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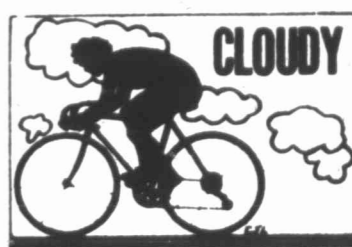
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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; turning colder tonight and on Wednesday. Lows tonight mid 20s, highs Wednesday mid 50s. Monday's high was 66 and the low was 34.



Shooting scene

'Not the kind of neighbors you could ignore'

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

Residents who live adjacent to the duplex where one man was killed and one wounded early Sunday say the neighborhood was quiet during the daytime, but after midnight it became vastly different.

About 3 a.m. Sunday, three assailants allegedly kicked in the front door at 1508B S. Scurry St. and opened fire, according to police.

George (Jorge) Talavera, 26, suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the forehead and was pronounced dead 3½ hours later at Lubbock General Hospital.

He was reportedly laying face down in the front yard when police answered a "disturbance in progress" call.

George's brother, Richard Talavera, 25, sustained a gunshot wound to the abdomen and remains in stable condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, a nursing supervisor said today.

A third brother was fortunate. He was struck on the head with an unknown object and suffered only minor injuries.

Derwood Zant — the man who owns the duplex — said the Talavera brothers were not ideal tenants.

Zant — who has lived in Big Spring since 1924 — said he has rented a residence several houses away to the Talaveras' brother for about a year and he has been prompt with the rent and caused no problems.

As a favor to the eldest Talavera brother, Zant said he began renting the duplex to the Talavera brothers

on Sept. 15 — despite the fact they didn't have rent money.

"They said they'd have the rent in a few days and I've been hearing that for a few months," Zant advised. They are believed to be from the East Coast, with Zant noting that "I know that their mother was flying in here from New York."

To his disdain, Zant said he recently noticed a woman was living on the other side of the duplex and asked her who she was.

"She told me she had paid the Talaveras' rent for the month to live there. Can you believe that? It wasn't even their property to rent in the first place," said a frustrated Zant.

The landlord said he repeatedly picked up empty beer bottles and cans strewn about the front yard.

"They always had money to buy beer, but they never had any money for rent," Zant noted.

The landlord encouraged a Big Spring Herald reporter and photographer to observe firsthand the aftermath of the shootings.

It is obvious the door was forcefully opened; shattered boards and furniture are immediately visible.

Bloody needles and gauze — the apparent remnants of efforts by medical personnel to treat the victims — lay on a table just inside the front door.

Beer bottles and cans are scattered throughout the house.

The refrigerator contains only a half-filled gallon of milk and a few bottles of what was once a 24-pack of Budweiser.

In a rear bedroom Zig-Zag cigarette papers lay next to an empty clear plastic baggie.

Fourth suspect arrested

HERALD STAFF REPORT

A fourth suspect in the fatal shooting of a Big Spring man and wounding of his brother early Sunday has been arrested, according to police.

Octavino Ramirez, 30, 707 N. Scurry St., was arrested about 8:30 p.m. Monday on charges of murder, attempted murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon at the Big Spring Police Department, Capt. Lonnie Smith said.

Ramirez was arrested after being interviewed by detectives; Municipal Court Judge Gwen Fair set bail at \$105,000, Smith advised.

Ramirez remains in the city jail, according to the captain.

Ramirez is the fourth man charged in connection with the shooting death of George (Jorge) Talavera, 26, and wounding of his brother, Richard Talavera, 25, remains hospitalized after undergoing surgery for an abdominal gunshot wound.

Paul Talaveras was struck on the head by an unknown object, but suffered only minor injuries.

Manuel DeLeon, 29; Daniel DeLeon, 30; and Robert DeLeon, 22; all of 410 N.W. Scurry St. have been charged with murder; attempted murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and are free on \$60,000 bond each.

Smith said police are still attempting to locate people who witnessed the shootings or have knowledge about what provoked the incident.

He added the Talaveras' are from New York and family members have arrived in Big Spring and consulted with police.

"(Police) have advised them to let things cool down and let the criminal justice system work," Smith said.

The captain advised that one man who has information about the shooting refuses to talk to authorities.

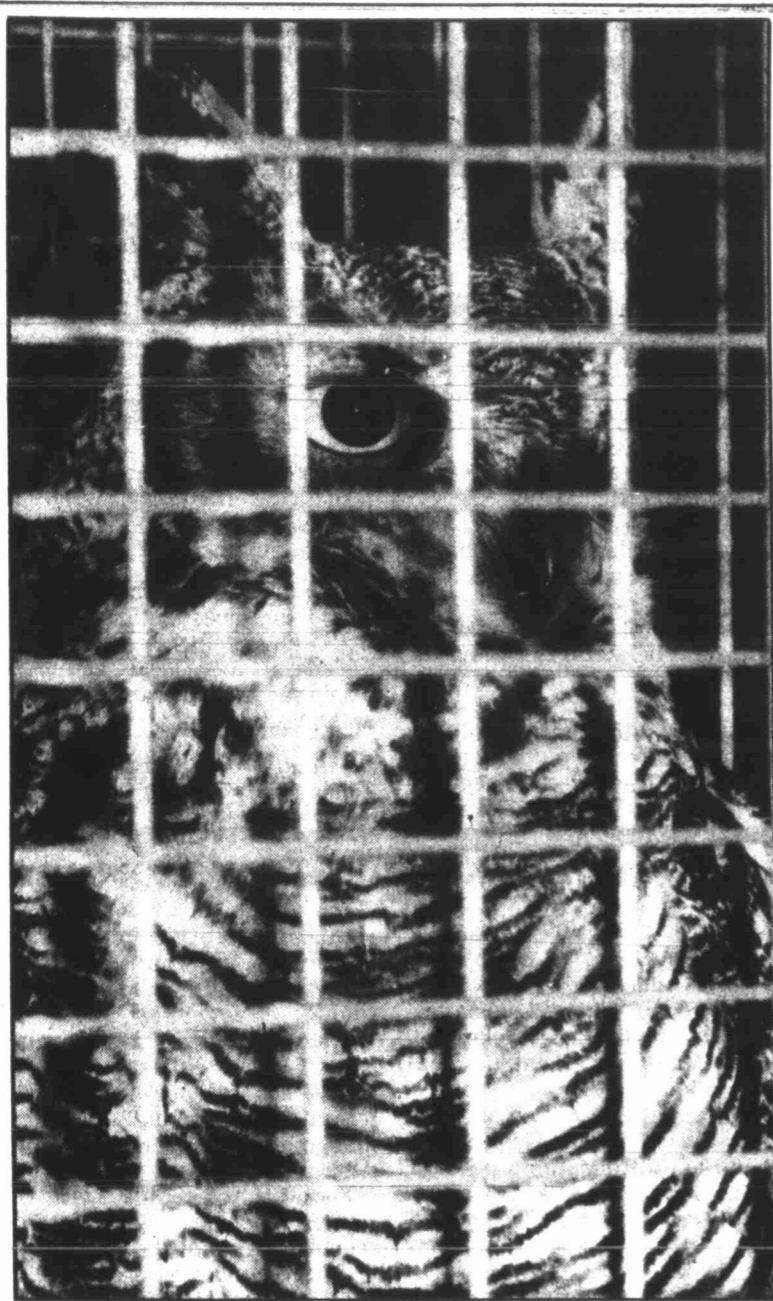
"When we speak with everyone we need to we will know the full story," Smith said.

"People are always telling me that this kind of stuff doesn't go on in Big Spring. Well, I want to show them that it really does." — Derwood Zant

As Zant encourages the Herald photographer to take pictures of the scene, he says excitedly: "People are always telling me

that this kind of stuff doesn't go on in Big Spring. Well, I want to show them that it really does."

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Inside looking out

A great horned owl that was accidentally captured watches the surroundings of Ruth Nanny's kindergarten class Monday. Before being released, the owl was shown to the kindergarten students. For story and additional photos, see page 6-B.

Paralyzed van driver faces different hurdles

MIDLAND (AP) — As a student at Odessa College and Oklahoma State University, Damon Polk made his name by running hurdles.

After a deadly highway accident left him paralyzed, however, Polk's biggest hurdle is learning to walk again.

Polk, 23, was the driver of a Midland Boys' Club van that col-

lided with a semi-truck on Interstate 20 near Sweetwater. Five children in the van were killed and Polk and 12 others were injured in the Aug. 13 accident.

Polk, who suffered a spinal fracture and other internal injuries that left him hospitalized for 11 weeks, said he still struggles with the physical and emotional scars left by the accident.

"I think about it every day," he told the Odessa American. "You don't know why it happened. That's why they call it an accident. But I have had problems dealing with it."

Facing up to the physical limitations of his injury was difficult for Polk, a national champion hurdler for Odessa College in 1983-84 before earning a scholarship to

Oklahoma State University.

"I don't have any choice," he said. "I have to try to progress and not regress. But I really miss being competitive."

Polk earned a bachelor's degree in recreation from OSU last May and was then hired as physical director of the Midland Boys' club, said Nick Sanchez, the club's executive director.

To help cope with the tragedy, Polk said he has drawn on his family and friends as a source of strength.

"It was sort of hard for everyone to accept," said Polk, whose 12-year-old brother, Darren, also was hurt in the crash. "I believe being in the accident has helped us to get closer."

Tobacco bandit strikes again

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

The cigarette bandit performed his vanishing act early Tuesday during an encore performance at three Big Spring convenience stores.

Police believe the suspect who stole hundreds of dollars worth of cigarettes from three convenience stores late Monday and early Tuesday is the same person who committed a series of cigarette thefts at the same stores Nov. 27.

A lone black male entered the 7/Eleven Food Store at 1701 Marcy Drive shortly after 11 p.m. and calmly proceeded to pick up six cartons of Marlboro cigarettes — valued at \$73.44 — and quickly left on foot, Big Spring Police Lt. Juan Palacios said.

Shortly before 12:30 a.m., the same man police believe is responsible for the other tobacco thefts walked into the 7/Eleven store located at 300 S. Owens St.; picked up six cartons of assorted cigarettes — worth \$68.82 — and fled on foot, Palacios said.

A man believed to be the same suspect entered the 7/Eleven store at 2301 Wasson Road, grabbed 10 cartons of cigarettes — valued at \$114 — and escaped in a vehicle, Palacios said.

He said police did not want to release a vehicle description.

The same man is a suspect in the theft of 36 cartons of cigarettes from 7/Eleven stores during a two-hour period Nov. 27, Palacios said. The suspect is described as being approximately 6-feet tall and weighing about 160 pounds who wears his hair in an Afro-style, the lieutenant advised.

Palacios said the man doesn't threaten the clerks; instead, he walks in, picks up the cigarettes and leaves hurriedly.

One 7/Eleven manager said the suspect tells clerks to "just be cool" while he carries out the thefts.

Police are continuing to investigate the thefts, Palacios said.

United Way campaign still 16 percent short of its 1988 goal

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

More than two months after the end of its 1988-89 campaign, the United Way of Big Spring has received pledges totaling \$171,976 — 84 percent of its goal.

Sherrie Bordofske, executive director, said if the organization does not reach its goal that proposed funding allotments to local non-profit agencies would be cut across the board during the United Way's annual board of directors meeting Jan. 18.

Bordofske and Scott McLaughlin, campaign director, have repeatedly predicted the organization would reach its goal of \$205,000.

Early today, Bordofske said she has not yet abandoned hope of reaching the goal.

"I'm expecting to receive four (corporate) donations, and once we receive those I believe that will help us reach the goal," she said.

Last year, the local United Way fell \$25,000 short of its \$215,000 goal, and the 1986-87 campaign fell \$21,500 short of its \$215,000 goal.

Today McLaughlin predicted the United Way would at least raise \$185,000 — 90 percent of its goal.

"We're at the same position we were in a month ago," McLaughlin said. "We're waiting on two or three big donations from companies that are under budget constraints. They're probably not going to (make their donations) for another month or so."

While he has not ruled out reaching the goal, McLaughlin said "there is a feeling among the

(United Way) board (of directors) that we've been a little too optimistic in setting our goals the last few years.

"We just don't have that oil field economy we had five or six years ago," he said. "The money is just not out there right now."

McLaughlin said layoffs and company closings have hampered the United Way's fund raising efforts. But he said that all things considered, this year's drive has not been unsuccessful.

"For a town our size we've raised a lot of dollars," he said. The United Way of Sweetwater, for example, "has a goal of \$35,000 and they fund 10 agencies just like we do."

Saying that the depressed economy is not the sole reason for fundraising shortcomings, McLaughlin acknowledged the United Way "still has a long way to go" in terms of educating the public about its purpose.

"I think we have a potential of raising \$250,000 to \$300,000, in this community, but to do that an attitude adjustment in the community is needed.

"If people realized where the United Way money goes, they would donate," he said.

Regardless of the amount of money the United Way receives, 97 percent of the funds it raises will stay in the local community, Bordofske said.

Of each dollar donated, 85 cents will go directly to 10 local non-profit agencies, she said. The campaign's operating expenses comprise the remaining 15 percent of the organization's budget,

but no more than \$800 will be allocated to the United Way headquarters, she said.

As of today, the pledges received by the United Way divisions, followed by the division's goals, are:

- Out of Town — \$4,424; \$6,000.
- Pacesetters (donations of \$500 or more from individuals or companies) — \$56,800; \$105,000.
- Commercial (businesses and employees) — \$17,293.38; \$20,000.
- Golden Age (senior citizens) — \$1,175; \$3,000.
- Combined Federal Campaign (governmental employees) — \$10,460.71; \$10,000.
- Professional (doctors, lawyers, accountants, etc.) — \$11,700; \$8,000.
- Special Events — \$175.75.
- Loaned Executive (employees of Big Spring's 15 largest employers — \$62,006.85; \$60,000.
- Residential/Rural — \$5,951; \$8,000.
- Agency Board Members (board members of agencies receiving United Way funds) — \$1,989.

Anyone who would like to donate to the United Way may call 267-5201.

Local agencies receiving United Way funds are: the American Red Cross, the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, the Boy's Club, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Northside Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Day Care Center, West Side Community Center and the YMCA.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Dear Santa

Santa's helper Sherri Bordofske taps the nose of "Santa" Carl Johansen, who will play the part of the bearded fellow at the quarterly Big Spring Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The event will be held Dec. 8 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Room of the Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 from the chamber until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, or \$7 at the door.

Researcher hopeful of AIDS cure

AUSTIN (AP) — AIDS "is less of a problem" than cancer, and eventually will be defeated, says a scientist prominent in the fight against the fatal viral disease.

Dr. Mathilde Krim of New York said the world is relying on the United States to find an answer for AIDS.

"I'm looking at us, too. I don't see who else will, unless by a fluke of chance some major discovery happens somewhere else," she told a news conference Monday before her speech at St. Edward's University.

Ms. Krim, associate research scientist at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center and College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, said "the vastness of the problem, the scientific problem... can be addressed only in this country."

"On the other hand, I am also optimistic that it will be addressed effectively, because AIDS is less of a problem to solve than cancer."

She described cancer as "a combination of a hundred different diseases with multiple complicated challenges."

AIDS, however, "is one disease... the cause is one virus. This virus is pretty well known already... (and) there is every indication" that within a year or two physicians will have therapeutic drugs to work with, she said.

"A vaccine will not be available so soon — maybe 10 or 15 years from now. But in historical terms this is a very short time. We will lick the problem."

Ms. Krim, the founder of an organization that merged with another to form the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR), said despite the lack of leadership from the Reagan administration, Congress has appropriated substantial amounts of money for research into acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

But she said congressional action has only come late, and it has always been too little.

She also said the United States wasted five years giving the public enough information about AIDS.

"Basically, what we have not had in this country is leadership at the highest national level. A president can give orders, that certain things be done, and our president has never done this," she said.

Ms. Krim noted that President-elect George Bush "has said that he would, for example, be in favor of federal legislation to protect people infected with HIV against discrimination."

"If he does that, that would be a great step forward," she said.



Alarming sign language

HOUSTON — A radio station's promotional gimmick has caused local firefighters to respond to ten false alarm calls in the past two weeks in

Houston. The smoke on the promotional sign is mechanically produced and is designed to call attention to the station's slogan, "still smoking."

Legislature to confront prison condom dilemma

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — When lawmakers return to Austin next month, among issues facing them will be the dilemma of dealing with a legislative task force recommendation that condoms be made available to state prison inmates.

The issue, which threatens to throw a normally taboo subject into the public forum, confronts the Legislature as prison officials try to contain the spread of the AIDS virus.

Those who favor distribution of condoms, like task force member Dr. Charles Alexander, do so from the obvious health standpoint.

Alexander, a TDC deputy director of health services who previously headed the AIDS and sexually transmitted disease control division of the Texas Department of Health, says distributing condoms is one way to prevent disease.

Critics claim it would create a host of other problems, including increased victimization of convicts by other convicts.

The distribution of condoms to prisons also would force prison officials to acknowledge that illegal activity is taking place in prison, says Walter Quijano, chief psychologist for the Texas Department of Corrections.

