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Weather

Fair through Saturday. Low tonight in the 20s; high Saturday in the 60s.

Thursday's high temperature	53
Thursday's low temperature	24
Average high	58
Average low	32
Record high	80 in 1964
Record low	10 in 1950
Rainfall Thursday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	20.42
Normal for year	18.06

Dec. 12 deadline for office consideration

Owners of Big Spring office space who want their property considered by the Moore Development for Big Spring corporation should complete proposal forms by Dec. 12, according to committee chairman John Taylor.

Proposal forms are available at the offices of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Forms should be returned to the offices before the deadline to allow time for evaluation, he added.

The corporation is seeking office space to house an executive director, a small staff and the meetings of the board of directors.

Committee member Shirley Shroyer has said the space must include access to a room large enough for about 70 persons, a smaller meeting room and two offices as well as a reception area. Other factors are negotiable and rent or lease amounts will be discussed later, Shroyer has said.

Spelling bee books available

Plans are being finalized for the 1991 Howard County Spelling Bee planned early in March at the Howard College auditorium.

Spelling books are currently available at the Big Spring Herald for 50 cents each, said spelling bee coordinator Bill Ayres.

All county elementary and middle schools are eligible to enter a school champion in the bee. Each school will conduct spelling bees to determine an individual representative.

County schools are urged to purchase the books early since there is a limited supply. Each book contains a list of practice words and complete list of rules.

Contestants must not have passed beyond the eighth grade at the time of their individual school finals, nor must they have reached their 16th birthday on or before the date of the national finals.

The winner of the county bee will be eligible to compete in the regional spelling bee in Lubbock April 6. The winner of that event will qualify for the national bee at the end of May in Washington, D.C.

Christmas ball, social planned

The Martin County Historical Museum will have its only fundraiser of the year, the annual Christmas Ball and Social, from 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday at the community center.

Admission for the event is \$5 per person, according to Nelda Hazelwood, publicity chairman for the Friends of the Museum. Refreshments will be served and Mike Payne's band will provide the music, she added.

For more information contact the museum at 756-2722.

Saddam beefs up forces as he frees hostages

(AP) The Baghdad government says hundreds of Americans and other Western hostages can begin leaving this weekend, but it also has sent 30,000 more troops to the Arabian desert, showing no intention to abandon Kuwait.

The Iraqi parliament today overwhelmingly endorsed Saddam Hussein's decision to free thousands of Western hostages, meaning the 900 Americans held captive in Iraq and Kuwait might be home for Christmas.

Iraq said the hostages could start applying for exit visas immediately. It said they would be flown on special Iraqi Airways flights to Amman, Jordan.

In Baghdad, a group of American and British hostages hugged and kissed each other and raised beer mugs today to celebrate their impending release.

Despite Iraq's conciliatory move, U.S. officials said Baghdad has sent 30,000 more troops to the Arabian desert in recent days, indicating Baghdad has no intention of abandoning Kuwait, which it invaded on Aug. 2.

Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall said the troop reinforcements

brought the Iraqi buildup in Kuwait and southern Iraq to 480,000 soldiers.

An additional 10,000 U.S. troops have also arrived in the Persian Gulf, Hall said. The 350,000-strong multinational force now includes about 250,000 Americans, most of them dug into the Saudi Arabian desert facing Iraqi troops.

President Bush has said 440,000 American soldiers will be in the gulf by mid-January. The U.N. resolution approved last week authorizes the use of force to drive Iraq from Kuwait if Baghdad has not withdrawn by Jan. 15.

Saddam on Thursday instructed his rubber-stamp parliament to free the captives, saying he no longer needed them to deter attack. He said his troops were fully deployed in Kuwait, seized in a dispute over oil, land and money.

"Iraqi armed forces should maintain the highest degree of alert and vigilance," Saddam said, "because the forces of aggression remain on our sacred soil in Saudi Arabia, fanning the flames of fire."

Bush welcomed the decision to free Americans and other foreigners in Kuwait and Iraq Thursday, but said the United States must still demand withdrawal.

"We've got to continue to keep the pressure on," he said.

In Saudi Arabia, U.S. troops also



SADDAM HUSSEIN



A helping hand

Area farmers who donated their time and equipment to finish harvesting Larry Shaw's cotton crop were treated to a community barbecue lunch Thursday at the Knott Co-op Gin. Pictured in the top photo are: Don Richardson, Howard County Extension agent, left, Andrew Bayes, Bobby Bayes, Judy Bayes, two unidentified farmers, Gary Radford and Dero Shaw. Over 150 were fed

at the luncheon. Shaw, who was injured in a farm accident, is recovering in Lubbock. The family reports he is in good spirits and could be home by Christmas. Anyone interested in sending a card or letter to him may do so at the following address: Larry Shaw Co University Medical Center, Room 394, P.O. Box 5980, Lubbock 79417.

Herald photos by Bill Ayres



Big Spring High School students participated in Desert Day Thursday by dressing in camouflage and fatigues to honor the troops currently serving in Saudi Arabia. The Veterans Awareness Organization at the school sponsored the event that included signing banners, writing letters and

baking cookies for the soldiers through the Love From Home project. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Sarah Ziebell, Debbie Cunningham, Sky Parks and Amy Parrish. Back row: Marci Weaver, Amy Osmulski, Gena Grizzard, Jason Helms and Lee Christian.

Herald photo by Marsha Sturdivant

Camouflage dress indicates support for troops in Mideast

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Veterans Awareness Organization at the Big Spring High School declared Thursday Desert Day and invited all students to dress in camouflage and sign computer-printed banners reading "Happy Holidays." These banners, along with the big Desert Day poster, were given to the Love From Home organization to be mailed to troops in Saudi Arabia.

"We wanted to do something for Christmas, and Love From Home seemed a good project for us to work with," Amy Parrish, founder and president of the VAO, said.

The English classes of Sharon (Oliver) Tarbet and Kathy Terrazas wrote letters to the soldiers, and the Food and Nutrition classes baked cookies to be included in the boxes going to the Mideast.

Parrish, a junior at BSHS, said this is one of two projects the students have planned to recognize veterans for Christmas.

"Kristen and I decided we needed to make students more aware of POWs and MIAs, and to promote patriotism in our school."

Amy Parrish

"We're also going to go to the Veteran's Hospital and visit the nursing home. We'll take cookies and things to them."

The VAO organized two years ago, she said, when she heard Sammy Davis Jr. speak at the Air Show. She said she founded the VAO in January 1990, along with the support of the Vietnam Veteran's Association and the help of VAO vice-president Kristen Marshall.

"Kristen and I decided we needed to make students more aware of POWs and MIAs, and to promote patriotism in our school," Parrish said. She wears a prisoner of war bracelet.

The organization has written

letters to members of Congress and Representatives urging them to do more to get POWs returned, she said.

"We know they're there, and they know they're there, and we want them to do more to get them home," she said.

VAO also went through channels and was allowed to place flags in all the classrooms at the high school. Students will be allowed to say the pledge of allegiance one day a week, beginning in January, due to the efforts of the group.

Parrish said another project the VAO has worked with was the Note With a Coke, and the students volunteered at the last air show. In its first year of organization, the group sponsored POW-MIA Awareness day. Plans are being made to have a flag dedication ceremony in the spring with a flag given to the group that once flew in the rotunda at the White House.

The VAO currently has about 15 to 20 members, Parrish said. Gena Grizzard is the secretary-treasurer for the group.

Perry declines to outline waste agenda

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

MIDLAND — Texas Agriculture Commissioner-Elect Rick Perry, busy looking for ways to improve the department, did not indicate Thursday whether he would continue his predecessor's plan to have hazardous waste legislation introduced in 1991.

Asked during a press conference about Jim Hightower's 11-point agenda to restrict waste production and disposal, Perry — referring to a legislative task force on waste that recently completed nine hearings around the state — said legislation is already planned. He went on to say that Hightower has gotten involved in areas he should not have.

However, Perry did agree with two points in Hightower's plan: having local referendums on proposed waste incinerators and landfills, and establishing a moratorium on all new state permits for such facilities until proposed federal landfill regulations are passed sometime next year.

"I would certainly work toward that legislation," he said just before departing for another interview. The news conference was held just prior to a Republican fundraiser for Perry and Texas Treasurer-Elect Kay Hutchison at the home of a supporter at 1 Willow Court.

There have been at least eight hazardous waste facilities proposed in the wake of expected state rule changes, which may increase the number of substances considered toxic. There are currently five disposal facilities permitted by the Texas Water Commission, with the most recent permit approved in September.

Hightower's plan, finalized Oct. 25 after consulting with environmental grassroots organizations across the state, also calls for electing nine TWC commissioners instead of having three appointed by the governor and recommends more recycling measures, waste reduction, emergency preparedness plans and stricter

Hutchison to focus on black market cigarettes

MIDLAND — Clamping down on those not paying cigarette taxes will be a high priority said

Texas Treasurer-Elect Kay Hutchison during a press conference Thursday.

Hutchison, in town to attend a

Republican fundraiser for her and Texas Agriculture Commissioner-Elect Rick Perry at the home of a supporter at 1 Willow Court, said a study by Price Waterhouse indicates that the state loses \$100 million a year to cigarettes on the black market.

"That is something that'll be an emergency," she said. "There is some thought that it might even be connected to illegal drugs."

Hutchison, who says the transition into the office is going well, also plans to have a fiscal management plan introduced as legislation in 1991. Among other things, she wants to limit debt increases and possibly improve the state's credit rating by eventually eliminating short-term tax and revenue anticipation notes.

Asset management has been handled well in the past, she

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penalties and enforcement. Recommendations by the 1990 Joint Task Force on Waste Management and Disposal are expected to be finalized sometime this month, said a Task Force clerk. They will be submitted to the Legislature in January.

Meanwhile, Perry, who says he wants to get the TDA focused back on farmers and the people of

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Sidelines



Together again

BAGHDAD — Donita Cole, of Odessa, looks at her husband John here Thursday as she comments on the beard he grew while being held hostage by the Iraqi government.

Bands receive parade honor

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards was so impressed by the good sportsmanship shown between two competing high school marching bands that she wanted them both in her parade.

The bands of Pecos and Hereford high schools, which competed against one another last month, will march together in the 1991 Inaugural Parade.

The bands on Thursday received the first offers to join the Jan. 15 parade, personally delivered by the governor-elect in phone calls to the schools.

Richards said she was impressed by the sportsmanship shown by Pecos students who voted to give their Class 4A state band contest spot to Hereford after a scoring error was discovered in regional competition.

"I think the sense of fair play those kids showed was wonderful," she said. "We hear an awful lot about what's wrong with Texas schools today; but what's right is the students."

Judge orders reporter jailed

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A judge who ordered a newspaper reporter jailed said the rights of a man on trial for murder outweigh the privileges of the press.

Reporter Libby Averyt of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* was found in contempt of court Thursday. District Judge Eric Brown's order came after Ms. Averyt invoked the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and similar provisions of the Texas Constitution 12 times at a pre-trial hearing.

He released her without bond until this morning to give lawyers time to prepare the paper work needed to turn her over to the Nueces County Jail.

She invoked the free speech provisions in refusing to answer a defense attorney's questions about her interviews with capital murder defendant Jermarr Arnold.

FBI probing NASA thefts

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA officials are denying reports that computer hackers have stolen millions of dollars in telephone charges from the Johnson Space Center, but the FBI says it's investigating the allegations.

NASA officials on Thursday "categorically denied" news reports of large-scale, unauthorized use of long distance phone service at the center over the last two years.

But FBI Special Agent Rolando Moss in Houston said, "I can confirm that we are looking into the Johnson Space Center" incident.

In a copyright story on Wednesday, the *Houston Chronicle* reported that NASA's phone exchange had become the primary conduit for "phone phreaking," or unauthorized use of phone service, for months.

Bustamante: FBI using strong-arm tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Albert Bustamante, reportedly under investigation by the FBI, says agents have threatened people with jail time if they refused to come up with damaging information about him.

The *San Antonio Light* reported Thursday that the FBI had confirmed it was investigating Bustamante and his longtime friend, Eddie Garcia, the self-styled "bingo king" of San Antonio, as part of a probe into an Indian bingo parlor deal.

While Bustamante, a San Antonio Democrat, said he did not know for a fact whether he was under investigation, he said agents

"About four years ago, five years ago, (the FBI was) going to do a sting on Hispanics — they were trying to get a South Texas Hispanic politician . . . and they haven't gotten anybody. They're really desperate to try to get somebody."

Rep. Albert Bustamante

had been questioning people and threatening them with jail time if they don't reveal "something that's dirty" about him.

The *Light* said a source told the newspaper that the FBI was looking into whether either Bustamante or Garcia spent or received money illegally in pursu-

ing a bingo parlor agreement with the Kickapoo Indians in Eagle Pass.

"They've been looking but they can't find anything; it's garbage," Bustamante said.

Chief FBI spokesman Thomas F. Jones refused to confirm or deny that the men were being

investigated.

"We are not going to comment on a pending investigation," Jones said. "We will follow any leads where they take us."

Bustamante said the investigation is the latest twist in a long running effort by the FBI to "get"

some "Hispanic scalps," particularly a Hispanic politician.

He said he believes the FBI has been keeping an eye on him for the past few years. Agents reviewed his financial disclosure forms filed at the Capitol four years ago, and two years ago "they started asking people about me," Bustamante said.

"About four years ago, five years ago, they were going to do a sting on Hispanics — they were trying to get a South Texas Hispanic politician . . . and they haven't gotten anybody. They're really desperate to try to get somebody," Bustamante said.

Parker calls for tax reform

AUSTIN (AP) — All state taxes would be repealed in 1994 under legislation filed by a Texas senator who wants to force tax reform.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, also introduced legislation Thursday to create a statewide property tax for education. The tax would replace most of the local school levy.

"I guess what I'm doing is running a flag up to see if we can get anybody to salute," said Parker, Senate Education Committee chairman. "It gets to the root of several of the problems of this state."

Judging by sharp questions directed at the state's new school finance system by the Texas Supreme Court during a hearing, Parker said there's little hope the court will uphold it.

So it's time to try something else, he said.

The school funding plan was approved after the Supreme Court, finding glaring disparities in money available to rich and poor school districts, declared the school finance system unconstitutional in 1989. The system still relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Parker is proposing a uniform statewide property tax for education that would be capped at \$1 per \$100 valuation. Local school districts, with voter approval, could levy up to another 25 cents. The state would ensure each district could raise the same amount of education money with that tax.

The proposal would require passage of a constitutional amendment by Texans.

Another Parker proposal would repeal all state taxes in 1994. If a new system weren't approved, funds to state services would stop.

"There are all kinds of faults found with our system. But we are too cowardly as politicians to address it. This gives us the courage . . . to address a comprehensive view of the tax policies of this state," Parker told a news conference.

A number of lawmakers, facing an estimated \$3.5 billion budget shortfall when the regular session begins next month, have criticized the current tax system.



Hearing the news

VIDOR — Lynda Parker, wife of U.S. hostage Bobby Gene Parker, receives a call from a State Department official as news of the impending

release of all hostages by Iraq is broadcast over CNN.

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Nation

Astronauts resume mission today

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Columbia's astronauts were back star-gazing today after scientists on the ground fired up the \$150 million Astro observatory, which has been crippled by repeated malfunctions.

Troubles have persisted throughout the mission and have forced the astronauts to skip more than 100 planned observations. About 250 celestial targets were to have been studied.

The latest problem occurred Thursday when a backup computer terminal aboard the spacecraft that had been running the observatory's three ultraviolet telescopes overheated and shut down. The other computer terminal failed Sunday.

Lint, which can accumulate from such items as astronauts' clothing, paper products and hand towels on the shuttle, was found clogging the air vents of the first failed terminal, flight director Gary Coen said. He said the second terminal hadn't been fully inspected yet.

Coen said the cause of the computer failures has not been determined and he didn't know if it was connected to the lint buildup.

Despite the setbacks, the shuttle's seven astronauts planned to go ahead today with a science lesson from space to middle school students at two NASA centers. The youngsters were to ask questions of the crew members after the lesson.

Man indicted in plot to kill Bush

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — No evidence has been found linking a foreign government to a former U.S. soldier indicted for allegedly plotting to kill President Bush and other top officials, the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey said.

U.S. Attorney Michael Chertoff said it does not appear Jamal Mohammed Warrayat, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Kuwait, had outside help in the alleged plot to kill Bush, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, unspecified members of Congress and to attack military installations in three

states. Warrayat, 32, was indicted Thursday on three felony charges. He could be sentenced to 15 years and fined \$750,000 if convicted of all counts.

Warrayat has been held without bail since his Nov. 27 arrest. An arraignment is expected within two weeks.

Court papers said Warrayat wanted to kill the officials because they were against the interests of his group, but the papers did not describe the group or its interests further, and prosecutors would not elaborate.

Japanese push for apology to U.S.

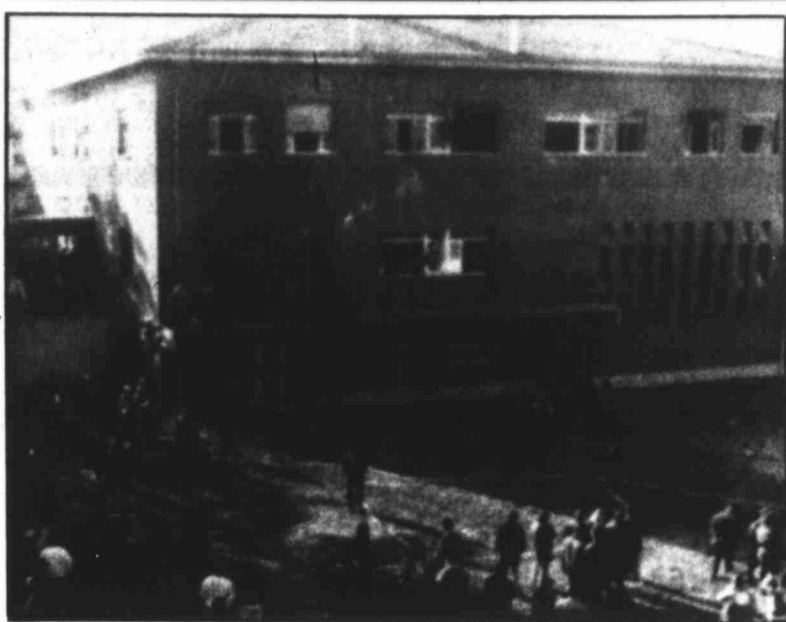
TOKYO (AP) — Nearly 50 years after Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor, some Japanese are trying to persuade their government to apologize for the attack.

Atsuyuki Sassa, a former government official, said Thursday he hoped Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu would make a statement today, the 49th anniversary of the attack that drew the United States into World War II.

With that possibility dimming, "I am trying my best to get him to make a comment on Jan. 1. We must do something before (President) Bush's visit in the spring," said Sassa.



BATTLESHIP ARIZONA ENGULFED IN SMOKE, DEC. 7, 1941



Site of plane crash

CASALECHIO DI RENO, Italy — Spectators and rescue personnel gather at the scene of a military jet crash near Bologna, Italy, Thursday. The jet on a training flight crashed into a school killing at least 12 people and injuring 70. The pilot radioed that an engine was on fire and bailed out of the jet before it crashed. His condition is unknown.

