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Happy New Year

At the crossroads of West Texas

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Appeals for peace in Mideast mark new year

"The passing year was one of the most difficult in our history. Crisis phenomena in economics, the lowering of people's personal safety, a weakening of order and discipline affected the conditions of life."

Mikhail Gorbachev

Millions of people around the globe bade farewell to a tumultuous 1990 and embraced the new year with fireworks and gala celebrations, while their leaders appealed for a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

President Bush praised warmer U.S.-Soviet relations and the nations' alliance in the effort to drive Iraq from Kuwait.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said the Cold War was over, but that there would be no lasting peace until the gulf crisis was resolved.

Australians were among the first to ring in 1991. Hundreds of thousands of partiers jammed Sydney Harbor to watch fireworks and a laser show.

Temple bells, ship's whistles and fireworks welcomed the Year of the Sheep in Tokyo. Millions of Japanese headed for shrines to pray for success, while others gathered around bonfires at neighborhood shrines to drink sake, or riee wine.

In Spain, a television electrician accidentally broke the legendary clock that rings in the Spanish New Year in Madrid's popular Puerta del Sol square. But it was fixed in time for the arrival of 1991.

At midnight on New Year's Eve, Spaniards seek good luck by swallowing one grape with each of the 12 chimes of the 123-year-old clock — either gulping the grapes during a huge party in the square or while watching the live TV or radio broadcast.

The mood was somber in Pakistan after Islamic fundamentalists denounced New Year's Eve celebrations as a product of the decadent West.

A group calling itself "The Tigers of Allah" strung banners throughout the city of Karachi, emblazoned with skull-and-crossbone insignias and the warning: "Beware."

Fundamentalists demanded there be no dancing, drinking or mingling with the opposite sex at parties. Threats prompted all the city's hotels to cancel their festivities.

In Manila, Philippine police went on alert and hospitals expected heavy casualties from fireworks and the firing of illegal weapons.

Germans began their first year in decades under one nation, and Chancellor Helmut Kohl urged support for Soviet reforms to maintain peace on the continent.

No one has a bigger interest in that than we Germans in the heart of Europe," Kohl said in a New Year's Eve speech to be delivered on nationwide television. His office released a copy early.

Germany has been the staunchest European supporter of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, whom Germans largely credit with helping eliminate the major obstacles to unification.

In a message on Soviet television, Kohl extended "heartfelt greetings and our good wishes" to the Soviet people for the New Year.

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New Year low key in Gulf

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — The Scots dined on haggis, the French had foie gras and the Americans enjoyed steak and a radio special by comedian Robin Williams. But New Year's celebrations for the gulf troops were generally low-key.

The important date for the troops is Jan. 15, the U.N. deadline for Iraq to get out of Kuwait or face a possible military strike to drive it from the emirate.

Although soldiers yearned for a cup of kindness, New Year's was non-alcoholic because of Saudi Arabia's strict Muslim ban on liquor.

"There's no booze. What are you going to do? Have another Coke?" said Marine Col. M.L. Haiman, 49, of the Bronx, New York. "People have their eye on the 15th of January."

The troops in the multinational force have been on heightened alert throughout the holidays in case Iraqi President Saddam Hussein launches a pre-emptive strike.

"It's a prime time for the other side to come after us, on our holidays when they think our guard might slip. If they think that, they're wrong," said Haiman.

The only official celebrations were by the approximately 3,000 men of the Scottish regiments in the British 1st Armored Division,

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Parents creative when naming kids

By LEA WHITEHEAD
For the Herald

In a simpler time, parents turned to the Good Book to find inspiration for names of their offspring.

Favorite girls' names were Mary, Ruth and Sarah. For the boys, parents chose Matthew, Joseph and Paul.

Such traditional names don't appear to fit the demands of the new decade, if 1990 local birth records are any indication.

While Jonathan, Jeremy and Jared were the most popular names for boys, and Nicole and Brooke appeared most often for girls, most parents opted for one-of-a-kind monikers.

Take these unusual spellings of familiar names: Sydnee, Kassandra, Kandace, Westly, Shelbi, Alyx, Mykel, Brittni, Kortnie and Kacey.

Some parents were even more creative, coming up with Evianna Daniella, Keisha Dayne, Jhontae Dionne, Clarissa Chantelle, Alexis Amara, Rachel Axliegh, Kade Evan, Kassie K'Lynn, Berkly Kalyn, Turquoise LaPoncha, Kiara Charde, Chaquesta Nicole, Talan Blaze, Charleen Javelle and Cody Dearl.

Or take Gabrielle Caprice, Carissa Bryan, Hanna Branee, Amanda Cheyenne, Tivia Latrice, Jacob Almazon, Desirrae Monique, Lenardo Bobby, Denise Marvette, Xavion Felix, Domonique Rashad, Bree Melin, Taylor Briana, Tia Kae, and Tylier Jase.

The usual alliterative names for twins were eschewed for the two sets born last year in Big Spring: Stephanie Lynn and Heather Nicole, and Gomizindo and Ysidro.

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Vacation fun

Jerrod Helms, Greg Gannaway and Kris Pirkle, above, attempt to catch a pass thrown during a game of street football on Cindy Lane Monday afternoon. No winner was declared in the contest, and this pass fell incomplete. At left, David Garcia, son of Delmiro and Adela Gracia of Lamesa, gives his younger brother Richard a push. Other brother Bobby seems to be doing fine by himself. The family was in Big Spring on a shopping trip.

Higher taxes go into effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal taxes will raise the price of tobacco, beverage alcohol and some luxuries beginning today while upper-bracket Americans will have to pay higher income taxes to help reduce the nation's budget deficit.

The changes, combined with the 5.1-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase that took effect Dec. 1, will raise the average household's federal tax bill by about $215 a year. Congress estimates the average family making less than $50,000 will pay an extra $1 a week.

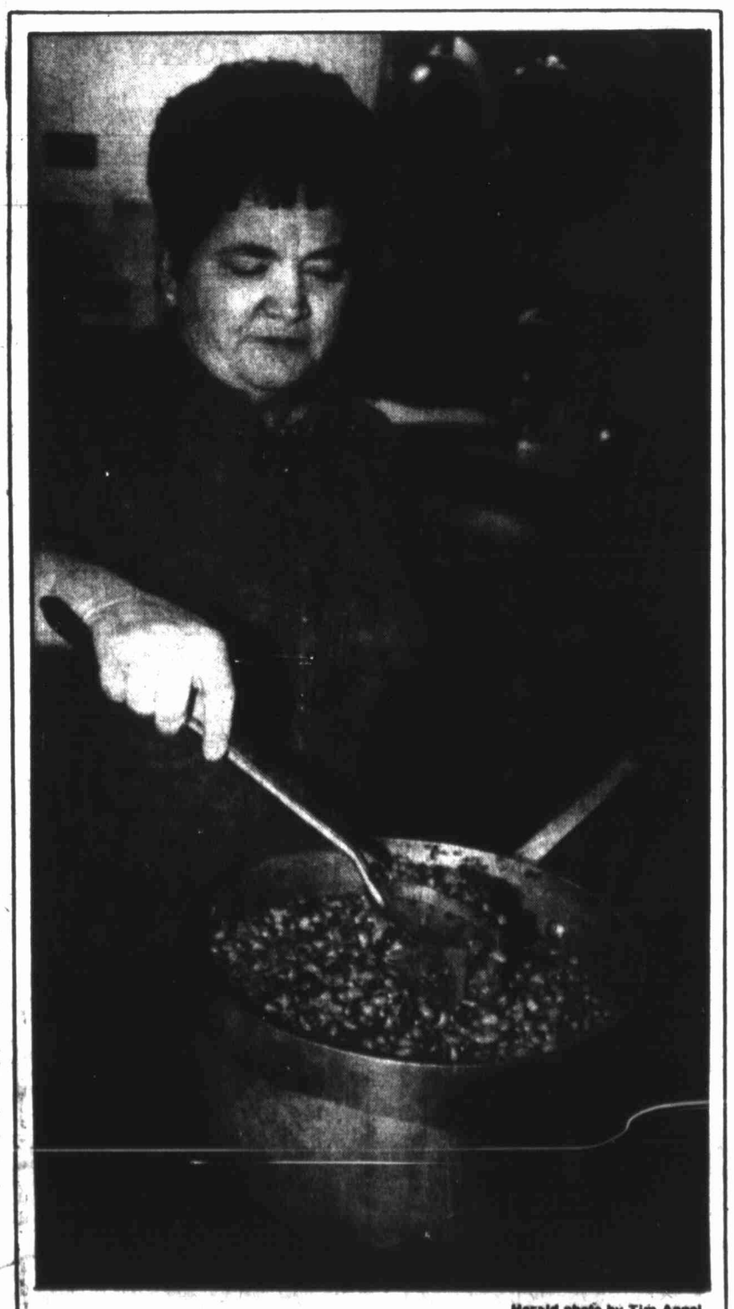
Those with incomes between $50,000 and $100,000 will pay about $278 a year more on the average. The increase for the $100,000-to-$200,000 group will average $839. The richest 600,000 couples and individuals — with incomes over $200,000 — will pay an average of $8,598 more per year.

Congress hit top-income earners to correct what many lawmakers perceived as overly generous tax cuts during the 1980s. The new law boosts the top income-tax rate on people at that income level, restricts their itemized deductions, phases out the value of their personal exemptions and subjects more of their wages to Medicare payroll taxes.

On the other hand, prior law will give all taxpayers bigger exemptions and other adjustments designed to prevent last year's inflation from raising their income taxes.

The new year also brings a major increase in the earned-income tax credit, which benefits low-income working families with children.

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Good luck dinner

Jan Howard, manager of Days Inn and Doc Holiday's Saloon, stirs a pot of black-eyed peas before the New Year's party at the facility. The peas and cornbread were served at the party, a Southern tradition to ensure good luck for the upcoming year.

Is weight loss on your list of resolutions?

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

So you've resolved to lose weight for the holidays? Not surprising, say local health and fitness experts.

According to information from Weight Watchers of South Texas, more than 50 percent of Americans will begin a weight-loss program today. The reason may very well be that the average U.S. citizen reportedly gains from four to eight pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you are anything like Big Springer Julie Shirey, it may not be your first year on the "fitness wagon" for the new year.

"I make that (resolution) every year," Shirey said. "It always takes me several weeks to get going, and sometimes I don't."

This year, she said, "six weeks of fun took its toll."

Shirey said she has tried "every diet that's ever been thought of," including a favorite that consists of only prunes and boiled eggs.

Although not everyone will go that far, many Crossroads Country residents will probably resolve to take off some weight in 1991. For a better chance of success, use moderation, said Laurie Churchwell, owner of the Dance Gallery in Big Spring.



"First, don't make such a radical change that your goals are unrealistic," Churchwell said. "Resolve to lose no more than two pounds per week."

Churchwell recommended developing a "positive eating plan" that is low in fat, high in complex carbohydrates.

"The way I look at diet and exercise, it's almost like religion," she said. "You can't force someone to do it. A person has to want to lose weight and get in shape."

Olney Menges of local group Take Off Pounds Sensibly said she, too, recommends sensible eating habits and gradual weight loss.

"Taking it off is easier, keeping it off is the challenge," she said. Olney added that exercise is "a must."

"It makes you feel good, look good, it's invigorating," she said. "That's motivational."

Mignon Braun, a leader with Weight Watchers in West Texas, said exercise is important but not mandatory.

"We have some people who are unable to exercise," she said. "But it does help your attitude — your attitude and your body."

The group, she said, expects an influx of new members around Jan. 1 each year. Braun cautioned against trying to change too many things at once.

"People try to change everything about themselves at once," Braun said. "They also put too much emphasis on numbers. Successful weight loss is changing of habits."

Dr. John Farquhar, a family practice physician in Big Spring, cautioned against over-emphasis on weight, body size and appearance.

"I find that most often, for women especially, weight is tied with sexual attractiveness . . ." he said. "They're thinking, 'I'm not good enough.' The system to some extent tries to drill that into (girls and women).

"The problem isn't the shape of their thighs or the numbers on the scale," Farquhar said. "It's how they see themselves in their mind's eye."

Farquhar said weight loss is basically, "eat less, exercise more." If your New Year's resolution is to shed some poundage, he recommended, take a few minutes and think about whether you are camouflaging the problems that really exist in your life.

If you decide weight loss is for you in the new year, here are a few tips from area health and fitness programs.

- Don't eat in front of the television or standing at the counter. Choose one place at the table and eat there every meal.
- Try keeping a food diary. Many people find they eat more than they thought, Weight Watchers information says.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Exercise at least three times

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Sidelines

Store falls victim to hard times

AUSTIN (AP) — The Paleface Store, a general store built in the 1940s near the Pedernales River west of Austin, has fallen victim to hard times and was closing for good Monday.

"Used to be, we would get 1,500 customers on a weekend," said owner Clarence King. "Now, we're lucky to get 300."

King said the store, which sits on the edge of the Paleface Ranch, was built in 1946 to feed the men who were building a bridge across the Pedernales.

During the last four or five years, times have been tough, King said. Most recently, the Internal Revenue Service seized the nearby property of singer Willie Nelson — including his golf course and recording studio — claiming Nelson owed $16.7 million in back taxes and penalties.

That about did it for the store, King said, since Nelson's friends, relatives, other musicians and visitors made up a good portion of his business.

"Man, they'd come in here and spend tons of money. The IRS business with Willie, that was the last nail in the coffin," King said.

Reserve call-up creates problems

HOUSTON (AP) — Hospitals and clinics in the Houston area are beginning to feel the pinch of Operation Desert Shield as they shuffle to fill vacancies left by hundreds of medical reservists.

Hospital spokesmen say there already has been some impact on the quality of medical care, but the areas most severely hit have been outlying rural areas. They say the situation could become more severe if the United States goes to war with Iraq because even more medical reservists could be called up.

"We're not real optimistic," said Michael McAndrew, chief operating officer at Brazosport Memorial Hospital in Lake Jackson.

Brazosport Memorial has lost business because three physicians who admit patients have been recalled by the reserves, McAndrew said. Among them is a doctor in family practice, an ear, nose and throat specialist, a radiologist, some nurses and a biomedical technician repairman.

"It's had a pretty big impact on this little community," McAndrew said. Because of the loss, the caseload for other Lake Jackson physicians is so overloaded that some patients have been forced to seek treatment in Houston, about 75 miles north of the town of about 20,000.

Overall, the problem in Texas' rural hospitals "is pretty scattered at this time, but some are having extreme difficulties," said Craig Barron, a coordinator for the Texas Medical Association in Austin.

Since the military buildup began, the association has had calls from activated physicians.

"They were left scrambling to find somebody to pick up their practice," Barron said.

Police arrest store employee in slaying

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police arrested a store security guard in connection with the robbery of a Fort Worth department store in which one employee was stabbed to death and another was critically wounded.

Sergio Morales Martinez, 24, of Grand Prairie was arrested Sunday after the surviving woman in the Saturday night attacks named him as the assailant, authorities said.

Martinez was charged with capital murder in the death of Penny Heath, 35, of Fort Worth, who died in Mervyn's Department Store in southwest Fort Worth after being stabbed in the neck.

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RV park caters to nudist retirees during winter

EDINBURG (AP) — Among the tens of thousands of retired people who migrate to subtropical South Texas each winter, some have more reason than others to escape the cold.

They are the nudists who spend the season behind the 10-foot-high corrugated-metal privacy fence at Sandpipers Holiday Park.

"It's nice to get up in the morning and not have to worry about finding your pants," said Mel, a 67-year-old retired farmer from Ottawa, Canada.

He and his 68-year-old wife, Evelyn, reclined nude by the swimming pool on a warm December afternoon. They and other nudists preferred to use only their first names, to preserve their privacy.

Mel and Evelyn referred to the outside as the "textile" world. They have tried to escape that world as much as possible since 1979, when they became nudists.

"We found when we were in textile parks, people were very possessive and crotchety," Mel said. "We found people easier to get along with at nudist parks."

Evelyn, a retired elementary school teacher, agreed.

"People are their natural selves at nudist parks," Evelyn said. "Without clothes, we're all the same. There's no snobbery."

"And no tan lines," a woman across the pool added.

Entering Sandpipers at the unpaved end of Seminary Road north of Edinburg offers quite a surprise for those unaware of what awaits them inside.

A recent visitor followed the instruction to press a doorbell and wait at the driveway entrance facing the management office. Moments later, manager John Lawler stepped out of the office door, wearing nothing but eyeglasses, a hearing aid, beard, sandals and an uninterrupted suntan. He lowered a cable blocking the driveway and motioned the driver to a parking space.

At first glance, it looked like the scores of parks the primarily Midwestern and Canadian droves of "winter Texans" call home for a few weeks or months in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"It's nice to get up in the morning and not have to worry about finding your pants."

But then, amid the rows of metal recreational vehicles and trailers, there was a naked man, apparently in his 60s, watering his flower bed. Another naked man about the same age emptied his garbage can. Couples took walks, wearing nothing but athletic shoes.

Nude, gray-haired grandmothers sewed cross-stitch projects by the swimming pool.

Others swam laps in the pool, or lounged in the hot tub, sans swimsuits.

Nearby, four other retired nudists played a game of dominoes.

A 75-year-old man by the pool was naked, but his 66-year-old wife wore clothes.

"I'm not a nudist," she said. "I just can't do it."

She said she accompanies her husband to nudist parks because they both enjoy the atmosphere.

Nudists consistently say they choose the lifestyle because they consider shedding their clothing the key to true relaxation.

Many nudist retirees spend warmer months in nudist parks farther north.

Sandpipers also has some younger couples, families and a few singles year-round, but its busiest months are from November to April when the retirees come down from the north. Most of the approximately 60 guests at the end of December were older than 50.

"A lot of people, when they think of nudism, they have sex on their mind," said Lawler. "That's not what it is. It's a form of relaxation. You might even call it a way of life."

It's also not a "colony," the term often given to nudist clubs, Lawler said. "A colony is where ants live."

Sandpipers is affiliated with the Kissimmee, Fla.-based American Sunbathing Association, a national nudist organization. The 200 clubs with some 35,000 members affiliated with the ASA in North America maintain strict rules to promote a "family" atmosphere, according to ASA literature.

No. 1 on Sandpipers' list of club rules states: "This is a family park, and anything that inhibits that atmosphere is not acceptable. Please avoid EXCESSIVE DRINKING, profanity and vulgar talk. Offensive familiarity and indiscreet behavior will not be tolerated."

Some of the members' children and grandchildren visit for nudist vacations. But some other members keep their nudism a secret from their families and friends.

Clothing usually is optional, but the club requires nudity while in the pool or hot tub.

"After all, this is a nudist park," Lawler explained. "If you're not willing to be nude some time, what the hell are you doing here?"

Everybody wears textiles when a cold front hits.

"They're not crazy," Lawler said. "I'm not about to freeze."

Lawler, 65, a retired industrial toolmaker, and his 60-year-old wife, Joan, a retired automotive worker, said before they retired in Wisconsin, they could not wait until weekends arrived. They would head straight for the area nudist park on Friday afternoons.

Now they can stay unclothed whenever they want, weather permitting.

"The stress just flows right out of you," Joan Lawler said.

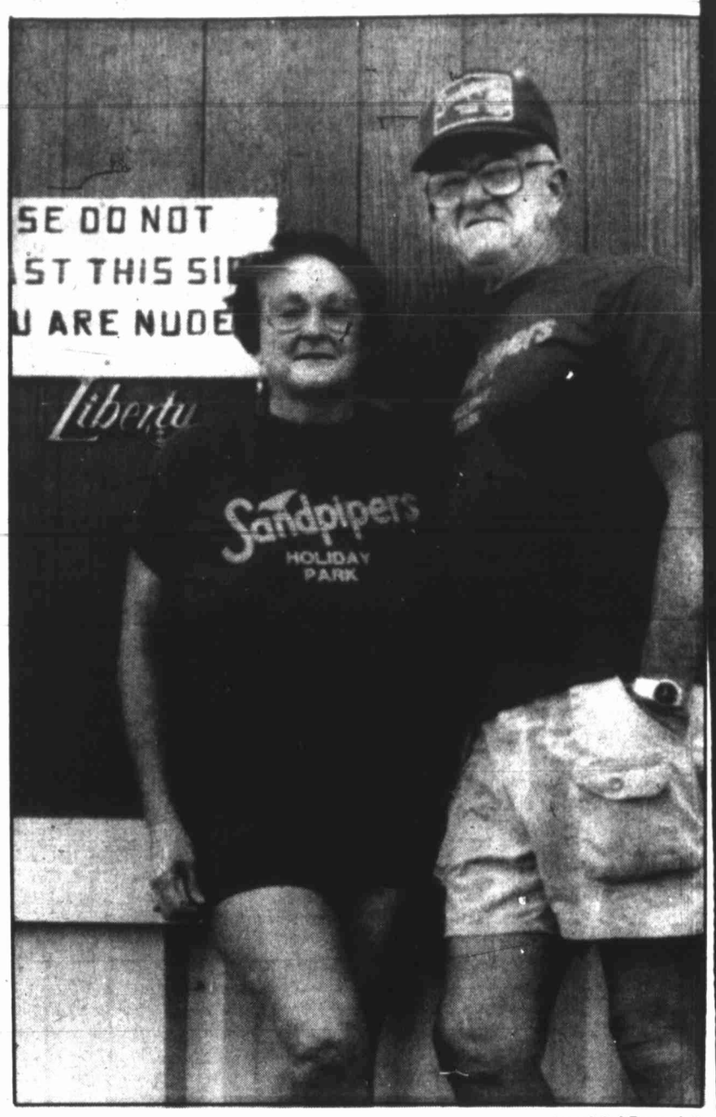
The 3½-year-old park has 29 RV spaces and 12 mobile home rental units equipped with water, sewer and electricity. It also has 10 additional undeveloped acres for future expansion, Lawler said.

Because it is small, compared with many RV parks in the valley, Sandpipers members don clothes for visits to square dances and other activities available at the larger parks. Some also attend area churches regularly.

