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Big Spring ISD eyeing grants for reading development training

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD officials are weighing whether to pursue state grants aimed at improving reading skills among elementary students.

The Texas Legislature recently set aside \$32 million over the next two years for intensive reading programs aimed at students in grades K-2. Those funds were in response to Gov. George W. Bush's call for a comprehensive effort to flagging reading

scores among students in those grade levels.

Bush deemed "unacceptable" recent reports that one of every four Texas students are unable to pass the state's basic reading test and set a goal that all students should be able to read on grade level or higher by the end of the third grade.

The governor's actions were applauded by local school officials.

"Our goal is the same — for our students to read at grade level by grade 3," assistant superintendent Murray Murphy

said. "That's certainly a lofty goal, but we believe it is attainable."

"We're all for that," he added. "The key for good state test scores is to establish a good base in grades K-2."

Murphy said the district launched a reading program aimed at those grade levels last year combining phonics instruction with "whole language" curriculum.

"We feel that using both approaches in our public schools will best outfit our children to be on grade level by the

third grade," Murphy said.

Helen Gladden, the district's curriculum coordinator, is currently determining whether the district wants to pursue any of the state grants.

"We're reviewing the grant process to see whether we're interested in pursuing that," Murphy said.

"We may go back and see what we've already appropriated, and then see if we want to apply (for the grants)."

Murphy's rough estimate is that between 15 percent and 18 percent of BSISD students are

in need of reading remediation. Currently, students identified as in need of extra reading instruction are placed in classes funded by federal Title I money, which is earmarked for reading instruction.

Aside from state funds for reading programs, Bush also called for his goals to be accomplished on other fronts. Other key elements to his initiative include:

- Showcasing model reading programs in Texas schools that have demonstrated proven success in developing students'

reading skills.

- Encouraging the state Telecommunications Infrastructure Board to support technology-based reading programs in public schools.

- Encouraging the State Board of Educator Certification to support reading by ensuring that teachers have the necessary training in how to teach reading.

- Stimulating private sector initiatives such as the \$300,000 committed by the Barbara Bush Foundation to support family literacy programs in Texas.

For banks, challenge is to retain personal touch with customers

It isn't your grandfather's bank any more. Banking, which used to conjure up images of stately looking men in bow ties carefully considering loan applications, is taking on a high-tech gloss.

Automated Teller Machines and personalized credit cards are a couple of innovations that were unheard of two decades ago. And more changes are either here or coming in the near future.

Another change, which many view with disquiet, has been the acquisition wave that has hit the banking industry in recent years. The days of home-owned banks is rapidly going the way of the dodo bird.

There is one exception to that rule, locally. State National Bank has so far successfully resisted the take-over bug.

"We've had lots of opportunities to sell, but we made a decision some time back to remain independent," said SNB president Jim Purcell. "Our primary interest is that of the customer. We've stayed competitive through technological advances and quality personnel."

SNB also is unique among local banks for another reason — it is the only financial institution in Howard County to offer a site on the Internet. The bank's World Wide Web page (www.statenb.com) allows customers to perform a variety of banking chores through their computer at work or at home (see related story).

The bank's success with its Web page has encouraged it to plunge deeper into the high-tech waters. Another service the bank touts is its Easy View Vault data storage system.

The EVV allows customers to put sensitive documents such as wills and financial records on CD-ROMs. The CDs, which can be amended by not altered, will be available to customers with Windows operating systems on their computers.

"It will be a good estate planning tool for customers," Purcell said.

Other area banks are weighing their options in this area.

Security State Bank president Robert Fry is hesitant to commit to an Internet site.

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Credit union members will decide how to deal with changes in future

Over the past few decades, credit unions have begun offering more and more traditional banking services, such as checking accounts and a variety of loans.

But even if the line between banks and credit unions blurs, it will never completely disappear, officials say.

Credit unions will always be distinctly different from their banking cousins, and the main reason for that is attitude, said Jim Weaver of Citizens Federal Credit Union.

"I think a lot of people get confused between banks and credit unions, but there's a lot of differences," Weaver said.

Bank mergers, which have become so prevalent in the past decade or so, has diluted their appeal, Weaver said.

"One of the differences is attitude," he added. "One thing Big Spring was blessed with for years was small town banks, which offered a personal touch ... All that's changed over the past few years."

Credit unions, Weaver said, are directly responsible to their members, who also own shares of the institution, and directors come from the rank-and-file of membership and pay the same rates for loans and other services.

One result of that philosophy is that membership dictates what services the credit union will offer.

"We look to our members for what to offer, when to do it or how to do it," Weaver said. "It would be extremely dangerous for us to ignore our members and instead, just pay attention to our competition."

But, just like banks, credit unions are heading into a technological Great Unknown, where home banking and Internet sites are the wave of the future.

Bill Shaffner, director at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, said his institution is considering a variety of options.

"We're looking at having a Web page, but we don't know if we'll have home banking over it," Shaffner said. "We already have a program where customers can pay bills over the phone and transfer money between accounts. They can even make withdrawals."

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Banking on Internet easy for customers, banks

Imagine paying your bills without having to leave your living room. Imagine updating your bank accounts with a few strokes on a keyboard.

Now, quit imagining. Banking through your computer, once limited to the imagination and science-fiction stories, is now a fact of life. And, unless you're a certified technophobe, it just might be one of the nicest innovations to come along in quite a while.

Time and convenience are the biggest selling points to banking over the Internet. Lucy Rodriguez, computer operations supervisor at State National Bank, said SNB's web page (www.statenb.com) is a snap for customers to use.

"It's just so easy," Rodriguez said. "There's no reason for peo-

ple to have to take time off (from work) to do their (banking chores)."

SNB customers, armed with their account and personal identification number (PIN), can handle a variety of tasks in seconds over the bank's Internet page.

Rodriguez said customers can check their account balances, check the transaction history of those accounts, and transfer funds.

For example, a customer can transfer funds between his checking and savings account, see how much money is now in each, then check to see how many times the accounts have been accessed in the past.

But the popular aspect of the Internet site, Rodriguez said, is its Bill Payer. About 25 companies, which are hooked up to

Crossroads Communication, contract with SNB to allow customers to pay their bills over the Internet.

Rodriguez said customers need to merely transfer money out of their accounts to the indicated businesses, a process that takes only seconds to complete.

Customers can currently pay their Southwestern Bell telephone bills, pay their monthly credit card debt (the Payer handles almost all major cards) and their water utility bills from the City of Big Spring.

"It's great," Rodriguez said. "A lot of people have been pleased with it. We haven't had any major problems with it so far."

The SNB web page also offers a variety of other services that are not directly tied to banking.

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To reach all departments, please call 263-7331

Vela, Sanders receive promotions

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Herald Publisher Chuck Williams has announced the promotion of Edwin Vela to the position of advertising manager and Rodney Sanders to composing supervisor.

Vela has been with the Herald since September 1985, and will succeed Jim White, who resigned to pursue other interests.

"Edwin has been with the Herald for more than 10 years,



VELA
during which time he has been an outstanding sales representative and is well qualified for his new position," Williams said.

SANDERS
Vela will be responsible for

the retail and classified advertising departments and will report directly to Williams.

"The first challenge I have is to get acquainted with the office," Vela said. "I've been here for 12 years, but this is still going to be a learning process. You can learn from anyone. That's something that never stops."

As for the importance of advertising, Vela said it benefits both the business and the consumer.

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OBITUARIES

William Iles

William "Bill" Iles, 80, of Big Spring, passed away on Friday, November 28, 1997 in a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 11 AM Monday at Coahoma Cemetery with Phillip Burcham, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

William "Bill" Iles was born on January 17, 1917 in Sabine County, Texas. He married Pearl Anderson on April 5, 1952 in Lovington, New Mexico. Mr. Iles had worked as a pipeliner for Mobil Pipeline for 34 years before retiring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge in Levelland. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He had been a resident of Big Spring since December 1972.

He had a great love for fishing and playing "42" and spending time with his dogs, "Bobo" and "Prissy."

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Iles of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law: Billie Sue Barnes and her husband Carl Wayne of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law: Melvin and Barkie Horton of Tularosa, New Mexico; and Homer and Marie Shipley of Universal City, Texas; a sister, Inez Eder of Pineland, Texas; a cousin, Elwin Iles of Jasper, Texas; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a sister, and a daughter, Novella Jo Minter.

paid obituary

Lawrence Black

Lawrence M. Black, 91, of Odessa died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1997 in Big Spring.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Paul Castiglione officiating.

He was born May 30, 1906 in Newark, Ark. and was a long-time resident of Odessa, where he worked in the oilfields before his retirement.

He was married to Lula Turner March 7, 1942 in Odessa. She preceded him in death May 31, 1997. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Black, in 1948.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Castiglione of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, June Harrison of Clayton, Okla.; a brother, Del Porter of Mannford, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

PROMOTE

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"Advertising creates interest in a business," Vela said. It's something every business should do regardless of its size because there are both direct and indirect benefits."

According to Vela, the direct benefit of advertising is an immediate response for a business and direct access for consumers. The indirect benefit is name recognition by a customer of a business or service. It is that name recognition that will

allow a customer to remember a business or service when they may need it."

Williams also announced the promotion of Rodney Sanders to the position of Composing Supervisor.

"In this position Rodney is responsible for the composing (building of pages) and camera activities and will continue to report to Production Manager Tony Hernandez," Williams said.

Sanders has been in the newspaper business for more than 20 years and most recently with the Herald for two years. Sanders' experience includes stints at a number of newspapers, including the Bryan Eagle.

He started his career at the Herald when hot type was still used to produce the copy on the newspaper's pages.

BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive Driving Course will be offered Dec. 2-3 at Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

The course takes place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Designed for drivers 55 years of age and older, the class offers a certificate for up to 10 percent reduction in auto insurance.

Call 267-1628 for more information.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

FREE EYEGLASSES ARE AVAILABLE for adults the third Saturday of each month at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended.

THERE WILL BE A hunter education course on Dec. 13 and 14, beginning at 8 a.m. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, those born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and 17 and older, must successfully complete a hunter education course; ages 12-16, must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older.

However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements. The cost of the course is \$10 and the sign up sheet is at Dibrill's Sporting Goods.

For more information, call Dibrill's Sporting Goods at 267-7891 or Steve Poitevin at 264-7115.

DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB is selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes.

Cost is \$40 for each throw. Call Archie Kountz at 267-3821 or ask any member of the club

for more information.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THEY'RE THE BEST. THEY possess pride, a will to win, a love of the game, and are gracious even when they don't win the gold. They've got shoes, uniforms and all the tools they need for victory except...you, their coach. Special Olympics needs coaches for track, soccer, equestrian, aquatics, basketball, softball, gymnastics and bowling coaches. All that is required is your time, friendship, patience, and love. What you will receive in return are new best friends, joy, hope and the experience of a lifetime. Be a hero and attend Special Olympics Texas Coaches' Training Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Odessa College's Athletic Center in Odessa. Special Olympics is the world's largest provider of athletic training and competition for adults and children with mental retardation. For questions about the training school or about registering an athlete, please call James at 684-5024.

THE HISTORIC SPRING WILL be decorated with a lighted display for the first time this year. The first showing of the thousands of lights in Comanche Trail Park will be Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Then the lights will be turned on nightly through Jan. 1. Special programs are planned for Dec. 10-14. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the program, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

VA MEDICAL CENTER'S ANNUAL Christmas lighting ceremony and carol sing will be Monday at 6 p.m. in the front lobby of the medical center. Volunteers, employees, veterans and their families are invited to attend. Call Fred Cox, 264-4824 for more information.

LINE DANCING IS OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11 a.m.-noon. This is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time. Call for more information, 267-8234.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY • Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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AROUND THE TOWN

MONDAY

• Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

• Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

• TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

• Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY

• Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

• Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

• Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769.

• VFW Post NO. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

• Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

• Book Club meeting, 7 p.m., Howard County Library. "Deep End of the Ocean" by Jacqueline Mitchard will be discussed.

• Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

• Coahoma Senior Citizens have a luncheon, 11 a.m., Community center.

• Choir booster club meeting, 7 p.m., BSHS choir room.

WEDNESDAY

• Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

• Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

• Encouragers support group, 6 p.m., Magnolia Tea Room, 215 Main, for dinner. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369 for more information.

• Thursday

• Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

• Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 0,4,2
CASH 5: 5,11,12,22,34
LOTTO: 11,14,20,21,36,48

• NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

• Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

• Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

FRIDAY

• Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

• Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

• Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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• Big Spring Commandery NO. 31, stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main with a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

• Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main with a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

• Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

• JUAN RENTERIA, 48, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOE RODRIGUEZ, 27, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• LEO PENA, 18, arrested on local warrants.

• RACHEL CASTELLANO, 19, arrested on local warrants.

• TONY CASTELLANO, 24, arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• EDWARD GARCIA, 18, arrested on local warrants.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on Seventh and Lancaster streets and the 4200 block of Hamilton.

• THEFT on the 1200 block of E. 11th, the 1700 block of Marcy (three incidents), the 2300 block of Wasson, the 1100 block of W. Fourth and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE on the 1500 block of Cherokee.

• ASSAULT on the 300 block of N.E. Ninth.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on the 1500 block of Chickasaw.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE on the 1600 block of Mesquite.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 900 block of E. 14th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

CLARIFICATION

It was reported in Wednesday's Herald that Rene Horton, 28, was arrested on local warrants. A Big Spring Police Department spokesman said Saturday that the item inadvertently appeared in the police log, and that Horton had not been arrested.

Thank You

The extreme kindness and thoughtfulness shown by our many friends and neighbors during our recent sadness helped so much to comfort us. We are sincerely appreciative.

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CLARIFICATION

It was reported in
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said Saturday that the item
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police log, and that Horton had
not been arrested.

Thank You

The extreme kindness and
thoughtfulness shown by our
many friends and neighbors during
our recent sadness helped so
much to comfort us. We are sincerely apprecia-
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Foy Dunlap
Jerry Dunlap & Family
Judi McKinley & Family

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Computer surfers can check on the latest weather forecasts for the Big Spring area and browse the site's community calendar, just to name a few of the services.