Contraceptive implant may be available soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new contraceptive is expected to be available in the United States beginning in February, giving women their first major new option in decades, the manufacturer says.

Norplant consists of six match stick-size silicone rubber capsules that are implanted in a minor surgical procedure under the skin of a woman's upper arm. For five years, the capsules release a hormone to prevent pregnancy, but they can be removed — and fertility restored — at any time.

The Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve the contraceptive within days.

"It offers them a new choice which is long-lasting and convenient, uses the lowest dose of hormone that's used in any (hormone-based method) and it doesn't contain estrogen," said C. Wayne Bardin, vice president and director of medical research for the New York-based Population Council.

The council began researching the method in 1966. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories of Philadelphia will market the contraceptive.

Norplant has been approved in 16 countries. Half a million people in those countries have used Norplant, according to the council's data.

"It's the most effective, reversible method of contraception," with a failure rate of less than 1 percent, said Dr. Samuel A. Pasquale, a principal investigator in the Norplant studies and an associate dean at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J.

"Norplant is one of the most significant advances in contraception we've had in the last 30 years," since the birth control pill and intrauterine device became available, Pasquale said.

The major side effect is menstrual irregularities, including spotting between periods and prolonged periods. This causes about 15 percent of women with the implant to have it removed, Bardin said.

Wyeth-Ayerst officials were reluctant to talk about Norplant on Thursday without FDA approval of their product yet.

World

Trade talks end without agreement

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Attempts to restructure the world trading system were suspended today after the failure of efforts to end an impasse between the United States and the European Community over reductions in farm subsidies.

Reaching an agreement could have doubled world trade from its current annual \$3.8 trillion dollars over the next decade, according to a U.S. estimate.

Officials still held out hope for an eventual accord.

David Woods, spokesman for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or GATT, said the 107-nation group will pursue talks at a lower level in Geneva.

The announcement was made

after four days of unsuccessful efforts to overcome a dispute between the United States and the 12-nation community over farm supports.

"The desire is to have a non-acrimonious conclusion and to try to get out of town with as little more damage as possible," said a senior U.S. trade official.

Squabbles between the Americans and the Europeans were so intense that some delegates feared a downturn of relations between the United States and the 12-member EC.

Indian Commerce Minister Subramaniam Swamy predicted a break of four to six weeks while an assessment of the situation is made.

Bush heads for last stop on his tour

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — President Bush pledged today that the events in Eastern Europe and elsewhere will not lead to U.S. neglect of its relations with Latin America.

"We are not going to neglect Central or South America. This is our hemisphere," Bush said shortly before concluding a 24-hour visit to Chile, as he continued also to monitor developments in the Persian Gulf and Iraq's new promise to release foreign hostages in Kuwait and Iraq.

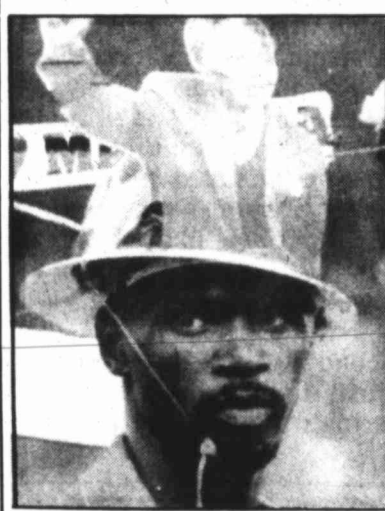
The president left Chile this

morning, heading on to Venezuela, the last stop on his five-nation tour.

Bush told a gathering of the Chilean-American Chamber of Commerce that with the restoration of democratic rule in Chile after 17 years of military government, "our two nations are united as never before."

He also said that economic reforms in Chile have led to a surge in foreign investment here and "even better times lie ahead." The Chilean example, he added, demonstrates that "market forces are the way to prosperity."

Mandela is rethinking sanctions



MANDELA SUPPORTER

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela says his organization is rethinking its support of economic sanctions but wants present measures kept in place for the time being.

Mandela, in a letter Thursday to European Community leaders, called on the group to delay any new decisions on sanctions until early next year.

The EC leaders are to meet next week in Rome. There have been indications some member countries may support a relaxation of the sanctions imposed to protest apartheid.

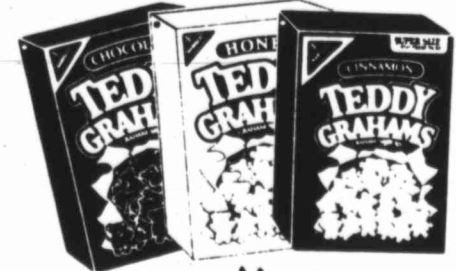
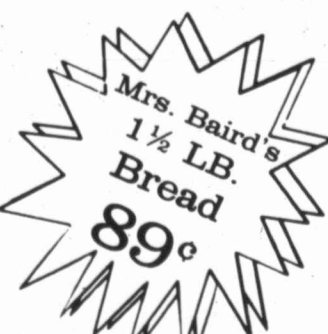
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Help patients get some relief

Thoughtful people don't object when the terminally ill use morphine. Neither should they fret when AIDS patients clamor for marijuana. The illegal drug can reduce the pain, nausea and weight loss caused by AIDS — improving and sometimes prolonging the lives of the ailing. But obtaining marijuana for medical use involves a needless tangle of red tape, which the federal government should rush to cut.

Marijuana has been known for years to have helpful uses in the treatment of glaucoma, epilepsy, nausea and pain. But the drug's illegal status has limited its availability even for medicinal purposes. The Drug Enforcement Agency permits its use only for research — a loophole that has led to government-approved marijuana use by only a dozen patients since 1976. Just recently the second of two AIDS patients joined the ranks of those lucky few. The patient received marijuana cigarettes from a nearby pharmacy; he reports that the drug has curbed his discomfort and restored his appetite.

But this patient is only one of thousands in need of such relief. Most lack the strength or savvy to nag the government into letting them smoke grass. Their best recourse is to get the drug from illegal dealers — thereby lending a lamentable tinge of credibility to a despicable trade. A better solution is a quick end to the federal ban on therapeutic marijuana use, which would enable patients in need to obtain prescriptions from their doctors.

Citizens who see the toll taken by illegal drugs may flinch at the thought of making marijuana use legitimate. But they should think as well of the distress inflicted by AIDS — not only on patients, but on the loved ones who must helplessly watch them suffer. Permitting carefully regulated marijuana use by AIDS patients likely won't fan the flames of drug abuse. In fact, allowing doctors to prescribe the drug could very well dampen black-market demand and supply.

The government must transcend its deep-seated aversion to any kind of marijuana use. It should do all it can to extend relief to people suffering from an incurable disease.

Mailbag

Wanted: stew recipe

To the editor:

We have received a request from Mr. Charles D. Fletcher, Anchorage, Alaska, for a recipe for "Son of a Gun Stew" which he had in Big Spring in 1946.

We are hoping someone still living in Big Spring might know what he is referring to when he says "Son of a Gun Stew." It was served at the old settlers reunion.

If any reader should have this recipe, please send it to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring, Tx. 79721, and we will forward the recipes on to Mr. Fletcher.

NANCY BROWNFIELD
Executive Secretary
Big Spring Area
Chamber of Commerce

Thanks from library

To the editor:

I want to thank all who made the Howard County Library's Twentieth Anniversary Open House such a success. The efforts of the staff, Friends of the Library and the generosity of the businesses that donated door prizes made it a special event for the many patrons who attended.

The Texas Post Office Mural Exhibit provided by the Texas Historical Commission was a colorful, interesting addition to the celebration. We were fortunate to be able to schedule it for our December 1 celebration.

Old photos, newspaper clippings and letters will remain on display until the end of the month.

In the 20 years since the library moved into the former Post Office building, the collection has grown resulting in crowded conditions. A new library is on our wish list but meanwhile we are looking forward to relieving some of that crowding with the basement renovation. It will provide a more convenient facility and enable us to improve on our ability to serve Howard County patrons.

DONNA JACKSON
Library Director

Praising post office

To the editor:

Kudos to the Big Spring Post Office personnel!

On Sunday, Nov. 11 they graciously entertained the public at an Open House at the post office. Both the carriers and office workers volunteered their time to show and explain the processes involved in handling our mail and to answer questions regarding the mail service. In addition, an interesting movie was presented, and refreshments were served.

This demonstrates a very positive attitude toward both their work and the people of Big Spring.

A big thank you to the people in the post office.

JOHANNA M. BOYER
2503 Kelly Circle

Band deserves credit

To the editor:

I was very pleased to see in your Nov. 26 issue a picture of band members receiving awards. The Steer band is as vital a group to our school as are our football players. They provide the spirit and certainly are deserving of any recognition given.

I was very disappointed when I didn't see in capitals the announcement: Peggy Deanda (which more often than not is misspelled), daughter of councilwoman Pat Deanda. As a mother I felt this also was newsworthy enough for the association.

PAT DEANDA
809 Aylford

Generosity helped

To the editor:

A thank you to those that helped make Thanksgiving day special for someone else.

Thanks to the Herald and KBST for helping get the word out. Thanks to those who donated and gave of their time and money to help someone you did not know. Many had a better day because you cared — regardless of where they were fed — you helped make it possible.

A special thanks to those who helped us at Spring Tabernacle with their donations. That God will bless you is our prayer.

MONA LUE & ARNOLD
Spring Tabernacle

Letters

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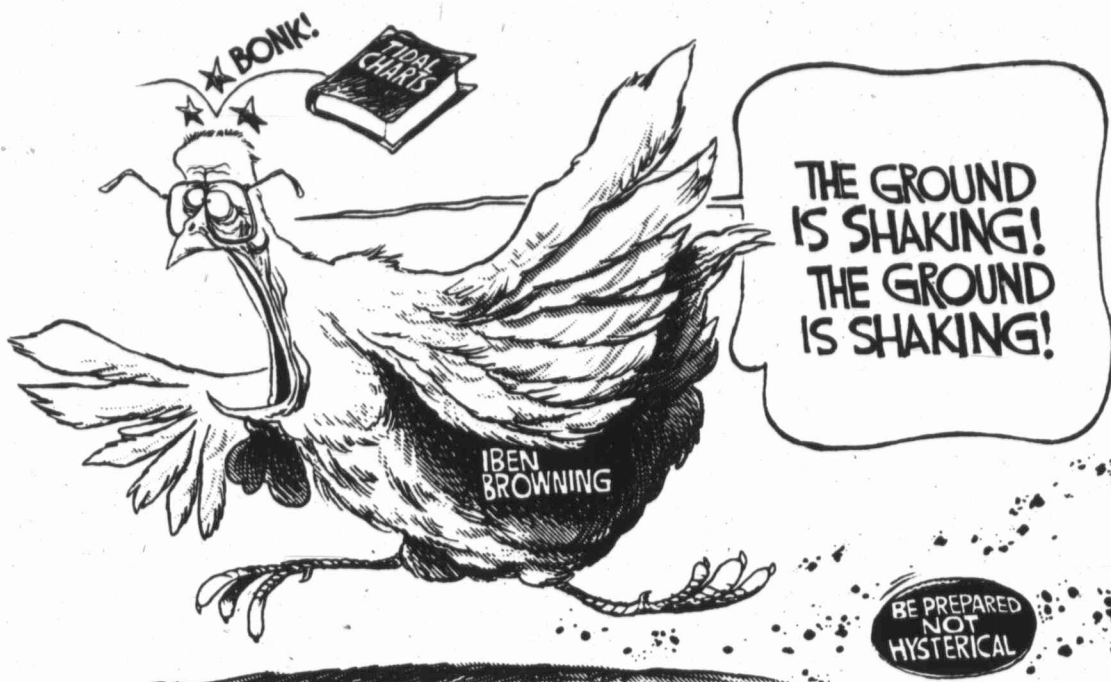
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Address letters "To the editor," Big Spring Herald, Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

POWER-Z

A MODERN DAY CHICKEN LITTLE



The writer's art

Infamous lilies, uninhibited islands

When someone coined "gremlin," back in the 1920s, the word identified those mysterious gnomes that get into aircraft and cause malfunctions. Today the Merriam-Webster people define "gremlin" to mean any "unaccountable disruptive influence." When gremlins get into our prose, that's what they are: unaccountable and disruptive.

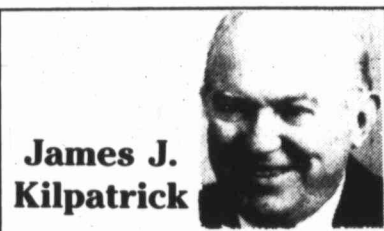
Some gremlins can be explained. When the South Carolina Coastal Council promoted bird watching on "uninhabited barrier islands," a typographical gremlin was at work.

But who can explain an item in September in the Port Clinton (Ohio) News Herald? It appeared that Great Lakes fishermen were concerned about new safety regulations about to be enforced by the Coast Guard. Dave Seagaard was uneasy: "Generally, the fishermen and the Coast Guard have a good repertoire, he said." Which gremlin wiped out "rapport"? Who inserted "reperitoire"? Only the computer knows.

These things happen, and they happen in the most respectable circles. Boston's Museum of Fine Arts offers a children's book about the Impressionists. A little girl "visits Monet's garden and sketches his infamous 'Waterlilies.'" Infamous lilies? Say not so!

Similarly, a boat dealer in need of boats advertised in a shopping guide in Port Charlotte, Fla. The dealer wanted boats from \$75 up. "All sizes to suit the most discriminating buyer." All one can say about that is, hmmm.

Thinking of suits and sizes: In Winchester, Va., a clothing store advertised the original drover's coat. It is made of 12-ounce cotton, treated with wax and oil. "Imperious to rain, sleet and snow." Now, that's the kind of



James J. Kilpatrick

coat a duck hunter needs for fowl weather.

In Bristol, Va., a real estate firm promoted what it described as an architectural masterpiece: "This discriminating home with four baths is listed at \$275,000." Once upon a time the house might have been advertised as a house for discriminating people, meaning people who are by definition "fastidiously selective," but today discrimination means something else entirely.

In Las Vegas, a reader last year addressed a hot letter to the Review-Journal. The reader was incensed at state legislators who had just raised their pensions by 300 percent. "Where else could these people work part time and still get paid the exuberant salaries they get and even get pensions?" An exuberant salary presumably is happier than an exorbitant one.

The awesome San Francisco 49ers went on a third-quarter rampage last year against the Buffalo Bills. In a matter of minutes the 49ers exploded with 21 points. Reported The Associated Press: "The collapsed time was 5:40." That says it all.

This item says something about the judiciary. In Calhoun County, W. Va., Judge Charles McCarty last May ordered the weekly Chronicle to print a political ad opposing an issue of school bonds. Publisher Carl Morris protested

the order and retained a lawyer to file an appeal. Publishers Auxiliary noted that the state's supreme court "hears cases at its discretion." Blame that one on a gremlin who is given to indiscretion.

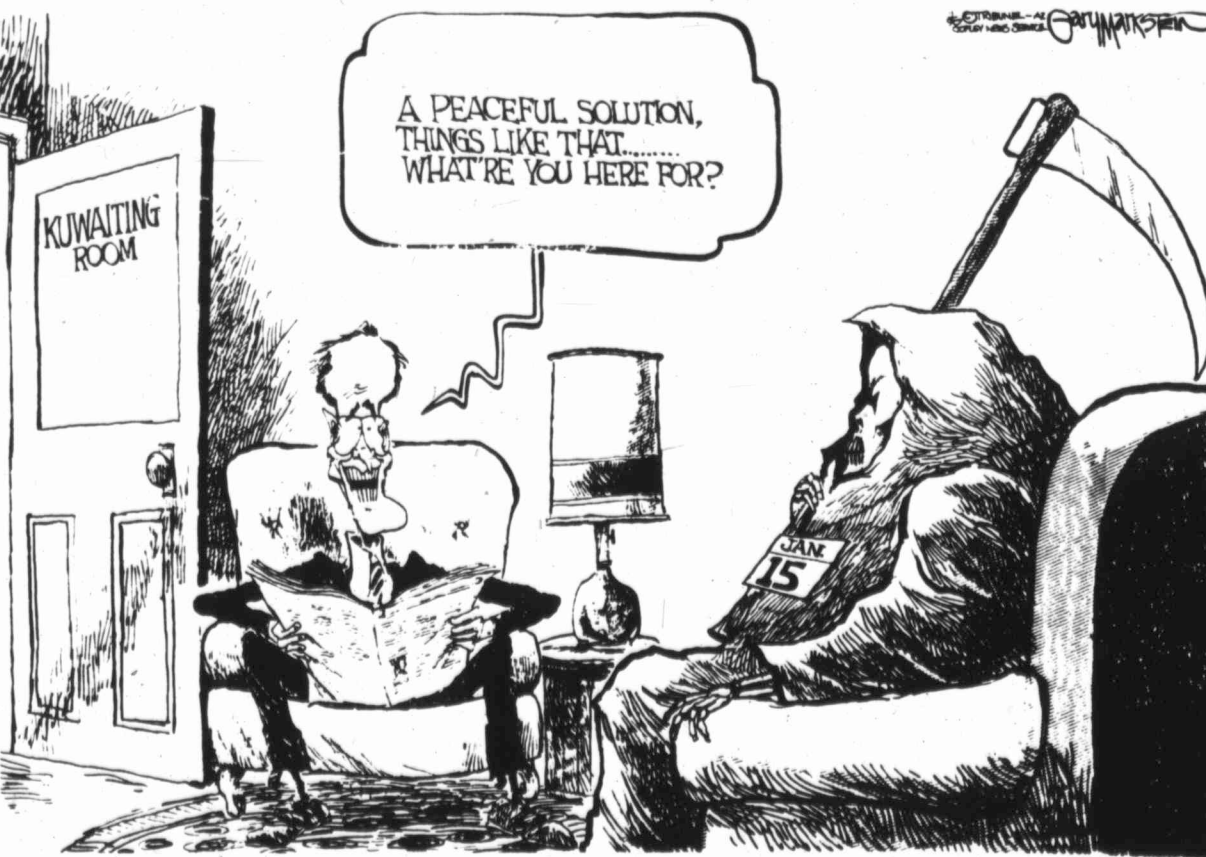
In the Oak Lawn area of Chicago, the biweekly Star carried a feature story in June about a dial-a-ride program that serves the elderly and the handicapped. One of the passengers is a 91-year-old woman who takes the minibus to a supermarket every week. "The only time Betsy don't come is if she's sick," says minibus driver Tom Browne, who works part time delivering passengers from porthole to porthole. "Nautical little gremlin!"

A reader in Indiana sends along an item from a Presbyterian publication about two missionaries who were setting off for Cameroon. "In order to enhance their French-speaking skills, they will go in February to a language school in France and will stay from four to six months, or until they are affluent." Zut, alors! Quelle betise! And all that there.

In Asheville, N.C., a forestry newsletter carried an item about an employee who had helped at the scene of an accident. "I was able to stop the bleeding by applying pressure to the ephemeral artery." Femoral, maybe? It's the kind of thing that makes an editor heave a thigh.

How does a writer overcome such gremlins? Careful writers will not place blind faith in computerized spellers. Careful writers will read their own copy, and read it again, and read it again, and read it again.

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Throwing 't' word at women

WASHINGTON — My ride was late, so as I waited on the sidewalk in downtown Washington I people-watched.