But club members say they enjoy returning to Sandpipers, where they can stay nude and swim, play on the tennis, shuffleboard and volleyball courts, shower outdoors and take brisk morning walks.

Neighbors in the rural area of Hidalgo County don't bother them, Lawler said, except for occasional youths who climb the fence to take a look.

"They're probably disappointed," he said.



Associated Press photo

EDENBURG — Joan and John Lawler, managers of the 10-acre Sandpipers Holiday Park, pose at a sign at the recreational vehicle park located near Edinburg. The park caters to retired "winter Texans" during the winter months. They got dressed to have their picture taken.

Gymnast marries quarterback

HOUSTON (AP) — After going for the gold in the 1984 Olympics, Mary Lou Retton sported a gold ring after her marriage Saturday to former University of Texas quarterback Shannon Kelley.



RETTON

The diminutive Retton came up to the shoulder of her husband as the pair posed on the church steps after the evening ceremony. "It was a dream come true," Retton said.

She wore a vee-necked white gown with puffed sleeves embroidered with pearls and Austrian crystals and was attended by seven bridesmaids, including her older sister Shari.

Following the brief ceremony, Retton and her new husband exited the church to pose for pictures in front of an antique Rolls Royce. Retton watched as a license plate with the name "Retton" was removed from the vintage car and replaced by one with the name "Kelley."

The couple entered the car and were driven to River Oaks Country Club for the reception.

A publicist for Retton said he was unsure if she would keep her name.

Six hundred guests were invited to the wedding at St. Michael's Catholic Church. The list included former football player Joe Theismann; track star Carl Lewis; Kathy Johnson, captain of the 1984 Olympic team; soap opera star Brian Clark and Retton's former coach, Bela Karolyi.

Retton, 22, invited President and Mrs. Bush, but they declined and instead sent a framed photograph of themselves.

The couple hired a Los Angeles public relations firm to generate news coverage, which includes People magazine at the wedding and the syndicated television show "Entertainment Tonight" at the reception.

The 4-foot-9 gymnast captured America's heart at the 1984 Olympics when she won the all-around gymnastics gold medal, the first American woman to accomplish that feat.

She told the *Houston Post* she couldn't say which was more exciting, the Olympics or her wedding.

"One is competition where I was trained and confident," she said. "With the wedding I'm confident but this is every girl's dream having their dad walk them down the aisle and give them to the man she will spend the rest of her life with."

The first leg of the honeymoon will include a trip to the Rose Bowl.



Associated Press photo

Overstreet swearing in

AMARILLO — Morris Overstreet (hand raised), Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, is sworn in by Stanley Marsh III, notary public, at the Cadillac Ranch west of Amarillo on I-40. Overstreet wanted a local ceremony for the swearing in. The Cadillac Ranch was commissioned by Marsh; it is composed of 10 Cadillacs buried nose down at the same angle as the Cheops Pyramid.

Illegal shark fishermen missing

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Two men from Matamoros, Mexico, who were shark fishing illegally in U.S. waters have been lost at sea since Friday, U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Tony Cuciniello said.

Juan Morales, 37, and Francisco San Juan, 20, left Matamoros Friday for Port Mansfield in a 25-foot fiberglass shark boat. They had food for one day, 200 gallons of gas, a compass, no radio, no lights and no chairs on the boat, Cuciniello said.

Eduardo Carillo, owner of the shark boat, was apprehensive about giving the coast guard information about Morales and San Juan, because the two were shark fishing illegally, Cuciniello said.

"I finally got the owner to tell me where they where after half an hour," he said. "With the tide drifting and the wind blowing, they can be anywhere."

Coast guard boats from South Padre Island and Corpus Christ began searching for Morals and San Juan Sunday night, Cuciniello said.

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Dog aids in capturing escapee

LIVERPOOL (AP) — Brazoria County officials, led by a cocker spaniel, have recaptured one of two convicts who had escaped from the Darrington Unit of the Texas prison system last week.

Authorities arrested Christopher Merwin Stout, 35, about 12:15 p.m. Monday, after a family pet in the area began barking at a camping trailer between Liverpool and Danbury.

Brazoria County Sheriff's investigator Sgt. David Wallace said the dog, named Wiggles, kept barking at the trailer until his owner called authorities.

Wallace said Stout was lying in the trailer, trying to hide, but gave himself up to officers without a struggle.

"He was still in possession of a loaded shotgun, but he didn't attempt to use it," Wallace said.

Stout was wearing only bluejeans and socks and told authorities he was cold and hungry. He said he had not eaten since Thursday.

Authorities had launched a massive manhunt complete with bloodhounds and German shepherds after Stout and another inmate, Russell Dudley Kerr, 27, of Harris County, fled the Darrington Unit near Rosharon on Thursday. The pair allegedly stole a prison system truck and drove out passed guards about 4 p.m. Thursday.

Kerr remained at large Monday.

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Price fixing is under investigation

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal authorities subpoenaed the records of the nation's biggest baby formula manufacturers after state welfare officials and consumer advocates made allegations of price fixing, a newspaper reported.

"This is a top-priority, front-burner investigation," said Kevin J. Arquit, head of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition.

He said authorities have not concluded that price fixing occurred. The companies denied the allegations.

The New York Times reported Monday that records were subpoenaed from Ross Laboratories, a division of Abbott Laboratories; the Mead-Johnson Nutritional Group, a division of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.; Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, a division of the American Home Products Corporation; the Carnation Company, a subsidiary of Nestle S.A.; and the Gerber Products Company. The American Academy of Pediatrics was also subpoenaed, it said.

Ross, Mead-Johnson and Wyeth-Ayerst account for about 95 percent of all baby formula marketed in the United States, while Carnation and Gerber account for about 5 percent.

Theater-shooting suspect wounded

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — A teen-ager arrested in connection with a fatal shooting during a showing of "The Godfather Part III" was shot and wounded when he tried to escape, police said.

Norman Williamson, 18, of Cambria Heights, was arrested late Sunday outside a Long Island roller rink. He was shot in the left hip a few minutes later when he tried to get away. Police thought he was reaching for a gun, said Lt. John Nolan of the Nassau County Homicide Squad.

Officials at Winthrop University Hospital declined to release Williamson's condition early today. Nolan said the gunshot wound was not life-threatening.

Police say Williamson took part in a shootout at the Sunrise Cinemas in Valley Stream on Christmas night that left one bystander dead and three others wounded. Another teen-ager was arrested in the case Thursday.

Tremain Hall, 15, of the New York borough of Queens, was fatally wounded during the shootout, which occurred after an argument between two groups of moviegoers. One group had accused people in the other of talking during the gangster film.

Williamson was also charged with resisting arrest and possession of a controlled substance.

Healthy child is chosen for poster



LAURA KRUMWIEDE

CHICAGO (AP) — The March of Dimes has chosen a healthy youngster as its annual poster child. The girl, who was born more than three months premature, proves miracles can happen, the charity said.

Laura Krumwiede was given a 40 percent chance of surviving after her birth in 1984. She weighed less than 2 pounds, her lungs were unable to function, and she spent the first days of her life hooked to a respirator.

Today, the suburban Chicago youngster is a healthy kindergartner, looking forward to meeting President Bush and fulfilling her other duties as the 1991 national ambassador for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.



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New Year's Day preparation

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean housewives crowd around a vendor selling corn, barley, red beans and millet for traditional New Year's rice dishes at Seoul's Gangdong market on New Year's Eve. Such dishes are served at a memorial service for ancestors and are considered more nutritious than plain rice for a healthy start toward a new year. Square-shaped boxes in the containers are for measuring.

Pay increase will help justices deal with load

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice William Rehnquist says a 25 percent pay hike for federal judges will help them cope with a sharply rising caseload of drug crimes and bankruptcies.

In his year-end report on the federal court system, Rehnquist noted that the courts' budget for the current fiscal year has topped $2 billion for the first time.

This growing federal caseload, "fueled by drug cases and an ever-rising tide of personal bankruptcies," is sure to require even greater spending in the future, the chief justice of the Supreme Court said.

"With our overall caseload continuing to multiply," Rehnquist said in the report released Monday, "the judiciary will be facing a continued need for expansion of our budget."

Drug prosecutions in federal courts rose 6 percent in 1990, Rehnquist said, "while filings for violations of weapons and immigration laws climbed more than 23 percent each as the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms used their expanded resources to attack drug networks."

Rehnquist said 725,000 new federal bankruptcy petitions were filed in 1990. Personal bankruptcy filings rose by 14 percent, and business bankruptcies by 3 percent.

As 1990 ended, the chief justice reported, 975,000 bankruptcy cases were pending in federal courts.

Rehnquist said that Congress "averted a crisis" by providing, as of Tuesday, a 25 percent pay hike for all federal judges.

"Adoption of this increase averted a crisis in the judiciary by fairly addressing what had been one of the most important issues affecting our branch in the late '80s," he said.

The pay raise boosts the chief justice's annual salary from $124,000 to $160,600. The salaries of the Supreme Court's eight associate justices rise from $118,600 to $153,600.

Salaries for federal appellate judges jump from $102,500 to $132,700; and for federal trial judges from $96,600 to $125,000.

Rehnquist, in testifying before Congress in 1989, had urged hefty pay raises for all federal judges.

World

Albanians swarming into Greece

FILIATES, Greece (AP) — Hundreds of Albanians trekked across frozen mountains and rivers Monday to seek refuge in Greece despite the promise of reforms by their Communist government. Albanian Jews also were leaving for Israel.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman announced that Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis will pay a two-day visit to Albania on Jan. 13. He will be the first Greek prime minister to visit Albania.

Military sources in this northwestern Greek border town said more than 600 Albanians, most of them ethnic Greeks, had crossed the frontier since daybreak.

More than 700 braved subfreezing temperatures, snow and craggy terrain to walk across the frontier Sunday, bringing the weekend total to more than 1,500.

"It's been increasing geometrically in the last few days. I have the distinct impression that they have opened the borders," regional police chief Brigadier Andreas Vergis said as he struggled to count the Albanians swarming into his three-room police station.

Refugees arriving in Greece said Albanian border guards also were defecting.

Heavy fighting rages in Somalia

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Heavy fighting between government forces and rebels raged Monday near the presidential palace in Somalia, and there were conflicting reports over who controlled the capital of the east African nation.

Pro-Western President Mohamed Siad Barre had left the palace and was reported holed up in a bunker at the airport southeast of the city center.

Rebels claimed to have seized large areas around the airport, the presidential palace, state radio and television and nearly all of the city. But sources in and out of Mogadishu disputed some of the claims.

In a communique issued in Rome, the rebels also said some members of the ruling party left Somalia Monday morning for Rome. The statement did not identify those who allegedly fled.

Diplomatic sources and a rebel sympathizer inside Mogadishu said fighting continued into the night.

"I hear heavy artillery right now," the rebel sympathizer said in a telex message to The Associated Press in Nairobi shortly before the midnight Monday.

Most residents of the city had fled to the countryside.

Moscow's tent city is dismantled



SOVIET TENT DWELLER

MOSCOW (AP) — For more than five months, protesters from across the country tested the tolerance of Soviet authorities with a tent city that went up just 200 yards from the Kremlin.

In several hours Saturday night, police with bulldozers cleared it away.

"The order was to clear it out by New Year's and give the impression that all the issues were resolved," Vadim Shilov, a 22-year-old resident of the tent city, said in a telephone interview.

The protesters pressed a variety of causes reflecting the social upheaval in the Soviet Union.

Some of the signs that adorned the tents and shacks denounced the Communist Party; others told of losing homes and jobs.

1990 A look back



Murders unsolved

The Howard County Sheriff's Department is still investigating the double murders of Jeane Davidson, 60, and her husband Lloyd, 79, who was confined to a wheelchair.

The bodies were discovered, each with at least 14 stab wounds, April 19 at their home in the I-20 Trailer Park, which they had owned and managed. Rewards totalling $5,000 are being offered for information leading to the conviction of the killer or killers.

That reward was temporarily doubled for a short period in September by Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard in hopes of bringing in someone with information. The offer expired Oct. 1.

Department of Public Safety Lt. Ed Richards, of the Criminal Intelligence Office in Austin, put together a psychological profile of the killer based on evidence. However, Richards said such a profile is not exact but that similar crimes are committed by people living a similar lifestyle. He did not issue a written report.

More than 15 polygraph tests have been administered so far in the investigation, Standard said. Six people have taken two tests.

Being sought for questioning is convicted felon Gabriel Barraza, 25, who escaped April 15 from the Lynn County Jail where he was being held on three federal indictments, including cocaine distribution. A pickup allegedly stolen by him in Tahoka was found abandoned in Big Spring. He is considered armed and dangerous. A wanted poster was distributed in October.

Sheriff Department officials are also seeking information on two long-haired men seen at the mobile home park around the time of the murders.

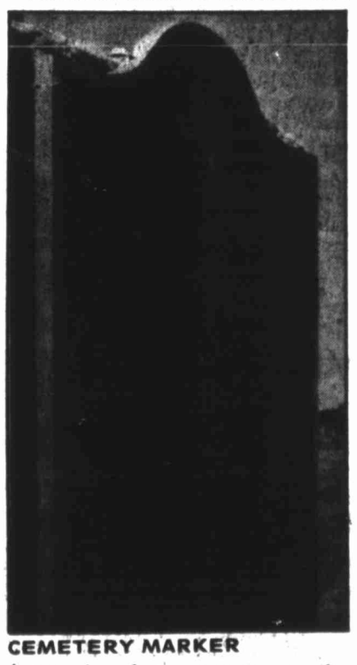
City was negotiating for fixed-base operator in fall

Big Spring September-December

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

As September 1990 began, the city was negotiating with a fixed-base operator for the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark. C-Bar Flying Service had gone out of business in June, citing financial difficulties and lack of support from the city.

Basin Aviation of Midland was later signed to operate at the facility.



CEMETERY MARKER

The history of the surrounding area was recognized this month as the Masonic Cemetery got a state historical marker. The cemetery was established in 1884.

The city was notified that its wastewater treatment plant no longer violated Environmental Protection Agency rules this month. Big Spring's plant was taken off of the "violator's list" after taking action to improve operating techniques.

The city had been placed on the list after former superintendent W.W. Windham was convicted of falsifying records.

Big Spring's alternative to high school, the Personalized Achievement Center, moved into its new home this month. The former site of Mead Auto Parts store on Main Street now houses the PAC and the Job Training Partnership Act local office.

Area citizens mobilized to contribute something to soldiers in Operation Desert Shield this month as part of Operation Oasis. The project, sponsored by Coca-Cola, 7-Eleven and KBST, allowed the public to buy a six-pack of the soft drink at a reduced price and sent with a personal note to Saudi Arabia.

The soft drinks got a big send-off at mid-October, but by year's end, the *Herald* found that sending the Cokes had been delayed by the lack of available transportation.

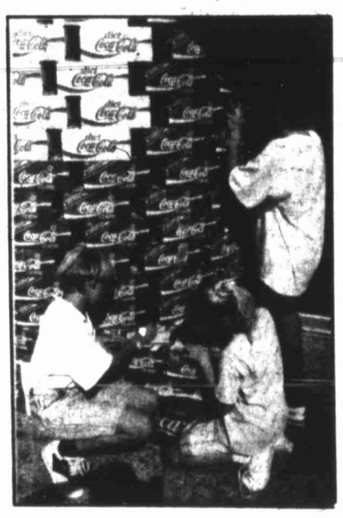
Adolph Janca took over the reigns of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at mid-September. The former Louisiana resident has had extensive experience in social service and civic work.

Big Spring High School students working to defy peer pressure introduced their peers to Drug-Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-IT) at an assembly Sept. 18. The group includes random drug testing, with special discounts for members at area businesses.

A divided Hispanic community celebrated Mexican Independence Day, *Diez y Seis de Septiembre*. Very similar celebratory events took place across town from each other, and few revelers joined in both.

The City Council formally adopted a hard-won $16 million budget late this month. The only dissent came from Mayor Max Green, who objected to the issuance of contractual obligations to purchase fire and police vehicles.

A public forum on shopping in Big Spring drew more than 100 people. Leadership Big Spring Alumni sponsored the talk, which resulted in useful information for retailers. Later, Chamber of Commerce business committee members agreed to sponsor workshops on service issues for area businesses.



OPERATION OASIS

As October began, Big Spring had started a new tradition. The first Trash and Treasures market was planned for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7, sponsored by Big Spring Main Street Inc. The market drew sellers and buyers of new and used items, and spawned several similar events later in the year.

A former area resident donated several pieces of work by a local artist to the Heritage Museum this month. Howard Duff, now of Edmonds, Wash., donated seven of frontier artist H.W. naylor's sketches to the museum.

Coahoma Junior High School was notified in October that it had been honored with a Performance Gains award from the Texas Educational Excellence Committee. The award — based on increased TEAMS scores, parental involvement and fewer drop-outs — came with a $10,000 prize.

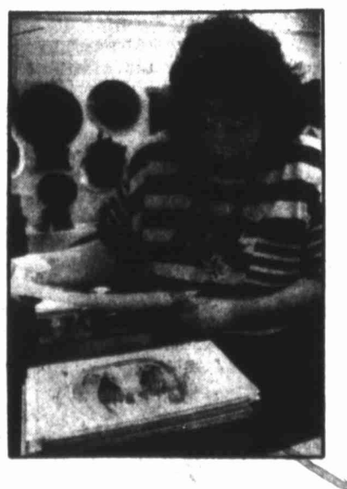
Good news came for Big Spring Main Street Inc at mid-month as they got the go-ahead to have three burned-out buildings removed from the downtown area. The removal project began later the same week. A challenge grant by Marie Hall was met by Larry Moffat — a building owner — and the city of Big Spring.

Big Spring courted travelers with a new tourist information center opened this month. The former maintenance closet, now manned by volunteers, is located at Rip Griffin's Truck stop on IH-20 and Highway 87. Signs point passers-through toward the center.

Municipal Court Judge Gwen Fair submitted her resignation late this month due to an injury. The judge's departure was set for Dec. 31, and no replacement was found at year's end as the Council tried to determine if changes in the job format were needed.



FAIR



CAYLOR DONATIONS

The Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute was notified at month's end that its expansion proposal had been approved. The funds were allocated for the Level II facility to build a Level I "satellite camp" around the fenced-in area.

November brought controversy for the Big Spring Independent School District, as teachers and trustees battled the state-mandated career ladder, a monetary-reward program for teachers. The board, faced with lack of state funding, agreed to make climbing and staying on the ladder more difficult, despite the protest of teachers.

The Heritage Museum this month received the go-ahead to take over management of the Potton House, Big Spring's historic home. The museum will staff the home and utilize it in historic demonstrations.

For the first time in its history, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf added a building that was large enough for all students to get together. The former building number 444 at Webb Air Force Base was said to be perfect for a student union building after a few renovations were complete; spring 1991 is the target date.

As December moved in, the City Council approved updated service credits for city employees. The updated credits will allow retiring workers to collect pensions based on their 1987, 1988 and 1989 average salary.

As 1990 came to a close, 25 Runnels Junior High School students were invited to Austin for the Inaugural Parade. The students will be part of a group of Texas students of all ages marching in the parade marking the start of Governor-elect Ann Richards' term in office.

With little time to prepare and no prescribed method for choosing only 25 students, school officials are not sure if the kids will be part of the event or not.

Gomez shooting in Colorado City still in the news in 1990

COLORADO CITY — The May 13, 1988, fatal police shooting of Sammy Gomez, 27, shot three times, once in the back of the head, has not been forgotten by many in this town of about 5,000 people.

Though former police officer Billy Ray Williamson, who was arresting Gomez on sexual assualt charges, was found not at fault by two local grand juries last year, Hispanics and other concerned citizens have staged two marches this year and another last year on behalf of Gomez. Then on May 11, a civil suit was filed by the Gomez family against the city, police department and named individuals, including Williamson.

Williamson said Gomez had lunged at him with a knife but League of United Latin American Citizens' officials said they have reason to believe a knife was planted and Gomez was executed as part of a long-standing vendetta between Williamson and Gomez. Also, all five Hispanics on the second grand jury, convened in November 1989, protested the proceedings, saying the presentation of evidence was biased.

The civil suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Abilene, alleges a history of abuse against Hispanics, including at least five incidents documented by a former county attorney prior to Gomez's death. A trial date for the suit is expected to be moved from Feb. 4 to May. The attorney for the Gomez family, Ruben Sandoval, of San Antonio, said he will not oppose a motion for continuance by lawyers for the city.

The shooting has gained state and national attention with marches held Feb. 10 in Austin, here in November 1988 and again here on Dec. 1 of this year.

Meanwhile, supporters plan to meet Jan. 19 in Abilene to organize a trip to Washington, D.C. Sandoval is calling for a federal grand jury investigation or U.S.

Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Herald opinion

Seizing today for a new start

Most of us look at New Year's as a opportunity for a fresh new personal beginning. So we messed up a little last year, didn't keep a few resolutions, weren't as kind, generous, thoughtful, friendly, industrious, loving, whatever, as we intended to be.

Never mind. Today we can start again to be the person we really want to be.

There isn't a whole lot we can do to change the world alone. Unless Saddam, Bush, Congress, etc. cooperate, most of us don't have much impact on how the world is run.

But there is a lot we can do to improve our own little part of the universe.

We can resolve to keep the peace. That covers a lot of situations, from not robbing or killing someone to not shouting at the children. Think how much nicer the world could be if we all, including Saddam, resolved to keep the peace.

We can resolve to be clean and tidy, not just our bodies, but our yards and our neighborhoods. And we could take that resolution a small step further and worry about our personal impact on the environment. Let's keep the Earth tidy too.

We can resolve to do the best we can at whatever we are doing. American products and American productivity have been suffering from negative publicity lately. The Japanese, who once had a reputation for shoddy exports (remember when "Made in Japan" stood for cheap and tawdry?) are now producing quality goods. "Made in the USA" should stand for top of the line.

We can resolve to exercise a little charity everyday. Money to a worthy cause always helps, but so do little acts of kindness, from offering a personal service to giving a compliment. At the very least, a few charitable thoughts to replace some negative reactions might give each of us a new outlook.

