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Lessening need for remediation

■ Tech-Prep is one program taking step in that direction

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A recent report released by the Associated Press states teaching Texas college students the basics of reading, writing

and arithmetic will cost more than \$127 million during the 1994-95 school year.

The figure is nearly four times the \$35 million Texas paid for remedial college classes six years ago, states a report by the Texas Higher Education Coordi-

nating Board.

Incoming college students are required to take the Texas Academic Skills Program, a mandatory placement test to identify those in need of remedial help. Roughly a third of college freshmen fail the test annually.

The report also states about 85 percent of all remedial instruction is taken on by community colleges. The smaller schools now devote about 20 percent of their academic instruction to the cause, up from five percent in 1987.

Officials at Howard College say they spend only 1.6 percent of their budget on development (remedial) studies. This number includes all of the campuses under the Howard County Junior College District umbrella.

Howard College offers 13 developmental courses in subjects such as reading, writing and math. These courses do not count as credit toward a degree. Once a student takes a course

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TRIMMING THE HOUSE



Roger Kionka sits atop the roof of a house on Cecilia St. Saturday afternoon and attaches Christmas lights to the edge as many were getting their homes ready for the holidays.

SANTA SPEAKS, ALL KIDS LISTEN



Kelsey Dennis and Andy Dennis get some last-minute advice from Santa Claus as the two were at the Big Spring Mall Friday morning having breakfast with the jolly elf.

Winter is coming! Winter is coming!

■ Time to get ol' homestead ready for cold

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Winter is fast approaching and it is not too early to begin preparing your home for the colder temperatures.

TU Electric District Manager John Toone says there are a number of things residents can do now to "winterize" their houses.

"You need to check and make sure your heating system is operating properly. You also need to check the accuracy of the thermostat. Often times, the thermostat is not correct and it runs up the electric bill, said Toone.

He added, "Put weather stripping around the doors and windows to keep out the cold air. When you use weather stripping, the heater is not trying to heat new air that is seeping in but rather circulating what is already in the house."

Place your hand next to the window or door and if you feel the cool air coming in, Toone

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says you need weather stripping. If you have already put weather stripping around the doors and windows, check to see if it needs to be replaced.

The most important suggestion Toone offers is to insulate your home. TU Electric suggests having a minimum of six inches of blown insulation in the attic. "If you have up to 12 inches of blown insulation, that will really help cut down on your electric bill.

"If you don't have blown insulation, the rolls of fiberglass insulation work just as well but there is no need to have more than 12 inches of either kind," Toone added.

The city's water department suggests when a freeze is expected, to let the water drip from all the faucets in the house overnight to prevent the pipes from bursting.

Some residents have been concerned with a rising water bill if they let the water drip, but paying for that is a lot less expensive than paying for a busted water pipe.

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Group: Soil erosion program showing mixed success

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$20 billion federal program that pays farmers not to farm has met with mixed success in reducing soil erosion, according to a new study.

The Environmental Working Group contends the 10-year Conservation Reserve Program that took 36.4 million acres of fragile cropland out of production nationwide has been only partly successful in halting soil erosion.

Agriculture Department conservation data examined by the research group suggests the CRP has cut soil loss by 398 million tons annually — 43 percent less than the 695 million tons the government estimates has been saved.

"The CRP has had some enormous benefits, but not as enormous as USDA has claimed in

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Keith Williams

the erosion control department," said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group.

The non-profit group's analysis says the success rate is better in Texas, which has more acres enrolled in the popular program than any other state.

Sixty-seven percent of the 114 million tons of soil estimated saved in Texas annually actually has been saved, the study says. Only nine other states posted a higher percentage.

While the Environmental Working Group's figures weren't attacked, the Agricul-

ture Department did question the group's conclusion that the CRP hasn't been fully effective.

"If the number is 400 million (tons) or 700 million it still indicates that the program is enormously successful," said Tom Hebert, deputy agriculture undersecretary for natural resources.

He declined to say which figure USDA considered the most accurate, but said the department continues to use the 700 million ton figure.

In Texas, 4.1 million acres have been set aside under CRP contracts that begin expiring

next year. Those contracts have meant \$1.8 billion in income to Texas farmers over a decade.

Congress, as part of its farm bill deliberations next year, will have to decide whether to continue the 10-year program.

Supporters contend demise of the CRP would put marginal land back into production, worsen erosion, depress commodity prices and increase deficiency payments to farmers.

House Agriculture Committee member Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, has said he believes the CRP will ultimately be supported by Congress, even in an atmosphere of belt-tightening, because lawmakers understand the program's environmental benefits.

Combest, who could chair the agriculture subcommittee with jurisdiction over CRP, has little

to say about the Environmental Working Group study.

"There are a jillion studies out there," said Combest's press secretary, Keith Williams. "They can make their case as everybody else has."

Soil erosion is one facet of the CRP, which provides rental payments to farmers who agree to plant grass or trees on highly-erodible land. When Congress enacted the program in 1985, lawmakers also were seeking to limit outlays in the farm commodity programs by reducing production.

The Environmental Working Group favors continuation of the CRP but wants its focus changed to put more emphasis on water quality and protection of wetlands.

"This study raises real questions about how much taxpay-

ers should be spending on wind erosion control in Great Plains states such as Kansas when problems like pesticides and water pollution present greater risks to public health and the environment," said Cook.

The USDA's Hebert acknowledged that the focus of the program will shift from areas with wind erosion to areas with wetlands, water pollution problems and wildlife habitat.

That could be problematic in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, which have recorded a drop in airborne dust since the CRP's implementation.

"If the Environmental Working Group have their way, the High Plains will be totally ignored in any retooling of the CRP," said Texas Tech agricul-

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U.S. Trivia
First black woman elected to the House was?
Shirley Chisholm
Who explored the Florida coast in 1513?
Ponce de Leon

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WORLD/NATION
Nation: Dr. Jack Kevorkian was present Saturday at the suicide of a 72-year-old woman, his attorney said. It was the 21st suicide Kevorkian has attended since 1990 and the first in more than a year. See page 7A.
World: Serbs captured a Muslim village and converged on army headquarters Saturday in northwestern Bosnia's last government stronghold as the U.N. tried to organize a cease-fire. See page 6A.

STATE
Dirty money trail
Early this century, a mobster would take out loans from a bank where he deposited his ill-gotten gains. If he had to scam, he left the bank holding the bag on the loans. See page 5A.
Talking about choices
On the day after Thanksgiving, when many people were eating leftovers, a combination minister-mortician was taking a blue coffin to prime gang locations in Fort Worth. See page 5A.
Lotto winner?
A Pennsylvanian holds the winning ticket to Wednesday night's Texas Lotto drawing, but officials may not pay the jackpot. See page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER
Today

55 ▲ Highs **45** ▼ Lows
Partly cloudy
Today, partly cloudy, breezy and cool, high in the mid 50s, west to northwest winds 15 to 25 mph; partly cloudy night, low mid 40s.
Permian Basin Forecast
Monday: Partly cloudy, high mid 50s, northwest winds 10 to 15 mph; partly cloudy night, low mid 40s.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, high mid 50s; partly cloudy night, low in the 40s.

OBITUARIES

Ted Upchurch

Ted Phillip Upchurch, 54 of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 23 at a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Mule Creek Cemetery in Tennyson, Texas with Rev. R.W. Blackmon, pastor of Silver Baptist Church in Silver, Texas officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1940 in Tomball, Texas. He was raised in Houston and attended schools there. He worked for Brown and Root for 20 years. He then went to work for Anadarko Petroleum in 1980 as a plant supervisor. He worked as the gas plant operator in Carlsbad, Texas for 10 years, transferred to Eunice, N.M. in 1990 and to Big Spring in Sept. 1994. Ted was a sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include one daughter: Gwendolyn Upchurch of Waco; two brothers: Howard Upchurch of Big Spring and Rex McSwain of Crockett; one sister: Wanda Flourney of Gardendale and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Joan Henley

Funeral services for Joan Henley, 66, will be Monday, Nov. 28, 1994, at 2 p.m. at Belvue Church of Christ in Stanton. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Henley died Saturday, Nov. 26, 1994, in a Midland hospital.

She was born Aug. 31, 1928 in Slaton. She was a longtime member of the Stanton FCE Club, serving as treasurer since 1986. She was also a member of the Martin County Fair Committee and was involved in Girl Scouts and school activities over the past year. She moved to Stanton 34 years ago from Glasscock County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Belvue Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Doyle Saunders and Ed Saunders.

She is survived by her husband, Harold G. Henley of Stanton; one son, Puncner Henley of Greenwood; three daughters, Linda Chapman and Connie Henley both of Stanton and Judy Webb of O'Donnel; two sisters, Maurine Smith of Plains and Joyce Biggs of Lubbock; one brother, Wendell Saunders of Slaton; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Remedial

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they need for remedial instruction, they must take the TASP test again and pass it before moving on to courses they can receive credit for.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks comments, "the public schools and the colleges have recognized and are addressing the need for emphasis on basic skills, which includes not only math, reading and writing but also computer."

"The public schools and colleges together are working diligently to provide a seamless educational system. Curriculum changes have been initiated the last few years and improvements are being measured. It will take some time to fully implement the programs that have been initiated."

Some public school leaders in Texas acknowledge the problem but say progress is being made by phasing out less rigorous courses and implementing college-preparatory classes.

Big Spring High School and other area schools are currently involved in Tech-Prep programs. The programs are designed to give students up to nine hours of college credit for courses they take in high school. Some courses offered include computer information systems, office administration, management development, license vocational nursing and health information technology.

Across the state, nearly \$60 million, or 46.2 percent of the total spent on remedial courses in 1994-95, was spent teaching basic math skills. Writing classes took 32.9 percent of the total while reading courses took 20.9 percent.

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tural economist Dr. R.T. Ervin, who studies airborne dust.

"My impression is the quality of life here in the southern High plains of course will decline to a certain degree when the land comes out of the program because of this airborne dust," he added.

Winter

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Another suggestion is to wrap and insulate the pipes that are exposed on the outside of the house.

Covering your plants and bringing your pets inside are two other ideas to keep in mind as the cooler weather makes its way to West Texas.

Committee helps BSSH consumers

The Public Responsibility Committee is an advocacy representing Big Spring State Hospital consumers.

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ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to noon Saturday:

•THEODORE DIAZ, 21 of 1304 Colby, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•VIRGINIA JUAREZ DIAZ, 36 of 1304 Colby, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•THEFTS in the 300 block of East Interstate 20, 200 block of Main and 600 block of East Second.

•DEADLY CONDUCT in the 1800 block of Hearn.

•MINOR ACCIDENT at the intersection of Third and Scurry. No injuries were reported.

•MINOR ACCIDENT at the intersection of Mesa and FM 700. A citation was issued for backing without safety.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT in the 4100 block of Dixon.

•ASSAULT BY THREATS in the 1700 block of East Third and 800 block of Pine.

•NEIGHBOR DISPUTE in the 1300 block of Virginia. A verbal warning was issued to the residents.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1000 block of East 21st. A verbal warning was issued to the residents.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 600 block of North San Antonio.

•ASSAULT in the 300 block of N.E. Seventh.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 200 block of Carley.

•LOUD PARTY in the 1000 block of East 15th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to noon Saturday:

•YSA RUBIO, 34 of 621 Sgt. Paradez, was issued on a motion to revoke probation warrant. He was released after posting a \$1,000 bond.

IN BRIEF

Reservation deadline
nears for UTPB party

All UTPB alumni, administrators, faculty, staff, friends and family are invited to a holiday celebration hosted by the Alumni Association 7 p.m. at the Theatre Midland, 2000 West Wadley, on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Cost is \$12 per person. Mail reservations and payment to the UTPB Alumni Association, P.O. Box 12481, Odessa, Texas 79768-2481. Reservations received after Nov. 30 cannot be honored. For more information, call Jane Ward at 1-683-2266.

Women veterans
honored Tuesday

The VA Medical Center will have its eighth annual Women Veterans Day 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29. Registration will begin in the front lobby of the clinic, with speakers starting at 9 a.m. in Room 212. An explanation of benefits available to women veterans will be presented. Lunch will be provided following the program.

For more information, contact Phyllis J. Fults, R.N., at the VA Medical Center, 915-264-4830.

Gospel Opry set
Dec. 3 at Marcy

The monthly Big Spring Gospel Opry will be 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Marcy Elementary School, corner of Wasson Road and Connally.

December's special out-of-town guest will be "Latter Rain" of Odessa. There will be local talent as well as the Opry's host,

"The Grace Victors." The Opry is free admission and concessions are available.

Commissioners

met Monday at 10

Howard County Commissioners will meet Monday at 10 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse. They will discuss the following items:

- Award bids on janitorial service.
- Consider elevator modifications.
- Approve replacement of two sheriff's vehicles.
- Approval of homestead refunds.
- Approval of new employee in sheriff's office.
- Resolution for approval of agreement and contract for registration and title system agreement form.
- Adoption of rules and regulations for road and bridge department.
- Approval of sale of property.

ABWA planning
craft show Dec. 3

The American Business Women's Association is having a craft show at the Big Spring Mall on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Christmas items will be on sale as well as baked goods and handcrafted items. The money raised will be used for scholarships.

If you are interested in having a booth at this show, please contact Julie Lawrence at 264-7927. Booths are \$30.

Medical fund set
up for Ronald Dunlap

A medical fund has been established at State National Bank to offset costs for Ronald Dunlap, a reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSDS) patient profiled in the Herald. Contributions may be sent to State National Bank, Ronald Dunlap Medical Fund, 901 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

•St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo, 7:30 p.m. Lic. #3-00786055-1.

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

•Hanging of the Greens, 6 p.m. Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church. Dessert following.

MONDAY

•"Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868 or 263-5367.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, Lynn Drive. Everyone welcome. Call 393-5709.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in, 6 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

•Tickets available at the First United Methodist Church office for the Living Christmas Tree.

TUESDAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

DID YOU WIN? LOTTO: 20, 22, 35, 38, 41, 45
PICK 3: 2, 9, 3

RINGING DONATIONS



A contributor puts a donation into the kettle as Jonathan Tolcher rings the bell as bell ringers for the Salvation Army have been out despite the cold weather Wednesday.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed

meeting, 615 Settles.

•Melissa Avila, of St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, free health screenings, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 N. Aylford. Call 1-806-765-8475.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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Christmas spirit hits C. City



At top, women standing on the Tumbleweed Lioness Club's float throw candy out to those watching the parade from the side of the street during the annual Colorado City Christmas Parade Saturday afternoon. Bottom left, with "Mary" riding atop a donkey, "Joseph" leads the animal along the parade route. Bottom right, youths dressed as shepherds casually watch the parade route pass by as they were on the Primera Bautista El Calvario float.

Play it safe and prevent fires during Christmas

Now that Thanksgiving is over, people are thinking about Christmas shopping, trees and decorating their homes. Big Spring Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles has the following suggestions to ensure a safe holiday season:

- When purchasing a Christmas tree, make sure it is as fresh as possible. The older it is, the drier it will be.

- Keep plenty of water in the tree stand and check the bowl on a regular basis. The tree will dry out quicker because of the heat in the house.

- Before putting lights on the tree or outside, plug them in and check to make sure all the lights are working. Also check the wiring to see if there are any frays or cracks. If so, replace the string of lights.

- Never leave the lights plugged in overnight or when you are not home.

- Keep the tree away from heating sources such as fireplaces, furnaces and heaters. Keep in mind that the presents under the tree are also flammable so put the tree in a

place to allow for the presents.

- Try not to use extension cords. If you must, use a good heavy-duty one. Make sure you check it for frays or cracks. Do not staple the extension cord or strand of lights and use plastic hooks instead.

- If you have guests staying at your house over the holidays, show them where the smoke detector and fire extinguisher are. Also let them know how to get out of the house safely in case of a fire because people can get disoriented, especially little kids, when they are in an unfamiliar place.

- If you don't already have a fire extinguisher, purchase one now and place it in a central location in the house. Settles says a five pound ABC extinguisher is a good one to purchase. Most fires start in the kitchen so it is a good idea to keep the extinguisher close by.

- Check your furnace and/or heating system to make sure it is working properly. If unsure how to do it, have a professional check it instead.

Supreme Court looks at right-to-know law

HOUSTON (AP) — The new Republican-controlled Texas Supreme Court is expected to attack a civil rule that allows access to documents and settlements of lawsuits concerning the public's safety.

The push to pare back the right-to-know rule is part of a larger lawsuit reform campaign launched by business groups, corporate lawyers and civil defense attorneys who want tort laws tightened.

And the conservative muscle flexed in the general election has heightened the movement, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

When the Democrat-controlled state Supreme Court passed the rule in 1990, it was by a one-vote majority.

Next year, Republicans will control the court for the first time since Reconstruction and both sides in the debate speculate the rule will soon be up for review and revision.

Under the rule, private information compiled in lawsuits must be revealed if the material is determined to have overriding importance for public health or safety.

It covers cases that may concern defective consumer products, malpractice by doctors and

lawyers, misconduct by elected officials or medicines with harmful side effects.

Anytime attorneys want information concealed, a hearing is required and notice must be posted to give others an opportunity to join.

Until the rule, voluminous records compiled in such cases were often permanently closed to the public at the request of attorneys involved.

Opponents point out the rule allows any outside person or entity to participate in the required hearing — a situation that gives a competitor the chance to learn invaluable trade secrets.

But Tom Leatherbury, a Dallas lawyer who authored the rule, said excluding competitors "or companies, or the public or any other class" would make it unconstitutional.

"This rule is balanced to protect all interests — trade secrets and the rights of the public," he said.

Plaintiff's attorney Michael Caddell said before the rule, settlements covered up dangerous products that the public needed to know about.

Critics say they are not intent on destroying the rule but insist that it is in need of refinement.

Khmer Rouge supposedly after U.S. evangelist

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — An American evangelist said Saturday he cut short his preaching schedule and was forced to flee Cambodia after authorities there informed him that Khmer Rouge guerrillas planned to attack one of his prayer rallies.

The Rev. Mike Evans, a well-known Christian evangelist from Euless, Texas, had held two mass prayer rallies at Phnom Penh's Olympic Stadium on Wednesday and Thursday before authorities cancelled a Friday evening meeting shortly before it was due to begin.

He said Cambodian Interior Minister You Hockry informed members of his staff that the government had received intelligence reports that the Khmer Rouge — who are engaged in a guerrilla war with the Phnom Penh government — intended to bomb the rally and attack him.

In an telephone interview from his hotel room in Bangkok, he insisted that press reports that the government cancelled the rally because of popular disappointment that he did not perform faith-healing miracles were incorrect.

He said Phnom Penh's police chief estimated that 100,000 people attended his first rally, and about 80,000 the second.

Evans left Cambodia early Saturday morning after a mob besieged his Phnom Penh hotel Friday night, claiming to be angry over his failure to perform faith-healing miracles.

Evans said he suspected the hotel mob was organized by parties who were upset at the success of his rallies in attracting a vast crowd of predominantly Buddhist Cambodians, or perhaps the Khmer Rouge.

Crowds not as bad as expected as holiday shopping season kicks off

Maybe that day-after-Thanksgiving shopping thing is just hype.

Despite the standing sentiment that the traditional opening of the holiday shopping season is the worst day of the year to enter a retail outlet, some shoppers said they were pleasantly surprised Friday.

"I tried to stay out of the stores today, period," said David Snipe, who browsed through the jazz collection at Best Buy in Dallas while he waited for his computer to be repaired. But he admitted that the crowds were not nearly as intimidating as he expected.

Some retailers acknowledged that this particular day was not the biggest of the year.

At a North Dallas Toys R Us, assistant director Jeff Hull said many shoppers check out the merchandise Friday, then come back closer to Christmas.

Still, sales appeared brisk as parents negotiated the aisles of dolls, bikes, rocking horses, board games and other kid stuff.

One grandmother was clutching a letter to Santa as she filled her wagon with gifts.

"It's a busy day, but it's not the busiest for us," Hull said. "A lot of times, customers just look today. It's not as busy, dollarwise."

With the economy strong across the country, analysts expect consumers to spend 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent more on Christmas than they did a year ago.

Lisa McKiel, general manager of Prestonwood Town Center in Dallas, said holiday shopping actually started about 10 days ago, particularly because Hanukkah arrives early this year. The Jewish Festival of Lights begins at sundown Sunday.

At Barton Creek Square mall in Austin, several retailers opened earlier this year — some by 7:30 a.m. — to accommodate shoppers, said spokeswoman Kathy Berry.

"For us, it looks really great," Ms. Berry said. "By 10 o'clock we were really busy."

The parking lot at Greenspoint Mall in north Houston was 80 percent full by midday.

"It's a zoo, but that's good. It's a

good zoo," spokeswoman Tricia Elwell said.

A warm, sunny day in South Texas made for a pleasant walk from the parking lot to the shops, but retailers inside McAllen's La Plaza Mall wouldn't have minded a more persistent cold front.

"I think a cold front would actually spark sales of coats and jackets," quipped mall director Roger Stolley.

Stolley said the growing market on the U.S. side combined with spending by Mexican shoppers will ensure a good Christmas season for La Plaza retailers.

"I can't think of any one thing that would keep us from having a good season," he said.

Mexican nationals account for 30 percent to 40 percent of the retail sales for many border cities on the U.S. side, tallying more than \$1 billion in sales in the lower Rio Grande Valley alone.

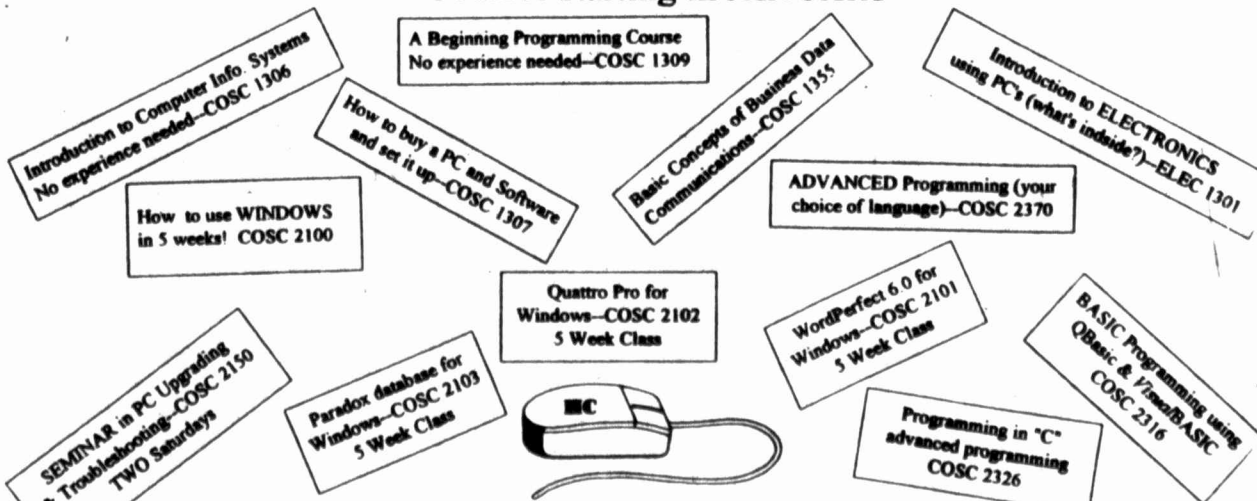
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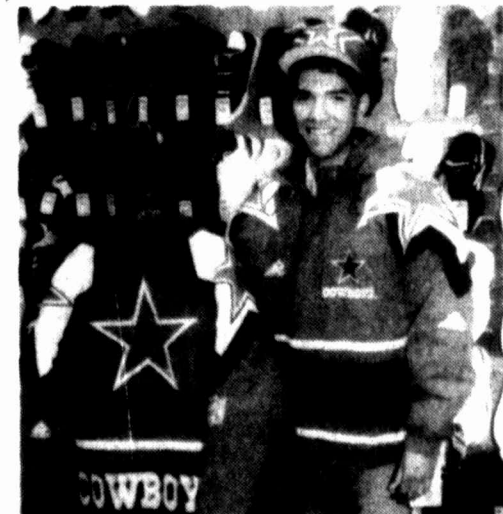


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Quote of the Day

"Freedom of speech and freedom of action are meaningless without freedom to think."

Bergen Evans, author, 1946

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It is our right

It's a civil rule that allows access to documents and settlements of lawsuits concerning the public's safety.

Basically, the law boils down to your right to know versus a company's right to keep a settlement secret, even if it affects the public.

Now, that law is coming under attack by the new Republican-controlled Supreme Court and a push for lawsuit reform launched by business groups, corporate lawyers and civil defense attorneys.

Almost everyone agrees there needs to be some type of lawsuit reform. We are seeing far too many frivolous suits filed, taking up too much of the courts' time, effort and money.

But this law helps to protect you, and that is important.

Under this law, private information compiled in lawsuits must be revealed if it is determined to have overriding importance for the public health or safety. This is usually determined by the judge during a hearing on the matter.

What kinds of cases are covered? Cases that may concern defective consumer products, malpractice by doctors and lawyers, misconduct by elected officials or medicines with harmful side effects — all information the public has a right and a need to know.

According to the architect of the bill, there is balance between the public's need to know and protecting a company's trade secrets. This is necessary to keep competitors from gaining from the lawsuit.

Critics say they are only trying to refine the law, not destroy it, contending that at times it is unnecessary.

But, isn't that what is always said when it comes to the public's right to know — that it is unnecessary?

It is not unnecessary that we know. It is our right!

THADEUS & WEEZ



by Charles Pugsley Fincher

Jurors beliefs collide with basic tenet of American jurisprudence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The prospective juror scratched his head when asked if he understood that O.J. Simpson was presumed innocent.

"I really don't get it," the man confessed. "I think he should be required to prove his innocence."

He is not alone.

Judge Lance Ito has expressed concern that 95 percent of prospective Simpson jurors filling out questionnaires disagreed with two tenets of American jurisprudence: the presumption of innocence and the prosecution's burden of proof — the requirement that the state prove a defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt or set him free.

"People believe where there's smoke there's fire," said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson. "If someone is arrested they must have done something."

That belief collides with Americans' wariness of the power of the state, leading jurors to confusion.

"We as a people don't trust the government," defense lawyer Harland Braun said.

"We put the burden of proof on the government because we are afraid they are going to convict innocent people. We want the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

Most prospective jurors have said they understand Simpson is innocent until proven guilty. In their next breath, they say

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Laurie Levenson

they'd like to hear him testify. He has pleaded innocent to murder charges in the slaying of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"Do you understand that O.J. Simpson doesn't have to do anything in this trial?" defense lawyer Robert Shapiro has asked jury prospects. "He can sit over there and take a nap if he wants to."

The prospects inevitably shake their heads in agreement but appear mystified.

So much for the idea that the defense need not present any evidence if the prosecution's case is inadequate and that the defendant needn't testify.

"We all mouth these words," Levenson said. "But the legalese doesn't mean anything to people. The term 'presumption of innocence' is overused in our society. It's like 'in God we trust.' No one stops to think what it means."

It could mean more for Simpson than for most defendants.

"People just don't want to

believe in his guilt. He's probably getting more reasonable doubt than most," said Leslie Abramson, who represents Erik Menendez in another celebrated murder case.

No matter what the law says, not everyone gets that advantage.

"There's such hostility toward anyone charged with a crime these days," Abramson said. "Everything in our society tells us the important thing is to catch criminals. People don't want to spend money on trials."

