Tell us the truth no matter what. And be straight-arrow about everything. We can take it. Lukewarm answers make us uneasy. We can smell uncertainty a mile away.

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# Calendar of Events

## MONDAY

Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
 TOPS Chapter No. 1011, Community Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 Rotary Club, Community Center, noon.  
 Planned Parenthood Clinic, open Monday-Friday, 711 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Ladies exercise class, Nazarene Church, 6 p.m.  
 Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Community Center, 7 p.m.  
 AA meets Monday-Friday, 406 W. Fourth St., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information call 364-9620.  
 Spanish speaking AA meetings each Monday, 406 W. Fourth St., 8 p.m.  
 Ladies exercise class, First Baptist Church Family Life Center,

7:30 p.m.  
 SOS-Teen NA/AA group, HHS homemaking livingroom, 7 p.m.  
 Dawn Lions Club, Dawn Community Center, 8:30 p.m.  
 Ladies Christian Endeavors, 7 p.m. in members' homes.  
 Hospital Auxiliary, hospital board room, 11:45 a.m.  
 Society for Women Educators, Community Center, 7 p.m.  
 Women's American G.I. Forum, Community Center, 6 p.m.  
 Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Temple, 7:15 p.m.  
 VFW Auxiliary, VFW clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY

Deaf Smith County Historical Museum: Regular museum hours Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment

only. Museum closed Monday.  
 TOPS Chapter No. 576, Community Center, 9 a.m.  
 Ladies exercise class, Church of the Nazarene, 6 p.m.  
 Kids Day Out, First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
 Park Ave., 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
 Hereford AMBUCS Club, Ranch House, noon.  
 Social Security representative at courthouse, 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 Kiwanis Club of Hereford-Golden K, Senior Citizens Center, noon.  
 Alateens and Al-Anon, 406 W. Fourth St., 8 p.m.  
 Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
 Problem Pregnancy Center, 505 E. Park Ave., open Tuesday through Friday. Free and confidential pregnancy testing. Call 364-2027 or 364-7626 for appointment.  
 Advisory Board of Hereford Satellite Work Training Center, Caison House, noon.  
 San Jose Women's Organization, Free women's exercise class, aerobic and floorwork, Community Church, 7:30 p.m.  
 Free blood pressure screening, Tuesday through Friday, South San Jose Catholic Church, 7 p.m.  
 American Legion and Auxiliary, Legion all, 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Anathony's Women's Organization, Antonian Room, 8 p.m.  
 Hereford Riders Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.  
 Hereford Young Homemakers Club, 7:30 p.m.  
 Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter, 7:30 p.m.  
 Hereford Ministerial Association, 10 a.m.  
 La Afflatus Estudio Club, 3 p.m.  
 Baptist Women of Summerfield Baptist Church to meet at the church, 9 a.m.  
 Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, 7:30 p.m.  
 Toujours Amis Study Club, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Noon Lions Club, Community Center, noon.  
 Young at heart program, YMCA, 9 a.m. until noon.  
 Play school day nursery, 201 Country Club Drive, 9 a.m. until, 4 p.m. Call 364-0040 for reservations.  
 United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, executive meeting at 10 a.m. in church library, followed by general meeting in Ward Parlor at 10:30 a.m. and covered dish luncheon at noon in fellowship hall.  
 United Presbyterian Women's Association, lunch at church.  
 Draper Extension Homemakers Club, noon.  
 Knights of Columbus at KC Hall, 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Ladies exercise class, First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.  
 Teen support group, homemaking livingroom of high school, 3:45 p.m.  
 San Jose prayer group, 7:35