-STEVE REAGAN

CREDIT

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The program has greatly simplified life for credit union officials, Shaffner said.

"It's a lot easier than it used to be," he said. "The program gets about 900 calls a week. That's 900 calls we don't have to answer. The customers seem to like it, too."

Weaver, whose institution offers a similar program, said officials there are casting a wary eye toward home banking over the Internet.

"It's a very awkward period," he said. "It's difficult to gauge how our people would use home banking. It's not cheap ... and I certainly don't think it will reduce our expenses ... It's something we're looking at, and we'll be prepared for it if the time comes, but it would be a substantial investment in capital."

The biggest change in the near future, both men said, will be in the area of home equity loans. The concept, approved by Texas voters in November, would allow homeowners to take out loans on up to 80 percent of the equity of their homes.

Weaver said Citizens FCU is ready to take the plunge.

"Our members want it, so when the first of January comes around, we're going to offer it," he said. "We don't feel it to be that problematic ... We feel it's a very doable product."

Shaffner said his institution also will take the home equity plunge, although he wasn't as enthusiastic-sounding as Weaver.

"I'm sure we'll get into it after the first of the year," he said. "It may be a good thing for most people, but I can see it being abused."

-STEVE REAGAN

BANKS

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"I don't see that happening at Security State," he said. "We'll bring technology in, but we still want to be personally involved with our customers."

At the same time, Fry admits technological changes are a fact of life his bank and others are just going to have to get accustomed to.

"Technology ... will make things simpler for our customers," he said. "They won't have to go to the bank and sit around. They'll be able to pay their bills while sitting at their personal computers. It will also end up saving customers money because the overhead costs will be lower for the banks."

As for other changes in the industry, Fry sees an uncertain future.

"I possibly see more and more buy-outs. There seems to be a bank bought every week," he said. "There will be more branch offices and fewer stand-alone banks."

Another change to hit Texas banks is the introduction of home equity loans. The concept, approved by state voters in November, would allow homeowners to take out loans for up to 80 percent of the established equity of their homes.

Neither Purcell or Fry, however, are certain when their institutions will offer the loans.

"In this part of the country, there's not that big of a loan demand," Fry said.

The biggest challenge facing banks in the future, both men agree, will be to balance high-tech services with good, old-fashioned personal touches.

"Banks have to keep up with technological changes," Purcell said. "As our customer base switches, more people will be comfortable with (the changes). But customers will still want the personal touch ... There will be a mixture of wants and needs."

-STEVE REAGAN

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Deadline for Moore Board applications Monday

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Applicants hopeful of being considered for the executive director's position at Moore Development for Big Spring have until 5 p.m. Monday to get their name in the hat.

Twelve applications had been received through last week, according to Pam Welch, Moore's assistant director. The search was made necessary when Danette Toone resigned effective Dec. 31 because of a job relocation of her husband, John, by TU Electric.

"So far we have received 12 applications for the executive director's position," Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch said. "The cutoff day for application is Dec. 1 and we do expect to get more in."

According to Welch, the resumes received so far have

come as a result of Moore's advertisement of the position in statewide trade publications.

"The national ad we placed was published on Nov. 10," Welch said. "We expect feedback from that ad pretty soon."

Welch also told Moore board members at Wednesday's meeting that there are some 20 similar positions available around the state.

The plan at this point is to have a new executive director in place before Toone departs on Dec. 31.

"Ideally, we'd like to have someone in place a couple of weeks before Danette leaves so that we can have a smooth transition," Moore board member Terry Wegman said. "That may be a little ambitious at this point, but that's our goal."

Wegman and board member Phil Carruthers are heading the search committee charged with

looking for a new executive director.

Toone announced her resignation in October so she may join former Big Spring TU Electric District Manager John Toone, who has accepted a similar position in Temple.

Moore named Toone interim executive director in Nov. 1995 as the board searched for replacement for Carole Taylor. Toone was made executive director in May 1996.

One of the ads Moore is running for the position says qualifications of the position should include economic development institute and or certified economic development accreditation; at least four to 10 years economic development experience; and knowledge of Texas incentives and funding programs.

Moore board president Joyce Crooker said the search for a

new executive director is a challenge.

"It's going to take a person with a lot of experience in the economic development field," Crooker said. "Danette (Toone) had an accounting background when she came in and a lot of experience working with Moore through Howard College's Business Development Center."

Moore recently seated a new slate of officers with Crooker as board president; Eddie Cole as vice president; and new member Charles Beil as secretary/treasurer, but the overall goal is still the same, according to Crooker — service.

Initial phone contacts to interested applicants will be made by the search committee. The list of applicants will be narrowed to between three and five finalists, at which time, Moore's full board will handle the interview process.

Shot Mexican journalist still in critical condition

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — An outspoken Mexican journalist, critically wounded in an ambush by gunmen in this border city, remained in stable condition at a Tijuana hospital Friday, a hospital director said.

The attack Thursday on Jesus Blancornelas, publisher of the weekly newsmagazine Zeta, drew criticism from two leading professional associations, along with demands that President Ernesto Zedillo's administration do more to protect Mexican journalists from harassment.

About 10 gunmen opened fire on Blancornelas' car about two blocks from the magazine's offices, wounding him and killing Luis Lauro Valero Elizalde, his private bodyguard. However, the bodyguard shot dead one of the attackers before collapsing.

Dr. Arturo Rosas Prianti, director of del Prado Hospital, told reporters Blancornelas, 67, "improved very slightly but is still in critical condition in intensive therapy." He said it would take several more days to determine if he is likely to recover.

Blancornelas was struck by three high-power bullets from

an AK-47 assault rifle. One slug wounded him in the chest, collapsing a lung, grazing his liver and lodging near the spinal cord. However, apparently no major nerves were affected, the doctor said.

The attorney general's office took over the investigation from the Baja California state government after Zeta claimed the Arellano Felix brothers drug gang may have been responsible for the attack and that state judicial police officers may have been involved.

Federal investigators identified the dead attacker Friday as David Barron Corona, 28, alias "C.H.," a known killer who worked with the Arellano Felix gang.

At least four suspects have been so far arrested for questioning.

For years, Zeta has been denouncing the Arellano Felix gang's drug smuggling and violent activities along the U.S.-Mexico border, corruption within a succession of governments and the lack of progress in the 1994 Tijuana assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's presidential candidate.

Rene Blanco Ornelas said Friday the hospital was teeming with security officers, with guards posted just outside the room, down the hospital hallways and around the block.

Blanco and his two brothers all work for Zeta with their father. Blanco, a photo editor, said he talked with his father and shot photos immediately after Thursday's shooting.

When asked if the Zeta staff was afraid, Blanco said: "It comes with the territory. We've encountered stuff like this before."

While one of Blancornelas' sons stayed at the hospital through the night, Blanco and another worked to get Friday's edition of Zeta to the presses.

"A lot of fellow photographers said, 'What the hell are you doing here right now? You should go to the hospital.'"

But Blanco said the shooting would not intimidate the family or the Zeta staff.

"This thing is not going to stop us," Blanco said. "We're going to continue on. That's what he would have done. I know him very well."

"For Zeta, we're not going to stop," Blanco said.

In Paris, the professional organization Reporters Without Borders publicly urged Zedillo to live up to earlier promises to improve Mexico's deficient human rights record and press freedom.

"Mexican authorities should protect threatened journalists and do away once and for all with impunity," it said in a news release Friday.

Bill Orme, director of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, issued a similar call Friday.

"We have every hope and expectation that President Zedillo will order a thorough investigation leading to the prosecution, not just of the trigger men but of the intellectual authors who are ultimately responsible for this crime," Orme said in a telephone interview.

"Jesus Blancornelas is for us a figure of the greatest importance for journalists not just in Mexico but throughout the Americas and it is essential that his colleagues everywhere insist on eventual capture and prosecution of those responsible," he added.

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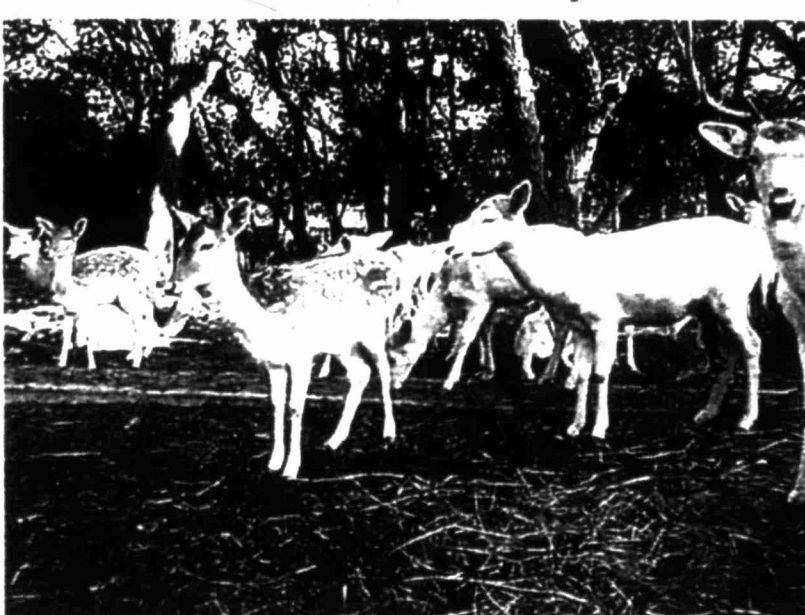
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Try to find your Christmas gifts at home this year

This year, why not stop and think before you hit the road to go shop out of town and spend your money in communities where you will get nothing back ... where your tax dollars will do you no good.

"Shop at Home" can be hard, especially in a community that has been economically battered over the years. However, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised if you give local merchants the opportunity to satisfy your needs.

We heard more than one "I didn't know you could get that in Big Spring" comment during the recent Business Showcase at the Dora Roberts Community Center — and it is statements such as that that prove that the showcase served its purpose.

There are many goods and services that are available in Big Spring for a competitive price — both against retailers elsewhere as well as catalog merchants. All you have to do is take the time to open your mind and try to find it here first.

When you shop at home, your taxes are staying at home. The money you pay helps keep a local merchant in business and helps keep local citizens employed. And the more you shop at home, the wider the variety of goods and services that can be offered at even more competitive prices.

So this year, when you think Christmas shopping, think Big Spring.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

I would like to salute the Howard College coaches Matt Corkery, Tommy Collins, Ryan Wolf, Natasha Taylor-Williams, Lou Gudino for holding the basketball camp with proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Also a salute to the Howard County Hawks and Lady Hawks for helping with the camp.

KAYE WYLIE
Big Spring

EDITOR'S NOTE — On the day Kaye Wylie is talking about, members of the Hawks and Lady Hawks conducted a basketball camp that raised \$600 for Special Olympics.

In addition, team members were at Bowl-a-rama, working with members of the Special Olympics team to prepare for their tournament.

Also, team members also help tutor youngsters in the community as part of their program to give back to Big Spring.

OTHER VIEWS

Mexican siege cannons couldn't level the Alamo, but the historic San Antonio mission is slowly crumbling under the long assault of nature. Ground water is seeping up into its limestone walls, freezing, and dislodging small chunks. America should not let it happen. The country should keep such historic sites intact.

It was in 1836 that 189 courageous "Texicans" held out for more than a week against Mexican dictator Santa Anna's 6,000 troops before being overwhelmed and slaughtered. Happily, the Alamo has time left before it falls in a more permanent sense, maybe two centuries. But the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are seizing the moment to make the landscaping more water-resistant and install underground barriers to the rising

damp. The group so far has spent \$200,000 to save "the cradle of Texas liberty."

Texans are a patriotic lot, and what's been expended until now is piggy-bank change to some of the state's richest residents. So money shouldn't be an object in protecting the Alamo from the elements. It's also gratifying to see a private group take the bull by the horns (or, in this case, longhorns) in these projects.

But if government funding is needed as a last resort, it ought to come. The Alamo stands as an invaluable reminder to people everywhere that the blessings of freedom don't just fall off a tree. Sometimes they are won by blood.

It will be easier for posterity to remember the Alamo if there is an Alamo.

-Scripps Howard

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Failure to plan cost us Stanton's playoff game

In case you slept through last week, there has been an increasing amount of discussion around the community about the fact the Big Spring Independent School District said, thanks, but no thanks to the folks from Stanton and Post for their Class 2A football playoff game Friday night.

Instead of our Martin County neighbors' being able to drive a mere 20 miles out to Memorial Stadium, they headed north to Lamesa for the second time in the playoffs.

The shame of it all is that both teams wanted to play at Memorial Stadium. Wanted to play in Big Spring ... wanted their fans to come to Big Spring ... wanted to be in Big Spring.

Thanks ... but no thanks. Yes, we agree with Ron Logback that playoffs require work to pull off. But more than that, playoffs require planning — and that's what we discovered this past week we sadly lacked.

As it turned out, the lack of

planning ... of anticipating the fact someone might want to utilize our facility ... cost us more than a game and the monies our visitors would have spent. Based on the telephone calls we've gotten at the Herald, it seems to have cost us a great deal of goodwill with our Martin County neighbors, as well.

"What is it? Does Big Spring think they're too good for the Buffs?" was the way a Friday morning caller put it. And she was the umpteenth one to phrase it that way.

It's really hard to say how much money the community — at the start of the holiday shopping season — lost as well.

I don't think it's realistic to use the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's number of \$70 per day per person, but how about a family of four coming to town and going out to eat after the game?

What's that amount to? I know, it depends on where you eat ... but feeding four people just about anything is going to cost you at least \$25 and it could cost upwards of \$50 or more.

The folks from Post would probably fill up with gasoline before making their return trip and some folks might have even hit the road early enough to do shop shopping while in town.

The bottom line is we closed the door on upwards of 6,000

visitors to our community because we didn't think ahead ... we didn't anticipate ... and we failed to plan — which meant we planned to fail and did.

And let's not get bogged down in the talk about all of the hard work.

Up in Plainview, a similar-sized community, they hosted their third football playoff game of the year Friday night.