"It just shows you don't run a tight ship," Quijano told the *Houston Chronicle*. "But no matter how tight a ship you run, it (homosexual activity) is going to occur."

In one of 150 recommendations on the subject, members of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS said when data suggest the disease is being transmitted, officials should consider providing

protection.

The panel also suggests that condoms be sold in prison commissaries for 5 cents apiece — a move that some task force members said might be more acceptable than giving them away.

So far, only Vermont, Mississippi and the New York City Jail provide condoms to inmates.

However, to do so in Texas would be against Texas law and state prison rules, both of which bar homosexual activity.

But sexual activity does occur and no matter what is done, the activity will continue, officials acknowledge.

Quijano sees problems from a prison management standpoint and the potential for increased suicide attempts if condoms are distributed to prisoners. Quijano, who has studied prison suicides and self-mutilations, said many of those incidents occur after homosexual attacks and that if sexual assaults were to increase, the number of suicide attempts could also increase.

Distribution of condoms could be taken as a sign of condoning gay activities and "if you tolerate it, victimization could increase," Quijano said.

"It may also lull people into believing that because there's a degree of protection, it's OK to have multiple sex partners. With a gadget like that, people may lose the perspective that this is a dangerous virus."

Charles Terrell, chairman of the Texas Board of Corrections, shies away from commenting on the possibility of condoms for prisoners, deferring to the expertise of Alexander and other health professionals.

Lawmakers face revenue shortfall

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers face at least a \$1 billion shortfall, which could possibly balloon to \$2 billion, to maintain the current level of state services, budget leaders said Monday.

Figures from the Legislative Budget Board staff dampened last week's revenue estimate by State Comptroller Bob Bullock, who noted a statewide economic recovery that would result in \$1.6 billion more in state revenue than during the current budget period.

But even with the additional \$1.6 billion, state lawmakers will face a \$1 billion shortfall to fund a two-year state budget recommended by the LBB staff. The regular legislative session begins Jan. 10.

The LBB staff budget maintains the current level of spending, plus additional funds to cover the costs of increased student enrollment and prison construction. The staff budget does not take into account any pay increase for state employees, nor inflation, except in some human service areas.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, chairman of the budget group that includes House and Senate members, said the \$1 billion shortfall could increase to \$2 billion as the state grapples with trying to equalize funding for public school education.

"Actually, I think a more realistic figure would be \$2 billion when you take into account public school financing," he said. A state district court judge ruled Texas' school finance system is unconstitutional because it discriminates against students in poor schools, which are unable to raise as much money to educate students as wealthier districts.

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Briefs

No prosecution for tiger owner

ALVIN (AP) — Federal authorities say they will not prosecute an Alvin who had his pet Siberian tiger, an animal protected by the federal Endangered Species Act, put to death.

John Bush had the tiger, named Tony, put to death by a veterinarian, Nov. 28 after his neighbors complained to Brazoria County commissioners that the animal posed a threat.

The complaints were lodged after the tiger broke out of a fence and walked around the neighborhood for a brief time, killing a neighbor's chicken.

The U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife decided to investigate the case because Siberian tigers are protected under the federal En-

dangered Species Act. "I'm not sure it would do any good to punish John Bush any more than he has punished himself," Fish and Wildlife special agent Doug Morris said.

Bush, 36, could have faced a misdemeanor charge punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Bush said he had the tiger put to death by an Angleton veterinarian after becoming convinced that county commissioners would force him to relocate the animal.

The cat had been kept for two years in a large back yard surrounded by chain-link fence.

Fish and Wildlife officials also cleared the veterinarian.

Agents raid escort services

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal agents have raided five San Antonio escort service locations and seized their records as part of a new federal grand jury investigation, an FBI official says.

Assistant FBI Agent-in-Charge R. Dodge Frederick said Monday agents used sealed search warrants in their raids.

A source told the San Antonio Light that the seizures were "just the beginning" of a crackdown on escort services suspected of being fronts for prostitution.

"Voluminous documents and items of evidence were seized during the search," Frederick said in

a brief statement.

"The escort services have been the target of an investigation involving the San Antonio Police Department's vice bureau, the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation," the statement said.

"No arrests were made and the grand jury investigation is continuing," the statement continued.

Federal and local authorities would say little else about the raids and investigation.

U.S. Attorney Helen Eversberg would not comment beyond the FBI statement.

Panel addresses nursing shortage

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas faces a "critical shortage" of nurses that should be addressed, says a committee created by the Legislature to conduct the first comprehensive study of the state's health education system.

The Special Committee on Post-Secondary Medical, Dental and Allied Health Education said, in a statement on its legislative report, that Texas has one registered nurse per 418 people. That compares to one per 200 nationally.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board "should develop a master plan for pro-

viding necessary nursing manpower in an equitable, cost-efficient manner," the committee said.

The committee also recommends the Legislature reduce 1989-90 non-resident tuition rates for medical and dental schools and make no further increases in resident tuition rates.

The Texas health education system includes eight medical schools, three dental schools, 69 registered nursing programs, 37 vocational nursing programs, 97 allied health programs and five health science centers.

Mother admits murder attempts

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman was charged with attempted capital murder for allegedly giving prescription pills to three of her four children in an attempt to kill them.

Jacquelyn Ann Blaine, 38, was charged Monday and was bail set at \$200,000.

According to investigators, Ms. Blaine admitted giving three of her children the drugs to kill them so they wouldn't "be raised by a stranger" after she committed

suicide.

Two of the children were treated and released at a hospital. None was reported to have suffered permanent injury.

According to Houston police, the woman was intoxicated on alcohol and crack cocaine when they were called to investigate threats against the children on Nov. 13. The four children were taken by representatives of the Harris County Children's Protective Services.

Dallas plans tax break for GTE

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County commissioners took steps toward approving a proposal to cut by 40 percent property taxes for GTE Corp., which is moving its national headquarters to Irving.

Final approval of the tax break is expected by the end of the month. On Monday, the commissioners

revised a policy that spells out the circumstances under which the county may grant tax breaks for companies planning to do business in affluent and low-income areas.

The policy would generally allow tax breaks for new businesses that increase the county's property tax base by at least \$30 million.

Short-term deals raise gas prices

HOUSTON (AP) — Price volatility in the oil and gas marketplace is prompting producers to sign only short-term delivery agreements for natural gas, a trend that could be propping up gas prices but hindering the development of new reserves, according to a new study.

"Despite the fact that the major petroleum basins in North America are among the most extensively explored and best understood in the world, fundamental questions remain about the amount of gas that can be found and produced in a low oil and gas price environment," according to the annual "World Gas Trends" study by the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. and Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

"A major controversy is brewing in the industry as to what kind of security premium, in terms of higher gas prices, will be required to assure adequate supplies and provide the foundation of new long-term contracts," Michael F. O'Donnell, managing director of Andersen's oil and gas services program.

Business

Because of the concentration of short-term deals for natural gas, prices for gas could be greater than necessary, said Everett S. Biggs, coordinator of natural gas pipeline industry services for the firm.

In the winter of 1986-87, he said seasonal price increases amounted to 10-20 cents per thousand cubic feet. Last winter, the price jumped 70 cents over five months, peaking at about \$2. So far this year, prices started rising from about \$1.40 in July and already are up 60 cents, he said.

The study suggests that industry restructuring and price fluctuation have changed the natural gas marketplace to emphasize short-term supply agreements, while environmental concerns have increased opposition to switching from gas to now-cheaper oil as an energy source.

"The conflict between these

trends... is certain to become more acute in the years ahead," the study concludes.

According to the report, the effects of the low oil price collapse now are evident in gas supply. In 1987, 10.7 trillion cubic feet of reserves were added, replacing less than 70 percent of the gas used that year.

In 1986, meanwhile, 14.8 trillion cubic feet was added. Gas well completions last year in the United States totaled about 7,200, down from 15,000 in 1984. The study estimates that about 7,000 gas wells will be completed this year.

"Gas is a linchpin of our future energy security," said James Newcomb, director and coordinator of natural gas for Cambridge Energy Research Associates. "We simply don't know today if production capability will be in place to support the role of gas."

"In any case, gas markets will be highly sensitive to short-term developments during the winter months over the next several years," the study said.

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The Compassionate Friends, a support group offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church entrance on Northeast side. All the people involved are parents who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. For further information call 263-9891 or 263-7456.

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MEDICATION Aide Certification course, to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 3, 1989. Pre-registration required. For more information call, Howard College Continuing Education 267-6311 ext. 315.

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The Closure of his office as of December 10th of this year. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and to thank those who throughout the years, have put their trust in me or have shown their support and kindness in one way or another — I want you all to know I will miss you. God Bless You.
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Spring board

How's that?

Comics

Q. What has changed on the comics page of the Herald?

A. The crossword puzzle has been moved to the classified section, the daily TV listing has been enlarged and expanded, and the weather from across the nation has been added.

Calendar

April

WEDNESDAY

• A Christmas In April board meeting is slated at noon in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office. For more details call Bob Noyes, 267-5811.

THURSDAY

• People with certification for December 1988 may obtain their food commodities through the West Texas Opportunities Emergency Food Assistance Program at the Dora Roberts Community Center by the Tennis Center in the Comanche Trail Park from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. All recipients must have their certification cards with them in order to receive the food. The West Texas Opportunities, Inc. Office in the Ventura building will be closed today. Today is the only day commodities will be given out; if you cannot be there, send a note with the person picking them up, along with your certification card. There will be no commodities in January.

• A meeting of all Retired Federal Retirees will be held at the Kentwood Older Adult Center, 2805 Lynn, at 9:30 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be served after the meeting.

• The Coahoma third-graders will present "Three Wee Kings," a medley of Christmas music, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Admission is free.

SATURDAY

• There will be a chili supper in the Wesley Methodist Memorial Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost will be \$4 per person and children under six are free.

Local parolee sought in connection with robberies

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

Area law enforcement officers are seeking a Big Spring man wanted on a parole violation in connection with a series of armed robberies last week, authorities said.

Lynn County Deputy Sheriff Jake Diggs said a warrant charging the man with armed robbery has been issued for the early Saturday holdup of Allsup's Food Store — located off Highway 87 in O'Donnell.

Diggs refused to release the suspect's name, but advised that the clerk who was robbed identified

the man from a photograph lineup.

Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders said authorities there are in the process of obtaining a warrant against the same man for the armed robbery of Dan's Chevron in Stanton about 10:20 p.m. Friday.

Saunders said Stanton officials notified authorities in Big Spring, Midland, Lamesa and other West Texas cities about the robbery there, but it apparently didn't deter the suspects from committing another one at the O'Donnell convenience store.

In both robberies, two black males — one armed with a

12-gauge pump shotgun — entered the businesses, threatened two clerks and escaped with varying amounts of money.

In the Stanton robbery, clerk Daltron Haldrin was robbed of about \$320 and in the Allsup's heist the amount of money taken has not been released.

The suspects were seen fleeing the scene of the Friday night robbery in a late-1970s white-colored Chrysler, authorities said.

Big Spring Police Capt. Lonnie Smith said he believes the same suspects robbed the Fina Station, 1106 N. Lamesa Highway, at knife-

point Nov. 29.

Investigators also believe that one of the men was responsible for the robbery of two clerks at the Town & Country Food Store, 3104 Parkway Road, Thursday night.

In that robbery a lone black male allegedly threatened the clerks with a single-edged knife and, after being unable to open the cash register, picked it up, carried it out the front door and then fled on foot.

The suspect in that robbery is described as being in his 30s; 5-feet, seven-to-eight-inches tall with a stocky build and wearing his hair in a medium-length, Afro

style.

Big Spring police have circulated two composite drawings of the suspect in the Thursday night robbery to local business owners.

The composites are similar in detail and were obtained through descriptions provided to police by the attendants at the Town & Country store.

Saunders said he expects to soon learn the identity of the second suspect.

"We're going to catch these guys and when we do we're going to give them a little taste of Martin County justice," Saunders said.

Program council hears yearly project reports

HERALD STAFF REPORT

New officers were elected by acclamation to wind up a two-hour annual meeting of the Howard County Extension Program Council Monday night.

Mrs. Pat Porter was named chairman, Gary Tabor elected vice chairman and Billy Christensen selected secretary.

The council gathered for a steak and french fries dinner at the Brandin' Iron Inn on U.S. Highway 87 South; during the dinner, program committee chairmen reported the year's activities.

Livestock and Range chairman Lynn Simmons spoke briefly about the panel's efforts to improve efficiency and offer Howard County producers more diversity in their crop choices.

Crops committee chairman Bill Fryrear reported his group's work with different varieties of cotton and a study conducted by the panel which may prove most Howard County farmers plant more cottonseed than needed. He said final results of the studies will appear in the upcoming year's production handbooks.

Pest management chairman Victor Lucero reported on the results of his committee's innovative "turn-of-meetings," designed to help identify insects in area crops during the growing season. He also said his panel's survey indicates 50 percent of the county's producers are willing to participate in a bale assessment program to fund field insect scouts next season.

Edna Womack reported on her horticulture committee's progress during the past year, citing its joint project with the City of Big Spring and the Rosebud Garden Club, chaired by Suncha Christensen, along with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to identify and label with permanent signs the more than 60 native plants found along the planned Nature Trail.

She also discussed the outstanding response received by the horticulture committee's seminars on home landscape and garden management and rose culture, and complimented the success of this year's pecan show.

Community development chairperson Porter told the council her panel had developed a program

through cooperation with the chamber of commerce that presented customer relations and plans customer care seminars for local businesses' employees.

4-H and Youth committee chief Joan Rock explained her panel's work through the past year, pointing out the program's potential for reaching urban youngsters. She noted that expansion plans in the local 4-H program are being examined, and reported on activities including Project Day during which 38 youngsters participated in wildlife, small animal and photography learning experiences.

Cyneather Woodruff, a Big Spring State Hospital instructor, presented the report from the Extension Home Economics panel, noting that it has sponsored workshops for Christmas In April volunteers during the past year, a caregivers' conference and a money management seminar that was well-received among low-income youngsters.

Don Brooks reported the council on aging delivers "70 to 80" meals daily. Prepared at the Rannels Junior High Cafeteria, he said these meals are sometimes the only balanced, complete meal recipients have during a day. Only school closings and extremely adverse weather interfere with the deliveries, he said, and pointed out proudly that Mobile Meals is not funded nor supplied through any government support program.

He also complained about the lack of a sound system available for speakers and reminded the council that his group sponsors free blood pressure exams one day a month at the senior citizens' center and reported briefly on the recent seniors' talent fair at Highland Mall before inviting council members to attend the food fair scheduled Dec. 17 at the same site.

Guest speaker Chesley McDonald then entertained the council for approximately 30 minutes before Extension Agent Naomi Hunt presented recognition for past program area committee members.

She mentioned Larry Bristo, Esther Lopez and Teresa Gaskins. Those honors were followed by the election of new officers Porter, Tabor and Christensen.



Artist of the month
JoAnn Burnine was named the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce artist of the month for December. Painting since 1975, JoAnn uses oils to depict both scenery and people.

Shooting

Continued from page 1-A

Two women who live near the Scurry Street duplex and asked that their names not be used said that disturbances were commonplace.

One woman said neighbors confided in each other two months ago that "someone is going to get killed in that house."

"We've tried to get the landlord to throw them out and he wants to, but he can't get nothing done," the elderly resident said.

She advised that she has repeatedly been awakened by loud, obscene language.

"These two women over there keep yelling at each other and were always wanting to fight. Mercy, I've never seen anything like it," she observed.

One resident said the calm that permeated the neighborhood dur-

ing the daytime was shattered about midnight.

"It was like a different place — quiet during the day and rowdy at night," the woman said.

Both women said they had called the police on numerous occasions to quell disturbances and one woman intimated that one week ago she observed someone driving a Volkswagen smash into another vehicle parked in front of the duplex.

The women said they could accept the noise associated with an occasional late-night party, but the behavior displayed by the occupants of the duplex was so outrageous it could not be dismissed.

"They were not the kind of neighbors you could just ignore," she said.

Grand jury to hear more than 25 cases

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Howard County grand jurors met at 9 a.m. today to hear more than 25 cases during a session District Attorney Rick Hamby has said he expects will last two days.

Grand jurors will consider indictments in 26 cases; five more have been deleted from a list Hamby had said he would take to the grand jury, according to a district attorney staff member.

One involuntary manslaughter case will be presented, as will seven cases of possession of controlled substances. Charges of theft over \$750 will be presented in two cases, along with unauthorized use of a vehicle, burglary of a habitation, burglary of a building, burglary of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief cases.

Crimes against persons expected to be presented include two cases of assault, two aggravated assaults and an aggravated assault on a peace officer, an aggravated sexual assault and one case of terrorist threats.

One case of failure to stop and render aid is also listed.

No homicide cases are listed among the presentations planned, although Hamby has said repeatedly that an earlier grand jury will be recalled Thursday to hear the case of an April slaying.

Former Big Spring police officer Dennis C. Dunn, 39, is charged with involuntary manslaughter in that case, involving the April 12 shooting death of his 25-year-old wife, Caryle.