Brevard, 8 p.m.  
 Weight Watchers, Community Church, 6:30 p.m.  
 Kids Day Out, First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
 Ladies exercise class, Church of the Nazarene, 6 p.m.  
 Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.  
 TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 9 a.m.  
 Amateur Radio Operators, north biology building of high school, 7:30 p.m.  
 Story hour at library, 10 a.m.  
 Hereford Toastmasters Club, Ranch House, 6:30 a.m.  
 VFW, VFW clubhouse, 8 p.m.  
 BPOE Lodge at Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.  
 Summerfield Study Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 Camp Fire Leaders Association, Camp Fire Lodge, 7:30 p.m.  
 National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 1 p.m.  
 Hereford Child Care Providers, 7:30 p.m.  
 Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.  
 Bud to Blossom Garden Club, 9:30 a.m.  
 Elketts, 8 p.m.  
 L'Allegre Study Club, 10 a.m.  
 Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, 8 p.m.  
 North Hereford Extension Homemakers Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 Wyche Extension Homemakers Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 Bay View Study Club, 2 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Kiwanis Whiteface Breakfast Club, 6:30 a.m.  
 Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.  
 Garden Beautiful Club, 9:30 a.m.  
 Hereford Senior Citizens governing board 2 p.m. and business meeting at 3 p.m. at Senior Citizens Center.  
 Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary, IOOF all, 8 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Open gym for all teens, noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays at First Church of the Nazarene.  
 AA, 406 W. Fourth St. 8 p.m.

## SUNDAY

AA, 406 W. Fourth St., 11 a.m.

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 Special thanks to the Christmas Stocking Committee for all of their work and to all of the people who gave so generously of their funds to make Christmas nicer for so many of our local people.  
 T.U.B.B. will be held Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Community Center. Blood pressure screenings, cholesterol screenings, fitness information

and nutrition information will be available. Those interested in the cholesterol test are asked to call the YMCA or the Red Cross office to make an appointment.

The Lubbock Chapter will be sending a team with their machines and our volunteers will be helping with the screenings. The cholesterol test will cost \$6 but all of the information and the blood pressure screenings are free.  
 The Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Red Cross is a United Way Agency.

## Woman's Health

### LEADERS OF THE CYCLE

A woman's ovaries play a leading role throughout her reproductive life. At birth, these delicate organs, which are located at the end of the fallopian tubes on both sides of the uterus, contain one to two millions eggs. By the time you begin menstruating, however, that number has dropped to about 300,000 eggs.  
 In women with normal menstrual cycles, several eggs will develop in the ovaries each month. Within a short time, one egg is released from the sac where it was stored (the follicle) and travels down into the fallopian tube. When the egg is released from the follicle, many women may feel a pain, either dull or sharp, on one side of their abdomen and know that they are ovulating.  
 After the egg is released, the leftover egg sac is called the corpus luteum. It starts producing the hormone progesterone, which prepares the uterus for pregnancy in case the egg is fertilized. If the egg is not fertilized, the corpus luteum stops producing hormones and disappears, and the uterus sheds its prepared lining as menstrual fluid.  
 At the other end of a woman's reproductive life, the ovaries lead the way into menopause. About ten years before menopause, the ovaries begin to release smaller and smaller

amounts of estrogen until menopause when monthly bleeding ceases. Women who have their ovaries removed surgically before menopause may need to have the estrogen artificially replaced with estrogen replacement therapy.

Although she may not be aware of it, almost every woman has had an ovarian cyst at one time or another. An ovarian cyst is a fluid-filled sac similar to a blister. Most of these are functional cysts that are formed on the ovaries during a normal menstrual cycle. These cysts usually cause no pain, need no treatment, and disappear within one or two menstrual cycles. A cyst that does not disappear or is very large may be a sign of something more serious. It is important therefore that ovarian cysts be monitored closely by your doctor.

A woman's ovaries play an essential role in menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause. Regular check-ups with your doctor can help to assure that they stay healthy and ready to do their job.



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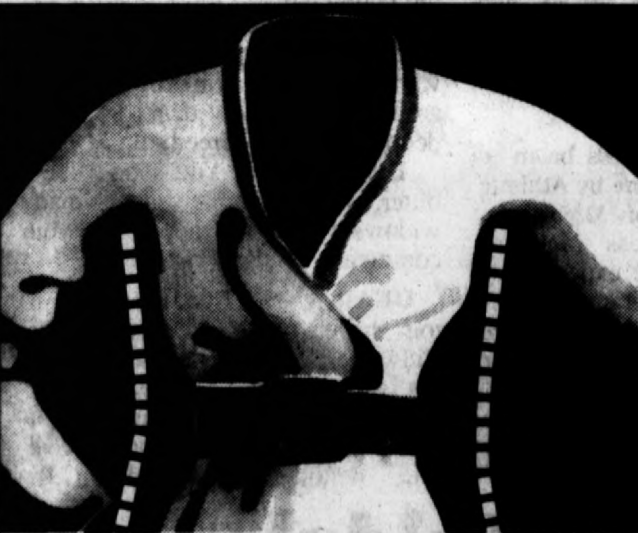
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# Texas becomes bigger political power in '88

AUSTIN (AP)—From 1988's first month to its last, politics was on Texans' minds and the nation's political spotlight was focused on Texas.