I had seen the phenomenon I'm about to discuss in other large cities, but here in Washington there seem to be more instances of it. I'm speaking of the fact that when females in the workplace are out of their offices, many are now walking around in their otherwise attractive outfits in running shoes.

I am told that women wear these shoes to and from work and when they go to lunch, but once they are in their offices they put on regular shoes, ones with heels that are more suited to the rest of their clothing.

I asked a female colleague about this once and she explained, "We do it for comfort. You just can't imagine how doing a lot of walking in heels can absolutely kill your feet."

I can understand that. I've never personally done a lot of walking (or any walking for that matter) in a pair of heels, but I can imagine how one's feet would feel afterwards.

Still, I've got to say this: Comfort or no comfort, wearing a pair of running shoes with a dress does to the attractiveness of a woman what a large tattoo does to a man.

It's downright displeasing to the eye. In a word — ugly.

And I hate to used the "t" word, but I feel compelled.

It's Tacky.

At a gathering later in the evening, I asked a Washington woman, who had had the good sense not to show up at a cocktail party wearing a pair of Reeboks, why this practice seemed so prevalent in Washington.

"I don't think it has anything to do with politics," she said. "Maybe Washington women just have to walk more than women in other cities. Why do you ask?"

Diplomacy has never been my strong suit. I looked at her square in her eyes and said, "Because it's tacky."

She threw a sausage ball at me and then huffed away in disgust.

But that didn't change my opinion. I don't think I have any sort of foot fetish, but women in sexy shoes have always caught my eye.

I recall the first time I saw Kathy Sue Loudermilk in a pair of high heels. It was at the annual Moreland 4th of July barbecue. She was also wearing her tight pink sweater (the one they retired in the trophy case when she graduated from high school), a pair of short shorts, and 8-inch spike heels.

When the preacher, who was helping make the coleslaw, saw her he said, "Lord, thy do make some lovely things."

I don't think he was talking about the onions he was putting in the coleslaw.

Said my boyhood friend and idol, Weyman C. Wannamaker, Jr., a great American, when he saw Kathy Sue, "You put something besides them heels on that body and you done put retreads on a Rolls Royce."

And here I stand on a downtown sidewalk in our nation's capital and eight out of ten women I see look like they went to the Sears tire store to shop for shoes.

The Lord does, indeed, make some lovely things, and I'm certain the almighty had no intention they walk around in what amounts to glorified, overpriced, rubber-soled clodhoppers.

Your feet hurt, ladies? See Dr. Scholl.

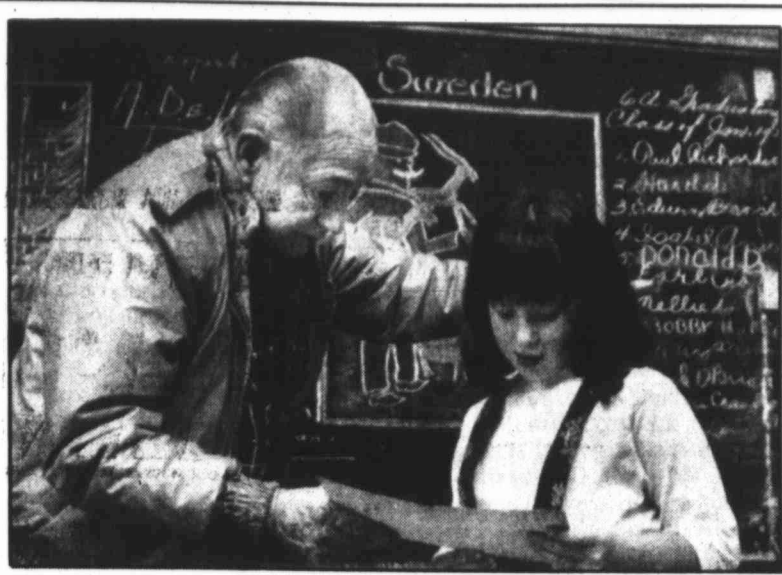
Tacky. Tacky. Tacky.

I think I have made myself abundantly clear.

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Quotes

"Everyone thinks it is their vote that made the difference — and they're all right, of course. . . . People can know that literally one vote makes a difference." — Ann Goos, a Republican who was declared winner by one vote after a recount in an election for the Washington state House of Representatives.



Greeting from the past

SEATTLE, Wash. — Former student Bob Hopkins shows his old class photo to third grader Bridgette Schwartz at Concord Elementary School in south Seattle. Hopkins and others from the sixth grade class of 1938 returned to discuss chalkboard drawings that were uncovered by carpenters replacing blackboards in the room.

Associated Press photo

Return to old values of respect, caring is needed

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The old values, from a time when neighbors cared about one another and youngsters respected their elders, must be resurrected or the future will hold little hope for elderly Indians, an advocate says.

Curtis Cook, executive director of the Albuquerque-based National Indian Council on Aging Inc., said the growing ranks of Indian elderly make that philosophy even more crucial.

"We're in the midst of an increase in elders and decreasing resources," Cook said in a recent luncheon speech to the National Congress of American Indians convention. "Something has to change."

The 1990 census is expected to show an 83 percent increase in the population of Indian elders since the last count taken a decade ago, he said.

"There's no way that the '90s can have any kind of new federalism or any kind of hope for the future of American Indian elders" unless the teachings and ways of the past are learned and practiced, Cook said.

Cook, a non-Indian who has worked with American Indians for more than 25 years, urged changes in laws and policies and pressed for a commitment among governments and youth to serve older people.

Cook criticized the Indian Health Service and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for what he called policies that hurt elderly Indians.

He said HUD will not build homes for Indians over 62, and in some cases will allow only the nuclear family — not grandparents — to live in houses built with federal money.

Mountain climbing is fun at any age

MINERVA, N.Y. (AP) — At 73, Helen Menz thought she had scaled her last mountain.

After all, she'd climbed the 46 highest peaks of the Adirondacks. She decided a climb up 4,159-foot Phelps Mountain last summer would be her farewell to high-peaks hiking. Age had finally caught up with her, she thought.

Then a weekend hike on Wright Mountain proved her wrong. After letting her son and grandchildren hike up the trail ahead of her, she hit upon her own pace by walking then resting, walking and resting.

"First thing I knew, I was on top," said Menz, who lives in the Albany suburb of Loudonville. "I finally owned up to the fact that you have to go at your own pace."

Menz is not unique. Older climbers are common in the Adirondacks all the way up to the high peaks. Dozens past their supposed prime are proving that regularly scrambling up rocky crags and thwacking through prickly brush is not exclusively for the young.

"You can do it until you're fairly old," Menz said. "If you sit down and say I'm finished, well then you

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**Helen Menz, 73
Mountain climber**

are finished."

Menz said she likes to hike with all three generations of her family at least twice a year. The only other nod to age is a walking stick she carries to absorb some of the shock her knees no longer can.

"Age is no limiting factor," said Ed Hixson, a surgeon from Saranac Lake. "It's an extremely good thing for older people."

Hixson, who has done a bit of climbing himself from the Adirondacks to the peak of Mount Everest, said hiking is a healthy alternative for people who can no longer handle jogging or team sports.

He warns though that prospective hikers should get a complete check-up before putting the extra stress on the cardiovascular system.

Hixson, by the way, said most

people "would be amazed" by the number of older people climbing the Adirondacks.

Older hikers run into the least trouble on the trails because they generally bring a lifetime of experience with them. "Most older people who hike have hiked all their lives," he said.

At 66, Chuck Bennett has been hiking in the mountains only six years, but he has packed in a lifetime of climbing, making about 300 ascents.

Bennett, a retired General Electric worker, figures he goes high-peak hiking two or three times a week. Thursdays are given over to the "Crooked Caners," a loosely knit group of hikers who regularly hit the trails of the Adirondacks and nearby areas. The only membership rule is that there are no rules.

Named after the crooked cane each member is presented with, "Caners" are mostly in their 60s. They've been hiking weekly the past six years — rain or shine or even snow.

"No matter what the weather is, we go out," said Priscilla Hayes, who at age 46 is the youngest.

A recent hike to the Hudson Gorge brought out 15 of the 50 or so Caners. An off-and-on drizzle made the trail mucky and clouds of flies clustered around the hikers' heads. Hikers broke their brisk pace only to spy a deer that crossed the path or check spores on the back of fern fronds.

"It's nice to have a space where you can revive your spirit," said Pat Collier, 61, who has been climbing the range almost all her life and seems to know the mountains personally.

"I never knew why I climbed. There's something alluring about the peaks. There's something spiritual," said Grace Hudowalski, who at 84 has stopped climbing but remains the Grand Old Lady of Adirondack hikers and the first woman to scale all 46 of the highest peaks.

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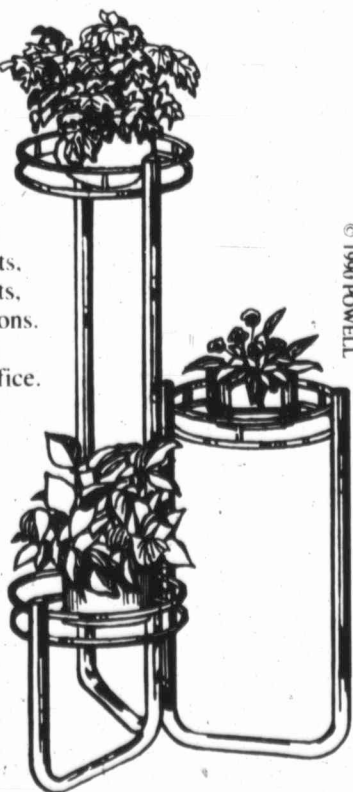
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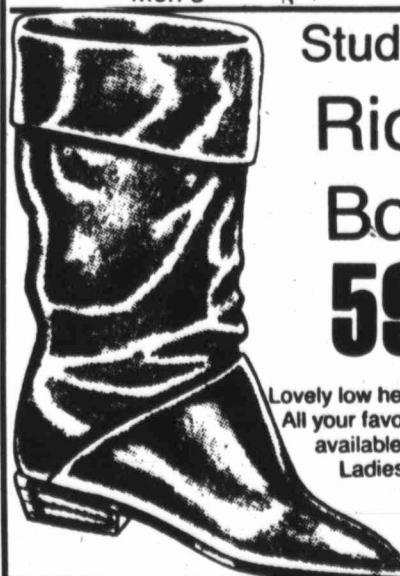
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Scientists claim crater is proof of extinction theory

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Scientists think they found the smoking gun to show that asteroids wiped out the dinosaurs: a 110-mile-wide crater in Mexico possibly gouged by a mountain-size rock smashing to Earth.

The crater near the Yucatan Peninsula town of Chicxulub may have been "ground zero" for the collision that some scientists believe killed dinosaurs 65 million years ago, University of Arizona scientist Bill Boynton said Tuesday.

The collision, with the estimated power of 70 million one-megaton bombs, could have kicked up

3-mile-high tidal waves and a sparked a worldwide firestorm.

"We think we have found the smoking gun, but there may be other guns and maybe a firing squad," Boynton said during a meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

Boynton and other researchers said another impact crater 22 miles wide near Manson, Iowa, and possible craters under the Caribbean near Colombia and Cuba point to the possibility a shower of asteroids or comets caused the extinction.

The Yucatan crater Boynton and his colleagues theorize was caused

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**Bill Boynton
Scientist**

by an asteroid striking shallow Mexican waters is now on dry land, buried by 65 million years of sediment.

The study by Alan Hildebrand, Boynton and others was the latest of more than 2,000 in the past 12 years that examined whether asteroids, huge volcanic eruptions or slow climate change sent the

dinosaurs to oblivion.

In 1978, scientists found deposits of iridium metal in 65-million-year-old rocks around the world. Iridium is rare on Earth but less rare in asteroids and comets. The killer-asteroid theory was born because an impact would have spread iridium dust around the

globe.

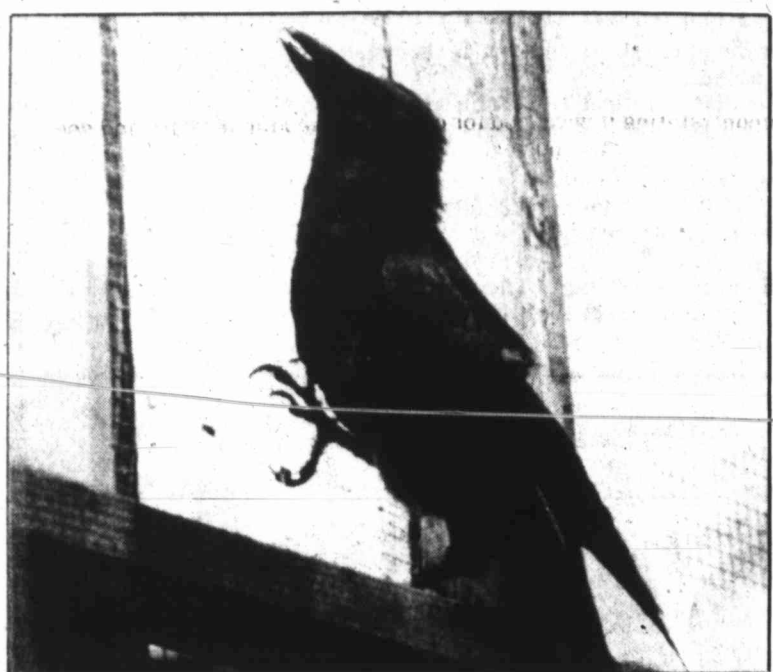
The theory is that a 6-mile-wide asteroid or comet — or a comet shower — smacked into the Earth, kicking debris into the atmosphere and causing radical environmental damage that wiped out the dinosaurs and up to 75 percent of all species.

"We wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for the extinction of the dinosaurs," said geologist Walter Alvarez of the University of California at Berkeley. "They were ruling the place. Mammals were just running around underfoot until the impact killed the dinosaurs and

let us evolve."

Some researchers think the impact or impacts clouded the sky with smoke, dust or debris that blocked out sunlight and wiped out food supplies. Others have theorized, somewhat in jest, that changes in vegetation upset the dinosaurs' diet, leaving them fatally constipated.

Other possible deadly effects of asteroids hitting Earth include acid rain, giant tidal waves, dark freezing weather, global warming by the greenhouse effect and a worldwide firestorm that broiled creatures in their tracks.



Endangered crow

HONOLULU — A Hawaiian crow, or alala, clings to the side of its enclosure at a state breeding facility on Maui Island. The fate of the species may rest with 11 birds at the facility. Another dozen or so alala live on Hawaii Island ranch land that the owner has closed to wildlife officials.

Remains of 'recent' dinosaurs are found

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — An expedition has discovered remains of a gigantic "whale dinosaur" and a brontosaurus that lived more recently than other known dinosaurs of its type, scientists announced.

University of Colorado Paleontologist Robert Bakker said Wednesday that the two finds in the fertile dinosaur fields of southern Wyoming are providing important clues about dinosaur extinction.

Bakker said the remains of a 70-foot-long Haplocanthosaurus, a member of the cetiosaur or "whale dinosaur" family, were found in the Como Bluffs area near McFadden, Wyo., last July.

The team also is excavating a brontosaurus that is the only one of its kind known to have survived the Cretaceous Period that began about 135 million years ago. The excavation is under way near Rock River, Wyo., in a fossil deposit known as the Breakfast Bench. Rock River is just a few miles north of Como Bluffs.

Bakker said that before this discovery, no brontosaurus had

ever been unearthed that was less than about 137 million years old.

"This means the Golden Book of Dinosaurs will need a slight footnote, since this particular animal apparently managed to slide just under the tag into the Cretaceous," he said.

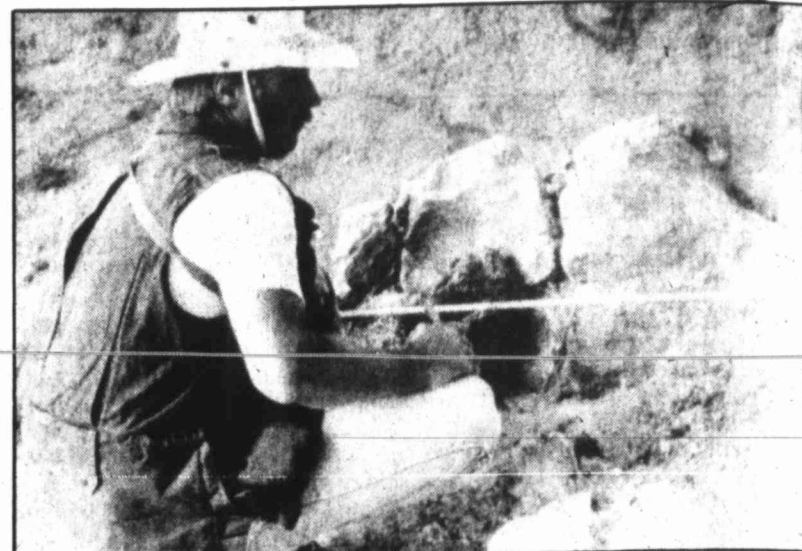
The brontosaurus bones were found last May by Don Kralis, a high school science teacher from Leadville.

"Finding this brontosaurus was a big surprise," Bakker said. "Our initial reaction was that the animal was stuck in the wrong time zone."

The whale dinosaur or cetiosaur, dubbed the "Carlin Giant," was found by James Filla, an expedition volunteer and physicist at the National Institute of Science and Technology in Boulder. The find included a shoulder, thigh, tailbone, hand, forearm, shin and several vertebrae from both the Carlin Giant and another small specimen.

The Carlin Giant is the largest member of cetiosaur family ever unearthed, Bakker said.

"It's not surprising that this particular animal was so big because



MCFADDEN, Wyo.—James Filla examines a shoulder socket from the "Carlin Giant," a massive cetiosaur unearthed recently in Wyoming during an expedition. Fossils from two dinosaurs known to survive into the Cretaceous Period were discovered last July.

it appears to be the last in its line," Bakker said. "As a rule, the large dinosaurs tended to get larger before they went extinct."

Cetiosaurs, large plant-eaters

that were common during the late Jurassic Period about 150 million years ago, apparently were the victim of a worldwide catastrophe that struck about that time.