We can resolve to stop and smell the roses every day. Most of us are so busy rushing from one place to another, from one project to another, that we forget to save time for other really important things — things like reading a good book, talking quietly with friends, playing with children.

There's nothing very earth-shaking about these resolutions. But, if each one of us tried our best everyday to follow them, imagine the impact on the world.

Writing a column for for *Big Spring Herald*



By Eunice Choate
For the Herald

One night after I had tugged on his coat sleeve for thirty minutes saying, "Please, please, could I write a column for the *Herald*, could I please, huh, could I?", Robert Wernsman shook me off his arm and said, "You want to write a column for the *Herald*?"

"Pa-leeze!" I said.

"O.K. Bring me two or three. Almost everybody can write one. Some people can write two. If you can write three, you may have potential."

"How about nine thousand three hundred and eighty six?" I asked.

"That would be a start," he said.

I took my foot off his neck and went home to get my best stuff. I keep it in a big box under the bed, and I realized as I reread it, that that's exactly where it belonged.

The elves had been at it. This stuff stank. Nobody would read beyond the first line!

And then the lights came on. I *see*, I said. It *all* looks different when you invite someone else to read it!

They don't tell you *that*, those writers you read in the paper everyday. They don't tell you that you're putting *yourself* on the line, that it is *your* poor grammar and passive verbs and shoddy punctuation people will be jumping on this time!

True to my nature, I took the coward's way out, blamed it all on Robert Wernsman, and started over.

I tried to remember all the advice I had gotten from other writers about writing. Virginia Woolf said to kill The Other Woman, which has always appealed to me in more ways than one, but what she meant was: get rid of the inner self that tries to stop you from naming names, hurting feelings, or telling the truth as you know it.

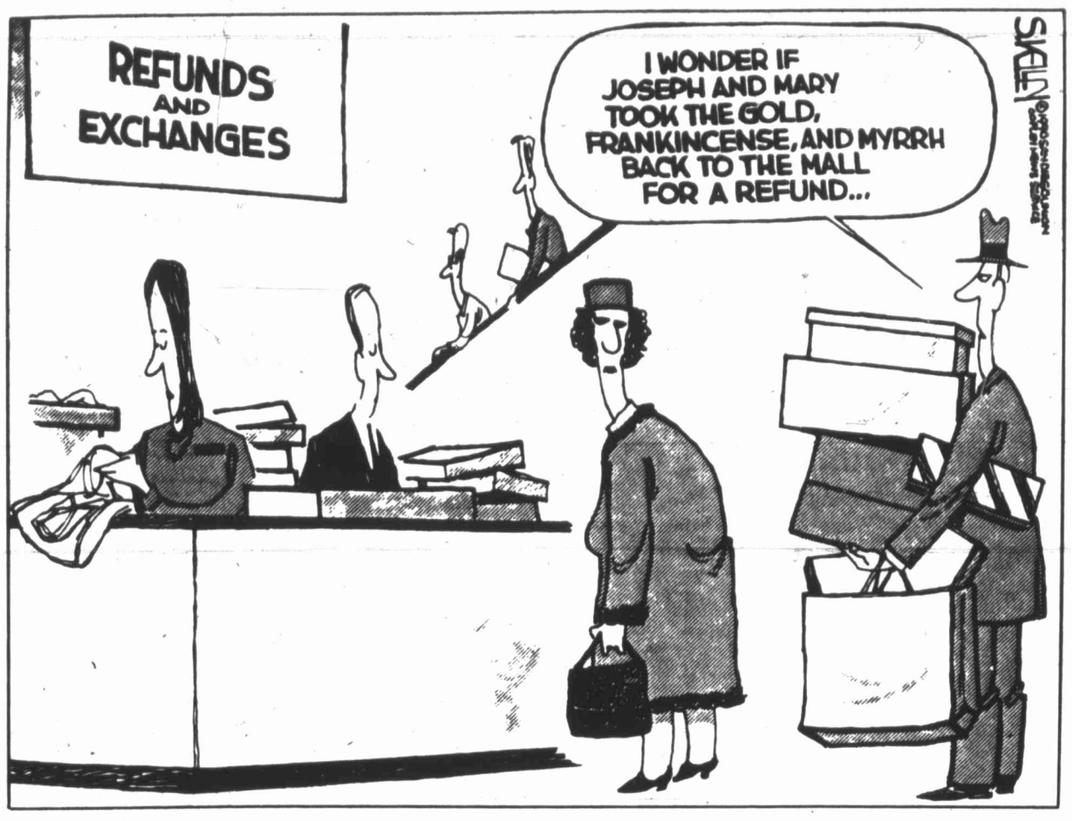
Bob Lewis told me that I had to write on the bad days as well as the good. What he meant was: find all the facets of yourself, don't be a one-sided writer — neither a total Bah-Humbug! nor a boring Goody-Two-Shoes.

Dr. Gary Grant gave me the easiest advice two years ago in Freshman Composition class. He said: "Bring a pencil."

So I'm going to try to remember all of that because I may never get this chance again. I want to write a column.

I brought my pencil and this is #1.







Telling Rip what he missed

Rip Van Wattle woke up. He had fallen asleep during a Gerry Ford State of the Union speech in 1974 and opened his eyes just in time to see the Madonna video on Ted Koppel's show.

"I must have drunk too much Sleepy Time Tea," he said. "Did I miss anything?"

"Not much," I told him.

"Have we beat the hell out of the Russians yet?" he wanted to know.

"No," I said. "As a matter of fact we're now sending them a billion dollars' worth of food because they are not doing too well."

"You have to be kidding," Rip yelled. "Why are we bailing out communists?"

"Because they have become our friends. They're pulling their troops out of Eastern Europe, and we're dismantling all our missiles in Western Europe. There is even a McDonald's in Moscow."

"Now I know you're joking. America would never permit a McDonald's to open in Russia. They could steal our recipe for french fries."

"Rip, I don't know if anyone told you this before, but the Berlin Wall is down and there is only one Germany."

"Why would they do that in a Cold War?"

"Because the Russians decided that the wall was a German problem, not a Soviet one.

"I'm sorry that I woke up. What other things did I miss?"

"We're practically at war with Iraq because it invaded Kuwait."

"Does that mean we have to fight Syria?"

"No. Syria is on our side."

"How did Iraq get to be so powerful?"

"All the NATO powers armed her when she declared war on Iran."

"Does Margaret Thatcher know about this?"

"She lost her job because the party thought she was too tough."

"How much is a gallon of gas?"

"One dollar and 60 cents. It will probably go higher, unless we get a deal from Iraq."

"Is Gerry Ford still president?"

"No, he's playing golf. He was replaced by Jimmy Carter who was replaced by Ronald Reagan who spent a trillion dollars fixing up the country. You didn't have any of your money in a savings and loan institution, did you?"

"Just my life savings."

"You're lucky. Some people lost a lot more than that. Are you aware that George Bush is president of the United States?"

"No. Does it have anything to do with me?"

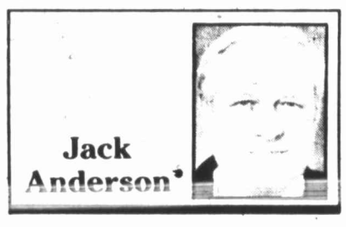
"Not much. Bush wants to fight in Iraq, give tax relief to the rich people at home and veto any equal rights bills. You don't fit into any of those categories, do you?"

"No, I don't. Well, I guess I'll go back to sleep."

"How are you going to do that?"

"I'll watch Dan Quayle talk to schoolchildren."

One office is saving money



WASHINGTON — There is a glimmer of hope that with each new year, the federal government will get better at curbing the rampant waste of your money. That glimmer resides in the General Accounting Office, which, in 1990, caught enough waste, fraud and abuse to save taxpayers $15.2 billion — nearly twice as much as it identified in 1989.

A big chunk of the money was caught before it was squandered on secret communications and intelligence programs in the Pentagon.

That information is found in a confidential report the GAO has prepared for key members of Congress. We obtained a copy of the report on its way to Congress.

The figure that stands out is $2.9 billion in savings from "command, control, communications and intelligence" in the military, which is more than four times the amount of waste found in that category in 1990.

For years, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon intelligence agencies have resisted oversight by the GAO — an arm of Congress. And we have contended for years that hundreds of millions of dollars were being hidden under the "secret" stamp because congressional oversight was ineffective. The GAO is allowed to audit the Pentagon but not the CIA.

The impression left by the GAO's internal review of its 1990 performance illustrates a truism that we have always believed — that the plodding and meticulous GAO auditors are one of Washington's best-kept secrets. We have always considered them a partner in rooting out the waste that is endemic in government.

The GAO auditors are not headline seekers. They never issue their findings without first letting the agency under investigation respond to every point. And when the GAO nails an agency, often it is the member of Congress who asked for the investigation that takes the credit.

No matter who gets the credit, the GAO works out to be one of the few cost-effective outfits in Washington. It cost $364 million to run the agency in 1990. That paid for 5,000 employees around the world — 4,200 of whom were dedicated solely to investigations and audits.

So the $15.2 billion savings in 1990 means the GAO paid for itself more than 40 times over by telling federal agencies how to use your money more effectively.

ffffer the money the GAO saved in intelligence and communications, the agency caught with the most potential waste was the Air Force. It tends to have big-ticket weapons and aircraft that have a habit of not performing well or costing more than they should.

The overall cuts and improvements made in the Air Force as a result of GAO investigations came to $1.5 billion in 1990. The fact that the GAO found $1.3 billion in overspending in the Air Force in 1989 suggests that at least one branch of the service hasn't learned its lesson.

The Navy isn't listening either. In 1989, the GAO identified $812 million that the Navy could save. The figure jumped to $1.2 billion in 1990.

If the GAO investigations are any indicator, the Army is the one branch of the service that could teach the others a lesson. The GAO found only $582 million of potential waste in the Army in 1990.

SADDAM'S STRATEGY — Iraq's Saddam Hussein believes that Iraqi soldiers are more willing to lay down their lives for the future of the Persian Gulf than are American soldiers. In a meeting last month with the handful of Arab allies he has left, Saddam said as much, and implied it would be his strategy to inflict such heavy casualties on American troops that the United States would not have the stomach for a prolonged war. At the meeting, with Jordan's King Hussein, Yemen's Vice President Ali Salem Al Beidh and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, Saddam told his friends he would not agree to the U.S. demand for his unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait.

MINI-EDITORIAL — The Pentagon has come up with a harebrained idea to give troops in the Persian Gulf some much needed rest and relaxation — charter a cruise ship and let each man and woman sail around on it for a few days. That idea should go over like a busman's holiday in the Navy. And the ground troops won't be any more enthusiastic. Being trapped on the "Love Boat" with the same old faces could be more demoralizing than being trapped on a sand dune with them.

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Dear Abby



By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a cardiologist. We have a daughter, 12, and two sons, 9 and 4. Last Sunday morning, we went to church as a family. Following the service, we started to go downstairs for refreshments when a woman cornered my husband and engaged him in conversation about her husband who is in the hospital. My husband was not his primary physician, but he had seen him once in consultation. I took the children downstairs.

Our daughter had some church activities that took about an hour, so we decided to take the boys for a walk around town. We stopped at the courthouse and the boys began to play on the steps when a man drove up, stopped, got out of his car and said, "Oh, Doctor, am I ever glad to see you! I've been having these awful chest pains . . ." I took the children while they talked.

We picked up our daughter, then some man stopped my husband and said, "Say, Doc. I'll take only a minute of your time." And we were held up for another 15 minutes.

When we finally got home, my husband said wearily, "I can't even go to church on Sunday with my family without being stopped to answer questions from people I hardly know."

Abby, physicians need their privacy, family time and time off. So please ask your readers not to ask their doctors — or *any* doctor — medical questions when they see himher in a social setting. Thank you. — *TIRED DOCTOR'S WIFE*

DEAR WIFE: You and your husband belong to a very large club that includes dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, nurses, lawyers, accountants, etc. If anyone has a prescription for a sure cure, please rush it to me and I'll publish it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a dilemma that I have been wrestling with for all of 1990.

I have a good friend (I'll call her Tillie) who has three lovely little boys. When the first boy was born, I gave him a very nice gift on his birthday and another for Christmas. When the second child arrived, I wanted to do the same, but I wasn't financially able to give the same quality gifts as I gave the first child.

Now, the third child has arrived, and I cannot afford to give any gifts. Even a lovely card strains my budget.

The problem is that Tillie is very sensitive to the fact that her second and third children have not received the same treatment in the gift department that her first child did. I know this, as she has told me so on several occasions.

Abby, how can I tactfully stop what I have started without leaving hurt feelings and a damaged friendship in my tracks? — **SWEATING IT OUT**

DEAR SWEATING: If your friendship with Tillie depends upon the quality of the gifts you give her children, I would say it wasn't much of a friendship in the first place. Shame on Tillie for trying to lay a guilt trip on you. Tell her that the gifts have stopped because you can no longer afford them.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married on Sept. 15, 1972. We had a child in 1973. We were divorced in 1975. Exactly 11 months later, we remarried and had two more children. We've been happily married ever since.

What anniversary do we officially celebrate? And please don't say, "Both of them," because, face it, you can have only one 25th wedding anniversary party. -- **WONDERING IN INDIANA**

DEAR WONDERING: Start counting from 1972, and forget that 11-month "hiatus."

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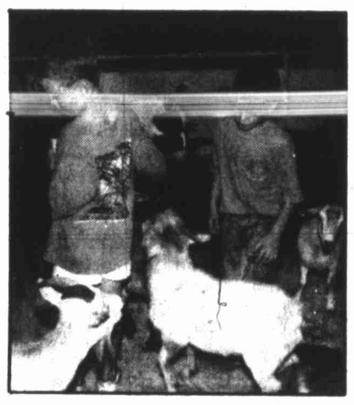


Calendar artists

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LINCOLN, Mass. — Students from the Carrol School of Lincoln, Mass., pose with copies of their "Kids Dig In" calender aimed at encouraging the planting of trees and printed on recycled paper. Clockwise from bottom center (in pearls), Amy Porter, 14, Amy Collins, 14, James DiNapoli, 14, Dan Sullivan, 13, teacher Lori Cravatts, Chris Helmstadler, 14, Jessica Be-June, 13, Michelle McLaughlin, 13, and Julie Shuman, 14.





COUNTY FAIR

Commissioners nixed ambulance subsidy hike

Howard County
September-December

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Ambulance service negotiations were in the news in September. Unhappy with their share of the costs of the city-county ambulance service, commissioners indicated they might seek bids from other companies. Then, on Oct. 24, County Judge John Coffee reached a tentative agreement with American Medical Transport to pay the same subsidy they had been paying for the past two years. It is a 1-year contract.

The tentative agreement came a day after the Big Spring City Council agreed to a 6 percent increase in 1991, marking the first time they had arranged a contract with AMT independently of the county. The city will be paying 58 percent of the subsidy next year with annual increases due in their 5-year contract.

Yellow ribbons and bows began making their appearance in Big Spring and surrounding communities last fall to honor American troops sent to Saudi Arabia. In September the ribbons tied around the trees at the county courthouse were ripped down overnight by an unknown person or persons.

More than 100 people attended September's "Not Shopping in Big Spring? Tell Us Why?" forum in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room. The forum was designed to find out why as much as 44 percent of county residents' $332.6 million in effective buying power in 1989 was spent out of the county. Many people agreed that more varied product selections and better communication was needed.

The O.H. Ivie Reservoir, reached acceptable water levels and was officially opened to the public for recreational use on Sept. 29, the Colorado Municipal Water District reported.

Officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water Distrit announced that construction on the district's largest water quality enhancement project would begin by the end of November. The $7 million project is expected to reduce salt in the drinking water by 25 percent.

In the Nov. 6 election, Republican County Judge John Coffee was unseated by Democratic challenger Ben Lockhart, who pulled in 54.71 percent of the vote. In the two contested commissioner races, Democrat John Stanley got 52.37 percent of the vote to defeat Republican John Kilgore for precinct 2 commissioner and Republican Robert Crenshaw got 51.64 percent of the vote to beat Democrat Bobby Cathey.

Then a computer glitch in counting precinct 402 absentee ballots prompted the Howard County clerk to call in Secretary of State officials. An unofficial recount by state auditors revealed 148 uncounted votes, of which Bobby Cathey got 100, giving him the win over Robert Crenshaw 851-850.

Following a suit filed by Cathey Nov. 27 in 118th Judicial District Court, visiting Judge Barbara Culvert Clack, of Andrews, ordered an official recount Dec. 19. In that recount, she determined that one of nine mutilated ballots was not discernible. She threw the ballot out, making the election a tie at 850 votes apiece and ordered a new election for Jan. 19.



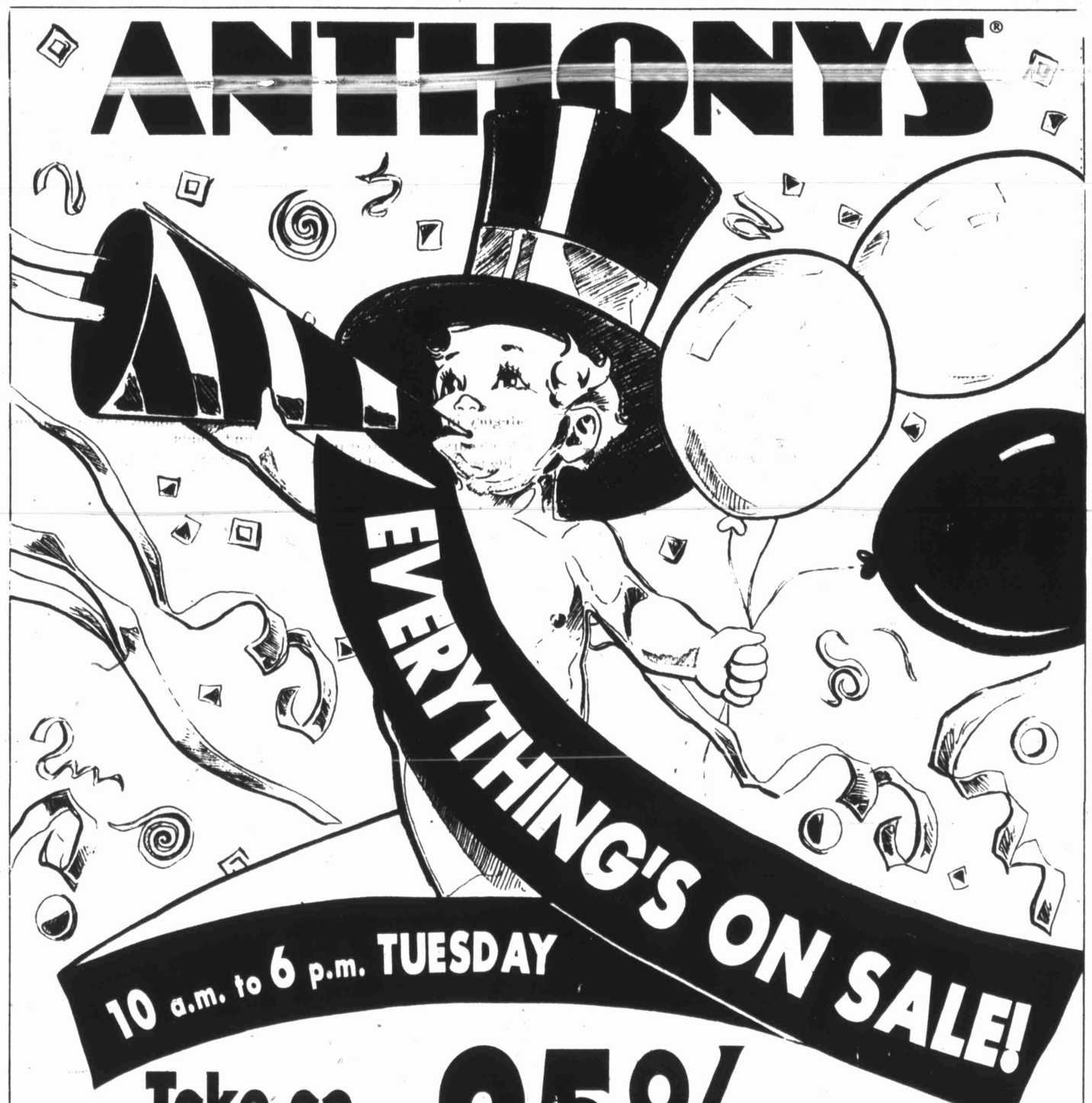
O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR

Three of five members of the Commissioners Court in 1991 will be new. In the only other locally contested race, District Clerk Glenda Brasel retained her position by getting 57.07 percent of the vote over Republican Judi Atkins.

Johnny Mack Brown was given the maximum sentence of one year in jail and fined $2,000 by a 118th Judicial District Court jury for criminally negligent homicide in the Dec. 2, 1989, death of Virginia Ryan. He did not receive probation. His case is now on appeal.

The 17-year-old boy accused of the June 13 murder of Richard Lauderdale, 52, will be tried as a juvenile, not an adult, ruled Howard County Judge John Coffee in a December hearing. Lauderdale, who was found dead near the southeast shore of Comanche Trail Lake, died of a single stab wound to the heart, according to a preliminary autopsy report. The boy was 16-years-old at the time of his arrest three days later.

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. What are the largest seeds in the world?

A. The largest seeds are the nuts of the coco-de-mer or double coconut palm, of the Seychelles, an island group in the Indian Ocean. According to North American Precis Syndicate, Inc., a nut may weigh up to 50 pounds.

Calendar

TODAY

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- The Compassionate Friends support group will not meet tonight because of the New Year holiday.

WEDNESDAY

- The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome, Child care is available. Enter at back entrance at Gregg Street parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.
- Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.
- The West Texas Orchid Society will meet at 7 p.m. in the dining room of the Best Western Airport Hotel in Midland. The topic will be "Pollination of Orchids".

THURSDAY

- C.R.I.E. (Children's Rights Through Informed Education) will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Open to the public.

Tops on TV

- **From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 1991.** Classical and popular music and folk dances ring in the new year. 7 p.m. Channel 5.
- **Rescue:911.** 7 p.m. Channel 7.
- **Her Wicked Ways.** 8 p.m. Channel 7.