A Texan was elected president. A Texan lost the vice presidential race but remained head of the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

Want more? A Texan will remain as secretary of education. A Texan will become secretary of commerce. A Texan will serve as secretary of defense.

The national scope of the state's political might even prompted The New York Times' to declare in a front-page story: "Texas' political clout in Washington is reminding

some people of the glory days of Lyndon B. Johnson and Sam Rayburn."

Texas clout was so strong, in fact, that several other states cried, what else but "politics," when the U.S. Department of Energy announced its location for the \$4.4 billion superconducting super collider research project: Waxahachie, Texas.

It all began in early January, when presidential candidates filed for the Texas primary, the biggest prize in the first-ever Southern regional primary.

When Super Tuesday rolled around on March 8, both parties' eventual nominees were victorious in Texas, Republican George Bush,

an adopted Houstonian, and Democratic Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts.

But the state was more important than that single primary.

Dukakis raised the hopes of Texas Democrats when, before July's Democratic national Convention, he chose Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen for a running mate. Under the 1959 "Lyndon Law," Bentsen was allowed to campaign both for that job and for re-election. He won one and lost one, so he returns to the Senate.

Bentsen wasn't the only Texans in the Atlanta convention's limelight.

State Treasurer Ann Richards was chosen to deliver the convention's keynote address. It turned

her into a national celebrity almost overnight.

In recent weeks, for example, she has joined singer Barbra Streisand in Hollywood and actress Kathleen Turner in New York for political fundraisers, been profiled on several television programs including CBS-TV's "West 57th," and received a note and a tiny silver foot form the president-elect, a memento of her description of his wealthy upbringing and penchant for malapropisms. An aide said her speaking schedule is booked through next autumn.

Not to be outdone, the Republicans' convention in New Orleans had a Texas accent, too.

Sen. Phil Gramm was chosen to nominate his fellow Texan, Bush,

for president. The 111-member Texas delegation's votes were the ones that put Bush over the top and set off his nomination celebration.

While they didn't attract as much national attention, the state elections included heated, expensive battles for control of the Texas Supreme Court and gave new life to a twice-defeated candidate.

Republicans also continued to make gains in the Texas Legislature, picking up one additional seat in the House, a new total of 57 of the 150, and two seats in the Senate, for a total of eight of 31.

Kent Hance, a former Lubbock congressman who lost the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination in 1984, switched parties and lost the GOP gubernatorial nomination in

1986, won his first statewide election, holding onto the Railroad Commission seat to which he had been appointed. Rumors quickly began to circulate that Hance might be eyeing another job, possibly governor, in 1990.

But the most attention was centered on the Supreme Court, where Democratic resignations had put six of the nine seats up for grabs.

After a year of negative national publicity, including a CBS-TV "60 minutes" story that asked "Is Justice for Sale?" the candidates for chief justice pumped nearly \$2 million each into the race.

Republican Tom Phillips won, the first Republican to win the job this century. In another unprecedented development, Republicans Eugene Cook and Nathan Hecht also were elected to the high court, giving Republicans three seats for the first time since Reconstruction.

The presence of five Republicans in statewide offices, another modern first, moved Gov. Bill Clements to happily proclaim, "This is historic for us in Texas. I was the first statewide candidate that we Republicans have elected, and I'm certainly pleased that now I have some company."

# Some parts of economy rebound in '88

DALLAS (AP)—State agriculture and weather forecasters at the end of 1988 prepared to declare it one of history's driest years, a natural disaster among many manmade ones that battered the Texas economy.

But several economic indicators and business announcements, including the Department of Energy's recommendation that a site near Waxahachie be the home of the multibillion dollar superconducting "super collider," held promise for the future.