Abramson said she always asks prospective jurors if they agree it is better for 10 guilty men to go free than for one innocent man to be wrongly convicted. Many don't understand, thinking it's some sort of tradeoff.

Why do people have such difficulty grasping these concepts?

"Our public education system has never tried to teach people much about the Bill of Rights and their meaning," said Peter Arenella, a law professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

As for the prospective juror who thought Simpson should prove his innocence, defense attorney Carl Douglas extracted from him a grudging promise to follow the law even though he insisted to the last that he disagreed with it. The man is still in the pool of potential alternate jurors.

Republicans to get tough on immigration

Washington Calling

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans will push for new, get-tough immigration legislation next year.

Certain to be considered: beefed up enforcement, speedier deportation, stiffer penalties for smuggling illegal aliens and a cut in legal immigration of 25 percent over five years.

Other proposals will draw heavily on California's recently enacted Prop 187, especially provisions barring illegal aliens from government assistance programs.

The key player will be Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., new chairman of the Judiciary Committee's immigration subcommittee. Simpson was the architect of the last major overhaul of immigration laws, the reform act of 1986, coincidentally the last time Republicans controlled the Senate.

NOTE: Simpson was once thought of as a hardliner on immigration issues. But his views may be too moderate for the new breed of Republican, many of whom favor slashing legal immigration in half.

A warm job outlook should take some of the chill out of winter.

Hiring prospects are the best since 1989, according to a survey of 15,000 businesses by Manpower Inc., the temporary help firm. That survey shows 22 percent of companies plan to hire this winter and among manufacturers, it's 32 percent.

Similar good news turned up in a survey of 1,900 small businesses by the National Federation of Independent Business.

"A near-record number of owners report job openings that are difficult to fill," said William Dunkelberg, dean of the business school at Temple, who conducted the survey.

There's a growing consensus among House Republicans that Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich erred by locking them into a controversial — and almost certainly losing — vote on school prayer by July 4.

Voluntary school prayer has wide public support in the abstract, but support falls through the floor when specifics are presented. The dilemma for Republicans is that they must vote on specific language.

The other problem is that Gingrich is committed to voting on school prayer as a constitutional amendment, which means he needs a two-thirds majority. As of now, he does not have the necessary votes.

Meanwhile, Senate Republicans have privately agreed to let their House colleagues walk into that mine field alone. The Senate will only take up the issue if the House approves it.

The Supreme Court is being asked to decide if school districts can require kids to take drug tests before playing on a school team.

Small — pop. 3,000 — Vero Beach, Fla., was so concerned about drug use by student athletes that it instituted mandatory drug testing.

But the parents of a 7th-grade football player successfully sued to stop the practice and were upheld by the 9th Circuit Court.

The high court has upheld drug-testing for federal workers and workers in jobs where public safety is at stake, but it has never ruled on the question of testing public school athletes.

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Lobbyists see fat times ahead now

By JIM DRINKARD

Associated Press Writer

Washington Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the venerable lobbying firm of Timmons & Co., the telephones are ringing more than usual these days.

"I have a terminal smile on my face," says Tom Korologos, one of the firm's principals and a lobbyist with an impeccable Republican pedigree. "Suddenly, there's a new way to do business. ... All bets are off."

These are boom times for Republicans in the lobbying trade as clients rush to buy representation from those who are connected to Washington's new power elite: the GOP leaders of the House and Senate.

Within a 10-minute span standing outside the Senate wing of the Capitol, Korologos was buttonholed in succession by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and several senior congressional aides.

The role reversal — Congress beseeching a lobbyist — is a sign of the dramatic shift on Capitol Hill resulting from this month's elections, which left Republicans in control of both the House and Senate for the first time in more than a generation.

The change, those in the profession say, will do more than simply elevate Republicans in the influence business and diminish those with Democratic connections. It means Republicans, on the defensive for decades, are now in a position to move some of their long-stalled favorite issues forward.

"It breaks up the iron triangle between constituents and various members of Congress with powerful committees," said Bryce L. Harlow, one of Korologos' partners. "These power grids that have been built up over a period of 40

years, the Republicans are going to short-circuit them in a couple of months."

Some likely targets: regulatory relief in the areas of workplace health and safety, environmental controls, communications, banking and finance; an easing of government pressure on the tobacco industry; tax breaks for investors and small businesses; and new limits on product liability and other damage awards.

Also likely is a rejiggering of committee jurisdictions. The powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, for years the fiefdom of Democratic Chairman John Dingell of Michigan, may be slimmed down by giving some of its turf to other committees.

"The changes are going to probably blow away a lot of the old relationships," said William Oldaker, whose Democratic lobbying firm will be bringing a couple of Republicans on board by year's end. The expansion was in the works even before the elections, he said, but now takes on even greater importance.

Joy is particularly intense on the House side of the Capitol, where the GOP exile from power was longer.

"We can now go out of our defensive posture and work with the leadership of the new Congress to get some things done," said Alan Kranowitz, a lobbyist for the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors and former GOP staffer in the House and the Reagan White House.

"The new leadership will remember who their allies were even in the hard times," he said.

Jim Drinkard covers Congress and lobbying for The Associated Press.

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Time to heal the cause of the disease

Whether you like his methods — a blue coffin draped with red carnations — you have to admit the Rev. Gregory W. Spencer's message is a good one.

"There's blue, there's red, there's contention, there's controversy, but in the end, when there is violence, this is the scene ... Violence, rage, murder and malice do not end with the pulling of the trigger," said Spencer in an Associated Press story.

How right he is. Violence, whether it is murder, rape,

molestation, assault or stalking, takes more than one life or one person's dignity. It often takes down a family.

Spencer's coffincade during "Stop the Violence Week" represented the Crips and the Bloods but it could represent any victim of violence.

When you sit and think about it, living in America is terrifying.

It used to be a rule of thumb for detectives to start with the family when looking for the killer. Now, you can start there but more often than not, it is some stranger who has committed the crime, making the crime all that much harder to solve.

So where does the violence stop?

I don't know. What I do believe, though, is that treating the symptoms of violence without treating the cause isn't

going to cure any problem in this country.

Taking care of the root of the problem is going to be tough. Treating the symptoms is the easy part, it's the seeable part, the murder, the violence. But, there is an underlying cause that we haven't begun to touch, an unseeable cause that, in all probability, would grieve us more as a failure of the American Dream.

It's something we will have to face at some point in time — and spend money on to try and fix. But improving a person's lot in life has to be a better expenditure of money than building a million jail cells to incarcerate them.

Until we make that decision, jail cells are all we have, along with the bars on our windows and doors.



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Judge hopes public will give him a chance

HOUSTON (AP) — A newly elected member of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals says he understands that his misrepresentations of his qualifications and background are troublesome.

However, Steve Mansfield hopes the public will overlook them.

"I just hope people will give me a chance," the new appeals court judge told The Dallas Morning News.

Mansfield, 42, rode a Republican groundswell to victory in the Nov. 8 election, unseating two-term Democratic incumbent Charles Campbell to win a six-year term on the state's highest criminal appeals court.

"There certainly was no intent to mislead," Mansfield said. "The things we're talking about ... are pretty minor. But I realize they've created an impression I'm going to have to work mightily hard to overcome."

Attorney General Dan Morales, a Democrat, has begun an investigation to determine if Mansfield is qualified to take the seat in January.

Mom gives her daughter life twice

DALLAS (AP) — Alyssa Smith has been given life twice by her mother.

The 6-year-old has survived five years since the University of Chicago Medical Center placed a portion of 29-year-old Teresa Smith's liver into her body.

The special anniversary of the first partial liver transplant from a living donor will be marked Sunday in both Texas and Chicago.

Mrs. Smith says Alyssa is a very active 6-year-old. She describes the tall first-grader as a girl who likes her dolls and who can't walk down the hall without tapping her feet.

"She's perfect," said Dr. Peter Whittington, professor of pediatrics and director of pediatric transplant services at the university. "She's perfectly caught up in every way. She has no physical or emotional problems at all."

In 1989, there was never a question in the minds of Mrs. Smith and her husband, John, as to whether she would give up 40 percent of her liver to her baby girl.

INS pulls Minns' Irish passport

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney for Richard Minns says he may ask a judge to arrest whoever in the American government was responsible for stripping his client of his Irish passport, preventing him from leaving the country.

"There is a good chance somebody could go to jail over this, in my mind," attorney Mike Ramsey said Friday. "Most of the time, the INS (U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) is trying to kick people out. Minns wants to get out, and they are obstructing his ability to do so."

Earlier this month, Minns, 65, founder of the President and First Lady health club chain, pleaded guilty to 10 counts of passport fraud and related charges before Hughes.

He was sentenced Tuesday to four months in prison. However, because of time Minns had already served since his arrest at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, his sentence expired on Nov. 18. Hughes also ordered that Minns be deported.

INS spokeswoman Lisa Jacobs confirmed Friday the INS has the passport. Minns is expected to remain in INS custody in Boston until a country is found that will accept him or until further legal action, she said.

Continental planes clip each other's wings

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Continental Airlines planes clipped wings as the two taxied past each other Saturday at a Houston Intercontinental Airport terminal, a spokesman said.

No one was injured in the incident, and only one of the planes was carrying passengers, Continental spokesman Ken Kosub said.

High tech money laundering boggles mind

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Early this century, a mobster would take out loans from a bank where he deposited his ill-gotten gains. If he had to scam, he left the bank holding the bag on the loans.

The same thing happened to an American Express Co. subsidiary last week — except the crooks were international drug dealers, their schemes were elaborately high-tech, and their profits mind-boggling.

Now, the government is drafting proposals to help investigators track increasingly complex money-laundering schemes.

"We really cannot tolerate a situation in which the drug lords of the world own much of the stock and other important assets of our economy," said Sarah Jane Hughes, an Indiana University law professor who studies money laundering. "They will then wield so much power that they will be a threat to our democracy."

American Express Bank International announced a \$50 million package Monday to settle the actions of two former officers convicted of laundering more than \$30 million for a Mexican cocaine cartel.

"I think it will send shock waves through the financial industry," Hughes said. "If it doesn't, it should."

The Office of National Drug Control Policy estimated in 1993 that annual gross revenues from illegal drugs in the U.S. market alone range from \$40 billion to \$50 billion. The government projects that up to \$33 billion of the



Assistant U.S. Attorney David Novak displays some of the charts used by the Financial Crimes Task Force in McAllen to investigate the American Express Co. case. Federal agents say money laundering is becoming increasingly complex in the global economy.

amount must be laundered to appear as legitimate wealth.

Charts from Federal Reserve System banks show hundreds of millions of dollars beyond what can be explained for the level of business activity in Southern California, Texas and Florida — all money-laundering hubs.

"There you can surmise that it's drug money consistently driving the surplus," said Vincent Klink, resident agent in charge of enforcement at McAllen's U.S. Customs office, which houses the task force that investigated the American Express case.

By contrast, Fed districts such as New York — an end market for drugs — show consistent cash deficits.

Assistant U.S. attorneys David Novak and Charles Dause, who prosecuted the American Express case, said today's drug dealers launder their proceeds for the same reasons the early mobsters did — to keep their wealth liquid while concealing it from authorities.

"They play leap frog with regulators and prosecutors," Hughes said. "They are like chameleons. They can make themselves into something new

faster than we can figure out what it is."

In the American Express case, duffel bags stuffed with \$100 bills from drug deals were deposited in Texas banks, transferred by wire to New York and Switzerland, moved to offshore holding companies in the Cayman Islands, then reinvested in real estate and cash-intensive businesses such as retail outlets and car lots.

The bank had to write off nearly \$19 million loans that the two convicted ex-officers, Antonio Giraldi and Lourdes Reategui, made to a cartel money man who disappeared.

Giraldi and Reategui said they never suspected that their biggest client, Ricardo Aguirre Villagomez, was handling tainted money.

But Novak said the bankers repeatedly lied on loan documents for a millionaire client with a humble education and little more than \$20,000 in legitimate income as a gas station manager.

"If they (bankers) know that the funds that they are conducting are drug proceeds, they'd better be scared, and I'd like to know their names," Novak said. "An innocent banker has nothing to be concerned about."

Although many banks currently maintain "know your customer" guidelines, the Treasury Department is expected to propose new standards for all financial institutions within six months.

Lotto winner or not? Ticket purchase method in question

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Pennsylvania holds the winning ticket to Wednesday night's \$10 million Texas Lotto drawing, but lottery officials may not pay the jackpot because of the way the ticket was purchased.

"It's up in the air," said lottery spokesman Steve Levine.

A New Jersey-based firm called Pic-A-State Lottery Service announced Friday that a customer ordered the winning Texas ticket at a hardware store in Croydon, Pa., five miles north of Philadelphia. The service sells the \$1 tickets for \$2.

Such lottery resale operations violate Texas law. So whether

or not the state will make good on the numbers is undecided, Levine said.

"A decision would be made by lottery's executive director, legal counsel and, most likely, by the Texas Lottery Commission members themselves," he said.

But Ross Walton, a Pic-A-State

officials, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he is "absolutely sure that Texas will pay."

"It was purchased through their legitimate agent in Texas."

Walton compared his firm to "your Aunt Sally who gets your ticket for you. We are a courier service."

Minister's message: Rage, murder, violence doesn't stop when trigger's pulled

FORT WORTH (AP) — On the day after Thanksgiving, when many people were eating leftovers, a combination minister-mortician was taking a blue coffin topped with a spray of red chrysanthemums to prime gang locations in Fort Worth.

The blue coffin, said the Rev. Gregory W. Spencer, symbolizes the Crips gang. The red of the mums, he said, symbolizes the rival Bloods gang.

Spencer took his "Stop the Violence Week" coffincade to numerous locations Friday. If it was a bit dramatic, that was the point, he said.

Asked where he got the idea of taking an empty coffin to gang locations, he said "God gave it to me."

Ending a rousing rendition of "I Need Thee Every Hour," he beckoned "that group of boys and young men over there" to "come join hands and let's pray." But the group he addressed dispersed quickly into some apartments.

"That's some of those reds and blues," a man on the street muttered as he joined the prayer circle.

As Spencer began a homily, a woman in a saggy sweatshirt walked over, then a man in a "Zack's Sausage" T-shirt, then a woman with a small boy. When Spencer and identical twins Dondre and Derrick Johnson broke into "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," about 20 people

There's blue, there's red, there's contention, there's controversy, but in the end, when there is violence, this is the scene.

Gregory Spencer

were clapping hands and singing.

When the singing ended, Spencer gestured toward the vacant casket.

"There's blue, there's red, there's contention, there's controversy, but in the end, when there is violence, this is the scene," Spencer, pastor of The Church at Philadelphia, barked with a rhetorical rasp.

"For some families in these projects, there was not Thanksgiving Friday. There was an empty chair at the dinner table," he said.

"Violence, rage, murder and malice do not end with the pulling of the trigger," Spencer said, pointing to the bedecked casket.

"For the family, for your family, this can be the end. Some of you have children and grandchildren," Spencer said to the adults in the circle, nodding at the coffin.



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Another death added to the chase wreckage

HOUSTON (AP) — A second person died Saturday from injuries he suffered when his car was struck by a pickup that ran a red light as it tried to outrun police, authorities said.

Robert Romero, 36, died Saturday at Ben Taub hospital from injuries he suffered the day before in the accident in southeast Houston, said hospital spokeswoman Beth Branley.

Romero's sister was killed in the crash, which also injured the two others riding in the car.

The truck was being chased by a Houston police squad car and a Metropolitan Transit Authority police unit.

"This guy was running from the police," said police spokesman Alvin Wright, who added that there appeared to be no violation of the department's chase procedure.

The officers were keeping the truck in sight, Wright said, but slowed when it approached the red light. But the truck ran through it, broadsiding a Honda Accord.

Laura Romero Madrid, 32, was thrown from the car, which then fatally crushed her against the side of a building.

Her mother, Maria Torres Romero, 62, was in critical condition Saturday at Ben Taub Hospital. A 10-year-old girl whose identity had not been released by authorities was in poor condition.

The pickup driver, a 21-year-old man, and a 16-year-old boy passenger were arrested. Police said the case had been referred to a grand jury for charges and an investigation into the crash continued.

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NEWS IN
BRIEFControls on foreign
workers tightened

BEIJING (AP) — The government is tightening controls on foreigners working in China's booming economy.

The Public Security, Labor and Foreign Ministries issued a joint circular banning unauthorized employment of foreigners, the newspaper China Daily reported today.

The circular singled out restaurants, massage parlors, brothels and erotic theaters that hire foreigners.

In 1993, some 800 foreigners were caught working illegally, the Legal Daily newspaper said.

According to official reports, there were some 60,000 foreigners working legally in China in 1993. No figures are available on the number who have found jobs without government authorization.

Strike expected to
disrupt airlines

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Two Australian airlines anticipate major service disruptions Monday because of a 24-hour strike by the Transport Workers Union.

Qantas, the principal international carrier, expects about 25,000 passengers on 150 flights will be affected by a cut in deliveries of jet fuel.

A spokesman said the airline would operate on almost all international routes, some with delays of up to two hours, but anticipated cancellations on some domestic routes.

He said some international flights may be rerouted to allow planes to refuel outside Australia.

Serbs converging on
last stronghold; U.N.
working on cease-fire

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serbs captured a Muslim village and converged on army headquarters Saturday in northwestern Bosnia's last government stronghold as the U.N. tried to organize a cease-fire.

The Bosnian government said the fate of 70,000 mostly Muslim residents of Bihac was up to the United Nations. NATO buzzed Serb positions near Bihac late Friday but did not strike, blaming the darkness.

"It's quite clear that we have failed to deter an attack on the 'safe area,'" said U.N. spokesman Colum Murphy in Sarajevo. "We were supposed to deter attack on civilians and to protect the civilian population."

The U.N. Security Council was meeting in emergency session Saturday at the request of Bosnian Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey, who demanded the United Nations protect the safe haven.

In Serb-held central Bosnia, NATO pilots said they were fired at by a surface-to-air missile Saturday while flying regular patrols.

U.N. sources said the attack occurred over Donji Vakuf, 50 miles west of Sarajevo, as two British Tornados were flying overhead to enforce the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia. There was no hit, and the pilots returned safely to their base in Italy.

Meanwhile, three U.S. warships with at least 2,000 U.S. sailors and Marines aboard were headed closer to the scene of Europe's worst conflict since World War II. A Pentagon official said the troops were on their way to the Adriatic Sea to provide support for rescuing any downed NATO pilots.

U.N. official Viktor Andreev met with Serb officials in Pale, their headquarters east of Sarajevo, but it wasn't clear what came of the talks.

The Serbs refused to see Yasushi Akashi, the top U.N. official in former Yugoslavia, sending a message that there was "no reason for him to

U.S. troops
head for the
Adriatic Sea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three U.S. ships with 2,000 Marines aboard were heading from a French port for the Adriatic Sea to provide support for NATO forces in Bosnia, according to administration officials.

A Pentagon official emphasized that the action was taken solely for precautionary reasons and does not reflect increased U.S. involvement in fighting in the former Yugoslavia.

An Amphibious Ready Group composed of the USS Nassau and two other ships left Poulton in southern France four days ahead of a scheduled departure. The names of the other two ships could not be learned immediately.

The reason for sending the three ships is to have helicopter support more readily available in case NATO forces ask for assistance, said the Pentagon officials, speaking on the condition that he not be further identified.

The Clinton administration has vigorously opposed placing U.S. ground troops in Bosnia.

come," according to U.N. sources.

The U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, also was rebuffed when he showed up at the presidency building to discuss negotiations with Serbs. The Bosnian prime minister, Haris Silajdzic, walked out saying the United Nations was holding up NATO action in Bihac.

"I don't want anything to do with him," he said.

To ward off NATO attacks, the Serbs continued detaining or restricting the movements of more than 200 U.N. peacekeepers around Sarajevo.



Associated Press photo

Masked Islamic activists burn an Israeli flag at a mass rally Saturday in Gaza City, a week after Palestinian policemen and Hamas supporters shot at each other in Gaza. About 20,000 Palestinians clogged the soccer field in a show of force against Yasser Arafat's self-rule government.

Islamic activists
rally in support of
continued attacks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — In a show of force against Yasser Arafat's self-rule government, 20,000 Islamic activists poured into a rally Saturday to roar their support for continuing attacks against Israel.

"What road are you taking?" an announcer asked the activists on a crowded soccer field.

"Holy war! Holy war! Holy war!" they responded.

Speakers demanded the dismantling of all Gaza settlements, home to 4,000 Jews. They also demanded a halt to arrests of Islamic activists and a dialogue among all political groups.

Two Israeli helicopters that buzzed the rally brought the crowd to a fever pitch. "We want to die for the sake of our God!" the activists screamed.

The rally came eight days after Palestinian police fired on Muslim rioters outside the Palestine Mosque, leaving 14 people dead and 150 wounded.

The two-hour gathering Saturday, officially a memorial service for the founder of the Islamic armed underground shot by Israeli soldiers a year ago, was unruly but not violent.

Rally organizers said the Islamic opposition was saving its bullets for Israeli targets.

Under an agreement between the self-rule government and the Islamic opposition, Palestinian police agreed to keep a low profile if the militants avoided parading their weapons and didn't stir up the crowd against Arafat.

The two main Islamic opposition groups, Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, have staged attacks on Israeli targets over the past two months in an attempt to derail the Israel-PLO self-rule accord.

Arafat's administration, seeking to spread the accord throughout the occupied West Bank, wants to crack down on the violence.

New cardinals
inducted in
ceremony

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Clergymen who will help select the next pontiff knelt before Pope John Paul II on Saturday to receive the red hat of cardinal and hear praise for what some have endured: gulag prison camps and bloodshed in Bosnia.

"In Rome, you have the history of the early Christian martyrs. Today, you had some living martyrs," said one of the 30 new cardinals, Archbishop William Keeler of Baltimore. Another American also was elevated to cardinal, Detroit Archbishop Adam Maida.

Some of the new cardinals are struggling to rebuild their lives and the church after decades of persecution in former authoritarian regimes such as Albania and the Soviet Union. Others traveled to the Vatican from Sarajevo, Communist-ruled Cuba and the poverty of Africa and Asia.

The group represents 24 nations, reflecting the pope's goal of expanding the international character of the College of Cardinals.

It also broadens John Paul's imprint on the conclave. During his 16-year papacy, he has named 100 of the 120 cardinals under 80 years old and eligible to vote for pope, many of whom may share his conservative views on issues such as birth control and the ban on women priests.

"Your presence is a great sign of hope," the pope told the new cardinals. "It shows that the whole church stands beside those who suffer."

As the pope read the list of the new cardinals, the 6,000 people in the auditorium applauded. The ovation grew when he reached the names of those once jailed in the Soviet bloc, Cuba and Vietnam. Many people rose to their feet when the pope announced Vinko Puljic, the archbishop of Sarajevo, where the pope had to cancel a visit in September.

"I am thinking in particular of the Christians of Sarajevo and Bosnia-Herzegovina," the pontiff said.

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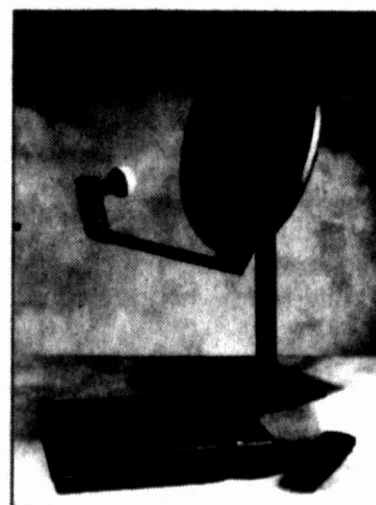
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Memorial services recall officers' dedication

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of police cars, their blue lights flashing, coiled past the nation's monuments Saturday after two fallen law enforcement officers were memorialized as heroes in "the battle against evil."

The caravan rolled past the Washington Monument within sight of the White House, and circled police headquarters where a Washington homicide sergeant and two FBI agents were shot to death Tuesday.

The motorcade accompanied the body of police Sgt. Henry Joseph Daly to Arlington National Cemetery.

Earlier, simultaneous memorial services were held in Vir-

ginia for Daly, 51, and in Maryland for slain FBI Agent Michael John Miller, 41. Also remembered on Saturday was the third slain law enforcement officer, FBI Agent Martha Dixon Martinez, 35, who will be buried near Pittsburgh on Monday.

"Thank God for Michael, Martha and Hank, who were willing to serve," FBI Director Louis Freeh said at Miller's service.

The three officers were shot to death when 25-year-old Bennie Lee Lawson walked into the third-floor offices used by the "cold case" homicide squad and opened fire with a compact assault-style firearm, police

said. Two other people were wounded. Lawson died in the attack.

The slayings inside the supposedly safe environment of the police department shocked the city known as the nation's murder capital for the past five years.

St. Phillip's Church in Falls Church was filled to capacity. An honor guard of more than 100 remained outside during the ceremony. A spillover crowd of hundreds more watched a television relay at a high school auditorium.

Inside St. Phillip's, the chaplain of the District's Metropolitan Police Department, the Rev. Salvatore Criscuolo, focused his

homily on the character of the fallen officer. Daly, a 28-year veteran, has been a member of the homicide division for 13 years, supervising its "cold case" squad since its creation in 1991. It investigates murders that have not been solved quickly.

"They say that this was a good cop, an old time cop, a man who got things done," Criscuolo said. "That seems to say so little, but it means so much, to call an officer 'a good cop.'"

In Maryland, it was standing room only at the Village Baptist Church, where Miller's body lay



Associated Press photo

Oakland County medical examiners office officials remove the body of Margaret Garrish from her home in Royal Oak, Mich. Saturday. Officials say Garrish died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Dr. Jack Kevorkian was present at the time of Garrish's death, the 21st death he has witnessed since 1990.

Assisted suicide ruled a homicide; Kevorkian connected to the death

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian was present Saturday at the suicide of a 72-year-old woman, his attorney said. It was the 21st suicide Kevorkian has attended since 1990 and the first in more than a year.

Margaret Garrish died at her home in Royal Oak, the Detroit suburb where Kevorkian used to live.

In a statement, attorney Michael Schwartz said Kevorkian was present when Mrs. Garrish "chose to end her suffering by mercifully ending her own life at her home." The statement did not say how she died.

A Michigan law temporarily banning assisted suicides, passed to stop Kevorkian, may have expired Friday but interpretations of the law's expiration date differ.

Kevorkian had been counseling Mrs. Garrish for two years, Schwartz said. Mrs. Garrish had had both legs amputated and had lost one eye, had suffered from ailments including deforming rheumatoid arthritis, severe colonic diverticulitis and advanced osteoporosis.

Schwartz said Mrs. Garrish was the woman who appeared

with Kevorkian on a videotape released eight months ago, saying her doctors had refused to give her adequate pain medication. "I'm really full of despair because the pain can't be controlled," she said on the tape that was played for reporters last March.

After that news conference, another doctor prescribed morphine patches. "However, over time, even the morphine patches were insufficient to provide Mrs. Garrish with relief from the persistent pain with which she was afflicted," the statement said.

Oakland County Medical Examiner Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic ruled the death a homicide and said Mrs. Garrish died by inhaling carbon monoxide.

Schwartz said Saturday afternoon he didn't know where Kevorkian is. He said he wasn't surprised by the homicide ruling.

Michael Dennis, a neighbor of the Garrish family, said Mrs. Garrish "was in a lot of pain. She finally did get help for her pain from her doctor. She couldn't hold anything; she couldn't take care of herself."