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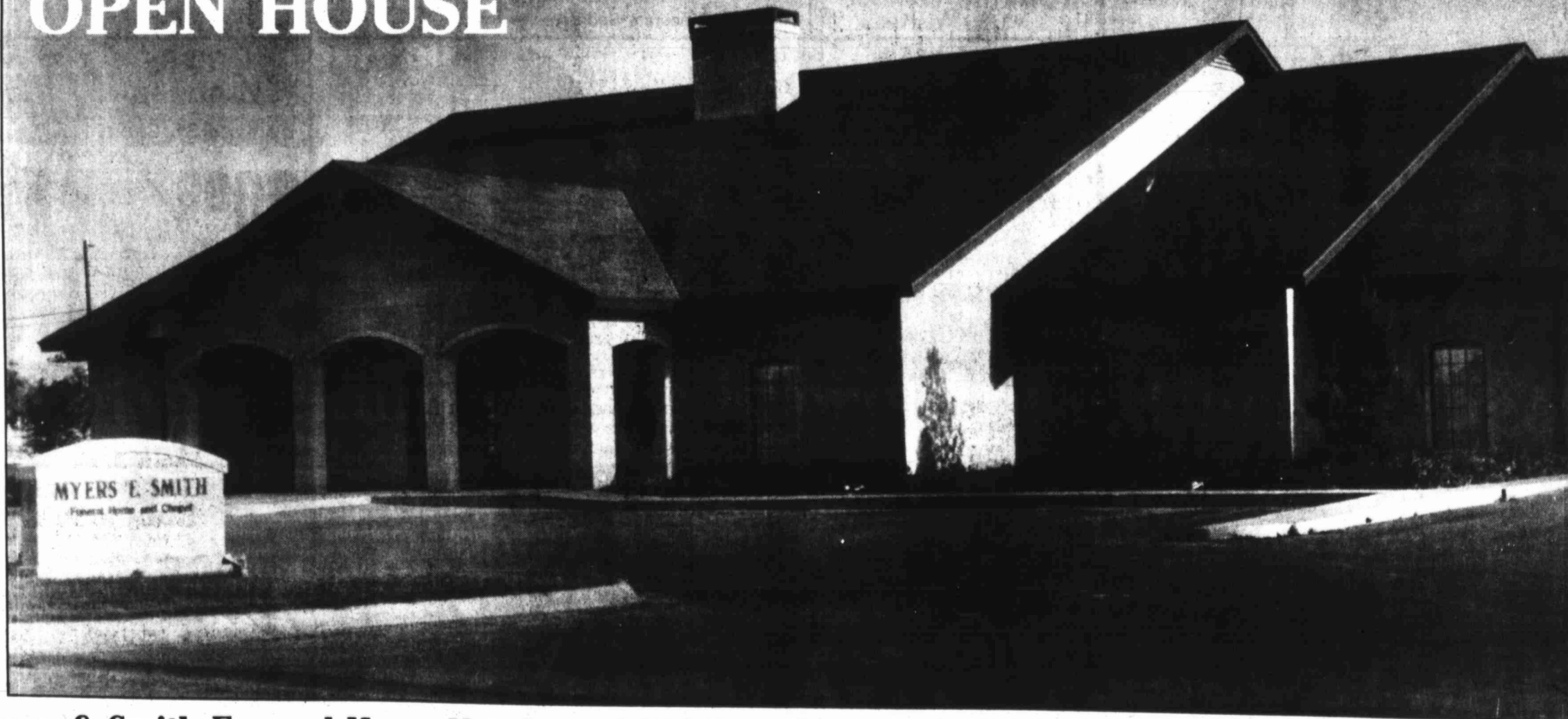
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Big Spring Evening Lions Club President Bob Noyes, left, congratulates Quintinn Stewart for

winning an art contest sponsored by the organization.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Student wins local art competition

Quintinn Stewart, an eighth grade student at Runnels Junior High School, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

Stewart's poster is among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the third annual Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest, according to a news release.

Out of all the posters created by Runnels Junior High School students, Stewart's entry best portrayed the contest's theme "People at Peace," the release stated.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club

President Bob Noyes said he was pleased with all the work the Runnels students put into the project, which was under the guidance of art teacher Becky Smiley.

"From looking at the entries, it was obvious all the students really gave the matter a lot of thought," Noyes said.

Stewart's poster now advances to round two, the district competition in Midland, where his entry will compete against entries from many other schools in the area, according to the release.

Stewart, the son of Howard and Vicki Stewart, will face stiff competition through the district round and in three additional rounds of international competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner, Noyes said.

Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to underscore the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Ultimately, one grand prize winner will be selected from 24 international finalists. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$1,500, plus an all-expense paid trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at the United Nations in March.

As Merit Award winners, the remaining 23 finalists each will receive certificates and a cash award of \$250.

"We all know Stewart has a long way to go, but we're all cheering for him," said Al Valdes, contest chairman.

Dress stresses bride-elect

DEAR ABBY: I'm planning my wedding and need to know how to handle a touchy problem. My mother has selected a beautiful royal blue street-length dress.

My fiancé's mother says she is wearing either a floor-length dress or a pantsuit! (She's had polio and she wears leg braces.)

I asked her if, just for that one day, could she please make an exception and wear a street-length dress like my mother is wearing, and she said, "Sorry, I'd rather not." I even offered to rent a wheelchair, so she could wear a nice dress and not use the leg braces, and she still refused.

Abby, it is just one day in her life — surely she could bend a little. The pictures will be important to us for a long time, and the impression the wedding party gives is important to me. My mother is very upset.

Please let me know what you think, as my future mother-in-law values your opinion highly. — TORONTO BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: You and your mother should "bend a little" and rearrange your priorities if you want your wedding to be a stress-

Dear Abby



free, convivial occasion. Apologize to your fiancé's mother for having hassled her to wear a street-length dress instead of a floor-length dress or a pantsuit to cover her leg braces. Your wedding pictures will be no less cherished if she wears whatever she feels comfortable in. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know a soul in the Saudi desert, but I wanted to help the military a bit with morale. I made a "cookie coupon" stating it was good for one box of homemade chocolate chip cookies; please fill in name and address and return to (my address). I mailed it to Any Servicemember to an APO in New York. So far, I've had one response from a Marine. (I sent out six coupons.) Abby, I'd like to share a good

way to package cookies to go overseas.

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4. A layer of cookies.

5. More waxed paper, popcorn, cookies, etc. until the box is filled.

This is the way my mom sent cookies overseas during World War II. — SARAH IN WHITTIER, CALIF.

DEAR SARAH: Thanks for the helpful tips. Everybody loves cookies, and our men and women serving far from home in all corners of the world will eat them up. Readers, head for your kitchens!

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a married man who has been married for 16 years and goes with a married woman for nine years and then drops her and goes with a girl for five years? Then, when his wife dies, he goes with another married woman for seven years? — CURIOUS

DEAR CURIOUS: I think he must be a very old man by now.

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Toastmaster of the day was Reeves Moren. Table topics were led by Dene Sheppard, and the word of the day was "introspect," meaning "to look within."

Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, which was "to describe your greatest assets." Best table topic speaker was Reeves Moren. Bill Frey was voted best speaker. His speech was titled "The Other Alamo." Best evaluator was Donna Jackson.

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Religion

Don't count him out Ill preacher helping others deal with mortality

By RODGER MALLISON
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — This may be Willie Bryant's last holiday season. If it is, he will be very much missed at those rambling affairs where there is lots of extended family, too much food and just enough laughter.

But don't count him out. In his 77 years he's survived the explosion of an artillery shell in World War II — he suffered nerve damage. He has lived through a major automobile wreck, three strokes and four heart attacks. Doctors have removed the top lobe of his left lung and treated the rest with radiation.

His nurse, Prince Judie of the Family Services hospice program, calls him her "miracle." But cancer is a tenacious foe and — one of these days — it will win. But it will be a hollow victory. The flesh may be weak but the spirit is willing.

At age 9, Bryant became a preacher of the gospel. He was ordained by his church at 10 and later earned a doctor of theology degree from Bishop College.

He says his calling to the ministry came from the Bible. "In the Bible it tells you a man that desires the office of a bishop desires a good office," he says.

"I just love the church," he continues as he is perched on the hospital bed in his room. "Anyway that I can help people I try to. I've been in the ministry about all my life. I love being around people, helping people. If I can't help you I'll just let you alone. I just think we ought to be like that."

It was 32 years ago, while he was pastor of a small church in



FORT WORTH — Willie Bryant, 77, a retired minister, sits on a hospital bed in his room in

Fort Worth recently and discusses his life and times.

Muleshoe in West Texas, that he met his wife, Bertha. They raised 12 children and have outlived two of them. They have 28 grand-

children and five great-grandchildren and don't put them on the spot by asking all their names.

Over the years, Bryant has pastored churches but mostly he was an evangelist. He filled in for other ministers and preached at

revivals.

"I used to sing... they say I had a good voice," he says. Among his favorite hymns are "The Old Rugged Cross," and "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

To make ends meet, he worked at funeral homes as a driver, minister or doing whatever needed to be done. "I just like it," he says, "you get to help people."

Bryant retired from preaching a couple of years ago when he had his lung surgery. He managed to sneak in a sermon this summer when his nurse wasn't looking. She warns him against such things. It takes too much breath.

But, sitting in the quiet of his bedroom, he can still preach about Lazarus the beggar and the rich man. He remembers chapter and verse. He recalls the entire conversation between hell and heaven.

But the memory of other things sometimes fails him. In frustration he pounds the arm of the couch where he sits when he can't remember the past or can't say something. It's worn threadbare.

Bryant says he has helped a lot of people deal with their own mortality. "Sometimes there isn't much anybody can talk about," he says. "Sometimes I can give them a scripture that could help."

And now, he is facing his own mortality. He knows he's going home soon. "I don't know when or where, but I know it will be. I do believe in a hereafter," he says. He doesn't know just what it will be like, but "I don't think there will be any crying."

Church briefs

Unity House joins Peace Initiative

Unity House of Prayer joins with Peace Initiative in placing a light in the window at sunset each evening to remind us to open our hearts and minds to peace, according to a news release.

Peace Initiative is a non-profit organization. A free brochure and additional information can be obtained by writing 4180 Glenwick, Dallas, Texas 75205, or by calling 214-528-LOVE.

Salazar to appear in concert Saturday

Contemporary gospel singer Rue Salazar will be in concert Saturday at the Church of God of Prophecy, 15th Street and Dixie, at 7:30 p.m.

Salazar has worked with Phil Driscoll, Carman, Dion, Janny Grein, Mike Deasy, Cheryl Ingram and Tony Melendez, according to a news release. He has appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, and the Christian Television Network.

God has called him to sing and preach, spreading the good news, and encouraging the body of Christ, the release stated. Salazar also challenges youth to treasure their personal relationship with God and their family.

The public is invited to attend this free concert.

Sing-along set for Saturday

A "Messiah" Sing-Along, sponsored by the Downtown Association of Churches, will be conducted Sunday at First United Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

Music will be provided by a 36-piece orchestra, and Keith Ross will play the organ, said Gil Oxendine, conductor.

Soloists are Joyce Bradley, soprano; Kristy Hayes, alto; Joe Whitten, tenor; and Don McCartney, bass.

"We will be singing the Christmas section of the Messiah... The audience will form the chorus," Oxendine explained.

Oxendine urges everyone attending to bring their copy of the Messiah. If you need to borrow a book, copies will be available at the church.

"As far as we know this is the first time this has ever been done in Big Spring. We invite everyone to this big community event," he said.

Thousands flock to see 'miracle'

COLFAX, Calif. (AP) — Hordes of Roman Catholic faithful are flocking to see an image on the wall of a church in California that many believe depicts the Virgin Mary.

"I think it's a miracle," said Marie Cammarota, 60, of Sacramento after filing through St. Dominic's Church on Thursday.

She waited with about 5,000 others in a line that extended a quarter-mile at its peak and turned the chief of the small police force into a traffic cop. Competition for parking in the Sierra Nevada town of 1,000 was fierce. A Christmas tree lot next door charged \$5 per car.

Church representatives said a few people slept overnight in the church parking lot to be near the front of the line that begins taking shape more than two hours before the hourlong appearance of the image, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Some visitors took the day off from work and parents kept their children out of school to witness the image.

Church leaders warning against military offensive

including top Episcopal, Lutheran, Orthodox, American Baptist, Presbyterian, Reformed, United Church and National Council of Churches officers, said they want justice done in the area.

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"We believe that resorting to war to force a solution on the issue,"

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Church briefs

Jewish customs being revived

NEW YORK (AP) — Traditional customs and ceremonies are being revived in Reform Judaism that had once largely abandoned them, a survey found.

A commission for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its rabbinical organization, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, reported these findings:

- Yarmulkes (skullcaps) are provided at 59 percent of the congregations.

- Nearly all the reporting congregations kindle the Sabbath candles before Friday evening services.

- Blessings are recited before and after reading from the Torah (Biblical books) at Sabbath morning services at 87 percent of the congregations, and more than half report marching with the Torah held aloft.

- Like Orthodox and Conservative congregations, two days of Rosh Hashana are observed by 35 percent of the Reform congregations.

Rabbi Sanford Seltzer, director of the survey commission, said the trend "is not a return to Orthodoxy, but rather the expressions of a post-Holocaust generation of Reform Jews seeking new dimensions of spirituality."

Brethren urge troop withdrawal

RIFTON, N.Y. (AP) — The Unitarian Brethren, a small, communally sharing branch of Christians, urges that all troops be withdrawn from "explosive confrontation" in the Middle East.

In an appeal sent to national and United Nations leaders, the church said: "We plead with you, our beloved leaders, to consider the incalculable suffering and loss of life which would result from an armed conflict."

Stewards of God's creation

DALLAS (AP) — The pastor of the Wilshire Baptist Church, whose congregation is carrying out environmental protection measures, says it decided it didn't want such efforts "to be co-opted by the secular or religious left."

The Rev. George Mason added, "Our church is doing what it is doing not because we worship Mother Nature but because we are stewards of God's creation."

New book discusses historic image of God

BY DOUG WONG

Waco Tribune Herald
WACO — When Jann Clanton was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982, she began to question the use of male pronouns in reference to God.

Those questions led her to study the historic image of God in Christianity. Clanton puts her findings in her newly released book, "In Whose Image? God and Gender."

"The thesis of the book comes from Genesis 1:27, that all are created in God's image, both male and female are created in God's image," Clanton said. "So if male and female are in God's image, well then God's image must include something of the female as well as the male."

"I try to show how the biblical material in both the old and new testament shows a God above gender, an unlimited God, but a God with both masculine and feminine images," she said. "I also try to show how Christian historians have also included the feminine in their image of God. They have not been able to get away from that. To me, that is a sign of a fuller God continuing to break through history."

It took Clanton four years to write her book and have it published. Crossroads Publishing Company is distributing the book nationwide, and several local bookstores will soon have it on their shelves, she said.

Although giving God human characteristics makes him a more tangible figure, Clanton said, it also limits God. She said viewing God with both male and female qualities may provide a better understanding of what God really is.

"Ultimately this will help us get to a transcendent, unlimited idea of God," she said. "I think we can go more easily from an androgynous view of God to a spirit image of God than from a masculine to a spirit image."

The issue of viewing God with



WACO — Jann Clanton holds her new book, titled "In Whose Image? In it, Clanton explores the use of inclusive language in the worship of God.

both female and male qualities came to a head recently with the release of the New Revised Standard Bible. The NRS Bible uses inclusive language; that is it refers to God as a parent rather than father, and the translators tried to remove any reference to gender whenever possible.

However, Clanton said, searching for the androgynous God is nothing new.

"Way back in the Middle Ages, this fuller concept of God was breaking through," Clanton said. "There was a male theologian, St. Anselm of Canterbury, who talked about God as our mother and Jesus as our mother: 'You also, Jesus, good Lord, are you not also

mother? Are you not mother who are as a hen who gathers her chicks under her own wings?' He was going from the biblical passage in Matthew where Christ compares himself to a mother hen and using that image fully.

"There were a lot of theologians throughout history. For instance in the reformation, Luther and Calvin both talked about the mother aspects of God. It's not a recent thing at all. I think there is more attention given to it recently because there are a lot of female theologians and male theologians that have seen the importance of this."

Since society is changing, and the media and literature use inclusive language on a more frequent basis, Clanton said, the church also must begin using inclusive language or be viewed as archaic.

"Men and women must stand equally before God in the ministry and society," she said. "I see a lot of positive changes that can come by an unlimited theology that then will empower both women and men in the church."

Viewing God with feminine qualities gives the Lord a birthing, life-giving, creating type of image, both in the old and new testaments, she said.

"That can be a very powerful, motivating force for religious people to save creation," she said. "If we believe God is the creator of this world, and we are stewards of creation and if we can incorporate the feminine into that too, not only does that empower women, but also gives some legitimacy to things that have often been called feminine issues for men."

"In addition, being able to see an androgynous and a transcendent God will help us claim androgyny among ourselves. Being in an image of God means that being of one gender, we still have characteristics of both and we can become whole people as we incorporate those characteristics."

But they bridle at talk of a military offensive. Expressing fear the crisis "is leading our nation steadily toward war," heads of most of the country's main Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches last week declared, "We are convinced that war as a means of settling international disputes is in conflict with the teachings of our faith."

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By GEORGE W. CORNELL

AP Religion Writer
In times like these, a trenchant, old question gnaws at consciences: When should nations go to war, and for what?

That is the moral issue troubling the nation's churches, and most are saying: No, not now. Not yet. Wait. Have patience. Seek talks. Negotiate. Pursue every just avenue to avoid the inevitable horrors of war.

That burning, apprehensive note echoed through statements of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox church leaders as the

United States, backed by the United Nations, authorized the use of force against Iraq if that nation does not withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15.

The decision, coming just a few days after the invasion of Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

In that period, most churches strongly condemned the aggression, the abuse of civilians and tak-

ing of hostages, supporting the international embargo against Iraq, and the moves by the United States and others to defend Saudi Arabia.

Mainly, church voices still hold those positions, but now indicate alarm at potential offensive tactics against Iraq.

They want the United Nations to take a principal role, and remain hopeful that steady international pressure will bring a peaceful solu-

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Church celebrates reunion, centennial

By SAMUEL ADAMS
Waco Tribune Herald

WACO — Once a year, a vacant church near the Bosque-McLennan county line comes to life with singing and sermons as former members and their friends remember their spiritual heritage.

The Rock Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church holds its annual homecoming the first Sunday of November to remember its past. This year it also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the church building's construction.

About 75 people packed the pews of the old church for the recent commemorative service. Many sermons and testimonies focused on the church's heritage and the effort to restore it.

"Everybody's talking about knowing who you are," said Bertha Sadler Means, whose grandfather founded the congregation.

"To know where you are going, you've got to know something about your heritage to be proud of who you are," she said. "That's

"To know where you are going, you've got to know something about your heritage to be proud of who you are. That's why every homecoming gives me much more inspiration to live."

Bertha Sadler

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Known as the church in "The Colony," the church and community are noted on a historical marker put up in 1971 that sits next to Farm Road 1637. The marker says James B. Sadler and other area settlers built the present church in 1890.

Sadler, a former slave, moved to Bosque County and later founded the community in 1878 on 544 acres of land he bought for \$500.

The church he helped build was the birthplace of the Brazos River Presbytery, the governing body of several of the denomination's Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in cities across Texas.

The presbytery, which has since moved to Dallas, closed the church in 1981 because all but one member of the community, Charlie Mae Wright, had moved away.

Ms. Wright said seeing so many people come to Sunday's service "made her heart glad."

As the last community member — "Mayor and police all in one" — as one person noted — Ms. Wright makes sure the church and cemetery behind it are maintained throughout the year. She lives across the highway from the building.

Mrs. Means, the granddaughter of church builder "Grandpa Jim Sadler," asked several former

members of the church to form the Rock Springs Preservation Committee after the church closed.

The committee is raising funds to restore the church to its original state.

"Hopefully by next year with the money you have given, we can finish the interior and steeple," Mrs. Means told the congregation.

The Rev. DeShong Smith, moderator emeritus of the Brazos River Presbytery, said the Rock Springs committee should serve as a model for others at old churches.

"I want them to keep going. I certainly do," he said, "because this is the heart and root of Brazos River Presbytery."

During the service, the Rev. Arthur King read from the Old Testament book of Haggai, which concerned the rebuilding of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem.

After the service, "homecomers" stood and swapped stories about the church.

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U.S. forces in the region and also urged they be prepared to those needed by the United Nations.

The United States "increasingly prepares for war, a war that could lead to the loss of tens of thousands of lives and the devastation of the region," the council's governing board said at a mid-November meeting in Portland, Ore.