Bad real estate loans and lending practices led federal regulators to fail more than 100 Texas banks in 1988, shattering the record of 50 set in 1987. Dozens of troubled savings and loans were consolidated with healthy ones in a sweeping federal program called the "Southwest Plan."

Regulators in late July rescued First Republic Bank Corp., the state's largest bank holding company, and its 40 subsidiary banks were taken over by NCNB Corp., a Charlotte, N.C.-based firm.

Another huge Texas bank firm, Houston's First City Bancorporation, was bailed but by federal regulators and a transaction involving San Antonio-based National Bancshares Corp. and Fort Worth's Texas American Bancshares was under consideration, for the second time.

Later in the year, the state's second-largest bank company, MCorp, asked for regulators' advice, but tried desperately to avoid a bailout.

Billionaire Ross Perot supported the takeover of First Republic Bank by NCNB, a deal which could eventually cost federal regulators \$4 billion.

NCNB's share of the rescue is estimated at between \$210 million and \$214 million.

"I agreed to underwrite it, which was an insignificant public service to the people of Texas because NCNB, without even breaking a bead of perspiration, can raise well over \$200 million," Perot said.

Meanwhile, Perot started a new computer services firm the day a non-competition agreement between he and his former company, Electronic Data Systems, expired. Perot is prohibited by the agreement from operating his new company on a for-profit basis until December 1989, but worried competitors challenged his first contract, a \$500,000 deal to automate the U.S. Postal Service that was awarded on a no-bid basis.

Tenneco Inc., Houston's largest oil company, announced it was getting out of the oil and gas business, selling its operations for more than \$7 billion. Several buyers, including Chevron Corp. and T. Boone Pickens' Mass Limited Partnership, were involved in the sale affecting the nation's 10th largest oil company.

Houston's newest and emptiest skyscraper, the 53-story heritage Plaza, was sold for \$110 million to a partnership whose major investor is the Michigan Employees Retirement System.

State agriculture officials pointed to several counties in central and south Texas and a patch of counties in northeast Texas as those hardest hit by the drought.

More than 600 ranchers and farmers in central Texas' Gonzales county, which received less than half its normal yearly rainfall amount, sought relief from federal assistance programs in 1988.

Thousands of head of livestock were taken to market prematurely and crop yields were only about 60 percent of normal, said Charles Rasmussen, executive director for the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in Gonzales County.

"We have a 90 percent loss on our pastures," Rasmussen said.

"Some are 100 percent lost, but on average about 90 percent."

The only major crop to benefit from the dry weather was cotton, especially the late year's crop, state officials said.

On the economy's brighter side,

U.S. Energy Secretary John Herrington in November said his department's exhaustive study of places to locate the super collider found Texas to be the best. State and local business and political leaders agreed, but obtaining congressional funding for the project appeared likely to be a

challenge.

In January, government and industry leaders announced the placement of the Sematech consortium project in Austin. The joint government-industry research group, involving 15 computer competitors, was formed as a response to the Japanese lead in the

semiconductor industry.

Houston-based Compaq Computer Corp. boasted record profits on increased sales of its personal computers and introduced a new line of laotoo models. And Fort Worth-based Tandy Corp. introduced new personal computers and a re-recordable compact disc

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# Texas in '88: News was tragic, silly, incredible

DALLAS (AP)—A terrifying but miraculous scramble to safety by dozens of passengers, while 14 others perished, led to selection of the August crash of a Delta Air Lines jet as the top Texas news story of 1988.

The Boeing 727's puzzling short flight edged out Texas' selection for the super collider and problems in the state's banking industry in balloting among newspaper and broadcast members of The Associated Press.

Texas' role in the presidential election and the threat of Hurricane Gilbert rounded out the top five.

Delta Flight 1141 crashed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Aug. 31, while taking off for Salt Lake City. Survivors told of scrambling through a gaping hole in the fuselage and over pools of fuel to escape the burning wreckage at the end of an airport runway.

Investigators called it one of the most puzzling accidents in recent years because of inconsistencies between physical evidence and crewmembers' recollections. A National Transportation Safety Board ruling on the cause is not expected until at least next spring, although a November public hearing focused on whether the crucial wing flaps were properly set for takeoff.