Before she got arthritis, he said, "she was a very active person and easy to get to know."

Lame duck congress could be portent of things to come

WASHINGTON (AP) — In mid-passage to Republican rule, Congress meets this week to vote on GATT, a global trade accord ardently supported by President Clinton and depicted as a model of bipartisan cooperation with the GOP.

The lame-duck session of the expiring, 103rd Congress will be brief — a half-day in the House and two days in the Senate. But

it will be spiced by selection of leaders for the new, GOP-controlled 104th Congress that convenes in January.

Passage for legislation blessing GATT is assured in the House, where departing Democratic Speaker Thomas Foley and his incoming Republican successor, Newt Gingrich, both favor the laboriously negotiated plan to reduce trade barriers around the world.

Mother arrested in arson deaths of her two kids

BALTIMORE (AP) — As fire engulfed Renee Aulton's home, she cried and screamed that her daughters were trapped inside but neighbors say she didn't act like a mother desperate to save her children.

"She didn't act too concerned. She didn't seem too upset," said Thomas Wishon, who lives four doors down from Ms. Aulton's row house.

So, when Ms. Aulton was charged with killing her two children in a house fire — and confessed — neighbors were appalled but not surprised.

"We suspected her right from the beginning," neighbor Eleanor Bennett said Friday. "We thought there was no way that fire could start that fast."

As flames spread through the house with Ms. Aulton's children inside, five neighborhood women yelled at her to do something. But neighbors said Ms. Aulton and her boyfriend, Frank Wooters, stood outside the home and watched it burn.

Neighbors "were screaming, 'You murderers! You murder-

ers! You should have done something!'" said Paul Crist, who owns a neighborhood seafood carryout. He said he twice entered the burning home to look for the children.

Several other neighborhood men also tried in vain to save the children.

Wooters said Friday he, too, tried to save the girls when he showed up at the burning house.

"I ran upstairs to get the kids and there was too much smoke. I couldn't get up there," he said.

Ms. Aulton, 26, was charged Wednesday with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Christina Lambert, 4, and Natalie Aulton, 2.

According to court documents, she told police that she set the Nov. 15 fire to kill her daughters. Police would not say how she set the fire nor offer a motive. The family has refused to comment.

A judge Friday refused to grant bail and set a preliminary hearing for Dec. 23.

NEWS IN BRIEF

People look hard for the bargain

NEW YORK (AP) — If bargain-hunting seems especially frenzied at the mall, perhaps it's because a third of Americans plan to spend less money on gifts this Christmas season compared with the last few years.

An Associated Press poll last weekend found only 14 percent intending to spend more money on gifts and 50 percent planning to spend about the same as the last few years. Three percent don't know or don't buy gifts.

The 33 percent in the poll who plan to spend less money on gifts this holiday season is virtually unchanged from November 1992, when President Bush failed to convince voters that the economy was rebounding. The spend-less figure was 40 percent in November 1991, at the beginning of a tight-fisted holiday season.

Retailers, who count on the holidays for a large share of their yearly profits, will find some cheer in the poll's finding that 55 percent expect to have more money next year than this year.

Surviving mall doing brisk business

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shoppers rebuilding from January's devastating earthquake did brisk business with another survivor — their local mall.

The interior of the 210-store Northridge Fashion Center, which was near the epicenter of the Jan. 17 quake, is under reconstruction and scheduled to reopen next spring. But two of the anchor stores are open, along with some smaller storefront retailers.

On Friday, the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season, business was steady at the Sears and The Broadway,

two remodeled department stores standing out amid the damaged mall and the parking-deck rubble.

Jessica Rosales, 19, a Sears sales clerk, said she was a little nervous about returning to the store, which reopened last week.

Fashion big wigs anti-fur targets

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion bigwigs Karl Lagerfeld, Oscar de la Renta and Bob Mackie were the target of anti-fur protesters who blasted the designers for putting pelts on their clothes.

With the fur industry insisting sales are booming, activists resorted to marching, shouting and disrupting shoppers Friday to get attention in cities across the country. More than 40 were arrested, said Margo Tannenbaum, a spokeswoman for the National Activists Network.

"Hey Bob Mac!ie, fur is tacky!" demonstrators chanted outside the New York offices of the Council of Fashion Designers of America at their annual post-holiday rally.

The protesters, waving signs and shouting "Compassion is the fashion," then marched 25 blocks through Manhattan while handing out anti-fur leaflets.

Opponents say GATT can still be defeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents from Ralph Nader to Ross Perot say they can still defeat a 123-nation world trade agreement when Congress takes it up next week during a lame-duck session — even without the help of Sen. Bob Dole.

The anti-GATT movement, a collection of consumer, environmental and labor groups, said Friday they planned a television and newspaper ad blitz in coming days in an effort to bring pressure on wavering senators.

The critics are zeroing in on the new World Trade Organization.

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Oil providing less for property rich districts to funnel to the less wealthy

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

ANDREWS, Texas (AP) — Rich isn't what it used to be for schools in the Texas oil patch.

Property values plunged this year deep as a drill bit into the dirt, forcing districts to adopt leaner budgets and higher property taxes.

"Oil has never been the horn of plenty," said Ervin Huddleston, superintendent of the Andrews Independent School District, where property values fell \$463.8 million since 1993.

"In the oil fields there's always been good times and bad times," Huddleston said. "It's an economic roller coaster that sometimes goes faster than you want it to."

Even though Andrews officials raised their tax rate one nickel to \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation, they expect a revenue loss of almost \$6 million because of the 22-percent drop in property values.

Moreover, the trend carries implications for Texas' attempt to equalize the money spent on public education.

Oil-rich districts contacted by The Associated Press reported they have millions of dollars less to funnel to their property-poor counterparts across the state.

Four of those districts — Andrews, Denver City, Iraan-Sheffield and Seminole — lost so much mineral value that their contributions to other schools will total a combined \$19.4 million below last year's.

"If this trend continues, we no longer will be rich," Huddleston said. "We will be average."

Andrews sent \$14 million to the state last year under the mandate to reduce its property wealth to \$280,000 per student.

But it will take a great deal less surrendered this time — \$8 million to San Angelo — for Andrews to drop again to that limit.

Itold our staff there's good news and bad news. I said we're sending Stanton \$469,606, and they applauded. Then I said the bad news is our values dropped 24 percent.

Johnny Tubb

Or consider Grady, a district "about 17 miles from a cup of coffee," as Superintendent/trigonometry teacher Johnny Tubb describes it.

Grady draws its students from the Martin County towns of Lenora and Tarzan. Last year, the district complied with the wealth-cutting mandate by sending roughly \$1.6 million to Stan-

It's an economic roller coaster that sometimes goes faster than you want it to.

Ervin Huddleston

"I told our staff there's good news and bad news," Tubb said of this year's situation. "I said we're sending Stanton \$469,606, and they applauded. Then I said the bad news is our values dropped 24 percent."

Of the state's top 10 mineral-wealth school districts, only gas-abundant Carthage in East Texas enjoyed an increase in property value this year.

Interviews by the AP found losses as dramatic as 35 percent in Whiteface and 29 percent in Denver City.

Those hardest hit share common elements. Most are taxing at or near the state-maximum \$1.50; they feel politically voiceless; they're bitter about what they perceive as "Robin Hood" government compounding their oil troubles.

Lawmakers tried to smooth wide disparities among Texas school districts by passing share-the-wealth legislation that caps a district's tax base at \$280,000 per student.

The Texas Supreme Court is considering a challenge to that law. Three previous funding laws were found unconstitutional.

The system "recaptured" \$400 million last year from property-wealthy districts for distribution to districts with low property wealth.

But the Texas Education Agency expects that amount to drop this year to \$360 million, primarily because of depleted mineral values in places like Andrews.

"The state will have to make up the difference," said Omar Garcia, an assistant director with the TEA's division of state funding. "It's not a big deal, (but) it is a concern if we keep losing money in recapture and have to make it up in state aid."

State Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, predicted the Legislature would take a look at such fluctuations.

"We should always be concerned about property taxes and the dramatic shifts in valuations," Montford said.

Examples of recent cutbacks seethe from oil-rich districts across West Texas:

—Denver City closed its indoor swimming pool and dropped junior high Spanish classes.

—Iraan-Sheffield closed an elementary school in Sheffield and started busing those pupils 18 miles to Iraan. In ultimate Texas irony, the state Youth Commission leases the building as a boot camp for juvenile criminals.

—McCamey shut down its automotive program and eliminated jobs held by a coach and a band director.

servatively during oil's heyday at \$38 a barrel.

"This is a blue-collar town. We're not rich snobs out here," Huddleston said, expressing sympathy for property-poor areas. "We want those folks to get adequate funding, but don't destroy our school in the effort."

Similar sentiments reverberate throughout the Permian Basin from officials who consider share-the-wealth an unfair burden on oil towns.

"When is Austin going to share their natural resources with us — trees and water?" asked Neill from arid McCamey. "Why aren't they taxing that and sending us the money?"

How It STACKS UP

Texas' top mineral-wealth school districts in 1993, according to the state comptroller's office. Property value changes from '93 to '94 provided by each school district or county appraisal district:

1. Seminole	-\$645	million	(26 percent decrease)
2. Ector County	-\$400	million	(9 percent decrease)
3. Andrews	-\$463.8	million	(22.2 percent decrease)
4. Iraan-Sheffield	-\$104	million	(15 percent decrease)
5. Denver City	-\$482	million	(29 percent decrease)
6. Fort Stockton	-\$31.3	million	(2.3 percent decrease)
7. Crane	-\$141.9	million	(13 percent decrease)
8. Levelland	-\$131	million	(13 percent decrease)
9. Sundown	-\$182	million	(22 percent decrease)
10. Carthage	+\$227	million	(21.5 percent increase)

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The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will meet Monday after the 6 p.m. freshman basketball game at Steer Gym.

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For more information, contact 267-8383.

YMCA has registration
for basketball league

Registration is under way for the youth basketball program at the Big Spring YMCA.

The program is for boys and girls ages 5-12 (grades K-6). The eight-week league will start in January.

Deadline to register is Dec. 9. Fees are \$23 for Y members and \$36 for non-members. Coaches in all age groups will be needed.

For more information call 267-8234 or stop by the Y at 801 Owens St.

Quarterback Club
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The Big Spring Quarterback Club meets Monday, 7 p.m., at the Big Spring High School Planetarium.

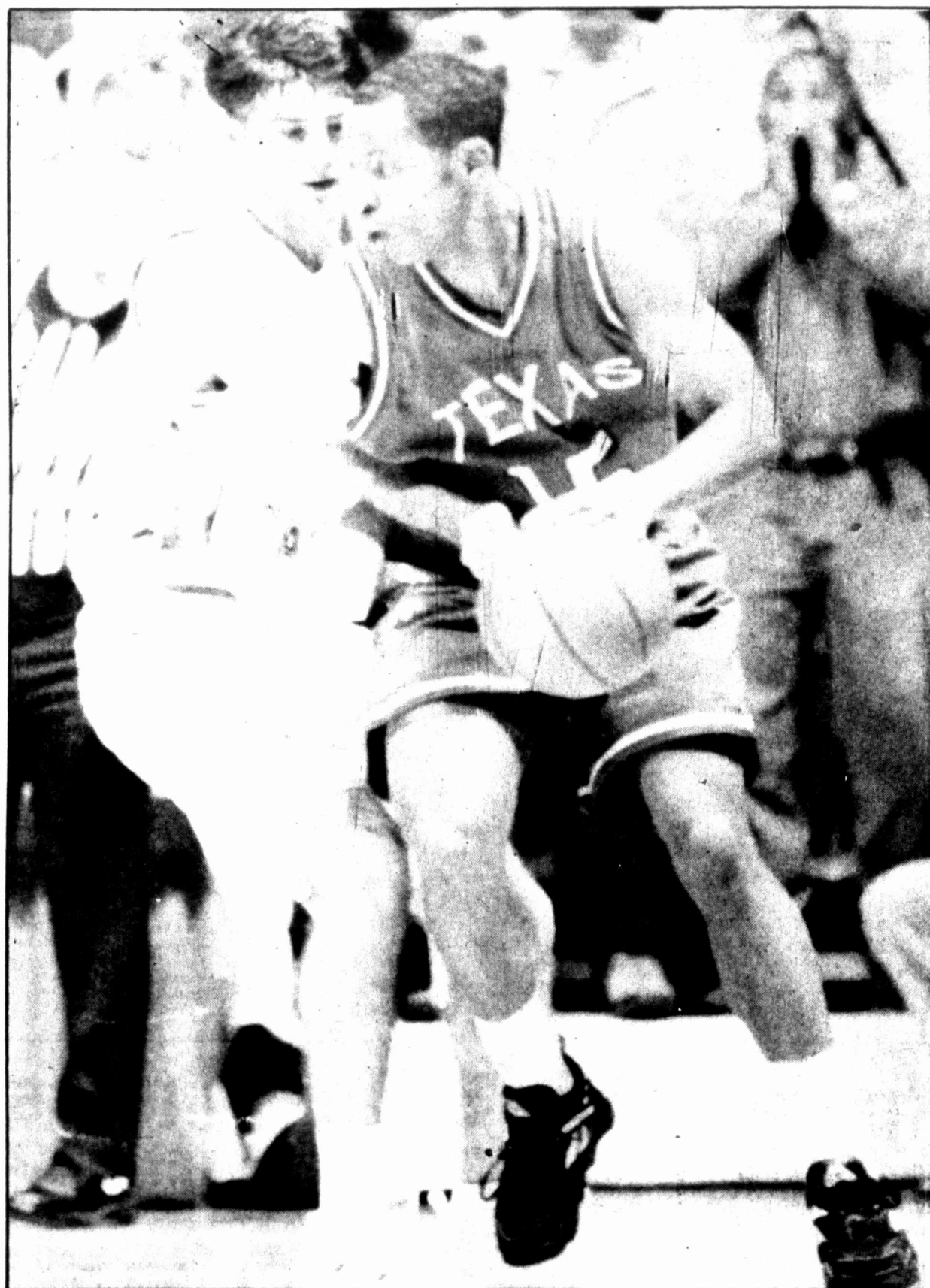
There is a three-part agenda - watching the game film from the playoff game with Canyon Randall, electing officers and preparing for the Steer football banquet.

For more information, call Nancy Crenshaw at 263-4838.

YMCA adult
league teams to meet

On Dec. 4, Coahoma and Bobby Barber YMCA adult league teams will be playing in the flag football league playoff game. The game starts at 1:30 p.m. on the Big Spring band field.

TARHEELS DOWN TEXAS



North Carolina's Dante Calabria (24) defends against Texas guard Terrence Rencher during first half action of their game Saturday afternoon in Chapel Hill, N.C. North Carolina defeated the Longhorns, 96-92.

Associated Press photo

Azinger, Stewart tied after first day

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Paul Azinger and defending champion Payne Stewart each won \$80,000 Saturday while fighting gale force winds in the first nine holes of the Skins Game.

The wind blew steadily at 25-30 mph and gusted as high as 50 mph. On the downwind, downhill, 505-yard, par-4 sixth hole, Fred Couples hit a driver 430 yards in the air.

Azinger, who was diagnosed with lymphoma two days after competing in this event a year ago, had two birdies. Tom Watson had one birdie and won \$50,000. Stewart won his \$80,000 with a par.

Couples, who has won three non-PGA Tour tournaments so far this month, was shut out

over the first half of this 18-hole, four-man, made-for-television tournament, which continues Sunday at Bighorn Golf Course.

The winds were so strong, Watson said, "gusts would move the ball on the green, start it rolling again, after it had come to a stop."

"It was awful," Azinger said. "It's pretty hard to hit good shots or make birdies," Couples said, and looked at Watson. "I don't think anybody got the ball close to the hole until you did on the last hole."

On the sixth hole, both Azinger and Stewart played a 1-iron off the tee and a 9-iron to the green.

Wind played a part in

Stewart's winning par, with carry-overs worth \$80,000 on the eighth.

Watson was putting for birdie from 25-30 feet from the right fringe "and when he was over the putt, you could see the wind just lift him right up out of his stance," Stewart said.

Watson missed the putt by 7 feet. Stewart, who has won the last three Skins Games, holed a 25-footer for par on that hole, then became the winner when Azinger left a 20-foot par putt on the front lip and Couples and Watson missed from 8 and 7 feet, respectively.

Watson, who won the first skin in the first Skins Game in 1983, closed out the day with a 9-iron to 10 feet for a birdie on

the ninth, worth \$30,000.

Azinger, who had made only four previous starts this season after his comeback from cancer treatment, won \$20,000 with a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole.

"I was relieved," he said. "My biggest fear was that I wouldn't get a skin."

With that fear behind him, he holed a 20-yard bunker shot for birdie and won three more skins and another \$60,000 on the fourth.

He also had a hand — literally — in Watson's winning par on the next hole, a 280-yard par-4.

Azinger, Couples and Stewart all attempted to drive the green, and all three drove into trouble in rocks and sand and desert. Watson played to the fairway, but failed to hold the green with his little pitch.

Irvan

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wall is close, you're going to hit the fence."

Which is exactly what happened.

"Red Flag! Red Flag! Car 28 in the wall!" the track announcer yelled.

Help arrived almost instantly, but there were fears it was too late. Still strapped in his seat, Irvan was unconscious as medics prepared him to be airlifted to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, Mich.

While they worked on Irvan, someone ran across the track to get his wife, Kim, who was asleep in their recreation vehicle.

"There's been an accident," she was told.

"Is he dead or alive?" she asked.

Nobody knew.

They found out a short time later by watching an ESPN videotape of Irvan being removed from the wreckage: His arm and leg moved. At least there was hope.

But the severe bruises to Irvan's brain and lungs were the kind of injuries that do permanent damage. Doctors gave him no more than a 10-percent chance to live.

Irvan remembers nothing of the next 18 to 20 days, but he has reminders, like the 3 1/2-inch scar on his neck where doctors inserted a shunt to drain fluid from his brain. And that's not the only reminder.

"I've got a scar on each side of my chest and another one on my belly button," he said. There were 14 tubes running into and out of his body to keep him alive. His wife stayed at his bedside, sleeping fitfully, more concerned with preventing Irvan from yanking out the tubes.

By Monday, there was hope. Irvan's eyes flickered and he squeezed a visitor's hand. Dr. Errol Erlandson left the room smiling. "I just had a conversation with Ernie," he told Kim.

"The doctors thought I was a miracle," Irvan said. "I don't remember anything about it. I don't want to know about that part. It's tough not to remember a lot of things, but I guess it would be more painful for me if I did."

"Then one day, I was all right."

Not quite. Irvan was still heavily medicated when he awoke from his coma, sickened by the drugs and facing the shunt surgery. "I wasn't scared," he said. "But that was the toughest time because I remember it. The other stuff was kind of out of sight, out of mind."

Each day, 1-year-old Jordan Irvan came to the hospital to visit her father. "She crawled over me and tried to pull out the tubes," he said. "So did I. I think the tubes made her nervous. When they were gone, when I was daddy again, she was more responsive to me."

Irvan was ticketed for six to eight weeks of rehabilitation. "I was out in two," he said.

Dr. James McDeavitt, a

physiatrist and medical director of the Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, is still amazed by Irvan's recovery. "It's like there's nothing wrong with him," he said. "It is a dramatic, remarkable recovery. He had a severe brain injury. He was comatose with brain and brain stem swelling. It's unusual to improve to this extent."

Under McDeavitt's care, Irvan underwent a battery of psychological tests. In one, he was asked to copy three meaningless pictures — a triangle with a ball in the center, a mushroom and a boot — along with three equally disconnected words — hunger, pride and station.

"I couldn't do it," Irvan said. "I told them I wouldn't have been able to do it before the crash, either. A week-and-a-half later, I got them all right."

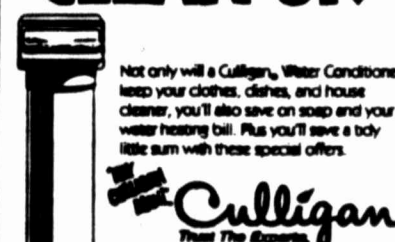


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Hargrave

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Conklin plays for the University of Tennessee now, and I watch her on television every chance I have. Now I truly know how good women's college hoops is, because Conklin, a sophomore, spends most of her time at Tennessee riding the bench.

Perhaps folks in West Texas have more appreciation for women's hoops than people in other parts of the country. Here in Big Spring, we get to enjoy the Howard Lady Hawks, one of the best junior college teams in the country, and in 1993 a group of ladies from Lubbock

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'Rudy' heads back to the bench

IRVING (AP) — Jason Garrett's "fairy tale" will likely come to an end on Monday.

The third-string quarterback who led the Dallas Cowboys to a 42-31 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Thursday expects to be back on the scout team running plays.

"If Rodney (Peete) is healthy then Rodney is the starter next week against Philadelphia," said the red-headed Garrett, also known as Rudy. "He's a great player. I have no problem with it."

Troy Aikman, who missed the Packer game because of a sprained knee, might practice next week and he hopes to be ready for the Dec. 4 game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

"My knee keeps feeling much better," Aikman said. "I could be ready to go. We'll just have to wait and see. I do know Jason did just a fabulous job against the Packers."

Peete missed the game because of a sprained thumb. His status for next week also is questionable.

"It was great Jason was able to play so well," Peete said. "I think my thumb will be much better next week."

No matter what happens the Cowboys will still have their "Rudy," who gave a performance the likes of which fans hadn't seen on Thanksgiving Day since Clint Longley beat the Washington Redskins with an injured Roger Staubach on the sidelines 20 years ago.

"It was a fairy tale deal," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "We'll all remember the day 'the Red Ball Express' from Princeton beat the Packers."

"I think the whole world knows now that Jason Garrett isn't chopped liver," said run-

ning back Emmitt Smith. "He did a job that was a credit to us all."

Smith gained 133 yards on 32 carries and caught 6 passes from Garrett for 95 yards as Dallas stretched its record to 10-2 trying to win a record third consecutive Super Bowl.

Garrett threw touchdown passes to Alvin Harper and Michael Irvin and hit 15 of 26 passes for 311 yards. It was his second NFL start and he's won them both.

It was a wild offensive day with Green Bay's Brett Favre hitting 27 of 40 passes for 257 yards and four touchdown passes to Sterling Sharpe.

Favre gave a tip of the hat to Garrett.

"This is the NFL and Jason's not on the team just because he went to Princeton," Favre said. "He did a really good job."

Garrett will be a free agent next year.

Offensive guard Nate Newton told owner Jerry Jones "that I hoped he has him signed for next year. We'd hate to lose him for next year."

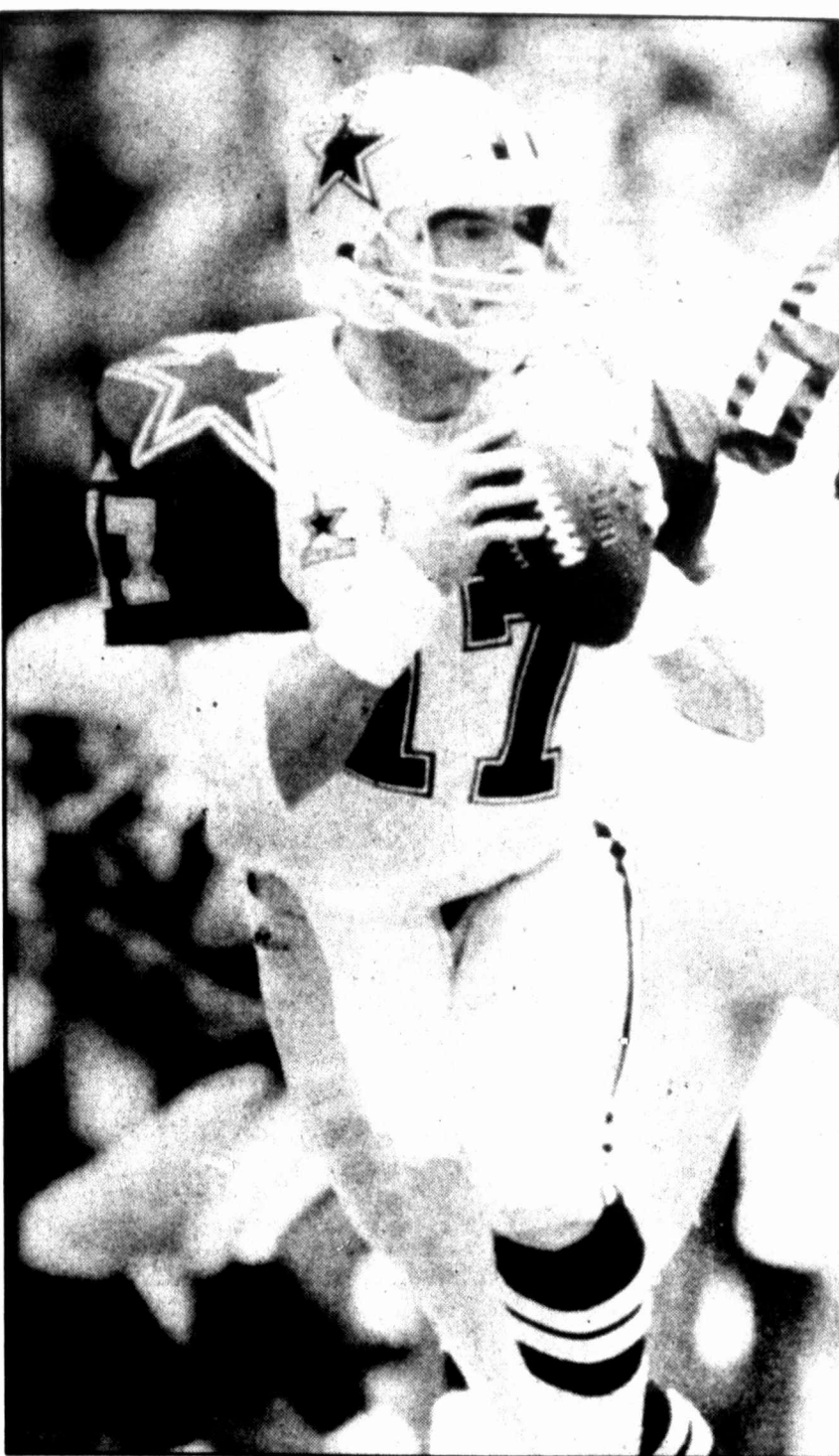
The Packers were also impressed.

"I have to give him all the credit in the world. He did good job," said defensive lineman Sean Jones.

Garrett said he was glad it was over.

"I'm very relieved," he said. "All week people were telling me how important this game was and wishing me luck. I tried not to think of the results beforehand. I'm just thankful to be a part of this team."

Dallas can clinch a wild card playoff spot if Atlanta either loses or ties Philadelphia on Sunday. If not, the Cowboys can win the NFC East for the third consecutive year by beating the Eagles.



Dallas quarterback Jason Garrett looks for a receiver during the first quarter of the Cowboys' game with Green Bay Thursday.

Montana aiming for passing milestone

Joe Montana is expected to reach a rare NFL milestone this weekend.

Montana needs only 61 yards to become the fifth player in league history to pass for 40,000 yards. It should happen at Seattle on Sunday.

Montana would join Dan Fouts, Dan Marino, Fran Tarkenton and Johnny Unitas in the 40,000-yard club. Still, it's a milestone he's been loathe to dwell on, or even talk about.

"Those are the sort of things you look back on later," he said. "Right now, we've got way too much going on to worry about it."