Texas Ranger Joe Sanders is expected to testify before that grand jury, Hamby said. Sanders was in Big Spring Monday preparing for that testimony.

Students qualify for Area Choir

Three members of Big Spring High School's Meistersingers excelled in Pre-Area Choir auditions held last Friday evening at Lee High School in Midland.

Christy Alexander, Daniel Andrews and Bradley Heckler qualified for the Area Choir by placing at the top of their section in the auditions. These auditions included students from area high schools selected through earlier auditions, where more than 250 students participated in the contest.

Christy Alexander, daughter of Ray and Norma Alexander, earned second chair in the Soprano I section. Daniel Andrews, son of Buddy and Mattie Andrews, earned fourth chair in the Tenor I section. Bradley Heckler, son of Kyle and Patty Heckler, earned first chair, or best singer, in the Tenor I section.

Traci Clark, daughter of Frank and Marilyn Clark, was selected first alternate in the Alto I section. Robin Cave, daughter of James and Lois Cave, also participated in the auditions.

The Area Choir, a non-performing group, is the semi-final audition for the All-State Choir. Members of the Area Choir will compete on Jan. 7, 1989 at Midland Lee against other Area Choir members from the Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso and Abilene regions.

From there, a limited number of students will be sent to the All-State Choir to perform under the direction of Robert Shaw at the Texas Music Educators Convention in San Antonio in February.

Sheriff's log

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers reported the following incidents as of 9 a.m. today:

• Enrique (Ricky) Sabedra Jr. was surrendered to the sheriff's department Monday morning.

Sabedra, 18, 3215 Auburn St., is being held on two counts of capital murder after Milton Lozano surrendered Sabedra on a warrant for bondsman off bond. He had been free on two \$50,000 bonds since June.

Sabedra is charged in the Oct. 10, 1987 slayings of two Mexican nationals, Norberto Gurrula Hernandez and Miguel Villareal Calixto, whose burned bodies were found among the debris of a farmhouse authorities believe was deliberately set afire near Luther.

Also charged in connection with those deaths is Orlando Aguirre, free on \$50,000 bond per count of capital murder. Co-defendant Jeannie Hernandez Fonseca pleaded guilty to killing Calixto July 7 and was sentenced to life in prison. Antonio Aguilar also remains in custody, charged with capital murder in the slayings, and with escape. Aguilar, 21, fled a work detail in July and remained free for nine days before being recaptured by sheriff's department officers.

• Langford Wood, 50, 602 N.E. Tenth St., was sentenced to two one-year terms in county jail, to

run concurrently, after pleading guilty Monday in county court to two charges of violation of probation for an earlier conviction on charges of theft of service.

• Larry Aldridge Jr., 33, 2605 Langley St., is being held in lieu of bonds totaling \$4,000. He was arrested by city police on two counts of forgery and charges of revocation of probation for driving while intoxicated.

• Rickey Elvis Heffington, 30, 1412 W. Third St., was released on \$500 bond on city charges of no insurance second offense and \$2,000 personal recognizance bond on Mitchell County charges of revocation of probation for DWI.

• David Charles Hartman, 27, 411 Lancaster St., was released on \$1,000 bond. He had been arrested on charges of revocation of probation for DWI.

• Texas Department of Public Safety officers arrested Bobby Earl Cooper, 48, Huntsville, Monday on charges of outstanding DPS warrants from Montgomery County. He was released on bonds totaling \$400.

• Oscar Hinojos Zuniga, 17, 505 N. San Antonio Way, was fined \$25 and costs after being found guilty of unlawfully carrying a weapon Monday in county court. He was released after paying \$31.50 to the county clerk and being credited with two days' jail time served, according to sheriff's records.

Officers search for escaped inmates

CONROE (AP) — Law enforcement officials continued to search this morning for two inmates who escaped from the Madison County Jail and reportedly kidnapped the estranged wife of one of the inmates.

Vena Marie Clement said Gregory Orley Dean escaped to Montgomery County and dragged

her sister, Lenee Suzanne Dean, out of her Lake Conroe home about 8 a.m. Monday. Ms. Clement said she immediately called the Madison County Sheriff's Department, only to be told Dean was in his cell.

But the 20-year-old Dean, in fact, was missing from jail and may have been at large with cell mate

Jon Raymond Ratliff as long as eight hours before jailers learned from Ms. Clement that the inmates were gone.

Authorities were searching this morning Dean, his 20-year-old wife and Ratliff, 23.

Fannin said the pair escaped the cell through the ceiling after cutting a hole through a steel plate

Police beat

Big Spring police reported investigating the following incidents:

• Robbie Dee Fuqua, 50, 2604 Richmond Ave., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• A man who resides in the 500 block of Abrams Avenue reported an unknown person took a 12-gauge pump shotgun from his vehicle.

Two people suffered minor injuries when a car driven by Effie Kinman Shults, 29, 2100 Grace St., collided with a vehicle driven by Jerry Don Freshour, 19, 2600 Larry Drive, in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane, according to police reports.

Shults told police she stopped the car she was driving for a school bus just prior to the collision, reports stated.

Shults was cited by police for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

In a Nov. 30 accident, Chesley Metcalfe Wilson, 51, 2607 Rebecca Drive, was cited by police for failure to yield right-of-way while turning left and failure to maintain financial responsibility following a two-vehicle collision involving a car driven by Claudie Callie Aaron, 72, 1312 Park Ave., according to reports.

A passenger in the car driven by Wilson suffered minor injuries as a result of the accident that occurred in the 600 block of East FM 700, reports stated.

Deaths

Pearl Seefeldt

Pearl L. Seefeldt, 70, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1988 in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Memorial Park with Pastor Eddie Card, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Midland, officiating under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born April 21, 1918 in Sweetwater and married Nelson B. Anderson Aug. 30, 1932. He died in July 1965; she then married James E. Seefeldt in July 1967 in Long Beach, Calif. He died in June 1980. She was a member of Church of Christ and had lived in the West Texas area most of her childhood. She moved to California after her marriage and then to Big Spring in 1976.

Survivors include one daughter, Margaret June Williams, Big Spring; one son James L. Anderson, Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Nola Day, Tulsa, Okla.; and Ophelia Click, Big Spring; four grandsons; two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

Donovin Smith

Donovin Smith, 51, Garland, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 5, 1988 in Dallas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Bob Webb officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born in Stanton and

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301 E. 24th St., Big Spring

George (Jorge) Talavera

George (Jorge) Talavera, 26, Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1988 in Lubbock General Hospital. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife, Dickey Marie Harris Smith, Garland; one daughter, Donnie Smith, Dallas; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Abilene.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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Opinion

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

Herald opinion

Let women do homework

Should a woman who knits skillfully be allowed to pick up a few extra dollars by doing piece work in her home for a commercial company? Big Labor says no, and its power has imposed a narrow, self-serving restriction on the nation during the last 45 years.

At long last, the Labor Department has rescinded the ban against homework involving gloves, mittens, embroideries, buttons, buckles, handkerchiefs, and certain kinds of jewelry. This could clear the way for an expanding cottage industry in other goods and services.

The homework ban was imposed in 1943 by a Congress worried about workers being exploited in cramped, unsafe, and unhealthy working conditions. Although sweatshops were a problem several decades ago, there is practically no evidence now that homeworkers are being victimized by greedy employers.

On the contrary, the vast majority of persons who have circumvented the laws these many years by working in their homes have done so because it is more convenient and cost effective.

That many homeworkers are women with small children is a case in point. Who can blame them for wanting to earn some extra money without the expense and inconvenience of packing them off to day-care centers five days a week? It strikes us as perfectly reasonable for a mother to be able to work at her own pace in the home and to raise her children as well.

Dissenting labor unions would have us believe that federally sanctioned homework will enable companies to evade the minimum-wage and child-labor laws. Nonsense. Actually, employers using in-home workers must be certified by the Labor Department and thereby required to comply with all federal statutes governing wages and hours.

What really bothers Big Labor, of course, is that homeworkers will not become dues-paying members of unions. And why should they? After all, they are semi-independent contractors, and working conditions pose no problem, inasmuch as these persons enjoy the comfort of their own homes. How then can the unions hold sway over such individuals, much less exhort them to strike?

Nor does the unions' anxiety end there. They are worried about the proliferation of homework in such industries as telecommunications and information processing. As personal computers become more commonplace, opportunities will expand for a large, home-based, clerical work force. No wonder the AFL-CIO wants a total ban on all clerical work at home.

Predictably, several labor unions are threatening to mount a legal challenge against the Labor Department's homework decision. We must hope that the courts will reject any litigation that would restrict a budding enterprise that would benefit the economy and enable many families to have more control over their lives.



Art Buchwald

The 'bah humbug' buy-out

By ART BUCHWALD

Scrooge & Marley, the Wall Street investment bankers, have just announced that they plan to make a serious attempt to take over the Christmas Holiday for \$100 billion.

"This could be the largest unfriendly buy-out in history," Scrooge cackled at a press conference. "We are offering \$10 a share to every man, woman and child who has an interest in Christmas, provided they sell by Dec. 25. Since we have almost total control of the stock right now, it makes no sense for anyone to hold out and refuse our offer."

Scrooge said that he had been secretly buying up Christmas stock for more than a year because he felt it was grossly undervalued.

"Its parts are worth far more than the whole. What we intend to do is spin off the unprofitable enterprises such as the egg-nog division and the reindeer transportation company, and hold on to the big money-makers which are Christmas cards and fake snowflakes."

"How about Christmas mail-order catalogues?"

"We're going to keep them, but we may dump the Christmas tree business because it has such a low profit potential. If we make this deal, we're going to be up to our ears in debt and so every dollar counts."

"But without trees you won't have a market for Christmas decorations," a reporter pointed out.

"That's probably true, but we were planning to get rid of the decoration business anyway because we needed the cash to buy Del Monte Catsup from Nabisco."

"Where are you going to get the money to pay for Christmas?" someone else asked.

"Bob Cratchit, my accountant, has advised me to issue junk bonds. We'll offer the bonds to the public at 20 percent interest, which is junkier than Drexel Burnham. If we can't dispose of enough of those we will sell off the world rights to Santa Claus."

"Santa Claus is sacred. You can't unload the rights to him and still call yourself a Christmas Company."

Scrooge said, "Bah, people can do anything they want in an unfriendly take-over. Cratchit has discovered that the old Christmas management tolerated unbelievable waste in their operations. They even gave free shopping mall space to high school choirs who wanted to sing 'Jingle Bells.' Believe me, if Scrooge & Marley succeed in this buy-out, we're going to run a lean and tough holiday ship."

"But," said a reporter, "Christmas excess is essential to a happy holiday season."

"If it's so essential, then we ought to make people pay for it. Spreading Christmas cheer doesn't come cheap."

"Sir, why did you decide on an unfriendly take-over rather than a friendly one?"

"Because the Scrooge & Marley company never gets involved in friendly bids. When we made noises about our plans, the present Christmas Board of Directors told us to butt out. So we decided to go for it on our own. At the beginning we never thought Christmas was much of an investment. But then we realized that everyone on Wall Street would treat us with new respect when they saw how much debt we were in."

"Do you believe the present Christmas stockholders will go for your bid?"

"Of course. Christmas has been a losing proposition for most people and Scrooge & Marley are offering them a way to bail out."

"Suppose present management says that Christmas is not for sale."

"My answer to them is, 'Humbug'. Somebody is going to acquire the holiday sooner or later, and better Scrooge & Marley than the people who bombed Pearl Harbor."

Why do they ruin Christmas?

BY LEWIS GRIZZARD

It's time we did something about Christmas. It comes too early.

You know that and I know that, but we still allow retailers to begin pushing Christmas sales on us as soon as they have sold all their charcoal grills for Labor Day.

The first Christmas commercial I saw on television this year was on Oct. 22. I marked it on my calendar. It was two days after my birthday.

It was one of those record offers: "Every Christmas song ever written!" Featuring Willie Nelson, Box Car Willie, Johnny Mathis, Johnny Ray, Beverly Sills, George Beverly Shea, Bing Crosby, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Eddie Cantor, Eddie Fisher, Eddie Arnold, Eddie Albert, Duane Eddy, Mr. Ed, Kiss, Bread, Cream, AC/DC, AM/FM, BC/AD, UC/LA, B.O., and a guy named Harvey who plays "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a bicycle pump.

Then, you get that number to call, except for people from Nebraska, who always get a separate number. I've never quite figured out what's the deal about Nebraska.

Do they have something special for Nebraskans like Alvin and the Chipmunks singing a dirty version of "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree"? I wish Congress would enact



Lewis Grizzard

some kind of measure that would keep Christmas down to a minimum.

I wouldn't mind if Christmas didn't start until the middle of December. That would still give everybody two weeks to do their shopping.

If you need more than two weeks to do your Christmas shopping, you're spending way too much money anyway.

But I'll go with a new law that says Christmas can't start until the day after Thanksgiving.

There can be no Christmas decorations in any stores until the day after Thanksgiving.

There can be no visits from Santa Claus in any mall until the day after Thanksgiving.

Nobody can use, "Just in time for Christmas," in any advertisement until the day after Thanksgiving.

No television commercials can feature Santa Claus riding an electric razor in the snow until the day after Thanksgiving.

Nobody can advertise a pocket fisherman, a Mr. Microphone or a set of Ginsu knives until the day after Thanksgiving.

Hallmark has to keep its cards zipped until the day after Thanksgiving.

Your mother can't start calling a.d. making you feel guilty if you're not planning to go home for Christmas until the day after Thanksgiving.

No radio station can play "Santa Looked a Lot Like Daddy (or Daddy Looked a Lot Like Him)" by Buck Owens until the day after Thanksgiving. And that goes double for the record where those idiot dogs bark "Jingle Bells."

Your girlfriend can't start talking about you giving her an engagement ring for Christmas until the day after Thanksgiving.

Budweiser can't air a commercial showing those horses with the big feet pulling a sleigh full of brew up to a house — where a bunch of guys probably are waiting to get sloshed — until the day after Thanksgiving.

Except in Nebraska.

I think if we passed a law like that, Christmas will become less commercialized, less stressful and much more meaningful. That is, if anybody still has any idea how all this got started in the first place.

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The Nancy-Raisa rivalry: Summits' soap opera

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev have nurtured a tough, yet courteous relationship during their years of summitry while their wives' rivalry has evolved into the soap opera of the U.S.-Soviet sessions.

Nancy Reagan and Raisa Gorbachev are scheduled to meet for the final time in their official roles on Wednesday when Marcella Perez de Cuellar, wife of the U.N. secretary-general, hosts a luncheon. The two superpower leaders also will be meeting in New York.

Press attention for Mrs. Gorbachev is certain to be fierce. The Soviets have sent advance word that she is determined to mix with Christmas shoppers at such bastions of capitalist consumerism as Macy's during her stay in New



York, and in the past such publicity hasn't pleased the U.S. first lady.

The friction between the two women is described by former Reagan administration chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, who wrote in his book, "For the Record," of the women's first encounter in Geneva in 1985.

The two smiled for the cameras over their teacups, but Regan claimed that Mrs. Reagan was "unprepared" to deal with "the stylish, handsome woman with an intense and intelligent manner." Mrs. Reagan did not take kindly

to the former university professor's attempt to indoctrinate President Reagan in the fine points of Marxist-Leninist theory, the chief of staff said.

"Mrs. Reagan... chafed under the monologue. After the door had closed behind the Gorbachevs, she said, 'Who does that dame think she is?'" Regan wrote.

The chief of staff, whose own run-ins with Mrs. Reagan led to his dismissal, said that "subsequent tension between the two women probably traces from that first encounter," as well as the "extraordinary amount of (press) coverage that Mrs. Gorbachev collected in her dashes about Geneva."

Despite their differences, the two women have tried repeatedly — and unsuccessfully — to reach a rapprochement.

During the Washington summit, Mrs. Reagan extended an invita-

tion to Mrs. Gorbachev to have tea and tour the White House. But the Soviet first lady's response was long in coming, and then she asked if the session could be rescheduled so that she might attend a meeting between her husband and U.S. publishers and editors.

At the White House, Mrs. Gorbachev peppered Mrs. Reagan with questions about the trappings and history of the mansion, leaving the first lady speechless at times, and admitting, "I'm afraid I'm not much help."

When the Moscow summit came, Nancy revealed she'd learned her lesson.

At first, the two women made a great show of holding hands and conversing intimately as they strolled about, touring the golden churches of the Kremlin.

But the facade faded when they came together during a visit to an icon vault.

After speaking at length about the invaluable Russian art collection, its message about the "Russian soul," and quoting the Russian author Feodor Dostoevsky, Mrs. Gorbachev attempted to cut reporters off when they tried to speak with Mrs. Reagan.

"I want to say something, I want to say something, OK?" Mrs. Reagan interrupted sharply, and her Soviet hostess retreated as the first lady went on to discuss the religious implication of the artwork.

In an interview published Nov. 13 in the Los Angeles Times — prior to the announcement of another encounter with the Soviet first lady, Mrs. Reagan was asked if she found Mrs. Gorbachev to be rude.