In addition, this was the weekend for the 22nd annual Plainview Queens Classic — a three-day, 32-game basketball tournament that featured eight of the state's best high school girls' teams and eight of the best women's small college basketball teams in the nation.

The tournament started at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving morning and ended about 11 last night. There were eight games played each day, alternating between high school and college — and the whole tournament (as well as the high school playoff games) was pulled off by the Plainview Area Chamber of Commerce's sports committee, which has about 30 members.

I was a member of that sports committee for three years and for three years, I alternated with local radio broadcaster Tut Tauwater on the public address system for the entire tournament. And yes, it was work ... there was little voice left at tournament's end.

Yes, we ate Thanksgiving

dinner in Hutchinson Center to the sounds of bouncing basketballs and referee's whistles, but the members of the sports committee made the commitment that we wanted to host the tournament as well as football playoff games.

It is a rare year when Plainview doesn't host at least three playoff games. The chamber provides the programs as well as the trophy. Back then, the Lions Club ran the concessions and made good money from the visitors to the community.

As soon as we found out there was a playoff game, the chamber placed an ad in the newspapers of the teams coming to town to let them know where the restaurants were and what their hours of operation were. Local merchants placed ads as well, welcoming the visitors.

There was a standing discount on any purchase — food, gas, clothing, whatever, when you showed identification from one of the two towns involved in the game.

Yes, it takes a lot of work, but rather than talk about how hard it is, why not let's talk about planning for the next time and then committing to make it happen.

If we don't, this same time next year we'll be explaining away why we lost the opportunity to host another playoff game.

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Factors impacting SS can't be ignored

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of columns by 17th District Congressman Charlie Stenholm on the Social Security system.

As a nation we are getting older. People are living longer. The national birthrate is declining. This has some long-term side-effects we will not be able to ignore much longer.

In 1900, 4.1 percent of our population was aged 65 or older. In 1940, it was 6.9 percent. In 1995, it was 12.5 percent. Scientists tell us that this is only the beginning. Some predict that by 2025, the percentage of elderly Americans will increase to almost 20 percent. Said another way, today about 24 million Americans are over 70. As those born between 1946 and 1964 (also known as the Baby Boom generation) move into their retirement years, that number will double.

What does all this mean? On

the positive side, we will be able to spend more time with our families and friends, enjoying our grandchildren, or (if you happen to be a younger person) enjoying the wisdom and advice of older relatives. On the negative side, there will be a great demand for senior services such as specialized health care, nursing homes and assisted living centers. One author recently said that we will become a nation of Floridas — where 20 percent of the populace is already over 65.

This "graying of America" also will have serious effects on the Social Security system. In my last column I noted that the Social Security system is financed by those who are currently in the workforce. In other words, today's workers pay the benefits of today's beneficiaries. (By the way, it has been this way ever since the first Social Security check was issued in 1937.) when we realize that birthrates, which were high in the Post-World War II years, have declined substantially since the mid-1960s, it is not too difficult to see what the future holds for Social Security.

According to the Social Security Administration, in 1955 approximately nine work-

ers were paying Social Security taxes to provide benefits to each recipient. With a ratio like this, Social Security taxes could remain fairly low because so many workers were paying into the system. In 1995, the ratio was 3.3 workers to each beneficiary. By 2040, it is predicted the ratio will be 2 to 1 or worse.

To sustain the current system, then, some people see just three options: 1) Raise payroll taxes of current and/or future workers; 2) Decrease benefits of current and/or future beneficiaries; or, 3) Increase the level of our national debt to continue funding the system. I do not believe any of these options are adequate or sufficient.

Lots of people refuse to believe that the crisis can be stated so simply. Many point to the Social Security Trust Funds as the real culprit in this crisis. As a matter of fact, several organizations that supposedly represent the interest of seniors have made millions of dollars frightening older folks with tales of Congress "stealing" from the trust funds. I will spend some time in my next column talking about this and other Social Security "myths."

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by
BRUCE TINSLEY



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Red tide could be northbound

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of dead mullet washing up along Corpus Christi Beach may have been the victims of a fresh bloom of red tide working its way north, some marine scientists suspect.

Red tide also was suspected in the deaths of an estimated 6 million bay anchovies in Corpus Christi Bay near Flour Bluff last week, said Terry Whitley of the University of Texas Marine Science Center in Port Aransas.

"That's our best guess right now. It's still a little bit open, but I'd say we're pretty sure," Whitley told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, adding that sample collected over the weekend were to be analyzed during the week.

Corpus Christi City Manager Bill Hennings said city parks crews would try assessing the size of the kill Saturday and, if necessary, call in workers to pick up the fish.

Most of the dead fish began washing up after 6 p.m. Thursday along Corpus Christi Beach. Some dead fish also were found on beaches along Shoreline Drive.

"I've never seen so many dead fish out here as this," said Roel Rivilla, who fished off a jetty on Corpus Christi Beach. "We've been out since about 6 this morning and haven't caught a thing."

Amber Rose, fishing with Rivilla, said that even if she caught a fish from the bay, she wouldn't eat it.

"I'd throw it back," she said. "There's something in that water."

Whitley, however, said any live fish caught likely would be safe to eat.

Red tide is a bloom of a microscopic algae that is always present in the water but is fatal to fish in heavy concentrations.

Tony Amos, an oceanographer with the UT Marine Science Center, said no one is really sure what causes the red tide algae to bloom to toxic levels.

The toxins created by the algae attack the nervous system of fish. But only infected clams, mussels and oysters are unsafe for human consumption. Eating them can cause nausea, dizziness, tingling sensations in the extremities and dilated pupils.

Moviemakers turn Houston into picture-perfect port

HOUSTON (AP) — Looking for a place to blow up a car? Need a stuntman to leap into a channel during that crucial chase scene? Don't know where to find a helicopter landing pad with a bridge on the horizon?

Go where all the movie location scouts in Houston are going: the Port of Houston.

The Port's industrial setting — complete with warehouses, grain elevators, docks, ships and open settings — make a good backdrop, the scouts said. And city officials offer a good deal for budget-conscious filmmakers.

"The location is central to Houston," says scout Kim Crabb, who was cruising for a warehouse and dock for a music video shoot. "There's a lot of space at the Port. It has a variety of looks on the water. It could be a high-end, modern area or it could be a really rundown, dark and spooky area."

The Port has been used about once a year for filming commercials, music videos and movies because of its diverse scenery and accessibility.

Scout Craig Busch was looking for such a controlled environment during the filming of

"Robocop 2." He sought a body of water that a stuntman could jump into during a chase scene.

In addition to "Robocop 2," movie buffs may also recognize the Port of Houston in scenes from films such as "Rush," "Jason's Lyric," "American Portrait," "The Charmer" and "A Taste For Killing."

Television series and pilots such as "Walker: Texas Ranger," "Matt Houston" and "Put to the Test" also have been filmed at the port, said Rick Ferguson, director of the Houston Film Commission.

Production companies are dis-

cussing using the port as the setting of the upcoming movie "Rushmore," starring Bill Murray.

But officials also have learned about the unpredictability of the movie-making business.

Last year, actor-director Forest Whitaker toured the Port of Houston because he wanted to film scenes for a movie he may direct titled "Emerald City." That film has been postponed indefinitely after being sold and resold to several movie companies.

"You can shoot Houston for anything unless you need a

mountain or a desert," Ferguson said.

Filmmakers have used the port and Houston as stand-ins for Washington, D.C., the Midwest, Manhattan, India, Paris, England and Cape Cod, Mass.

Depending on the project, production companies can save 10 to 25 percent by filming in Houston, Ferguson said.

The skyline is both striking and hard for a lot of people to recognize. That's a plus for filmmakers because it can be used to represent many other American cities, Crabb said.

Program aiming at registering Texas wetlands

AUSTIN (AP) — A new program will help Texas landowners seeking to create, enhance or restore wetlands by acting as a "want ad" service matching landowners with those who want to improve wetlands.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has opened a voluntary wetlands site registry to make those matches easier.

Julie Anderson, a department biologist and designer of the wetlands conservation plan, said wetlands are restored for several reasons.

Those include landowners who want to improve wildlife habitat, conservation groups that would like to provide outdoor opportunities for citizens, or restoration may be an alternative for developers to compensate for adverse impacts to wetlands caused by their projects — a process called mitigation.

When a development project requires mitigation, developers sometimes have difficulty finding comparable wetlands to restore. That's one area where the new registry can help, Ms. Anderson said.

"That's a very big problem," she said. "When you submit an application to destroy wetlands in one place, you have to find other wetlands to mitigate that project. It tends to be real hazardous. This is a way, hopefully, of getting a more systematic approach to finding mitigation sites."

Parks and Wildlife officials hope the registry will help reverse the steep decline in Texas wetlands.

Wetlands are home to thousands of species of plants and wildlife, control floods, recharge underground aquifers and act as natural filters for rivers, lakes and streams.

But Texas has lost more than 50 percent of its historic wetlands, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey. Since 97 percent of Texas land is privately owned, providing incentives and assistance to help landowners conserve wetlands is considered critical.

The new registry is one of the first projects to come from the wetlands conservation plan adopted earlier this year by the Parks and Wildlife commission.

Ms. Anderson emphasized that putting property into the wetlands registry doesn't mean more regulation or increased costs.

"Landowner involvement here is strictly voluntary, and the program is free of charge for participants," she said.

If landowners choose to take part in the registry, they incur no costs, retain ownership and control of the land and aren't obligated to restore wetlands.

Officials said wetlands restored by developers for mitigation of another project might require long-term agreements preventing the land from being returned to its prior use.

According to the department, there are a number of places with wetlands conservation potential, including previously drained areas where ground or surface water has been removed; and low-lying areas that have been filled.



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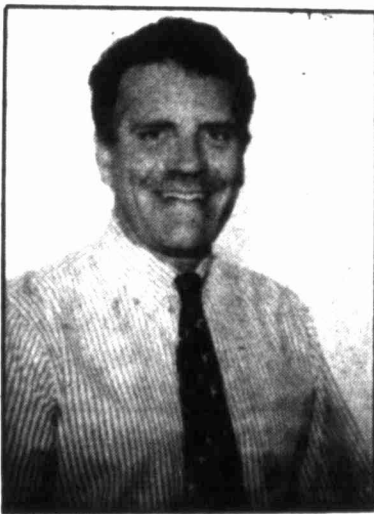


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Texas teeming with lawyers

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans shouldn't have a problem finding legal representation.

A recent study published in the Texas Bar Journal found that 1997 began with 56,447 lawyers — or one for every 332 people.

And in Harris County, attorneys have nearly twice the per-capita ratio of the state average, the Houston Chronicle reported. The 16,239 attorneys this year works out to one for every 189 residents, up from the 196 in 1992. It is still lower than the ratios for Dallas and Travis counties, however.

Despite the increase, Harris County's attorney count can be considered modest when matched with the five-year numbers for two neighboring counties. Fort Bend posted a 48 percent increase in the 1992-97 attorney count, while there was a 35 percent rise for Montgomery County.

Attorney Steve Fischer of Denton, author of the Texas Bar Journal report, says the explanation is simple. Retiring attorneys are being outpaced by graduating law students by a

few hundred yearly, and "attorneys are going where the population is."

There also are more out-of-state lawyers transferring to Texas from elsewhere, where there may be an even larger "glut" of lawyers, Fischer said.

"Unless new attorneys find a real niche, they are not guaranteed to go out and make money," Fischer said. "As long as the Texas economy is OK and the population keeps growing, it is not the crisis situation of the '80s. But if the economy goes bad — watch out."

Statewide, there was one lawyer for every 348 state residents in 1992. And in the mid-1980s, it was one for every 500.

Over the last two decades, as the Texas population went up 50 percent, the number of lawyers doubled.

State District Judge Sharolyn Wood, the civil administrative judge for Harris County, said the higher per-capita attorney count for Dallas County surprised some local attorneys.

They assumed Harris County, considered the litigation capital of Texas in earlier years, out-

paced Dallas in lawyers. Dallas is known as a center of the insurance industry, which traditionally hires many attorneys, Wood said of the statistics.

Wood said the statistics appear to bode well for the workload reduction in Harris County. In raw numbers, there are 36 percent more lawyers here than in Dallas, but Harris County disposed of almost twice the 46,542 civil cases of Dallas in 1995, the statistics show.

The situation reminded Richard Trevathan, Houston Bar Association president, of an old lawyer joke: "What do you need when you have three lawyers buried to their necks in sand?"

"More sand," he said. "It sounds like more sand is going to be needed."

"Is it healthy to have more lawyers? It is hard to say," Trevathan added.

With more lawyers, there may be more competition, with lower rates and better service for legal consumers, he said. But it can make it tougher for a lawyer to survive in a practice, he added.

UT fraternity hit with racism accusation by former member

AUSTIN (AP) — A former Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity member has accused his University of Texas chapter of denying a student membership because of his race.

Spencer Prou filed a racial-discrimination complaint with the university this month, claiming his friend, David Moss, was rejected because he is part black. Moss is of Korean and African ancestry.

"From the beginning it was a race issue," Prou told the Austin American-Statesman.

"I was even told we should wait until we're a 100-man chapter before we let a black person in."

Prou said he has tapes of some of the fraternity's chapter meetings where Moss' race was discussed.

He claims one fraternity member said,

"There are people who don't want him because of his race. The fact is he won't be welcome."

Lee Simpson, the fraternity's former vice president, denies

the chapter discriminated against Moss and said the freshman was rejected for other reasons.

"Our constitution forbids and condemns discrimination," Simpson said.

Moss said he isn't so sure.

"At first, I did not want to believe that my race had anything to do with this," he said. "But the more I thought about it, it just made sense. Some brothers just didn't want to talk to me, and they didn't know anything about me, except what I looked like."

Moss said it was the chapter's diversity which first attracted him to the house.

The Lambda Chi house includes students of Mexican-American and Asian-American descent. Five of the chapter's 20 members are minorities. None are black.

Some fear the incident might further tarnish the school's image following an appeals court ruling, which bans affirmative action from admissions decisions throughout the fifth

circuit.