On the 46 ballots, seven editors listed the crash first, but the most top votes, 11, were cast for the state's victory in the super collider sweepstakes.

The U.S. Dept. of Energy on Nov. 10 picked Texas from among a handful of states still in contention for what officially will be known as the Ronald Reagan Center for High Energy Physics.

The winner of a Dallas newspaper contest gave the \$4 billion project a more palatable nickname "Super Clyde."

Construction and operation of the atom-smasher on a site near Waxahachie, south of Dallas, is expected to generate 7,500 jobs and untold other benefits for the state's economy. But Congress must still authorize spending for the project and environmental impact statements must be successfully completed.

Already, one report suggests voracious fire ants might prove harmful to the intricate wiring the SSC will require for its 53-mile,

underground particle accelerator tunnel.

Lending problems continued to plague Texas financial institutions in 1988, leading to the July 29 failure of the state's largest bank-holding company, First Republic Bank Corp. The insolvency contributed 40 banks to the state's record total of 113 closings as the year drew near an end.

Meanwhile, thrift regulators launched the controversial "Southwest Plan" to shore up faltering savings associations through federally-assisted mergers and acquisitions. Critics charged that the costly arrangement only compounded the problem, instead of dealing with the thrifts' poor-quality assets.

Investigators also were reportedly close to major indictments in their probe of fraud at Texas banks and savings associations. The task force of FBI, Treasury and other agents is the largest ever formed by the federal government to investigate white collar crime.

The No. 4 story, the presidential election, had a decidedly Texas flavor with adopted Houstonian George Bush leading the victorious Republican ticket and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen earning the Democrats' vice presidential nomination.

Bentsen hung onto his Senate seat by running a dual campaign, making use of the 1959 law that allowed Lyndon Johnson to run for the presidency and re-election to the Senate on the same ballot.

The potential for massive destruction from Hurricane Gilbert mobilized thousands in September, as the powerful storm appeared headed for the Texas Gulf Coast. Many of the preparations went unneeded when Gilbert drifted into northeastern Mexico after cutting a path of destruction that killed more than 300 people in nine Caribbean countries.

Flight controllers went back to work at the Johnson Space Center in Houston with the launch of the space shuttle Discovery, and later Atlantis. The resumption of space travel for the first time since the January 1986 explosion of the Challenger earned sixth place in the AP members' voting.

The rest of the top ten, in order, included:

—The Summer-long drought that plagued farmers in Texas and much

of the Midwest.

—The July collapse of a Brownsville department store building that crushed 14 people to death.

—Continued prison overcrowding in the Texas Department of Corrections, which backed up state inmates in many county jails.

—The deadline for undocumented aliens to sign up for amnesty under the Immigration Reform Act.

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It figures that a year would be wacky when it's climaxed by the election to the White House of a transplanted New Englander who says he is a Texan and lives in a Houston hotel room to prove it.

Democrats poked fun at George Bush's official Texas spread by renting the \$515-a-night Houston hotel suite during their state convention, giving reporters a guided tour and holding a "bologna buffet" there.

Voters weren't swayed. Yet on the same day when Bush became eligible to hoist a Texas flag atop his new home, the White House, Lloyd Bentsen, a loser in the big election, also came out a winner, defeated as his party's vice presidential candidate but winning re-election and new-found national notoriety as the state's senior senator.

The daily news in 1988, as usual too filled with tragedy and misfortune, was not without a good guffaw, or at least an incredulous shake of the head. Politics, religion, sex, crime, animals, nothing was sacred in 1988.

For example, a Port Isabel man in April won a \$1.5 million civil judgment from the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville because his wife fell in love with a lesbian nun and left him.

Then there was the Brownie troop from Beeville that got a lesson in international commerce when their shipment of Girl Scout Cookies intended for a Navy ship was socked with a \$2,000 duty by Japanese customs officials. Bentsen came to the rescue, using diplomatic channels to get the sailors their cookies at cost.

The greatest escape of the year, although short-lived, occurred in San Antonio, when an accused Beaumont cop killer bolted from his courtroom chair and dove out a

window. The window was three stories up. He was recaptured.