"By our standards, I suppose, yes," Mrs. Reagan replied, adding, "Now, by her standards, it might not be."

OLD ST. NICK WAS NEVER LATE FOR CHRISTMAS, UNTIL ...



Quotes

By The Associated Press

"We're not going to open it before Christmas." — President-elect George Bush emphasizing he won't make commitments to any fresh Soviet proposals after reports that President Mikhail Gorbachev would bring "a Christmas gift" to their New York meeting this week.

"Don't take the job, or stay in it, unless you have an understanding with the president that you are free to tell him what you think, on any subject, 'with the bark off' — and the freedom in practice to do it." — Veteran Washington insider and former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld offering advice to potential White House staffers in a Bush administration.

"After so many steps in the wrong direction, the INF Treaty is a step in the right one." — The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists citing the U.S.-Soviet Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty.

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Baker and aides indicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jim Bakker and a former top PTL aide defrauded 150,000 contributors and used more than \$4 million in contributions to the TV ministry to support extravagant lifestyles, an indictment charges. Two other Bakker aides also were indicted for alleged tax evasion.

Bakker and Richard Dortch, PTL's former senior executive vice president, used fraudulent means to sell lifetime partnerships in the ministry's theme park, a federal grand jury said Monday after a 15-month investigation.

Bakker, who founded the ministry in 1972 and built it into one of the nation's most popular evangelical enterprises, and Dortch are charged with eight counts of mail fraud, 15 counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiring to commit mail and wire fraud for using the mails, telephones and television.

If convicted of all the charges, Bakker, 48, and Dortch, 57, each could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined \$6 million.

Bakker's wife, Tammy, a target of the investigation, was not indicted.

INS official charged with bribery

MIAMI (AP) — A U.S. immigration official has been arrested for approving hundreds of fraudulent identity cards for farmworkers seeking amnesty in exchange for more than \$250,000 in bribes, authorities said.

Joseph Gourgue, an adjudicator in the Hialeah legalization office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, accepted the money in exchange for processing 500 to 600 doctored identity cards under the Special Agricultural Workers amnesty program, according to an affidavit filed Monday in U.S. District Court.

gram as enacted by Congress is highly vulnerable to fraud," said Perry Rivkind, INS district director. "Most immigration officials and employees are hard-working, honest people. However, some may be motivated by greed along with a lack of integrity as in other professions."

According to the affidavit by INS special agent William H. Morris, Gourgue's duties included approving or rejecting temporary work permits and residency cards under the program that offered amnesty for agricultural workers who are illegal immigrants.

B-52 crashes in Michigan

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — A B-52 bomber crashed and burst into flames early today on a runway while practicing "touch-and-go" landings at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, but all eight crew members apparently survived, officials said.

Peck said. During such maneuvers, landing gears touch the ground but the plane doesn't land.

"Initial indications were that the aircraft burst into flames upon landing," said Peck. "It had already done a series of landings."

He said the crew was taken to hospitals.

Members of the crew suffered broken bones, but no one was burned, said Capt. Paul Bicking, a Sawyer spokesman.

The eight-engine B-52, which was deployed in the early 1950s, is the military's biggest bomber with a wingspan of 185 feet and a maximum takeoff weight of 488,000 pounds.

Terrorists acts against Americans increased

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terrorist acts against Americans have increased sharply this year, although the number of casualties has fallen, the State Department said.

The department also reported Monday that terrorism worldwide is rising.

Incidents directed against Americans in the first nine months of this year rose to 157 from 108 in the corresponding period last year, it said. Three Americans were killed and 25 injured, compared with one death and 38 wounded in the earlier period.

Almost half of the attacks on Americans this year were bombings of U.S. oil company property in Colombia. No one was killed in these incidents.

The three American deaths were in Greece, Italy and Peru.

Terrorist incidents worldwide totaled 680 in the first nine months of this year, up from 655 in the same period last year. The number of casualties declined, however, to 278 killed and 875 wounded, from the year-earlier total of 443 killed and 2,014 injured.

Increases in terrorist acts in Asia, Latin America and Africa outweighed declines in Western Europe and other areas.

An increase in Asia — to 155 incidents from 130 — was due largely to South Korea, which reported no international attacks in the first nine months of last year but 10 in 1988. These were mostly attacks against U.S. offices in Seoul.

In Western Europe, terrorist incidents linked to events in the Middle East were down to 20 from 35 a year ago. Terrorist attacks of other types in Western Europe rose to 83 from 82.

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Remains of missing Marine found Sunday

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. (AP) — The father of a 19-year-old Marine whose skeletal remains were believed found about two miles north of the base here has expressed relief that the 12-week search was over.

The remains, a wallet containing the identification of Marine Lance Cpl. Jason Rother, an M-16 rifle and a grenade launcher were found Sunday, said Capt. Kevin Murphy, a spokesman for the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 125 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

"There's a sadness, but a feeling of relief," said Rother's father, Jeff Rother of Cleveland, Ohio. "This has been a three-month ordeal. It's been a nightmare, but it's good to finally get this behind us and see this coming to an end."

The remains were found near the community of Bagdad, two miles north of the base and less than a mile from former Highway 66, the National Trails Highway,

authorities said. That is 17 miles from where Rother was dropped off for a night training exercise Aug. 31.

"This puts him farther than we figured he could have made it to," Murphy said. "What was really unfortunate is that he got less than a mile from Highway 66."

The remains were found by San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies who were conducting a practice exercise using a scenario based on Rother's disappearance, sheriff's Deputy Chief Jerome Ringhofer said.

Rother, from Minneapolis, was attached to a unit based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was acting as a road guard, directing traffic as convoys maneuvered through the night and was to have been picked up at 1 p.m. Aug. 31.

A mixup in communications left him in three-days of scorching heat with three canteens of water. He was reported missing 1 1/2 days later.

World

Rebel talks with Soviets resume

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Soviet officials and Afghan guerrilla leaders said in statements released today that they will meet in Pakistan for more face-to-face talks following two days of unprecedented meetings in Saudi Arabia.

Soviets renewed a pledge to adhere to a U.N. accord and withdraw their troops from Afghanistan by Feb. 15, and possibly earlier. It said Vortsov made the promise during a meeting with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Press Agency released statements from both delegation leaders — Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vortsov and Afghan guerrilla leader Burhanuddin Rabbani — saying the talks would resume shortly in Pakistan.

The delegates issued their statements late Monday. Their talks were held Saturday and Sunday in the mountain resort of Taif.

The news agency said the

Moslem guerrillas have been at war with Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government for nine years.

Marcos reportedly buy new condo

MONTREAL (AP) — Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos have paid about \$2 million for a penthouse condominium in a posh Montreal neighborhood, a newspaper reported today.

The couple is charged in the United States with stealing \$103 million from the Philippines during Ferdinand Marcos' 20-year reign as president of that archipelago nation and with defrauding U.S. banks of \$165 million.

The Montreal Gazette quoted the condominium's builder, Angelo Trimarchi, and sales representative Veronica Banco as saying the penthouse was purchased through an intermediary in Italy.

Marcos and his family fled to exile in Hawaii in February 1986 after President Corazon Aquino took power in a military-civilian uprising. They currently live in a house in Makiki Heights overlooking Honolulu that is worth at least \$1 million.

It quoted Trimarchi as saying the Marcoses bought the second most expensive unit in the building.

Rebel leader arrested

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The leader of a military uprising was placed under arrest and his followers surrendered one of two bases they held for five days. Rebels said they would give up the other base today, news reports said.

Rebel spokesmen denied they surrendered and said they negotiated a cease-fire that allows them to return, unpunished, to their units.

Questions persisted about whether a secret deal was made with the rebels, who demanded an end to prosecution of officers charged with human rights abuses during eight years of military dictatorship that ended in 1983.

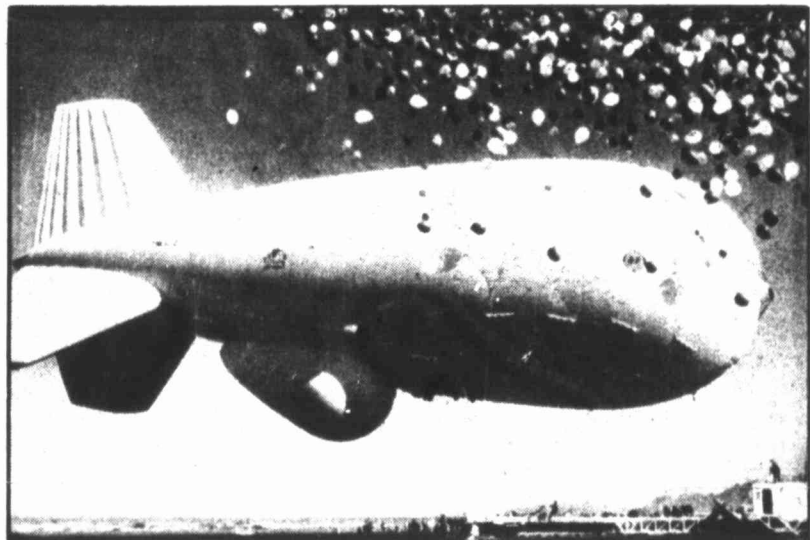
The leader of the estimated 500 rebels, Army Col. Mohamed Ali Seineldin, surrendered Monday night and left the infantry school on the Campo de Mayo base just outside Buenos Aires, where he and some followers had been held up.

Defense Minister Horacio Juanarena was to brief the Senate on Wednesday on how the government ended the uprising, which Argentines considered a threat to their 5-year-old democracy.

Seineldin organized the dismantling of the defenses, including trenches and land mines, he and his comrades had set up at the arsenal.

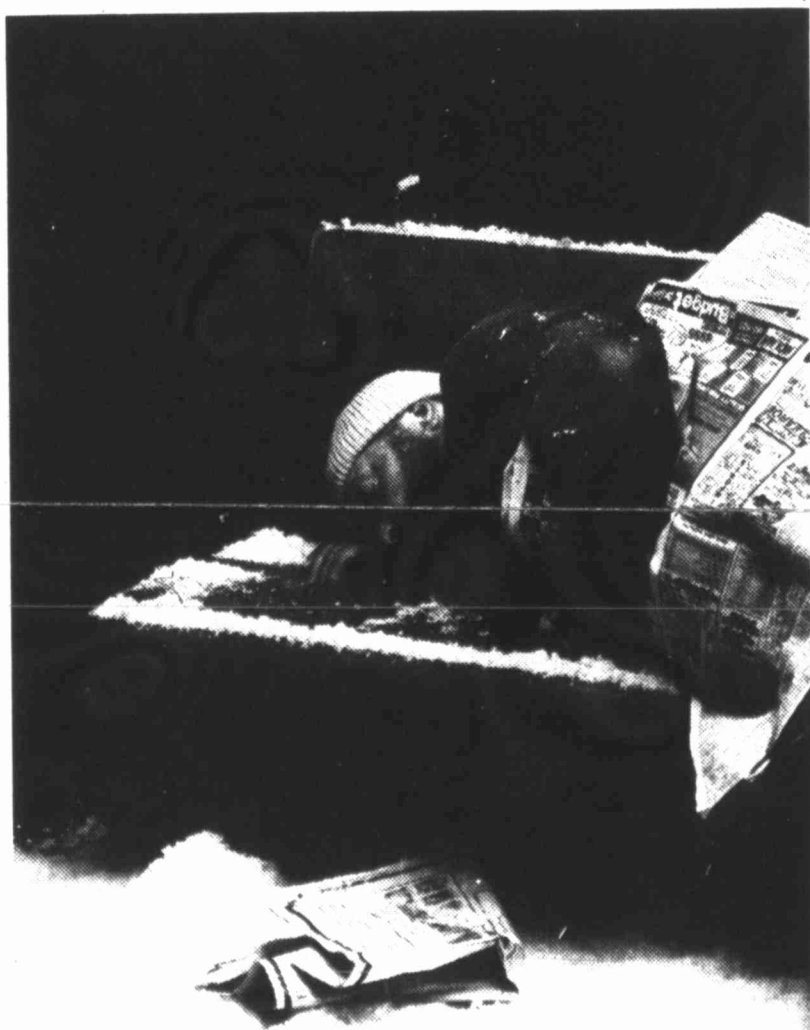
President Raul Alfonsin has said no concessions were made to

Army chief Lt. Gen. Jose Dante Cardi said Seineldin would be held at a military prison. No mention was made of a trial or punishment for him or his supporters.



Border patrol

MARFA — The second of six radar-equipped blimps has been launched near the U.S.-Mexico border. The 233-foot-long blimp will hover on a tether 10,000 feet in the air and is designed to detect low-flying airplanes carrying drugs across the border.



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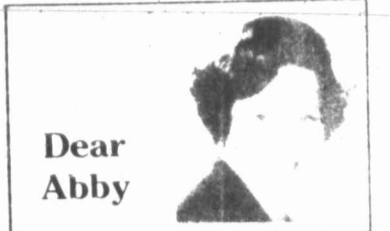
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Quiz sets readers straight on facts of homosexuality



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, you ran a "true or false" quiz titled "How Much Do You Know About Homosexuality?" I found it most illuminating and respectfully request that you run it again.

STILL LEARNING IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR STILL LEARNING: Aren't we all? Here it is:

How much do you know about homosexuality? Mark the following statements true or false:

1. Homosexuals commit more crimes than straight people. (True or False?)
2. Everyone is born straight, but some become gay because they have been seduced by a gay person early in life. (True or False?)
3. You can always tell homosexuals and lesbians by the way they act, dress and talk. (True or False?)
4. With the proper therapy and motivation, a gay person can become straight. (True or False?)
5. Boys raised by domineering mothers and weak or absent fathers usually turn into homosexuals. (True or False?)
6. Gay people can never become mothers or fathers. (True or False?)
7. Homosexuals are more inclined to molest children sexually than heterosexuals. (True or False?)
8. If a person has one or two sexual experiences with someone of the same sex, he is gay. (True or False?)
9. The American Psychiatric Association stated that homosexuals are "sick." (True or False?)
10. Homosexuals can be legally married to each other under the law in the United States. (True or False?)
11. Most homosexuals try to con-

vert young people into becoming gay also. (True or False?)
 12. Children raised by gay parents (or gay people) usually become homosexuals themselves. (True or False?)
 How did you score?
 If you marked all 12 statements "False," you are very well-informed.
 If you marked nine statements "False," you are fairly well-informed.
 If you marked four or more statements "True," you have a great deal to learn about homosexuality, because ALL of the above statements are false!

DEAR ABBY: My 21-year-old daughter is getting married next month, and I am expected to pay for the bulk of the wedding cost. Her mother and I have been separated and divorced for more than four years. I asked for the divorce, but there were no other parties involved.

Six months after we separated, I met the lady I am now engaged to marry. (She is a very fine person.) My ex-wife has "put her foot down" and says my fiancée cannot attend the wedding. My daughter gets along very well with my fiancée, but her mother seems to be running the show.

I want to be able to share this important event with the woman I love, and not have my ex-wife acting as though we were still a couple.

My fiancée is very understanding, but if I give in to my ex-wife, my fiancée will think I am a wimp. What words of wisdom can you offer?

CONCERNED IN CHARLOTTE

DEAR CONCERNED: Since your fiancée had nothing to do with the breakup of your marriage, your ex-wife has no right to bar her from the wedding. Furthermore, money talks — so inform your ex-wife that unless you can bring your fiancée, you will feel justified in withdrawing your financial support.



Associated Press photo

Wish list
 DALLAS — Six-year-old Kesia St. Romain of Arlington, whispers in Santa's ear recently at the Neiman Marcus store in downtown Dallas.

Ortiz appointed staff physician

Jaime Ortiz-Toro has been appointed as a staff physician in Medical Service at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center, according to Conrad Alexander, director.

He graduated from the School of Medicine, Universities of Madrid and Salamanca, Spain in 1967. His post-graduate training includes rotating internship at the Aguadilla District Hospital, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, serving as a house physician from 1968-70.

From July 1970 through June 1971, he served a rotating internship at the Mayaguez Medical Center, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and was later appointed to a residency in internal medicine.

His appointments include director of preventive medicine, associated staff internal medicine at Mayaguez Medical Center, and attending physician for the Internal Medicine Department, Aguadilla Subregional

Hospital, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

While at the Aguadilla hospital, he also served as chief of staff in the medical and dental facility.

In 1982-83, Ortiz was appointed as chief of staff for the San Carlos Hospital, Moca, Puerto Rico. He later became the medical director at the Aguadilla Community Hospital.

In addition, he has served as a consultant in internal medicine for the Disability Determination Program of the Social Security Administration, as well as for the state insurance fund for workers' compensation.

Ortiz has held membership in a number of professional organizations including American Society of Internal Medicine. He was an active member of Lions Club International, Aguadilla Chapter.

He is married to Luz D. Santiago Ortiz. They have two sons and one daughter.

Lifestyle

Area briefs

25-Year Club hosts dinner/dance

Nearly 400 members and guests gathered Friday evening at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the annual Cosden 25-Year Club dinner/dance.