Other such as Interfraternity Council president Mike Lavigne fear the incident could reinforce a campus stereotype pegging fraternities as elitist social groups for mostly rich white men, the paper reported.

"We're a far cry from the stereotype," Lavigne said. "Racial tension has not been a problem in the Greek system, and this one incident shouldn't be interpreted as representing all fraternities."

Moss said he doesn't want the issue to hurt minority recruitment.

"But I just can't ignore the fact that there are racial problems, not just here. Society is filled with them," he said. "And they aren't going to go away until we talk about them."

If found guilty of racial discrimination, the fraternity faces punishments ranging from requiring members to take diversity-awareness courses to losing its status as a campus organization.

GTECH declines to rebid to commission

AUSTIN (AP) — GTECH Corp., the Texas Lottery's primary contractor, is not interested in rebidding on the work it currently performs, the company said Saturday.

"We have officially informed the Texas Lottery Commission that the company will decline to submit a proposal in response to the commission's request for proposals for a new lottery system and services," GTECH spokesman Marc Palazzo said Saturday.

Rhode Island-based GTECH informed the three lottery commissioners and senior lottery staff members of its decision by letters delivered Saturday, Palazzo said.

The bid deadline is Monday. Lottery commissioners and

senior staff members did not immediately return calls to The Associated Press seeking comment Saturday afternoon.

GTECH's decision is the latest volley in a long-running battle between the lottery and its main contractor, which runs the on-line system for games such as Lotto and Cash 5, and warehouses and distributes instant games.

The commission opted to seek new bids earlier this year after months of investigation into the way GTECH does business. Members of the three-person commission said rebidding the contract could save the state money.

But GTECH sued the commission on Nov. 7, claiming a former lottery executive stacked

the deck against the company in its rebidding process.

Last week, in its legal answer to GTECH's lawsuit, the lottery asked a state judge in Travis County to dismiss the suit on grounds that the agency is immune.

The lottery said GTECH has not received legislative permission to sue the agency, as it must under the standard of sovereign immunity.

The lottery also declared that GTECH did not follow the legally set time limit for appealing to the commission its decision to rebid the contract.

In addition to saying the agency can't be sued, the lottery said GTECH has no legitimate case.

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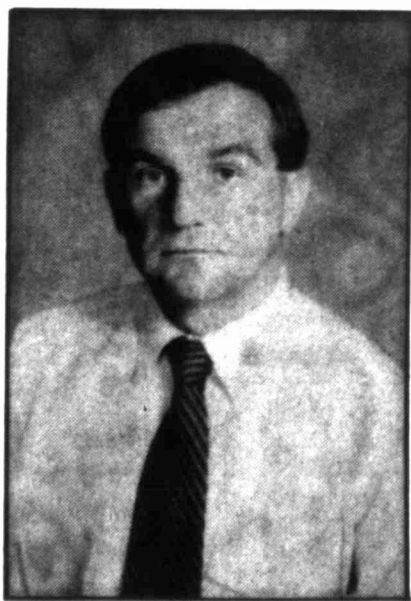
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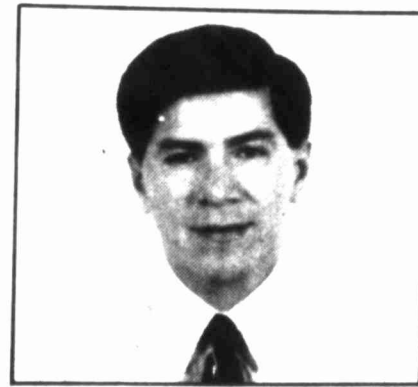
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Global warming meeting convenes

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — Representatives of 150 nations are converging on this city of ancient temples to negotiate a 21st-century insurance policy for the planet, a deal to control energy use as a first installment on protecting the atmosphere against global warming.

The talks are highly technical and complex, the politics challenging.

"There are times when only an act of courage can spur progress in world affairs," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement wishing the conference success as it opens Monday.

Chief U.S. negotiator Stuart E. Eizenstat predicted a "moveable feast" of hard-fought compromises.

If successful, the 10 days of negotiations could lead in a decade or so to shifts toward new-technology automobiles and fuel-saving driving habits, away from coal-powered electricity plants, and toward new farming and forestry practices.

Such controls over carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases could, in turn, begin to forestall the damaging rises in temperatures, sea levels and severe weather that scientists predict from global warming.

But almost every feature of this 21st-century plan — including who should act, how and when — is in dispute. And powerful opposition has developed against early action, especially among oil-producing countries and U.S. coal, oil and other interests likely to be hurt.

Industry lobbyists are among the thousands of diplomats, scientists, environmentalists and journalists assembling in Japan's old capital in the midst

of unusually mild weather that has Japanese fretting that "global warming" may ruin their Winter Olympics in February in Nagano.

But the vagaries of any day's or month's weather cannot be attributed confidently to global climate change. And this imprecision among scientists has weakened the hand of those trying to combat the phenomenon.

At the 1992 Earth Summit in Brazil, the world's nations signed a Climate Change Treaty that, because of U.S. opposition, set only a voluntary goal: reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2000.

It soon was clear most countries would miss that goal, and in 1995 governments agreed to toughen the treaty by negotiating legally binding targets and timetables. Several preliminary rounds of talks laid the groundwork for final discussions here over a treaty protocol.

The underlying principle of climate change is undisputed: Carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and a few other gases, mostly from fuel combustion, are transparent to incoming sunlight but trap the heat that Earth emits back to space.

In 1995, as atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide stood about 30 percent higher than in pre-industrial times, a U.N.-sponsored network of climate scientists issued a pivotal report, declaring global warming was under way and man was apparently partly to blame. Global average temperatures had risen by up to 0.6 degrees Celsius in the past century.

The scientists predicted growing emissions would boost temperatures an additional 1 and 3.5 degrees Celsius.

'Lonely wilderness' marks anniversary

EVERGLADES CITY, Fla. (AP) — After 50 years as a national park, the "flat, wet, lonely wilderness" of the Everglades is one of the world's best-known places. It's also one of the least understood, and on its anniversary it faces daunting problems.

Some visitors expect to find a dark and foreboding jungle. They end up baffled or disappointed by the endless sawgrass marsh, meandering waterways and tree hammocks that make up the 1.5 million-acre park stretching across Florida's southern peninsula.

Even the park's first superintendent, Daniel Beard, said the Everglades was a "study in half-tones" with none of the dramatic peaks, stunning waterfalls or rockbound coast of other national parks.

Just don't tell 31-year-old Susan Iapoco of Wayne, N.J., who sat reverently by a roadside near Coot Bay Pond recently, watching herons, egrets and ibises dine on frogs.

"This is only my second time here, and every time I come it's not long enough," she said as

she watched an egret scarf up an amphibian dinner. "There's plenty of wildlife here. You have to stop and look for things."

On Dec. 6, state and federal political leaders will gather in Everglades City for the anniversary of the founding of Everglades National Park.

However, the ceremony will be less a celebration than a rallying point for the huge chore of restoring a wilderness that was already in trouble when the park was dedicated.

"The Everglades is sick, S-I-C-K!" said Nathaniel Reed, a veteran environmentalist, member of Save Our Everglades and former board member of the South Florida Water Management District.

Advocates worked more than three decades to establish the park. Then, when Everglades National Park was finally established, its dedication by President Harry Truman came just a few months after two hurricanes that set in motion forces that would greatly contribute to its imperiled condition.

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Analysts question practice of demonizing Iraqi leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration likened Saddam Hussein to Hitler. The Clinton administration portrays him as irrational and deceptive.

But now, as the latest U.S.-Iraqi crisis appears to have eased, some Middle East experts question whether the United States gains anything by painting Saddam as a villain.

The policy has its downsides, they say: it isolates the United States among its allies who don't share the same loathing for Saddam; it makes it politically difficult for any U.S. administration to consider lifting sanctions on Iraq so long as Saddam is in power, and therefore limits U.S. options; and it plays into the Iraqi strategy of pointing to the United States as an international bully.

"The biggest problem with the U.S. policy is that every day Saddam survives turns into a victory for him," said Richard Haass, a foreign policy specialist at the Brookings Institution and former senior national security aide to President Bush. "Demonization and highlighting the demon tends to play into his hands and make him look like someone who can stand up to the United States."

Retired Marine Corps Gen.

Bernard Trainor, coauthor of a book on the Gulf War, said the U.S. rhetoric against Saddam began as part of an effort to win support for deploying troops to the conflict.

"The American people focus on villains. We demonize Hitler, Tojo, Mussolini. We have to have somebody to embody the cause," Trainor said.

The vilification of Saddam has gone through three phases, Trainor said. Before and during the Gulf War, U.S. officials spoke of Saddam as a mad, irrational leader. President Bush compared Saddam to Hitler and called him, "this brutal man."

In a diary entry during the Gulf War, Bush wrote, "Hope to see the madman (Saddam) is gone."

The second phase was of Saddam as an incompetent and stupid military leader for taking on the United States in the Gulf.

Trainor says U.S. leaders are only beginning to come to grips with the third phase in how Saddam is perceived in the United States.

"The guy is very shrewd. He's still around. He's got complete control of his country," Trainor said. "He's managed to take the focus off his violation of the U.N. resolutions and put the

focus on the sanctions and paint the United States as the bully."

Former CIA Director John Deutch found out how dangerous it is to articulate that idea. As CIA chief, he testified last year that Saddam's incursion into northern Iraq against U.S.-backed Kurds had left Saddam in a stronger position. Weeks later, Deutch found himself out of the running to become secretary of defense. Later he acknowledged hearing complaints from administration officials about his testimony.

The CIA was hardly soft on Iraq. Saddam's military move against his Kurdish population in 1996 broke up a CIA covert operation designed to generate indigenous opposition to Saddam, and, perhaps, spark a coup. This wasn't the first U.S. attempt to topple the Iraqi leader.

During the Gulf War, according to an official Air Force account, U.S. strike planners intentionally targeted headquarters, command bunkers and palaces in hopes of killing Saddam.

At one point, analysts realized through TV footage that Saddam spent some time moving about in a Winnebago mobile home.

Designated driver program turns 10

BOSTON (AP) — The refrain is by now so familiar it seems like it's been part of the lexicon forever: Don't drink and drive.

Yet it was only a decade ago that the so-called designated driver campaign began. And with it, America's social conscience shifted gears.

Since the campaign started in 1988, drunken driving deaths on American roads have dropped by more than 25 percent, from 23,628 in 1988 to 17,126 last year.

Much of the reduction is the result of stricter laws enacted over the last 10 years, highway safety experts said. For one, the drinking age is now 21 in every state.

But a good part of the drop also can be attributed to the basic refrain: If you're going to drink, use a designated driver.

Beginning this weekend, the nation's major television networks are broadcasting a new 30-second message by President Clinton urging Americans to

use a designated driver. The Harvard University School of Public Health created the campaign.

This year, besides the plea to drink in moderation and choose a non-drinking designated driver, Clinton says in the spot: "Be sure everyone in your car uses a seat belt."

It's not by chance that this addition comes three months after the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed, who were not wearing seat belts when their driver crashed in Paris. The only survivor, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, was properly buckled in the front seat.

The designated driver campaign was devised at a time when the anti-drunken driving movement had begun losing momentum. The success of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or MADD, which began in the early 1980s, was leveling off. Media attention

had shifted elsewhere, and the decrease in alcohol-related traffic deaths had leveled off.

Enter Harvard's designated driver concept, modeled after an initiative in Scandinavia.

Soon after its inception, public service announcements were aired as often as 20 times a week, and popular television shows — from "Cheers" to "The Cosby Show" — incorporated the message into their scripts. By 1991, the term was included in the Random House Webster's College Dictionary.

In the 10 years since the project began, an estimated 38,000 lives have been saved, said Jay Winston, director of Harvard's Center for Health Communication.

But the numbers have leveled off again. Since 1992, alcohol-related fatalities have hovered in the 17,000 range, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or NHTSA.

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Former football players rally from devastating injuries

FORT WORTH (AP) — Gritty, they called him back then. An unheralded "walk-on" at Texas Christian University, Matt Moore surfaced as a promising running back and, in the spring of 1995, was named TCU's most improved player.

"Do not count this Horned Frog out!" the TCU media guide declared.

Sure enough, Moore, a sophomore from Mayde Creek High School in Houston, earned a scholarship on a TCU team that approached its season finale that fall with a rare winning record.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, he and several teammates were winding up a routine practice by tossing footballs up for grabs.

"I jumped up and when I was coming down there was somebody underneath me," he recalled. "It took my legs out from under me. ... I fell flat on my back."

He lay on the grassy surface, fully conscious but unmoving.

"Immediately, it went though my brain that I'd dislocated my spinal column."

When Kent Waldrep got the phone call that night, his mind flashed back to another time and another place. It was 1974, Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.

A tailback for TCU, Waldrep took a handoff for an end sweep

when he was hit by a University of Alabama defender. An injury left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Now, more than two decades later, a reporter was calling him for a comment. Another tailback named Matt Moore had sustained a similar neck injury on the eve of the Texas A&M game.

"How tragically ironic," Waldrep thought.

Unlike Moore, Waldrep arrived at TCU as a hot prospect with scholarship offers from two dozen schools in football, track and golf. As a high school back at Alvin, near Houston, he once carried the ball five times for five touchdowns and 200 yards.

He had chosen TCU over such suitors as Nebraska and Tulane and would be the starter against top-ranked Alabama on Oct. 26, 1974. In the second quarter with TCU trailing 7-0, he was hit after taking a handoff.

"It flipped me in the air where I was turned in an awkward position and came down head-first on the artificial turf," he would say later. "I tried to get up, but I wasn't getting up. It was frightening. ... I felt tremendous pain in my neck, and it was hard to breathe."

"It never occurred to me I had broken my neck."

Life, says Matt Moore, with no

trace of despair or bitterness, is what you make of it.

"There is no point in dwelling on the bad parts. ... Life is too short. Sometimes I get uncomfortable and feel bad ... but I never get really down."