Another getaway, this one in Houston, was halted when a burglar in a liquor store downed a \$67 bottle of Dom Perignon before leaving and then got stuck in the ceiling. Police responding to an alarm heard his cries for help. Lawrence Sansone got three years in the slammer.

Not so lucky was Raymond Landry. The death row inmate was on the prison gurney in Huntsville, being executed, when his needle sprung a leak, squirting the deadly chemicals toward reporters a few feet away. Officials got their act together after about 15 minutes, and Landry no longer was of this world.

But death row inmate Ramon Montoya was luckier. He got an 11th-hour reprieve from the chamber because his death warrant was lost in the mail.

Meanwhile, a Houston man who had suffered a couple of heart attacks prepared himself for the worst by making all of his funeral preparations. Jack Deans took planning to a new level, however, by writing his own obituary. It ran in November in both Houston newspapers.

A state panel publicly reprimanded a Houston-area judge, Marsha Anthony, for allowing her child to run around her courtroom, for calling litigants "trash" and for threatening to shoot a lawyer.

But when another judge tried to restore order in his courtroom by slamming his gavel on the bench, he was surprised to discover the gavel was actually a decorative bourbon bottle. It shattered in a shower of booze.

In another crime and punishment item, Ronald Royce showed up in Huntsville to begin serving five years for killing his friend with a hammer but was turned away at the prison, where officials said they had no notice that he was supposed to be there.

The new mayor of the notorious speed-trap community of Patton Village decided the place needed a new image and traffic violators should get a free ride out of town. The former police chief declared: "The man is a stone-cold idiot."

A Houston man told a judge he loves buses so much he stole as many as 100 of them, driving some

of them several hundred miles. The judge banned Patrick Johnson from buses for a decade, under the threat of 10 years in prison.

Three people in a Catholic church claimed for weeks to be hearing messages from the Virgin Mary and that she would appear at a church in Lubbock. Some 10,000 people showed up where some said they saw visions in the clouds. Church officials said Mary was a no-show.

Another religious movement kept U.S. Forest Service officials busy during the summer. Some 4,000 members of the Rainbow People, a loosely-knit collection of folks resembling 1960s hippies, converged on the Angelina national Forest east of Lufkin for their annual "Gathering of the Tribes." A good number of them shed all their clothes for days, providing a side-show for local residents who armed themselves with binoculars while presumably fishing from nearby boats on Lake Sam Rayburn.

One of the year's big political stories had a sexual connection, with straight-arrow San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros acknowledging a fling with a married campaign fundraiser.

And North Texas minister Walker Railey, whose wife remained in a coma after an attack, had his extramarital sexual activity exposed in a courtroom.

Also, doing his part for safe sex, a North Texas entrepreneur headed for South Padre Island during spring break and began marketing a new brand of condom dubbed the "Rubber Ducky." The multicolored prophylactic was promoted as "The original AFTER party animal."

An animal of a different kind was Jeffery Jerome a 700-pound pig ousted from the Houston front yard of his owner. Neighbors complained the pig smelled, even though his owner, Victoria Herberta, bathed Jeffrey, fed him hot dogs and grapes and candy and soda pop, brushed his teeth and occasionally let him sleep in her bed.

Brazoria County rancher Tom Garrett mixed animals and politics

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with his 6-month-old calf, a star of the county fair. The calf was born with a red splotch on its right side resembling the profile of Abraham Lincoln. It's name: Abe Lincoln's Pride.

The week before Thanksgiving, a truckload of turkeys headed for a Waco slaughterhouse overturned on I-35 in Austin. More than 50 of the birds survived but couldn't be taken to slaughter because they were splashed with diesel fuel. The Humane Society gave them to a drug and rehab center for holiday dinners, but animal rights activists intervened, adopting 40 of the turkeys so they could live.

Other animals in the news included lions which were hunted for sport in Cove in southeast Texas. rancher Larry Wilburn said the animals were old and mean and no longer useful and that zoos didn't want them either. The lions, he said, were no more dangerous than wild boars living in the boggy area.

And a two-headed shrimp was found by a Galveston fisherman in his bait bucket. Experts said it was the first such specimen on record.