Implementing Clean Air Act will take years

Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON— When the Environmental Protection Agency employees get to work tomorrow, they are going to find that Congress has put more than 700 pages of orders in their in-baskets, demanding that EPA write new regulations and timetables for cleaning up the nation's air.

The mountain of paperwork is the new federal Clean Air Act — the landmark bill that lawmakers struggled to pass last year to deal with acid rain, automobile pollution and toxic emissions.

Skeptics said the bill could never be passed because it hurt too many industries and would raise consumer prices on everything from dry cleaning to electric bills. But after months of haggling, Congress did agree to cut smokestack pollution, force major cities to clean up their brown clouds of smog and require industry to control its toxic chemical emissions.

For the most part, the new law sets important barriers into place, such as demanding that coal-burning industries cut their polluting emissions by 10 million tons by the year 2000.

"We will literally have to prepare thousands of new regulations during the next few years in order to implement the Clean Air Act."
William Reilly
EPA Administrator

However, the massive task of setting health standards and writing the regulations on how industry is supposed to meet them has been turned over to EPA.

"We will literally have to prepare thousands of new regulations during the next few years in order to implement the Clean Air Act," acknowledged EPA Administrator William Reilly at a recent briefing.

"Much remains to be settled. The amendments to the Clean Air Act amount to more than 700 pages," said William Fay, spokesman for industry's Clean Air Working Group. "The way EPA drafts the language will determine whether or not additional millions will need to be spent."

The new Clean Air Act covers three major issues: acid rain, ozone pollution (primarily vehicle exhaust) and toxic emissions (such as chemical fumes and leaks). The following shows that while the new law spells out targets for each, it leaves much work to EPA.

Acid Rain

Essentially, Congress ordered the 111 dirtiest power plants in the nation to install scrubbing equipment by 1995. The cost — pegged as high as $5 billion or more — is supposed to be shared by having utilities buy "credits" from the dirty ones to pay for expansion.

By the year 2000, all power plants and smokestack industries must reduce total emissions to a low standard of 1.2 pounds of pollutants per million thermal units.

Ozone

How to clean up the brown clouds of smog hovering over the nation's cities has deadlocked Congress for years. The new law requires automobile makers to cut hydrocarbon emissions in new cars, guarantee those systems to be effective for 10 years or 100,000 miles and add vapor-trapping equipment to the vehicles.

In addition, the dozen smoggiest cities in nation — such as Los Angeles and Houston — would be given until the year 2003 to make significant reductions in pollution or face federally mandated programs and penalties.

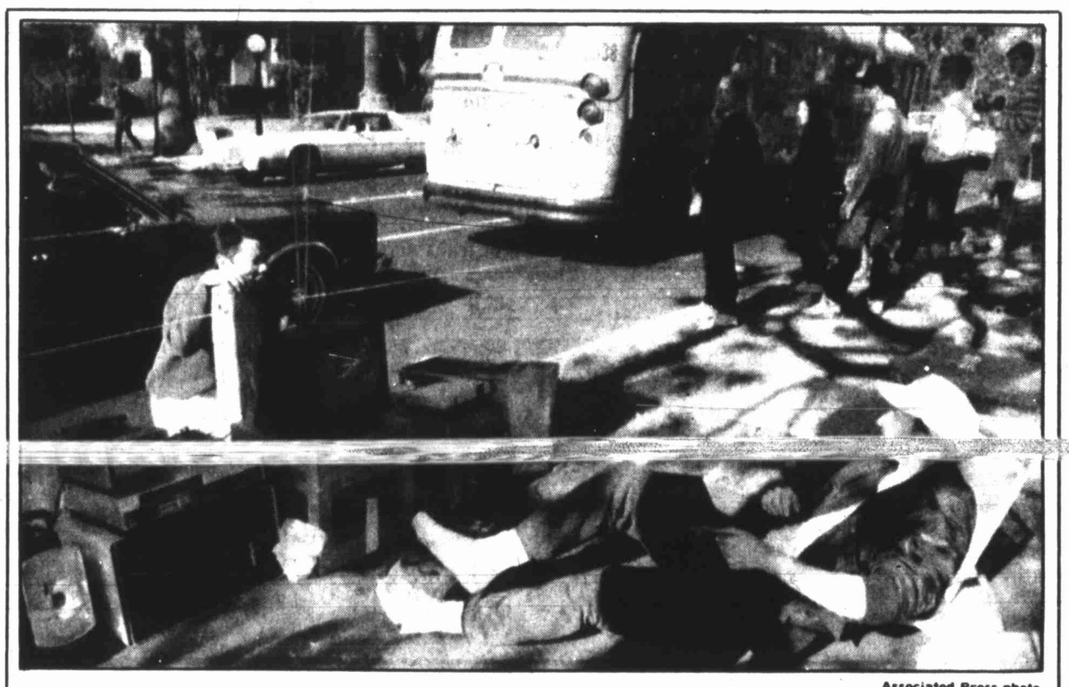
Toxic Emissions

Toxic pollution is the biggest question mark and challenge for EPA. How dangerous are the vapors coming from a chemical plant or refinery? Does the risk of breathing them change with distance?

Congress backed away from environmental group demands that more than a thousand chemicals be listed as dangerous. Instead, the legislation lists 189 chemicals — such as benzene, a common by-product of gasoline — and orders EPA to determine the risk to the public.

Shortly after President Bush signed the new Clean Air Act, Reilly told reporters that simply implementing it is going to command much of EPA's attention over the next few years. Fay said it's also going to command the public's attention as the cost of eliminating all sources of air pollution starts driving up prices.

"This law is going to affect every business from dry cleaners, bakeries and printing shops to service stations. Complying with it will not be cheap," he said.



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Comforts of home

PASADENA, Calif. — Don Freed, right, and Steve Ungson, both of Pasadena, Calif., adjust their array of electronic equipment such as radios, televisions, a microwave oven and video cassette recorder, all powered by two generators, as they camp out along Orange Grove Boulevard Monday for a spot along today's 102nd Rose Parade route.

NBC News to launch 24-hour News Channel

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NBC News is launching its new 24-hour News Channel on New Year's Day, feeding video of late-breaking news, sports and features from a new base in Charlotte to network affiliates for local use.

Until now, the network had been feeding its affiliates several times a day from New York City.

"We were better off getting out of New York and creating our own identity," [illegible], a former CBS News bureau chief who's now in charge of what he describes as "a video wire service."

Real estate costs, climate and access to a major airport also played a role.

"Charlotte is a thriving city with a good business climate," he said. "It's also blessed with strong local media."

NBC News Channel will feed raw and edited footage, including foreign, domestic and regional material, to local stations, which can then edit the reports for use on their newscasts.

"Local stations want more variety," Horner said. "Some smaller companies, like CNN, have been more aggressive in using satellite technology to help individual stations."

For now, Horner and his staff of about 50 producers and editors are working out of temporary offices. Later this year, the NBC News Channel will move into a 10,000-square-foot wing of the new studio of the local NBC affiliate, WCNC.

Two weeks ago, NBC News signed the Nippon Television Network (NTV) as the News Channel's first overseas affiliate.

In exchange for exclusive rights to news material from the NBC News Channel, NTV will give NBC News the same rights to all Japanese and international news material of NTV, Japan's largest private broadcast network.

Horner said his staffers are experienced professionals who are used to working behind the scene.

"(CBS sportscaster) John Madden would love this team," he said, a reference to the former NFL coach's affection for unheralded football players, particularly linemen.

"It's not particularly glamorous work but it's very interesting," Horner said. "I look for people who want to get the news on the air."

He said locating in Charlotte was not an effort to get away from unions.

"Although I know people have attributed different motives to this, that really isn't the problem. The work that was being done in New York was done by people who weren't in the union," Horner said.

But the president of the New York local of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians' disputed that.

"Mr. Horner may be correct in claiming that Charlotte is a thriving city with a good business climate," said John Clark, whose union represents some NBC employees.

"But he chooses to ignore the prime reason that NBC moved its skycam operation from New York, and that was to avoid paying union protected wages mandated in the broadcast capital of the world — New York City."

Gulf

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made up of the 4th Armored Brigade and the 7th Armored Brigade, the famed Desert Rats.

"All the Scots will want to celebrate Hogmanay," said division spokesman Capt. James Myles, using the Scottish term for the holiday.

The Scots ate a traditional meal of haggis and mashed turnips, ushered into the camps by bagpipes. Haggis is made of the heart, liver and lungs of a sheep or calf, and minced with onions, oatmeal and boiled in the stomach of an animal.

The 6,000 French troops toasted with "Saudi champagne" — a mixture of apple juice and Perrier.

Many U.S. troops said they had not even thought about the holiday due to their fierce training schedules, but there were some small celebrations.

Many units barbecued steaks left over from Christmas.

"I'm going to get myself a six-pack of near-beer and have a near-party and sit around and play some cards," said Staff Sgt. David Hebert, 30, of Brickton, N.J., in the 3rd Platoon of the Army's 595th Medical Company.

Many troops planned to tune in to a Robin William's special, prerecorded for the Armed Forces Radio Network.

Williams, re-enacting his radio role of Adrian Kronauer in the film "Good Morning, Vietnam," yelled, "Good Maaawwwrning, Saaauuudi" and then told jokes like, "Is it just me, or does Yasser Arafat look like Ringo Starr?"

While Saudis educated in the West tend to celebrate New Year's with private parties at home, as do foreigners living here, it's not an official Moslem holiday.

The Muslims follow a lunar calendar and their new year marks the date when the prophet Mohammed, founder of the faith, emigrated in the 7th century from Mecca to Medina, both now holy shrines in Saudi Arabia. Their new year falls on July 12, 1991, on the Christian calendar.

There was one almost universal New Year's resolution among the troops.

"They're all the same. I know what they all are: To leave and go home," said Staff Sgt. Johnnie Montgomery, 27, of Annaston, Ala., of the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion.

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Taxes

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and expanded tax incentives for energy investment.

Here are highlights of the changes:

TOBACCO: Taxes are rising by 25 percent, meaning the 16-cent tax on a pack of cigarettes goes to 20 cents. Other levies: as much as $30 per 1,000 large cigars; $1.125 per 1,000 small cigars; chewing tobacco, 12 cents a pound; snuff, 36 cents a pound; pipe tobacco, 67½ cents a pound.

ALCOHOL: The liquor tax goes up $1 to $13.50 for a gallon of 100-proof (50 percent alcohol), an extra 20 cents a fifth for 100-proof; 16 cents for 80-proof. The beer tax is doubled to 32 cents a six-pack. The tax on wine is rising, depending on alcohol content. Table wine, now 17 cents a gallon, goes to $1.07; the levy on artificially carbonated wine, now $2.40, goes to $3.30 a gallon.

LUXURIES: A new 10 percent tax applies to that portion of the price above $30,000 for cars, $100,000 for boats, $250,000 for aircraft and $10,000 for furs and jewelry. Vehicles, including taxis and cruise ships, used to transport people for hire are exempt.

The tax applies only to the first retail sale of an item. However, Coopers & Lybrand accountants note, for example, that if stones from an antique bracelet worth $10,000 were reset into a new piece of jewelry worth $15,000, the tax would be levied against $5,000.

TELEPHONE SERVICE: The 3 percent tax on local and long-distance telephone service, which had been scheduled to expire Dec. 31, was made permanent.

GAS GUZZLERS: The penalty tax on fuel-thirsty cars is doubled. Any new car bought in 1991 with an EPA rating under 22½ miles per gallon is subject to a tax ranging from $1,000 (for a 21½-mpg model) to $7,700 (less than 12½ mpg).

TAX RATES: A quirk in the 1986 law that allowed some top-income people to pay a lower rate on part of their earnings than applied to those with slightly less income has been eliminated. This results in a new top rate of 31 percent, down from 33 percent. The majority of Americans will continue to pay a flat rate of 15 percent on their taxable income.

Because of the new law and the automatic inflation adjustments, the new rate structure looks like this:

- Single people pay 15 percent of the first $20,350 of taxable income (after exemptions and deductions); 28 percent on the next $28,950 and 31 percent on everything over $49,300.
- Couples filing a joint return pay 15 percent of the first $34,000 of taxable income; 28 percent on the next $48,150 and 31 percent on everything over $82,150.

EXEMPTIONS: Increased by $100 to $2,150. Once adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds $100,000 for a single person or $150,000 for a couple, the exemptions are reduced gradually. They are eliminated totally once income tops $222,500 (single) or $272,500 (couple).

STANDARD DEDUCTIONS: Go up from $3,250 to $3,400 for singles and from $5,450 to $5,700 for couples.

ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS: Couples and individuals with AGI over $100,000 will be allowed to use only 97 percent of otherwise allowable itemized deductions. The limit does not apply to medical expenses, investment interest or deductions for theft or casualty losses.

Costs of cosmetic surgery will be allowed as a deductible medical expense only if the procedure is necessary to correct a deformity arising from a birth defect, accident or disfiguring disease. Ego-boosting tummy tucks and facelifts are out; nobody can yet say for sure whether orthodontic braces will continue to be deductible.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES: The 10 million workers who earn more than $51,300 a year will pay a higher Social Security tax. The rate remains 6.2 percent but will apply to the first $53,400 earned in 1991 — up from the maximum $51,300 in 1990.

The 1.45 percent tax (generally lumped together on paycheck stubs with the Social Security tax) that finances Medicare hospital benefits will apply to the first $125,000 earned in 1991, up from $51,300 in 1990.

Workers' Social Security and Medicare taxes are matched by their employers.

CAPITAL GAINS: Although higher-income people will pay a tax rate of 31 percent on some of their income, the top rate applying to capital gains, which are profits from the sale of stock and other investments, is 28 percent.

MINIMUM TAX: This 21 percent levy, aimed at ensuring that higher-income people pay some tax regardless of how many legitimate deductions they have, goes up to 24 percent.

EARNED-INCOME CREDIT: The maximum credit rises to $1,192 for a one-child family and $1,235 for a family with two or more children. There is a new supplemental credit of up to $357 if a child is under the age of 1, and another credit of up to $428 to help low-income families buy health insurance.

ENERGY: New tax incentives of about $500 million a year are designed to encourage investment in exploration and production of oil, gas and alternative fuels. These include a 15 percent tax credit for costs of expensive oil-recovery techniques and drilling when world oil prices drop.

ART CONTRIBUTIONS: For 1991 only, a high-income person who is subject to the minimum tax may donate an artwork to certain charities and deduct the full market value, rather than just the cost.

New Year's

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Gorbachev said Monday in his New Year's address to the Soviet people, "The passing year was one of the most difficult in our history.

"Crisis phenomena in economics, the lowering of people's personal safety, a weakening of order and discipline affected the conditions of life," he said in the speech to be broadcast nationwide just before midnight.

In a message to Americans, the Soviet president welcomed February's summit with President Bush and said there was "no more danger of nuclear catastrophe."

But, he added, "much has not been completed," including a resolution to the crisis caused by Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

In a videotaped greeting to "all the wonderful people of the Soviet Union," Bush saluted Gorbachev for undertaking "an arduous journey" toward a new society.

The U.S. president, welcoming the Soviets as partners against Iraq, hailed the Soviet-American "common approach to a new challenge in the name of stability and peace."

Bush said he was thrilled about the warmth developing between ordinary Soviet and American citizens as a result of the relaxation of tensions.

French President Francois Mitterrand, in his New Year's Eve address, also urged Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait and the world to help settle outstanding Middle East disputes, including the Israeli-Palestinian problem.

Iraqis welcomed 1991 with parties and bands in major hotels and nightspots in Baghdad, but most stayed home and celebrations were subdued.

Names

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Taking a cue from recent British Royal Family births, several parents bestowed multiple given names upon their offspring: Shanee Marlene Reagan, Steven Ryan Scott and William Douglas Boyd.

Sons named after their fathers were definitely in the minority — only two "juniors" were noted in last year's listings.

The mother's maiden name was chosen for the second name for Daniel Harms and Kami Parker, among others.

To find out how couples arrived at these unusual names, the *Herald* polled a few proud parents.

Donald Overton explains how Jamela Shantal Overton got her name. "My wife is Lebanese," he said, "And 'Jamela' is her mother's name. I just pulled 'Shantal' out of the air!"

Glenn and Cassandra Fillingham took a tip from Glenn's mother, Pat Fillingim, when naming their daughter, Ashton Jill Fillingim. "'Ashton' was the name of a character in the TV mini-series 'North and South'," Cassandra said. "And 'Jill' was a name Glenn really liked."

Randy and Natalie Johnson named their new baby Tori Nicole Johnson. "Randy had gone to high school with a girl with that name. One day when he mentioned her, I said I liked that name — and so that's why we named our daughter 'Tori Nichole' ".

So it seems that parents still depend on a measure of inspiration when selecting names for their heirs.

One mother said she wanted to bring her other children into the naming process for the new baby. One child promptly suggested "Bart Simpson." It didn't inspire.

Dieting

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per week for thirty minutes. Do some aerobic activity such as jogging, walking, swimming or aerobic dance.

- Remember that it takes a cutback of 3,500 calories to lose one pound of fat. In one week, that's 500 calories per day to be cut through eating modifications or exercise.

And if losing weight doesn't work for you, you can always try the second and third most popular resolutions — to quit smoking and control money better.

Farquhar said he doesn't put too much emphasis on the "time honored" but relatively worthless idea of New Year's Resolutions anyway.

"I don't make too many resolutions," he said. "I usually have something better to do."

For Shirey, however, the New Year brings a chance to recover from holiday overindulgence.

"It's nothing but black-eyed peas (New Year's Day)," she said. "Then I'll shift into high gear."

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Santos S. Parras, 84, died Saturday. Rosary will be 7:00 P.M. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Edward Lee Lawson, 68, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Guest column

Take a TV break from bowls

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

Tired of New Year's Day football already? Try "Heidi" — this time on purpose.

On Nov. 17, 1968, thousands of East Coast football fans switched to the Swiss orphan girl without touching a dial as NBC left the New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game because of a contract commitment.

While Heidi was being rousted out of grandpa's house by her mean old aunt, the mean old Raiders scored twice in the final minutes to roust the Jets, 43-32. NBC's switchboard in New York crackled like cold water on a hot skillet — and, no, the callers weren't mad at the aunt.

If 28 hours of network and ESPN bowl coverage are too many to handle on Jan. 1, the Disney Channel has 1½ hours of the real Heidi, beginning at 2 p.m. EST. That's the 1937 Shirley Temple Heidi. In 1968, NBC showed an updated version.

When NBC public relations man, Ed Markey, heard that Heidi had reared her ugly head again, he said: "No kidding. Wow! . . . I guess whether we like it or not, or whether Disney likes it or not, that movie and that football game are inextricably tied forever."

Markey said he hadn't answered a Heidi question for two years, when Heidi and Joe Namath celebrated their 20th anniversary together.

The bowl games start at 11:30 a.m. EST, in time for breakfast on the West Coast, with ESPN's coverage of the Gator Bowl between Michigan and Mississippi.

Beginning at 1 p.m. EST, NBC has the Hall of Fame Bowl (Clemson-Illinois), Fiesta Bowl (Alabama-Louisville) and Orange Bowl (Colorado-Notre Dame). At 1:30 p.m., CBS has the Cotton Bowl (Texas-Miami), and ABC has the Citrus Bowl (Georgia Tech-Nebraska), Rose Bowl (Washington-Iowa) and Sugar Bowl (Virginia-Tennessee).

Heidi is only one of the shows the little-kids channels are showing while the big kids are wrapped up in football.

Apparently trying to draw some of the horse players away from the football games, Disney will show "The Yearling," "National Velvet" and "The Black Stallion" after Heidi. You remember National Velvet, the 1945 classic pairing Mickey Rooney and Elizabeth Taylor — about as likely a couple as Heidi and Namath.

Instead of watching the Buffaloes, Longhorns and Hurricanes, the real little ones will be watching the Gnomes, Koalas and Noozles on Nickelodeon, the cable network designed for pre-potty trained preschoolers and bowl-aged children alike. Later in the day, it's Lassie, Flipper, Looney Tunes, Heathcliff and Yogi Bear.

It won't be until around 7 p.m., near the end of the Rose and Fiesta bowls, that the bigger kids will get interested in "Nick At Nite." That's when the personal favorite of a lot of major college coaches, "Inspector Gadget," comes on. Remember, the inspector was the inventor of the "Go, Go, Gadget" offense.

Later on Nick, it's "Mr. Ed," "Green Acres" and "Donna Reed," an old-fashioned triple threat that promises to siphon a few more of the older kids away from the Orange and Sugar bowls.

OUT TAKES: ABC Sports will do its first-ever NFL playoff games this year, beginning on Saturday with two wild-card games.