The Chiefs (7-4) trail San Diego by only one game in the AFC West, which they won last year in Montana's injury-dogged first season after leaving the San Francisco 49ers.

Running back Marcus Allen will probably miss the game because of a knee injury. That means rookies such as Greg Hill of Texas A&M and Donnell Bennett of Miami will again be counted on to produce. If they perform as well as they did in last week's 20-13 victory over Cleveland, Kansas City should have little trouble with the last-place Seahawks (4-7).

In other games, it's Houston at Cleveland, Miami at the New York Jets, Philadelphia at Atlanta, Tampa Bay at Minnesota, Chicago at Arizona, Cincinnati at Denver, the Los Angeles Rams at San Diego, the New York Giants at Washington, Pittsburgh at the Los Angeles Raiders and New England at Indianapolis.

Monday's night's game is

San Francisco at New Orleans.

On Thursday, Dallas beat Green Bay 42-31 and Detroit beat Buffalo 35-21.

Steelers-Raiders

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher made it official Friday: Mike Tomczak will start his second consecutive game at quarterback.

Neil O'Donnell, who started the first 10 games, missed last week's game against the Dolphins with hip and ankle injuries. Tomczak stepped in and passed for a career-high 343 yards as Pittsburgh won 16-13 in overtime.

Dolphins at Jets

If New York wins, it would be the first time the Jets have been in first place this late in an NFL season since 1986. Boomer Esiason helped put the Jets (6-5) into position to tie the Dolphins (7-4) by throwing three touchdown passes in a 31-21 win over the Vikings last Sunday.

Rams at Chargers

The Chargers (8-3), struggling on defense, need to avoid a second straight loss and a fourth in six games to at least maintain a one-game lead over Kansas City in the AFC West. Jerome Bettis needs 144 yards for the Rams (4-7) to record a second-straight 1,000-yard rushing season.

Patriots at Colts

Colts rookie Marshall Faulk needs 91 yards in this night game to top 1,000 for the season. Bledsoe, the Patriots' quarterback, already leads the NFL with 3,255 passing yards.

Browns prepare for suddenly-normal Oilers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tight ends, I-formations. Straight-ahead power running.

Clearly, more than just the coach has changed since the Cleveland Browns saw the Houston Oilers last month.

"They're a normal team now," said Cleveland defensive end Rob Burnett. "We used to have to change our whole defense for the run-and-shoot."

But new Houston coach Jeff Fisher, promoted from defensive coordinator when Jack Pardee was fired in mid-November, has all but scrapped the four-receiver scheme and intends to turn to it only occasionally in obvious passing situations.

Even though the Browns (8-3) were accustomed to playing the Oilers (1-10) twice a year, the run-and-shoot remained rare enough that it forced them to study a little harder whenever a game against Houston was coming up.

Their preparations for the

Oilers offense this week were much simpler. They had tapes of only one game on which to base their defensive plan: Houston's 13-10 loss to the New York Giants in Fisher's head coaching debut last Monday night.

"It's a normal pro set. It's nothing strange," Burnett said. "Actually, the run-and-shoot was strange compared to the rest of the league."

Running back Lorenzo White was the most obvious beneficiary of the Oilers' new approach. After running for 95 yards in the second half at Cincinnati the week before, White set career highs with 27 carries for 156 yards against the Giants.

Houston's new running formation seems to fit him perfectly.

"He looked great," Burnett said. "I think he's a lot better back out of the I-formation, lining up 7 yards deep, than he was lining up 4 or 5 yards back in the run-and-shoot. He's deep-

er. He gets more momentum. He has better vision."

"Unlike the run-and-shoot, where they were going to throw 40 times a game, now we have to stop the run first."

Against New York, the Oilers ran 29 times and attempted just 15 passes, the first time in nearly two years that they ran more often than they passed. The 15 passes were the fewest they attempted in a game since 1981.

"If you want to win, you have to be able to run the football," Fisher said. "My philosophy is to run the football with backs in the backfield, to utilize the tight end. With the run-and-shoot, if you have a deficiency in any area, you're going to have problems."

"Over the years, it's been a difficult offense to defend against. The last couple years, defenses have made strides and done a better job against it."

Not everyone in the Houston camp was happy about the change. Receiver Webster

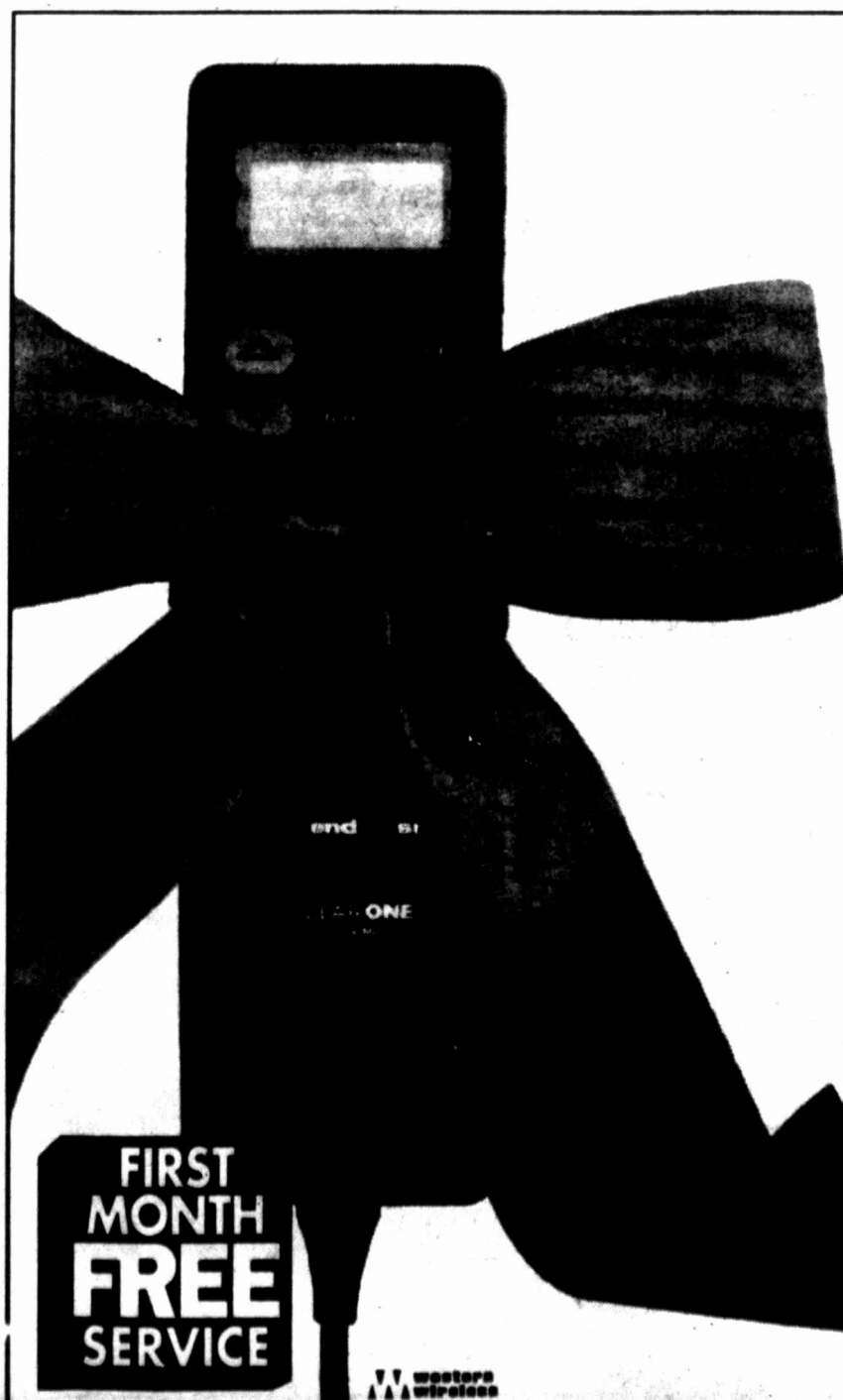
Slaughter, his opportunities slashed sharply by the new offense, was furious; his contract includes incentives based on playing time.

"You know those receivers. They want the ball every play," quarterback Billy Joe Townley said.

The Browns won 11-8 in Houston on Oct. 13 in the last full game for Vinny Testaverde at quarterback. He had to leave each of the next two games because of concussions, and Mark Rypien started the next three for Cleveland.

Testaverde returns as the starter this week.

"Their defense hasn't changed much. The changes that have occurred are on the offensive side of the ball," Testaverde said. "The defense is doing the same things, bringing a lot of people up front, the eight-man fronts. We're going to have to keep a hat on a hat and try to keep them out."



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Flutie's miracle recalled

BOSTON (AP) — Gerard Phelan was soaking in a hot tub on a ski trip to Colorado five years ago when the voice of an unforgiving bettor descended from the walkway above.

"He yelled out to me, 'Hey, Phelan.' I looked up. I had no idea who the guy was. And he said, 'Hey, Phelan, you cost me a lot of money in Miami,'" Phelan recalls. "I said, 'what are you talking about?' He said, 'You know what I mean.'"

Ten years ago on the day after Thanksgiving, in misty Miami, Phelan looked up at the night sky as he was falling into the end zone and caressed one of the most famous passes ever thrown. It sailed 64 yards on a spiral from Doug Flutie's right hand into history, the last unbelievable play of an unforgettable game.

Boston College 47, Miami 45. Flutie threw for 472 yards, Miami's Bernie Kosar for 447.

The teams combined for 1,282 yards of offense.

The lead changed hands five times in a wild fourth quarter, the last time on Flutie's 48-yard Hail Mary pass on a play that began with six seconds left.

"I go to Barcelona, Spain, and they know about that play," says Jack Bicknell, the Boston College coach that day who later coached Barcelona in the World League of American Football. "You wonder what makes something like this last."

The moment is being relived with Boston College visiting that same Orange Bowl — where Miami has lost just twice since Phelan's catch — to meet the Hurricanes on Saturday, two days after Thanksgiving.

Ten years ago, on a day when football fans flop on the couch, the remnants of their holiday turkey still rumbling in their stomachs, the game had a huge national television audience all to itself.

And what a matchup.

Flutie, the 5-foot-9-inch senior quarterback who would win the Heisman Trophy eight days later, against Goliath-like Miami, the defending national champion, led by 6-5 sophomore Kosar.

"The setting was so perfect," says Paul Schmitt, a key part of the spectacle. "I watched the TV replay. They did not give the score of any other game in the country. There were no other games going on. That was it. And, in 10 years, I have not spoken to a person who saw that game who doesn't remember where they were at the time."

At the time, Schmitt was rolling to his right on the wet grass just as Flutie was doing a few feet in front of him. As the referee, it would be Schmitt's responsibility to scan the field for penalty flags and officially declare the game over.

Jerome Brown chased Flutie out of the pocket. Willie Lee Broughton ran at him as he threw. Defensive back Darrell Fullington, in a mass of players at the 3-yard line, leaped and looked like he was going to intercept.

Then his teammate, Reggie Sutton, bumped him at the last moment. Somehow, the ball slipped through untouched. Phelan had made sure he was in the end zone. He was surprised no one was next to him. He never left his feet as he made the catch.

"The play is called Flood Tip," Bicknell says. "We flooded the area, but nobody tipped it."

Schmitt saw field judge Bill Lange, a few feet away from



Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie celebrates with brother Darren after B.C. defeated the Miami Hurricanes in the final six seconds of the game Nov. 23, 1984 in Miami.

Phelan, signal a touchdown as the ball dropped into the receiver's stomach. Running upfield, Schmitt spied an excited Bicknell.

"He's caught there in his headsets. He's ready to run," Schmitt says. "He looks at me and says, 'is it over?' I say, 'do you want it to be?' He says, 'Hell, yes.' I say, 'then it's over.'"

With ecstatic Boston College players leaping into teammates' arms, Schmitt calmly raised his arms.

T touchdown. Kosar had thought Miami had won after Melvin Bratton's 1-yard run made the score 45-41 with 28 seconds left and Boston College started from its own 20. So he was talking with friends in the stands just as Flutie was rearing back to throw.

"It was the only time in my career I kind of cancelled the game before it was over," Kosar says.

Bicknell had the same thoughts when his son, center Jack Bicknell Jr., snapped the ball. Phelan, Kelvin Martin and Troy Stradford were lined up on the right, ready to race downfield.

"I assumed at that point we had lost," the coach said. "I'm thinking, 'what am I going to tell these guys?' They had just played a great game."

Dave Heffernan knew what was happening. Caked in mud, the offensive tackle was sitting on the Miami bench, the team's strength coach next to him.

"He turns to me and says, 'Oh, my God, they scored.' And I just sat there and said, 'OK, what do I do now?'" Heffernan recalls. "You just heard a silence you never want to hear in your home stadium."

Heffernan will be there again Saturday when Boston College, ranked 25th and still clinging to Fiesta Bowl hopes, is an underdog to fifth-ranked Miami. So will Schmitt, a trucking company vice president and technical adviser for Big East officials who lives in Louisville.

"I told my wife, 'I'm buying an airplane ticket to Miami.' I've got to be there," Schmitt says.

Flutie will be in Vancouver, preparing to watch the Grey Cup the next day. His Calgary Stampeders would have been in that Canadian Football League title game but lost 37-36 last Sunday to British Columbia.

How? Last play. Touchdown pass. Caught by Darren Flutie, Doug's brother.

Doug Flutie, the CFL's most outstanding player the last three seasons, wasn't in a reminiscing mood this week, declining most interview requests.

"Because of what happened last weekend with his football career, he's not interested in what happened 10 years ago," says Ron Rooke, the Stampeders vice president for marketing and communications.

But in one interview, he voiced bittersweet memories.

"I started smiling and laughing to myself a little bit and then started running and jumping," he said of his immediate reaction. "I think it's the one signature play and the thing that people most remember me by and all that. Also, in a negative aspect, it's the only thing people remember about me. We had so many great games. From my standpoint, I'd like people to remember those things."

How about becoming the first major college passer to throw

for 10,000 yards, a milestone reached in the Miami game? Or the six games he led the Eagles to victory on the final possession? Or the linemen he drove nuts?

"Cornelius Bennett (of Alabama) was so frustrated because he just couldn't catch him," says Reid Oslin, Boston College's assistant athletic director for sports publicity. "I remember (Clemson's) William Perry, the Refrigerator, playing against Doug. They were giving him oxygen. It was like chasing a butterfly."

Boston College won its two games after the Miami victory, including the Cotton Bowl, its first major bowl in 42 years. It finished fourth in the nation with a 10-2 record. The loss to the Eagles was the second of three in a row for Miami, which ended ranked 18th at 8-5.

"I get a headache every time I think about it," Heffernan says. "It's the play that never seems to go away."

The key figures have gone many different ways in the past decade.

Miami coach Jimmy Johnson won two Super Bowls with Dallas. Fullington played with Minnesota and Tampa Bay. Sutton spent time with New Orleans, then the Miami Hooters arena football team. Broughton is with the Los Angeles Raiders. Brown, a Pro Bowl starter in two of his six years with Philadelphia, died in a 1992 auto accident.

Despite backing in, Tech still pleased with Cotton berth

FORT WORTH (AP) — Like Cinderella, Texas Tech's Red Raiders are headed to the Cotton Bowl ball. Unfortunately, Texas Christian has already turned them into pumpkins.

With the host berth in the bag, the Raiders roared into Fort Worth Friday with a chance to win the Southwest Conference championship outright and glide into Dallas Jan. 2 with a respectable 7-4 record.

Alas, their Fairy Godmother was the Wicked Witch in disguise.

TCU's underdog Horned Frogs used two long-distance touchdown passes from Max Knake to fleet flanker Jimmy Oliver and a late touchdown by Andre Davis to bushwhack the Raiders, 24-17.

The victory earned the Frogs a share of the SWC title and probably assured them an invitation to the Dec. 28 Independence Bowl against an undetermined Atlantic Coast opponent.

"I am the happiest man alive," chortled TCU defensive guard Royal West, who had a big hand in the Frogs' seven quarterback sacks. "We are co-champs or whatever they are going to call it."

"We are going to a bowl and I can't ask for anything more."

TCU, along with SWC co-champions Texas and Baylor, wound up with a 7-4 record while the Raiders will drag a rather dismal 6-5 slate into Dallas.

All four teams posted 4-3 conference marks and Rice (4-6, 3-3) can make it an unprecedented five-way tie if the Owls dispose of hapless Houston Saturday as expected.

By virtue of the SWC's "last appearance rule," Tech, which last appeared in the postseason classic in 1939, slipped in the back door Thursday when Texas gunned down Baylor, 63-35.

"We should be the only conference champion," grumbled Raider defensive end Tony Daniels. "A 6-5 team shouldn't go to the Cotton Bowl."

Raider quarterback Zebbie Lethridge said the Baylor-Texas verdict affected Friday's game.

"I really wish Baylor had beat UT so we'd have come here wanting it more," he said.

Despite the loss, Tech coach Spike Dykes was more than a little upbeat.

"I am so excited for this team, the university and certainly for our fans about the opportunity to play in Dallas on Jan. 2 ...," he said.

"These guys have played hard all year and I am just tickled to death that they are getting a chance to play in the

I am so excited for this team, the university and certainly for our fans about the opportunity to play in Dallas on Jan. 2

Spike Dykes

Cotton Bowl"

The Raiders' most frequently mentioned Cotton Bowl opponents are Notre Dame and Florida State. The Frogs' most likely opponent was North Carolina State until the Wolfpack upset Virginia Friday.

Baylor is expected to go to the Alamogordo Bowl in San Antonio and Texas appears locked into the Sun Bowl in El Paso.

Texas A&M went through the season undefeated but is ineligible for a bowl because of being on NCAA probation.

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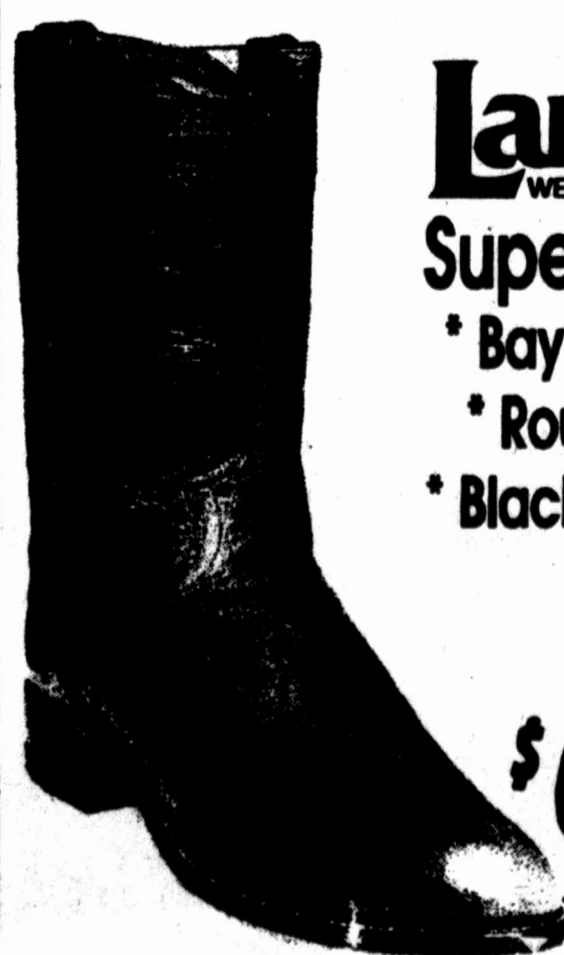
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STANDINGS - Bob Brock Ford, 66-30; Walker L.P. Gas, 58-38; Rockys, 56-40; Denny's, 52-44; Parks Ins. Co., 50-46; Parks Conv. Center, 48-48; Freds Construction, 48-48; O'Daniel Trucking, 48-48; Trio Fuels, 48-48; Hagen T.V. Repair, 42-52; Fina Engineers, 42-52; B.S.I., 43-53; Pollard Chevrolet, 43-53; Bob Brock Body Shop, 24-72.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
RESULTS - Big Spring Music over Comanche Flats, 8-0; Security State Bank over Neals Sporting Goods, 8-0; Fly By Night over Randy's Sugs, 6-2; Charlotte Raiders over Gas 'N' Grub, 6-2; Copy Cats over Adventures by Gail, 6-2; Loan Stars over NTS, 8-0; A Timeless Design over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Slow Starters Two split with Golden Corral, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (man) Jerald Burgess, 268 and 645; hi hdp game and series (man) Jerald Burgess, 290 and 711; hi sc. game and series (woman) Sadie Wallace, 225 and Sharon Little, 564; hi hdp game and series (woman) Sadie Wallace, 276 and Sharon Little, 720; hi sc. team game and series Loan Stars, 615 and 1726; hi hdp team game and series Loan Stars, 729 and 2068.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - Vogue Beauty Salon over The No Shows, 8-0; Arrow Refrigeration Co. over Big Spring Skipper Travel, 8-0; Big Spring Mobile Home Park over Kit Smith Enterprises, 8-0; Double R Cattle Co. over KC Steak House, 8-0; C & T Cleaners over Bye, 6-0; A Timeless Design over Ups & Downs, 6-2; Kwick-Kar-Lube over Gunslingers, 6-2; Big Spring Music Co. tied Webco Printing, 4-4; Parks Agency, Inc. tied L & M Properties, 4-4; The Fun Bunch, unopposed; Holy Rollers, postponed; hi sc. game and series (man) Manuel Gutierrez, 241 and Randy Kennedy, 649; hi hdp game and series (man) Manuel Gutierrez, 268 and 720; hi sc. game and series (woman) Arlene McMurtrey, 198 and 586; hi hdp game and series (woman) Arlene McMurtrey, 246 and 710; hi sc. team game and series Kwick-Kar-Lube, 790 and 2250; hi hdp team game The Fun Bunch, 952; hi hdp team series Kwick-Kar-Lube, 2640.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, Inc., 7933; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 76-36; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 74-38; Double R Cattle Co., 74-36; Big Spring Music, 74-38; Webco Printing, 65-47; KC Steak House, 59-51; B.S., 59-53; M Properties, 58-54; Ups & Downs, 56-56; Gunslinger's, 54-58; Vogue Beauty Salon, 52-60; Kit Smith Enterprises, 50-62; Holy Rollers, 44-58; The Fun Bunch, 42-62; A Timeless Design, 42-70; The No Shows, 42-70; C & T Cleaners, 37-73; Unearned Points, 10-6.

DOUBLE TROUBLE
RESULTS - Fun Bunch over Team Six, 6-2; Steve R. Smith Inve. over Easy, 8-0; BSPA over Spare Token, 6-2; NALCO over TNT Barbecue, 8-0; Hooters over Rockys Pin Peppers, 8-0; hi sc. team game, BSPA, 700; hi

sc. team series, Easy, 1978; hi sc. game and series (men) Chuck Carr, 232 and 672; hi sc. game (women) Bethany Everett, 216; hi sc. series (women) Peggy Huckabee, 587; hi hdp team game and series BSPA, 873 and 2469; hi hdp game and series (men) Rick Mitchell, 290 and 763; hi hdp game (women) Bethany Everett, 267; hi hdp series (women) Peggy Huckabee, 725.

STANDINGS - Hooters, 69-27; Rockys Pin Peppers, 54-42; NALCO, 50-46; BSPA, 48-48; Steve R. Smith Inve., 48-48; Spare Token, 48-48; Wrecking Crew, 46-42; The PCW WOW's, 46-42; Easy, 43-53; Fun Bunch, 42-54; TNT Barbecue, 38-58; Team Six, 36-60.

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS - Tom Boy tied Marthas Bunch, 4-4; Barber Glass & Mirror over Day & Day Builders, 6-2; Campbell Cement over Laconeta's Cutter, 8-0; Big Spring Music tied BSEE FCU Mitchell C, 4-4; Cline Construction over Morrow Masonary, 6-2; E.P. Driver over Steve R. Smith Inve., 80; Hal Air Cooled over K.C. Kids-2; Team Seveleen tie Graumann's Oilfield, 4-4; Rockys over Rent A Tire, 7-1; hi sc. game and series Laurie Wells, 263 and 696; hi sc. team game and series Marthas Bunch, 681 and 1931; hi hdp game and series Laurie Wells, 272 and 723; hi hdp team game BSEE FCU Mitchell, 892; hi hdp team series, Hal's Air Cooled E, 2565.

GUYS & DOLLS

RESULTS - Photo-Magic Studio over Quail Run, 6-2; Cline Construction over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Phillips Tire Co. over Jim's Place, 6-2; Rockys tied Arrow Refrigeration, 4-0; Big Spring State Park tied Hester's Mechanical, 4-4; hi sc. game (man) Merlin Pursor, 215; hi sc. series (man) Fred VanSteenburgh, 609; hi hdp game and series (man) Merlin Pursor, 248 and 744; hi sc. team game and series Arrow Refrigeration, 744 and 2081; hi sc. game (woman) Anne Sigmon, 199; hi sc. series (woman) (tie) Janie Ringener and Evelyn Williams, 512; hi hdp game (woman) Anne Sigmon, 235; hi hdp series (woman) Betty Petty, 653; hi hdp team game Arrow Refrigeration, 846; hi hdp team series Rockys, 2391.

STANDINGS

Cline Construction, 66-38; Arrow Refrigeration, 64-40; Rockys, 62-42; Phillips Tire Co., 60-44; Hester's Mechanical, 57-55; Big Spring State Park, 48-56; Jim's Place, 48-56; Quail Run, 48-56; Fifth Wheels, 40-64; Photo-Magic Studio, 37-75.

VA COUPLES

RESULTS - Team #4 over Team #6, 6-2; Team #3 over Team #7, 6-2; Team #6 over Team #9, 8-0; Team #11 over Team #10, 5-3; Team #12 over Team #1, 6-2; Team #5 over Team #2, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series Team #9, 733 and 2099; hi sc. game (man) Rick Hill, 219; hi sc. series (men) Pat Albano, 579; hi sc. game and series (women) Karen Albano, 215 and 551; hi hdp team game and series Team #6, 850 and 2479; hi hdp game (men) Rick Hill, 243; hi hdp series (men) Pat Albano, 648; hi hdp game and series (woman) Lana Burton, 244 and 649.

STANDINGS

Team #11, 56-32; Team #4, 54-34; Team #6, 522-46; Team #10, 47-41; Team #1, 46-42; Team #3, 42-46; Team #5, 40-48; Team #2, 37-51; Team #8, 34-54; Team #7, 32-56; Team #12, 32-56.

STANDINGS

Tom Boy, 56-32; Rockys, 56-32; Marthas Bunch, 54-34; Team Seveleen, 52-36; Rent A Tire, 51-37; BSEE FCU Mitchell, 47-41; Steve R. Smith Inve., 46-42; E. Driver, 46-42; Big Spring Music, 46-34; Barber Glass & Mir., 45-43; Campbell Cement, 42-46; Cline Construction, 42-46; Hal's Air Cooled, 41-47; Day & Day Builders, 36-52; Morrow Masonary, 34-46; K.C. Kids, 34-54; Laconeta's Cutters, 30-58; Graumann's Oilfield, 26-62.