A more sobering sign of the times was the notice from Houston Livestock Show officials that beginning in 1989, students who entered their animals would have to have them tested for drugs like steroids, which help add bulk to animals. Surveys at previous livestock shows in Texas indicated some animals had been given the drugs, along with steroids, tranquilizers diuretics.

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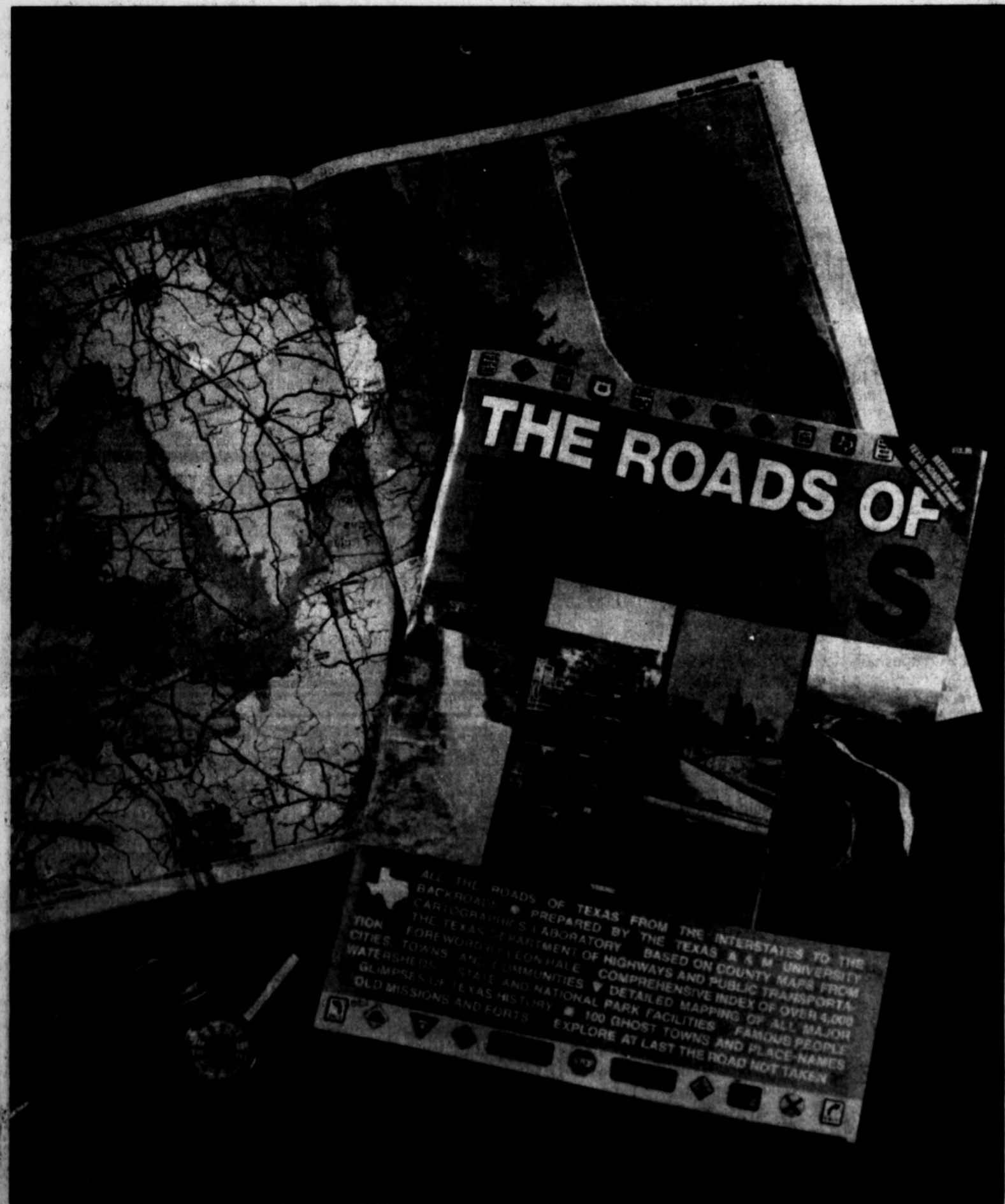
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