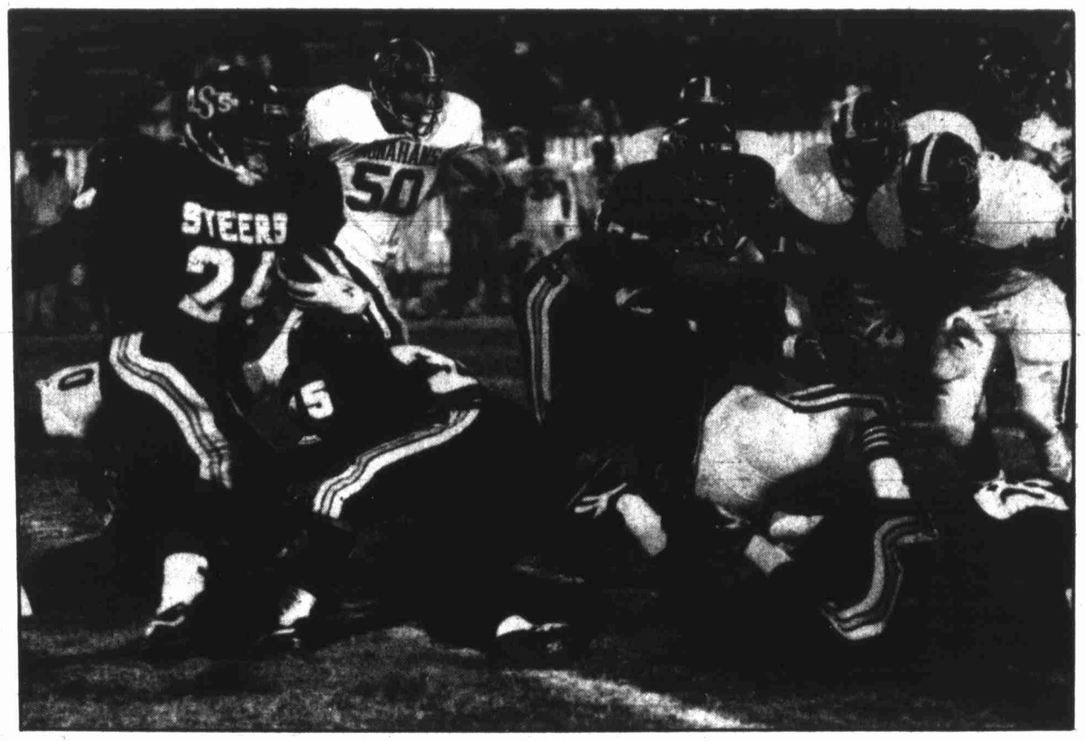
Brent Musburger will do play-by-play on Washington at Philadelphia (12:30 p.m. EST). That will be Musburger's first pro football game since last year's Super Bowl in January, two months before being fired by CBS.

ABC's Monday Night team of Al Michaels, Frank Gifford and Dan Dierdorf will do the second game, Kansas City at Miami (4 p.m.). Bob Griese, the Dolphins' former quarterback, will be the reporter.

The area sports year in review

Part III

Editor's Note — This is the last of a three-part series reviewing the area year in sports.
By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor



Neal Mayfield (24) and the rest of the Big Spring High School football team successfully defended their District 3-4A title in 1990. The Steers advanced to the regional round of the playoffs before bowing, 40-11, to Burkburnett.

The Fina Oilers began **SEPTEMBER** by finishing eighth in the national Class A tournament in Minot, N.D. Coach **Cotton Mize's** team won four games and lost two in the 56-team tournament. The Oilers were eliminated 6-1 by a team from Pennsylvania. **Randy Ledbetter** was first team All-American and **Pete Jones** made third team.

At the State League of United Latins American Citizens slow-pitch softball tournament, the Big Spring Indios finished fifth in the 40-team tournament. Outfielder **Freddy Moron** made all-tournament.

Then came football.

The Big Spring Steers officially began their season with a 42-13 win over Amarillo Caprock at Memorial Stadium. Wingback **Neal Mayfield** had a spectacular game, gaining 345 yards in total offense.

In cross country action, the San Angelo Lake View boys and San Angelo Central girls won team titles at the Big Spring Invitational. Coahoma's **Sarah Meeks** and Stanton's **Jeremy Stallings** won their respective divisions.

OCTOBER began with the Big Spring Cross Country Relays. Lake View won the boys title and Lubbock Coronado won the girls division.

It was a good homecoming for Big Spring as the Steers whipped Fort Stockton 23-0. The Steer defense held Fort Stockton to 28 yards total offense.

In team tennis play, Big Spring clinched its second consecutive district title when it beat Andrews 10-8. Coach Don Lawrence's squad went 6-0 in district play.

In 6-2A cross country competition, the Coahoma boys won district and the Bulldogettes finished fourth. **Hanks** won the girls division and Stanton's **Stallings** won the boys.

In 3-4A cross country, coach **Randy Britton's** Big Spring Lady Steers won their fifth consecutive district crown. Led by a one-two-three finish by **Mimi Regalado, Elizabeth Lopez and Ericka Franks** Big Spring edged second place Lake View. The Steers finished third and Lake View won the boys title.

Now on to volleyball. The Big Spring Lady Steers finished the season with a 15-11, 15-8 win over Fort Stockton. Big Spring finished 7-5 in district (third place) and 10-9 overall.

NOVEMBER started with the **Big Spring High swimmers** hosting a dual meet against Fort Stockton. **Christy Webb** won four first places, leading the Lady Steers to a 53-30 win. **Shane Hicks and Jesus Villalobos** won first places, leading the Steers to a 54-37 victory.

Then it was time for the **Sidewinders** to shine. Five members of the gymnastics team advanced to state with their performances at the United State Gymnastics Federation District meet in Big Spring. Qualifying for state were **Elizabeth Driver, Cheyenne Romine, Jennifer Perez, Christy Edwards and Jodi Lelek.**

November also signals basketball season. The Howard College Lady Hawks started with a 89-46

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Michigan State edges Southern Cal

Hancock Bowl

EL PASO (AP) — Michigan State abandoned its potent ground attack and relied on big plays by receiver Courtney Hawkins Monday as the 22nd-ranked Spartans beat No. 21 Southern Cal 17-16 in the John Hancock Bowl.

Hawkins caught six passes for 106 yards and a touchdown, and Michigan State (8-3-1) capitalized on Southern Cal turnovers for its third victory over the Trojans (8-4-1) in three years.

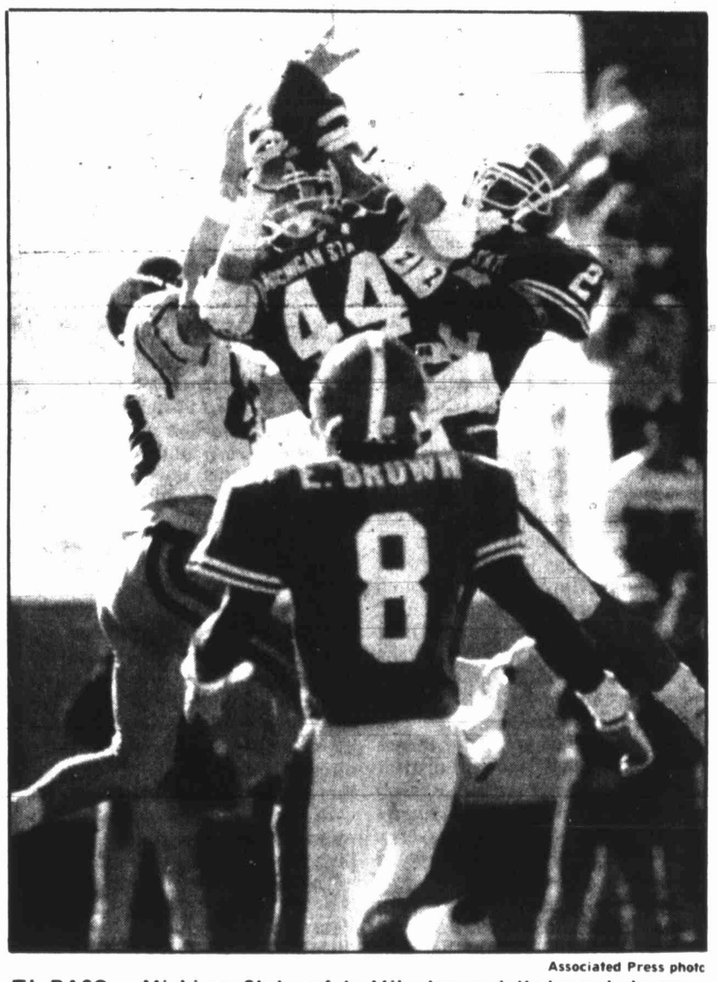
Southern Cal lost even though it stopped Michigan State running backs Tico Duckett and Hyland Hickson. Duckett, who gained 1,376 yards during the regular season and was voted the Big Ten offensive player of the year, was held to just 18 yards, only four in the second half. Hickson gained just 68 yards with one touchdown.

The game got physical and Eric Moten, Michigan State's All-Big Ten offensive lineman, was ejected early in the second quarter for deliberately pushing a Southern Cal defender after play had stopped.

The Spartans took a 17-10 lead in the third quarter before Southern Cal closed within a point on two field goals by Quin Rodriguez, the last with 3:07 left.

Michigan State then ran out the clock, converting a third-down play with 1:04 remaining.

In a matchup of conferences usually reserved for the Rose Bowl, Mazio Royster of Southern Cal was the top offensive player with 125 rushing yards yards.



Associated Press photo

EL PASO — Michigan State safety Mike Iaquaniello leaps between a pair of Southern Cal players to pull down an interception during the first quarter of Monday's John Hancock Bowl. The ball was brought out to the 20-yard-line after the interception.

Todd Marinovich of the Trojans completed 18 of 30 passes for 174 yards with three interceptions, while Michigan State quarterback Dan Enos completed 9 of 17 passes for 131 yards with one interception. The Trojans outgained Michigan State 336-215, holding the Spartans to just 84 yards on the ground, and held the ball for 35 minutes, 45 seconds.

Southern Cal took the lead midway through the first quarter on Marinovich's 7-yard touchdown pass to Gary Wellman.

The Trojans had a great scorng chance in the second quarter, but Marinovich fumbled on fourth-and-goal at the Spartans' 1, and Alan Haller recovered for Michigan State in the end zone. The Spartans then drove 80 yards for a touchdown, with Hyland Hickson scoring from the 18.

Southern Cal took a 10-7 lead on the opening drive of the third quarter as Marinovich completed 6 of 7 passes in an 18-play, 80-yard drive capped by Rodriguez' 20-yard field goal.

Michigan State then went ahead with a 71-yard drive as Enos completed all five of his passes. Four of them were to Hawkins, including a 21-yard TD.

John Langeloh's 52-yard field goal — his career best — made it 17-10 with three minutes left in the third quarter after Freddie Wilson intercepted Marinovich

Rodriguez's 54-yard field goal capped a nine-play, 43-yard drive to open the fourth quarter, and he then kicked a 43-yarder.

Duckett and Hickson became the Big Ten's all-time leading rushing tandem with 2,590 yards.

Where have the bowl fans gone?

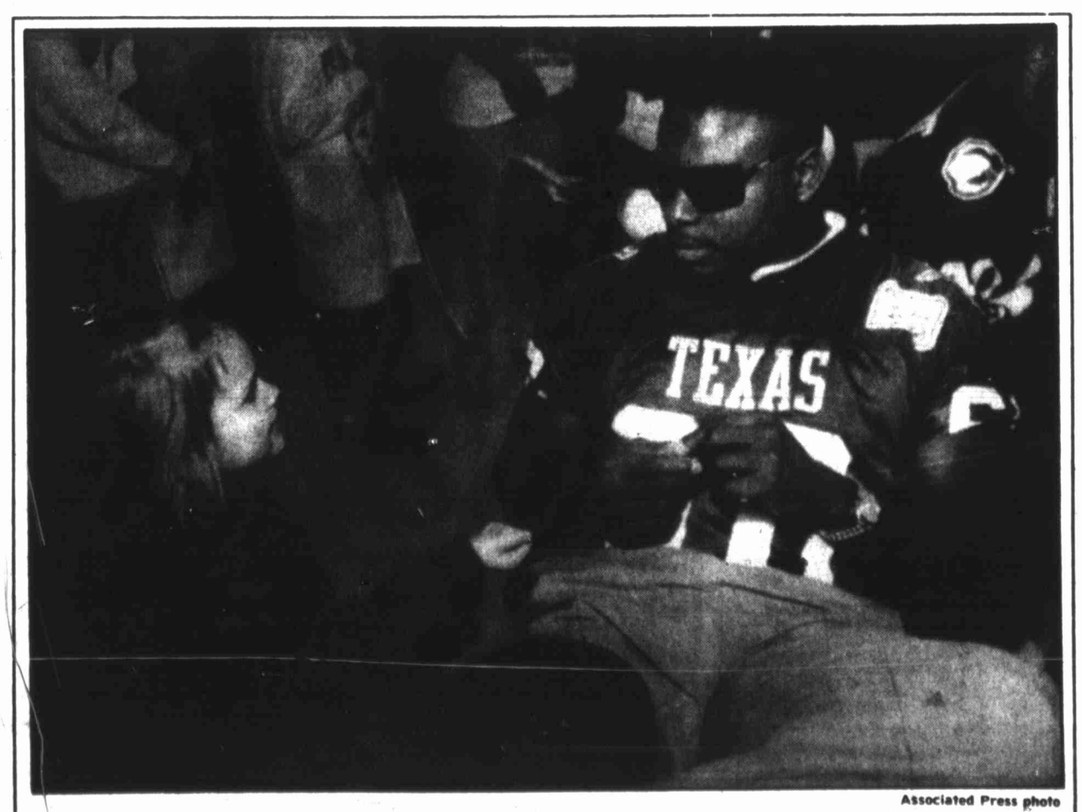
(AP) Where have all the bowl fans gone?

Certainly not to the glut of games that crowded the calendar in December, turning what once were special events into little more than another night of programming for television.

Bowlflation created 19 postseason games. Of the 11 played so far, just two have been sellouts — the brand new Blockbuster Bowl between Penn State and Florida State in Miami, and the Holiday Bowl matching BYU and Texas A&M at San Diego. The John Hancock Bowl matching Michigan State and USC at El Paso, came close with 50,562 in a stadium that holds 52,200.

The others have played to large numbers of empty seats, nearly 50,000 of them in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis for the game between Ohio State and Air Force, almost 36,000 in the Syracuse-Arizona Aloha Bowl at Honolulu, and about 32,000 in the All American Bowl that paired North Carolina State and Southern Mississippi at Birmingham.

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Associated Press photo

Young fan

DALLAS — University of Texas linebacker Brian Jones visits with UT fan Jessica Whitaker, 3, of Terrell during a recent press conference. The Longhorns will take on the University of Miami Hurricanes today in the Cotton Bowl Classic.

Pardee praises Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Jack Pardee is praising a shuffled lineup with five new starters that helped the Oilers beat Pittsburgh to reach the playoffs for the fourth straight year, the longest streak in the AFC.

Cody Carlson shook off any early doubts that he could step in for the injured Warren Moon by leading the Oilers to a 24-0 halftime lead Sunday with scores on five straight possessions. Houston won 34-14.

"He didn't get flustered, he didn't pull any (mental) blanks," Pardee said of Carlson, who completed 22 of 29 passes for 247 yards and three touchdowns. "That's the thing for a quarterback that hasn't played all season."

Houston (9-7) travels to Cincinnati next Sunday to play AFC Central Division champion Bengals. They beat the Oilers 40-20 Dec. 23 when Moon suffered a dislocated thumb.

Carlson played the best game of his career behind a revamped offensive line. Doug Dawson started his first game in four seasons and was a key to a shakeup designed to bolster the inside running game.

Starting Pro Bowl guard Bruce Matthews moved to center, replacing benched Jay Pennison and Dawson stepped into Matthews' spot to present a heavier blocking attack against the Steelers.

"We'd been having some problems with the running game and we thought about this for several weeks," offensive line coach Bob Young said. "I love Jay Pennison. He works hard, but he'd been having trouble with the big nose tackles and we decided to make the change."

The switch helped Lorenzo White gain 90 yards on 18 carries, including a 1-yard touchdown that gave him 12 for the season, the most since Earl Campbell scored 12 in 1983.

"It worked pretty good so we plan to keep it like it is," Young said.

Dawson, who came out of retirement this year following a serious Achilles tendon injury in 1986, almost missed his start when he pulled a leg muscle in pregame warmups.

"There's no way I wasn't going to play after waiting four years and three months since my last start," Dawson said. "I was hoping that when it got warmed up it would loosen up and that's what happened."

The Oilers rushed for 195 yards and passed for 247 against the NFL's top-ranked defense.

"If we could play like that every week, we'd be playing a

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Sidelines

George Allen dead at 72

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — George Allen, a hard-driving coach who never had a losing record in 14 years of pro football, died Monday, his son said. He was 72.

Greg Allen said his father died at home Monday morning and that no further details were immediately available.

Allen, who coached the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins of the NFL and two teams with the USFL, had ended a five-year retirement to coach at Long Beach State in December 1989.

Hogs outlast stubborn NELU

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Todd Day scored nine of his 23 points during a 10-0 second-half run as second-ranked Arkansas pulled away from stubborn Northeast Louisiana for a 114-92 victory Monday.

The Razorbacks (11-1), who had seven players in double figures, never led by more than seven points during the first 26 minutes.

Anthony Jones had 37 points for Northeast Louisiana (3-6).

Oliver Miller added 15 points for Arkansas, which got 14 each from Ron Huery and Roosevelt Wallace. Lee Mayberry added 13 points, Arlyn Bowers 11 and Ken Biley had 10.

Two free throws by Day made it 75-69 with 14:33 left before he tipped in Biley's miss preceding the latter's free throw. Biley then got the ball to Huery, who gave it up to Day on a break.

Hawaii upsets No. 11 Panthers

HONOLULU (AP) — Forget the ranking. No. 11 Pittsburgh's just another team to Hawaii's Ray Reed.

"I wasn't intimidated by them," said Reed, a junior-college transfer forward. "I think I play better against big-time competition."

Reed was nearly a one-man team down the stretch, scoring 24 of his 35 points in the second half as Hawaii upset the Panthers 84-82 on Sunday night to win its Rainbow Classic for the first time in 17 years.

"I'd like to say that the team had a great game," Reed said. "Those 35 points — I couldn't have gotten them without the rebounds of the other guys."

Reed scored seven points during a 9-0 Hawaii run that erased a 54-49 Pittsburgh lead. He completed a three-point play with 13:29 left to give Hawaii a 56-54 lead they never lost.

UNLV almost unanimous pick

(AP) UNLV hasn't convinced everybody quite yet.

The defending national champions are 6-0, winning each game by 20 points or more. They have a two-season winning streak of 17 games and remain No. 1 in the Associated Press poll of sportswriters and broadcasters for the seventh straight week.

But it's not unanimous.

The Runnin' Rebels received 62 of the 63 first-place votes and 1,574 points, well in front of No. 2 Arkansas (10-1), which had 1,465 points.

The missing first place vote went to Syracuse (12-0), which continues to hold the No. 3 spot with 1,428 points, 32 ahead of No. 4 Arizona (10-1).

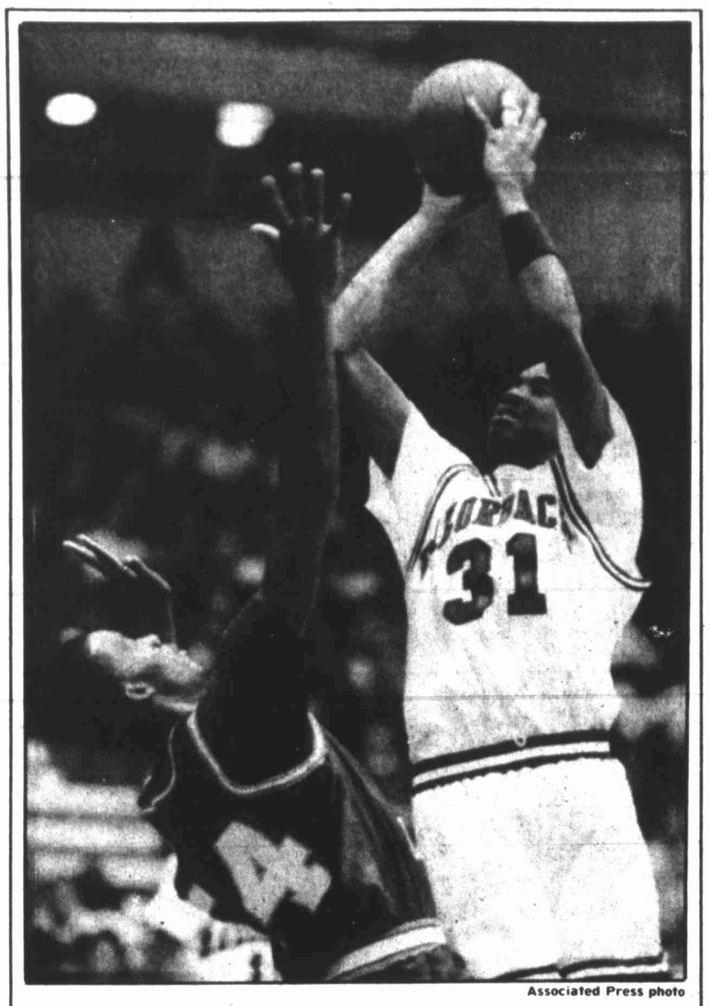
Yanks sign A's Sanderson

NEW YORK (AP) — Sixteen years after signing Catfish Hunter on New Year's Eve, the New York Yankees acquired another Oakland pitcher on the final day of the year.

This time it was Scott Sanderson, a 34-year-old right-hander who cost them even more than Hunter did.

New York purchased Sanderson from Oakland on Monday after agreeing to a two-year contract worth approximately $4.75 million. And the Yankees appeared to intensify their efforts to re-sign Mike Witt, one of their two second-look free-agent pitchers.

"We want to sign Mike Witt," Yankees general manager Gene Michael said. "We think we have a chance to sign him. We think we can do it. We want him. We're hopeful. He's a big part of our pitching staff."



Associated Press photo

Up and over

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — University of Arkansas forward Ron Huery, right, shoots over Northeast Louisiana's Anthony Smith as Huery drives for a shot Monday.

Teams stumbling into playoffs

(AP) The unwritten rule on Super Bowl champions is that they enter the playoffs on a roll.

In that case, the rule is likely to change this season. Most of the NFL's so-called powers are stumbling in, even San Francisco, which needed a last-minute rally under Steve Young to beat Minnesota 20-17 Sunday.

To put it another way, maybe the teams that started so well — particularly the NFC teams — were so bored that they fell into a funk at season's end.

To wit:

- The 49ers started 10-0 and finished 4-2.
- The Giants started 10-0 and finished 3-3.
- The Bears started 9-1 and finsihed 2-4.
- The Bills took Sunday off after clinching home field in the AFC and lost to Washington 29-14.
- Philadelphia, supposedly possessing momentum, barely hung on to beat Phoenix 23-21 Saturday and save the home-field advantage for its wild-card game with Washington. Can the talented but overblown Eagles egos concentrate enough to win three games, two on the road, to get to the Super Bowl?

Moreover, on the final weekend all the teams with playoff positions wrapped up either lost, like Buffalo and Chicago, or barely won — like the 49ers and the Giants, who crawled by 1-15 New England 13-10.