"In the face of such reckless and imprudent behavior ... we have a moral responsibility publicly and unequivocally to oppose actions that could have such dire consequences," the church representatives added.

In Cleveland, the Rev. Paul H. Sherry, president of the United Church of Christ, sent a letter to Bush, saying:

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U.S. forces in the region and also urged they be prepared to those needed by the United Nations.

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Rafsanjani: Men and women should get together more often

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Eleven years after the Islamic revolution forced women under veils and banned social contact between the sexes, President Hashemi Rafsanjani is championing a freer attitude toward sex and social interaction. "We imagine that it is good if we suppress ourselves, endure frustrations and be patient in our sexual desires. This is incorrect. If it is wrong," Rafsanjani said last week at Friday Prayers, an important forum for political statements. "God has created certain needs in the human being, and he does not

want them left unanswered," he said, addressing thousands of worshippers at Tehran University and millions of his countrymen listening on radio. The efforts are part of a broad political and social liberalization Rafsanjani has pressed, despite sharp opposition, since Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died in June 1989. Rafsanjani's moves have ranged from such major policy steps as encouraging private businesses and expanding ties with Western countries to permitting more contem-

porary music and even making television more lively. "Why is it improper for a lady to marry twice in her lifetime? Or to have a temporary relationship — a temporary marriage — with someone else?" Rafsanjani said in his sermon. "Sigheh" or temporary marriage, according to Shiite Islam — the branch of Islam in Iran — can be verbally contracted between two consenting adults. They take a temporary "vow" before engaging in sex. Attempting to make the idea of

"sigheh" as loose as possible, Rafsanjani said in his sermon that "some people imagine that for a temporary marriage we have to find a turbaned man (cleric)," Rafsanjani said. "None of this is necessary," he said. "They can make a contract for themselves, if they want to be together for a month or two." It wasn't clear whether Rafsanjani's comments Friday would quickly lead to a liberalization of popular attitudes toward sex. Social and moral codes are often interpreted differently from city to

city, and some religious and government leaders still hew to Khomeini's ascetic line. Under Khomeini, Iran's 55 million people endured a rigidly enforced Islamic social and religious code that outlawed even pre-teen boys and girls from sitting together in classrooms. In many places, the all-pervasive neighborhood Komitehs, or revolutionary committees, still swoop down on women who defy the dress code that decrees they must always wear a head-to-toe robe. Armed, uniformed Komiteh

militants still raid parties where both sexes are allowed to mingle. Rafsanjani's sermon drew wide attention. "He is calling for men and women to mingle in public, to eat together in restaurants, to walk around in the parks, to be normal," said a university professor in Tehran who spoke on condition of anonymity. "In my opinion, this temporary marriage thing is to wrap these relationships in an Islamic cloak to silence opponents," the professor said.



Consumers crowd

HALLE, Germany — Thousands of citizens from Halle, eastern Germany, crowd the street and entrance to the Woolworth department store that

opened Thursday. It is the first Woolworth store in the former Communist East German area.

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Greece plans to sell yacht

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The government plans to sell the luxury yacht that shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis donated to it in his will, a magazine reported Thursday. The 325-foot yacht once hosted royalty, heads of state and leading jet-set personalities. Onassis also used it as the base of his shipping operations. Opera singer Maria Callas, once romantically involved with Onassis, had her own suite on the yacht. And Jacqueline Kennedy, who later married Onassis, was another frequent guest. Onassis died in 1975. He stipulated in his will that if his daughter Christina did not want the yacht — named after her — it should go to the Greek government. Christina Onassis died in 1988.

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ed workaholicism of Japanese white-collar salarymen takes its toll: Many dread and fear their jobs. "These people with no interest in their job and relationship seem to drag themselves to work every day," the survey researchers concluded. The poll revealed a strong fear of

"karoshi" — death from overwork. Researchers have said the number of such deaths among married Japanese businessmen is growing at an alarming rate. Dr. Kiyoyasu Arikawa, who advises executives how to reduce their risk, said the number of karoshi grew from 10 in 1969 to about 150 in 1987.

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Feature attraction

SAUDI ARABIA — Chief Warrant Officer 2 Randall Anderson, Swainsboro, Ga., wears a Christmas outfit sent to him by his wife while taping a holiday greeting for his family at "Desert World," a Marine Corps recreation center in Saudia Arabia.

165 U.N. employees missing or detained

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — One day in 1979, Bismillah Kamkai was taken from his U.N. Development Program office in Kabul, Afghanistan, under armed guard. He was never heard from again.

Belay Melake, an Ethiopian statistician working for a U.N. economic agency in Addis Ababa, disappeared more than 11 years ago. His colleagues believe his government tortured and killed him.

British journalist Alec Collett was abducted south of Beirut in 1985 while on assignment for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which aids Palestinian refugees. In 1986, his kidnappers claimed to have killed him in retaliation for the U.S. air raid on Libya, but no body was found.

U.N. staff members say 10 of their colleagues have been killed, including Kamkai and Melake. Collett is among 165 listed as missing or detained around the world.

Ninety-nine of those detained are Arab relief workers held by Israeli authorities in the occupied Gaza Strip or West Bank, according to the U.N. employee union.

Much attention has focused on Western hostages in the Middle East, but little has been paid to the scores of detained U.N. employees. Most are low-level employees of relief and development agencies who are citizens of the countries where they work.

"These people are working for the world community and it's surprising that there's not more compassion," said Lori Berliner, who for a decade has led a committee of international civil servants pressing for the release of those detained. "We worry about staff being forgotten."

About 20 governments or organizations have been accused of killing U.N. employees or detaining them illegally. Flanders described Ethiopia as one of the most serious offenders because of reports the government has tortured and killed prisoners.

Bacteria sales to Iraq could hurt U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Commerce Department approved more than 20 shipments of bacteria and other biological agents in recent years to Iraq and Syria, a congressional lawyer says.

U.S. experts said that while the agents could be intended for medical purposes, they also could be used to develop biological weapons. Both countries are believed to be developing such lethal arsenals.

As a result of the shipments, Iraq could end up using U.S.-supplied goods against American soldiers if war breaks out in the Persian Gulf, said Ted Jacobs, chief counsel of the House subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs.

American troops routinely don special anti-gas suits as part of their readiness drills and carry antidotes to counter poison gas.

Jacobs said he has obtained information showing that the Commerce Department has approved about half of the license applications for shipments to the Atomic Energy Commissions of Iraq and Syria over the last three years.

The Bush administration has indicated growing concern about Iraq's dangerous chemical and biological weapons since U.S. troops moved into the gulf region in August to try to force Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait.

to create a stronger, lethal strain. The recipient of the biological agents in Damascus was also the Atomic Energy Commission, said Jacobs.

Jacobs said the Syrian commission also was sold a U.S. oscilloscope. The device is used to measure electric impulses, and a high-speed version is vital in the development of ballistic missiles and other weapons.

A California-based company, Techtronics, has said it sold an oscilloscope to Iraq last year, but Jacobs said he did not know whether it also sold the device to Syria.

Germans asked to share with Soviet soldiers

BERLIN (AP) — Eastern Germans are being asked to invite Soviet soldiers into their homes for Christmas.

A group called the German Society has appealed to local Germans to share their holidays "to show a bit of human politics from people to people," the ADN news agency said Tuesday.

About 360,000 Soviet soldiers are stationed in the lands that once were East Germany. The German government has promised massive aid in the next four years to help return them to the Soviet Union, where housing is in short supply.

The German Society was founded in January with the goal of bettering cultural and economic relations between then-East and West Germany.

Among the group's curators are former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, and Eberhard Diepgen.



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Speedy Clauses

WUERZBURG, Germany — To be in time for St. Claus Eve, these Clauses were seen speeding by means of a motor scooter Wednesday. Children in Germany take their shoes outside, hoping to get them filled with sweets.

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• The Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Anyone interested in model aircraft is welcome. For more information call 267-3915.

• "Love From Home", a support group for our troops in the Mideast, is sponsoring a bake sale beginning at noon at Wal-Mart. All proceeds go to the purchase and shipping of items for the troops.

SATURDAY

• "Love From Home", a support group for our troops in the Mideast, is sponsoring a bake sale beginning at 10 a.m. at Wal-Mart. Featured will be Santa, a clown and a raffle. All proceeds go to the purchase and shipping of items for the troops.

• The Humane Society is sponsoring a rummage sale from 1 to 4 p.m. at W. 4th and Galveston.

• There will be an open house at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from noon to 6 p.m.

Hutchison

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said in November, but there could be improvements in fiscal management.

Hutchison, the first Republican ever elected as state treasurer, said her predecessor, Governor-Elect Ann Richards, has given her a tour of the office and she does not anticipate many staff changes.

"I'm not going to make people changes except for the people that Ann Richards is taking with her," she said. "The transition is going very well."

Police beat

Police arrested three Howard College dorm residents Thursday in connection with the robbery of a pizza delivery man Sunday. Corey Darnell Hayes, 18, Darnell Lamar Smith, 19, and Derek Jerome Cotton, 19, all of the Howard College Men's Residence Hall, were arrested on a robbery warrant issued by Justice of the Peace China Long.

Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cotton, of St. Louis, Mo., are listed on the 1990-91 team roster for the Howard College baseball program. Hayes, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is named as drafted by the New York Yankees.

College baseball coach Bill Griffin said today that the three men had been removed from the team prior to the recent incident.

"They were removed for conduct not in the best interest of our baseball team," he said. "They were taken off the team, and their scholarships removed. They have been responsible for their own financial obligations."

Griffin noted that he does not have the authority to expel the men from the college. They are being held on bonds of \$30,000 each.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following additional incidents:

• The theft of a Seiko wristwatch was reported in the 800 block of Lancaster Street. The watch was valued at \$180.

• An air-powered "Pneu-knife" was reported stolen from the 500 block of East Second Street. Its value was listed as \$160.

• Hubcaps valued at \$160 were reported taken from a vehicle in the 1300 block of Utah Road.

• Mike Gene Anderson, 29, 3708 Hamilton Avenue, was arrested on a revocation of probation warrant.

• Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 600 block of 120. Paint damage was estimated at \$600 value.

• Duane Anthony Smith, 18, 1101 South Lancaster Street, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Filipinos are buying early to beat inflation

"If I wait, my budget will get me only half as much. They're trying to take the food right out of our mouths."

Rosalinda Mundo
Filipino housewife

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Filipinos are stocking up on necessities in anticipation that oil prices driven up sharply by the Persian Gulf crisis and government subsidy cuts will spark inflation across the board.

The government of President Corason Aquino this week ordered a 30 percent increase of the gas price to \$2.81 a gallon. Other fuel prices also increased, by an average of 45 percent.

The increases announced Wednesday and Thursday are expected to double the cost of public transport and lead to sharply higher prices for food, electricity and other essentials.

It now costs more to fill the tank of a mid-sized car than a public school teacher earns in a week.

Thousands of shoppers jammed Manila supermarkets following the

fuel hikes to stock up on canned goods, cooking oil and other basic supplies before prices on those items go up.

Spot checks of several markets showed prices for fish, chicken, and pork had increased about 7 percent since the fuel price hike.

Sen. Orlando Mercado, chairman of the Senate commerce committee, called the increases "an act of national suicide" and joined Sen. Ernesto Maceda and opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile in calling for Mrs. Aquino to resign.

Communist rebels threatened to

bomb gas stations that increase their gas prices in the city of Cagayan de Oro, 500 miles south of Manila.

About 4,000 students of the Bukidnon State College, southeast of Cagayan, staged a one day walk-out to protest the new prices.

The government said the fuel price increase was brought on by higher crude oil prices since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August. The Philippines imports most of its crude oil.

World oil prices have fallen since the invasion. But the government

has subsidized the oil products it refines for years, and the price increase was also due to measures included in an austerity program pushed by the International Monetary Fund.

Stunned by the increases, dozens of angry Filipinos have been telephoning call-in shows on Manila radio stations to vent their anger.

"Cory Aquino is like a doll — a puppet of her advisers," caller Loy Trinidad told radio station DZRH.

One supermarket shopper, Ria Teves, said she had to wrestle a

can of cooking oil away from a clerk who tried to remove it from her shopping cart to mark a higher price.

At another supermarket, housewife Rosalinda Mundo said she had planned to do the monthly shopping next week but changed her mind after fuel prices were increased.

"If I wait, my budget will get me only half as much," she said. "They're trying to take the food right out of our mouths."

Taxi driver Exquiel Valenzuela was refusing to pick up passengers unless they agreed in advance to pay more than the metered fare. He said drivers could not earn enough money to buy gasoline.

"The government has dug our graves for us and is just waiting for us to jump in," said Valenzuela, a father of four.



Herald photo by Perry Hall

Two vehicle accident

Big Spring police and fire units responded to a major accident near the intersection of Sycamore and Settles streets about 8 a.m. today. Jean Cisar, a passenger in the pickup, foreground, which struck a Cadillac at the intersection, had to be extricated from the wreckage by the Hydraulic Rescue Tool, similar to the Jaws of Life. She was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment of possible neck and back injuries. A hospital official said she was in stable condition. Robert Steven Cisar was cited in the incident for failure to yield right of way. The Cadillac, background, reportedly came to rest in the front yard at 1211 Sycamore Street.

Texas may fare better than nation in 1991

DENTON (AP) — The Texas economy will be better than the nation's next year for the first time since the early '80s, two University of North Texas economists say.

"Texas is going to outperform the country next year, which isn't saying much," Bernard Weinstein, of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the university, said Thursday.

Economists have said for several weeks the nation is near recession, officially defined as six months of decline in the inflation-adjusted gross national product.

The state will feel the recession through fewer new jobs, Weinstein and his colleague, Harold Gross, predict in a new study.

Job growth in Texas will decline from about 1.5 percent this year to 1 percent in 1991.

About one-third of all new employment in the state next year will be in Houston, Weinstein said.

"Houston has been leading the state out of the wilderness just as Houston led the state into the depths of depression," he said.

Houston jobs will continue growing the most, at about 1.6 percent compared to 3 percent this year,

the North Texas study said.

New jobs in Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin will occur at a rate of .5 percent. Dallas-Fort Worth jobs grew at a 2 percent rate this year and Austin jobs grew at 1.25 percent.

San Antonio, which had a .5 percent rate this year, will show virtually no job growth in 1991, the economists said.

The job picture for Houston is "amazing" because of the slump it went through in the mid-1980s, Weinstein said.

Houston lost 212,000 jobs between 1982 and 1986, but has recovered 170,000 since then. "It's a dramatic recovery and says a lot about the vitality of the area," he said.

Houston's economy has benefited the most of any in Texas from higher oil prices driven by the Persian Gulf crisis, Weinstein said. It will still prosper when the prices fall after the Middle East tensions ease, he said.

Weinstein and Gross predict oil prices will settle at between \$22 and \$25 per barrel when the Persian Gulf crisis is resolved. "That's going to be good for Texas and help

insulate us from vicissitudes of the national recession," Weinstein said.

A hint occurred Thursday of the likely decline in oil prices that resolution of the crisis would bring. West Texas Intermediate fell 90 cents to \$26.40 a barrel after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said foreigners held hostage in Iraq and occupied Kuwait could go home.

Energy extraction was flat in Texas during October and November, the Federal Reserve Bank reported earlier this week. Producers haven't increased drilling because of fears they'd lose money if prices fell.

Economic activity across the country was either declining or grew slowly last month, according to the Fed survey. Business conditions in late November "on balance display a weaker pattern" than a similar survey conducted in mid-October, the Fed said.

The survey showed the Texas economy was stagnant. Manufacturing declines were offset by growth in the service sector and slight growth in retail and auto sales, the survey said.

Perry

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Texas, is busy reviewing the staff, programs and is actively seeking funding.

"Obviously there's going to be some personnel changes and with those changes a philosophy change," he said. "What I hope people see right off the bat is an attitude change."

He said he is actively making contacts and met with U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter last week. He said he would be glad to participate in a USDA crop inspection program dropped by Hightower earlier this year in a dispute over how much funding the TDA was receiving.

Perry said he is also trying to retrieve funds for a fire ant program nixed by the TDA and is working to boost the state's economy by adding more value-

added agricultural processing to the state, including a tannery Texas Tech in Lubbock is working on.

Agricultural processing in Texas is almost limitless, he said, and mentioned possibilities with mohair, cotton, cashmere, fruits, vegetables and even horticulture. "I think we have a unique opportunity," he said. Perry said in October that he can do better than Hightower's claim to have added \$12 million a year in the past eight years to the \$80 billion a year agriculture industry.

Perry, who switched to the Republican Party last year, became the first Republican ever elected to that office when he narrowly defeated two-time Democratic incumbent Hightower in the November election 1,848,770 to 1,801,200.

Mideast

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had a message for Saddam: It's great the hostages may be home for Christmas but the soldiers are not prepared to go home until Kuwait is free.

The U.N. Security Council may meet today to discuss a U.N. draft resolution that approves a world conference on the Palestinian problem.

The draft resolution has already been approved in principle by the permanent five Security Council

members — the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. Ambassadors were discussing language Thursday.

The timing of the resolution promised to complicate U.S.-Israeli relations with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir arriving in the United States today. He was to meet Bush on Tuesday.

It marks the first time that the United States has let the council consider language considering an initiative for a peace conference.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:

• Diesel fuel, shovels, rod elevators and tubing elevators were stolen from a working oil rig on Rockhouse Road sometime Wednesday night. The equipment was in use when removed, stated a report which did not specify how much the stolen equipment is worth. There were tennis shoe, boot heel and tire tracks at the scene.

• Troy William Mauldin, 19, 1312 Tucson Road, arrested for revocation of a probation for possession of a controlled substance, was released on modified conditions of probation.

• Carlos Cervantes, 20, PO Box 99, Coahoma, was arrested and charged with assault and reckless driving. He was released on two \$200 bonds.

Oil/markets

January crude oil \$26.50, up 10, and March cotton futures 74.35 cents a pound, up 50; cash hog today was 75 cents higher at 48.75; slaughter steers steady at 81 cents even; December live hog futures 49.50, up 50; December live cattle futures 79.70, up 42 at 10:38 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Sidelines

Hawks outfly Thunderbirds

HOBBS, N.M. — The Howard College Hawks go into the Christmas break with a perfect mark, capping it off with a 104-91 win over the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds Thursday night.

Sophomore forward Johnny McDowell paced the Howard attack with 34 points. Sophomore guard Harvey Petty followed with 25 points, including three three-pointers.

"We played real good in the first half, we busted the game open, we had leads up to 21 points," said Howard coach Steve Green. "Johnny McDowell played an outstanding game. Inside we pretty well dominated."

Howard is 17-0 overall and 3-0 in league play. The Hawks won't play until Jan. 10 when they host Odessa College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HOWARD (104) — Harvey Petty 7 8 25; Johnny McDowell 13 8 34; Vernon Broughton 6 5 17; Cecil Pittman 5 1 11; Antonio Valiente 5 0 13; Gregg Jeffery 1 0 2; Eddie Sheppard 1 0 2; totals 32 22-37 104.

NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE (91) — Will Scott 9 5 24; James Inman 7 1 15; Greg Brown 7 1 17; Craig Delaney 1 0 2; Pete Lewis 2 0 5; Chris Bearden 2 4 8; Byron Williams 4 0 12; Ara Baten 2 2 2; totals 37 13-19 91.