He thinks often of his football days, particularly playing as a TCU freshman on Texas A&M's Kyle Field, where his father Ron was an offensive guard.

"I grew up as an Aggie and watching A&M. It was incredible to get to play on Kyle field," he says.

Like Waldrep, he believes he is not destined to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

"You always have hope," Moore said in a soft but steady voice.

With his long, light brown hair drooping down his forehead, and his hands lying limp on the arms of his wheelchair, he spoke this day in the TCU Lettermen's Lounge, which overlooks the field at Amon Carter Stadium. It was there, on Nov. 24, 1995, that his journey in and out of darkness began.

But it is yet to be — and it may never be — as long nor as dark because of the journey Waldrep had taken before him.

Strangely enough, Moore had never heard of Waldrep until his injury. And he met him for the first time when Waldrep showed up at his Houston hospital. The one who went before

him had come to offer encouragement and advice.

Despite the support of family and friends, Kent's battle for recovery often was painful, lonely, discouraging and expensive. The ups and downs and the triumphs and heartbreak are recounted in a plucky memoir he wrote with Susan Mary Malone: "Fourth and Long: The Kent Waldrep Story."

Perhaps nothing would rival his 2-month odyssey to Cold

War-era Russia in 1978 for experimental treatment.

After more than two years of bureaucratic wrangling, he arrived in wintertime Leningrad to find gray, gloomy skies, snow, icy rivers and spartan living conditions.

"The facility I was in probably hadn't changed much since the last czar," he recalled.

"The bed and mattress was a foot and a half wide and had been around since World War I."

He was isolated in a room for six.

His makeshift shower consisted of leaning over the tub in a community bathroom and pouring buckets of water over his head. A "frigid experience," he called it.

But, he said, Russian doctors had a different, more aggressive attitude and approach in treating spinal cord injuries.

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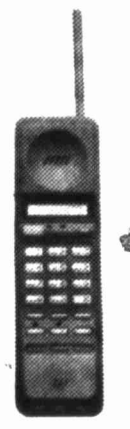
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Judge uses inmates to help keep children away from drugs

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Wearing leg shackles and handcuffs, the young man and woman sit at the center of a stage, signs hanging around their necks reading, "I did not say no."

As their audience shuffles and squirms, they begin to tell their tales.

Four years ago, he was a high school football star, an all-state and all-district receiver who won an athletic scholarship to the University of Texas. His future was bright.

Today, he is a felon, serving eight years in federal prison after being caught with 300 pounds of marijuana and an illegal weapon.

Instead of sharing a dorm room with jocks, his roommates are murderers and rapists.

The woman's story is similar.

Just two years ago, her high school classmates voted her the most beautiful girl in school. She was popular and smart, graduating in the top 25 percent of her class.

She went on to college and was majoring in criminal justice when she got caught trying to convince a government witness not to name her boyfriend in a jury-tampering case.

Several weeks ago, she turned 21 in jail. With a 5-year sentence, she could be celebrating several more birthdays behind bars.

As the story winds down, a voice booms out from across the stage:

"Is this real?" Staring directly into the audience, the young woman responds:

"This is very real."

The spectators, an auditorium full of high school students, are suddenly still.

As America continues to fight the war on drugs, a federal judge is taking a different approach to prevention programs targeting the potential drug-users of today and dealers of tomorrow: harsh reality.

For the past five years, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela has traveled to schools across South Texas with convicts in tow, showing students what to expect if they get mixed up with illegal drugs.

"There's one solution that we have to every problem in the world and that's education, and most of what we do is education," said Vela, one of two federal district judges in the Rio Grande Valley, one of the hottest drug-smuggling corridors in the country.

"What you hope for is people take the message with them and at a critical time, it will make the difference."

That critical time might be now.

Studies and statistics show drug use continues to rise across the state and is moving out of the cities and into the suburbs and their schools.

In Plano, an upper-middle class suburb of Dallas, 11 teenagers have died of heroin over-

doses in the past 12 months, prompting community leaders to organize town-hall meetings to address the problem.

Last spring, a survey by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse found that while marijuana use among elementary school students had decreased over the last two years, it remained almost twice as high as four years ago.

In South Texas, where the day's news routinely includes stories of local residents being convicted of drug-related crimes, educators must work to keep kids off drugs and away from the lure of the trafficking business.

That's where Vela comes in.

Every year, the judge chooses two people who have been convicted in his court of drug-related crimes to participate in the prevention program.

Federal prosecutors have even recommended former defendants for consideration, Vela said.

Participation is voluntary, but the convicts could receive a reduction in their sentences for cooperating.

This year, the program has been seen at nearly a dozen middle schools and high schools in the Rio Grande Valley, as well as schools in Houston and Corpus Christi.

The presentation begins with speeches from federal employees, including Vela's law clerks, U.S. marshals and assistant U.S. attorneys.

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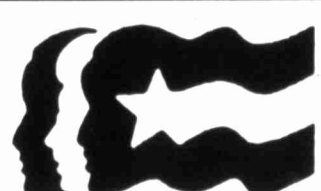
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Stanton heads to quarterfinals with 35-14 win over Post

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

LAMESA — For all practical purposes, the Stanton Buffaloes played for only one half Friday night, but that half was greater than the whole of anything the Post Antelopes could throw at them.

The Buffs unleashed an offensive and defensive firestorm at the Antelopes during the first half of their Class 2A regional playoff game Friday in Lamesa, then waltzed to a 35-14 victory.

The win puts Stanton (13-0) three games away from an unprecedented state title. The Buffs advance to the 2A quarterfinals, where they'll meet Lockney (12-1) in a game tentatively set for either Friday or Saturday in Abilene.

Stanton hasn't been tested during its run through the playoffs, and the Cinderella Antelopes (8-5) didn't offer much of a challenge, either.

Post fumbled the ball away on its first play of scrimmage, the Buffs scored three plays later on a 23-yard scamper by quarterback Kyle Herm, and the rout was on.

The Buffaloes were their usual impressive selves on offense during the first-half blitzkrieg, piling up almost 300 yards of total offense. But if the offense was impressive, the defense was downright deadly, limiting the Antelopes to only 34 yards in total offense in the first half.

Stanton's defense entered the game fired up over a perceived insult delivered in pregame comments by Post head coach Richard Gorman. Gorman heaped plenty of praise on the Buffs' offense while remaining silent about the team's defense.

"He didn't come right out and say it, but I don't think he thought much of our defense," junior defensive lineman Chad Smith said. "So we were determined to show them what we could do."

What they did, quite simply, was reduce Post's offense to ashes. The Antelopes managed a meager two first downs in the first half, and never got within striking range of the Stanton goal line.

"They just hit, hit and hit some more," Stanton head coach Mark Cotton said of his defensive corps. "It seemed like every time I turned around, Chad Smith was in their backfield cleaning house."

While the defense smothered Post's attack, the Buffs' offense was following what has become standard operating procedure for Stanton: Build a big lead, and build it fast.

The Buffs wasted little time putting points on the board, scoring two touchdowns in their first five plays. Their second score came when Herm hit Tyron Davis in stride for a beautiful 65-yard completion down the left sideline.

But what really buried the Antelopes was a 21-point second-quarter onslaught from Stanton. The Buffs' third TD came at the end of a grinding eight-play drive that was capped by James Jenkins' six-yard scoring run.

After that, Stanton returned to blitz mode, scoring on drives of two and four plays, respectively.

"The line blocked well, the receivers caught the passes and the running backs ran well. Everything worked," Herm said.

After such an overwhelming display in the

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Stanton running back James Jenkins (45) is knocked out of bounds by Post cornerback Orlando Castillo (35) following a good gain during the second quarter of the Buffaloes' 35-14 regional playoff victory in Lamesa Friday. The unbeaten Buffs now advance to the Class 2A quarterfinals where they'll face Lockney.

HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Fired! Mackovic's out at Texas after 6 years

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — John Mackovic's rocky six-year tenure as coach at Texas — marked by big victories but even bigger losses, and a conversion from sports jackets to cowboy boots — ended Saturday, a source told The Associated Press.

It wasn't immediately known whether he was fired or reassigned. Athletic director DeLoss Dodds was to hold a news conference at 5 p.m.

School administrators didn't take long making their decision to oust Mackovic, who has three years remaining on his contract at roughly \$600,000 per season. The Longhorns' season ended Friday with a disappointing 4-7 record after winning or sharing conference titles the last three years.

Texas appeared on an upswing last season after shocking two-time defending national champion Nebraska 37-27 in the first Big 12 title game, thanks in part to Mackovic's gutsy call for a pass on a fourth-and-1 from deep in Longhorn territory.

That victory — Mackovic's only one over a top 10 team at Texas in nine tries — led to rumors that NFL teams were interested in hiring him and made the program appear headed back to the prominence it enjoyed under Darrell Royal, who won national championships in 1963 and 1969.

A 38-15 loss to Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl quieted that talk, then his job security became an issue following a 66-3 rout at home by then 0-2 UCLA in the second game of the season.

It was the school's worst-ever home loss and the second-worst in the program's 105-year history. It was also the worst loss ever by a team ranked in The Associated Press poll and it sent the Longhorns from No. 11 to completely out of the rankings.

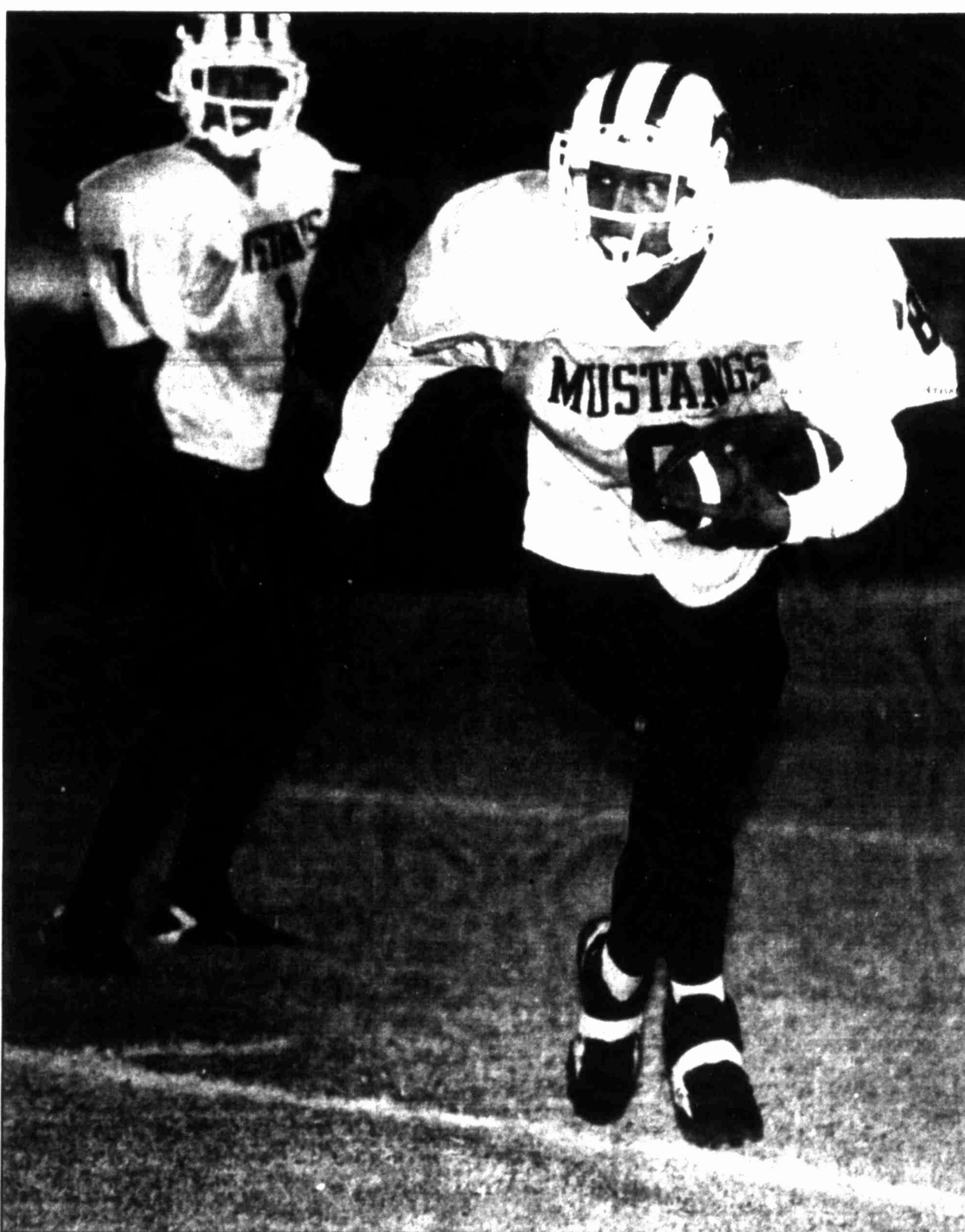
Players said the loss shattered their confidence, triggering a domino of defeats against Oklahoma State (42-16), Missouri (37-29), Colorado (47-30), Baylor (23-21), Texas Tech (24-10) and Texas A&M (27-16) on Friday.

As the losses mounted, Mackovic tried to find ways to pump up the team — one week giving players the silent treatment, another week telling the press that coaches could only coach but that the players had to make plays.

Nothing helped.

Despite the losses, Mackovic defended himself against criticism by touting his record off the field.

Lazbuddie ends Mustang run in thriller



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Sands' Robert Cisneros (8) sweeps wide left after taking a handoff from quarterback Coby Floyd (1) during the first quarter of the Mustangs state quarterfinals game with Lazbuddie's Longhorns. The Mustangs fell just short of pulling off an upset, the No. 2-ranked Longhorns rallying for a 52-44 win.

No. 2-ranked Longhorns forced to comeback for 52-44 victory

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

NEW DEAL — Back in August, back before the first pair of football shoes were issued, back before anyone had broken a sweat in the three-man roll, the scenario was supposed to be simple.

If it was a Friday night in November, the Sands Mustangs would be playing basketball — if they were playing anything.

Picked to finish third in its own district, Sands was supposed to have a ho-hum season ... one of those win some, lose too many to amount to anything type affairs.