So what does that mean?

"Thirteen wins," the Giants' Ottis Anderson said. "We won. That's all that counts."

The playoffs start next weekend with the wild-card round.

All of that probably makes the 49ers a solid favorite to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and five overall.

Perhaps the two best matchups are on Saturday with Washington (10-6) at Philadelphia (10-6) followed by Kansas City (11-5) at Miami (12-4).

On Sunday, Houston (9-7) will be at Cincinnati (9-7), an encore to a game won 40-20 by the Bengals two weeks ago. Then comes the game at Chicago, where the Bears (11-5) face either New Orleans or Dallas.

The Saints would be 8-8 if they beat the Rams on Monday night. At 7-9, the Cowboys would be the first losing team — save the expanded tournament following the 1982 strike — ever in the playoffs.

In the NFC, the lowest-seeded team to win will play at San Francisco (14-2) while the other winner will be at the Giants (13-3). In the AFC, one winner will travel to Los Angeles to play the Raiders (12-4) while the other will be at Buffalo (13-3).

That means if the seedings hold up, the 49ers will host the Eagles-Redskins winner while the Giants will host the Bears. If Chicago is upset, the 49ers get that winner and the Giants face the Eagles-Redskins winner.

In the AFC, it would be Cincinnati (as a division champion) at the Raiders with the Miami-Kansas City winner at Buffalo. If the Oilers win, they face the Bills and the Chiefs-Dolphins winner goes to Los Angeles.

All of that probably makes the 49ers a solid favorite to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and five overall. That's due in part because four teams enter the playoffs with backup quarterbacks — Jeff Hostetler for Phil Simms with the Giants; Frank Reich for Jim Kelly with the Bills; Mike Tomczak (or even rookie Peter Tom Willis) for Jim Harnaugh with the Bears and Cody Carlson for Warren Moon with the Oilers.

CAN'T WIN FOR LOSING

Tampa Bay can't get anything right.

The Bucs were one of four teams to finish in a tie at 6-10 bechind the Bears in the NFC Central, the eighth straight year they've had 10 or more losses in compiling a 26-78 record since 1983.

But because they had a 5-3 division record, better than the Lions, Packers and Vikings, they get a second-place schedule next season. That means that in addition to their division opponents and the top four teams in the AFC East (Buffalo, Miami, the New York Jets and Indianapolis) they get the Giants, Eagles, Saints and either the Rams or Falcons.

Minnesota, meanwhile, gets a last-place schedule, although the Vikings still may have the division's best personnel. That gives them the Patriots (1-15) and Broncos (a deceptive 5-11) plus the Cardinals twice and the entire NFC West.

Fans

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Ohio State and Air Force drew just 13,144 to the 62,642-seat Liberty Bowl after a cold, rainy day in Memphis. Organizers had sold 39,000 tickets, just shy of the 40,000 break-even point. It means the game — one of the few with no corporate sponsor — will lose money for the first time in 26 years.

There were a number of factors at work here.

Ohio State came within three seconds of reaching the more prestigious Rose Bowl and there wasn't a great deal of enthusiasm — translated into ticket sales — at the university for going to a less glamorous game against the Air Force, which came in at 6-5.

"Ohio State goes somewhere every year so being in a bowl game held no great novelty for their people," said Edward C. Duke, president of the Liberty Bowl. "I've heard the same thing is happening at the Gator Bowl with Michigan.

"We'll lose money but we have a good reserve to fall back on."

The game also is expected to seek the kind of corporate sponsorship that has kept so many others solvent.

"I think the biggest thing we had against us was the absence of a regional team. Last year, we had Mississippi and Air Force and we sold out. Then there's the timing of the game."

ESPN paid $400,000 for the Liberty Bowl rights but insisted that the game be played on a weeknight so it didn't clash with the NFL on the weekend.

"A lot of people from the surrounding areas, 90-100 miles away, don't want to do that drive on a mid-week night," Duke said. "The Peach Bowl in Atlanta went against the NFL on Saturday and did all right."

All right, perhaps, but not great. That game between Indiana and Auburn drew 38,912, leaving 20,901 empty seats in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. It, too, was played in rainy weather.

And the Freedom Bowl at Anaheim between Colorado State and Oregon attracted only 41,450, leaving 25,550 empty seats.

Still, Duke thinks with a better schedule, the Liberty Bowl would have drawn more people.

"I'd like to play on Saturday, sometime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.," he said. "We'd get plenty of local people out for that."

Syracuse and Arizona drew just 14,185 fans to 50,000-seat Aloha Stadium for the Aloha Bowl, although corporate ticket puchases pushed the total sold to about 34,000.

Again, the matchup was a questionable attraction. Both teams came in with four losses and few local fans willing to make the long trek to Hawaii. The game was played on a rainy Christmas Day and, because of ABC-TV requirements, began at 10:30 a.m. local time.

The All American Bowl's gate count at Birmingham was 44,000 in Legion Field, a stadium that seats almost 76,000, for the game between North Carolina State and Southern Mississippi.

Pam Vise, ticket manager for the game, said the game sold over 62,000, a lot of it corporate sales for tickets that were not used after 1½ days of rain.

Pardee

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few more weeks," Pardee said. "All the offensive line played well. Doug had a little rust, but he's a fighter. He stays with his man."

Strongside linebacker John Grimsley moved to middle linebacker replacing the injured Al Smith and No. 1 draft choice Lamar Lathon got his first start of the season in Grimsley's spot.

"The way Lamar played it would be hard to get him out of the lineup," Pardee said. "We try to have the best players on the field and in Sunday's game he was one of our best."

Lathon started the season with a shoulder injury and had played on special teams in recent weeks.

"Things hadn't worked out for me the way I expected and this game gave me a chance to redeem myself," Lathon said. "It was hard not to do well after having so many players patting me on the back all week and helping me prepare."

Lathon started the game with a tackle that caused Pittsburgh's Tim Worley to fumble, and Grimsley recovered.

"I was really emotional going into the game, but that hit took me to another level," Lathon said. "I was so psyched up, I felt like I could have done anything."

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win over Ranger. The Hawks beat Ranger 137-104.

In Andrews, the **Steers** clinched their second consecutive district football championship, defeating Andrews 10-8.

The state football playoffs rolled around and area teams from Big Spring, Borden County, Grady, Sands and Garden City earned playoff berths.

At the state cross country meet in Georgetown, Coahoma's **Hanks** finished third, Stanton's **Stallings** finished 17th and Big Spring's **Regalado** was 45th.

Four Big Spring Lady Steers were named to the all-district volleyball team. **Teveyan Russell** made first team, **Marta Mathews** made second team, and **Kerry Burdette** and **Cassie Underwood** made honorable mention.

Big Spring started its basketball season as the Steers were nipped by Odessa High 64-63 and the Lady Steers were beaten by Wall 53-42.

Two Howard College baseball players signed scholarship agreements. **Jeff Schulz** and **Mike Copple** inked with Texas Tech.

In rodeo action, Coahoma bull rider **Wacey Cathey** earned another trip to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., finishing 12th on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit. Cathey earned $38,112.

In state playoff action, Grady eliminated Borden County in a 20-20 tie. Grady had five penetrations and Borden County had three.

Sands won its opening playoff game, a 50-0 whitewash of Ira.

The Crossroads Basketball Tournament was held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Howard College Lady Hawks won all three of their games in the college division. **Kim Robinson** was named MVP.

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Coahoma Bulldogettes each won one game. It was a costly tournament for Big Spring; starters **Jennifer Hendleman** and **Teveyan Russell** were lost for the season with knee injuries. Odessa Permian beat Abilene High to win the high school division.

The Hawk Classic followed and the **HC Hawks** took wins over Wharton and Lamar, Colo.

Coahoma's **Hanks** inked a scholarship agreement on national signing day, committing to Abilene Christian University.

In area football play, Big Spring beat Hereford 17-7, Garden City downed Santa Anna 21-14, Fort Hancock eliminated Grady 54-6 and Sands nipped Marathon 38-34.

November concluded with Howard starting Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball play. The Hawks beat Western Texas 131-110 and the Lady Hawks downed Western Texas 76-65.

DECEMBER continued the football playoffs. Burkburnett eliminated Big Spring 40-17, Garden City whipped Axtell 42-12 and McLean edged Sands 22-16.

Big Spring dominated the 3-4A All-District football team, placing 10 players on the first team. In all, Big Spring had 20 players to make all-district. **David Thompson** was named Coach of the Year.

On to the Coahoma basketball tournament. Coahoma won the boys division, defeating Merkel 55-52. Crosbyton beat the Bulldogettes 51-46 to win the girls division.

Football in the area came to a halt when Valley Mills thrashed Garden City 56-8 in the state quarterfinals.

The Howard College Hawks concluded the first semester with a 17-0 hoop record, ranked No. 6 in the nation. The Lady Hawks finished 14-0, ranked No. 4 in the nation.

The Crossroads Country Honor Roll was released, and Big Spring had eight first teamers and Garden City had six. Garden City running back **James Soles** was Offensive Player of the Year, Sands' linebacker **Eric Herm** was Defensive Player of the Year and Borden County's **Bobby Avery** was Coach of the Year.

The Associated Press Sport Editors all-state teams were released, and Garden City's **Allen Hoelscher** was a first team selection at wide reciver and defensive back. Making the honorable mention list from Garden City was **Soles, Richard Morales, Jim Bob Scott, Jody Bradford and Eric Seidenberger.**

Big Spring players making the honorable mention team were **Neal Mayfield, Jermaine Miller, Felipe Saiz and Freddy Rodriguez.**

The *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* released its All-South Plains teams and several area gridders were honored. Making the squad from Big Spring were **Santos Martinez, Miller, Mayfield, Saiz and Pat Chavarria.** Making the team from Sands were **Aaron Cowley, Pank Grigg and Brandon Riddle. Robbie Smith** made the squad from Colorado City.

Finally, the last of the year's review was the Big Spring basketball teams. The Big Spring Lady Steers finished the first half with a 2-13 overall mark and 1-0 league record. The Steers are 4-13.

Jerry zings the 'Pokes

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Atlanta Falcons coach Jerry Glanville couldn't resist tossing a few zingers Monday in the direction of the Dallas Cowboys.

On Sunday, Glanville's Falcons put a damper on the Cowboys' playoff hopes with a 26-7 victory.

Dallas (7-9) could have clinched a Wild Card playoff berth with a win, but instead, must await the winner of Monday night's New Orleans-Los Angeles Rams game. If New Orleans (7-8) wins, they're in and the Cowboys are out. If the Rams win, Dallas is in.

"I got a lot of phone calls from coaches around the league today," said Glanville at his final weekly news conference of the year. "The first guy to call me was (Philadelphia coach) Buddy Ryan.

"I don't think he likes Dallas," said Glanville, dressed in black — cowboy hat, sunglasses, shirt and jacket — referring to an on-going feud between Ryan and Cowboys' coach Jimmy Johnson.



Mirer, Hagan: No-name QBs in the big-game bowl

(AP) Virginia's Shawn Moore of Miami's Craig Erickson may be the big-name quarterbacks, but Rick Mirer and Darian Hagan are the quarterbacks in the big game.

In an Orange Bowl featuring six first-team All-Americans, it's easy for Notre Dame's Mirer and Colorado's Hagan to be overlooked. After all, the fifth-ranked Irish have Rocket Ismail, and top-ranked Colorado has Eric Bieniemy.

"I don't have to do much when I throw the ball to someone like Rocket," Mirer said.

Yet, each finds himself in a position on New Year's Day to affect college football's national championship. The Orange Bowl in Miami is one of three games Tuesday that has a bearing on the title.

In the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla., No. 2 Georgia Tech faces No. 19 Nebraska, and No. 3 Texas plays No. 4 Miami in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas. Any one of five teams (Nebraska is not included) has a chance to win the championship.

Orange Bowl

Mirer, a sophomore, has emerged this season for Notre Dame (9-2), while Hagan is trying to rekindle his glory of '89 for Colorado (10-1-1).

Mirer took over for Tony Rice this year. While he isn't the all-around player Rice was, he's developed a good arm and good leadership abilities.

"Rick Mirer's contribution has been the biggest surprise of our season," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "Now he needs to take it to another level in this game."

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Last year, Hagan surpassed 1,000 yards in both rushing and passing. This year, he had ankle and shoulder injuries that kept him out of two games and slowed him down in others.

"Hagan threw for 1,500 yards and missed most of two games, and that isn't too bad," Colorado coach Bill McCartney said. "We had to throw the ball to move it against Nebraska and Oklahoma, and we did."

Notre Dame beat Colorado 21-6 last year in the Orange Bowl, dashing the Buffaloes' national title dreams.

Citrus Bowl

At 10-0-1, Georgia Tech is the country's only unbeaten Division I-A team. If they're still unbeaten after Tuesday, coach Bobby Ross thinks, maybe, the Yellow Jackets deserve to be No. 1.

"That's something unique. Nobody else in the country can accomplish that," he said.

Nebraska (9-2) will be without starting quarterback Mickey Joseph, who sustained a severe laceration of his right calf in a season-ending loss to Oklahoma.

Quarterback Shawn Jones has led Georgia Tech to five straight victories since tying North Carolina 13-13. Jones passed for 2,008 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Cotton Bowl

Miami's players think they, too, deserve to be No. 1 if they beat Texas.

"If we beat Texas then I figure we have a good chance to finish either No. 1 or No. 2," Hurricanes linebacker Maurice Crum said. "That would make Miami as the only team in history to finish either 1 or 2 for five straight seasons. That's something we would all be very proud of. It's something we don't want to slip away."

The defending national champion Hurricanes (9-2) are one-touchdown favorites over Texas (10-1) in Miami's first Cotton Bowl.

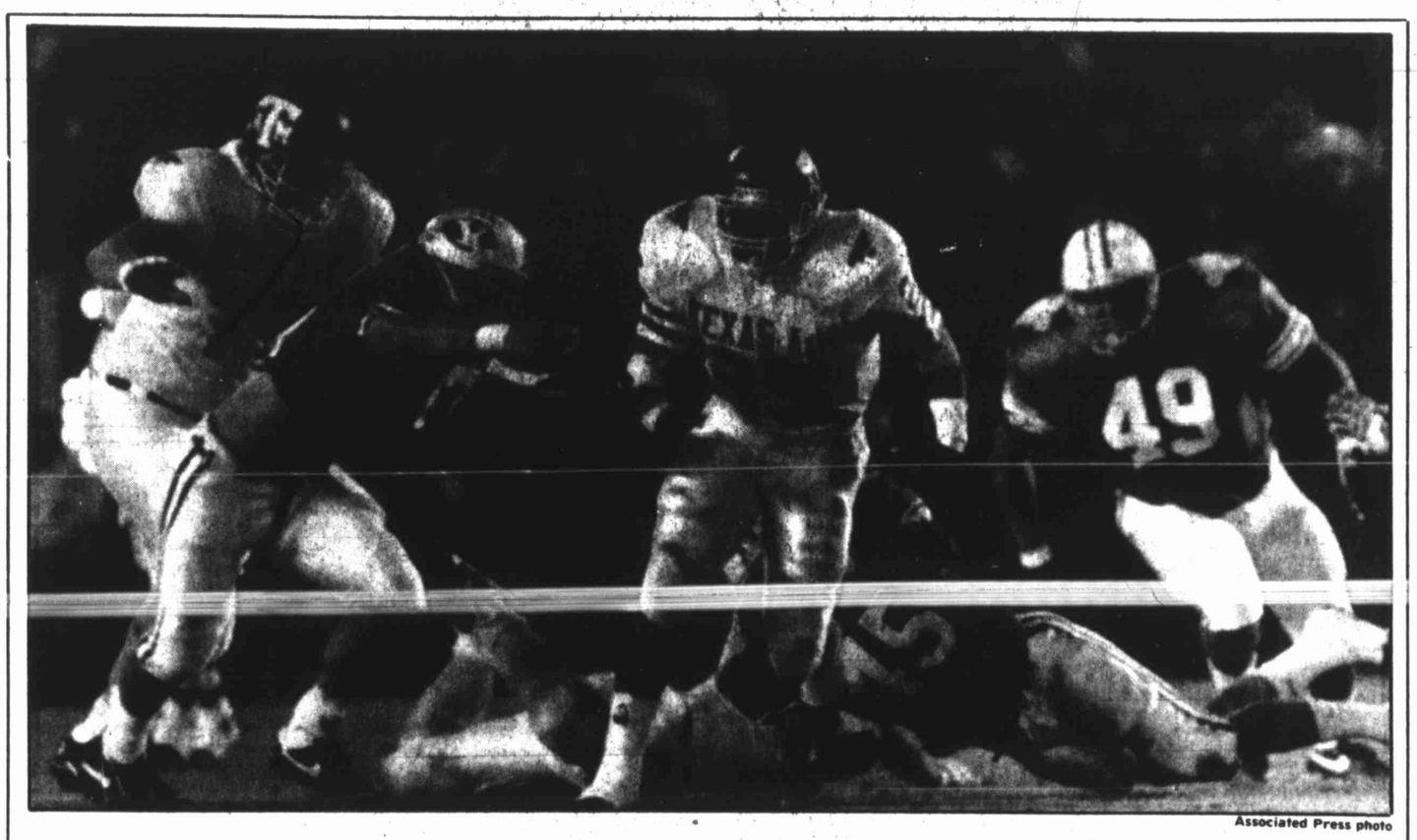
The Cotton Bowl has not crowned a national champion in 13 years.

Rose Bowl

Washington (9-2) led the nation in rushing defense this season, giving up just 66.8 yards a game. Only three backs gained more than 100 yards against the Huskies this season, and they held six teams to 42 yards or less on the ground.

That could be bad news for Iowa (8-3), which relies heavily on the run.

"I can't be afraid of the people across the line of scrimmage from me," Iowa running back Gladys Bell said. "They have a great defense and they have a lot of things going for them. But I can't let those things intimidate me or my linemen."



Associated Press photo

Breaking away

SAN DIEGO — Texas A&M running back Darrin Lewis breaks into the BYU secondary while gaining yardage in Saturday's Holiday Bowl game in San Diego. Lewis and the Aggies ran wild against the Cougars, winning, 65-14.

Zorich looking for redemption vs. CU

MIAMI (AP) — Notre Dame nose tackle Chris Zorich is glad to say goodbye to 1990.

Zorich was named a first-team All-American for the second consecutive year. He won the Lombardi Award as the nation's best lineman or linebacker. As a captain, he helped lead the Fighting Irish to a 9-2 record and an Orange Bowl berth against top-ranked Colorado on Tuesday night.

Not good enough, Zorich said.

"I think I've had a horrible senior season," he said with a grimace. "There are goals that I didn't attain. When you have goals that aren't reached, you have dreams that are unfulfilled."

What were Zorich's goals?

"I wanted to make every tackle," he said.

Zorich might be serious; he plays with that level of desire. Colorado coach Bill McCartney has noticed.

"What separates him is his aggressiveness, the spirit with which he plays," McCartney said. "When you get a guy that's that gifted — that strong and instinctive — and then you put that kind of motor in him ... you don't come across guys like that often."

Orange Bowl

Colorado will double-team No. 50; everyone else has. Because of that, and because of a partially dislocated kneecap that has hampered Zorich the past two months, his tackle total fell this year to 57 from 92 in 1989.

But he retained his knack for making big plays. He led the Irish in tackles for a loss with 12. During one key series in the final regular-season game against Southern Cal, he made three consecutive tackles for a net of minus-1 yard.

"I was taught in high school to get the ball carrier," he said. "I was taught in college to get the ball carrier. I just go and get the ball carrier."

"Off the field, he's quiet and shy," linebacker Michael Stonebreaker said. "On the field, he's wild."

Zorich has bench-pressed 475 pounds, best on the team. He has run the 40-yard dash in 4.68 seconds, faster than many linebackers. Yet his size works against him; he is only 6-foot-1 by 265 pounds.

Virginia wants back in groove

Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Welsh just has to get his Virginia team back to the way it played in October. Tennessee's Johnny Majors is competing with a 50-year-old legend.

Virginia (8-3) meets 10th-ranked Tennessee (8-2-2) in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's night.

It's the first time since Gen. Bob Neyland's Tennessee team won three in a row in 1938, 1939 and 1940 that a Volunteer team has won consecutive Southeastern Conference titles. And even the '39 team, which went through the regular season unscored upon, lost its Rose Bowl date with Stanford 14-0.

A more recent legend: the last time Tennessee played in the Sugar Bowl it faced highly favored and No.1-ranked Miami and won 35-7.

"Everybody still talks about the 1986 season," said Tennessee tackle Charles McRae. "How we were such underdogs and really dominated the game. I don't imagine we'll ever be able to live up to that legend."

"But that's what it has become to the Tennessee fans, though, a legend. We've talked about that a great deal — first team to win back-to-back championships. And I don't think any team has won their bowl game after winning the SEC back to back. We have a chance to do that, and it's really important to us." Welsh said he hopes his team returns to the form it showed at the beginning of the season, winning seven in a row and rising to No.1 in the poll for three weeks in October. But Virginia stumbled home 1-3 over the rest of the season and dropped out of the rankings.

One thing Welsh has going for him is the return of quarterback Shawn Moore, who dislocated his right thumb against Maryland on Nov. 17, underwent surgery and has been cleared to play on Tuesday.

But offense has not been a problem with Virginia.

"We have to play better on defense — get back to where we were at the beginning of the season, get some sacks, get some tipped balls, destroy the quarterback's rhythm," Welsh said. "We were fairly effective against the opposition's running game."

Longhorns, 'Canes hoping to end up number one

Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — The third-ranked Texas Longhorns and the fourth-ranked Miami Hurricanes, defending national champions, play for an outside shot at the championship in the 55th Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Miami or Texas will have to win big, then hope Colorado and Georgia Tech are upset, to stand a chance at The Associated Press ballot box of writers and broadcasters.

"It's not THE national title game," said Miami Coach Dennis Erickson. "But the winner of this game will have a say in who does win it. Whoever wins has a great chance to win the national championship. The winner will have to play well and it should impress the voters."