Ross Westbrook, director of Industrial Relations, recognized 19 individuals as distinguished members of the club, they are: Marvin Miller, E.W. Richardson, George Grimes, Doug Orme, J.T. Morgan, C.L. Patterson, Rube McNew, Helen Green, M.H. Boatler, Horace Wallin, Rayford Liles, Garrett Patton, J.D. Cauble, Knox Chadd, Easy Milam, Walker Reed, Rex Baggett, John Asbury and Delbert Bardwell.

Following a social hour and dinner, a short business meeting was conducted by President Kirby Brown, who introduced the follow-

ing guests: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Had-dock, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Selvidge, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jenkins, all of Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunnicutt, vice president pipeline; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnston, manager of the Big Spring refinery.

A moment of silence was observed for the nine members who have died during 1988.

Officers for 1989 are: Bill Hammond, president; Geo. Hudson, vice president; and Vi Ballou, secretary/treasurer.

President Brown introduced guest speaker, Tumbleweed Smith, who entertained the group with his presentation.

The meeting was followed by a dance with music furnished by the Debbie James Band.

Nichols is outstanding employee

The Texas Veterans Commission has selected Shirley Nichols as "Outstanding VA Employee" for the month of September.

Nichols, a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Big Spring, has been employed by the VA since graduating from Howard College School of Nursing in May 1979.

She and her husband, Doug, have three children, Scotty, 28, Stoney, 26, and Brant, 19, who attending Angelo State University, San Angelo.



SHIRLEY NICHOLS

Military

Jack E. Cornell, son of Geraldine G. Hoffman, Big Spring, and grandson of Thelma C. Cornell, Phoenix, Ariz., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the

U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base.

The 12-week course trained selected college graduates to apply communicative skills, professional knowledge, leadership and management in positions of responsibility.

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OC and Johnson wax Hawks, 100-79

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

ODESSA — It took Larry Johnson and the Odessa College Wranglers about 15 minutes to figure out the Howard College defense. But once they did, they were unstoppable as they cruised to a 100-79 drubbing of the Hawks here Monday night.

Johnson — a 6'9" sophomore post from Dallas — scored 41 points and Lynn Collins 20 to pace the Wranglers, now 14-0 on the season.

Howard — led by Terrence Lewis and Michael New with 18 points apiece — falls to 9-7 for the season and 1-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

"(Johnson) definitely took his game to another level," Howard coach Steve Green said today. "He's a great player, and when it's needed, the great ones seem to do that."

Johnson and the Wranglers began elevating their game from the opening tipoff, racing to a 10-0

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

lead after two minutes of play. Faced with an impending blowout, Green hurriedly called time out.

"We were missing some easy shots," he said of the opening stretch. "I told them to just concen-

trate on their shots and we would get back in the ball game."

The Hawks did just that for the next 13 minutes. Combining a 1-3-1 zone defense that seemed to confuse the Wranglers and a torrid stretch of shooting, Howard went on a 13-4 run to cut the OC lead to 14-13 at the 13:45 mark of the opening half.

For the next three minutes, the two teams would trade baskets until, with 10:17 left in the half, Lewis scored on a jumper to give the

Hawks their first lead of the game, 23-22.

Corey Cole and Ricky O'Neal scored to put the Wranglers back on top, but Carlos Thunn, Frank Henderson and Lewis countered to give Howard its biggest lead of the game, 29-26.

A Henderson jumper 90 seconds later maintained the three-point lead — but after that the roof caved in for the Hawks. The Wranglers, led by O'Neal, Johnson and Collins, outscored Howard 20-2 the rest of

the half to take a 48-33 lead into the dressing room.

"I think our (1-3-1) defense threw them a little curve at first, but it only worked as long as our offense did," Green said. "We just didn't execute offensively. We got to the point (in the first half) where we were exchanging baskets with them... then we quit."

The second half would be played on fairly even terms, but Howard was unable to make a dent in the Hawks page 2-B

Unhappy owner wants to buy Pokes

DALLAS (AP) — A minority owner of the Dallas Cowboys, on record as unhappy with head coach Tom Landry, told a television station he will try within the next week to buy out majority owner H.R. "Bum" Bright.

Monday night, in one of a series of exclusive interviews presented this week on Dallas television station KDFW-TV, Houston entrepreneur Ed Smith said he will bid \$157.5 million for the Cowboys in a leveraged buyout move.

Smith, 70, now owns 27 percent of the franchise.

KDFW-TV showed a tape Sunday night in which Smith expressed extreme displeasure in the team, which has lost 10 straight games to fall to 2-12. He said Landry has to take the blame. The team had enough talent at the start of the year to have won more games, Smith said.

"I believe I can turn the Cowboys around and make them America's team again," Smith said. "I think within two to three years, the Cowboys can have the best franchise in their history."

Smith said he will pledge \$140 million in cash for both the Cowboys and the lease at Texas Stadium, \$10 million to cover the debts on the Valley Ranch facility, \$3.5 million to pay off a short-term note that comes due this month and \$4 million for deferred salaries.

Smith said he and several other investors are working on the leveraged buyout offer through a Phoenix financial institution.

KDFW reported Monday that Smith will make the official bid late this week or early next week. Smith, who has a reported personal net worth of \$90 million, is the owner of a Houston barge company and has ties to Commonwealth Bank of Houston, the station reported.

Smith, a native of Nevada, Texas, and a graduate of the University of Texas, bought into the Cowboys franchise for \$17 million five years ago. At that time, he owned 15 percent of the team. Since then, he has acquired 27 percent of the team.

Rams end four-game drought

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Henry Ellard was beaming.

Not only had the Los Angeles Rams ended a four-game losing streak and kept their playoff hopes alive. Ellard had — for a change — some time in the national spotlight.

And the Rams' wide receiver made the most of his chance Monday night, with six receptions for 132 yards in a 23-3 victory over the Chicago Bears.

Ellard's effort, which included a 31-yard touchdown to give the Rams some breathing room in the third quarter, catapulted him to the top of the NFL's receiving list this season. He has 1,248 yards on 74 catches.

It was a special night for Ellard, who has been generally overlooked during his NFL career.

"It helps to have a big game on Monday night against a team like the Bears," Ellard said when asked if he thought he might finally earn some recognition.

"This was definitely one of the biggest games of my career. We knew this was a chance for us to turn it around, and we did."

While Ellard may be generally unappreciated, he's appreciated by his teammates.

"If he's not one of the top three or four guys in the league, I don't know who is," Rams quarterback Jim Everett said of the sure-handed receiver.

"I hope he makes it to the Pro Bowl this year. He deserves it."

The victory gave the Rams, who went zero-for-November after a 7-2 start, an 8-6 record and keeps them in contention for a playoff berth.

The Bears, who already have clinched at least a wild-card playoff spot, are now 11-3.

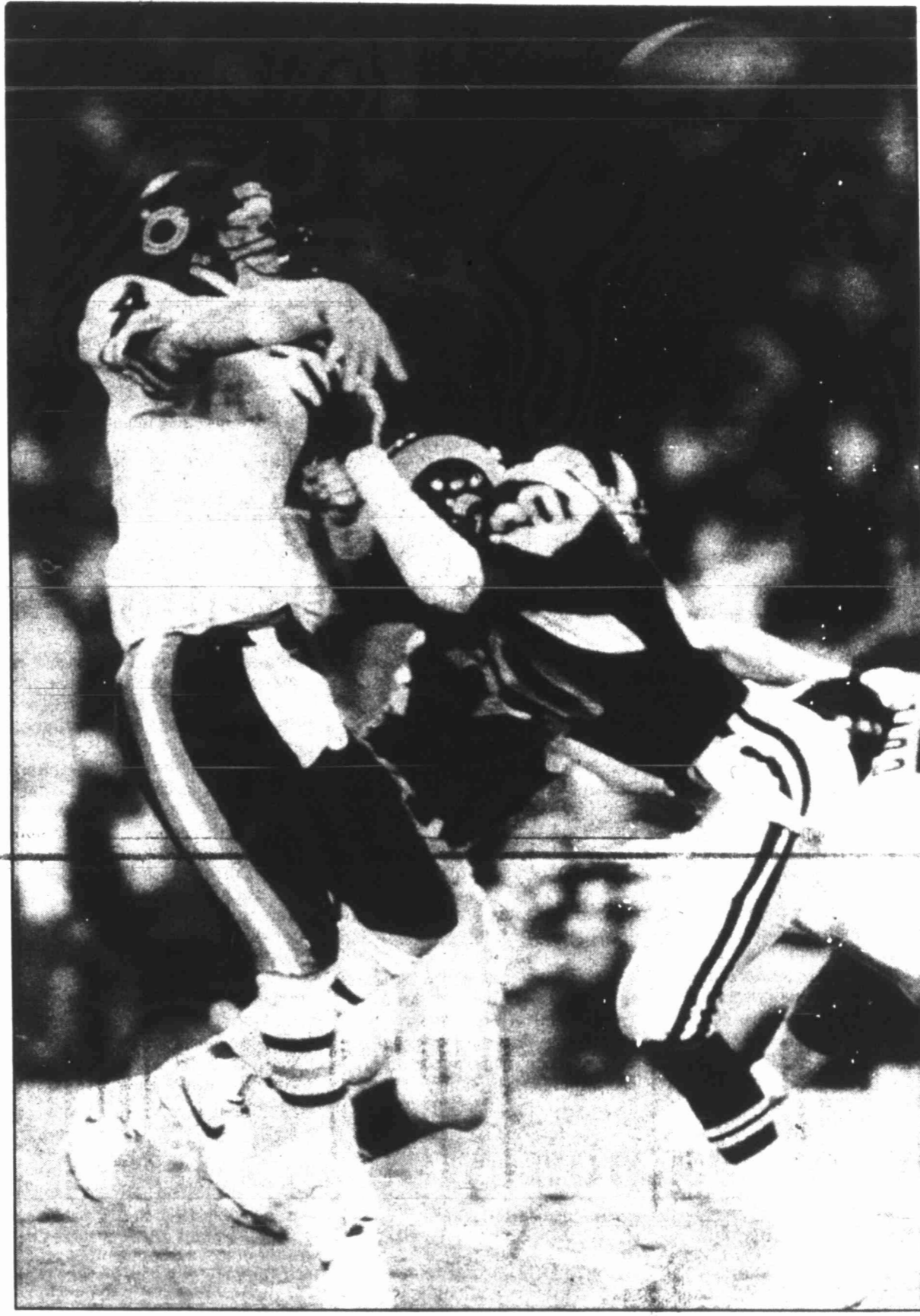
The Rams, who outgained Chicago Bears 364 yards to 213 and never let the Bears get into anything resembling rhythm on offense, might owe some credit to the Green Bay Packers.

The Bears lost two key players, quarterback Mike Tomczak and defensive end Richard Dent, to injury in their 16-0 victory over the Packers last week.

Jim Harbaugh, a second-year pro out of Michigan, was making his first pro start, completed just 11 of 30 passes for 108 yards, with two interceptions.

But Chicago coach Mike Ditka said, "It wasn't Jim's fault. He did OK."

Harbaugh, however, somewhat apologetically, shouldered much of



ANAHEIM, Calif. — Chicago Bears quarterback Jim Harbaugh takes a hit from a blitzing Johnny Johnson of the Los Angeles Rams during the Rams' 23-3 victory Monday night.

Troubled times in Dolphinland

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula says information that has surfaced in the past week about possible drug use on the team is "certainly serious" but so far involves only allegations and innuendo.

"To me it would be very unfair to indict a football team or indict a player or certain players on allegations," Shula said Monday. "As of now, I don't think anything has been completely determined."

The NFL last week suspended wide receiver Mark Duper for violating the league's substance abuse policy. Then, a newspaper reported that a suspect in a \$3-million cocaine deal has frequented team practices since 1985.

"If there is anything going on, I'm in favor of finding out rather than not knowing," Shula said. "The things that have come out are certainly serious and are being looked into. Hopefully it'll prove the player or players aren't involved."

The developments are just the latest chapter in what has been Miami's worst season in recent years. The Dolphins, perennial title contenders from the early 1970s through the mid-1980s, are out of the playoff race and have lost more games than any of the 26 teams Shula has coached.

"The guys that have given me everything that they have to give — you can't do anything but encourage those kind of people," Shula said. "If there are some others that aren't doing that, it's important that we find that out before next year."

The Dolphins have lost five straight, the longest such streak in Shula's career. Sunday's 31-28 loss to Indianapolis dropped their record to 5-9, but the game was overshadowed by the team's problems off the field.

The suspect in the cocaine deal, John Rafael Gomez, told police he is a resident of Duper. Police said they have no evidence to link any Dolphins with Gomez's alleged criminal activities, although they searched his home and seized pictures of him with at least three Dolphins.

"They're so vulnerable — a lot of temptations out there," Shula said. "That's what you continually warn them about."

Cubs, Rangers make nine-player deal

ATLANTA (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro, the second leading hitter in the National League last season, was traded from the Chicago Cubs to the Texas Rangers in a nine-player deal Monday.

The Cubs also sent left-handed pitchers Jamie Moyer and Drew Hall to Texas. The Cubs received lefty pitchers Mitch Williams, Paul Kilgus and Steve Wilson, infielder Curtis Wilkerson and two minor league players to be named later.

Palmeiro, 24, sparkled in his first full major league season. He batted .307 with 41 doubles, eight home runs and 53 runs batted in. He also had a 20-game hitting streak.

"We were looking for an offensive player, and we feel like we got our cake and can eat it, too," Texas general manager Tom Grieve said.

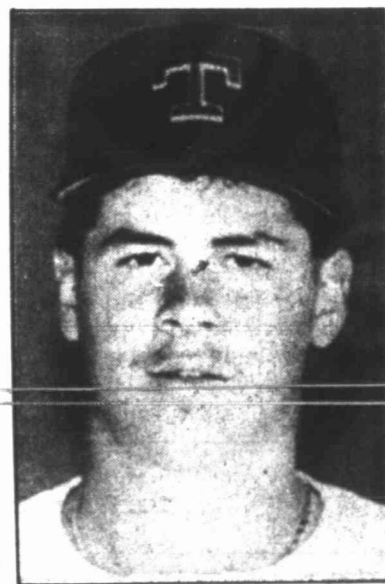
Palmeiro expressed disappointment in the trade.

"I never expected this, not this early in my career, especially coming off a good year," Palmeiro said told WTVA television in Tupelo, Miss., his wife's hometown. "I really thought it wouldn't happen this year. I thought maybe two, three or four years down the road, but things happen and I just have to go on."

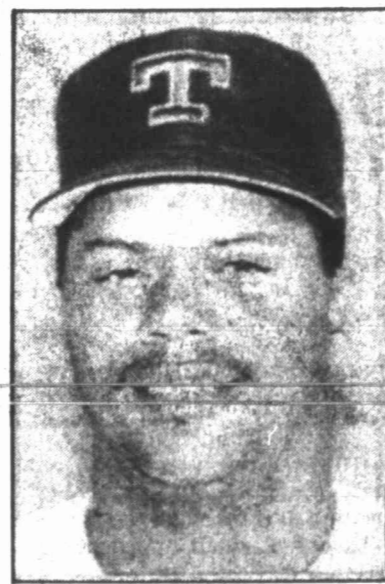
Grieve said it would be determined in spring training where Palmeiro would play, either at first base or in the outfield.

The Cubs and Rangers each have built young pitching staffs, which are now reshuffled.

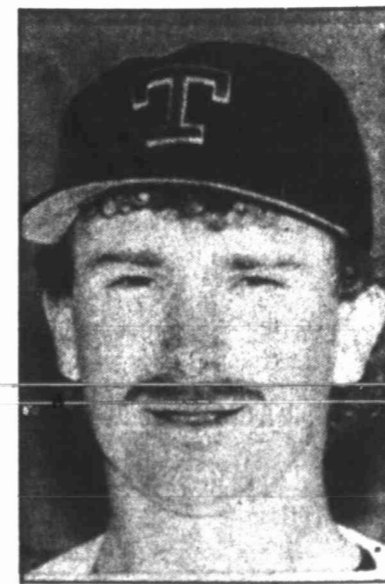
"We really wanted to help our bullpen, and everybody in baseball knows Mitch Williams has one of the best arms in baseball," Cubs general manager Jim Frey said.



MITCH WILLIAMS



CURTIS WILKERSON



PAUL KILGUS

Williams, 24, was 2-7 with 18 saves and a 4.63 earned run average. He pitched in 67 games last season, and his 231 relief appearances are second-most in the majors in the last three years. Williams held opponents to a .203 average, the second-lowest among American League relievers with 50 or more innings.

Frey admitted the trade left a void in left field.

"Maybe we'll call another press conference soon to fill it," Frey said.

Kilgus, 26, was 12-15 with a 4.15 ERA in his first major league season. He pitched three shutouts, fifth-highest in the AL, and tied the

Texas club record.

Wilson, 24, was 15-7 with a 3.16 ERA in 25 starts at Class AA Tulsa. He also won three times in the playoffs.

Wilkerson, 27, batted a career-high .293 in 117 games. He started 77 games at second base and 14 at shortstop.

Besides Palmeiro, the Rangers got a young starter and reliever.