FOOTBALL

Playoff pairings

Class 5A, Division I

Region I
Quarterfinal
Odessa Permian 37, Lewisville 0

Region II
Quarterfinal
Piano (9-3) vs. Lufkin (7-4-1), Saturday, 4:30 p.m., Texas Stadium

Semifinal
Odessa Permian (10-3) vs. Piano (9-3) or Lufkin (7-4-1), TBA

Region III
Quarterfinal
Katy (11-1) vs. Beaumont West Brook (11-1), 7 p.m., Saturday, AstroDome

Region IV
Quarterfinal
Converse Judson 29, Harlingen 20

Semifinal
Katy (11-1) or Beaumont West Brook (11-1) vs. Converse Judson (10-2-1), TBA

Class 5A, Division II
Regional
Midland Lee 29, Arlington Lamar 29 (Lee advances on penetrations, 5-4)

Quarterfinals
Arlington 42, Abilene Cooper 39

Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (7-3-2) vs. Arlington (11-1), TBA

Region II
Regional
Piano East (12-0) vs. Tyler John Tyler (12-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Texas Stadium

Quarterfinals
Richardson Lake Highlands 39, Marshall 18

Quarterfinals
Piano East (12-0) or Tyler John Tyler (12-0) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (11-2), TBA

Region III
Regional
Fort Bend Dulles 22, Texas City 21

Quarterfinals
Galveston Ball 37, Houston Washington 6

Quarterfinals
Fort Bend Dulles (7-3-3) vs. Galveston Ball (6-5), TBA

Region IV
Regional
Austin Westlake 37, Alice 13

Quarterfinals
San Antonio Clark (11-1) vs. Victoria (9-1-1), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Austin Memorial

Quarterfinals
Austin Westlake (13-0) vs. San Antonio Clark (11-1) or Victoria (9-1-1), TBA

Region IV
Regional
Bandera 41, Golad 19

Quarterfinals
Cuero (12-0) vs. Port Isabel (12-0), 8 p.m., Saturday, Javelina Stadium, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Quarterfinals
Bandera (12-0-1) vs. Cuero (12-0) or Port Isabel (12-0), TBA

Class 2A
Region I
Regional
Winters 9, Springlake Earth 7

Quarterfinals
Goldthwaite (12-0-1) vs. Pilot Point (11-1) or Hubbard (12-0), TBA

Region II
Regional
Groveton 35, Lone Oak 21

Quarterfinals
Groveton (11-2) vs. Garrison (12-1), TBA

Region III
Regional
Schulenburg 33, Refugio 14

Quarterfinals
Schulenburg (13-0) vs. East Bernard (12-1), TBA

Class A
Region I
Regional
Wink 17, Wheeler 0

Quarterfinals
Wink (12-0) vs. Sudan (12-0), TBA

Region II
Regional
Santo 27, Roby 7

Quarterfinals
Santo (13-0) vs. Crawford (12-0), TBA

Region III
Regional
Collinsville (6-3) vs. Burkeville (10-0), Saturday, 7 p.m., Arp

Quarterfinals
Collinsville (6-3) or Burkeville (10-0) vs. Lindsay (7-5), TBA

Region IV
Regional
Thorndale 55, Charlotte 0

Quarterfinals
Thorndale (13-0) vs. Iola (12-0), TBA

Six-man
Region I
Quarterfinal
Amherst 31, Dell City 8

Region II
Quarterfinal
Balmorhea 71, Guthrie 70

Semifinal
Amherst (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (11-0), TBA

Region III
Quarterfinal
Zephyr 54, Gordon 32

Region IV
Quarterfinal
Mullin 32, Milford 30

Semifinal
Zephyr (10-2-1) vs. Mullin (13-0), TBA

College scores
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Rice throws SWC into five-way tie

HOUSTON (AP) — The Rice Owls missed their chance to play in the Cotton Bowl, but seized a chance as part of an unprecedented five-way tie for the Southwest Conference championship.

Freshman Chad Nelson ran 10 yards for a touchdown and surprised Houston with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Venghaus, leading Rice to a 31-13 victory Saturday.

The Owls (5-6, 4-3) got a share of the SWC crown for the first time since 1957.

"It's good to be a part of history," Rice coach Ken Hatfield. "It's the first time three losses won a championship. It's a great day to be a Rice Owl."

Nelson didn't complete a pass in the first half, but his 23-yard pass to Venghaus in the third quarter gave the Owls a 21-7 lead and the Cougars (1-10, 0-6-1) could never recover.

The victory put the Owls into a first-ever five-way share of the league title with Texas, Baylor Texas Christian and Cotton Bowl-bound Texas Tech. All were 4-3 in league play, although Rice was the only one with an overall losing record.

"It's been an awkward season. To end it like this is something we can build on," Nelson said. "This game and this season gives us something to look forward to for next year. It allows you to set your goals to do better."

Rice entered its finale with consecutive losses to Baylor and Navy, ending hopes of a bowl invitation or a chance at playing in its first Cotton Bowl since 1958.

The Owls got a second chance to share the 1994 SWC crown

when Texas beat Baylor on Thursday and Tech lost to Texas Christian on Friday.

Rice had 196 yards of offense, all rushing, and a 14-7 lead at halftime behind touchdown runs of 2 yards by Jimmy Lee in the first quarter and 10 yards by Nelson in the second.

Nelson, starting his second game for injured Josh LaRocca, threw only three passes in the first half. With 11:38 to go in the third quarter, he tossed a 14-yard pass to Venghaus that set up the touchdown pass.

On the scoring play, Venghaus was alone waiting in the end zone with 9:45 to go.

The Cougars, trying to rally behind the return of starting quarterback Chuck Clements, got a first-half touchdown for the first time since Oct. 15 on Jay McGuire's 1-yard run in the second quarter.

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Texas A&M falls to St. Mary's

MORAGA, Calif. (AP) — St. Mary's forced 22 turnovers and placed five players in double figures, led by 14 points each from guards Josh Unruh and Chris Johnson, in a season-opening 80-68 victory over Texas A&M Saturday.

Texas A&M (1-3) went scoreless over the first six minutes and 13 seconds of the game to fall behind 13-0, then never fully recovered from a careless first half.

"Last year we sacrificed defense to get our offense going," said St. Mary's coach Ernie Kent. "But this year intensity on defense is our key to reach success. We're not this good this fast yet, but what we go tonight was a taste."

The Aggies' first field goal, a 3-pointer by Corey Henderson

with 12:04 left in the half, came after they missed their first seven shots.

Pulling to within 17-11 after a put-back by Tony McGinnis, the Aggies went into another extended slump. St. Mary's scored nine straight points to go up 26-11, then finished the half with a 10-2 run.

The Gaels took their biggest lead of the half at the half, 45-24, following three easy buckets inside by Jumoike Horton in the final minute.

Texas A&M hit just six of 17 shots (35.3 percent) and committed 14 turnovers in the first half.

"We're not going to win many games playing like we did today," said Texas A&M coach Tony Barone.

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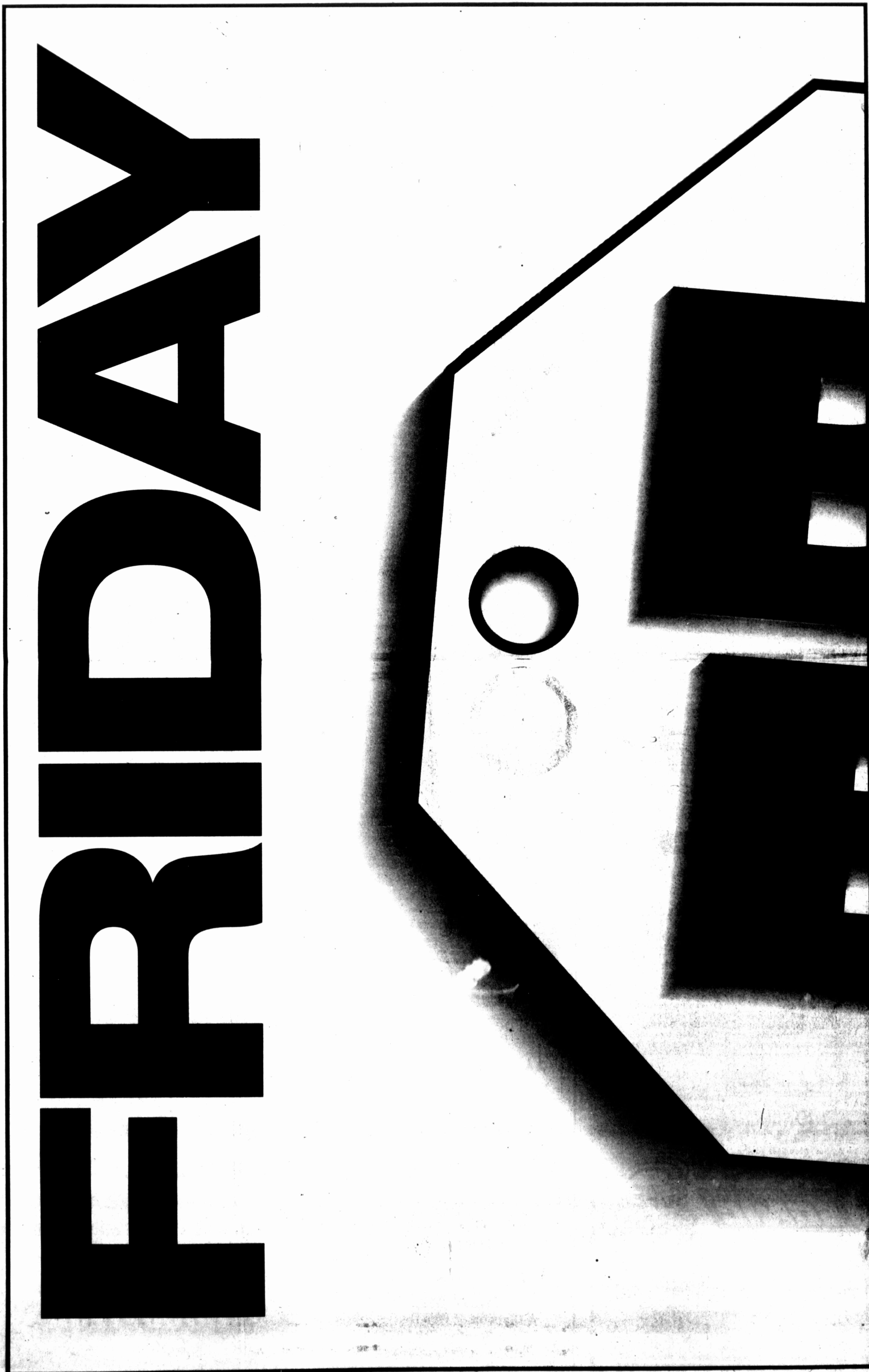
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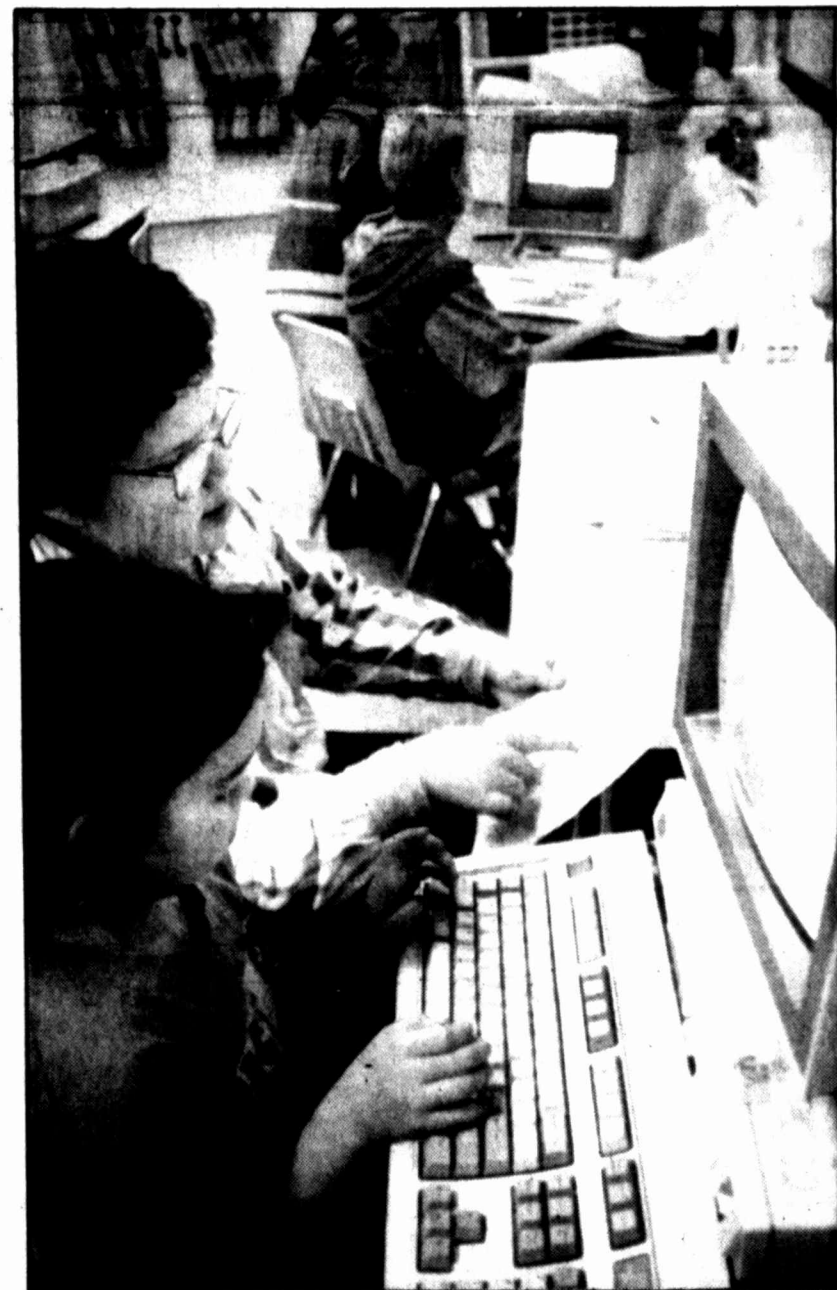
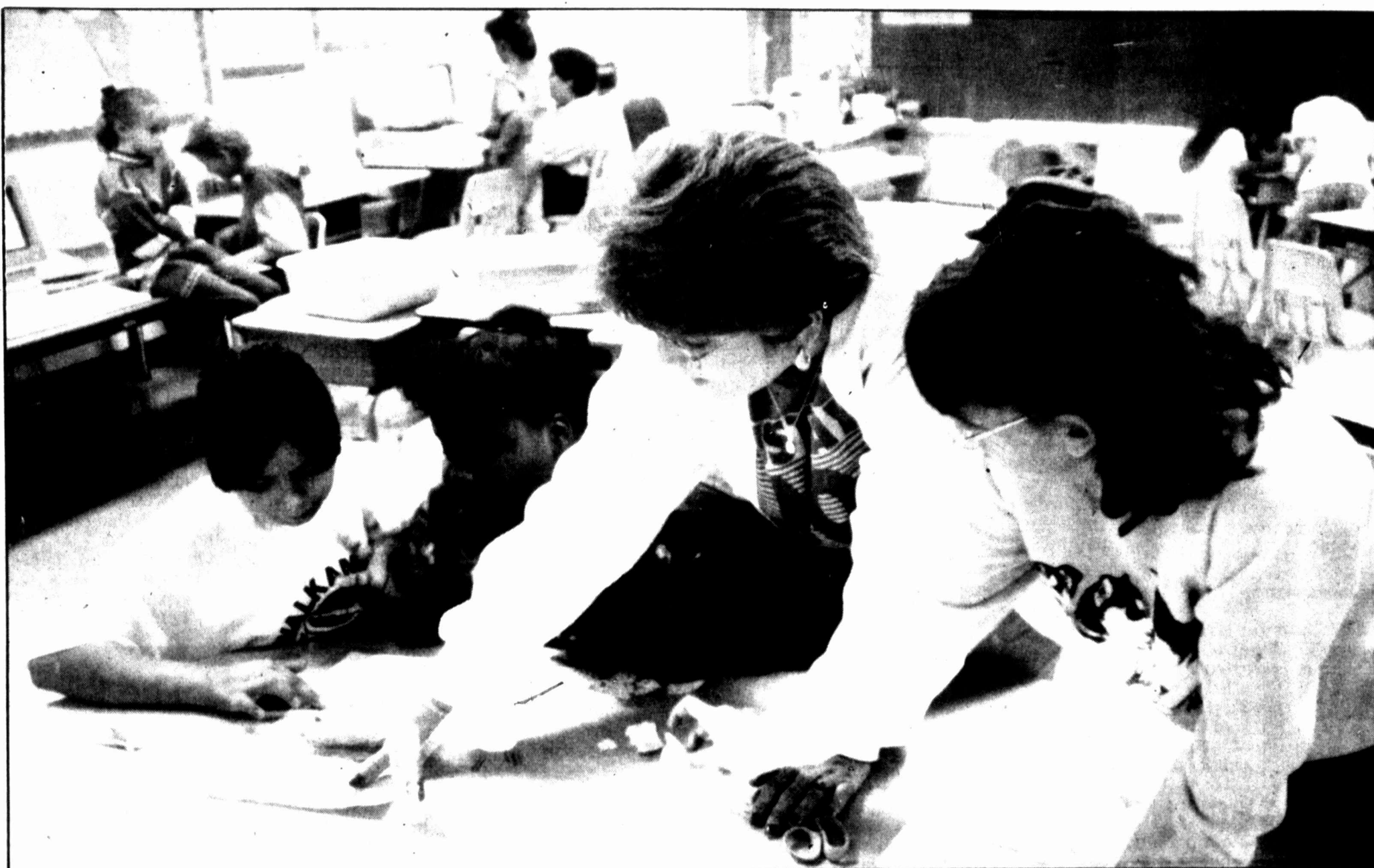
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Clockwise from top: Students and teacher paste up pages as others in the background write stories and input them into the computer; teacher Susan King shows Crystal Rodriguez how to arrange art and stories onto a page; Adriana Miller cuts pictures out of a sheet of paper; Amy Diaz and Joanne Cervantes input their story into the computer before printing it out; Jennifer Evans and Martina DelosSantos interview teacher Esthela Aguirre for the next issue.

Charity: A worthwhile if difficult trait to learn

Charity begins at home. We've all heard the phrase, but what exactly does it mean?



Barbara Morrison
Staff Writer

When I asked my kids what it meant, they told me it was "the name of someone famous." So much for the teaching skills of this good mother.

The dictionary says charity is "love for one's fellow man," or "leniency in judging others."

Ouch. That one hits home. This past summer I was at my judgmental finest. To be totally fair to myself, I have to

set the stage. It was Little League season and ask anyone who knows a pint-size baseball player's mother—we truly aren't completely sane during the months of March through June.

Once the season is ended, we revert back to the images the word "mother" usually brings to mind. *My*, during the "official baseball season," we more resemble a three-headed monster that mostly just embarrasses our kids.

Only this past season, I embarrassed myself.

You see, there was a coach who got a little carried away and gave the appearance he was pretty rough on the kids. But, the kids didn't feel exactly that. They had other feelings for the man. Ask almost any one of them who were on his team and they speak reverently

with a feeling similar to love in their tone.

"He taught us winning was as all right as losing," said one kid. I guess as parents sometimes we tend to try and let ease our children's disappointments and focus so much on teaching them to be "good losers," that we fail to teach them it is all right to strive to win.

But, as parents, we didn't see that about this man. We only saw the exterior "roughness." So, as a group, we decided to hate the man and his wife. That's right. No trial, no witnesses, only judgment.

We went so far as to condemn these two people for every little action, never minding once that any one of us could have been called guilty for the same offense at one time or another. This couple was the brunt end

of bitter talk during almost every game.

No, it didn't matter that I had never met either the man or his wife. Why, I had it from reliable sources how awful they were.

It wasn't until my middle son asked in the way only he can, "WHY do you not like them, Mom? Do you know them?"

Ouch again. So, my husband and I made it a point to get to know the couple...and become friends. Since that time we've found many common places and common interests. We spend a lot of time laughing, and in a way, loving. Had I not been so judgmental, I could have had this for much longer.

Charity. Why does it often take a child to teach us?

The season of the year has begun where we all claim to

honor a child who made it his life's work to teach the world's meaning.

Our families and our friends deserve the same kind of thoughtful, sensitive and compassionate service He taught. We deserve that kind of charity ourselves.

It's tragic, but I know parents and children who are so angry with each other this holiday season that they are willing to sacrifice the true meaning of family by holding grudges and unforgiving attitudes about each other.

I remember one season where my father actually disowned me because I changed from the religion I was raised in and chose another organized faith. My heart tore in two the evening he called me to say, "You are no longer my daughter. As of this moment, you

have no father."

But, time healed the pain and the unforgiving attitude which we held toward each other. Today we share holidays and moments and he enjoys his grandchildren. (Ha, he hasn't learned yet. He doesn't live with them.) But what we lost cannot be replaced—precious time and memories.

So, this Christmas season, I'm changing my focus.

I'll be reminding myself that charity begins at home. I'm placing my focus on loving my children for who they are right now. Maybe I can even learn to accept and rejoice in diversity—it makes things interesting.

Sure, I'll be giving gifts. But perhaps the greatest ones I can give will be of understanding and acceptance.

WEDDINGS

Chandler-Fillpot

Angela Chandler and Jay Fillpot, both of San Angelo, exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 1, 1994, at Ocho Rios Jamaica, on a deck overlooking the ocean. Rev. Donald Williams officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bonnie Chandler and Frankie Chandler, both of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fillpot, San Angelo.

The couple stood before a wedding arch with hunter-green wedding bells and cream ribbons. Witnesses were Alan and Shelby Blanco.

The bride wore a white satin dress with pearls and lace and carried a bouquet of wine and cream carnations.

A wedding reception was held in the home of the bride's grandparents in Big Spring.

The bride's table was covered with a white tablecloth with wine velvet bows and floral printed napkins. The wedding cake was a two-tiered white cake with fresh flowers between the tiers and a cake topping of four wedding bells accented with pearls.

The groom's table was also covered in a white tablecloth. It featured a chocolate cake with a golf scene.



MRS. AND MR. JAY FILLPOT

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Miss Wade's Fashion Merchandising College with an associate of art degree. She is employed by Anodyne, Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Central High School and of ASU with a BBA in marketing. He is employed by Cellular One.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Binig-Brooks

Elizabeth Terese Binig, Houston, and Michael Kent Brooks, Salpan, MP, exchanged wedding vows Nov. 5, 1994, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Houston. Monsignor James A. Jamail, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas J. and Mary Ann Binig, Houston. The groom is the son of Mrs. Lynette Brooks, Big Spring, and the late Ralph Brooks.

The couple stood before two candelabras, one unity candle, and large flower arrangements of pink lilies, oceania and white roses, dendrobium orchids, and gerber daisies. Organist was Darryl Nance and vocalist was Joe Prince.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk shantung and re-embodyered alencon lace designed by Galina. Worn off the shoulders, the gown featured a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice and long tapered sleeves appliqued with lace. From a bustle, the tulle train swept to chapel length.

The bride carried a bouquet of white and oceania roses, white bouvardia, stephanotis, pink lily and white dendrobium orchids.

Matron of honor was Toni L. Shepherd, sister of the bride, Houston. Bridesmaids were Cecilia McCann, sister of the bride, Martha Drake, sister of the bride, Tonya Binig, sister-in-law of the bride, all of Houston; and Tricia Depperschmidt, Dallas.

Flower girl was Nicole Barnes, niece of the groom, Amarillo. Ringbearer was David Brooks, nephew of the groom, Big Spring.

Best man was Greg Brooks, brother of the groom, Big Spring.

Groomsmen were Thomas Binig, brother of the bride, Houston, Adam Proctor, nephew of the groom, Dallas,



MRS. AND MR. MICHAEL BROOKS

Bryan Barrows, San Angelo, and Jay Chism, Enfield, CT.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Braeburn Country Club, Houston.

The wedding cake was a four-tier vanilla with buttercream filling and vanilla buttercream icing. It was decorated with layered ruffles of icing with three tiers topped with pink lilies, alstromeria and heather.

The bride is a graduate of St. Agnes Academy, Houston, the University of Texas at Austin (BA-Economics), and South Texas College of Law (J.D.). She is currently a law clerk for the United States District Court, Salpan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Texas Tech (B.S. Landscape Architecture). He is currently employed by Tropical Plaza LTD., Salpan, Northern Mariana Islands.

Following a wedding trip to Costa Rica and Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Salpan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Glitzy giftwrap puts shimmer in Christmas

By MARY GEORGE BEGGS
Scripps Howard News Service

Wrap it in shimmering gold with a dramatic bow in a star shape. Or take the folksy approach with a package that reflects the popularity of anything Western.

This year's holiday gift wrap says it all, from sophisticated to down home, from nostalgic to stylized — and with lots of traditional themes in between for those who still love their Santas and trees and snowmen and snowflakes.

"There's a lot of shimmer and shine in gold and silver this year," said Adrienne Lallo, spokeswoman for Hallmark Cards in Kansas City. "It has a dressy, party look. The bows are spectacular — in star shapes and in wire mesh ribbons."

In keeping with this pretty theme are lots of angels, which are so popular in giftware. The "Three Little Angels" line, the most popular line in Hallmark greeting cards every year, appears this year for the first time on gift wrap.

Taking its cue from the Western craze is giftwrap decorated with cowboy boots and a rope lasso that reads "Yippee — It's Christmas."

The nostalgia theme comes across in '50s-style wrapping paper with trees and Santa and his helpers and teddy bears in

stockings. "It reminds people of Christmas when they were kids," said Lallo, "sort of a Christmas on 34th Street."

Children's giftwrap features Looney Tunes, Snoopy, Garfield, Winnie the Pooh and Barney, among other favorites. New this year are cutouts of such characters as Garfield and Snoopy that jump out of bows on packages.

In the traditional lines there's still a lot of fruit, red and white poinsettias and Christmas roses, Lallo said.

"While gold has the upper hand, there's a great deal of 'red red' and hunter green."

"There's a brighter palette," said Karen Kendrick, product manager for Cleo in Memphis, Tenn. "The reds and greens are a lot brighter."

Neutral cream is another popular color, said both spokesmen.

Nostalgia is depicted in such wraps as a collage of Victorian postcards. Another theme that harks to earlier times is the tapestry look.

Collectibles is another theme, featuring carousel horses, Santas and teddy bears.

The outside is brought in with papers adorned with garlands and wreaths in a French country motif. The popularity of pets as companions is developed in a line featuring "Jingle and Belle," a dog and cat.

Who's Who

Ben F. Johnson III, son of Ben and Geraldine Johnson of Big Spring, has written a book, "Fierce Solitude," about the life of poet and critic John G. O. L. Fletcher.



Johnson teaches history at South Arkansas Community College, El Dorado, Ark., where he lives with wife Sherrel. He is a former Big Spring resident, attended local schools and went to Howard College for two years.

"Fierce Solitude" will be available at Cornerstone Bookstore. Suggested price is \$24, according to University of Arkansas Press. A copy is also available for checkout from the Howard County Library.

Christi Ragsdale, an ex-Big Spring High School student, has been nominated for the 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Christi is a sophomore at Cisco Junior College and has made the Dean's List.



RAGSDALE

She is a member of the Blue Jackets, which is an honorary service club made up of 12 young women who maintain a 3.0 grade point average or above.

Bryan Ray-Gerald Gordon is one of 60 students recently nominated by South Plains College to be in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" for 1994-95.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon of Big Spring. He is president of the college law enforcement club and was on the dean's honor list for spring 1994.