HALFTIME — Howard 62, NMJC 43.

CONFERENCE	
Howard	3-0
South Plains	3-0
Frank Phillips	2-1
Odessa	1-1
Midland	1-1
Western Texas	1-2
NMJC	1-2
NMJC	0-2
Clarendon	0-3

Thursday
Howard 104, NMJC 91; South Plains 107, Western Texas 92; Frank Phillips 82, Midland 75; NMJC 73, Clarendon 70.

Lady Hawks remain perfect

HOBBS, N.M. — The Howard College Lady Hawks took a 17-point halftime lead and cruised to a 81-69 conference win over New Mexico Junior College Thursday.

The Lady Hawks led by as many as 24 points in the second half before Howard coach Royce Chadwick emptied his bench. Howard, ranked No. 4 in the nation, moves its conference mark to 3-0 and overall mark to 14-0.

Sophomore guard Cindy Williams led Howard with 20 points, followed by sophomore post player Mulu Tosi with 16.

The Lady Hawks will play Jan. 3-5 in the Blinn tournament.

HOWARD (81) — Julie Lempea 1 0 2; Kim Robinson 3 2 8; Rebecca Brown 1 0 2; Kathy Mangram 0 3 3; Desiree Wallace 4 1 9; LeAnn Heinrich 1 0 2; Lisa Moore 2 0 4; Yolanda Wells 5 5 15; Cindy Williams 10 9 20; Mulu Tosi 7 2 16; totals 34 13-29 81.

NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE (69) — Sondra Williams 4 4 14; Stacy Williams 4 0 8; Felder 1 0 2; LeRoy 3 2 8; Severson 4 4 16; Johnson 1 2 4; McCrimmon 9 1 19; totals 28 13-17 69.

HALFTIME — Howard 41, New Mexico Junior College 24.

CONFERENCE	
Howard	3-0
South Plains	3-0
Odessa	2-0
Frank Phillips	0-1
NMJC	0-2
Clarendon	0-2
Western Texas	0-3

Lady Steers lose tourney opener

ABILENE — The Big Spring Lady Steers went scoreless in overtime, dropping a 44-38 decision to Seymour in the opening round of the Polk-Key City Invitational basketball tournament Thursday.

Seymour scored six points in the overtime period to garner the victory. The Lady Steers led by two after the first quarter and stretched it to 23-16 at the half. But Seymour outscored Big Spring 22-15 in the second half to tie the game at 38-apiece at the end of regulation play.

Sophomore guard Leslie Fryar led Big Spring with 18, including four three-pointers. Fryar is a transfer from Borden County. Post players Amber Fannin and Syreeta Shellman scored seven points each.

Big Spring falls to 1-9 for the season. Seymour is 10-1.

Big Spring plays Eula tonight at 6:30 at Abilene Cooper's Gym.

SEYMOUR (44) — Belinda Carlock 8 3 19; Kim Brown 2 3 10; Marietta Peoples 2 0 4; Shannon Castagna 2 2 7; Angela Brown 1 2 4; totals 33 10-24 44.

BIG SPRING (38) — Leslie Fryar 7 0 18; Vernice 1 0 2; Shawn Settles 0 2 2; totals 38 13-24 38.

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Forsan Queens rally by B-County

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — The Forsan Buffalo-Queens led only twice in their game with the Borden County Lady Coyotes in the opening round of the Mustangs Invitational basketball tournament.

But the Queens led when it counted the most — at the end, coming away with a 27-26 victory over Borden County Thursday afternoon.

As one could tell by the score, this was not a shooter's game. Both teams struggled. The Lady Coyotes had the hardest time, shooting 28 percent from the floor and 40 percent from the foul line. Forsan wasn't much better, shooting 22 percent from the floor and 47 percent from the line.

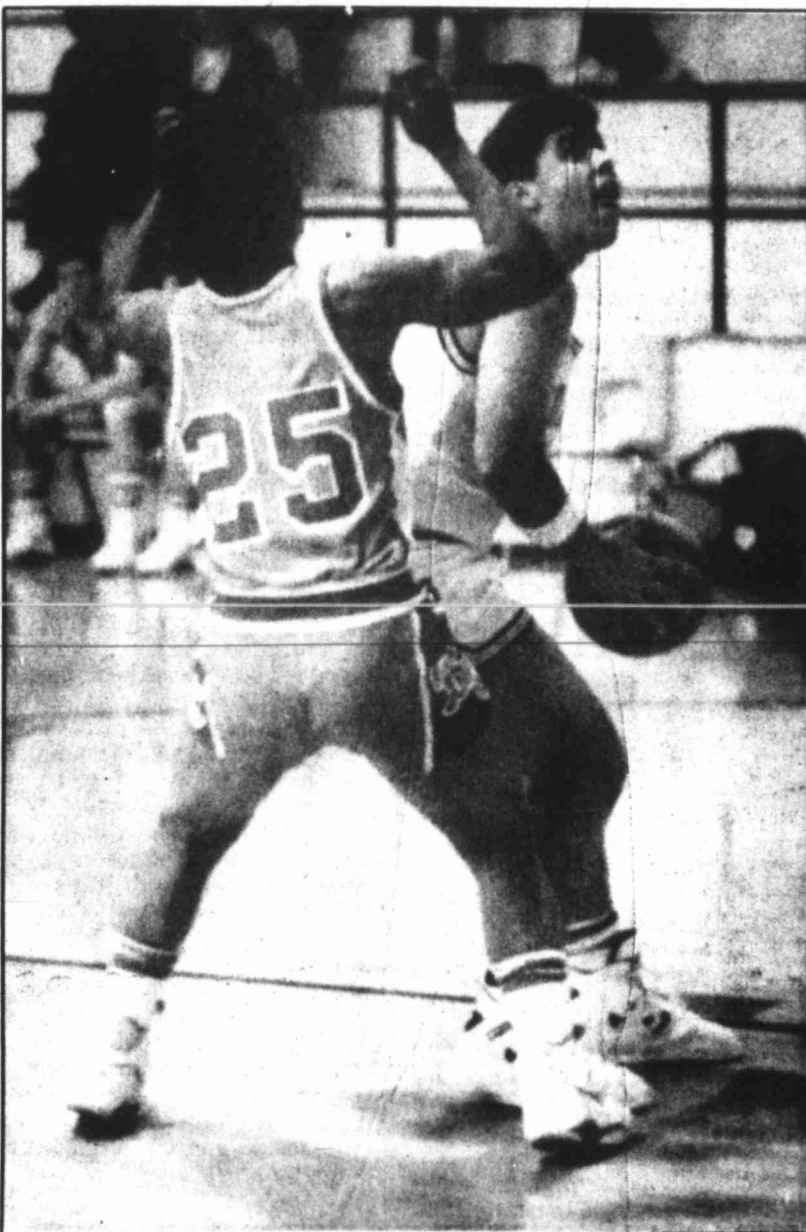
Borden County led by as much as 12 points in the first half, but what did the Lady Coyotes in was only six second half points.

Forsan led at the start of the game on two Jenny Conaway free throws. Ironically, Forsan's only other lead came on two free throws late in the game by the 5-foot-11 freshman post player. Her two foul shots with 17 seconds left provided the win, pushing Forsan ahead 27-26.

First-year Borden County coach Chuck Jones was very disgruntled with his team's shooting. "When you don't score but three points in a quarter, you're not going to beat anybody," said Jones. "I haven't got anybody that can make a free throw."

Forsan coach Johnny Schafer said his girls didn't get down after falling behind by 12 in the first half. "I've never had a Forsan team that quit; they never give up and I'm awfully proud of them for that," said Schafer. "We had to play good defense in the second half. We held them to three points in the third and fourth quarter."

"They were taking away our perimeter people, and in a situation like that our post players have got to score, and they did in the second half. That was the whole key."



Herald photo by Steve Belvin

ACKERLY — In photo on left, Borden County senior guard Jimmy Rios (25) plays tight defense on a Forsan Buffalo player during opening round action of the Mustangs Invitational at the Sands Gym

Taking up the scoring slack for Forsan in the second half were Conaway and Becky Gerstenberger. Conaway led all scorers with 10 points, and Gerstenberger added nine points.

Keyed by the play of guard

Melody Harrison, Borden County took a 14-4 lead after the first quarter. Harrison had three steals and six points in the quarter.

Borden County post player Amanda Anderson got hot for a short time in the second quarter,



Herald photo by Carla Welch

Thursday. In photo on right, Stanton's Chris Barnhill (41) shoots a jumper over the outstretched arms of Sands Mustangs junior varsity's Grant Gooch (14).

hitting three jumpers, propelling Borden County to a 20-8 lead with four minutes left in the half. Forsan cut the lead to 20-12 at the half on baskets by Kara Evans and Gerstenberger.

In the third quarter, neither

team did much scoring. After Forsan's Barbara Mitchell and B-County's Anderson traded buckets at the start of the quarter, the two teams went scoreless for more than four minutes. The scoring was

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Winter meetings leave 19 happy free agents

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The winter meetings left 19 free agents feeling like a million dollars.

They didn't win the lottery, Irish sweepstakes or get a letter from Ed McMahon, either. By the time the winter baseball meetings wrapped up, more than \$100 million had been shelled out to free agents with the season total topping the \$200 million mark.

"The agents run the meetings and control the media," Cubs general manager Jim Frey protested. "It stinks."

Baseball executives feel exasperated by the free-agent money madness but they know there's little they can do. Remember Collusion I, II and III?

"It's the market place, and if you want to compete you have to do it," said Mets GM Frank Cashen, who signed free-agent outfielder Vince Coleman to a four-year deal for \$11.95 million. "You can be self-righteous about this, but only if you want to finish in last place."

A day after the meetings officially ended, George Bell signed a three-year contract for \$9.8 million with the Chicago Cubs on Thurs-

day. On Nov. 21, Frey signed free-agent pitcher Danny Jackson to a four-year deal for \$10.5 million.

Late Thursday night, left-hander Zane Smith finally decided to stay in Pittsburgh and agreed to a four-year deal worth \$10.6 million.

Other big-buck winners at the meetings included Willie McGee (\$13 million for four years with San Francisco), Ted Higuera (\$13 million for four years with Milwaukee) and Terry Pendleton (four years for \$10.2 million with Atlanta).

Next in line for a big day at the bank is right-hander Bob Welch.

Welch is playing the money game very well, indeed. It seems as each day goes by, the deals he is offered are getting better and better. Smith played the same game.

Welch won 27 games for the Oakland A's last season and was selected the American League Cy Young Award winner. The team that wants him most, other than the A's, is the Chicago White Sox. The Boston Red Sox and the Detroit Tigers also are very interested.

The White Sox have made an of-

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Going to Pecos

These members of the Big Spring Boxing Club will be competing in the Pecos boxing tournament this weekend. They are (front row, left to right) Ralph Herrera, Chris Enriquez, Renee Herrera and Ray Martinez. (Second row, left to right) Phillip

Munoz, Richard Perez, Joe "Boom-Boom" Montez, Gabriel Aguilar, Ruben Martinez and coach Zeke Valles. (Back row, left to right) coach Ramiro Perez, coach Henry Holguin and coach Chon Rios.

Herald photo by Robert Loveless

Irish lineman tops in college

HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Zorich heard Tom Landry announce his name and he was suddenly the most hyper person in the crowd of 1,000.

"Wow, hold on a second, it feels like I'm about to play a game," Zorich said, his voice choked with emotion, as he stood to accept the Lombardi Award Thursday night as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

"I apologize. I didn't have a prepared speech," he stammered. "Right now I'm at a loss for words."

Zorich, a finalist for the honor as a junior when Michigan State's Percy Snow was the winner, beat out Outland Trophy winner Russell Maryland of Miami and tackles David Rocker of Auburn and Moe Gardner of Illinois.

Landry, former coach of the Dallas Cowboys, was the featured speaker at the awards dinner honoring Vince Lombardi, the former Green Bay and Washington coach who died of cancer in 1970.

Zorich, a 6-foot-1, 266-pound nose tackle, had 57 tackles, three sacks and 11 tackles for losses for the Fighting Irish this season. He suf-

fered a knee injury against Pittsburgh that threatened the rest of his season. But he rebounded and earned his second Associated Press first-team All-America selection.

"I had a tough time envisioning anything like this after the Pittsburgh game," Zorich said.

Maryland, 6-2, 273, led the Hurricane defense that ranked third in the nation against the rush, allowing 79.7 yards per game. He had 86 tackles and 10 sacks. He was a first team Associated Press All-America pick.

Rocker, whose brother Tracy won the 1988 award, had 75 tackles, seven sacks and six tackles for losses for Auburn this season. Rocker headed an Auburn defense that ranked No. 8 in the nation in total defense, allowing 272.9 yards per game.

Gardner, 6-2, 258, missed the final game of the season against Northwestern with a fractured forearm, but still registered 50 tackles, broke up eight passes, blocked a kick and got one sack. Gardner will play his final collegiate game against Clemson in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"I'm not trying to put the Outland Trophy or the Heisman down, but you've got to understand the person that the Lombardi was named for. It's such an honor to me. I can't believe I was even considered for it." — Chris Zorich.

Ohio State linebacker Jim Stillwagon won the first trophy in 1970 followed by Walt Patulski, Notre Dame; Rich Glover, Nebraska; John Hicks, Ohio State; Randy White, Maryland; Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma; Wilson Whitley, Houston; Ross Browner, Notre Dame; Bruce Clark, Penn State; Brad Budde, Southern California; Hugh Green, Pittsburgh; Kenneth Sims, Texas; Dave Rimmington, Nebraska; Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska; Tony Degrate, Texas; Tony Casillas, Oklahoma; Cornelius Bennett, Alabama and Chris Spielman, Ohio State.



Associated Press photo

HOUSTON — Norte Dame nosetackle Chris Zorich smiles proudly with the Lombardi Trophy Thursday night. The award goes to the best collegiate lineman of the year.

Sidelines

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 Bernie Valles 10-2; Amber Fannin 3-1
 7; Syreeta Shellman 3-17; totals 15-20-38.

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 Big Spring 8 15 4 11 0-38.

HSU hosting baseball camps

ABILENE — Dec. 28 and 29 Hardin-Simmons University will be hosting a baseball camp on their campus.

The camp will be for youth ages 9-13 or any non-varsity baseball players in high school. Cost is \$60 for commuters and \$95 for overnight campers. For more information call Gary Murphy at 670-1494.

Youth basketball hoops starting

The Big Spring YMCA Youth Basketball League is having signups until Dec. 21. The league is open to youth in the first through sixth grades.

Entry fee is \$22 for members and \$32 for non-members. There will be a \$5 late fee for sign-up after Dec. 21.

There will be no tryouts; each player will play every game. Boys competition begins Jan. 5. Girls start play March 23.

Six-man semis in Lenorah

LENORAH — Tunnell Field in Lenorah will be the site of the six-man state semifinals matching Fort Hancock against McLean, two undefeated teams. Fort Hancock is the two-time defending state champion.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Big Spring hosting JV hoop tourney

Friday and Saturday at Steer Gym, Big Spring will be hosting a junior varsity tournament.

The first game will be at 5 p.m. Friday. It will match San Angelo Lake View against the Snyder sophomores. At 6:30 Snyder will play Andrews. The 8 p.m. game will match the Big Spring White team against Greenwood. The Big Spring Black team drew a bye.

Play gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday. The consolation contest begins at 3 p.m., followed by the third place game at 4:30. The championship tilt will start at 6.

New league thinking about expanding

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — With its first season still several months away, the World League of American Football is already considering sites for expansion.

WLAFA president Mike Lynn said the league, which debuts in March in seven North American and three European cities, is looking at Moscow, Honolulu, Tokyo and other European and Pacific Rim cities as possible future sites.

The league has held discussions with a potential franchise owner in Europe who has connections with Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev and is interested in placing a team in Moscow, Lynn said.

"Our growth is really unlimited," he said Thursday. "But we want to make sure we don't grow too fast and make sure we have a stable 10-team league first."

King wins opening match

PRINCEVILLE, Hawaii (AP) — Results Thursday in the Itoman LPGA Match Play Championship, played on the 6,478-yard, par 36-36-72 Princeville Makai Golf Course: First Round

Betsy King def. Ikuyo Shiotani, 3-and-2.

California contest starts bowlmania

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Central Michigan coach Herb Deromedi and San Jose counterpart Terry Shea think it's amazing that their football teams will be playing in Saturday's California Bowl.

"We were a football team that started without a tailback," Deromedi said. "Our tailback was a fullback. Billy Smith started slow but learned his position and has become a very adequate tailback."

Smith finished the regular season with 1,047 yards on the ground to complement quarterback Jeff Bender's passing that netted the Chippewas 1,978 yards.

But Deromedi felt the defense, with seven senior starters, was the key to Central Michigan's success this season.

"We started off with our defense being the strongest part, really the unit that was carrying our football team until our offense was able to mature," Deromedi said.

Shea had an even tougher problem getting the Spartans prepared for this season. He took

over as coach with only two days left in spring practice. And the Athletic Department was torn by dissension that led to the departure of both the athletic director and previous head coach, Claude Gilbert.

"Lost in this was our football team," Shea said. "They were open to any type of leadership as I entered the picture."

Shea tried to teach the players one thing in his brief time during spring practice: avoid the types of stupid penalties such as late hits that had hurt the 1989 team.

"We play with a lot of class," Shea said of his 1990 team. "That's probably what I'm most proud of during the eight months I've been able to create some kind of leadership in the program."

"Canley really does it all," Shea said. "He catches the ball out of the backfield, and he runs the football with tremendous force and passion of purpose. He's really the catalyst of our offense."

Army, Navy to battle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Army makes no secret of how it plays football. The Cadets strap on the backpack and come charging out of the foxholes.

It's an ultimatum-type of offense: Here I come. Stop me if you can.

Navy is more subtle. The Midshipmen use the ground and air elements about 50-50.

A look at the numbers gives an instant preview of what to expect when the Cadets and Midshipmen meet Saturday at Veterans Stadium in the 91st Army-Navy game.

In this case, statistics don't lie. Army (5-5) has rushed for 3,280 yards and passed for 688 out of their wishbone offense in 10 games. The Cadets have scored 28

touchdowns running and five passing.

Navy (5-5) has rushed for 1,557 yards and passed for 1,680. The Midshipmen have scored 11 TDs each way.

Navy's first-year coach George Chaump knows what his team faces. The 6½-point favored Cadets will throw six runners at Navy, including Mike Merriweather, who has rushed for 4,212 career yards, more than any other player in service academy history. That includes Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard of Army and the Midshipmen's Napoleon McCallum, Eddie Meyers and Cleveland Cooper.

Merriweather is among the top 10 college rushers in the nation this season with 1,251 yards.

Meetings

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fer of \$12 million over four years for the right-hander, \$1 million more than Oakland.

"You've got to realize now for sure that it's in the four-year area, White Sox general manager Ron Schuler said. "It's going to be \$3 million-and-up when it starts. We realize \$3 million will be the starting point."

The Red Sox made a bid on Wednesday for a reported \$11 million over four years. Boston, however, may go as high as \$14-\$15 million in its next offer.

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concluded when Anderson made a foul shot, and Conway made a turnaround jumper. Forsan trailed 23-16 going into the final period.