The Longhorns are 10-1 with only an early-season loss to Colorado as the one blemish on a Southwest Conference championship season and their first New Year's in Dallas in seven seasons.

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The Hurricanes are 9-2 with road losses to Brigham Young and Notre Dame before winning their last five games and earning a ticket to their first Cotton Bowl.

Texas coach David McWilliams, who suffered through back-to-back losing seasons, said a victory over Miami would be a big boost for his program.

"A victory over Miami, the team of the 80s, without question would help us get respect," McWilliams said. "You can't buy it, you have to earn it."

Texas defensive tackle Oscar Giles said it's a game in which the Longhorns can put their name back on the marquee lights.

"This is the biggest game of our lives and now we're ready to knock off the team of the '80s and set ourselves up to be the team of the 90s," Giles said. "This will help set the foundation and blueprints."

The winner of the Miami-Texas showdown will be pulling for Notre Dame to upset top-ranked Colorado in the Orange Bowl and Nebraska to defeat No. 2 Georgia Tech in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

It's only the fourth meeting between the two schools with Texas holding a 2-1 edge. For the Longhorns, it's their 19th Cotton Bowl appearance but first since the 1984 game.

Miami has had its game face on most of the week. Erickson closed practice to fans and media while McWilliams opened his up. The Hurricanes even switched hotels to spend the night before the game in an undisclosed location.

"We closed practices because we're playing Texas in Texas," Erickson said.

Miami was worried about playing in a frigid Cotton Bowl with its Craig Erickson-led offense, but may have caught a break. After a weekend of sub-zero wind child factors and snow, temperatures at game time were expected to be in the lower 40s with sunny skies.

"We always say it's hurricane weather no matter if it's 80 above or 20 above," said Miami defensive coordinator Sonny Ludick.

"I've never thrown the ball in real cold weather before," Erickson said. "I think I can get used to it."

The game is an attractive matchup of Erickson, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm winner, against a Texas secondary that plays a daring man-for-man defense.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Miami wide receiver Randal Hill.

"You're really going to get to see it," replied Texas All-America defensive back Stanley Richard.

Texas has a less celebrated quarterback in Peter Gardere, who has brought the Longhorns from behind to victory seven times.

"We can't afford to get behind Miami," McWilliams said. "Miami is too good to let them get out ahead of you very far."

The Cotton Bowl hasn't produced a national champion since Notre Dame in 1978 although Texas blew a chance to win it when the 'Horns lost 10-9 to Georgia in the 1984 New Year's Day game.

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes, who lost to both teams, picked Miami.

"They are a little more bowl-seasoned team," Dykes said.

No number-one chant from Tech — yet

Citrus Bowl

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Georgia Tech coach Bobby Ross isn't tooting a national championship horn — yet.

That could change Tuesday if the unbeaten Yellow Jackets (10-0-1) usher in 1991 with a victory over No. 19 Nebraska in the Citrus Bowl.

Ross knows there's only one way Tech can be considered for the top spot in the final Associated Press poll, to be announced Wednesday.

Even beating the Huskers may not be enough if No. 1 Colorado (10-1-1) beats No. 5 Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.

"The first thing we would accomplish would be to be the only undefeated football team in Division I-A," Ross said. "I think that's very important. That's something unique. Nobody else in the country can accomplish that."

Ross, who has downplayed a possible national title ever since the Jackets moved into contention by upsetting then No. 1 Virginia 41-38 on Nov. 3, says a victory Tuesday will keep his team in the mix for the crown.

"We're not saying that we will win it," he said. "We're not going to waive a flag, in the sense of what happens after that.

"We simply have to deal with Nebraska. But, if we win, we at least keep ourselves in the hunt. That's the way we've dealt with it all year long."

Beating the Cornhuskers (9-2) won't be easy.

Nebraska isn't accustomed to playing spoiler on New Year's Day. The Huskers are more accustomed to being the team playing for a final No. 1 ranking, something that has eluded the Cornhuskers throughout their 18 seasons under coach Tom Osborne.

Tech is catching Nebraska in an angry mood. The perennial Big Eight powerhouse has lost its last three bowl games. The Huskers lost two of their last three regular season games this year, including a 45-10 blowout against Oklahoma.

The loss to the Sooners prompted Osborne to say, "I'm totally embarrassed. Our team never plays with a whole lot of emotionalism, but it didn't seem to me they played with the heart I thought they'd play with."

Nebraska also played most of that game without its offensive leader, quarterback Mickey Joseph, who was knocked out for the season six minutes into the game with a laceration of his right calf, an injury that required surgery.

Despite the loss of Joseph, the Cornhuskers are a 2-point favorite to beat Tech.

Osborne, who has the best winning percentage among active coaches at .817[83] (177-40-2), says beating Tech won't be easy.

"They don't have any obvious weaknesses," he said. "They have a great quarterback. They've got some confidence. They've played well all year. They've had some close games, and they've managed to win them."

Quarterback Shawn Jones has led the Jackets to victory in 17 of their last 19 games.

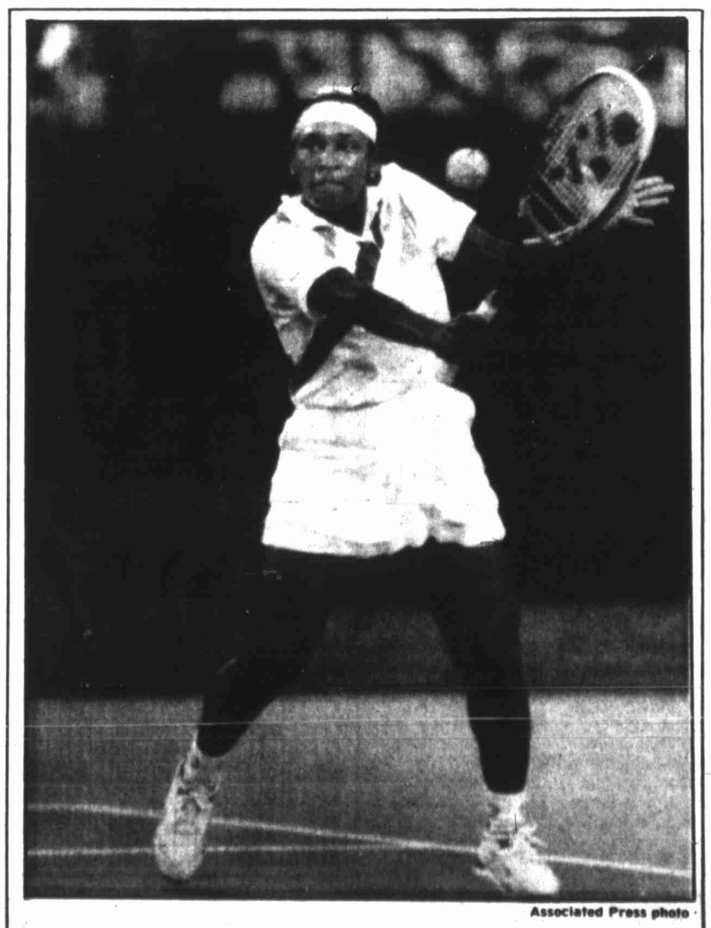
Tech is riding a five-game winning streak since tying North Carolina 13-13 — the only blot on their record in 15 games, which is the longest unbeaten string in the nation.

Jones passed for 2,008 yards and 13 touchdowns and ran for 277 yards and six scores.

With Joseph, who accounted for 1,178 yards and 21 touchdowns, sidelined, Osborne has tabbed Mike Grant as his starter. Grant passed for 484 yards and four scores and also ran for 153 yards as a backup during the 1990 season.

The Cornhuskers, who tied for second in the Big Eight, are playing in their 22nd consecutive bowl and 29th overall, with a 14-14 postseason record.

Tech, the Atlantic Coast Conference champion, has one of the nation's better bowl records, 15-8, but have appeared in only five bowl games since Bobby Dodd retired as coach in 1966.



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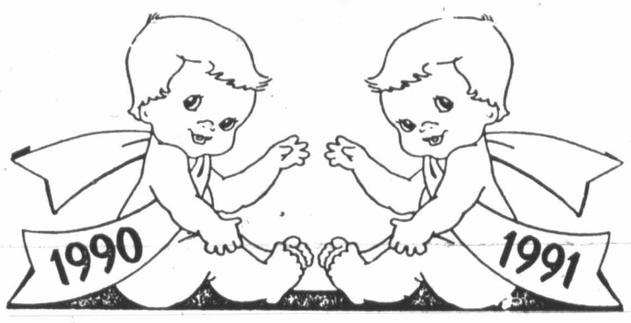
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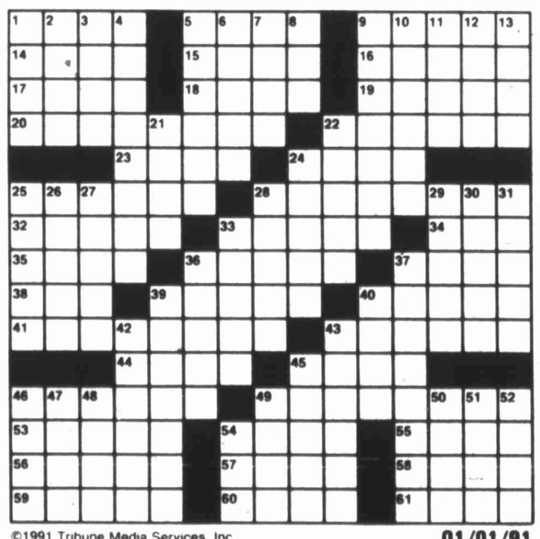
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All Times EST

Saturday, Dec. 8
California Bowl
At Fresno, Calif.
San Jose State 48, Central Michigan 24

Saturday, Dec. 15
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana Tech 34, Maryland 34, tie

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 17, Gray 14
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Syracuse 28, Arizona 0

Thursday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Air Force 23, Ohio State 11

Friday, Dec. 28
All American Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
North Carolina State 31, Southern Mississippi 27
Blockbuster Bowl
At Miami
Florida State 24, Penn State 17

Saturday, Dec. 29
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Auburn 27, Indiana 23
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Colorado St. 32, Oregon 31
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas A&M 65, Brigham Young 14

Monday, Dec. 31
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern California (8-3-1) vs. Michigan State (7-3-1), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
California (6-4-1) vs. Wyoming (9-3), 5 p.m. (TBS)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Michigan (8-3) vs. Mississippi (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Clemson (9-2) vs. Illinois (8-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia Tech (10-0-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas (10-1) vs. Miami, Fla. (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Louisville (9-1-1) vs. Alabama (7-4), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Washington (9-2) vs. Iowa (8-3), 5 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Colorado (10-1-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Virginia (8-3) vs. Tennessee (8-2-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 13
Japan Bowl
At Yokohama, Japan
West vs. East, 10 p.m., Saturday (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 19
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
West vs. East, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
AFC vs. NFC, noon (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 26
East-West Shrine Game
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Playoff schedule

All Times EST

First Round
Saturday, Jan. 5
Washington at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Miami, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 6
Houston at Cincinnati, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas OR New Orleans at Chicago, 4 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, Jan. 12
Houston, Kansas City or Miami at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas, New Orleans, Washington or Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 13
Chicago, Philadelphia or Washington at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Cincinnati, Miami or Kansas City at at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20



Associated Press photo

Goal defense

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	:30	-	Heaven	Street	-	CBS News	-	-	A. Griffit	Noticiero	National	-	-	Sweep	Make Grade	Rock	Express	Grease	-	-	Bugs Bunny	Steve	SportsLook
6	PM	-	Who's Boss	Animals	Scarecrow	News	-	News	Happy Days	A. Sabato	Velvet	-	*Movie* Steel	T. Ullman	Insp.	*Movie* Big	MacGyver	-	Survival	Rendezvous	and Pals	Tom	Sports
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Names in the news

Comedian leaving show

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Comedian-writer Franklyn Ajaye says "In Living Color" glorifies ghetto life and that's one of the reasons he's leaving the hit television show.

"I have no desire to be hip to the latest black slang and do the stereotypical hip thing," Ajaye says in TV Guide. He says he left Fox Television's show by mutual agreement.

"This whole street, urban rap needs to be pulled back some. The ghetto is being glorified, and there's nothing good about a ghetto except getting the hell out of one."

The comedy show features skits about two "homeboy" thieves who speak in street slang.

"Being black and speaking properly are not mutually exclusive. ... Nelson Mandela speaks beautifully. Should Mandela put his hat on backward and say, 'Yo homey, this is Nelson. Yo, Winnie, yo, this is def'?"

Musburger misses game

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Life after football for Brent Musburger has been a series of Sundays spent strolling through art museums and hiking mountains, but not a particularly happy time for a sports reporter who loves the gridiron.

"While I enjoyed being with my wife, I couldn't get the NFL out of my system," Musburger said. "This was the first season I didn't have an NFL game or show since I covered the Chicago Bears in 1963 as a newspaperman."

Musburger, interviewed for TV Guide, will be back for the NFL playoffs next week during ABC's pregame show and for play-by-play with Dick Vermeil.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1991

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: author Isaac Asimov, evangelist Jim Bakker, actress Wendy Phillips, football star Calvin Hill.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Changing your style could alert influential people to your true potential. Financial concerns must be dealt with in a mature manner. Be candid when recruiting family's support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learning new skills will help you achieve a long-sought goal. A member of the opposite sex lends a helping hand. Realize what is most important to your future and set fresh priorities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial matters require careful handling. Seek experts' advice if legal questions arise. Read the fine print before signing documents. Donate to a good cause even if you will be inconvenienced.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are contemplating starting a second career, avoid acting impulsively. Give the matter serious thought. Your mate or partner could feel neglected. Show more consideration.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Although your work is sometimes tedious, it will ultimately prove rewarding. Welcome new challenges. A relative's stubbornness tests your patience. Romance improves if you admit past mistakes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Timely telephone calls make your plans go without a hitch today. Dress fashionably but on the conservative side. A private meeting will suit you fine this evening. Say exactly what you mean.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Leadership is your forte. Your words weave a powerful spell! Working together for mutual benefit should be the idea you sell. You need all your energy now. Eat wisely and get more exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Newcomers may not have the expertise they need to make team effort productive. Help them get oriented. Seeing a former romantic partner in a new setting could rekindle romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You wake up alert and energized — able to say and do everything just right! Meet all deadlines on time. You may want to be alone tonight to recharge your batteries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Small children could play an important role in your domestic affairs now. Keep in touch with people who have aided you in the past. They could be the answer to a current problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Creative work enjoys very beneficial influences today. You can make excellent progress. Dine somewhere elegant tonight. Your curiosity about a stranger could lead to romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Although wearing rose-colored glasses is not normally your style, consider donning them today. What you see could make you smile! Give in to an urge to do something different.

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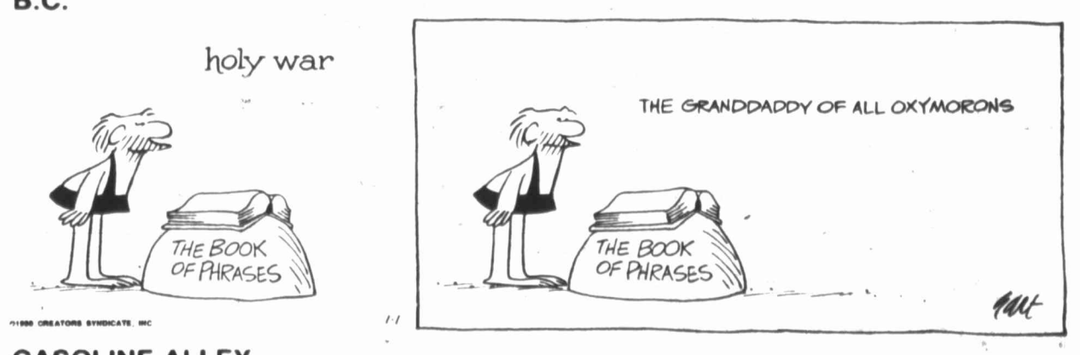
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Landfill among top stories of 1990

Part One

A brief look at the stories that made the news in 1990.

On Nov. 30, Stanton City Manager Jimmy Mathis announces his retirement, leaving the city without an administrator. Paul L. Lively was hired by the city council to replace Mathis in December.

Lively expressed his knowledge of water pipes, water and waste water systems, street repair and road maintenance should be an advantage.

Low rainfall and freezes cause Martin County' cash crop to fall below 1989 totals, according to County Extension Agent Greg Jones. Ninety-five percent of the county farmers qualified for disaster relief. Farmers around the area harvested 20,000 to 25,000 bales of cotton, compared to 130,000 bales by mid-December of 1988.

A freeport tax causes disagreements betweem councilmembers as to whether to tax business expansion or wait. By April 1, the city must retain the option to tax, leaving open the possibility of levying and recinding taxes whenever a governmental entity chooses to do so.

Richard Villa was named to the All-State football team by the Texas Sports Writers Association. Villa, a 6' 1" 1990 senior was named to the Class 2A first team as punter. During his career at SHS, Villa averaged 40 yards per kick in 41 punts. His longest was 73 yards. He also had punts of 67 and 68 yards throughout the season.

In hopes of renovating the Martin County convent, the MCC foundation held its first annual soup cookoff. The cook-off attracted visitors from Midland and Big Spring, as well as Martin county. Some 23 participants displayed their knowledge of soup and about 200 people served as judges.



First place went to the senior citizens sorehead group, followed by Miles Tollison and his son Matthew with their entry of broccoli soup and third place went to Dr. Thomas Miller and his staff.

Martin County Commissioners and the Stanton City Council decided to accept bids for closure of the city-county landfill.

Martin County Commissioners decided Monday to table, again, a decision on whether to maintain a road within the city limits of Midland.

Two more guilty pleas were taken at the 118th District Court in connection with an October drug bust, which was the largest in the city's history. Nine people were arrested for drug trafficking and possession of illegal drugs in an Oct. 5 roundup.;1.

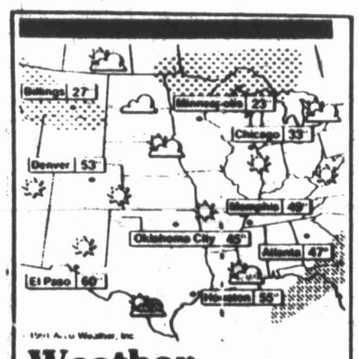
Stanton High School freshman Brandon McAnally 15, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the back of his head and shoulder, the result of an early morning hunting accident near his grandparents' house in Stonewall County. He has been under the care of Hendricks Memorial Hospital critical care unit since Feb 25.

A chronic disease program was one of two programs eliminated, along with two others that were cutback, at the Martin County Health Resourse Center. Mary Urquidez, the area supervisor for Martin, Reeves, Ward and Winkler counties, said that adult health program for chronic diseases was canceled. The program screened for chronic diseases such as cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes and anemia for the outreach clinics to Garden City and ST. lawrence, she said.

Services at the center have been reduced due to the Dec. 1 1989 vacancy of a registered nurse in charge of the Stanton field office. The former nurse, Sandy Jones, moved to East Texas, Urquidez said.

Martin County Hospital Ad-

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Weather

Clear tonight and sunny Wednesday. Low tonight in the 20s; high tomorrow in the low 50s.

Monday's high temperature	**
Monday's low temperature	**
Average high	56
Average low	28
Record high	82 in 1945
Record low	08 in 1927
	Inches
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	21.31
Normal for year	18.58

** Statistics not available at presstime

Black-eyed pea dinner today

Martin County Senior Citizens will host its annual Black-eyed pea dinner, today from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Depot.

The menu will include: black-eyed peas, cole slaw, cornbread and cobbler. Drinks will be provided.

Take-out plates will be available. Tickets are priced $3.50 in advance and $4 at the door.

For more information contact, MCSC director Sally Carroll at 756-2791.

MC Commissioners meet Wednesday

Martin County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. in a special session, Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Commissioners Court to complete the swearing in of new officials and other topics of interest that come with a new year, according to MC judge Bob Deavenport.

The court will consider:

- Setting court terms for county and Justice of the Peace Courts;
- Consider improvements and repairs around the county;
- Consider setting holidays for the year 1991;
- Discuss the county landfill.

INS official agrees to demotion

HOUSTON (AP) — The district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Houston has agreed to step down to a non-supervisory position in a federal settlement because of complaints that he took illegal disciplinary action against undercover agents who spoke out to Congressmen.

Ronald Parra agreed Friday to be demoted to a criminal investigator on Jan. 13 in a settlement with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, said federal officials familiar with the case.

The settlement still must be approved by a judge with the Merit System Protection Board.

"My reasons for settling are very simply, very directly a matter of economics," Parra said. "With an outstanding $40,000 legal bill and looking at another $30,000 to go to trial, I am not going to jeopardize my son's future (family savings planned for his son's college education) to fight this matter."

The complaint, filed April 11 with the protection board, alleges Parra took action against eight employees and anti-smuggling agents because they complained to Congressmen that their undercover identities were jeopardized in 1987 by having to educate employers about the 1986 Immigration and Reform Control Act.

Parra could have been placed on employment probation or fired if he was found guilty of the allegations.

Raw product prices decline at year's end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices farmers get for raw products ended 1990 with a 0.7 percent decline from November to December, the Agriculture Department said Friday.

Lower prices were reported for milk, hogs and lettuce, although higher prices for cattle, peanuts and eggs helped ease the decline of the other commodities.

However, the department's Agricultural Statistics Board said fruit and vegetable prices were recorded before unseasonably cold weather hit California about Dec. 21.

Consequently, the report did not reflect the freezing cold that hit California citrus and vegetables before Christmas.

Record high monthly prices were reported for cattle, but hog prices were down again, the report said.

"Oats and wheat were each at their lowest level for the month of December since 1972," it said. "Corn increased slightly from November while the soybean price decreased slightly."

Most prices are mid-December averages which will be revised next month.

No new figures were released to show how much farmers paid to meet expenses. Those are adjusted quarterly.

Department economists forecast 1991 consumer food prices will climb an average of 2 percent to 5 percent, compared with a 6 percent gain in 1990. Larger output of some major commodities is expected to help cool the price climb.