Dr. Pug Parris, professor of physical education at McMurry University and former Big Spring resident, made four presentations at the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance annual conference Oct. 27-29 in Topeka, Kansas.

New Mexico State University student Lemont Jojola of Big Spring, Texas, has won a \$500 scholarship from the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) program.

Jojola, son of Edna Sentell of Roswell, N.M., is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School, also has received a U.S. West Scholarship.

Neiman Talbot was recently named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Students are selected on their high standard of excellence, community leadership and positive performance.

Neiman is involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, Business Professionals of America, varsity girls basketball, student council, S.T.A.G.E. and D-FY-IT. She is the daughter of Guy and Paula Talbot of Big Spring.



TALBOT

Life Sunday Deadlines

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries — Wednesday at noon. Complete Herald form available at the office, 710 Scurry. Out-of-town callers call 915-263-7331 for mailed form.

Military, Stork Club, This-N-That, Who's Who — Wednesday at noon. Call Janet Ausbury, 263-7331, ext. 112, for information.

Winter means cold, snow, stock shows

The first of December is upon us again. Boy, time sure does fly! With cold winds and threats of snow (ice, more likely) comes entry time for stock shows.

That's right, folks. It's time to enter all six of the major stock shows. Odessa, Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo have sent catalogs, cards and summary sheets that must be filled out for 4-H members to exhibit their projects.

Similar to last year, the County Extension Office will have a table set up with all entry information for the above listed shows and our own county show.

4-H members need to come in sometimes this week (office hours 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.) and fill out the appropriate cards for the shows they wish to attend.

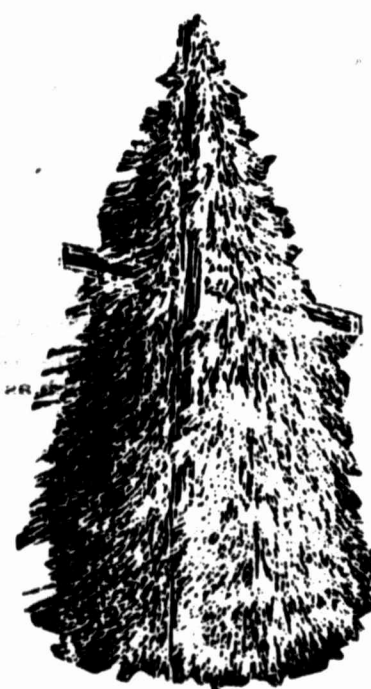
All 4-H entries must be sent as one county group with one county check from the Extension Office. None of the shows will accept entries from individual senders.

4-H members need to bring their checkbooks to pay for entries, and their Social Security numbers for entry information when they come. All 4-H members need to complete their entries this week. Once we send the entries in, there is no re-entry or bargaining. Call the Extension Office, 264-2236, if any questions.

We hope you had a safe holiday with many memories. Good luck to all 4-H members this coming show season with your livestock projects.

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A baby show Nicolas Myers E son of Scott and was held in the Frey Sunday, No eses were Brer Dawn Pappajohn.

Guests were s buffet centered b rated with blue Nicolas and nev Kay Lloyd were champagne. Spec grandmother Lu Margaret Lloyd Leary.

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Pictured: "Scal haired gray kitten and chest. Seven Box-trained and 5646.

"Morris" Very able orange tabby male.

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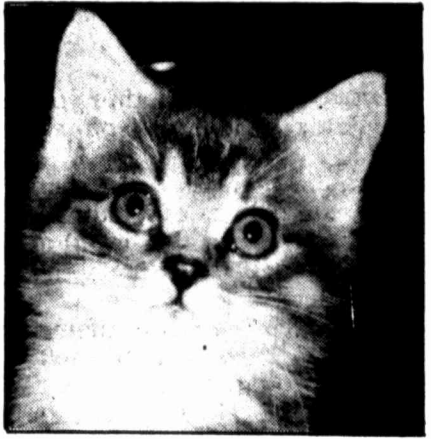
Billie Christen & Karin

THIS 'N' THAT

A baby shower honoring Nicolas Myers Emerson, infant son of Scott and Lisa Emerson, was held in the house of Julie Frey Sunday, Nov. 20. Co-hostesses were Brenda Lloyd and Dawn Pappajohn.

Guests were served from a buffet centered by a cake decorated with blue and white toys. Nicolas and new cousin Leah Kay Lloyd were toasted with champagne. Special guests were grandmother Lucille Emerson, Margaret Lloyd and aunt Jane Leary.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Scamp" is a long-haired gray kitten with white toes and chest. Seven-week-old male. Box-trained and lovable. 267-5646.

"Morris" Very large and lovable orange tabby cat. Neutered male.

"Tabitha" Petite cream Calico cat. White short-haired coat with gray and peach spots. Very affectionate. Spayed female.

"Cotton" White long-haired cat. Very pretty female.

"Beth" Brown tabby Manx cat. Short-haired striped coat with no tail. Pretty female.

"Pancho" Small dachshund mix. Tan short-haired coat with black markings. Ears up. Short male.

"Rocky" White cocker spaniel. Beautiful male.

"Puddles" Schnauzer/poodle mix. Gray curly coat with pom tail. Small spayed female.

"Kaz" Small Manchester terrier mix. Black short-haired coat with tan eyebrows and markings. Tiny legs. Spayed female.

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Smallest, oldest, richest Texas school

Allamore is the only school Keesey King has attended. He started kindergarten in 1988 and will complete the sixth grade in May of 1995. His two schoolmates, Bianca Mendez and her cousin Ruth Ann Del Toro are in the first and second grades respectively.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

The three youngsters comprise the entire student body of the school at Allamore, a small mining community just west of Van Horn. Talc is mined on area ranches.

Allamore is considered to be

the smallest school in Texas. It has been in continuous operation longer than any other school in the state.

The school has been in existence since the 1880s and, according to superintendent Lola Waggoner, is the last one-room school building still in use in Texas.

The Allamore Independent School District covers 1,043 square miles of desert and mountains in east Hudspeth County. The district runs from the Rio Grande north to the Salt Flats.

With a \$20,000,000 tax base and only three students, Allamore is the state's wealthiest school district among districts with fewer than 500 students. Under current legislation, the excess school taxes generated for the Allamore school go to nearby counties.

"We've never had any state

aid," says Jewel Lutich, who has served on the Allamore school board 25 years. "And we hope we never have any."

"Each student receives individual instruction from the teacher," says Lola. "Each pupil has a computer for independent studies."

This year, the state's education committee that ranks schools gave the Allamore district an "exemplary" rating, the highest classification.

The community is extremely proud of the school and will do anything to keep it open. One year a teacher was hired just to stay on the premises, even though there were no students.

Ms. Waggoner has been the teaching superintendent for three years. She is assisted by two instructional aides. A custodian keeps the building and grounds neat and clean.

"Juggling three different

grade levels and the administrative work is quite a challenge," says Lola, "but I really enjoy it out here."

The students walk a mile every morning and get a good dose of what America is all about. "We teach independent initiative, free enterprise and patriotism," says Lola. "I want these kids to go out of here knowing something about the world and how America fits into it."

Jewel says the school has everything but a gym. "Our kids just play outside." The three students come from a 20-mile radius around the school.

The end of school programs every year are special events in the small community. "Especially this year," says Jewel, "when Keesey will be graduating into junior high at Van Horn."

Nothing trivial in these pursuits

I am off for the holiday in Oklahoma, and, as something a little different, I thought you might like to play a game with my sister and me.



Angie Way
Heritage Museum

We have always had to entertain ourselves as our antique parents traveled and visited other stores where children were "not allowed." As we grew, this trivia game became our favorite.

The rules are simple: Which of us could stump the other first with a bit of trivia in a series of questions usually on a subject such as history.

Of course, this does all tie into the Heritage Museum because where else could you

find your own special piece of trivia to use to beat your sister at her own game.

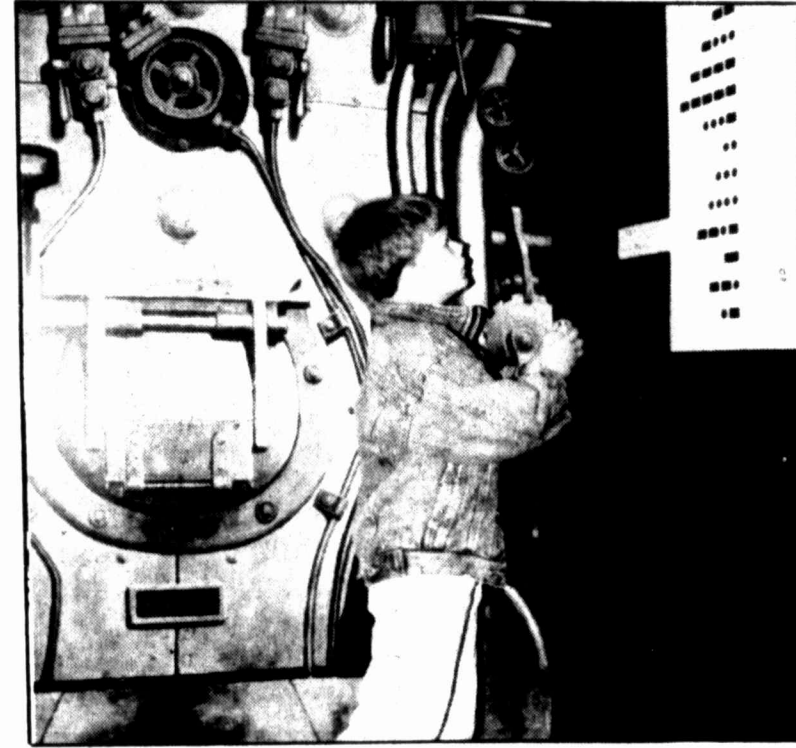
Question number one is asked by sister Banda. "What is a maverick?" The answer is cattle let to roam unbranded. The name comes from Samuel Maverick, a 19th-century cattleman who let his cattle range unbranded.

Angie's question: "Name the president who served as a Republican, didn't try for reelection, then became angry at his successor and ran against him four years later as the Progressive candidate." The answer is Teddy Roosevelt.

Banda's question: "Where did the Brahma cattle breed originate?" The answer is that the root stock for the breed came from India.

Angie's question: "Which president had a Scottie dog named Fala?" The answer is Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Banda's question: "Name the father of modern architecture." The answer is Louis Sullivan.



Heritage Museum displays are informative as well as fun. Requests for information come in frequently enough to keep the staff on their toes when it comes to history.

Here the contest of wills ends because to the last question, I answered Wright. So Banda wins yet again with her storehouse of arcane knowledge.

If that sounds like sour grapes, it might be, but I admire such accumulations of knowledge. This is why I go to the library, and often why peo-

ple come to the Heritage Museum.

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Leah Kay Lloyd, Nov. 3, 1994, 2:49 p.m.; parents are Les and Kim Lloyd.

Grandparents are Margaret Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gaston, all of Big Spring, and the late Larson Lloyd.

Nicolas Myers Emerson, Nov. 1, 1994, 5:44 p.m.; parents are Scott and Lisa Emerson.

Grandparents are Margaret Lloyd, Lucille Emerson, both of Big Spring, and the late Larson Lloyd.

Treasure Leone Ledezma, Nov. 21, 1994, 4:03 a.m.; parents are Felicia and Guadalupe Ledezma.

Grandparents are Linda Money and Maria Ledezma.

Abigail Faith Hunter, Nov. 19, 1994, 8:52 a.m.; parents are Jon and Rachel Hunter, Midland.

Grandparents are Richard and Susie Harris, Travis and Millie Hunter, all of Big Spring, Ricky and Ronda Gipson, Odessa, and Michelle and Gerald Harrison, Arkansas.

Alaap Neelesh Patel, Nov. 17, 1994, 4:06 p.m.; parents are Mrs. Nayana Neelesh Patel and Mr. Neelesh Hirubhai Patel. Grandfather is Mr. Hirubhai Patel.

Mallena Nichole Almazan, Nov. 17, 1994, 5:20 p.m.; parents are Karen and Anthony Almazan.

Grandparents are Nancy Garica, Richard Ruiz and Mel and Savannah Almazan.

Warren

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women at the university.

Following the death of his wife, Snively moved to Big Spring. He worked as a consultant at the V.A. Medical Center for a number of years. Today he serves as chairman of the Community Participation Committee of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association. He is a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ and the Downtown Lions Club.

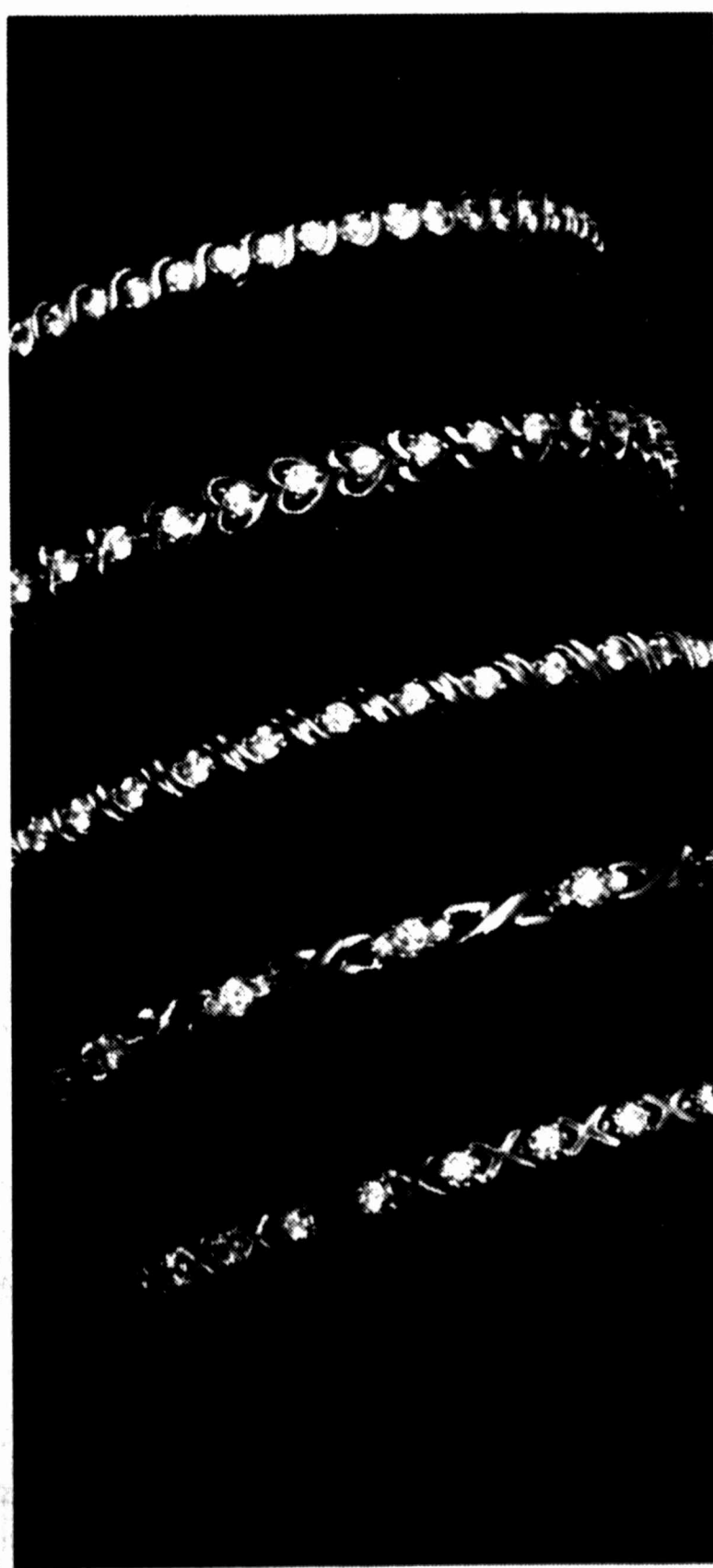
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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; whipped potatoes; green beans; strawberry gelatin; milk/rolls; brownies.

TUESDAY - Beef stew; turnip greens; tossed salad; cornbread; milk and fruit.

WEDNESDAY - Grilled chicken breast; potatoes; green beans; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls; pudding.

THURSDAY - Ham steak; sweet potatoes; broccoli; salad; milk/rolls; cake.

FRIDAY - Roast beef; whipped potatoes; carrots; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls; peach halves.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
ELEMENTARY
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal choice; sausage patty; grape juice; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit bar; pear halves; whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancake & sausage-on-a-stick; apple juice; whole/low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Blueberry muffin; cereal choice; peach slices; whole/low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Donut; cereal choice; orange juice; whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn dog; mustard/cat-sup; potato rounds; pork & beans; raisins; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Italian spaghetti; glazed carrots; celery sticks; ranch dip; hot roll; mixed fruit; whole/low-fat milk.

SECONDARY
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choice; sausage patty; grape juice; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Scrambled eggs; toast; raisins; whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancake & sausage-on-a-stick; apple juice; whole/low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast burrito; peach slices; whole/low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Donut; cereal choice; orange juice; whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn dog; mustard/cat-sup; or chicken & noodles; potato rounds; pork & beans; hot roll; raisins; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Italian spaghetti; or corn chip pie; glazed carrots; celery sticks-ranch dip; hot roll; mixed fruit; whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - BBQ chicken or tuna salad; macaroni salad; black-eyed peas; cherry cobbler; whole/low-fat milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
LUNCH

MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Chili-n-beans; coleslaw; cheese sticks; crackers; peanut butter bars and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; bake potatoes; fruit cup; butter bread and milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce; slice carrots; spinach; garlic bread; ginger bread and milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburgers; French fries; lettuce; tomatoes; pickles; cookies and milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Cheese toast; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hot pockets; cereal; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Pepperoni pizza; corn; English peas; peaches and milk.

TUESDAY - Corn dogs; French fries; black-eyed peas; pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Roast; baked potatoes; spinach; hot rolls; applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Chalupas; cheese; Mexican salad; scalloped potatoes; peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY - Barbecue on bun; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickle; French fries; chocolate pudding and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Glazed donuts; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake on stick; syrup; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast burrito; fruit and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; gravy/creamed potatoes; spinach; finger rolls and milk.

TUESDAY - Potato casserole w/ham; black-eyed peas; fried okra; bread; Jell-O; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Fiesta bowl; lettuce/tomato salad; corn; milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Sausage & egg burrito; milk and juice.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast pizza; milk and juice.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Barbecue ribs; potato salad; cole slaw; fruit; batter bread and milk.

TUESDAY - Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; green beans; Jell-O; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; corn bread; pudding and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Oatmeal/toast; little smokies or assorted cereals; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY - French toast or assorted cereals; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hot biscuits; scrambled eggs; sausage or assorted cereals; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger or cheeseburger; French fries; hamburger salad; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes/gravy; green beans; peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Beef taco; flour or corn tortilla; pinto beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple cup; cornbread and milk.

VA honors women veterans

National Women Veterans Recognition Week was observed Nov. 6-12.

The eighth annual Women Veterans Recognition Day will be held at the Big Spring VA Medical Center on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Attention will be on the significant contribution of women in the Armed Forces. Women have served in all of America's major conflicts. Beginning with the American Revolution—when some women disguised themselves as men to join the Continental Army—1.8 million women have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Currently there are 1.2 million women veterans in the United States and Puerto Rico. Because of their traditional roles as non-combatants, the heroism of military women in

war has been overlooked, but they have also paid the price for freedom.

The program this year is designed to inform the women veterans of their rights as veterans.

The day will begin with registration in the front lobby at 8 a.m. Speakers will begin at 9 a.m. in room 212. Glenna Mae Haley of Buffalo Gap will be the featured speaker. Haley served in the Navy as an Artillery Machine Gunnery Instructor during World War II.

Women veterans who would like to register, or those wishing more information, may call Phyllis J. Fults, R.N., Chief, Nursing Service at 264-4830.

We will join the community this year for the annual VA Christmas lighting will be held this year on Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

Following the ceremony, you are invited to join together in the main lobby to sing Christmas carols, enjoy refreshments, and visit with Santa. Hope to see you there!

The Department of Veterans

Affairs announced that registration is open for the Ninth National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic to be held at Colorado's Crested Butte Mountain Resort March 26-31.

The clinic, hosted by the Grand Junction VA Medical Center, is open to all U.S. military veterans with spinal-cord injury or disease, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations, visual impairments or other disabilities.

The clinic's co-sponsor, DAV, is a nonprofit, congressionally chartered veterans service organization with membership of more than one million wartime disabled veterans.

Registration packages are available though the Recreation packages are available through the Recreation Therapy Service at any VA medical center or by contacting Sandy Trombetta, NDVWSC director, VA Medical Center, 2121 North Ave., Grand Junction, Colo., 81501, (303) 244-1314. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 6, 1995.

Questions often asked:
Q-I served in the Army

Reserve for 25 years and retired as a lieutenant colonel, even though I never served on active duty except for training purposes. Am I eligible for burial in a national cemetery?

A-Public Law 103-240 recently authorized eligibility for members of reserve components who accumulate sufficient service time to be eligible for retirement pay. Many members of reserve components were already eligible by virtue of active duty service during a period such as the Persian Gulf War.

Depending on the circumstances of death, other reservists, members of the National Guard and ROTC personnel may also be eligible.

Q-Is there a time limit for applying for service-connected disability compensation from the VA?

A-There is no time limit. However, the date of application is a factor in establishing the effective date of payment. Claims approved within one year of separation are retroactive to the date of separation. Thereafter, the effective date is the date the claim is filed.

Texas pastor chooses new ministry

By BETH PRATT

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Ordained female ministers were as rare as mountain trout in a West Texas playa lake when Mary Anne Forehand received her clergy credentials in 1973 at Tacoma Park Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

She was the eleventh woman to be ordained to the ministry by a Southern Baptist church and the first to be ordained to serve as a parish minister. She joined the ministerial staff as director of religious education at Lubbock's Second Baptist Church in 1991, moving from Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C.

After 30 years in church vocations, she is making a change.

"I had planned when I came to Lubbock for this to be my last parish ministry because I wanted to live overseas again before I retire," she said.

Her career has included time as a missionary in Spain. She is fluent in Spanish.

"She is one of those rare individuals who is competent in a wide variety of ministry endeavors," said the Rev. Charles Johnson, senior minister at Second Baptist Church.



Rev. Mary Anne Forehand, shown looking over a map of Korea, is packing it in after a 30-year ministry career and heading from Lubbock to Korea to teach English to children.

She was a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., when she took her first job on a church staff as children's minister. She graduated from

Southern Seminary in 1965 with a degree in religious education.

Forehand worked for Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., as editor of

all children's mission curriculum materials. She is looking forward to having time to resume writing.

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The Broadway of America, old Highway 80, was the super highway of the 1930's - the only through route from New York City to San Diego. The



Jean Warren
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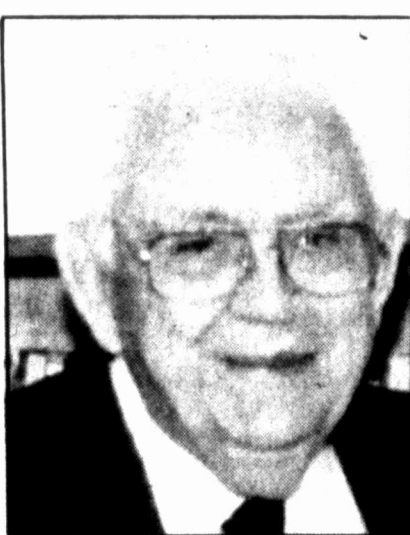
As a high school student in Colorado City, he played cornet in the city band. Through the efforts of Chamber of Commerce executive Jimmy Greene, the band was designated the "Broadway of America" band and was chosen to help publicize the famous highway.

The band became part of a motorcade traveling to San Diego, and young Snively got to make the trip. It was quite a thrill for a youngster who had never before been out of the state of Texas.

The Colorado City band also played for the dedication of the Settles Hotel. Snively recalls that for his senior trip, the class traveled to Big Spring to see a talking movie.

Snively studied at Tarleton and graduated from Texas Tech, with a major in music and a minor in psychology. He taught in Colorado City, Lorraine and Post, where he was band director when World War II began. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve and was called to active duty a month later.

"Some things in life are just a matter of luck," reflects Snively, "and I was incredibly lucky all during the time I was



SNIVELY

in the Navy." A ruptured appendix kept him from going to sea as a gunnery officer. At the time, the antibiotic drug sulfa had been available for only three weeks; the doctors told him he would never have

lived without it.

After his recovery, he was assigned to another ship which was sunk by an enemy submarine shortly before he was to go on board. He was then sent to communications school at Harvard.

Temporary duty at Washington, D.C. followed. The office to which he was assigned was in turmoil because a secret code was missing. The F.B.I. was involved in the search.

In the course of the investigation, Snively made the suggestion that the code might have been misplaced, that perhaps it had fallen behind one of the stationary shelves fastened to the walls of the office. "It just seemed like a logical possibility to me," he recalls.

Investigators finally followed his suggestion, and removed the shelves. There, where it had slipped behind a shelf, was

the missing code. Later, he learned it was the naval code for the Normandy invasion.

Snively was assigned as a security officer to Admiral Nimitz' staff and spent the rest of the war in the Pacific theater. In the Iwo Jima operation, one of his duties was to give different code names to some 4,500 units of the attack force. (The names could not be those of people, states, or ships.) He gave the code name "Fighting Lady" to the historic Battleship of Texas.

When the war was over, Snively returned to college, earning his master's degree from Texas Tech, and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Colorado. He taught at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., for 25 years.

There he met his wife Molly, who was assistant dean of Please see WARREN, page 3B

Christmas traditions reflect history

At this time of year people are thinking of, and planning for, the Christmas holidays. Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ. So many traditions have been

a d e d through the years. Suppose we explore how some of these came about, both here and in other countries as well. We will only go into a few as it is a subject that would fill volumes.

A good beginning might be the Christmas tree. One legend says that all the trees of the forest had gifts of great values; fine wood, fruits, nuts, sugar and spices. The poor fir tree had none of these to offer. It was so sad with drooping branches, but the angels took pity and came down and decked its branches with brilliant stars, thus making it a thing of beauty.

Perhaps you've read the story of Sir Winfred, an ancient missionary to the heathen Teutonic tribes. One day he came upon some natives preparing to sacrifice a young girl under their sacred oak tree. He was so angered that he felled the mighty oak with one powerful blow. The natives were awed and fearful of such great strength.

They debated putting him to death, but suddenly a beautiful evergreen sprang up where the oak had stood. Sir Winfred cried out, "Not the oak of death but everlasting life to everyone! This will be yours if you follow the King of life, Jesus Christ." The natives were so impressed that they spared the missionary's life.

Another legend tells of the flight of the holy family into Egypt. King Herod's soldiers were in pursuit. The exhausted family took shelter under a giant evergreen tree. When the soldiers came nearer the tree bent its branches to the ground thus shielding the Holy family from view.

When the danger was over the Baby Jesus blessed the tree. Today, if you cut a pinecone lengthwise down the center at Christmas time, you can see the imprint of his tiny hand.

Many historians believe the Christmas tree originated in Germany. Early homes there erected a pyramid of wood topped with a star to signify, "Light of the World."

Christmas trees began to be used in America soon after the great wave of German immigrants arrived.