Moyer, 26, was 9-15 with a 3.48 ERA. He made 30 starts and allowed three earned runs or less in 23 of them. He has pitched at least 200 innings in the last two years.

"I was very surprised," Moyer told The Associated Press by telephone after returning from a

vacation in the Virgin Islands. "I hadn't heard any rumors. I hadn't heard anything."

"I look at it as a good opportunity. I couldn't say what Texas' record is, but they've got a good young team, some power and good pitching."

Hall, 25, was 1-1 with a 7.66 ERA in 19 relief appearances with the Cubs. He was 4-3 with 19 saves and a 2.34 ERA in 49 relief outings with Class AAA Iowa.

Earlier in the day, the Rangers traded reserve outfielder Bob Brower to the New York Yankees for utility infielder Bobby Meacham. At that time, Grieve said Texas had a surplus of outfielders.

Sports Briefs

Doubleheader at Steer Gym

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Steers will have a basketball doubleheader tonight at Steer Gym in non-district action.

The Lady Steers will begin play by hosting the Odessa High Lady Broncos at 6 p.m. The Lady Steers, 8-1 for the season, are coming off playing in the Polk Key-City Tournament in Abilene last weekend.

Big Spring defeated Eastland 60-33, lost to Abilene Wylie 36-34 and defeated Cleburne 46-32. Senior post player Tami Wise was selected to the All-Tournament team. Wise averaged 21 points in the tournament.

Odessa High is 4-5 for the season. The Lady Broncos are coming off a consolation finish in the Crane Basketball Tournament. Sjanna Swinney averaged 12 points and was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Steers' game against San Angelo Central begins at 7:30. Big Spring, 3-5 for the season, is coming off a 72-61 win over Friendship Friday night. In that game the Steers got a career-high 33 points from guard Doug Young. Abner Shellman added 20 points.

Central is 5-3 for the season. The Bobcats are coming off a consolation finish in the South San Tournament in San Antonio. Tracey Anthony and Craig Smith both average 12 points for Central.

Big Spring and Central played the first game of the season in San Angelo, and Anthony hit the winning three-pointer in Central's 74-72 victory.

Dallas Carter hearing drags on

AUSTIN (AP) — The principal of Dallas Carter High School said a math teacher did not comply with the school's grading system when he flunked a football player this fall.

Principal C.C. Rousseau testified today during the fourth day of a hearing into the eligibility of the school's football team, which has advanced to the state Class 5A semifinals.

Carter, if it remains eligible, will play Odessa Permian Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

Rousseau told State District Judge Paul Davis that he changed an "NC" symbol, which stands for "not complete," in math teacher Will Bates' gradebook to a 50 for Gary Edwards, a running back on the school's team.

Bates testified earlier that he believed "NC" to mean zero in his grading calculations.

TCU shakes slow start and wins

By The Associated Press
Texas Christian coach Moe Iba says it was obvious that the Horned Frogs were not ready to play at the start of their non-conference against Montana State.

But the Frogs bounced back, thanks to some hot shooting in the second half, to take a 75-57 come-from-behind victory over Montana State Monday night.

In other Southwest Conference action, Texas Tech defeated San Diego State, 58-43, Houston beat Northwestern Louisiana 96-78 and Baylor fell to Iowa State, 83-73.

"From the outset it was obvious that we were ready to play," Iba said. "Fortunately, we finally came to life about eight or nine minutes into it."

Montana State grabbed an 11-0 lead at the start of the game and held a 31-15 lead later in the first half before Danny Hughes and teammate John Lewis got the Horned Frogs going in the second half.

Hughes and Lewis scored 23 points in the second half outburst for the Southwest Conference team as the Frogs, who trailed, 47-40 with 13 minutes left, outscored Montana State 20-6 to take a 60-53 lead.

Hughes finished with 19 points and Lewis scored 11.

The Frogs, who missed their first seven field goal attempts of the game, finished the night shooting 50 percent because of hot shooting in the second half when they hit 15 of 23 field goal attempts.

Mike Fellows scored 19 for Montana State.

It was the third straight victory for TCU, 4-2, while Montana State slipped to 3-2.

Texas Tech coach Gerald Myers said he was pleased with the defense the Red Raiders played against San Diego State in a 58-43 victory over the Aztecs.

"When we weren't scoring, we



LUBBOCK — San Diego State's Dana Jackson (left) and Texas Tech's Scott Whillock fight for a rebound under Tech's basket in action Monday night. Jackson won the battle on the rebound, but Tech won the game, 58-43.

dug in on defense and made things happen for ourselves," Myers said. "That's my kind of game. I like

that defense." Sean Gay scored 18 points and pulled down eight rebounds to lead

Tech to their first victory over, the season over previously unbeaten San Diego State.

Tech led by only 14-12 after six minutes, but the Red Raiders scored 12 of the next 16 points for a 26-16 halftime lead, with Todd Duncan and Steve Miles scoring four points each.

J.D. Sanders' lay-up with 3 seconds left in the first half gave Tech its 10-point lead at intermission.

Michael Best led San Diego State's Aztecs with 7 points.

Texas Tech limited San Diego to 35.2 percent field goal accuracy, as the Raider defense controlled the tempo from the outset.

Craig Upchurch had career highs of 26 points and 12 rebounds to pace Houston to a 96-78 victory over Northwestern State of Louisiana.

Richard Hollis hit three 3-point shots during a 24-11 run by the Cougars that established a 34-26 lead, and Houston went on to lead 51-35 at the half. Hollis hit 21 of his 24 points in the first 20 minutes.

Upchurch scored 10 points in a 20-5 Houston surge in the second half, culminating in a 76-44 lead, the Cougars' biggest advantage in the game.

Pernell Smith led the Demons with 26 points and Terrence Rayford added 13.

Houston improved to 3-1 with the win. Northwestern fell to 2-3.

Elmer Robinson scored 25 points to lead Iowa State past Baylor 83-73 in a game which saw the Cyclones collect 30 points on free throws.

Victor Alexander scored 19 points and Mark Baugh 14, as the Cyclones played without Coach Johnny Orr who was at home with the flu and an ear infection.

Baylor was led by Donnell Hayden with 21 points, freshman Matt Hankinson with 14, Julius Denton with 12 and Melvin Hunt with 11.

Volunteers get scare from fiesty Keydets

BY The Associated Press
Don DeVoe likes the way the cadets play. He just doesn't like how well they play against his team.

"I love those guys from the military schools," the Tennessee coach said Monday night after the 16th-ranked Volunteers squeezed past Virginia Military Institute

outrebounded Stetson 49-27. Ferry played only 13 minutes because of foul trouble.

Randy Anderson scored 20 points to lead the Hatters, 2-1. "The good and the bad," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "The bad is that we were not able to play him and it was frustrating for Danny. The good part of it was that we faced something like this against a good basketball team; a team that's going to put a lot of pressure on us."

No. 2 Michigan 98, Tampa 65
Glen Rice scored 29 points as the Wolverines improved their record to 6-0. Rumeal Robinson added 18 points, Loy Vaught 17 and Sean Higgins 16.

The Division II Spartans, 3-1, were led by Bryan Williams with 15 points and Drexel Deveaux with 13.

"I enjoyed playing them. They presented problems to us early," Frieder said. "They made us execute and do the things we have to do to win. This was a game we were supposed to win, and we went out and won it."

No. 18 Connecticut 93, Marist 71

Cliff Robinson and Tate George, inspired by Connecticut's first Top 20 ranking in 21 years, led the Huskies to their homecourt rout. Robinson scored 27 points, pulled down nine rebounds, had five steals and blocked four shots. George had his best night of the season with 16 points and 10 assists.

"Cliff's second half was the best job he's had in the three years I've coached him," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said.

"It makes us more aware we can't take things lightly," George said of the national ranking. "It gets you psyched up."

Marist was led by Yugoslavian Olympian Miroslav Pecarski with 23 points.

UNRANKED

Eric Brown scored 38 points, including Miami's first 15 points in the second half, in the Hurricanes' 88-72 victory over Bethune-Cookman. Brown hit 12 of 13 shots for the Hurricanes, who shot 67 percent.

Steve McGlothlin's 17 points, including eight straight to open the second half, led New Mexico State past New Mexico 70-66. New Mexico, hit only one field goal in the final 3:50.

Senior Jeff Grose had 32 points, 26 in the second half, as Northwestern beat Rutgers 75-69 in a game that saw 44 turnovers, 31 in the first half. Rutgers' Anthony Duckett was ejected for fighting.

Barry Manning scored five points in the final 37 seconds and Brent Price added a key 3-pointer as South Carolina held off Maryland 57-51. The Gamecocks led 47-46 when Price hit a 3-pointer. Moments later, Terry Dozier stole an inbounds pass at halftime and raced down for a dunk to clinch it.

Danny Hughes scored 19 points to lead Texas Christian to a 75-57 decision over Montana State, which led 11-0 at the start of the game and 31-15 later in the first half.

Air Force downed Valparaiso 59-56 as Ray Dudley scored 13 of his 20 points in the second half. Creighton's Bob Harstad hit for 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in an 84-77 win over San Jose State.

College

Roundup

84-82 in double overtime. "They hustle and they believe they can win."

They almost did win, too.

The underdog Keydets had Ramon Williams at the foul line with two seconds left in the overtime. Williams hit one shot for a 76-76 tie, but missed the other and the teams headed for a second overtime.

VMi tied the game 82-82 on two free throws by Damon Williams, Ramon's twin, with 11 seconds left. Tennessee's Greg Bell missed a 3-point attempt with five seconds left, but Clarence Swearingen rebounded and tried a reverse layup that rolled out. Mark Griffin came down the lane and tipped in the winning points with two seconds to go.

"VMi did everything you've got to do to win a game on the road against a bigger team," DeVoe said. "It was a magnificent job their players did. They never gave up."

But a close loss wasn't nearly enough for Keydets coach Joe Cantafio.

"It was a heck of a college basketball game — double overtime and all that," Cantafio said. "We had our chances, but that's how the game is. We're disappointed. There's no consolation in a game like this one."

Ramon Williams, who led VMI with 28 points, said the Keydets "came out with nothing to lose. We weren't nervous and we didn't really feel any pressure. We just came out and played ball."

Dyron Nix led the Vols, 4-0, with 25 points.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 1 Duke 90, Stetson 62; No. 2 Michigan 98, Tampa 65; and No. 18 Connecticut 93, Marist 71.

Tennessee led almost the entire game until Damon Williams hit a 3-point shot with three seconds left in regulation to tie it 69-69.

Tennessee scored first in the second overtime on a slam dunk by Nix, but Michael Williams tied it for the Keydets. Doug Roth tipped in a miss with 1:22 left for an 80-78 Tennessee lead, but Lennon Mings responded for VMI with 1:02 to go.

VMI got the ball back with 41 seconds remaining, but Swearingen stripped the ball from Ramon Williams and Roth slammed home a dunk on a fast break with 25 seconds left for an 82-80 lead. Damon Williams' foul shots tied it, setting the stage for Griffin's winning tip-in.

TOP 20

No. 1 Duke 90, Stetson 62
Four Blue Devils scored in double figures as host Duke had no trouble with Stetson. Phil Henderson had 17 points, Alaa Abdalnaby put in 16, Danny Ferry 14 and John Smith 12 for Duke, 5-0, which

Sanders tired of Heisman attention

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — The welcome home rally given to Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders on his return from Tokyo lasted about as long as one of his NCAA-record 39 touchdown runs. That suited Sanders just fine.

"It's becoming a hassle," the Oklahoma State junior said of the attention he has received of late. "I wish people would consider the way I feel about it (the Heisman), that it's no big deal."

Sanders, who broke Marcus Allen's single-season rushing record of 2,342 yards with a 257-yard game in a 45-42 victory over Texas Tech in Tokyo on Sunday, said all season that he truly didn't care whether he won the Heisman. He reiterated that

point Monday.

"It's a tremendous award ... maybe in 20 years it will hit me," said Sanders, who finished with 2,553 yards and became Oklahoma State's first Heisman winner. "But right now it's just another award."

The rally in Sanders' honor lasted only about five minutes. The Cowboys were cheered loudly by a crowd of about 1,000 as they got off buses they had taken from Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

Many of the players stood in front of and alongside a stage set up on the Cowboys' practice field as university officials and Coach Pat Jones addressed the crowd.

Jones thanked the fans for their support and introduced the team captains — David Bailey,

Garrett Limbrick, Chris Stanley, Mike Gundy and Hart Lee Dykes. Sanders, also a captain, was introduced last.

"On behalf of my teammates I want to thank you guys for coming out here today," Sanders told the crowd. "We have one more favor to ask. We want to get these seniors 10 wins. With your support, I'm sure we can pull out a victory."

The Cowboys, 9-2, play Wyoming in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 30.

After the ceremony, Sanders was whisked away by an assistant coach and met briefly with the media. He said he realized reporters would continue making demands on his time, but added "I'll just stay away from it as

much as possible if I have to."

On whether he would return to Oklahoma State for his senior year, Sanders said flatly, "I'll be here next year."

Jones said he didn't think anyone has realized yet what Sanders' Heisman victory means for the school.

"Everyone is still kind of numb. I'm sure it hasn't hit home at all yet," he said.

Jones, who cut off the Sanders interview after only about two minutes, said he thought his quiet tailback had done "a marvelous job" handling the attention in Tokyo and toward the end of the season.

He also said steps would be taken to limit Sanders' media availability.

Becker wins marathon Masters final

NEW YORK (AP) — It took five sets, nearly five hours and a little luck for Boris Becker to beat Ivan Lendl in the Masters final Monday night.

Becker, battling from behind virtually all the way, outdueled Lendl in a thrilling final-set tiebreaker to win the season-ending championship and halt Lendl's bid for a fourth straight title.

Becker, who had lost two previous Masters finals to Lendl, avenged the defeats with a 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) victory that

lasted four hours and 42 minutes.

"I have no words for this moment," he said. "All I know is I've been running for four and a half hours and at the end I didn't know who the winner was."

After Lendl broke to take a 6-5 lead in the final set, Becker broke back to force the first fifth-set tiebreaker in Masters history.

Leading 6-5 in the tiebreaker, Becker climaxed a 37-stroke rally with a backhand that nicked the top of the net and dropped over on the other side out of Lendl's reach.

An exhausted Becker raised his arms in celebration, wrapped himself in the West German flag, threw his racket in the stands and hugged his coach and father.

"Physically this was definitely the hardest match I've ever played," Becker said. "This is a tournament that has a lot to do with prestige and pride, and beating Ivan in the final gives me so much satisfaction."

The victory, Becker's 22nd in 24 matches since Wimbledon, prevented Lendl from breaking the

record he shares with Ilie Nastase of three straight Masters titles. It was the end of a disappointing year for Lendl, one in which he failed to win a major title and lost his No. 1 ranking to Mats Wilander.

"If you don't call this unlucky, you don't call anything unlucky," Lendl said of the final point. "It's the way it's been all year. Hopefully, it's over now."

The match was the longest in the Masters' 18-year history in terms of games.

Local Hoop Roundup

The Rannels Junior High School basketball teams split their doubleheader with Pecos Monday night in Rannels Gym. Rannels Red ran their record to 1-2 by downing Pecos, 47-15, while Rannels White was defeated by a 44-41 score.

Rannels 47, Pecos 15

Jesse Leos scored 12 points and Sonny Olivio 11 to pace the Red team to its first victory of the season Monday night.

The Yearlings broke open a tight game by outscoring Pecos 14-4 in the second period, and 25-4 in the second half to rout the Eagles.

Other Rannels scorers included: Gary Green, 6 points; Duane Edmonds, 4; Salvador Trevino, 4; Kyle Plumlee 4; Adrian calvio, 4; and Marcus Yanez, 2.

Top rebounders for the Yearlings

were Trevino with 10 and Richard Hain with 7. Trevino also had four steals. Leos was top assist man for Rannels with two.

SCORE BY PERIODS:
Pecos 7 4 1 3-15
Rannels 8 14 7 18-47

Pecos 44, Rannels 41

A furious Rannels rally fell just short in the second half, as Pecos held on to defeat the White team, 44-41, Monday night.

Down 25-14 at halftime, the Yearlings closed the margin in the second half behind the shooting of Stephen Robles, who scored 17 of his game-high 21 points after intermission.

The Yearlings were hampered by foul trouble, as four of their starters were shackled with four fouls for much of the second half.

Other Rannels scorers included: Tim Pierson, seven points; Pat Martinez, five; and Waylon McGee and Clay Klatt, four apiece.

Pierson was top rebounder for Rannels with 13, followed by McGee with 11 and Robles with 10.

Robles also was tops in steals with four; McGee had three thefts.

Both Rannels teams return to action Monday at Sweetwater. Game times are 5 and 6 p.m.

SCORE BY PERIODS:
Pecos 13 12 8 11-44
Rannels 4 9 18 10-41

FRESHMEN BLACK 57, PECOS 48

PECOS — The Freshmen Black team raised its record to 5-0 by downing Pecos Monday night.

Pat Chavarria and Gerald Cobos paced the win, scoring 13 and 12 points respectively.