There was only one hitch to that scenario ... someone forgot to tell the Mustangs they were supposed to roll over and play dead.

And on a cold, blustery night in the Texas Panhandle, the Mustangs came oh-so-close to pulling off an upset against No. 2-ranked Lazbuddie in the state quarterfinals.

"It gets to a point where the emotion wears out and talent takes over," a dejected Billy Barnett said after his team had been beaten 52-44. "They were just bigger and faster than we were."

Accepting Barnett's explanation, it still took the Longhorns (12-1) 37 minutes and 58 seconds to take over against a Sands (11-2) team that found itself behind just 15 seconds into the game.

Lazbuddie's Adam St. Clair staked the 'Horns to an early lead when he returned the opening kickoff 55 yards for a touchdown. Jason Thomas, Lazbuddie's 6-foot, 5-inch, 225-pound lineman, kicked the extra point to make it 8-0.

But Sands roared back, tak-

ing the ensuing kick and marching the ball 54 yards in nine plays to score when Anthony Cantu scored on an 8-yard end around. The Ponies trailed 8-6 with 6:47 left when Robin Cisneros' kick was blocked.

Sands' excitement was short-lived, as Brice Foster took Jesus Porras' kickoff and returned it 77 yards for a score. Thomas' PAT made it 16-6 with 6:31 still left in the first quarter.

"Our kicking game has been one of our strong points all year," Barnett said. "We didn't want to kick deep to Foster, so we squib it and St. Clair picked it up and ran it back ... then, we kick it deep and Foster runs it back."

But despite Lazbuddie's quick-strike capacity to score without running an offensive play, the Mustangs kept their composure and scored on their next three possessions to take a 30-16 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Lazbuddie got the only score of the second period, on a 19-yard run by Foster, to pull within six at the half, 30-24.

Barnett thought the Lazbuddie touchdown might have been a turning point.

"Lazbuddie plays two-deep at every position and overall, we bigger than us," he said. "We saw six game films and they ran something like 19 offensive sets ... I hoped he (Lazbuddie coach Mitch Sissom) would continue to go to the spread, but late in the second quarter I realized he had figured out he could just line up with his big guys and come at us."

Even so, Sands went back up

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Spartans dash Penn State hopes of alliance bowl game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sedrick Irvin and Marc Renaud each ran for more than 200 yards against No. 4 Penn State as Michigan State rolled to a 49-14 victory Saturday, virtually killing the Nittany Lions' hopes for a berth in an alliance bowl game.

Irvin rushed 28 times for 238 yards and three touchdowns; he also caught one of two TD tosses by Todd Schultz. Renaud rushed 21 times for 203 yards, including a 42-yard scoring dash, as Michigan State (7-4, 4-4 Big Ten) kept its bowl hopes alive.

Penn State (9-2, 6-2) was outplayed through much of the first half, but came back from a 14-0 deficit to tie the score 14-14 at 3:45 of the third quarter. Then, the Spartans answered with two touchdowns in a span of 2:56 and added three more TDs before the game's end.

The Spartans finished with 452 yards on the ground, the most rushing yards ever given up by a Penn State team.

Tennessee 17, Vanderbilt 10

Jamal Lewis gained 196 yards and No. 3 Tennessee

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clinched the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title with a 17-10 victory over Vanderbilt Saturday.

The Volunteers (10-1, 7-1) earned their first division crown since the league split into divisions in 1992, and will play Auburn for the SEC title and automatic alliance bowl berth next Saturday at Atlanta.

Vanderbilt (3-8, 0-8) put up yet another valiant defensive effort — the Commodores held on to the league's No. 1 defensive ranking by holding the Vols to 339 yards — but ended without a conference victory for the second straight year.

Volunteers quarterback Peyton Manning ended his home career with 12 completions in 27 attempts for 159 yards, an interception and a touchdown.

The Volunteers seemed to have figured out the Vanderbilt defense in the second half, but couldn't hang onto the ball. Tennessee fumbled at or inside the Commodores 20 three times in the half.

The Vols' defense was up to the task, however, holding Vandy to 215 total yards and coming up with four turnovers. Vols cornerback Dwayne Goodrich intercepted two passes and recovered a fumble.

What proved to be the winning score came after Goodrich intercepted a Damian Allen pass and returned it 4 yards to the Vanderbilt 41 early in the third quarter.

Nebraska 27, Colorado 24

Nebraska polished off a perfect regular season for the fourth time in the last five years, but in most unsatisfactory fashion.

Nebraska's locker room bore an eerie similarity to Colorado's after the Cornhuskers escaped with a 27-24 victory on Friday.

Ahman Green rushed for 202 yards and two touchdowns and No. 2 Nebraska kept its national championship hopes alive, but there was little celebrating.

The Huskers had to survive a fourth-quarter scare to eke out a win over a 21-point underdog.

Scott Frost passed for 92 yards and ran for 76 yards

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Lions' romp, Cowboys' disgrace jumbled NFL's wild-card chase

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL wild card race is getting, well, wild.

While only one division title has been settled heading into the 14th weekend of the season — San Francisco owns the NFC West — the requirements for winning each of those other races are clear. Nothing is so obvious where the wild cards are concerned.

If the Broncos, Jets and Steelers win out, they take each of the AFC sectors.

Same for the Giants and Packers in the NFC.

But Tennessee's 27-14 victory at Dallas and Detroit's 55-20 triumph at Chicago Thanksgiving Day jumbled the wild-card chase. Both winners moved to 7-6 and put themselves in the thick of playoff consideration.

Today, several of the stronger wild-card contenders have difficult games. Tampa Bay is at the Giants, Kansas City is home for San Francisco and Miami is at Oakland. On Monday night, Minnesota entertains Green Bay.

The Chiefs (9-3) are in the best position to make the playoffs without winning their division. They trail Denver by a game and a victory over the 49ers not only would solidify their wild-card situation, it would keep them close in the AFC West. The Broncos have a much easier matchup at San Diego.

"I'm not trying to be conceited," Chiefs cornerback Dale Carter said, "but we've faced a lot of teams that are very good, and do things way better than the 49ers. We had Denver.

Those guys are good, and we found some way to overcome those guys here at Arrowhead."

The Niners are playing for home-field advantage for the entire NFC playoffs; they have a two-game lead over the Packers. They also want to keep sharp after seeing how the Broncos got stale a year ago following an early division clinching.

Also today, the Jets are at Buffalo, Pittsburgh is at Arizona, Baltimore is at Jacksonville, Cincinnati is at Philadelphia, Indianapolis is at New

England, New Orleans is at Carolina, St. Louis is at Washington and Atlanta is at Seattle.

The Bucs lost at Chicago last week, a big step backward in their chase for their first playoff berth since 1982. They make two trips to the New Jersey Meadowlands in three weeks, and have the Packers in between.

Tampa Bay also hasn't won a game this season when the temperature was below 42 degrees, and it's entirely possible it might not be that warm at Giants Stadium today.

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first half, however, the second half almost put the large crowd to sleep. The Buffs were unable to put together any kind of serious scoring threat, while Post was unable to put much of a dent in their deficit.

"We came out flat, no question," Herm said of the second half. "We can't do that in the quarterfinals. We'll get beat if we do that now."

"That was the best first half of football we've played this year," Cotton said. "We came out fired up ... but we were flat in the second half."

Stanton	Team stats	Post
17	First downs	10
242	rushing yds.	78
135	passing yds.	49
9/13/1	Comp/Att/Int	6/19/0
2-28	punts-avg.	5-34
4-4	turn-loss	2-1
8-45	pen-yds.	3-21
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Second quarter		
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S - Herm 1 run (Noyola kick), 2:11.		
S - Herm 5 pass to Davis (Noyola kick), 0:03.		
Third quarter		
P - Jay Gorman 9 pass to Steve Gonzales (Gorman pass to Slade Bevers), 9:56.		
Fourth quarter		
P - Gorman 13 pass to Bevers (run failed), 6:59.		

SANDS

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by two touchdowns on the first possession of the second half, taking the opening kickoff and moving the ball 54 yards in seven plays — including one fourth down conversion — to go up 38-24 when Josh Long hauled in a 29-yard pass from Coby Floyd with 7:39 left in the third.

It was then that it became obvious that Sissom had finally decided on an offensive strategy.

It took the 'Horns but six plays to move the ball 51 yards to a touchdown on a four-yard run by Foster. Thomas' kick cut Sands lead to 38-32 with 5:30 left in the third.

And at the worst possible time, Lazbuddie's defense came to life and Sands' kicking game left the stadium.

After stopping Sands on downs, Lazbuddie faced a field just 34 yards long following an 11-yard punt by Robin Cisneros.

A yard loss on first down was followed by quarterback Josh Morris' falling on his own fumbled pitch for a five-yard loss.

Then, on third-and-21 from the 40, Foster took a pitch to the right from Morris, broke an arm tackle in the backfield and raced down the right sidelines to the touchdown. Thomas' kick put the Longhorns back on top, 40-38.

Sands found itself with its back against the wall on the ensuing kick when a holding penalty left the Ponies on their own seven-yard line to start.

An incomplete pass, a sack of Floyd by Blas Martinez and a one-yard gain by Jerrod Beall left the Mustangs facing fourth-and-20 from their own three and Beall in punt formation.

Beall mishit the ball on the kick and Lazbuddie found itself starting on the Sands' 15, although the Mustang defense would rise to the occasion and turn the ball over to its offense on its own 10.

Lazbuddie would not be denied after recording another defensive stop, driving the ball just 41 yards in nine plays to take a 46-38 lead when Chris Smith hauled in a nine-yard pass in the left flat from Morris. Thomas' kick was wide and Sands still had life with 4:25 left in the game.

"I can't say enough about our guys," Barnett said. "They just kept doing what they had to do ... they never, ever quit. They gave it everything they had."

Like on the ensuing possession.

Down a touchdown late in the game, Sands' players were businesslike in their approach.

"Come on, guys, we need a touchdown," Beall encouraged as the team took the field for the kickoff.

Cantu returned the kick to the 31, setting up a 13-yard Floyd-to-Porras pass on a left-to-right crossing pattern.

On second down, Robin Cisneros got six yards on a dive to make it first-and-15 from the Lazbuddie 30.

A Robert Cisneros end-around was good for seven before Floyd found Cantu wide open in the left corner of the end zone for a 23-yard score. Robin Cisneros' PAT was blocked by Thomas, but Sands still had time if it could get a defensive stop.

It couldn't. Lazbuddie, starting at its own 29, just ran the ball straight at the Mustangs and got a quick score when Foster went 52 yards. Thomas' kick was blocked, but Lazbuddie had the final margin at 52-44.

Statistically, the game was almost dead even. Lazbuddie rushed for 269 yards and passed for 64 more for a total of 333 yards while Sands had 219 rushing and 110 passing for 329 yards.

Foster led all rushers with 178 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries while Robert Cisneros led Sands with 107 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries.

Sands	Team stats	Lazbuddie
13	First downs	13
39-219	rushing yds.	44-269
110	passing yds.	64
4-15-0	Comp/Att/Int	7-13-0
4-21-8	punts-avg.	0-0
0-0	turn-loss	2-1
5-28	pen-yds.	1-10
Sands	30 0 8 6 - 44	
Lazbuddie	16 8 16 12 - 52	
First quarter		
L - Adam St. Clair, 55 yard kickoff return. Jason Thomas kick, 9:45.		
S - Anthony Cantu, 8 run. Kick blocked, 8:47.		
L - Brice Foster, 77 yard kickoff return. Thomas kick, 6:31.		
S - Jerrod Beall, 30 run. Robin Cisneros kick, 5:43.		
S - Robert Cisneros, 30 run. Robin Cisneros kick, 4:25.		
S - Josh Long, 50 pass from Coby Floyd. Cisneros kick, 2:27.		
Second quarter		
L - Foster, 19 run. Thomas kick, 5:39.		
Third quarter		
S - Long, 29 pass from Floyd. Cisneros kick, 7:39.		
L - Foster, 4 run. Thomas kick, 5:30.		
L - Foster, 40 run. Thomas kick, 2:37.		
Fourth quarter		
L - Chris Smith, 9 pass from Josh Morris. Kick failed, 4:25.		
S - Cantu, 23 pass from Floyd. Kick blocked, 3:05.		
L - Foster, 52 run. Kick blocked.		

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Dykes to be BSHS Football Banquet speaker

Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes will be the featured speaker for the Big Spring Steers Football Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$9 per person and can be obtained by calling Quarterback Club president Randy Gee at 267-7424 or 263-1889.

Since seating for the banquet will be limited, football fans are encouraged to get their tickets early.

Registration under way for youth hoops league

The deadline for registration for a youth basketball league being formed by the Big Spring YMCA is Dec. 6.

No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning.

For more information, call 267-8234.

TP&WD officials offer deer harvest recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks.

Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

For more information, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

Special Olympics in need of coaches for several sports

Local Special Olympics officials say they need volunteers to serve as coaches for athletes involved track, soccer, equestrian events, aquatics, basketball, softball, gymnastics and bowling. Those interested should attend the Special Olympics Texas Coaches' Training Clinic set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Odessa College.

Anyone with questions concerning the training school or about registering an athlete may call (915) 684-5024.

Local chapter needs softball umpires for spring games

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.