The net cash income of farmers in 1991 has been forecast by USDA at $55 billion to $60 billion, which could put it down from the record of $59 billion in calendar 1990.

As used by the agency, net cash income is simply the difference between gross cash income and cash expenses.

In another way of accounting, 1991 net farm income may be in the range of $44 billion to $49 billion, compared with the 1990 record of $49 billion.

The report said:

- Cattle averaged $77.60 per 100 pounds of live weight nationally, up from $75.30 in November. A year earlier cattle averaged $71 per hundredweight. Those are averages for all types of cattle sold as beef.
- Hogs averaged $47.60 per hundredweight, down from $50.20 in November. A year earlier hogs averaged $48.20.
- Corn, at $2.18 per bushel, was up a penny from November but was down 9 cents from a year earlier.
- Wheat prices at the farm, according to preliminary figures, averaged $2.38 per bushel, compared with $2.39 in November and $3.79 in December 1989.
- Rice averaged $6.26 per 100 pounds, compared with $6.30 in November and $6.95 a year earlier.
- Soybeans were $5.74 per bushel, compared with $5.78 in November and $5.64 in December 1989.
- Upland cotton was reported at 67.3 cents per pound, compared with 68.2 cents in November and 61.9 cents a year earlier.
- Eggs were 76.5 cents per dozen, compared with 72.9 cents in November and 82.8 cents a year earlier.
- Broilers were 28.8 cents per pound, live weight, compared with 28.2 in November and 28.6 cents a year earlier.



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New Year's Greetings

TOKYO — Fireworks blossom in the midnight sky of the New Year over Tokyo Bay Tuesday. Some 20,000 fireworks were exploded to greet the year and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Tokyo Port.

Engineer details well results

Martin County Commissioners met this morning at Commissioners court, receiving good news from County and City Engineer Gary Harris. Harris, on retainer with the county and city, stated they have received good news regarding the completion of the five test holes the State required drilled.

Harris stated all five came out dry. He added that with everything going the right direction, the county could expect a permit by the end of summer, at the latest.

In other news, Harris reported the city maps would be printed with the county map on the back. The cost of the maps would be $600 per thousand.

MC Extension Agents Kathryn Burch and Greg Jones presented their annual report and the four year outlook on the county and its youth. Burch stated more and more kids are being left alone at home because both parents were working. The extension service, with the help of the school system, has introduced a program for younsters to learn by themselves.

Other avenues the extension service is looking at are creating a youth council. Jones discussed employment for kids who would like training. "We have discussed several things, for instance cleaning around the convent. It would benefit the MC convent foundation as well as the city in making the

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Appeals for peace mark new year

Millions of people around the globe bade farewell to a tumultuous 1990 and embraced the new year with fireworks and gala celebrations, while their leaders appealed for a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

President Bush praised warmer U.S.-Soviet relations and the nations' alliance in the effort to drive Iraq from Kuwait.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said the Cold War was over, but that there would be no lasting peace until the gulf crisis was resolved.

Australians were among the first to ring in 1991. Hundreds of thousands of partiers jammed Sydney Harbor to watch fireworks and a laser show.

Temple bells, ship's whistles and fireworks welcomed the Year of the Sheep in Tokyo. Millions of Japanese headed for shrines to pray for success, while others gathered around bonfires at neighborhood shrines to drink sake, or rice wine.

In Spain, a television electrician accidentally broke the legendary clock that rings in the Spanish New Year in Madrid's popular Puerta del Sol square. But it was fixed in time for the arrival of 1991.

At midnight on New Year's Eve, Spaniards seek good luck by swallowing one grape with each of the 12 chimes of the 123-year-old clock — either gulping the grapes during a huge party in the square or while watching the live TV or radio broadcast.

The mood was somber in Pakistan after Islamic fundamentalists denounced New Year's Eve celebrations as a product of the decadent West.

A group calling itself "The Tigers of Allah" strung banners throughout the city of Karachi, emblazoned with skull-and-crossbone insignias and the warning: "Beware."

Fundamentalists demanded there be no dancing, drinking or mingling with the opposite sex at parties. Threats prompted all the city's hotels to cancel their festivities.

In Manila, Philippine police went on alert and hospitals expected heavy casualties from fireworks and the firing of illegal weapons.

Germans began their first year in decades under one nation, and Chancellor Helmut Kohl urged support for Soviet reforms to maintain peace on the continent.

No one has a bigger interest in that than we Germans in the heart of Europe," Kohl said in a New Year's Eve speech to be delivered on nationwide television. His office released a copy early.

Germany has been the staunchest European supporter of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, whom Germans largely credit with helping eliminate the major obstacles to unification.

In a message on Soviet television, Kohl extended "heartfelt greetings and our good wishes" to the Soviet people for the New Year.

Gorbachev said Monday in his New Year's address to the Soviet people, "The passing year was one of the most difficult in our history.

"Crisis phenomena in economics, the lowering of people's personal safety, a weakening of order and discipline affected the conditions of life," he said in the speech to be broadcast nationwide just before midnight.

In a message to Americans, the Soviet president welcomed February's summit with Presi-

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Holiday eating spurs yearly dieting craze

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

So you've resolved to lose weight for the holidays? Not surprising, say local health and fitness experts.

According to information from Weight Watchers of South Texas, more than 50 percent of Americans will begin a weight-loss program today. The reason may very well be that the average U.S. citizen reportedly gains from four to eight pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you are anything like Big Springer Julie Shirey, it may not be your first year on the "fitness wagon" for the new year.

"I make that one every year," Shirey said. "It always takes me several weeks to get going, and sometimes it doesn't."

This year, she said, "six weeks of fun took its."

Shirey said she has tried "every diet that's ever been though of," including a favorite that consists of only prunes and boiled eggs.

Although not everyone will go that far, many Crossroads Country residents will probably resolve to take off some weight in 1991. For a better chance of success, use moderation, said Laurie Churchwell, owner of the Dance Gallery in Big Spring.

"First, don't make such a radical change that your goals are unrealistic," Churchwell said. "Resolve to lose no more than two pounds per week."

Churchwell recommended developing a "positive eating plan" that is low in fat, high in complex carbohydrates.

"The way I look at diet and exercise, it's almost like religion," she said. "You can't force someone to do it. A person has to want to lose weight and get in shape."

Olney Menges of local group Take Off Pounds Sensibly said she, too, recommends sensible eating habits and gradual weight loss.

"Taking it off is easier, keeping it off is the challenge," she said. Olney added that exercise is "a must."

"It makes you feel good, look good, it's invigorating," she said. "That's motivational."

Mignon Braun, a leader with

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. What are the largest seeds in the world?

A. The largest seeds are the nuts of the coco-de-mer or double coconut palm, of the Seychelles, an island group in the Indian Ocean. According to North American Precis Syndicate, Inc., a nut may weigh up to 50 pounds.

Calendar

Party

TODAY

- HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- The annual Black-Eyed Pea Dinner, sponsored by The Senior Citizens, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Depot. $3.50 advance; $4 at door.

THURSDAY

- The Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon at the Old Jail.
- Senior Citizen Game Night at The Depot at 6 p.m.
- Grady H.S. varsity boys and girls — Ira Tournamet.
- Stanton Jr. Hi. 8th grade — Iraan Tournament.

FRIDAY

- Stanton H.S. vs Wall; home; beginning at 5 p.m.. All teams will play.
- Grady — Ira Tournamet continues.
- Stanton Jr. Hi. 8th grade — Iraan tournament continues.
- Grady Jr. Hi. tournament at home beginning at 9 a.m.

Tops on TV

- **From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 1991.** Classical and popular music and folk dances ring in the new year. 7 p.m. Channel 5.
- **Rescue: 911.** 7 p.m. Channel 7.

Her Wicked Ways. 8 p.m. Channel 7.

Shop shows contraband from prison

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — They're not exactly art treasures, but there is a certain creativity in the items on display at Carla's Sandwich Shop just outside the gates of Florida State Prison.

The collection, confiscated from inmates by many of the shop's customers, ranges from a felt-tip pen concealing a razor blade to a Vienna sausage can with a hidden compartment for drugs.

Carla Hawthorne, owner of the shop and a former correctional officer, hopes to eventually open a law enforcement museum that will show people the kinds of things officers deal with.

"Inmates run a con game on people — mothers, wives, grandparents. Then they come down here and really see what's going on," she said. "They are naughty boys inside."

She said visitors to the eatery, which is near three Jacksonville area prisons, are sometimes surprised by the contraband that inmates imaginatively fashion from everyday items.

Among the items on display are a key to a door lock made from a disposable razor blade and a variety of knives fashioned from pieces of wood, metal and plastic glass. There also are several "zip guns," in which small metal tubes are fashioned into crude weapons in which sulfur shavings from match sticks are used to fire nails or other projectiles.

But not all inmate creations are deadly. Mrs. Hawthorne also has on display toaster ovens made from cigarette package foil and light bulbs.

And in front of her counter is a still created from a metal box, plastic buckets and pieces of copper tubing welded together.

Mrs. Hawthorne said inmates used it to ferment an alcoholic potion they call "buck."

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A different crowd

TAMPA, Fla. — A Canadian goose dubbed "Silly" by the staff at Busch Gardens near Tampa runs with a flock of resident flamingos in the entertainment park. "Silly" was hatched as part of a brood of migrating parents, who returned North with the rest of the family during the summer leaving their errant offspring behind. "Silly" shows no signs of ever leaving.

Higher taxes go into effect today

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal taxes will raise the price of tobacco, beverage alcohol and some luxuries beginning today while upper-bracket Americans will have to pay higher income taxes to help reduce the nation's budget deficit.

The changes, combined with the 5.1-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase that took effect Dec. 1, will raise the average household's federal tax bill by about $215 a year. Congress estimates the average family making less than $50,000 will pay an extra $1 a week.

Those with incomes between $50,000 and $100,000 will pay about $278 a year more on the average. The increase for the $100,000-to-$200,000 group will average $839. The richest 600,000 couples and individuals — with incomes over $200,000 — will pay an average of $8,598 more per year.

Congress hit top-income earners to correct what many lawmakers perceived as overly generous tax cuts during the 1980s. The new law boosts the top income-tax rate on people at that income level, restricts their itemized deductions, phases out the value of their personal exemptions and subjects more of their wages to Medicare payroll taxes.

On the other hand, prior law will give all taxpayers bigger exemptions and other adjustments designed to prevent last year's inflation from raising their income taxes.

The new year also brings a major increase in the earned-income tax credit, which benefits low-income working families with children, and expanded tax incentives for energy investment.

Here are highlights of the changes:

TOBACCO: Taxes are rising by 25 percent, meaning the 16-cent tax on a pack of cigarettes goes to 20 cents. Other levies: as much as $30 per 1,000 large cigars; $1.125 per 1,000 small cigars; chewing tobacco, 12 cents a pound; snuff, 36 cents a pound; pipe tobacco, 67½ cents a pound.

ALCOHOL: The liquor tax goes up $1 to $13.50 for a gallon of 100-proof (50 percent alcohol), an extra 20 cents a fifth for 100-proof; 16 cents for 80-proof. The beer tax is doubled to 32 cents a six-pack. The tax on wine is rising, depending on alcohol content. Table wine, now 17 cents a gallon, goes to $1.07; the levy on artificially carbonated wine, now $2.40, goes to $3.30 a gallon.

TAX RATES: A quirk in the 1986 law that allowed some top-income people to pay a lower rate on part of their earnings than applied to those with slightly less income has been eliminated. This results in a new top rate of 31 percent, down from 33 percent. The majority of Americans will continue to pay a flat rate of 15 percent on their taxable income.

- Single people pay 15 percent of the first $20,350 of taxable income (after exemptions and deductions); 28 percent on the next $28,950 and 31 percent on everything over $49,300.
- Couples filing a joint return pay 15 percent of the first $34,000 of taxable income; 28 percent on the next $48,150 and 31 percent on everything over $82,150.

New Year's low-key for troops in Saudi Arabia

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — The Scots dined on haggis, the French had foie gras and the Americans enjoyed steak and a radio special by comedian Robin Williams. But New Year's celebrations for the gulf troops were generally low-key.

The important date for the troops is Jan. 15, the U.N. deadline for Iraq to get out of Kuwait or face a possible military strike to drive it from the emirate.

Although soldiers yearned for a cup of kindness, New Year's was non-alcoholic because of Saudi Arabia's strict Muslim ban on liquor.

"There's no booze. What are you going to do? Have another Coke?" said Marine Col. M.L. Haiman, 49, of the Bronx, New York. "People have their eye on the 15th of January."

The troops in the multinational force have been on heightened alert throughout the holidays in case Iraqi President Saddam Hussein launches a pre-emptive strike.

"It's a prime time for the other side to come after us, on our holidays when they think our guard might slip. If they think that, they're wrong," said Haiman.

The only official celebrations were by the approximately 3,000 men of the Scottish regiments in the British 1st Armored Division, made up of the 4th Armored Brigade and the 7th Armored Brigade, the famed Desert Rats.

"All the Scots will want to celebrate Hogmanay," said division spokesman Capt. James Myles, using the Scottish term for the holiday.

The Scots ate a traditional meal of haggis and mashed turnips, ushered into the camps by bagpipes. Haggis is made of the heart, liver and lungs of a sheep or calf, and minced with onions, oatmeal and boiled in the stomach of an animal.

The 6,000 French troops toasted with "Saudi champagne" — a mixture of apple juice and Perrier.

Many U.S. troops said they had not even thought about the holiday due to their fierce training schedules, but there were some small celebrations.

Many units barbecued steaks left over from Christmas.

"I'm going to get myself a six-pack of near-beer and have a near-party and sit around and play some cards," said Staff Sgt. David Hebert, 30, of Brickton, N.J., in the 3rd Platoon of the Army's 595th Medical Company.

Many troops planned to tune in to a Robin William's special, pre-recorded for the Armed Forces Radio Network.

Williams, re-enacting his radio role of Adrian Kronauer in the film "Good Morning, Vietnam," yelled, "Good Maaawwwrning, Saaauuudi" and then told jokes like, "Is it just me, or does Yasser Arafat look like Ringo Starr?"

While Saudis educated in the West tend to celebrate New Year's with private parties at home, as do foreigners living here, it's not an official Moslem holiday.

The Muslims follow a lunar calendar and their new year marks the date when the prophet Mohammed, founder of the faith, emigrated in the 7th century from Mecca to Medina.

Diets

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Weight Watchers in West Texas, said exercise is important but not mandatory.

"We have some people who are unable to exercise," she said. "But it does help your attitude, your attitude and your body."

The group, she said, expects an influx of new members around Jan. 1 each year. Braun cautioned against trying to change too many things at once.

"People try to change everything about themselves at once," Braun said. "They also put too much emphasis on numbers. Successful weight loss is changing of habits."

Dr. John Farquhar, a family practice physician in Big Spring, cautioned against over-emphasis on weight, body size and appearance.

"I find that most often, for women especially, weight is tied with sexual attractiveness . . ." he said. "They're thinking, 'I'm not good enough.' The system to some extent tries to drill that into (girls and women).

"The problem isn't the shape of their thighs or the numbers on the scale," Farquhar said. "It's how they see themselves in their mind's eye."

Farquhar said weight loss is basically, "eat less, exercise more." If your New Year's resolution is to shed some poundage, he recommended, take a few minutes and think about whether you are camouflaging the problems that really exist in your life.

If you decide weight loss is for you in the new year, here are a few tips from area health and fitness programs.

- Don't eat in front of the television or standing at the counter. Choose one place at the table and eat there every meal.
- Try keeping a food diary. Many people find they eat more than they thought, Weight Watchers information says.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Exercise at least three times per week for thirty minutes. Do some aerobic activity such as jogging, walking, swimming or aerobic dance.
- Remember that it takes a cutback of 3,500 calories to lose one pound of fat. In one week, that's 500 calories per day to be cut through eating modifications or exercise.

And if losing weight doesn't work for you, you can always try the second and third most popular resolutions — to quit smoking and control money better.

Farquhar said he doesn't put too much emphasis on the "time honored" but relatively worthless idea of New Year's Resolutions anyway.

"I don't make too many resolutions," he said. "I usually have something better to do."

For Shirey, however, the New Year brings a chance to recover from holiday overindulgence.

"It's nothing but black-eyed peas (New Year's Day)," she said. "Then I'll shift into high gear."

New Year's

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dent Bush and said there was "no more danger of nuclear catastrophe."

But, he added, "much has not been completed," including a resolution to the crisis caused by Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

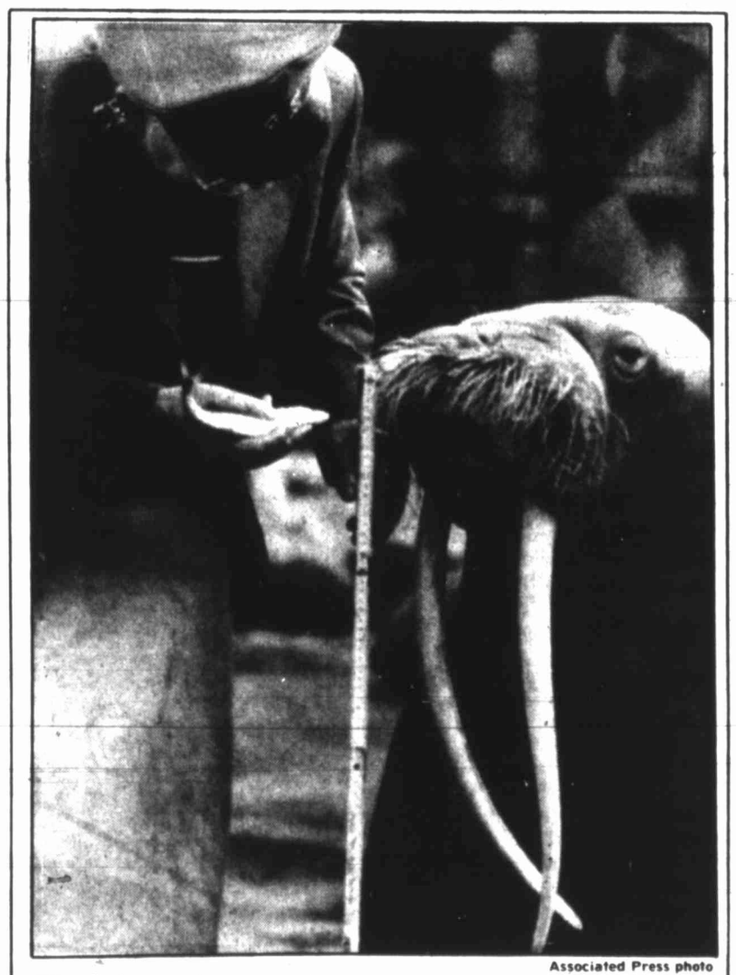
In a videotaped greeting to "all the wonderful people of the Soviet Union," Bush saluted Gorbachev for undertaking "an arduous journey" toward a new society.

The U.S. president, welcoming the Soviets as partners against Iraq, hailed the Soviet-American "common approach to a new challenge in the name of stability and peace."

Bush said he was thrilled about the warmth developing between ordinary Soviet and American citizens as a result of the relaxation of tensions.

In the Persian Gulf, celebrations were low-key as troops focused on Jan. 15, the U.N. deadline for Iraq to leave conquered Kuwait or face possible use of force.

Iraqis welcomed 1991 with parties and bands in major hotels and nightspots in Baghdad.



Associated Press photo

Taking inventory

HAMBURG, Germany — Zoo Keeper Heino Svsott measures the giant tusks of walrus Antje during the zoo's annual inventory. The fully developed teeth of the 14 year-old walrus reached their final length of 19.6 inches this year.

Review

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ministrator Larry Elliot resigned his $36,000 a year job here effective April 4 for another job offer in Lovington N.M. Elliot tendered his resignation during a special meeting of the hospital board on March 5.

The board is now accepting applications for another administrator for an as of yet undertermined period of time, Elliot said.

In efforts to clean up the city, a second round of inspections were to begin today on ten vacant substandard houses to see if they have been repaired or demolished, said City manager Paul Lively at Monday's city council meeting. If owners have not taken steps to correct building violations as required by a 1966 ordinance, the city will notify them by mail for a second time, Lively said. Following that, the city will demolish any houses not brought into compliance and charge the owners.

Owners have 30 days after receiving their first notification, which were sent out at the end of February, to bring the houses into compliance, according to city Ordinance 542 which declares such structures to be "public nuisances." Lively said 15 letters were sent to Stanton residents in February, but only five have responded.

Brandon McAnally was hospitalized Feb. 25 with a gunshot wound to the head and shoulders received during a hunting accident near his grandparents home. After some tough times doctors are slowly cutting back on sedation and attempting to remove the boy from a ventilator. Billy McAnally, Brandon's dad, said he could be talking by next week. Though not fully concious, Brandon follows people with his eyes, turns his head and move his arms and legs, including the right side which doctors feared might be paralyzed, he said.

Jeanette Page, at a "young 48," says she faces just the ordinary challenges as the new interim director of the Martin County Hospital District. Such as finding a family practictioner doctor, something the district has been trying to do for about two years. She said she is ready to carry forth implementation of possible alternative methods of medical care to better serve Stanton residents and draw other people to the hospital.

Page was appointed as interim director by the district's board of directors at a specially-called Thursday meeting. The appointment follows the resignation of Larry Elliot, who accepted a job as chief executive officer for Nor-Lea General Hospital, a corporate hospital in Lovington, New Mexico.

In tomorrow's issue, the second half of the year will be reviewed.

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Santos S. Parras, 84, died Saturday. Rosary will be 7:00 P.M. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Edward Lee Lawson, 68, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Results

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convent look good," Jones said. "It would be great if we could generate some positive attitudes towards our community and interest in these projects still in the works," he said.

The commissioners paused to thank and honor Precinct 4 Commissioner E. D. (Wimp) Holcomb for his eight years of service. Holcomb was defeated by Charles McKaskle, who will be sworn-in Tuesday at 10 a.m.

The court will meet again Wednesday Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. in special session and again January 14 for their regular scheduled session.

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