FRESHMEN GOLD 59, PECOS 23

The Freshmen Gold team won its first game in four tries, downing Pecos last night.

Charles Dominguez and Fernando Alvarez scored 13 points each in the win.

GOLIAD A 35, PECOS 34

Andy Carmichael scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Goliad A team pushed its record to 2-2.

PECOS 29, GOLIAD B 17

The Goliad B team was hampered by 31 turnovers as they fell to 1-3 for the season. Brandon Rodgers led Goliad in scoring with six points. Mathew Cave had four steals.

M. New, 7-4-18; C. Thunm, 3-0-6; N. Vier-ria, 1-0-2; W. McCaster, 1-1-3; C. Moore, 3-0-6, totals, 32-13-79.

ODESSA (100) — K. Nolan, 1-1-3; T. Jackson, 0-1-1; L. Johnson, 16-8-41; P. Nash, 2-0-5; R. O'Neal, 4-2-10; L. Collins, 8-1-20; C. Cole, 2-0-4; A. Sullen, 1-0-2; S. Freeman, 4-0-8; D. Groce, 2-2-6; totals, 40-15-100.

HALFTIME SCORE — Odessa 48, Howard 33.

3-POINT SHOTS — Howard 3 (Lewis); Odessa 5 (Collins 3, Johnson and Nash); FOULED OUT — None.

Hawks

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Wrangler lead. Lewis scored the Hawks' first seven points of the half, and New scored on a slam to cut the OC lead to 14 with five minutes gone — but the visitors couldn't get any closer.

The final 20 minutes also served as a showcase for Johnson, as he scored 28 of his 41 points during that time. In fact, it was a thunder-

ing slam from the Dallas sophomore with two minutes left that brought the home crowd to its feet and served as an exclamation point to the Wrangler victory.

"It's a road loss," Green said afterward, putting the game in perspective. "At the beginning of the season, you look at the schedule and hope for a split (of the Midland and Odessa games).

"Obviously, (the Hawks) are

disappointed," he added. "They know they're a better team than they showed."

Howard returns to action Thursday evening, when they host the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is 8 p.m.

HOWARD (79) — K. Gillespie, 1-1-3; B. Smith, 0-0-0; M. Lockhart, 0-0-0; K. Carter, 0-0-0; L. Pettigrew, 4-0-8; D. Robinson, 1-4-6; T. Lewis, 7-3-18; F. Henderson, 4-0-8;

Rams

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the blame.

"I didn't think I played that well ... I have no excuses," he said. "It was frustrating. Our defense played so well. I felt I let the team down."

Everett completed 17 of 31 for 251 yards and one touchdown, although he did throw three interceptions.

"I thought Jim Everett played a great game at quarterback," Rams coach John Robinson said. "And I'm not talking about statistics."

"And Greg Bell (98 yards on 28 carries) played a great game at tailback."

Robinson said he was particularly proud of the way the Rams controlled the line of scrimmage against one of the NFL's finest teams.

"I thought we played the physical part of the game very

well," he said. "We gave game balls to our offensive line and defensive line."

Most of the Rams said they weren't really worrying about their chances of making the playoffs, and instead are concentrating on winning their final two regular-season games.

"Let's see, if Mars is lined up with Jupiter, and this and that happens ..." Everett said, talking about the confusing playoff possibilities.

"We just have to win. But this was a season-type game for us. I think there may be some light at the end of the tunnel now."

The Rams' other scoring against the Bears came on Mike Lansford field goals of 25, 27 and 22 yards. The Bears' only points were provided by Kevin Butler's 39-yard field goal.

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5 PM	Cosby	SportsLook	Sesame Street	Bonanza	Curr. Affair	News	El Tesoro	(.05) 1 Day	News	Double Dare	Fandango	Dennis	Cover Up	Albert	Movie Hebbel	Movie Invasion U.S.A.	Movie Teen Wolf Too	
6 PM	ABC News	SportAmerica	Frugal Gourmet Spc	Our House	News	News	Nombro Es Coraje	(.05) Andy	News	Star Trek: Next G.	USO Celebrity Tour	Can't on TV	E.R.	Miami Vice				Remote Cntrl
7 PM	Who's Boss?	College Basketball	Nova	Movie Sierra Bern	TV 101	Who's Boss?	Primavera	(.05) NBA Basketball	Metlock	Airwolf	Nashville Now	Mr. Ed	Cagney and Lacey	Murder, She Wrote	Matter Principle	Movie Night	Movie Ring	Mouth to Mouth
8 PM	Roseanne	Top Rank College Basketball	JFK: A Time Remembered		Tricks of the Trade	Moonlighting	Sara Anunciado		In Heat of Night	Movie That Was Then... This is Now	New Country	My 3 Sons	Movie Nurse	College Basketball	Frontier, Part 1			Music Videos
9 PM	thirtysomethi ng			700 Club		thirtysomethi ng	Noticiero	(.20) Speedtrap	Tattlingers		Crook	Sat. Nite				Movie King of the City	Brothers	
10 PM	News	LiteGide	Holiday Concert	Remington Steele	News	News	Maia Noche...No		News	Bob Newhart	Be a Star	Laugh In	Cagney and Lacey	Miami Vice	Ozzie		Movie Surrender	Remote Cntrl
11 PM	Cheers	SportsCenter			Night Court	ET			Carson	Soap	American Mag	Car 54		Movie Barratt of	(.45) Red			Monty Python
12 AM	ET	1988 National Finals Rodeo		Paper Chase	Night Heat	Nightline	Movie Los Gavilanes	(.20) Philadelphia Story	Letterman	Hawaii Five-0	Nashville Now	Make Room	MacGruder and Loud	Dragnet	Wimpole Street		(.40) Cross My Heart	Classics
12:30 AM	News			Straight Talk	Movie N. Beach & Rawhide				Bob Costas	Mannix		Patty Duke	Invest Advisory	Search	(.15) Showcase			Music Videos
	CNN		EastEnders				De Hollywood				Movie Spotters of the Plains	Sat. Nite		Insider	Movie H. Good			

Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Temperatures plunged below freezing in northern New England and in parts of the Southeast today and ocean winds spread rain through the Pacific Northwest.
 Early morning readings were in the single digits and teens in most of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, in contrast to milder 30s and 40s in most other northern states.
 Temperatures dipped into the 20s in a few Southeast spots, with Asheville, N.C., reporting 25 degrees at 2 a.m. EST and Augusta, Ga., reporting 27 degrees.
 Rain along the Pacific Northwest coast was expected to turn to freezing rain and snow in some inland areas. A snow advisory was in effect for northeast Washington and a freezing rain advisory was posted for the rest of the state's eastern part.
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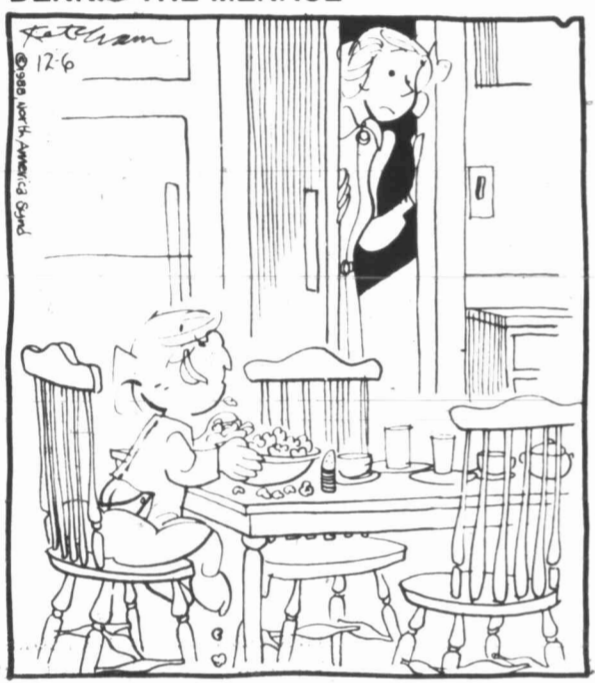
Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

DECEMBER 7, 1988
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Career matters continue to keep you on your toes. Your optimism knows no bounds this afternoon. Keep a tighter rein on spending. Arguments over money could threaten a close relationship.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your earning power is growing. You may get too emotional when things are not going well for another family member. Curb a tendency to be overly protective. Shape up holiday travel plans.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It may be time to end a relationship that is not working. A clean break will lead to peace of mind. Your Christmas or Hanukkah list may be getting out of hand.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are right to fight for security in the workplace. Your social life may be wearing you out. Catch up on

sleep and the whole world will look brighter and better.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You find just the right person to talk with. Shower affection on a child who is having trouble adjusting. You may have to deal with someone else's anger before you can face your own.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A hobby can be turned into a profitable business. Domestic compromises alleviate tension. Working behind the scenes will help you conserve your energy. Forge new alliances. Romance beckons.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial realities dictate certain decisions. If you feel that you are in a rut, get out and mingle this evening. Communication with a member of the opposite sex improves. Avoid bringing up old arguments.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Greater business expenses are indicated. Keep receipts for tax purposes. Loans will be difficult to obtain. An older person is helpful with real estate matters. Show your appreciation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are entering a more decisive phase where work and career prospects are concerned. Drum up support from influential people. A romantic relationship becomes more interesting. You ponder mate's intentions.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do not allow a snag or delay to upset you. Teamwork helps boost profits. Keep a low profile at work, directing your attention to correspondence. Romance keeps you guessing. Play a waiting game.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your plans may get an unexpected setback. Influential person changes his mind. Avoid acting in haste; do not resort to panic measures. Devote more time and effort to your personal relationships.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be more self-reliant if you want to overcome the obstacles you encounter. An emotionally charged situation will require delicate handling. You win when you encounter a reconciliation. Urge loved ones to make up.

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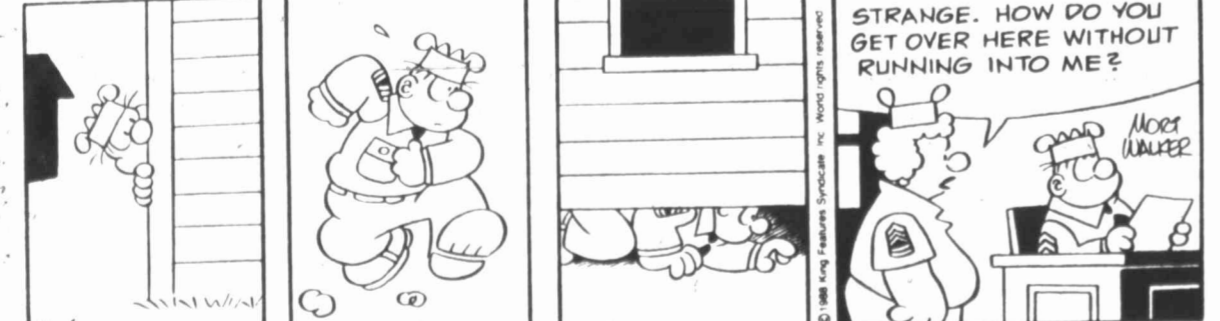
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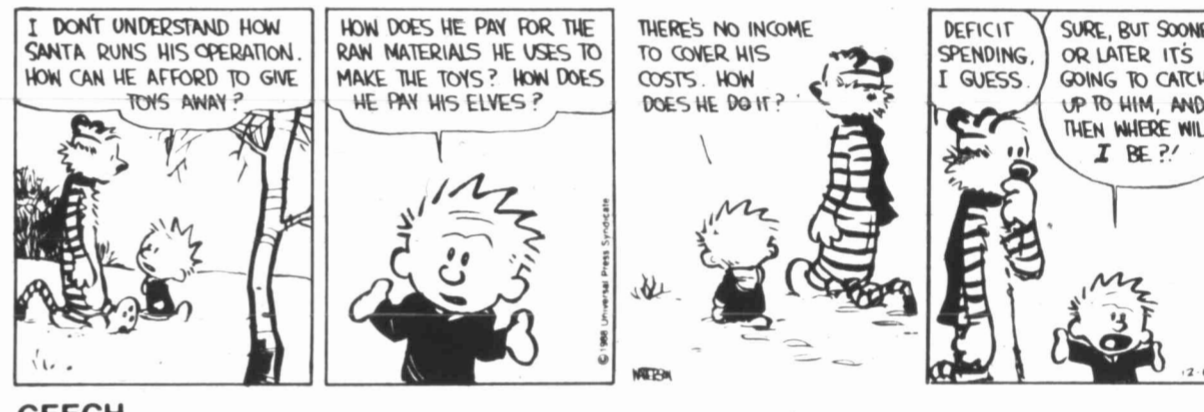
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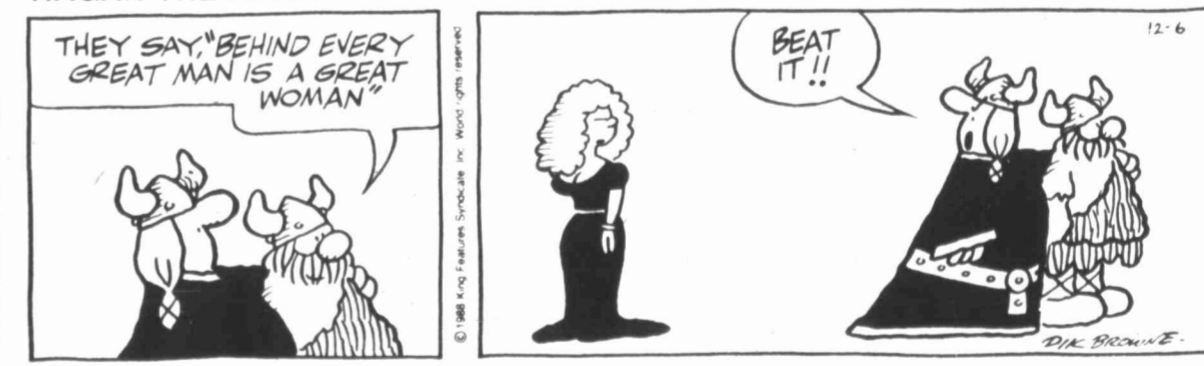
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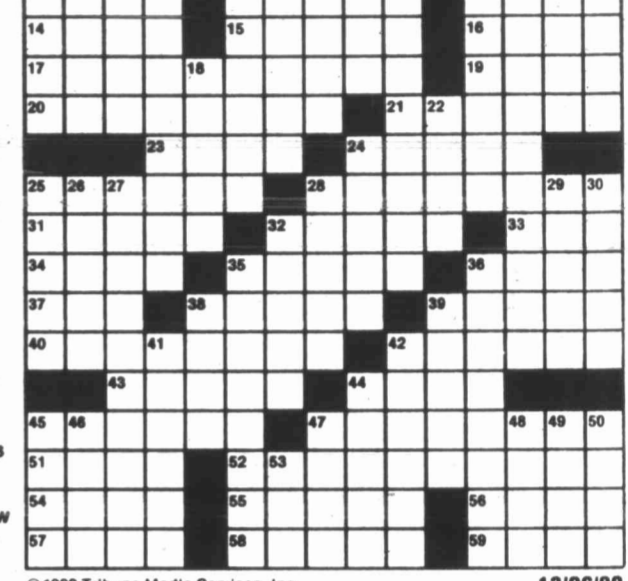
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- Zero
- Set aside for later
- Role player
- Powder bases
- Feast — famine
- Sign of sorrow
- Makes docile
- Bird's crop
- Neutral hue
- Strong winds
- Move
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- Wicked
- Gram and dram
- finger on (touch)
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Wales Conference			
Team	W	L	Pts
Pittsburgh	15	10	31
NY Rangers	14	10	31
Washington	12	11	26
Philadelphia	12	16	26
New Jersey	8	14	20
NY Islanders	7	17	16

Adams Division			
Team	W	L	Pts
Montreal	17	9	38
Boston	11	10	29
Buffalo	11	14	24
Hartford	10	14	21
Quebec	9	17	20

Campbell Conference			
Team	W	L	Pts
Detroit	14	9	32
St. Louis	10	10	24
Toronto	11	15	23
Minnesota	9	13	22
Chicago	6	17	16

Norris Division			
Team	W	L	Pts
Calgary	19	4	42
Los Angeles	18	9	36
Edmonton	16	9	35
Vancouver	11	13	27
Winnipeg	10	9	24

Pittsburgh 37, Houston 34

Monday's Game
 Los Angeles Rams 23, Chicago 3
 Saturday, Dec. 10
 Indianapolis at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 11
 Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.
 Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4 p.m.
 Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
 Denver at Seattle, 8 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 12
 Cleveland at Miami, 9 p.m.