Gerstenberger made a foul shot, but Borden County answered with a backdoor pass from Shayne Hess to Harrison. Next Conway sunk two foul shots and Gerstenberger made another foul shot, cutting the deficit to 25-20 with 3:30 left.

A few seconds later Gerstenberger scored off a pass from Mitchell, cutting the lead to three. Borden County scored its final point of the game when Harrison made a foul shot. The Lady Coyotes led 26-22 with 1:58 remaining.

Moments later Gerstenberger made another foul shot, cutting the lead to three. Conway pulled her team to within 26-25 when she scored inside and was fouled by Anderson. It was Anderson's fifth foul with 1:20 left. Conway missed the foul shot.

The two teams traded turnovers, and Harrison missed the first of a one-and-one attempt. Next Conway was fouled with 17 seconds left. The freshman calmly sunk both shots in the one-and-one situation, putting her team up for good.

Considering the contracts of Higuera and Jackson, it will probably take nearly a \$16 million deal to land Welch for four years. The A's say they won't pay that much.

Oakland GM Sandy Alderson's job has been made tougher by the free-spending ways at the winter meetings. Matt Young, an 18-game loser for Seattle, signed a three-year deal for \$6.35 million with the Red Sox.

Smith, 51-68 lifetime, saw his stock zoom after going 6-2 in September for Pittsburgh. After talks with the Cubs and Reds cool-

Lakers win eighth straight

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Minnesota Timberwolves finally found a way to neutralize Magic Johnson. Now if they could only find a cure for Sam Perkins.

The Timberwolves used 7-foot-3 center Randy Breuer to guard Johnson and harassed the Los Angeles star into a 6-for-22 night from the field. But Perkins scored 11 of his 19 points in the final period as the Lakers won their eighth straight game by beating Minnesota 83-73, on Thursday night.

"The strongest part of the Lakers' game is posting Johnson on a smaller guard. He doesn't beat you with his scoring but waits till you double-team him and then passes to the cutter," Minnesota coach Bill Musselman said.

Johnson still finished with 21 points and became the 40th player in NBA history to reach the 16,000-point plateau. He and Oscar Robertson are the only players with 16,000 points and 9,000 assists in their careers.

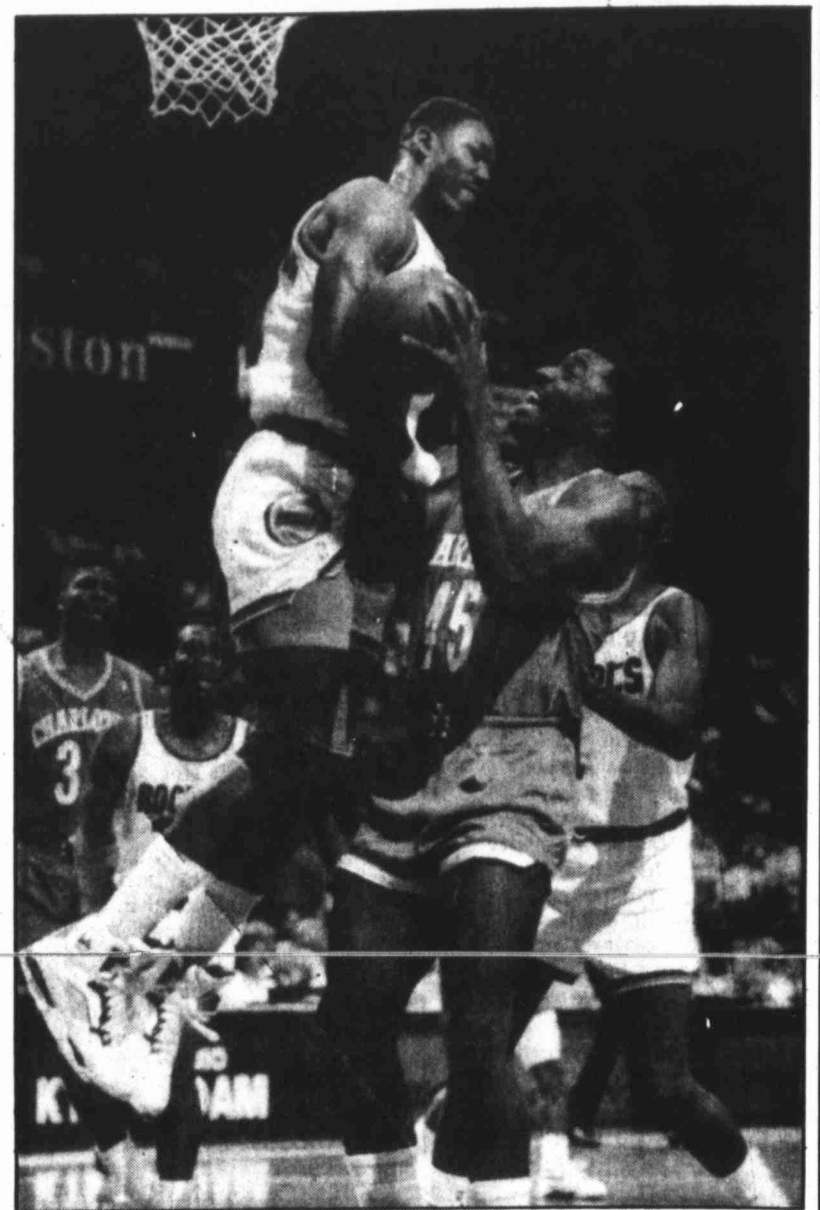
After a 1-4 start, the Lakers are 9-1 since Perkins replaced A.C. Green in the starting lineup.

"He's given us a very good all-around game, another guy we can go to on the low post early," Dunleavy said. "And A.C. has done a tremendous job coming off the bench. He's a high-energy player."

Perkins, signed as a free agent, scored the first 5 points in the fourth period and Minnesota, which overcame a 28-14 deficit to tie the game at 57 after three quarters, never got closer than 3 the rest of the way. The Lakers outscored the Timberwolves 15-6 in the first 7½ minutes of the final quarter, with Perkins scoring 8 points.

"We tied it up and they went to him inside and we just couldn't stop him," Musselman said of Perkins.

SuperSonics 105, Heat 103



Associated Press photo

HOUSTON — Charlotte Hornets Armon Gilliam (45) fakes Houston Rockets Akeem Olajuwon (34) in the air in first quarter action Thursday.

Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak with a little help from the Heat.

Sedale Threatt broke a 100-all

tie by hitting a free throw with 49.7 seconds remaining after Miami was given a technical for for using an illegal defense.

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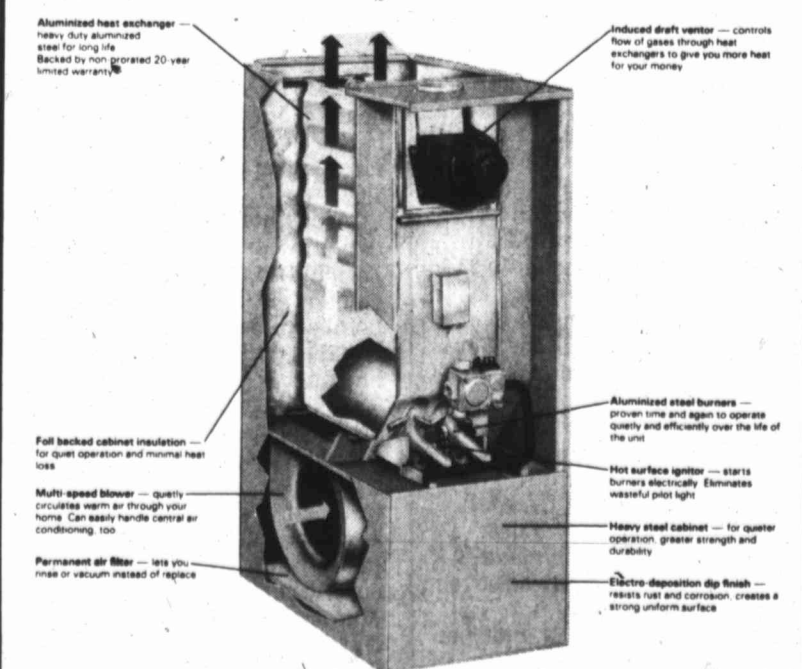
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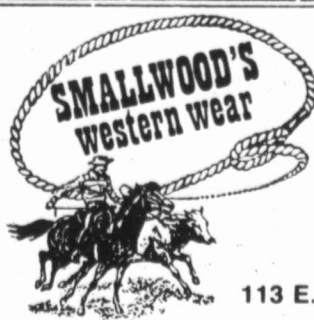
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Misc. For Sale 537

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES planned at your house of worship? Invite the public in an advertisement planned for December 14. Contact Teri Ross for further details, 263-7331 ext 136.

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TWO COUCHES and chair for sale, \$50 each. Call 267-6877.

Want To Buy 545

WANT TO Buy 40-50 foot telescoping TV antenna mast. 263-2746 after 5:00.

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Houses For Sale 601

BY OWNER, three bedroom, two bath, large fenced yard, garage workshop. Moss Elementary. 1-573-8048.

SPACIOUS 4/2, formal living, den w/ fireplace, dream kitchen, excellent neighborhood. Much more. Low 80's. 267-7363.

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Acresage For Sale 605

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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE sale. Clothes, infant to XL, toys, furniture, wedding dress - size 7. Saturday, 8:30 - 3:00, 803 Dallas.

GARAGE SALE 1814 Benton, December 7th & 8th, Friday & Saturday, 9:00-5:30, no early arrivals please.

FRIDAY SATURDAY, 2313 Mishler. Tool boxes, tools, bicycle, lawn mower, T.V., clothes, tires, wheels, miscellaneous.

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INSIDE SALE, 1411 Virginia. Saturday, 8 to 5p.m. Good selection.

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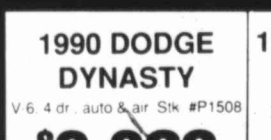
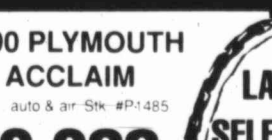
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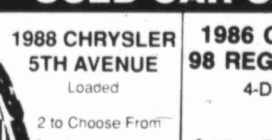
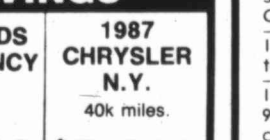
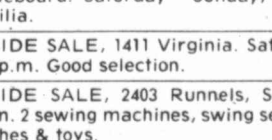
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary were issued on the Estate of IRMA SHAW COX, Deceased, No. 11,351, now pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, on December 4, 1990, to HORACE W. RANKIN, whose address is HC76, Box 22C, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

All persons having claims against said estate now being administered are hereby required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Cathey scores 80; second in 7th round

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Lewis Feild scored 82 points on Madonna In to capture the seventh-round of the bareback competition in the 10-round \$2.3 million National Final Rodeo on Thursday night.

Feild, a five-time world champion from Elk Ridge, Utah, earned \$10,220, and is third in the season-long world standings with \$75,606. Chuck Logue, who leads the world standings with \$90,677, finished second with an 81. Clint Corey, second in the standings with \$81,461, was third an 80.

Charles Sampson, who had been bucked off in three earlier rounds, took round seven of bull riding with an 83-point ride. Coahoma cowboy Wacey Cathey was second with an 80 and Norm Curry third with a 79.

Clint Branger leads the world standings with \$104,402 and Jim Sharp is second at 100,360. Tuff Hedeman follows in third at \$86,881 and Curry is fourth at \$78,622.

Joe Wimberly sustained a concussion when he butted heads with his bull. He was carried from the arena on a stretcher.

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In saddle bronc, Duane Daines took the seventh round with a 79. Robert Etbauer finished second to maintain his lead in the overall standings with \$90,935. Derek Clark is second with \$78,758 and Ty Murray is third at \$74,485.

Blaine Pederson jumped up to fourth place in the steer wrestling competition with a 4.1-second performance in the seventh round. Defending champion John W. Jones was second in 4.3 and Mike Smith and Dan Cormier tied for third at 4.9. Ote Berry leads the world standings with \$83,158, \$5,258 ahead of Smith.

Joe Lucas moved to within \$2,320 of leader Troy Pruitt when he captured the seventh round of calf roping with a time of 8.9 seconds. Pruitt has earned \$83,783.

Bobby Hurley and Dennis Gatz were a tenth of a second quicker than Matt Tyler and Mike Beers, taking the team roping with a time of 4.6 seconds. The victory vaulted them into second place in the overall standings with \$48,681.

NASCAR makes changes to cut down on pit accidents

NEW YORK (AP) — Increasing problems along pit road, including the death of a crew member, have caused NASCAR to make sweeping rules changes for next season, including prohibiting cars from stopping at will for tires.

"We've had more incidents on pit road this season than we have in the past and we think we have taken a step in the right direction," NASCAR president Bill France said

SCOREBOARD

Rodeo

National Final Rodeo, Results
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Results Thursday after the seventh round of the \$2.3 million National Finals Rodeo at Thomas & Mack Center:

Seventh Round
Barrel racing—1, Lewis Field, Elk Ridge, Utah, 82 points, \$10,220; 2, Chuck Logue, Decatur, Texas, 81, \$7,465; 3, Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., 80, \$5,110; 4, (tie), Bruce Ford, Kersey, Colo., and Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, 79, \$1,277.
Steer wrestling—1, Blaine Pederson, Canada, 4.1 seconds, \$10,220; 2, John W. Jones, Morro Bay, Calif., 4.3, \$7,465; 3, (tie), Mike Smith, New Iberia, La., and Dan Courmier, Oakwood, Texas, 4.9, \$3,832.

Team roping—1, Bobby Hurley, Clarksville, Ark., and Dennis Gatz, Ceres, Calif., 4.6 seconds, \$6,390; 2, Matt Tyler, San Marcos, Texas, 4.7, \$4,792; 3, Jay Ellerman, Fort Lupton, Colo., and J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., 4.8, \$3,195; 4, Robert Scogin, Frierson, La., and Walt Woodard, Stockton, Calif., 4.2, \$1,597.

Saddle bronc riding—1, Duane Daines, Canada, 79 points, \$10,220; 2, Robert Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 77, \$7,465; 3, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, 74, \$5,110; 4, Bud Longbrake, Dupree, S.D., 73, \$2,555.
Calf roping—1, Joe Lucas, Canada, 8.9 seconds, \$10,220; 2, Ricky Cantano, Houston, 9.1, \$7,465; 3, (tie), Chris Lybbert, Argyle, Texas, and Cliff Williamson, Canada, 9.5, \$3,832.

Bull riding—1, Charles Sampson, Casa Grande, Ariz., 83 points, \$10,220; 2, Wacey Cathey, Big Spring, Texas, 80, \$7,465; 3, Norman Curry, Deberry, Texas, 79, \$5,110; 4, (tie), David Fournier, Bowie, Texas, and Jim Sharp, Kermit, Texas, 78, \$1,277.
Barrel racing—1, Charwayne Rodman, Galt, Calif., 14.49 seconds, \$6,390; 2, Deb Mohon, Gladewater, Texas, 14.49, \$4,792; 3, Marlene Eddleman, Oakdale, Calif., 14.57, \$3,195; 4, Charlotte Schmidt, Cutbank, Mont., 14.63, \$1,597.

World Standings
Barrel racing—1, Chuck Logue, Decatur, Texas, \$90,477; 2, Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., \$81,461; 3, Lewis Field, Elk Ridge, Utah, \$75,404; 4, Colin Murnion, Jordan, Mont., \$72,119.

Steer wrestling—1, Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$83,158; 2, Mike Smith, New Iberia, La., \$62,227; 3, John W. Jones, Morro Bay, Calif., \$46,227; 4, Blaine Pederson, Canada, \$58,493.

Team roping—1, (tie), David Motes, Fresno, Calif., and Dennis Watkins, Taft,

Calif., \$56,455; 3, (tie), Bobby Hurley, Clarksville, Ark., and Dennis Gatz, Ceres, Calif., \$48,482.

Saddle bronc riding—1, Robert Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$90,935; 2, Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., \$78,758; 3, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$74,486; 4, Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas, \$73,661.

Calf roping—1, Troy Pruitt, Minatare, Neb., \$83,783; 2, Joe Lucas, Canada, \$81,462; 3, Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., \$74,505; 4, Fred Whitfield, Cypress, Texas, \$74,095.

Bull riding—1, Clint Branger, Roscoe, Mont., \$104,402; 2, Jim Sharp, Kermit, Texas, \$100,360; 3, Tuff Hedeman, Bowie, Texas, \$86,881; 4, Norm Curry, Deberry, Texas, \$76,622.
Barrel racing—1, Charwayne Rodman, Galt, Calif., \$110,040; 2, Deb Mohon, Gladewater, Texas, \$58,070; 3, Angie Medders, Wetumka, Okla., \$45,443; 4, Charlotte Schmidt, Cut Bank, Mont., \$44,218.

Wrangler Bullfighting

Final Results
1, Greg Rumohr, Cleburne, Texas, 113.5 points; 2, Donny Sparks, Texarkana, Texas, 92; 3, Dwayne Hargo, Placerville, Calif., 90; 4, Rob Smets, Oakland, Ore., 79; 5, Loyd Ketchum, Miles City, Mont., 76.5; 6, Ronny Sparks, Texarkana, Texas, 73.

Bowling

BIG SPRING BOWL-A-RAMA
REGIONAL PBA OPEN
DECEMBER 1-2, 1990

20 GAME TOTALS
1, Rick Miner, Garland, TX; and Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, TX., total 937, amount \$1200.
2, Henry Gonzales, Colo. Spring, CO; and Ralph Smith, Colorado Springs, CO, total 930, amount \$800.
3, Bob Glass, Lawrence, KS; and Steve Ray, Dallas, TX, total 917, amount \$750.
4, Philip Ringener, Big Spring, TX; and Gary Dickinson, Edmond, OK, total 918, amount \$700.

5, Ken Johnson, Garland, TX; and Ray Edwards, Wichita Falls, TX, total 915, amount \$650.
6, Dan Strey, Austin, TX; and Steve Anderson, Colo. Springs, CO, total 906, amount \$600.

7, Myrl Serra, Montrose, CO; and Tony Lanning, Lewisville, TX, total 903, amount \$550.
8, Mark Thomas, Longview, TX; and Mark Cozart, Azle, TX, total 901, amount \$500.

9, Jimbo Evans, Pearland, TX; and Scott Pope, Midland, TX, total 898, amount \$450.

10, James Mefoy, Albuquerque, NM; and Walter Stiles, Albuquerque, NM, total 873; amount \$400.
11, Leon Brogdon, Houston, TX; and Darrell Coats, Houston, TX, total 857, amount \$350.

12, Jim Copsey, Albuquerque, NM; and T.J. Johnson, Spring, TX, total 841; amount \$300.

8 GAME TOTALS
13, Phil Prieto, El Paso, TX (alternate); and Wayne Miller, El Paso, TX (alternate), total 3390; amount \$230.

14, Randy Richey, Rowlett, TX; and Don Richey, Mesquite, TX, total 3384, amount \$175.

15, Jimmy Thompson, Austin, TX; and Greg Kemp, Bryan, TX, total 3381, amount \$170.

16, Derrol Allen, Arlington, TX; and Brad Hunter, Keller, TX, total 3363, amount \$165.

In roll-off for 12th spot in finals Gonzalez/R. Smith defeated Prieto/Miller 474-390. High 8 game qualifiers Miner/McCordic 3653; 12th place Gonzalez/Smith 3390.