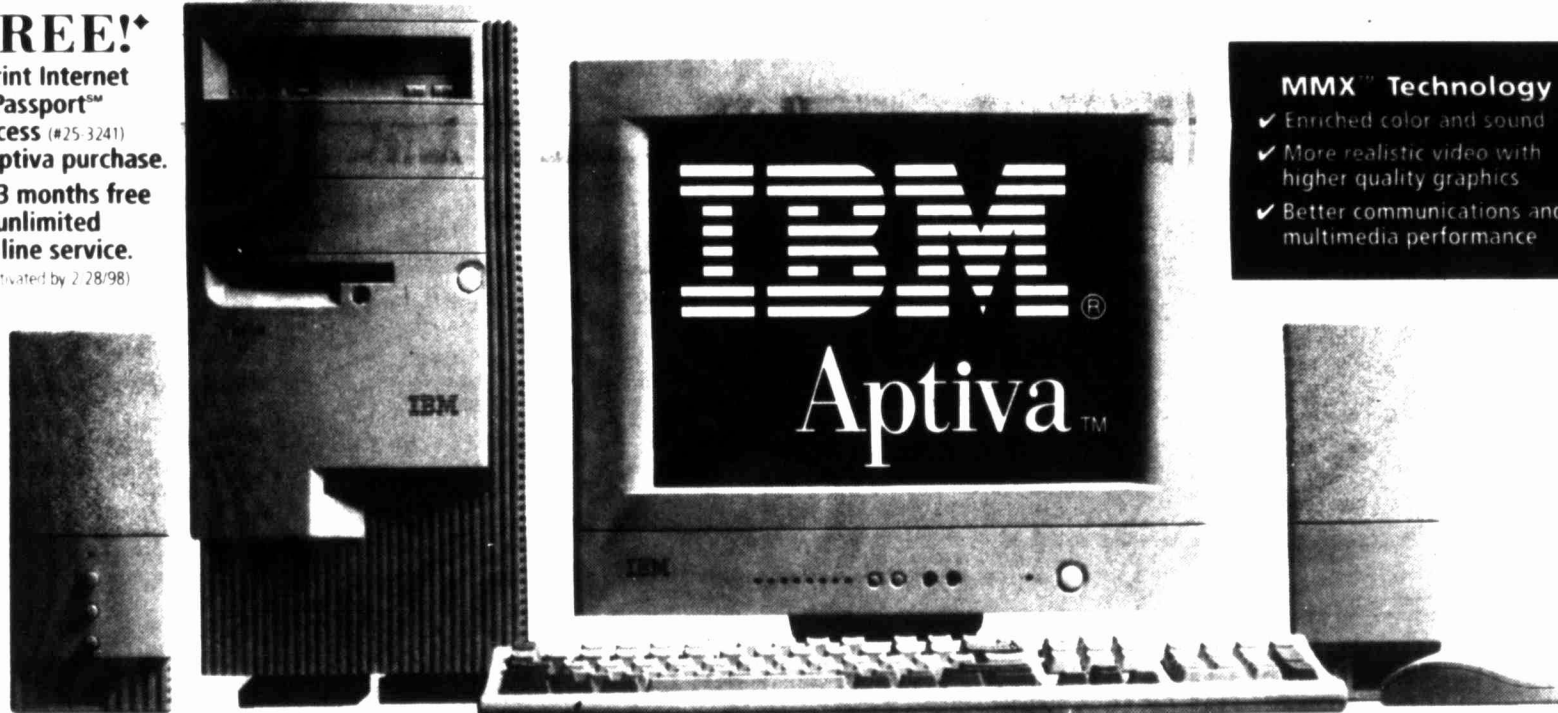
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SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

RESULTS-Federal Oil Over The Ghost
Team 8-0, Big Spring State Park over Head Hunters 6-2, Hester's Mechanical over Fifth Wheels 6-2, Flo's Yellow Rose over Kelly's Cafe 4-4; in sc and game men Junior Barber 215, hi sc and game women Fern Lewis 171, hi sc and series men Junior Barber 572, hi sc and series women Valma Campbell 494, hi hdp and game men Junior Barber 231, hi hdp and game women Betty Petty 220, hi hdp and series men Sam Lewis 636, hi hdp and series women Fern Lewis 609, hi sc team game Head Hunters 664, hi hdp team game Federal Oil 810, hi sc team series Head Hunters Beauty Salon 810, hi hdp team series Federal Oil 2346.

STANDINGS-Head Hunters 73-39, Flo's Yellow Rose 70-42, Hester's Mechanical 64-48, Big Spring State Park 62-50, Federal Oil 60-52, Kelly's Cafe 60-52, Fifth Wheels 51-61.

TUESDAY COUPLES
RESULTS-White Motor Co. over Tonn Cleaners 8-0, BSI over Double R Cattle Co. 7-1, Federal Oil over Ups & Downs 6-2, Fred's Contracting over Ghost Team 6-2, Parks Agency over Brown Fence Co. 6-2, Morris Robertson over Big Spring Mobile Home Park 6-2, Hardison Appliance over Cowboy's 6-2, A Timeless Design over Sanders Farms 4-4; hi sc and game men Joe Rodriguez 225, hi sc and game women Julie Van Dyken 186, hi sc and series men Joe Rodriguez 587, hi sc and series women Julie Van Dyken 533, hi hdp and game men Joe Rodriguez 254, hi hdp and game women Marie Pate 245, hi hdp and series men Larry Bob Conway 697, hi hdp and series women Julie Van Dyken 653, hi sc team game White Motor Co. 787, hi hdp team game Cowboy's 904, hi sc team series White Motor Co. 2272, hi hdp team series Cowboy's 904.

STANDINGS-Big Spring Mobile Home Park 68-36, Parks Agency 62-42, Sanders Farms 62-42, White Motor Co. 58-46, Brown Fence Co. 58-38, Fred's Contracting 56-48, A Timeless Design 56-48, Double R Cattle Co. 53-51, Cowboy's 53-51, Morris Robertson 50-54, Ups & Downs 48-48, Hardison Appliance 48-56, Tonn Cleaners 45-59, Federal Oil 38-66.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
RESULTS-Alien's Furniture over K-9 6-2, Lee's Rental over Hughes Optical 6-2, Magic Painting over Rainbow Home Improvement 8-0, BOO over Karat Patch 6-2, hi sc and series Jackie Lecroy 740, Steve Hedges 650, Robert Beatty 637, hi sc and game Jackie Lecroy 280, Steve Hedges 257, James Rawls 231, hi sc team series Lee's Rental 2784, Allen's Furniture 2632, BOO 2567, hi sc team game Lee's Rental 988, Allen's Furniture 943, K-9 932, hi sc and series Jackie Lecroy 740, Mike McDaniell 710, Robert Beatty 697, hi hdp and game Jackie Lecroy 280, Mike McDaniell 272, Steve Hedges 269, hi hdp team series Lee's Rental 3123, Hughes Optical 3024, Magic Painting 2996, hi hdp team game Lee's Rental 1101, K-9 1054, Allen's Furniture 1043.

STANDINGS-Alien's Furniture 68-36, BOO 60-44, Rainbow Home Imp. 58-46, Lee's Rental 52-52, K-9 52-52, Magic Painting 48-56, Karat Patch 46-58, Hughes Optical 32-72.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	283	232
New England	7	5	0	.583	288	216
Miami	7	5	0	.583	260	226
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	197	286
Indianapolis	1	11	0	.083	205	328

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	281	226
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	305	242
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	284	242
Baltimore	4	7	1	.375	233	257
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	225	309

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	10	2	0	.833	355	187
Kansas City	9	3	0	.750	247	203
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	264	271
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	278	313
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	225	306

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	1	.625	218	207
Washington	6	5	1	.542	224	176
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	260	240
Philadelphia	5	6	1	.458	203	244
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	196	262

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	316	234
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	274	262
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.538	322	250
Detroit	2	11	0	.154	215	377

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San Francisco	11	1	0	.917	295	149
Carolina	6	6	0	.500	201	224
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Out of place... ...out of time

SCA lets members escape from 'mundane life'

In local parks, backyards and living rooms, they gather. They fight with swords in full armor. They weave their own belts, sew their own clothes and make all their equipment by hand.

Sometimes, a few of the men wear tunics or kilts. Among this group, chivalry is not dead. They address the women as "m' lady." They call each other by strange, archaic names.

This is the Society for Creative Anachronism, where the Middle Ages come alive, with a few modern improvements.

"This is the Middle Ages as it could have been," said Stephen Oyler, seneschal — or president — of the local group.

The Society for Creative Anachronism was started in the late 1960s. Author Marion Zimmer Bradley is credited with giving it the name.

Now, thousands of people all over the world participate in battle recreations, feasts and other events of the SCA. Local members said it is not a religious group, espouses no particular philosophy, and is open to anyone.

Members create a character based on any culture that occurred sometime between the years 600-1600. For example, a person might research the costumes and culture of the 13th Century Irish, and build a character around that.

Members give themselves appropriate names for the time period, and practice whatever skills, arts or crafts that interest them. Most members make their own costumes, complete with authentic designs and details.

"Whatever hobby you have, you can find a place for it," said Kay Oyler, Stephen's wife, who got interested in the group after attending an event with her son, Daniel. Daughter Bethany is also a member.

Kay Oyler works with stained glass, sews costumes and is even learning to spin fleece into yarn as part of SCA. Members said its historical lessons make it a valuable resource for children.

"This is a great place for kids to learn history, because members do so much research," explained Robert Black, or "Lord Agnar" in his Nordic costume. He, along with several other members of the local group, takes his children to gatherings whenever possible.

Black also collects books on costumes of the time period, along with calligraphy, weaving and other arts. He sews, weaves his own belts and has won several awards for his work in SCA.

After being part of a group in Killeen some years ago, Black started the local chapter. He says there are about 18 adult members now.

Local SCA is gearing up for some high-profile demonstrations and activities. Saturday, they performed a demonstration at College Park Shopping Center.

On Dec. 6, they plan to perform as part of Trail of Lights. Sometime next month, members plan to offer a class on making soap, and in the spring, they hope to offer educational programs for local schools.

Still, there are detractors. Some have likened the group to those who play the game, "Dungeons and Dragons." But members say they have no connection with the game.

In SCA, all characters are human: There are no elves or wizards and no magic.

In their other lives, or "mundane lives," as some members refer to them, SCA members are nurses, doctors, in the mili-

tary, students and professionals.

Daniel Oyler became involved with SCA after visiting Black's house to replace his water heater. He saw Black's collection of weapons and other items, and asked him about it.

"I can't believe the fun we're having," said Kay Oyler. "It's really the first thing we've found the whole family is interested in."

"It's for anybody and everybody," said Black. "Almost everybody can find something they are interested in."

SCA meets the first Friday of each month at the home of Kay and Stephen Oyler. Call them for more information at 263-0246, or call Bethany at 268-9554.



Anachronism:

A chronological misplacing of persons, events, objects or customs in regard to each other.

—Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary



In the photos, clockwise from top: Robert Rose aims his arrow. Practicing archery is one of the activities of the Society for Creative Anachronism. In the next photo, Robert Black plays a handmade drum, one of many skills and crafts members of the group practice. Bottom, right, Duane Stockton helps Jennifer Smith put on her armor in preparation for a mock battle. At right, Kay Oyler spins fleece into yarn, an ancient art she learned through the group. In the center photo, Ed Jenkins, left, and Richard Senter battle it out at Comanche Trail Park, while Robert Black watches.

Photos by Jonathan Garrett //Story by Debbie L. Jensen

Making a list, checking it twice, La, la, lah, la, la...

Three more weeks until Christmas and I've reminded my family not to get me anything I have to feed, wash or dust. Sometimes they know me better than I know myself. Last year two of my favorite gifts were from my husband and my son, Mark. They both bought me a skillet.

I could never get a straight answer from my mother about what she wanted. What she said when I asked depended on what she was doing at the time. "I want this iron to stop blacking up." "I want this cake to stop sticking to the pan." "I want the wind to stop howling under that door."

The older I get, the more I understand her answers. I

made me a list like that. Just things that have come to mind now and then.

1. I want to remember that charity is more than giving to the poor. It is, also, tolerating the rich, being respectful to our fellow men and forgiving others as easily as we forgive ourselves.

2. I want the politically correct speech police to know that I don't speak their language. If "fellow men" is good enough for the Bible, it's good enough for me. I also use "chairman" for everyone, and I don't substitute "gender" for male or female.

3. I want pseudo-scientists to play by the rules of empirical scientific evidence or pick up their agendas and go home.

4. I want the media crowd who report pseudo-science as accepted fact to go with them.

5. I want Julie and Toni to know that I thought about them on their birthdays and the reason I didn't call is because I'm jealous that their skin is better than mine.

6. Speaking of birthdays, I want that fly-by-night insur-

ance company that sent me a oily little notice in the mail that said, "Congratulations! Next month you'll be 60!" — to know they've got me mixed up with somebody else. That was Clyde McMahon.

7. I want the dogs to stop having ear mites and the cats to stop having kittens.

8. I want our City Council to remember that there is already an ordinance concerning junked cars.

9. I want term limits for everyone holding government office, and a flat tax of 5 percent paid for with spending cuts.

10. I want to know why I'm the only person in the world for whom those filters Paul Harvey

sells don't work. Yes, Paul. I still have to dust every six weeks. Only now it's not dust. It's more like fine volcanic ash.

11. I want the President's Committee on Race Relations to ready Randy Alcorn's 1996 novel, "Dominion," for its insightful treatment of the subject.

12. I want the parents who bad-mouth everyone from the coaches to the waterboys' dogs at student sporting events to stay home and listen to the game on the radio.

Our kids need better examples set for them.

13. On the same subject, I want store managers who sell magazines, to conceal, in plain brown wrappings, those pic-

tures of weird, half-naked women on the covers. Our young women deserve better role-models.

14. I want the post office to send out the 51 change-of-address notices required of me to accommodate the 911 System.

My mother was a smart woman. There is no end to a list like this, but it sure makes you feel better to get a few things off your chest. So, just one more thing.

15. I want a real old-fashioned Christmas this year. The kind where Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Christ. I hope you have one, too.



Eunice Choate
Columnist

WEDDINGS

GARRETT-WOMACK

Rosemond Kay Garrett and Dr. James Clifford Womack, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on Nov. 29, 1997, at the New York-New York Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. with Rev. Phillip York officiating.

She is the daughter of Virginia and Roy Keefer, Big Spring, and the late Parnell Garrett, Big Spring.

He is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Thomas Womack.

The couple stood before classic silver urns filled with sophisticated blossoms of deep colors.

Emilio Morel was the pianist.

She wore a traditional white satin gown featuring a Sabrina neckline and fitted bodice covered with pearls and sequins on schiffli lace. The deep V-back with four strands of pearls lead to a beaded back bow that accented a 12-foot cathedral train.