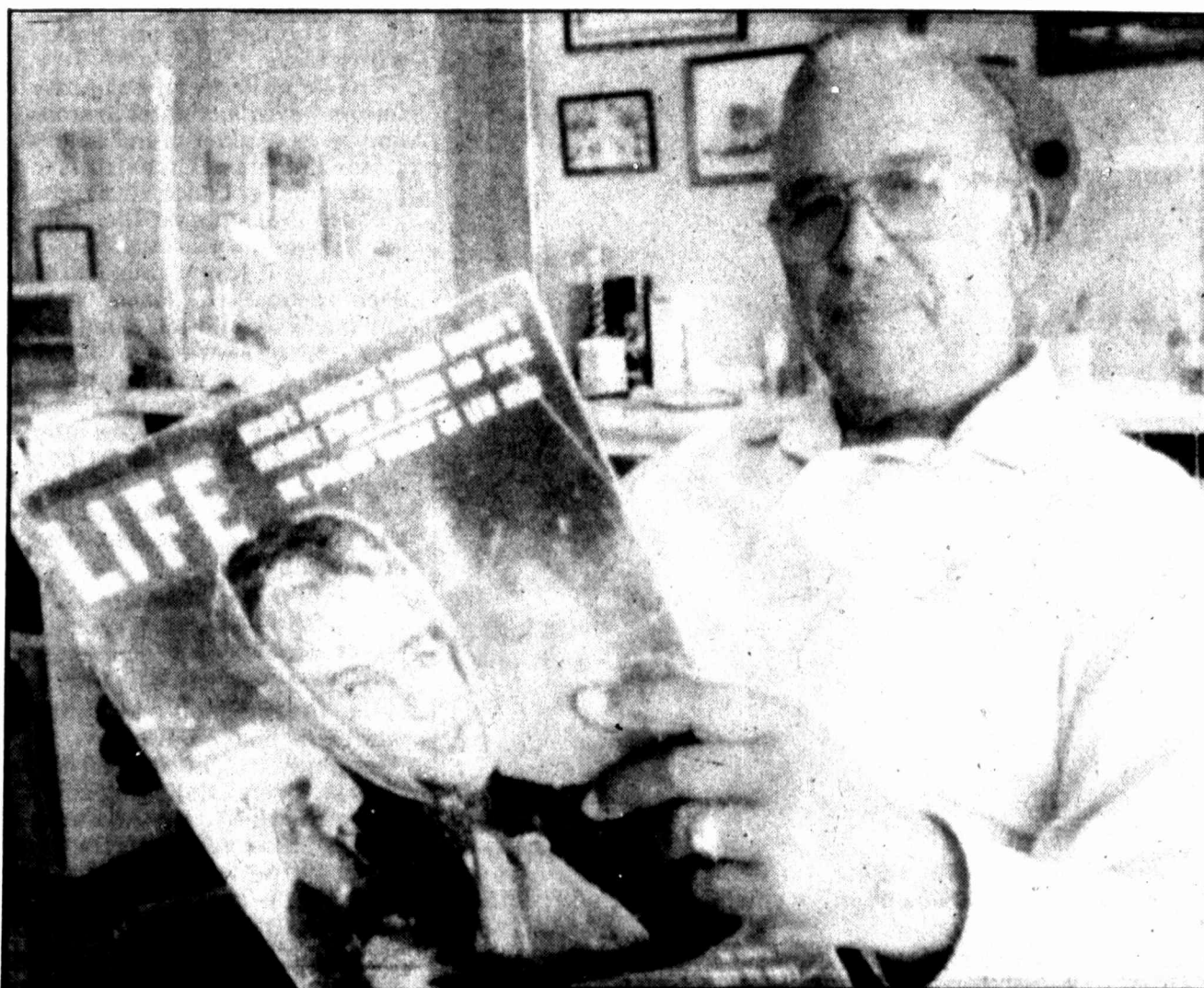
Santa Claus and trees have strange ancestors. The lighted tree is definitely of Christian origin, while Jolly St. Nick was of pagan heritage. Does it not seem strange that the two are now combined? Santa Claus is derived from the Dutch Sinter Klaas, an elf. The saint and the elf have nothing in common except the name. It happened this way:

Dec. 6 was observed in the European countryside as the Feast of St. Nicholas day. St. Nicholas was the patron saint of children. Few facts are known of him except that he was a bishop of Myra, East

Please see GRIFFITH, page 6B



Myrtle Griffith
Prime Columnist



Alex Ochoa is shown in his Edinburg, Texas, barbershop with a July 1957 issue of Life magazine. Ochoa has been a barber for 48 years and was a crew chief of a P-38 squadron during WWII.

Timeless barber shop

■ Hairstyles come and go, but people always need a trim

By JOHN FLORES
The McAllen Monitor

EDINBURG, Texas — Barber Alex Ochoa sharpens his blade on the chair's leather strap, then grips a straight razor and continues shaving his customer.

This is the Pan American Barber Shop on East University Drive, a place frozen in time, Americana, Rio Grande Valley style.

The routine has changed little here over the years. At the nearby University of Texas-Pan American, students move from semester to semester in triumph or failure. Here in the Hidalgo County seat, politicians come and go from office.

But no matter the age and the hair style — from buzz cuts to the Beatles and back again — people always seem to need a trim.

At Ochoa's barber station, a photo has been affixed to the mirror. It shows a handsome 33-year-old with a full head of jet black hair. Ochoa is 72 now, and while the hairline has not receded, the black has gone gray.

The smile hasn't changed over the course of 40 years, though. When he grins, he still looks youthful, friendly, comfortable to be around.

Inside the shop, old mirrors line the walls. Of the three barber chairs, one is original, about 50 years old.

Near the front window, a bubble gum machine provides small splashes of color. The

magazines are old and dog-eared, poignantly apropos. A broom stands propped in the far corner, silent witness to the flash of snipping scissors and falling strands of hair.

Photos hanging between stations detail downtown Edinburg as it was in the 1930s.

Ochoa occasionally interrupts his work to talk with customers about politics, religion, farming, the weather, crime and President Clinton.

"Yeah, we talk about the North American Free Trade Agreement and how it affects business, politics, if they like the President or if they don't," Ochoa says.

He concentrates as he whisks shaving cream from the neck of customer Don Blumfelder, a lifetime Hidalgo County resident.

"I stopped by here last month but you were gone," Blumfelder, 48, tells the barber. "You needed a good vacation, you deserved it. But it's about time you got back."

Blumfelder, a boatbuilder, is a loyal customer. He and Ochoa like the same hairstyles and the same conversation.

"You can get into just about any kind of conversation in this place," he says. "And where else can you get a haircut for \$3.50 in this day and time? It's just a good old, down-home barber shop."

Blumfelder pays Ochoa for the haircut, then stops at the door on his way out.

"I'll probably keep coming here as long as I live," Blumfelder says. "I'm a firm believer in keeping my money in the community."

"Another thing about this place is, the door is open. There are people walking by a lot," he says. "You've got the sound of the traffic right there. In most modern city barber shops, you don't see that kind of thing."

He says Ochoa's shop calls to mind life's simple pleasures.

"When you come in here, you can still go back to the past a

little bit," Blumfelder says. He turns and smiles at Ochoa, pointing.

"There's not any more barbers out there like you, so you better have a damn good replacement when you quit," he says with a laugh.

Ochoa's shop has no telephone, so conversations are never interrupted by the ringing. The barber says he doesn't need a phone, because all his customers know when and where to find him working.

"I've been in the barber business since March of 1946," Ochoa says as he removes the white apron and flicks it, sending a few clumps of gray hair wafting to the floor.

His father, Julian, started the business in 1929. The shop was moved to its present spot in 1970 from another Edinburg location, when the wheels of progress bulldozed the building to make room for a shopping center.

"I started in the business to help my father. He used to also be a preacher," Ochoa says. "... I learned quite a bit from him."

Memories of the old days spill easily from his lips.

During World War II, he was a crew chief in the 13th Air Force, stationed on Guadalcanal. "...two pilots in my squadron (of 16 P-38 Lightnings) shot down the Japanese admiral, Yamamoto," he says.

He points to one photo of him in the cockpit, with his hands on the controls of a P-38. In another photo, Ochoa is standing in a foxhole with five other servicemen.

Ochoa and his wife, Diana, were married in June 1952 and had six children. He retired in 1983, after working 15 years as a full-time mail carrier. As a sideline, he worked as a barber.

Nearly 50 years of cutting hair have given Ochoa the edge over most of his contemporaries.

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Glasses turn up in strange places

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Columnist

Now where did I put my glasses?

I have been known to wander through the house for more than a day before I find them - just where I left them!

If you wear glasses, you probably take them for granted. I do.

By the time I was in high school and college, I wished there was some miracle to get rid of the glasses, because everyone knows, "Men don't make passes at girls who wear glasses." (Dorothy Parker)

I've often wondered just how much that saying had to do with perfecting contact lenses. At first they cost so much they were out of reach of most of us. They were so big once you got them in, you weren't sure you could get them out.

Finally the price for contacts came down, and I got mine; I thought I had died and gone to

heaven. I was sure they improved my looks tremendously.

I was having a Valentine Tea. I planned to show off my new "no glasses" look. I was baking a pineapple pie, opened the oven to check on it, then turned to use the phone.

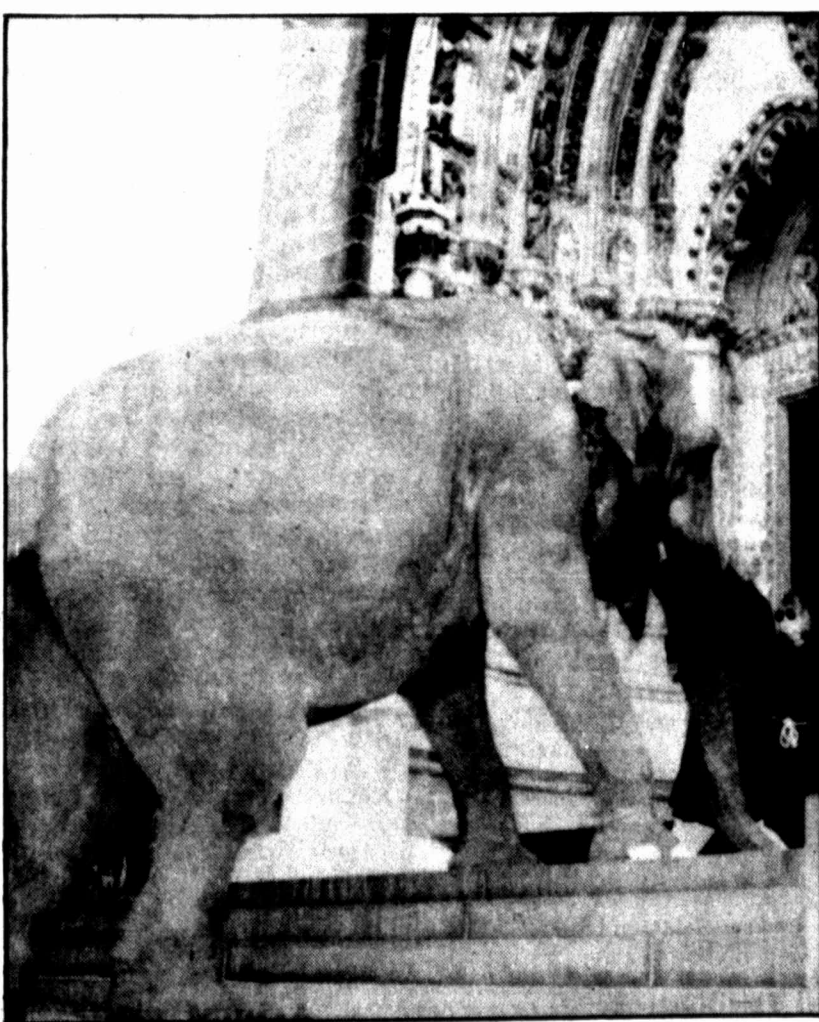
I remember thinking I should be able to see better than this. When I started to take my lenses out, guess what? One lens wasn't there! That was the most expensive pie crust I've ever made, and probably one of the more crispy.

Fortunately, I got a blank from the kind optometrist and made it through the tea.

I wore contacts for 15 years and saw better than I ever dreamed I could. But then age caught up with me, and I had to use half glasses to read, and dark glasses when I went outside.

I wondered if it wouldn't be better to go back to glasses. Please see RANDLE, page 6B

BLESS THE BEASTS



Cora the elephant is led in to New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine by her trainer, Bill Morris, for the annual Blessing of the Animals. A procession of beasts - including a chimpanzee and a llama - were blessed by Rev. Richard F. Grein, the Episcopal bishop of New York. The event is held each year to mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

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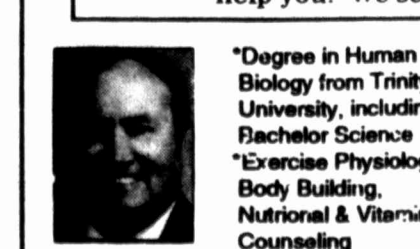
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AIDS, HIV affect older Americans

By WANDA DENSON
Prime Columnist

How is the AIDS crisis affecting older Americans? According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 34,000 Americans over age 50 have full-blown AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).

In addition, thousands of older Americans have become caregivers for family members with AIDS. An estimated 30 percent-50 percent of AIDS patients are being cared for by their families.

The Texas Department of Health in Austin reported that Texas ranks fourth in the country for the greatest number of AIDS cases.

AIDS results from the positive reaction of a person who

has been exposed to body fluids containing HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). Studies show that although AIDS is caused by HIV, it is made up of a combination of many different diseases. The virus affects the immune system, limiting its ability to ward off other diseases.

People infected with the virus may initially feel fatigued and have symptoms of a cold or flu. Or they may look and feel well and remain symptom free for ten or more years. However, they can transmit the virus to others while being symptom free themselves.

Most of the symptoms that accompany AIDS are common to other illnesses. If one or more of the symptoms persist for several weeks, consult a physician. The following signs and symptoms are most frequently associated with HIV and AIDS:

1. Severe fatigue

2. Persistent diarrhea

3. Fever and night sweats

4. Dry cough and shortness of breath

5. Thrush (sores or white patches on gums, tongue or palate)

6. Swollen glands in neck, groin, armpit

7. Skin rash, bleeding and bruising

Unfortunately, at this time no cure has been found. But the FDA reports that in addition to drugs now being used for treatment of the virus, there are presently over 360 on-going studies to test newer drugs to treat AIDS related conditions. They state that numerous drugs offer much promise and should be on the market soon.

Another study, conducted by

scientists at the University of Pennsylvania, revealed a protein from a gene of HIV carriers that appears to play a part in the reproduction of the virus by infected cells. This discovery might lead to treatments that would halt the development of full-blown AIDS indefinitely. However, researchers are quick to point out that this study is very preliminary.

Meanwhile, victims of the virus battle not only their illness, but in many cases isolation and discrimination as well. Because of the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, people coping with the illness are often reluctant to disclose their health status.

And the confidentiality law in some states, including Texas, prohibits physicians informing even the nursing staff of a patient's HIV status, unless the

patient gives consent. How can we ever eliminate the stigma associated with AIDS as long as secrecy perpetuates the idea that it is a shameful disease?

AIDS is not confined to one age group or one segment of our population. It is a multigenerational crisis affecting every member of society in some way whether physically, emotionally or financially. People with AIDS and those who are caring for them desperately need compassion, understanding and loving support.

For more information telephone: National AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-AIDS, Spanish-language Hotline: 1-800-344-7432, TTY line for the deaf & hearing impaired: 1-800-243-7889.

Persons with AIDS may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits. Contact your local SS office.

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ones that became darker when you went out in the sun.

This worked out well for a good many years, until one day I noticed the sight in my right eye was blurry, as if I had cleansing cream or something in it. The doctor confirmed my fears; I had a cataract.

How could this be? I wasn't that old.

During the tests for cataract surgery, they found the cause. I always wanted a great tan and had spent a lot of hours lying in the sun during the hottest part of the day. All that hot sun had caused the lens in my eye to deteriorate.

Oh, the grass died where I took my sunbaths; I just thought it was some meanness leaking out.

Well, I still wear glasses, and after having cataract surgery in both eyes over 10 years ago, I'm seeing everything I want to see.

Eyeglasses have been around for a long time. I'm not sure we really know who wore the first glasses and wished for something better. That's not fair to those who test and provide us with glasses.

There have been so many improvements, lighter frames and lenses, plastic and safety glasses, no bifocal lines, tints to protect and enhance, and those glasses that change into sunglasses when we go outside.

Don't you know those wonderful people who take care of our glasses could tell some stories? I imagine we have all had a funny experience, but this is my favorite, overheard from a lady returning her glasses after wearing them for about two months.

She whispered, "Honey, I just can't wear these glasses; they give me diarrhea."

Griffith

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Asia, that he was an orphan who died about 350 A.D.

Legend says he helped the poor children by slipping coins through their windows at night. This eventually led to the nocturnal gift giving tradition. The Dutch brought this custom with them when they settled in New Amsterdam, N.Y.

According to ancient German folklore scripts there was a pagan god of the peasants named Thor. He was a jovial god with a long white beard. His color was red and his element fire. His home was in the Northland among the icebergs. He rode a chariot pulled by two goats named Cracker and Gnasher. He visited children Christmas eve.

Exchanging gifts was a tradition with English Americans, so it isn't surprising that the old elf became the delivery boy. The name Santa Claus is strictly American.

Candles play an important part in our Christmas themes. In Ireland it's customary to light a huge candle that can only be snuffed out by one named Mary. The Irish say that Joseph and Mary may come again, not to Palestine but the "Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe."

There is a legend about the poinsettia. There was a very poor child who was heart broken because she had nothing to offer the virgin Mary. In desperation she picked some scrawny flowers at her feet immediately they turned into beautiful, brilliant, red poinsettias.

How to sort out capital confusion

Sometimes the English language becomes very confusing. There is a capitol and then there is capital. This is my day to expound on capital. That is, the money that is needed to start and keep a business in operation.



Max Green
Prime Columnist

Keeping a business open means keeping jobs. In other words, capital equals jobs. Profit is the key to keeping jobs.

Are you ready for a big surprise? You are the main source of capital. This will come from your savings account, investment account, pension fund, IRA's, bank deposits, savings and loan deposits, etc. The list goes on and on.

The more money that you get to keep for your personal disposal the more money that you have to invest. The stock market was started simply to create a source of capital for the business person.

Yes, when you buy a share of stock in a public corporation, you are generating a source of capital for that corporation. At the same time you anticipate making a profit. Hopefully, you will be able to sell the stock for more than its purchase price. (Yes, the small word profit greases the wheels of jobs).

Business capital is generated in various forms. The basic business organization is the sole proprietor. The business is owned by one individual.

Probably, the person started the business with a savings account, cash value of a life insurance policy, or a loan from an individual or lending institution.

As this business grows, the owner has decisions to make.

The big decision, is how much capital to take out of the business for personal expenses and how much to invest in expansion.

The more astute business person will be inclined to invest in expansion and additional personnel. How about that - the sole proprietor has now generated new jobs from investing his capital. Simply amazing.

Then you have the partnership. The simple way of defining a partnership is that two or more persons decide to pool their resources (capital) and start a new business. All partners are individually liable for the debts of the partnership.

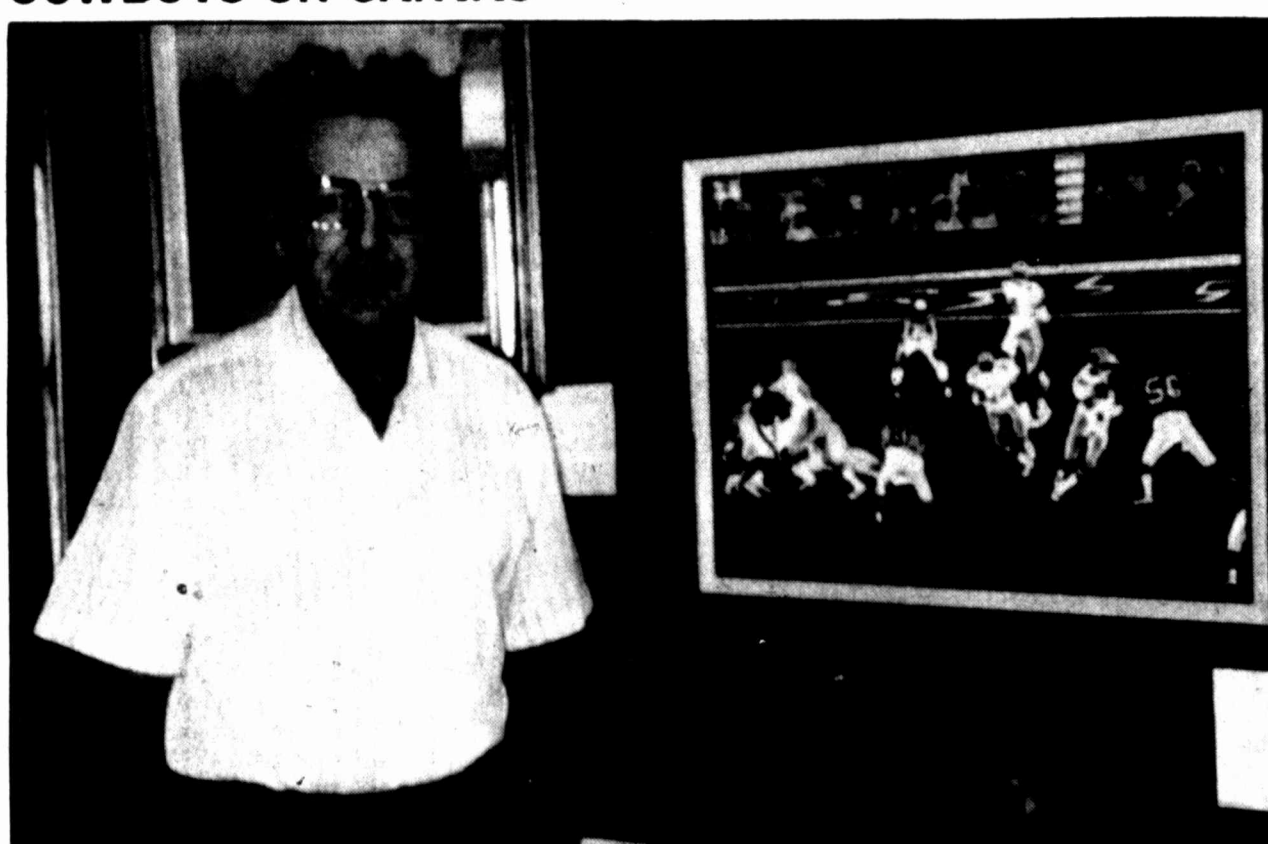
The profits are divided according to an agreed percentage. One person may provide capital (money) and the other time (working). Again, they must make the decision of personal expenses versus expansion.

The corporation is a limited liability venture. Your liability for debt is equal to the amount of money that you have used to purchase stock. The chief executive officer (CEO) is generally the president of the corporation and is responsible for the day to day operation of the business.

The corporation has a board of directors that is elected by the stock holders and the board of directors elects the president and other officers. Here again the venture must make a profit in order to stay in business. That bad word, profit, is still providing jobs. Isn't that amazing.

The bottom line is that the generation of capital becomes very important in maintaining and expanding our economy. Capital is generated from savings and profits. Hopefully, you will start a new business this week and create a job. Our community needs that job.

COWBOYS ON CANVAS



Robert Caffey won Best of Show at the 40th Annual Big Spring Art Association Show recently at the Heritage Museum. His oil painting, titled "Cowboys," depicts the state's favorite television sport.

Texas town does Thanksgiving proud

By VICTORIA LOE

The Dallas Morning News

TURKEY, Texas — Out on the sculpted caprock and between the rows of cotton, the wind is tearing along like a runaway freight train, raising curtains of dust and playing holy heck with the electric lines. Inside the Bob Wills Center, the people of Turkey are belly-up to heaping helpings of their namesake bird, eaten on long folding tables off of plastic foam plates.

"Hi!" grins a weathered retiree in a plaid shirt and a well-worn cowboy hat. "I'm Ray Whitaker and I live in Turkey, Texas — just the other side of Gobbler's Knob!"

Back in the kitchen, the women of the Turkey Proud Committee are already scraping remnants of Jell-O salad and green-bean casserole into a motley assortment of Tupperware and old Cool Whip containers. One aluminum table is stacked precariously with sparkling Pyrex pie plates and casserole dishes, waiting for their owners to claim them.

The electricity lurches on and off at irregular intervals — off more often than on. The band members sit idly at their electric instruments, the fluorescent lights are useless, and the coffee is a pallid, lukewarm mess.

"The Lord is making us grateful we don't have many days like this," says Jane Johnson, proprietor of the Hotel Turkey.

Turkey, Texas — as befits its name — is big on Thanksgiving. It's also big on the things that many Americans cherish only as fading memories: working the land, families that stay together, neighbors who do more



Savannah Smith, 4, listens to Turkey, Texas residents sing hymns at the community Thanksgiving feast.

than wave. "I didn't think anybody would come," Belle Davis confides to Margie Bell.

But Turkey's annual community Thanksgiving is pronounced a surprise success.

Mrs. Bell and her helpers esti-

mate they've fed 250 souls from the town of 500-plus. And that's not counting the scores of diners that were carried out to shut-ins and farmers working in the fields. A dozen large turkeys have been reduced to scraps and bones.

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POEM

THE GOLDEN YEARS

The autumn leaves falling out there on the ground
golden leaves falling red, yellow and brown.
The leaves have turned golden and the winter is near,
the years that were tender, are now golden years.
I hear the birds singing, there is my peach tree,
I know they are singing especially for me.
And I hear the dove calling, out there in the cold,
the green leaves of summer, have now turned to gold.

—Bernice Reed Jones

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Got an item?

Do you have an interesting item for
the Herald Business section? Call DD
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Sunday, November 27, 1994

Flavors simply to die for!

■ Blue Bell
adds to a
chocolate
lovers delight

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The craving for ice cream can
hit at any time even though the
weather is getting cooler.

To help satisfy the craving,
Blue Bell has just released two
new products, the Almond Bar
and Chocolate Fudge Pie, a new
ice cream flavor.

The Almond Bar is the first in
a new line of upscale frozen
snacks being released by the lit-
tle creamery in Brenham.