8 GAME TOTALS
17, David Brewster, Carrollton, TX; and Paul Parker, Ft. Worth, TX, total 3354.

18, Russ Shields, Pasadena, TX; and Randy Ray, Spring, TX, total 3344.

19, Steve Reed, Arlington, TX; and Billy Yinger, Arlington, TX, total 3337.

20, Mike Austin, Houston, TX; and Mark Grant, Houston, TX, total 3336; also Greg Cooper, Bryan, TX; and Scott Shuler, Houston, TX, total 3336.

21, John Fine, Haltom City, TX; and Shawn Christensen, Ft. Morgan, CO, total 3334.

22, David Reynolds, Austin, TX; and Barney Kuzneski, Austin, TX, total 3330.

23, Mike Johnson, Arlington, TX; and David Hickman, The Colony, TX, total 3326.

24, Ed Richardson, Corpus Christi, TX; and Danny Broadway, Houston, TX, total 3311.

25, Brad Elbert, Carrollton, TX; and Butch Calvert, Flower Mound, TX, total 3307.

26, Randy Montoya, Santa Fe, NM; and David Pollard, Rio Rancho, NM, total 3301.

27, Harold Hernandez, Amarillo, TX; and Bud Loveall, Amarillo, TX, total 3282.

28, James Hickey, Houston, TX; and Charles Falco, League City, TX, total 3278.

29, Rick Lawrence, Shreveport, LA; and Robert Boulware, Oklahoma City, OK, total 3269.

30, Louis Blancarte, San Antonio, TX; and Russ King, San Antonio, TX, total 3264.

31, Adam Bero, Rosell, NM; and David

Nowak, Artesia, NM, total 3258.
32, Jeff Dukeff, Big Spring, TX; and Tom Davis, Big Spring, TX, (amateur entries), total 3239.

33, Thomas Goodall, Colorado Springs, CO; and Rob Leathers, Colorado Springs, CO, total 3236.

34, Jackie Putnam, Palestine, TX; and Scotty Bruce, Carrollton, TX, total 3231.

35, Charles Rohmer, Ft. Worth, TX; and Ron Luper, Ft. Worth, TX, total 3199.

36, Scotty Scott, Dallas, TX; and Anthony Woolis, Wichita Falls, TX, total 3198.

37, Don Busocker, Ft. Worth, TX; and Ronny Glockzin, Hurst, TX, total 3176.

38, Jimmy Tillery, Moriarty, NM; and Renwick Davis, Houston, TX, total 3155.

39, David Stevenson, Lawrence, KS; and Mike Medlen, Lawrence, KS, total 3153.

40, Skeeter Hutsón, Portales, NM; and Terry Hill, Clovis, NM, total 3148.

41, Joe Romero, Santa Fe, NM; and Greg Palacio, Amarillo, TX, total 3130.

42, Paul Yoder, Albuquerque, NM; and Ted Fraley, Albuquerque, NM, total 3122.

43, Guy Serrano, Carrollton, TX; and Kurt Gengelbach, Carrollton, TX, total 3070.

44, Rich Snyder, Dallas, TX; and James Larkins, Dallas, TX, total 3024.

45, John Martin, Dallas, TX; and Jay Saunders, Carrollton, TX, total 3008.

46, Chris Ray, Lubbock, TX; and Fred Steen, Lubbock, TX, total 3005.

47, Joe Petuh, Mabank, TX; and Nevil Solomon, Brownsboro, TX, total 2918.

NBA Standings

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	14	3	824
Philadelphia	12	6	647 2 1/2
New York	7	9	438 6 1/2
New Jersey	6	10	412 7
Washington	7	12	333 8 1/2
Miami	5	12	294 9

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	13	5	722
Milwaukee	12	6	647 1
Chicago	11	6	647 1 1/2
Cleveland	10	9	526 3 1/2
Charlotte	8	9	471 4 1/2
Indiana	7	11	389 6
Atlanta	6	10	375 6

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	9	5	643
Utah	7	7	588 1 1/2
Houston	10	8	556 1
Dallas	6	9	400 3 1/2

Minnesota 6 12 .333 5
Orlando 4 14 .222 7
Denver 3 14 .176 7 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	16	1	941
LA Lakers	10	5	647 5
Golden State	11	7	611 5 1/2
Phoenix	8	7	533 7
LA Clippers	9	8	529 7
Seattle	5	10	333 10
Sacramento	3	13	188 12 1/2

Thursday's Games
Seattle 105, Miami 103
LA Lakers 83, Minnesota 73
Houston 116, Charlotte 110
Sacramento 104, Washington 86

Friday's Games
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Denver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Seattle at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL Standings

All Times EST
WALDES CONFERENCE
Patrick Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	17	10	5	39	121
Philadelphia	17	12	2	36	113
New Jersey	15	10	4	34	116
Washington	16	14	0	32	101
Pittsburgh	12	14	2	26	116
NY Islanders	9	17	2	20	75

Adams Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	15	9	4	34	93
Montreal	15	13	3	33	97
Buffalo	10	10	7	27	84
Hartford	11	13	4	26	81
Quebec	5	19	6	16	82

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE
Norris Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	19	9	2	40	101
St. Louis	15	9	3	33	92
Detroit	13	11	4	30	104
Minnesota	8	16	6	22	91

Toronto 7 23 1 15 83 137
Smythe Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	16	7	4	36	113
Calgary	16	9	4	36	123
Vancouver	14	13	2	30	91
Edmonton	10	14	2	22	80
Winnipeg	9	17	5	23	101

Thursday's Games
Montreal 4, Boston 4
Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3
Chicago 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Toronto 2, Minnesota 1, OT

Friday's Games
Hartford at Buffalo, 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 7:45 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 8:05 p.m.
Quebec at Calgary, 9:35 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 9:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh at Hartford, 7:35 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 7:45 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8:35 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8:35 p.m.
Winnipeg at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Buffalo, 7:05 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.

Women's Hoops

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Q. How long must a veteran serve on active duty to be entitled to a VA pension?

A. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, a veteran must have served for at least 90 consecutive days, at least one day of which was during a period of war, or have been discharged for a service-connected disability from wartime service of less than 90 days.

Calendar

Basketball

TODAY

- Sands tournament continues.
- Stanton j.v. tournament continues.

SATURDAY

- Sands tournament continues.
- Stanton j.v. tournament continues.
- Christmas Ball and Social from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Community Center. \$5 per person.

Tops on TV

Dallas

- Dallas. Bobby turns his back on Ewing Oil. J.R. gets a surprise visit from a long-lost love and blackmails McKay's wife. 9 p.m. Channel 7.
- Garfield Christmas Special. 7:30 p.m. Channel 7.
- Christmas With Luciano Pavarotti. 8 p.m. Channel 5.

Economy

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likely decline in oil prices that resolution of the crisis would bring. West Texas Intermediate fell 90 cents to \$26.40 a barrel after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said foreigners held hostage in Iraq and occupied Kuwait could go home.

Energy extraction was flat in Texas during October and November, the Federal Reserve Bank reported earlier this week. Producers haven't increased drilling because of fears they'd lose money if prices fell.

Economic activity across the country was either declining or grew slowly last month, according to the Fed survey. Business conditions in late November "on balance display a weaker pattern" than a similar survey conducted in mid-October, the Fed said.

Fund established for JoJon Cox

A fund at First Bankers Trust and Savings Association of Stanton has been established for JoJon Cox, who is critically ill at Permian Basin General hospital in Andrews.

For more information contact Helen Thrall at 208 North St. Peter, or call 756-2805.

Playoff game at Tunnell Field

LENORA — Two weeks after the Fort Hancock Mustangs defeated Grady in the area six man playoff in Wink, the defending state champions will visit Wildcat Country for their semifinal game against McLean, according to GHS principal Richard Gibson.

The Mustangs and Tigers will square off at Tunnell Field at 6 p.m. Saturday, Gibson said. Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

Fort Hancock advanced with a 66-20 win over Lazbuddie, while McLean defeated Sands, 22-16, in quarterfinal action last weekend.

"We are making this a community and school project," Gibson said. "The Grady booster club will man the concession stands and the chain crew on the field, while the Grady school employees will be helping make everybody's stay as comfortable as possible."

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Domestic rice demand compensates for export loss

Farm scene

WASHINGTON (AP) — Domestic use of rice, including large quantities to make beer, is rising enough to take up some of the slack caused by a drop in exports, the Agriculture Department says.

Total U.S. production, at an estimated 154.4 million hundredweight, is about the same as last year, although yields dropped sharply in Arkansas and some other areas.

All told, the U.S. rice stockpile by the end of the 1990-91 marketing year next summer may be about 23.7 million hundredweight, the smallest in a decade and only a fraction of the carryovers — up to 77.6 million in 1986 — in some previous years.

Recent supply-and-demand figures show domestic use and "residual" will be around 88.8 million hundredweight in 1990-91, up from 82.4 million last season. Residual includes unreported uses, processing losses and statistical errors.

Exports are projected at 73 million hundredweight, compared with 76.8 million in 1989-90 and 85.9 million in 1988-89.

The December issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine said world rice production this year is expected to be at a record

level. And that is making export competition tougher.

"Iraq, the fourth largest importer in 1989, accounted for 4 percent of global imports," the report said. "Further, Iraq was the largest market for U.S. rice last year, taking about 13 percent of U.S. exports."

The analysis said the United Nations embargo is expected to reduce Iraq's total rice imports by about 44 percent in 1991.

But "the embargo had a smaller impact on 1990 imports because most of the rice had already been delivered before the embargo was imposed," the report added.

Rice is grown mostly in six states: Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas. Arkansas, with production estimated at 60 million hundredweight, accounts for nearly 40 percent of this year's crop.

Martha R. Evans of USDA's economics management staff said rice is grown on about 12,000 farms in the United States and is "the most expensive of the major commodities to produce on a per-acre

basis. It is completely dependent on irrigation and its production is highly mechanized."

Evans, writing in Farmland magazine, said rice is a major food for more than half the world's people.

Rice in the United States was first produced in Appalachia and the Southeast. After the Civil War, however, Louisiana and Texas became more competitive because they had plenty of level, fertile, cheap land and not as many trees.

"Expansion continued into Arkansas and eventually into California, Mississippi and Missouri," Evans said. "Recently, rice production has increased in Florida."

She noted the increase in rice yields, from an average of 1,144 pounds per acre in 1895 to 3,061 pounds in 1955. This year's harvest is estimated at 5,499 pounds per acre.

New strains developed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once the goal of breeding new plants was to increase their yields of food and fiber needed for survival of the human species. An Agriculture Department report shows how times have changed.

Henry L. Shands of the depart-

ment's Agricultural Research Service said in the report Thursday that about a hundred times a year agency researchers release new plant varieties that have special traits to let them thrive even if there are viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects, bad weather and poor soils.

Shands is the agency's national program leader for research on germplasm — the genetic material in seeds, cuttings and live plants.

Even during the 1960s, he said, the primary aim of more than half the new plant strains released by the agency was to boost yields. Not today.

"The research strives to customize a crop to withstand diseases, pests and environmental stresses such as drought, while preserving traits for high yield," Shands said.

In a five-year period, 1984 to 1989, the USDA research agency made 599 germplasm releases that had improved resistance to some pest or disease.

"These releases consisted of 147 actual plant varieties and 452 germplasm lines — strains of plants with useful traits that breeders can transfer into existing varieties," he said.

Approximately 80 percent of the releases over the five years had

improved disease resistance, 30 percent had improved insect resistance and about 10 percent had improved resistance to nematodes, tiny worms in soil.

The current U.S. germplasm collections include nearly 400,000 plant introductions, cultivars and germplasm releases, he said. The collections are a source of a steady supply of new crop varieties.

Cash payments coming

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says farmers who participated in the 1990 wheat, barley and oats program will receive more than \$1.7 billion in cash payments.

Keith Bjerke, executive vice president of the department's Commodity Credit Corp., said Thursday that the subsidies would be paid by county offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The payments are due farmers when market prices in a specified period average below established target levels.

Nearly all the payments, expected to begin next week, will go to wheat farmers. Barley producers will get about \$35 million and oats producers about \$8 million.

Murder rate jumps in Texas' biggest cities

DALLAS (AP) — A woman is shot to death as she unwittingly walks into a gun battle between two 18-year-old men arguing over a baseball cap.

A teen-ager is shot after a high school football game in a confrontation with another youth who apparently stepped on his tennis shoes.

Two teen-agers are shot to death and two are wounded in a fight over a gold tooth that fell from the mouth of one of them.

That's just in Dallas. The number of murders has surged in Texas' three largest cities this year, part of a nationwide trend that worries many experts and citizens.

There have been 414 homicides in Dallas so far this year, compared to 351 for all of 1989 and a previous record of 366 in 1988.

Houston police say 555 people have been murdered compared to 512 in 1989. By this time last year, 452 people had been slain in Texas' largest city.

And in San Antonio, police report 203 murders, up from 156 at this time last year and 169 for all of 1989.

The Texas cities are not alone; the number of murders has increased in the other seven of the nation's 10 largest cities.

"We can expect most major cities to surpass all-time homicide rates this year," said Dean Kilpatrick, director of the Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

The reason is drugs, poverty and, some experts say, a growing disregard for human life.

"It appears there are more people with guns and attitudes (that) are more willing to use guns to settle disputes," said Lt. Ron Waldrop of the Dallas Police.

"Little value is being placed on human life," Kilpatrick said. "In this country, we really do have an

underclass. ... To some degree — to a lot of people in that underclass — nothing in life looks very valuable to them. They don't have a lot of options."

Houston police have linked more than a third of the city's homicides this year to drugs, said Debbie McMenemy, statistical analyst for the department.

"Some investigators say it's the economy being up and again, the narcotics business," Ms. McMenemy said. "When money flows freely, narcotics are readily available and addicts start breaking into homes and committing armed robberies and murders to get money for drugs."

Gang activity is blamed for the increase in San Antonio, said Sandy Perez, a police spokeswoman. At least 30 deaths have been connected to the so-called Mexican Mafia, a gang that operates in Texas prisons and the city.

Most of the victims are gang members.

"What they're doing is killing each other off," Ms. Perez said.

The number of murders is also up in other Texas cities. Through October, Fort Worth had 97 slayings compared to 93 in 1989 and El Paso had 26 compared to 22. Austin has had 42 murders so far this year compared to 31 for all of 1989.

The increased violence worries Texans, but doesn't surprise them.

"You get people involved in drugs and you're going to have those kinds of problems," said Oliver Harris, 45, of Dallas.

"It's not someone hating their neighbor and going out and shooting them. It's just (drug addicts) trying to get something for nothing."

"I'm saddened to say it, but I do think Dallas is a more violent place these days," said June Bergman, who has lived in the city for more than 30 years.

"I'm more cautious as I walk to the car, and I take time to glance around to see who's around."



On the run

SAUDI ARABIA — U.S. Marines run across the Saudi desert toward their assault vehicle during live-fire offensive maneuvers here Friday. U.S. forces have been in Saudi Arabia for more than four months as part of Operation Desert Shield.

Officials in quandry over landmark

GREENVILLE (AP) — Several months ago, an elderly man stood at a window and watched sheets of rain swirl around the old Cadillac Hotel downtown.

He recalled the first time he stayed at the historic hostelry. "It was in 1941 and I had just joined the army," he said. "They put us up there for the night before we were shipped off to Fort Hood in the morning."

"For a lot of us, it was the first time we had stayed away from home. We were in awe of the place and really didn't want to leave it."

The hotel, between Stonewall and St. John on Washington Street, opened on Aug. 18, 1926, as the Washington Hotel. Its six stories made it Greenville's tallest, most modern building. Citizens pointed to the hotel as a symbol of the city's progress.

Now city officials are trying to find someone to take responsibility for the building, which has been abandoned for several years. The only people who stay there now are vagrants who find shelter from the cold. The hotel's floors have been scarred by their campfires, and others have stripped the copper wiring and other things of value from the hotel's rooms.

But it was a festive time when the Washington Hotel was opened, by a stock company of Greenville residents.

Most of the city's merchants took out ads in a special issue of the Greenville Evening Banner, giving congratulations to "Greenville's first European Hotel."

One local clergyman, Pastor French of Wesley Methodist Church, even urged his congregation to attend the hotel's grand opening dance, provided they took some precautions as to the nature of the proceedings.

"I am to tell you how we can all do this without dishonoring God or casting away any sort of reproach upon our Christian profession," French told his congregation on Aug. 15.

He told them to pray before attending the dance and obtain from the management the promise that "no man or woman shall be allowed to attend who is so dressed as to make an appeal to the baser pas-

The hotel's floors have been scarred by (vagrants') campfires, and others have stripped the copper wiring and other things of value from the hotel's rooms.

sions of the opposite sex," that there would be no drinking, and that males would dance only with males and females only with females.

It isn't known how many heeded French's advice, but the hotel's 100 rooms were filled on opening night as Greenville couples dined on a seven-course meal that cost \$2 per couple and later danced on the hotel's roof garden to the tunes of Ligon Smith and his Orchestra.

It was an interesting age. Texas' first woman governor, Miriam "Ma" Ferguson, was in office and the Greenville Hunters baseball team was finishing up its season a disappointing 28-30, good for only fourth place in the East Texas League. In New York, movie idol Rudolph Valentino lay on his death bed.

But at its opening, the Washington Hotel was the talk of Greenville and it remained a touch of class through the years "Cotton was king" and Greenville was booming.

The Washington was sold several times and became the Cadillac in later years. But its rooftop dances and simple elegance continued to attract visitors.

In its twilight, when the Cadillac was owned by J.P. "Punk" McNatt, it had become an apartment hotel with mostly elderly residents. After it was sold several more times, it became the property of an Oklahoma savings and loan that eventually went bankrupt. The hotel became the property of government regulators, and was closed for good in the mid-1980s.

Now the old hotel not only has city officials worried about safety, but some downtown merchants see it as a six-story example of the

decline of downtown Greenville, at a time when those merchants are trying to convince people that downtown is not dead.

Sandy Berger, who was director of the Greenville Main Street Project for five years, had "fairytale hopes," that someone would restore the building and use it for offices. But one problem seemed to be that no one wanted to take responsibility for the building.

"At the end of Main Street it was apparent that something had to be done," said Mrs. Berger. "There were vagrants and some signs of occult activity."

Mrs. Berger, whose bridal shower was held in the hotel in 1971, is saddened by the Cadillac's decline.

"It is sad," she said. "It was very nice and those older buildings are so much better built than the things they're building now."

Greenville City Attorney Dianne Callander said that the FDIC still controls the property and has indicated it intends to abandon its mortgage interest because it holds no value. Ms. Callander said the city will then begin a nuisance abatement process.

"Then we must determine who the real owner is and that is still not clear," she said. "If we can find out we can make that area safer for everyone. It may not mean razing it or it could mean razing it."

Ms. Callander said she is trying to avoid making the city responsible for the considerable cost of tearing down the Cadillac and said that City Sanitarian Mike Lavigne has been working hard to keep the building sealed.

But cold weather is bringing in vagrants looking for shelter. On Saturday morning, both alley doors to the Cadillac's ground floor had been broken open.

"There really is no way to secure the building," Mrs. Berger said.

Greenville Police Chief J.D. McGee and Fire Chief Dorsey Driggers said that while the Cadillac is not a major fire hazard, there have been problems there in the past and they expect those to increase in the winter.

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