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	11	6	.647
New York	10	6	.625
Boston	8	8	.500
New Jersey	7	11	.389
Washington	4	10	.286
Charlotte	4	11	.267

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	13	3	.813
Cleveland	11	3	.786
Atlanta	10	6	.625
Milwaukee	7	6	.538
Chicago	7	8	.467
Indiana	2	13	.133

Western Conference			
Midwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Denver	11	5	.688
Utah	10	6	.625
Dallas	9	6	.600
Houston	10	7	.588
San Antonio	6	8	.429
Miami	0	13	.000

Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
L.A. Lakers	12	3	.800
Phoenix	8	7	.533
Seattle	11	7	.611
Portland	8	8	.500
Golden State	6	9	.400
L.A. Clippers	6	10	.375
Sacramento	2	11	.154

NFL Standings

All Times EST			
American Conference			
East			
Team	W	L	Pct.
x-Buffalo	11	3	.786
Indianapolis	8	6	.571
New England	8	6	.571
N.Y. Jets	6	7	.464
Miami	5	9	.357

Central			
Team	W	L	Pct.
y-Cincinnati	11	3	.786
Houston	9	5	.643
Cleveland	9	5	.643
Pittsburgh	4	10	.286

West			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	7	7	.500
L.A. Raiders	7	7	.500
Denver	7	7	.500
Kansas City	4	9	.321
San Diego	4	10	.286

National Conference			
East			
Team	W	L	Pct.
N.Y. Giants	9	5	.643
Philadelphia	8	6	.571
Washington	7	7	.500
Phoenix	7	7	.500
Dallas	2	12	.143

Central			
Team	W	L	Pct.
y-Chicago	11	3	.786
Minnesota	10	4	.714
Tampa Bay	4	10	.286
Detroit	4	10	.286
Green Bay	2	12	.143

West			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	9	5	.643
New Orleans	9	5	.643
L.A. Rams	8	6	.571
Atlanta	5	9	.357

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 115, Portland 97
 Philadelphia 107, Indiana 100
 Houston 106, Charlotte 104
 Chicago 113, Dallas 100
 San Antonio 122, New York 109
 Phoenix 114, L.A. Clippers 106, OT
 Seattle 136, Golden State 106
 Utah 107, Sacramento 73
 Sunday's Games
 Detroit 102, New Jersey 99
 Cleveland 122, Denver 83
 L.A. Lakers 119, Washington 112, OT
 Monday's Games
 No games scheduled
 Tuesday's Games
 Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Washington at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 Wednesday's Games
 Denver at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Washington at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

HS Playoffs

Here are Texas high school football playoff pairings for Dec. 9-10:
 Class 3A Semifinals
 Odessa Permian (12-2) vs. Dallas Carter (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.
 Houston Stratford (12-1) vs. Converse Judds (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome.
 Class 4A Semifinals
 Cleburne (12-2) vs. Paris (11-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium.
 West Orange-Stark (11-2) vs. Kerrville Tivy (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome.
 Class 5A Semifinals
 Decatur (10-2-2) vs. Southlake Carroll (14-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.
 Navasota (11-3) vs. Sweeny (7-5-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Katy.
 Class 2A Semifinals
 Quanah (13-1) vs. Celina (13-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls.
 Corrigan-Camden (13-0-1) vs. Refugio (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Tully Stadium, Houston.
 Class A Semifinals
 White Deer (13-0) vs. Lindsay (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Vernon.
 Fannindel (13-1) vs. Flatonia (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Tyson Field, Waco.
 Six-Man Finals
 Fort Hancock (14-0) vs. Zephyr (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Iraan.

College Scores

EAST
 Allegheny 71, Thiel 49
 Babson 93, Salve Regina 86
 Bloomsburg 75, Indiana, Pa. 67
 Boston U. 81, Bowling Green 69
 Bucknell 82, Lycoming 55
 California, Pa. 72, Davis & Elkins 71
 Clarion 79, Pitt-Bradford 59
 Concord 84, W. Virginia St. 73
 Connecticut 93, Marist 71
 Edinboro 72, Mercyhurst 59
 Fairmont St. 83, Alderson-Broadhead 82
 Green Mountain 94, S. Vermont 64
 Harvard 79, Brandeis 54
 Holy Cross 105, Assumption 84
 Hunter 78, York, N.Y. 71
 Juniata 84, Frostburg St. 78
 La Salle 81, St. Joseph's 37
 Le Moyne 89, Brockport St. 79
 Lowell 88, St. Anselm 86
 Millersville 75, Bowie St. 72
 N. Adams St. 82, Hartwick 78
 New Hampshire Coll. 106, Quinnipiac 83
 Niagara 71, N.C. Wilmington 63
 Northwestern 75, Rutgers 69
 Old Westbury 82, Stony Brook 63
 Oswego St. 99, St. Lawrence 76
 Phila. Pharmacy 80, Haverford 59
 Plattsburgh St. 99, Johnson St. 89
 Shenandoah 89, York, Pa. 73
 Shepherd 115, West Liberty 96
 Slippery Rock 86, Keuka 56
 St. Francis, N.Y. 74, Morgan St. 68
 West Virginia 77, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 60
 Wheeling Jesuit 82, Salem, W. Va. 72
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Environment

Caged wisdom — great horned owl visits kindergarten

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Not every day does a guest renowned for wisdom visit the S.M. Anderson Kindergarten Center; even more rarely do the youngsters view such a guest while it sits in a cage.

But that's what happened Monday as some 440 youngsters trooped through Mrs. Ruth Nanny's classroom to view a great horned owl, captured by accident Saturday.

"We think it's a fairly young owl," Mrs. Nanny said of the bird, which she estimated as 18 inches tall. "An older owl would not have gone into the trap."

She said a neighbor caught the owl — one of Texas' largest raptor species — in a live trap set near a chicken coop and intended to trap predatory cats that had been killing chickens.

Instead of the expected cat, however, the trap yielded the owl on Saturday, Mrs. Nanny explained. The bird was brought to her by the neighbor because "he knew we'd want to share it with the children."

Mrs. Nanny said her husband planned to release the bird Monday afternoon, after the kindergarten students had a chance to view the owl.

"We wanted to share him with the children, because they'll probably never have another chance to see a great horned owl this close," Mrs. Nanny said. She ex-

plained that while barn owls are fairly common in Howard County, the great horned owl is seen far less often.

This particular bird hissed if strangers came too near its cage; mottled a pale gray and brown, the bird appeared perfectly colored to blend with its ordinary surroundings — open fields and woods.

Mrs. Nanny pointed out the bird's horns — actually tufts of feathers located at the upper outer corners of its head — and its inner eyelid, a protective device, to her students.

Several of the children appeared enamored with the huge bird, which turned its head more than 120 degrees as it followed another teacher's progress to its right as she walked almost all the way around its cage.

"I think it looks nice," said Jessica Salazar. "He's brown and black."

Clarence Donald Wilken liked the owl's eyes, which he said made it look different from other birds because "They are green."

Fermin Salazar also liked the big bird's appearance.

Some children were a little frightened by the owl's huge yellow eyes, which appeared to stare directly — if a little sleepily — at anyone who paused in front of the cage.

Each child was helped to stand at the owl's eye-level to view the bird, while Mrs. Nanny described



Student Ruben Gonzalez mimics a great horned owl at Anderson Kindergarten Center recently. The captured owl was brought to its diet of mice, snakes, rabbits, chickens and similar prey. Mrs. Nanny also told the children how the owl captures its meals with its large claws — talons — and flies silently because of its extraordinarily soft plumage.

the school Monday for the students to observe before being released.

The owl opened its black, hooked beak slightly whenever it was closely approached; its face appeared curiously catlike, rather than bearing a resemblance to human features which is generally used to explain the birds' reputation for wisdom.

Pecan show grows — 12 to 112 entries

By DON RICHARDSON
Extension Agent, AG

More than 112 entries were exhibited at this year's Howard County Pecan Show and this in itself rather tells the story about the county's pecan crop this year, but the real story actually is more revealing.

This was our county's 10th annual event, which in 1978 saw only 12 entries at that show. The quality of that show was not all that great either, with only three entries qualifying for the regional show. Our county's Horticultural Program Area Committee realized the potential of the show as a major educational activity and with succeeding pecan seminars, workshops and clinics, our county show has steadily increased in both numbers and quality.

Every first place entry was good enough at this year's show to qualify for the Western Regional Show, which will be held later this week in Midland. To qualify an entry for the regional show the entry first must compare with the previous state winner in that division and determine if it is within a reasonable measurement competitive for that variety.

An example of this would be Mrs. Wanda Petty's winning Burkett entry. The 1987 state winner had a 58.87 percent kernal and calculated 41.86 nuts per pound. Mrs. Petty's entry at our 1988 show had a 57.2 percent kernal with 46.2 nuts per pound, well within a competitive range for state competition.

An entry begins at the county level for an exhibitor when he or she brings their pecans to the county Extension office. This entry consists of 40 pecans. The growers may wish to select the heaviest pecans by weighing individual nuts on a Gram scale . . . and most successful exhibitors do just that!

Ten pecans from this entry are then randomly selected by the



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show committee and weighed. These same 10 pecans are then cracked and shelled other committee members and re-weighed again to determine the per-cent kernal. The number of pecans required of that entry to make a pound of whole nuts is also calculated.

Each entry is also classified at entry time into four major categories . . . these are in-shell varieties (those varieties that require less than 50 pecans to make up a pound and are generally marketed whole, in the shell); the shelling varieties (those that require more than 50 pecans to make a pound and are more often sold as shelled pecans); Varietal Seedlings (those pecans produced from a known variety of pecan nut planted on their property . . . incidently, there is a 99 percent certainty that the pecans produced from such a planting will not resemble the parent pecan nut because of natural hybridization or crossing during the pollenization process . . . but this is the way many of the new varieties are discovered); and the Natives (these are pecans that have been grown from trees naturally occurring in the area or from nuts from these trees).

Serving on our pecan show committee this year were Mrs. Jowilli Ethison and Mrs. Zula Rhodes, who weighed all our entries this year; shelling and cracking were Benie McChristian, Mrs. Venora Williams, Davie Stephens, Mrs. Wanda Petty, Floyd Earls; sorting entries were Mrs. Bettye McChristian and Garner Thixton.



Judge Bennie McChristian samples some of the fare at the recent pecan show held at Highland Mall. The pecan show has grown from 12 entrants in 1978 to more than 112 at this year's event.

Aubrey Bryans 1988 pecan show champion

Winners of the Howard County Pecan Show were named during Thursday's exhibition at Highland Mall. County Extension Agent Don Richardson has said winning entries will be forwarded to the regional show in Midland.

Those winners include:

- Littlest Native Pecan - Ray McMahon
- Comanche — Bennie McChristian
- Apache — Roy Hester
- Burkett — 1. Wanda Petty; 2. Roy Smith; 3. Carol Barnes
- Choctaw — 1. W.R. Campbell; 2. Bennie McChristian
- Shoshoni — Davie Stephens

- Success — 1. Bennie's Pecans; 2. Green Acres
- Mahon — 1. Gerald Smith; 2. Wayne Johnson; 3. Jim James
- Sioux — Bennie's Pecans
- Stuart — 1. Lee Freeze; 2. Jay Freeze; 3. Ruelene Freeze
- Cheyenne — Aubrey Bryans
- John Garner — 1. Max Bair; 2. Walter Morrison
- Chickasaw — Bennie's Pecans
- Wichita — 1. Aubrey Bryans; 2. Roy Hester; 3. Aubrey Bryans
- Tejas — 1. Roy Hester; 2. Bennie McChristian
- Schley — Bennie McChristian
- Gra Bohl — 1. Howard County

- Humane Society; 2. Karen McCarthy; 3. Michael McCarthy
- Mohawk — 1. W.R. Campbell; 2. Betty McChristian; 3. Ollie Christensen
- Western — 1. Bennie McChristian; 2. Bennie McChristian; 3. Michael Gray
- Native — 1. Glenn Pless; 2. Calvin White; 3. Texas Highway Department
- Seedling, Shelling — 1. Evelyn Redman; 2. Aubrey Bryans; 3. Bennie's Pecans
- Seedling, In-shell — 1. Bennie's Pecans; 2. B.A. Kinard
- Champion Native — Glenn Pless

- Champion In-shell — W.R. Campbell
- Reserve Champion In-shell — Davie Stephens
- Champion Shelling — Aubrey Bryans
- Reserve Champion Shelling — Roy Hester
- Champion Seedling — Glenn Pless
- Grand Champion — Aubrey Bryans
- Reserve Grand Champion — W.R. Campbell
- Junior 4-H entries: 1. Emily Sanders; 2. Jim Bob Nichols; 3. Eli Sanders

Summer blazes expose secrets of Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (AP) — Old-timers with long memories knew it was there. Archivists gave it a special place in the history books. But millions of people passed by the wreckage without a clue it was there.

Then, in the summer of 1988, a woodcutter dropped a cigarette and started a 450,000-acre forest fire that laid bare the bones of a World War II-vintage B-17 bomber, 45 years after it went down on a frigid spring night carrying 10 young airmen to their deaths.

Besides blackening hundreds of thousands of acres in America's first national park and triggering an uproar over firefighting policy on public lands, the intense blazes in Yellowstone also revealed some of its old secrets.

"The fires exposed a lot of old road cuts, torn up culverts and bridges, and abandoned dump sites," said Tim Hudson, Yellowstone's maintenance chief and a sanitary engineer. "We vaguely knew about all that stuff, but over the years trees had grown up around it and it became hard to get to, too expensive to remove, or people forgot about it."

"Our rehabilitation efforts following the fires have also given us an opportunity to do some monumental cleanup of old junk because we have the helicopters here to help us do it."

Besides rebuilding burned-out bridges, repairing bulldozed and hand-cut firelines and fixing trails and public facilities, park crews also raced the winter to remove all debris from the crash of the B-17, tail No. 42-30260.

Ground teams carefully collected the shattered, rusted pieces of .50-caliber machine guns, splinters of practice bombs once filled with sand and dozens of bullets.

Much of the aluminum and steel already twisted by the crash was charred from the North Fork fire. The weathered metal was loaded into helicopter slings and hauled four miles north to a sorting area inside the park near West Yellowstone, Mont.

The main wreckage and the 20-foot crater created by the massive bomber when it plowed into the ground around midnight May 23, 1943, had been covered over by initial rescue crews, so Hudson's cleanup team left it undisturbed.

"The stuff we pulled out totals about 25,000 pounds," said Hudson. "We flew all the bullets out first,

"The fires exposed a lot of old road cuts, torn up culverts and bridges, and abandoned dump sites," said Tim Hudson, Yellowstone's maintenance chief and a sanitary engineer.

then dumped and burned their powder. The biggest piece we recovered was a wing tip. We also found the vertical and horizontal stabilizer on the tail section a mile from the main crash site."

Even the archivists had missed that one on their maps and charts because, in the past half century, the forests of Yellowstone had grown up around the site to create a living green shroud.

Hardly any wreckage was recognizable. Park records indicate that a few years after the crash a Yellowstone ranger salvaged enough aluminum to make a snow plane, forerunner of the snowmobile. The area also showed signs of earlier scavenging and looting. Nothing recovered this fall was deemed usable, so the park service, with Department of Defense approval, will sell it as scrap to the highest bidder.

Poking through the forest fire's ashes, park employees also found small reminders of the airmen who died.

"We found part of a leather jacket, a shoe, some pieces of belts and rings off of parachute harnesses," said Dick Bahr, Yellowstone's air operations supervisor. "There was no identifying markings on any of the personal gear so we sent it to a mortuary to be incinerated."

It was precious little to commemorate the burial ground of an airplane once hailed as "The Queen of the Skies" and singled out by the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum as the most powerful weapon in the war against Hitler's Germany.

In 1983, park service historical archivist Andy Beck collected every scrap of information he could find about aircraft No. 42-30260 and compiled it in a plastic ringbinder now kept at Yellowstone headquarters.

The plane, with 11 men on board, was flying from Marysville, Calif., to its home base at Lewiston, Mont.

Beals Creek effort being planned for improving water quality

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Work on what Colorado River Municipal Water District officials term "a big and expensive step toward protecting and improving the quality of water" in Beals Creek will begin this week.

According to CRMWD secretary Joe Pickle, the water quality improvement effort aims at protec-

ting Beals Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River which joins the river above the district's water source, Lake E.V. Spence.

An earthwork contractor will complete preliminary dirt work across the crown of the plug which creates Natural Dam Lake, Pickle said. Following that step the contractor will commence cutting and

backfilling a slurry trench for the lake, located 10 miles west of Big Spring.

"This 30-inch wide cut will be made approximately 1,500 feet across the dam and will vary from a few feet at either end to around 75 at maximum depth," he said, noting the trench will cut into the redbed. "The slurry will be mixed

with bentonite to form an impervious core for the troublesome lake, which not only has created quality headaches for CRMWD but also has threatened Big Spring with a flood disaster."

According to CRMWD general manager Owen Ivie, work on the Natural Dam will include raising the top of the dam across Sulfur

Draw five feet, to elevation 2,460.

At that height, Pickle said, the dam will impound 66,865 acre-feet of water, some 19,000 acre feet more than the present top of 2,455 feet above sea level can contain. At the new maximum fill, he said, "the lake would cover 4,375 acres, or 6.8 square miles."

Natural Dam is described as an

alluvial plug, which some geologists believe was plowed across the valley during the ice age, he said. To protect that alluvial plug, the dam's crown and the downside slope to the draw will be protected with a 30-inch layer of roller-compacted concrete, which would also enable the dam to serve as its own spillway.