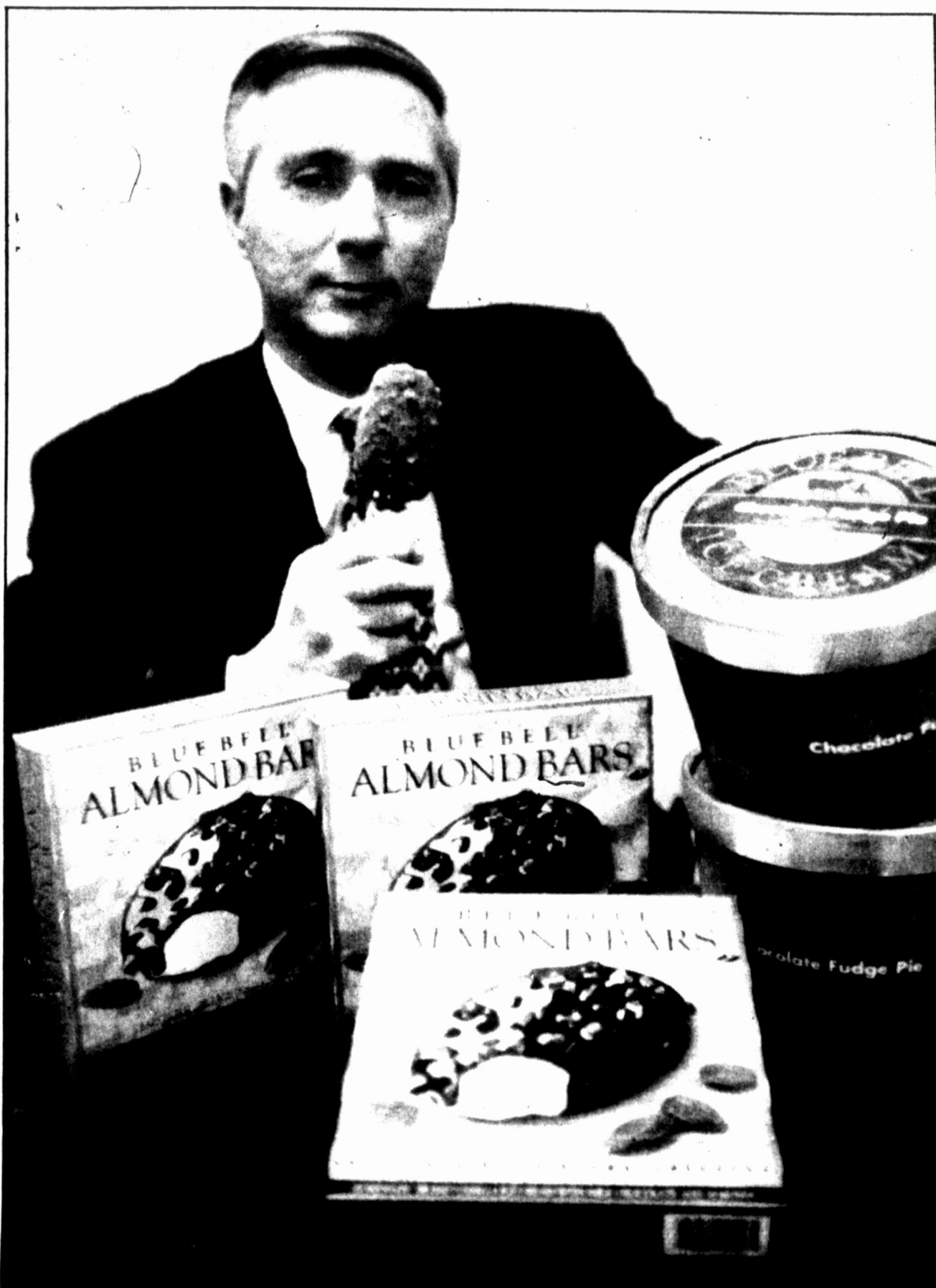
The one-inch thick bar com-
bines all-time favorite home-
made vanilla ice cream with a
thick coating of creamy milk
chocolate topped with chunks of
chopped almonds.

Blue Bell officials say the bar
will be available in a three pack
- take home cartons in grocery
stores - and also in individual
servings sold in convenience
stores.

"Blue Bell lovers will have no
trouble spotting this new bar in
the stores. We have developed
distinctive new gold packaging
imprinted with a picture of the
bar that looks good enough to
eat. The repeated pattern of our
cow and girl logo will give shop-
pers no doubt this is definitely a
Blue Bell product," commented
Executive Vice President and
General Sales Manager John
Barnhill Jr.

The new ice cream is just in
time for the holidays when peo-
ple began making fudge. The
new flavor is described as a
"chocolate lover's paradise,"
blending a thick fudge sauce
swirl and crumbled chocolate
cookie wafers into a creamy,
dark chocolate ice cream.

"The fudge sauce reminds me
of the kind of homemade fudge
that was so good you couldn't
wait to get it out of the pan and
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Local Blue Bell manager John Lilly poses with the two new products the creamery has recently put on the market - Almond Bars and Chocolate Fudge Pie. The creamery is expected to release a Krunch Bar in December.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Pecans 'putting on the Ritz' Monday

I am sure a lot of locals
enjoyed the benefits of the 1994
pecan crop this week in the
form of
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I have observed so far this sea-
son.

You will all have the opportu-
nity to observe first-hand the
quality of this year's crop at our
Howard County Pecan Show
coming up this week in Big
Spring. This annual event will
begin Monday, with entries
being accepted in the Howard
County Extension Office.

An entry consists of 40 pecans
of a single variety grown in

Howard County. The pecans
may not have been grown on
the same tree but they must be
of the same variety. There is no
limit to the number of entries a
grower may exhibit.

All entries will be processed
by our show committee on Tues-
day in the Extension Office and
then will be judged at the Big
Spring Mall on Wednesday at 10
a.m.

Processing and judging con-
sists of randomly selecting 10
nuts from a sample and weigh-
ing them. These same 10 nuts
are the cracked and shelled and
the kernels re-weighed to deter-
mine the per-cent kernel. The
judges then examine the kernels
for quality, color and per-cent
kernel and select the winners.
All blue-ribbon entries are for-
warded on to the Western
Regional Pecan Show. Champi-
ons in the three major divi-
sions, Classic, Commercial and
Native.

Classic division entries are
those larger varieties of pecans

that usually require less than 40
to make a pound and are usual-
ly sold in-shell.

Commercial division entries
are those smaller varieties that
usually require more than 40 to
make a pound and are usually
marketed as shelled pecans.

Natives are those varieties
that have been grown from trees
found native to the region or
from seedlings of nuts planted
by the grower or someone else
on his or her property.

The show is a highly educa-
tional program in that it allows
growers and show visitors alike
to view and compare the vari-
eties and their differences in
size and quality not only
between varieties, but within
the varieties, themselves. How
to improve the quality through
better management programs is
also gained through participa-
tion in the show. Irrigation, ker-
nel and insect management are
all factors that contribute to
improved pecan quality. Seeing
the results of better manage-
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Don Richardson
County Agent

NEW LOCATION FOR SOUTH MOUNTAIN AGENCY



Marjorie Dodson of South Mountain Agency Realtors stands outside the new offices located at 601 South Main Street. The real estate business, which had been located on FM 700, moved three weeks ago.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

FAST TRACK

Factory orders decline

Factory orders for durable goods declined sharply last month as demand for cars and other transportation equipment nosedived.

But analysts said it was too early to be certain that rising interest rates are slowing U.S. manufacturing. Orders dropped 1.5 percent in October, the first decrease since they fell 3.9 percent in July, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday.

Animal-health business sold

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Saying it wants to focus on human health care, drug company SmithKline Beecham PLC has announced it is selling its animal health business to Pfizer Inc. for \$1.45 billion in cash. The deal, announced Wednesday, gives SmithKline money to help pay off two major acquisitions that were made this year to bolster its human drug business.

Brazil oil workers walk

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Thousands of oil workers walked off their jobs, shutting down most of Brazil's refineries to demand more pay and benefits, union leaders said. The Federation of Oil Workers estimated that 70 percent to 80 percent of Brazil's 50,000 oil workers had joined the strike Wednesday and crippled operations at eight of the nation's 10 refineries. Petrobras, the government oil monopoly, said it was too early to gauge the movement's strength.

Pullman in bankruptcy

NEW YORK (AP) — Pullman Holding Corp., the onetime railcar maker that became synonymous with passenger train travel generations ago, has landed in bankruptcy court. Pullman sold its railcar business more than a decade ago.

Kmart expects more cuts

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp., the nation's second-largest retailer, said it expects a new round of cost-cutting next year to follow its previously announced plan to trim 6,000 jobs. A task force headed by chairman Joseph Antonini and newly hired executive vice president Marvin Rich has begun work on plans to save the company hundreds of millions of dollars in the next two years, the company announced on Wednesday.

Direct dial to Cuba begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in 30 years, Americans will be able to call Cuba direct, beginning last Friday, Washington-based MCI said it plans to initiate direct dial service between the United States and Cuba at 5 p.m. EST Friday.

EARNINGS

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — El Paso Electric Co. on Tuesday announced third-quarter losses of \$13.2 million, or 37 cents per share. The company lost \$106.7 million, or \$3 per share, during last year's third quarter. El Paso Electric said higher rates during hotter summer days contributed to the improvement. The company also said its gain on the sale of its interest in Triangle Electric Supply Co. helped the nine-month third-quarter period.

Flavors

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most of the time, you could eat the whole pan-full just standing right there in the kitchen!," said Howard Kruse, president and

CEO of Blue Bell.

Half gallons of Chocolate Fudge Pie will be available in grocery stores in November, December and January.

Agent

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ment practices at pecan shows such as this one is an aim of the purpose of the show.

Don't forget that a Bake Show is included once again with this year's show and this promises to be a good one. Our new Extension Agent, Dana Tarter, is working with our Pecan Show Committee this year in seeing that this popular event is once again with our show. For more details on this show, please call Mrs. Tarter at 264-2237 or come by the Extension office in the Howard County Courthouse.

Local growers usually have pecans for sale at our show. If you are in the market to pur-

chase your pecans for the holi-

day season this affords you an

opportunity to do so. The names of the exhibitors of all the pecans in the show are displayed after judging is complete and if any particular exhibit strikes you as something special you may call that person and see if he or she has any extras that they might sell. Most of them usually do and are glad to accommodate such requests.

Again, we wish to invite you to either and/or both exhibit and attend this year's county pecan show. If you need any additional information concerning the events in this year's show, please contact the Howard County Extension Office.

Gas

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million in sales are double what his consulting group makes.

In September, EnerSoft Corp., which is teaming up with the New York Mercantile Exchange to create a computerized, electronic trading network for natural gas, formed a joint venture with BCI Training Systems to teach people to negotiate deals on-line.

"It's no longer bid week, it's bid day," Baker says.

At the same time, gas traders are flocking to BCI's Houston complex of training rooms to learn how to negotiate. In one recent session, a group of nine gas traders from Chevron learned Baker's art of the deal and how to deflect certain manipulation tactics.

Mimicking a buyer and a seller, one trader in the session offered his customer 20 million cubic feet of gas per day for \$1.75 per thousand. "Whoaaaa," said the customer, illustrating the "flinch." "Everything I'm hearing is around \$1.70," he said, pulling a typical "crunch." Baker has concentrated his

efforts on the gas business and the gas companies, says Nan Musso, skills development coordinator at Chevron in Houston. "He can tailor his courses to speak the lingo of the people in the class."

The increasing volatility of the gas business is putting pressure on companies to guard against potentially huge losses.

Primo's Mark Walker, previously president of Metallgesellschaft's energy division and chief operating officer of Transworld Oil, understands the risks firsthand.

He decided to form his own company when a former client,

Pira Energy Group, an oil and gas market research firm in New York, convinced him of the widespread demand for a risk-tracking system.

With Pira as a partner, Walker received a built-in client base. Pira put him in touch with Bring Gas Services Corp. Bring was looking for a system to detect its gas portfolio's exposure to risk on a minute-by-minute basis. Walker expects to have eight such systems installed by year-end, after his first year in business.

Walker's expertise has won him backers. In September, Plano-based Electronic Data

Systems Corp. agreed to market and install Primo's systems, which sell for about \$200,000.

"Risk management has gone from being a nicety in natural gas to becoming a necessity," says Jeff Wacker, vice president of gas services at EDS' energy and chemical division.

For EDS, the agreement gives the company a superior option to sell its customers. For Primo, the agreement takes care of installation and training costs the small firm would otherwise have to shoulder.

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issued:

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Boren, Wesley, 4221 Hamilton, Big Spring.

Brockman, Lynn, 1701 Halley, Apt. 13, Sweetwater.

Clemons, David, 5203 Thomason Dr., Midland.

Estrada, Gabriel, 510 N. 13th, Lamesa.

Flores, Alfredo, Jr., P.O. Box 294, Matador.

Flores, Irene, P.O. Box 294, Matador.

Garza, Rick, 2828 E. 11th #84, Odessa.

Gutierrez, Rosa, 1900 Ave. I, Snyder.

Hall, Heather, 111 E. Elm Street, Coleman.

Hogan, Phyllis J., 419 Dallas, Big Spring.

Hollums, Jerry, 2016 Wigdon Way, Flower Mound.

Martindale, Kenneth, 1500 Virginia, Big Spring.

Martinez, Johnny, 538 Westover, Apt. 134, Big Spring.

Martinez, Mary, 711 Aylford or 1002 Main, Big Spring.

Martinez, Rosalio (Charli), 700 Bell St., Big Spring.

McIntire, Patricia, HC 69, Box 81 or 2507 Green, Big Spring.

Morelton, Joe, 4203 Muir, Big Spring.

Munoz, Kristie M., 1703 W. Third, Big Spring.

Neves, Kimberly, 4001 Dixon, Big Spring.

Phillips, Martin D., P.O. Box 561, Big Spring.

Realvasquez, Gabriela, P.O. Box 10, Coahoma.

Reid, Johnny, 1302 Ridgeroad, Big Spring.

Richards, Me'Linda Sue, RR01, Box 307, Lamesa.

Rose, Justin Karl, P.O. Box 3044, Big Spring.

Smith, Christopher, 1001 Birdwell, Big Spring.

Sorely, Darren Keith, 2415 A. Haynes, Midland.

Vasquez, Martin D. 1935 Twinbrook, Houston.

Viera, Ricky, 411 N.W. 10th, Big Spring.

Marriage Licenses:

Johnny Bob Montgomery 42, and Donna Lusater Slough, 39.

Joe Gutierrez 36, and Obdella Ibarra Limon.

County Court Records:

Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Henry Earl Spears,

Elizabeth Joy Aldridge, Joy Chandler Aldridge and James Daniel Parker.

Order(s): Henry Earl Spears, Ronnie Dean Carter and James Daniel Parker.

Order(s) of dismissal: Rodney Don Oaks, Tiffany McCalister, Elroy Green, Daniel Forrest Oyler, Ralph Edward Egan, Harold E. Nehring, Pam

Weaver, Alberto Contreras, Charles R. Chrisman, Charles T. Roberts, Ronald Lee Campbell, Hollis Leroy Waddle, Jr., Robert Eugene Swopes, Barry Wynn McClour, Alfredo Garcia, Roger Lee Tackett, Ricardo Hinojosa, Jr., Donald Ray Wendt, Raymond Romo, Jr., Nolan Kelly Ward, Robert Arnold Pruitt, John Albert Ward, Randall Charles Greene, Hector Javier Villigas, Donald Mack Holder, Ronnie Joseph Ceazars and Kevin Wayne Frederick.

Probated Judgment DWI: Pen-

nie Tiekling Rojo \$450 fine and 180 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence DWLS: Michael Ray Hernandez \$300 fine, \$205 court cost and 30 days in jail.

Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Johnny Lee Turnbow \$450 fine, \$237 court cost and 30 days in jail and Marion Oscar Davis, Jr. \$450 fine, \$377 court cost and 40 days in jail.

Order granting essential license: Eric Howard Lanspery.

Order continuing defendant on probation & extending period of probation: Sylvia Brito Garfias.

Motion in Procedendo: Claude L. Williams.

Judgment & sentence theft over \$20/under \$200: Mickey Alvarez \$234.50 court cost and 180 days in jail.

Judgment & sentence of marihuana under 2 ozs.: Mickey Alvarez \$200 court cost and 180 days in jail.



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Aging presents difficult decisions for the caretaker

By STEVEN M. PRYE
Scripps Howard News Service

As life expectancies increase, adult children may have to provide financial support for aging parents.

Many of these will face a wrenching dilemma trying to resolve the conflict between the needs of their parents and those of their own children.

An invalid parent could require more than \$30,000 a year for nursing home care. And, if you are shelling out \$10,000 a year to keep Junior at college, you may have to make painful choices.

Many elderly parents, fearing a loss of independence, are reluctant to discuss their finances with their children. But they need to understand that they can save the family money and heartache by being honest about their finances and planning while in good health.

At the least, you should review your parents' important papers. Make sure they are up to date and arrange to prepare necessary documents that are missing. Are your parents' wills more than five years old or have they moved from the state where the wills were made? If so, you should have the wills reviewed by a lawyer so they reflect your parents' wishes and comply with the law.

If your parents fall ill and no longer can handle their financial affairs, you may run into barriers trying to act on their behalf. In cases of prolonged disability, you may have to apply in court for a guardian to handle the person's finances.

This can be an expensive and time-consuming process and, during the time it takes to complete it, your hands would be tied.

This situation can be avoided through the use of durable powers of attorney. Married couples should sign them and give them to each other, and name you or some other trusted person as successor.

If a parent is unwilling to surrender control while still of sound mind, you still can protect that parent through the use of a springing power of attorney. Under that document, you can specify the circumstances (such as the onset of disability) which would make the power effective.

How do your parents feel about life-prolonging hospital procedures? If they do not want extraordinary measures used to keep them alive, have them execute living wills and health care powers of attorney. They can specify which life-extending measures they do or do not want, and under what circumstances they should be applied.

Make sure both parents know the basics of money management. Often one spouse manages the money. If that spouse dies first, the partner may have

MONEY MATTERS

difficulty taking over those duties. You should encourage that parent to handle the bills periodically, say every four to six months.

Try to get as clear a picture of your parents' finances as you can while they are healthy and managing on their own. Have them make a list of assets and liabilities.

Find out whether their income will meet retirement needs. Low interest-bearing accounts and bonds they have been holding onto for many years could be cashed in to purchase bank certificates of deposit paying more.

If your parents need money, there are methods that include tax breaks you might consider. You might buy your parents' house and rent it back to them. Your parents would invest or live on that money, and you could take the deductions for rental property, property taxes, mortgage interest and depreciation. If your parents are 55 or older they will not have to pay federal income taxes on the profits up to \$125,000.

There are a few other ways your parents' house could be a source of income. Under a home-equity loan, your parents could borrow up to 70-80 percent of their equity in it. Interest on the home-equity loans up to \$100,000 is still fully tax deductible.

Under a reverse mortgage, your parents can borrow against their house and collect the loan proceeds — minus the interest, in the form of monthly payments, typically for a seven-year term. At the end of the period, the loan has to be paid, which may mean selling the house. A shared-appreciation reverse mortgage assures your parents of income for the remainder of their lives or until they move.

You also could transfer assets to your parents temporarily and try to exploit their presumably lower tax rate. People 65 and older get additions to their standard deduction and may be eligible for a special income tax credit for the elderly.

In 1993, individuals age 65 and over were exempt on sums of \$6,950 or less, and a married couple 65 or older filing jointly paid no federal tax if their gross income was under \$12,300.

There are a few public sources of support for your aging parents. Call your city or state department of aging, listed in the most phone books.

Also consult Family Service America, a nonprofit group representing 280 accredited family service agencies. Call FSA at (800) 221-2681.

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HOROSCOPE

FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 1994
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You get much accomplished today. Projects around the home are important to you. Center on priorities. Make time for a family member who wants to be with you. An intimate dinner could mean a lot with a loved one. Get rest. Tonight: Sleep well. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Friendly encounters occur naturally. Be more upbeat in how you present a situation. A partner enjoys being close to you. Creativity, fun and a childlike attitude mix. Be ready to express your vulnerability. Tonight: Continue weekend spirit. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In handling a personal matter, the clearer you are about what's going on, the better. A loved one cares enormously and wants to get to the bottom of a problem. One-to-one relating is highlighted. A problem may require firmness. Tonight: Vet at home. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Conversations are important in deciding what you want to do. Others are open to your energy. Share your feelings and get past a problem. A fun idea turns on another. Let your creativity flow. Flow with the fun of the moment. Talk up a storm. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money matters are dominant. You might consider an investment at home. The more secure you are about what's going on, the better. Listen to a loved one. Communications about the long term are important. Transcend the status quo. Tonight: Order in. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are playful today. Others respond to your energy and input. You might need to get to the bottom of a problem. Ask others to join in a project that is important to you. You know what's best for you. Follow through priorities. Tonight: Vanish. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're invigorated by a domestic matter. It's important to keep this development under wraps, as exciting as it is. You're building toward financial and emotional security. A friend may try to tease your secret out of you. Tonight: Dream up even more options. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Zero in. Be sure about what you want and where you are heading. Focus on friendship and the long term. You will see things in a new light. Another cares greatly for you. Go with the unexpected and you will enjoy yourself considerably. Tonight: Head for the hills. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Manage responsibilities. Bring family and friends together. Unexpected financial news could be very positive. Go with the unique, and be willing to discuss your deeper feelings. Flow with change. Use intuition with a family member. Tonight: Visit with friends. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New insight comes your way. You cannot deny reality. Don't minimize a situation. A loved one has an interesting way of showing care. Emphasis is on travel and exploring new options. Go for the exotic. Tonight: Take a drive into the country. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Deal with a matter differently. You understand a lot more than you think. One-to-one relating is highlighted. Make a must appearance. Communications are active, and your instincts are right on. Make time for an important person. Tonight: Enjoy intensity. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Popularity is high. Others desire your company. Zero in on bottom lines. Creativity and understanding are high. Be aware of what others are asking. A positive approach goes far. News from a distance is exciting. Enjoy a spontaneous day trip. Tonight: Enjoy intensity. *****

IF NOV. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Responsibilities are strong this year. Your skillful way of handling matters gets you ahead. You gain personally and professionally. Be aware of your goals. Creativity surges to an unusual level. If you are single: You meet people through work; know what it is you want in the long run. If attached: This is a bonus year, but you need to enlist a partner's support in realizing goals; the more open you are about your creative options, the better off you will be. VIRGO adds to your responsibilities.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Parents want to cut loose family ties

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have just made the heartbreaking decision to sever all ties



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

with our adult son (I'll call him Mike). This was done with much regret, but we could see no other way.

Mike went through a bitter divorce years ago. There were accusations of infidelity on both sides. His wife was not interested in having a family. As a result, he is very sour on marriage and has vowed never to wed again.

Mike has been living with a woman with whom he has fathered two children, and she has just announced that she is pregnant again. Mike's mother is in poor health, and this is putting her in her grave.

We asked him to please stop coming by or calling our home. We also made it plain that we do not wish to be informed when the new baby arrives.

We respect his decision not to repeat the pain of a failed marriage; however, we think it is wrong for him to continue having babies with a woman who is not his wife. We feel it is also wrong for her to continue to get pregnant, knowing how he feels about commitment.

I have known people who have had ONE child out of wedlock and made the best of it — but for two adults to bring THREE illegitimate children into the world is cruel, selfish and irresponsible. How much effort does it take to slip on a condom, or swallow a birth control pill?

I have told Mike that his children will be excluded from our will and family tree.

Also, I am worried about the state of these illegitimate chil-

dren's souls. After all, they were conceived in sin. — THROUGH WITH MIKE

DEAR THROUGH: How sad that you could not express your disappointment and disapproval without writing off your son and his family. If they have formed a stable unit, and the children are provided for, they qualify as "family," whether their union is blessed by church and state or not.

You may not approve of the circumstances of their birth, but his children ARE your grandchildren. And to exclude them from your will and your family tree is cold and heartless. They have done nothing wrong.

Worry not about their blessed little souls; come Judgment Day, you will have to account for your own.

DEAR ABBY: As a former infantryman, I enjoyed the letter about the GI who, while washing himself in the field (naked as a jaybird), was surprised by two truckloads of Army nurses. When one of them shouted, "Look at the tan on that blond kid," the GI covered his FACE with a washcloth.

After chuckling for a few minutes, I was a bit dismayed by the present state of affairs.

If the above scenario were to take place today, the "blond kid" would probably claim sexual harassment, whereupon the nurse would face a court-martial, and everyone who laughed would be required to undergo sensitivity training. — R.B. McM., VISTA, CALIF.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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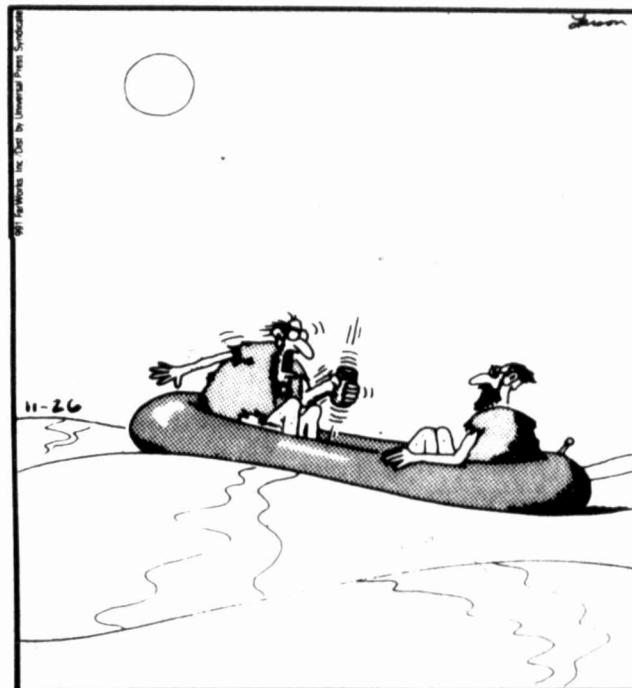
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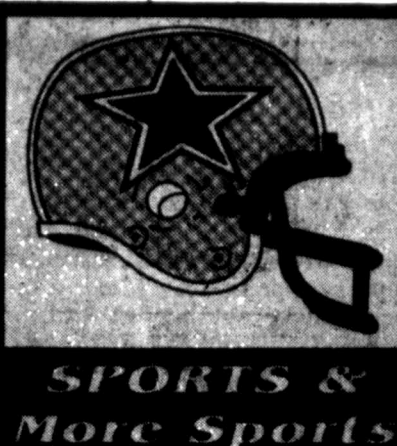
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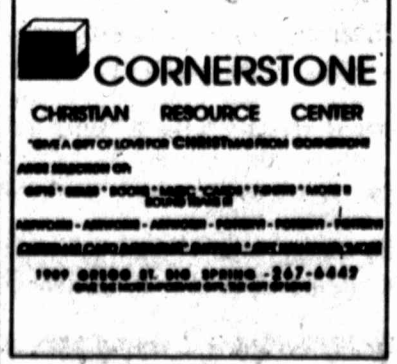
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The City of Coahoma has the right to refuse any and all bids. For more information contact City Hall 394-4287.
89114 November 20, 27, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 901
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, PERMITTING INSPECTION OF PLUMBING FACILITIES, PERMITTING DISCONTINUANCE OF DISTRICT SERVICES IN CASE OF VIOLATION OF PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, has applied for approval of its water system from the Texas Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, said Texas Department of Public Health requires an ordinance authorizing the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 to inspect individual plumbing facilities to make certain that no foreign taps or connections are made to plumbing facilities in the water system of the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, as a condition precedent to approving the water system of the DISTRICT;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1:

I. That the authorized representatives of the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, shall have the right to inspect all plumbing facilities of any person, firm, corporation or other entity who or which has access to the water system of the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, to make certain that no foreign taps or connections are made to water facilities provided by the said HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1.

II. That the authorized representatives of the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, by and through its duly authorized representatives may discontinue water service to any person, firm, corporation or other entity who or which refuses to permit the inspection provided for in Paragraph I above or who if found with foreign taps or connections on his or its premises to water facilities provided by the said HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1.

III. That any person, either by himself or agent, and any firm, corporation or other entity who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction of such violation shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$100.00; and each day in which said violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. In any case of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance by any corporation, the officers and agents actively in charge of the business of such corporation shall be subject to the penalty herein provided.

IV. That a ban be put on the use of lead pipe and lead solder, and that the authorized representatives of the HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 has the right to inspect customers' facilities for improper materials and cross-connections.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11 day of October 1994
JIMMY EARNST
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