She carried a bouquet of stargazer lilies, scarlet red roses and purple dedrobium orchids.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Il Fornai Cucina Italiana Restaurant, Las Vegas, Nev.

The wedding cake was a two tiered cake decorated with doves, lace and garden fresh



MRS. JAMES CLIFFORD WOMACK

roses. The bride's table was draped in white satin with white schiffli lace overlay covered in pearls and sequins. A champagne centerpiece featuring scarlet roses completed the setting.

The bride is self-employed as a free lance advertising consultant specializing in audio, video and film productions.

The groom is has a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. He specializes in family practice and office orthopedics.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will make their home on Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo.

Author's experience makes novel fascinating

"Harvest." Tess Gerritsen. Packet Books of Simon and Schuster, Inc., New York, New York. August, 1997. 343 pages. \$6.50.

"Harvest" is a fascinating thriller woven around the emotionally-charged issue of organ donations. The story centers on the life of Dr. Abby DiMatteo, a senior resident at a major hospital in Boston, who has been chosen to be one of the elite members of the cardiac transplant team.

Despite the honor that accompanies her selection, Abby feels tremendous pressure to make medical and ethical decisions that are in compliance with those of the transplant team.

Abby's first major confrontation with the senior transplant physicians comes when she helps a dying teenager become the recipient of heart by a assisting the donor family to

specify to whom the heart should go. At the same time, the transplant team doctors had moved the wife of one of their business associates to the head of the recipient list, and Abby felt this was a violation of her medical and personal ethics.

Finding mysterious circumstances surrounding the group of surgeons with which she is aligned, Abby searches for answers.

As her investigations continue, she finds organ donor records missing, as well as evidence of other records being falsified. As Abby continues to

question where organ donations have originated, there are blatant attempts to stop her investigation.

When she perseveres, her superiors threaten to eliminate her position on the hospital staff. In a terrifying moment when she encounters someone trying to kill her, the pieces of the puzzle fall in place.

Tess Gerritsen has crafted a tale of suspense and horror, while giving the reader some glimpse into the possibilities of mismanagement and financial power that could affect the distribution of life-giving organs in today's medical world.

The author has cleverly written "Harvest" in a manner that allow the reader to question his/her own moral and ethical views.

The character of Abby DiMatteo is skillfully developed, giving her a humanness that we all would like to find within our caregivers

In addition, the author gives Abby a growing maturity as she allows her to face direct challenges, yet be vulnerable to admit her personal needs for love and romance, for strength to make morally correct decisions, and to continue her professional search for achievement and acknowledgement.

Gerritsen's certification and practice as an internist gives her the medical knowledge to speak accurately about the routines and professional attitudes that pervade the healing arts. Her sensitivity in ethical matters is obvious as she skillfully presents her story.

"Harvest" is absorbing and fascinating, but it wouldn't be the book to accompany you to the hospital if you need surgery.

RATING: (***) three out of four = Entertaining and worthwhile.



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

STORK CLUB

Erin Elizabeth Lowery, girl, Nov. 7, 1997, 8:24 p.m., eight pounds one ounce and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Kerry and Sonceia Lowery, Coahoma.

Grandparents are Lee Dale and Laura Lowery, Big Spring, and Kenneth and Mary Scott, Sand Springs.

Rose Mary Yanez, girl, Nov. 21, 1997, 8:12 p.m., five pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Laura Franco and Lorenzo Yanez.

Grandparents are Arthuro and Rosa Yanez and Roberto and Maria Franco, all of Big Spring.

Tarryn Ashleigh Heckler, girl, Nov. 12, 1997, 10:09 p.m., seven pounds 10 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Brian and Shawn Heckler.

Grandparents are Burr Lea

and Sharon Settles, Jr., F.K. Heckler, all of Big Spring, and Patty Brewer, San Angelo.

Christian Blake Letcher, boy, Nov. 13, 1997, 8:25 p.m., eight pounds 7 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Brandy and Ronald Letcher.

Grandparents are Bill and Peggy Willis, Midland, Ron Letcher, Big Spring, and Sheri Englert, Kerrville.

Flint Dean Roberts, boy, Nov. 7, 1997, 10:08 a.m., seven pounds 4 1/4 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Freddy and Lee Roberts.

Grandparents are Betty and Joe Dubits, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Freeman and Jacquita Roberts, Lawton, Okla.

Bailee Elizabeth Allen, Nov. 18, 1997, 7:47 p.m., eight pounds and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Mark and Tammy Allen.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Jean Moore and Lawrence and Nila Allen, all of Big Spring.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Damascus" Walker Coon Hound, spayed female, 5-years-old, house broken, large dog, very calm.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Skittle" Corgi mix, 10-month-old, black and white male, full of energy, loves to play.

"Champ" Collie mix, four months old, reddish blonde mix.

"Salena" We need help from above for this very active female Heeler mix. Spayed 9-month-old, doesn't like cats, needs a good home with lots of patience and room to roam.

"Pudge" Short-legged, pit bull mix, 2-years-old, spayed, calm, like to play boss.

"Ink Spot" Basenji mix, solid black markings, very friendly.

"Lucky" Seventh month old, Heeler mix, would love a farm to play on.

10-week-old black Lab mix puppies, would look very nice with a big red bow for Christmas.

"Nancy" Young adult, short haired Collie, ferile, very calm, would be good with kids.

"Sharp Sharp" Spayed female

Sharpei mix, blonde, will be a medium size dog.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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What's it worth? Putting a price tag on all the things you do

By BILL SCHACKNER
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Ever wonder what you're really worth?

Not just your paycheck. But the value in dollars and cents when you cook a meal, haul out the garbage, mail a utility payment, pick up the dry cleaning or read your children to sleep.

Impossible to slap a price tag on all that, you say? Think again.

Reuben Slesinger, a University of Pittsburgh economist, has been doing it for 35 years. He is a recognized expert in "forensic economics," a discipline more frequently found in technical journals than in college textbooks.

Armed with a blizzard of statistics and a work sheet, Slesinger puts a bottom-line price on what it would cost to replace someone like you. It's a concept many would rather not ponder, but one that has grown indispensable in an increasingly litigious society.

His calculations, delivered over the years in hundreds of wrongful-death suits, disability cases and other legal battles, are used by lawyers trying to forecast the unrealized lifetime worth of an accident or crime victim.

He makes those predictions to the last dollar.

"I know you can't put a value on life itself," said Slesinger, an emeritus professor who has taught at Pitt for more than 50 years. "What you're doing is putting a value on the lost economic horizon, your lost economic potential."

This fall, he's teaching a course in forensic economics as

an adjunct professor at Point Park College. And he gives some students a chance to discuss with him what their true economic value might be.

Those who show up are in for a dose of life's inequities.

College degree holders, for one thing, earn more on average than high school graduates. So Slesinger puts their economic potential nearly 40 percent higher in many cases.

White workers tend to be better compensated than minority employees, so they fare better in his calculations than comparably educated black and Hispanic people. Male earnings outpace those of females.

And while many working mothers would take exception, Slesinger said he and others who practiced forensic economics used government data indicating that women spend 25 percent to 30 percent fewer years on the job than men.

"A lot of women object to those figures," said Slesinger, a slightly built man who keeps notebooks crammed with data within arm's reach in his office at Pitt. "They say women only stay out of the job market for two or three months to have children."

Then there's the gender gap over household chores and how it translates into projections of economic worth.

Slesinger said that even when a husband and wife both worked full time, studies show that a woman does far more around the house than a man — 30 hours a week, typically, compared to 10 or 12.

"She does most of the things that husbands don't do," he said.

—Scripps Howard News Service

life! policies

All Sunday items are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

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Talking turkey a billion dollar industry in Texas

By BLAIR FANNIN

Bryan-College Station Eagle

BULKHOLTS — Turkey talk in Texas isn't cheap. In fact, it's a \$180-million business that, while putting turkeys on the dinner table for Texans on Thanksgiving Day and throughout the year, also is diversifying the family farm for an area producer.

"I made the decision to get into the business because of diversification, to keep the family farm going," said Darrell Glaser, who raises brooder toms for Waco's Plantation Foods.

The Glaser farm northwest of Cameron near Buckholts was mainly a cattle and row crop operation prior to its venture into the turkey business.

High feed prices and increased operation costs forced Glaser to take a hard look four years ago at the

future of his livelihood.

"It just got to a point that there was no way to make it like it was," said the 30-year-old Texas A&M University graduate, who holds a master's degree in nutrition.

"This way," he said, "we will be able to stay in both businesses. The cattle operation benefits because of the turkey litter, which we use to fertilize our pastures."

Since 1995, the number of turkeys in Texas has soared to more than 8 million and receipts have hit the \$180-million mark, according to the state Comptroller's office. With turkey meat popularity on the rise, sales will continue to increase going into the holiday food shopping season.

Katie Harris, a family and consumer sciences Extension agent, said the holiday shopping season brings strong competition among grocery stores,

which will offer turkeys at low prices.

"It's a very competitive time of year when everybody tries to get you into their store," Harris said. "When you've got 20 people coming over for dinner, your going to spend a fair amount of change in that store."

Stores have been heavily stocking traditional holiday food items that include everything from sweet potatoes to cranberry sauce. But when people sit down and eat a slice of turkey breast or a piece of whole Turkey Thursday, few may think of where it came from.

At the Glaser's farm, four turkey houses sit on 30 acres, with each house holding 20,000 to 30,000 birds that are three weeks old. After the birds become five to six weeks of

age, they are moved to a grow-out house. From there, they are sent to slaughter, where most are breasted and the meat is processed and packaged.

A few of the turkeys are processed whole, ready to be prepared for the dinner table.

The Glaser turkey operation will run 700,000 turkeys through its houses in a year. Profits are in the neighborhood of \$20,000 to \$30,000 per farm, depending on how efficiently it is run.

"We're real busy when we are putting the baby birds in the first couple of weeks," Glaser said. "It's quite a bit different from chickens. They pile up real easy. For a period of three weeks, it's pretty hectic."

"You have to really pour the feed on and try to get them used to eating. They are going through a really stressful period there, and it takes them a

while to get used to everything."

The turkey operation mirrors Bryan's Sanderson Farms, with a network of contract growers. Just like raising chickens for slaughter, Glaser's turkey operation can be confining.

"It's a seven-day-a-week job," Glaser said. "But once you get past that first three weeks, it's not that much of a full-time job. That's why it works so well with other farming operations."

When the houses are cleaned out, Glaser distributes the fertilizer on his pastures to improve grazing for the family's 150-head cattle operation.

"The benefit is hard to measure in dollars and cents, but I know we spent a bunch in fertilizer prior to the turkey houses," he said. "We get a lot of benefits from the manure, like calcium, iron, magnesium ... some of things that you don't

necessarily get from fertilizer."

The business has been good for the Glasers. Darrell's mother, Jeanette, worked for the Buckholts school district to support her two children, who were in college before they started their turkey operation.

"I had to take a job in town to support the kids in college and hold onto the farm," she said.

After graduation from A&M, Darrell returned home and was the first in the area to enter the turkey business. After things progressed well, he asked his mother if she would help him if he built two more houses.

"I quit my job and have enjoyed it ever since," she said.

"We both like to deer hunt and play golf, so when one of us wants to get away for a while, there's always either Darrell or myself here looking after things. I don't regret it at all."

SAME NAME, MORE SERVICE



Crossroads Communications owner Rick Peurifoy is surrounded by members of the Ambassadors group at a recent ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating Crossroads' computer sales and service department. Crossroads has been providing Internet service in Big Spring since the early part of 1997.

Old-fashioned Christmas clubs making a comeback

By JIM GALLAGHER

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In an era of instant credit, the old-fashioned Christmas Club is holding its own as a symbol of family thrift.

Credit unions say 15 percent to 20 percent of their members sock away a part of each paycheck in hopes of having a merry Christmas without debt.

The figure hasn't changed very much over the years, said Michelle Rosner, marketing director at Aerospace Credit

Union in St. Louis.

"I think the clubs are a great idea, especially as a way to hold down on the credit-card loans," said Rosner. "You pay a little each week to the Christmas club, then the holidays don't hit so hard."

Most people participate through payroll deduction, either through a credit union linked to their employer, or through an employer-sponsored club.

The interest they earn is modest, to say the least. Calls

to a handful of credit unions around St. Louis found interest rates running about 3 percent to 3.3 percent.

A money-market mutual fund would pay 5.1 percent, and you could land 4.9 percent with a 6-month bank CD.

Some Christmas clubs also impose a penalty — sometimes \$25 — for people who withdraw the money before the holiday shopping season.

But a Christmas club requires no minimum balance to start. A CD may require a few hundred dollars and a money market fund may demand \$1,000 or more.

That makes the clubs a rather painless way to save for people who don't have much savings to begin with. Many club members contribute only \$10 or so for each pay period.

At First Community Credit Union in St. Louis, the average club account holds \$750 by November. That nearly matches the \$800 or so that the average person plans to spend on Christmas.

Credit unions say they're getting a bigger share of the club pie.

"Very few of the large financial institutions still offer Christmas Clubs," said Gina House, marketing director at First Community Credit Union. "Most big banks have dropped it from the product line."

Bankers dispute that statement, however. In fact, some banks report that demand for Christmas Clubs is actually rising lately.

"For a while, it went out of style, but they seem to be making a comeback," said Virginia McGuire, spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association in Washington.

"It's kind of like ... old clothing from the '60s is back in style today."

Hollinger to sell 160 newspapers in 11 states

CHICAGO (AP) — Hollinger International Inc. said Monday it is selling more than 160 newspapers in 11 states, or about 40 percent of its U.S. community newspaper group, to a buyout firm for \$310 million.

The company, whose newspapers include the Chicago Sun-Times and The Daily Telegraph of London, said the sales to Los Angeles-based Leonard Green & Partners will help pay for its recent acquisition of the Post-Tribune in Gary, Ind.

Chicago-based Hollinger also will use proceeds from the sales to reduce debt and to help pursue further acquisitions.

The properties being sold include daily, weekly and free-circulation publications with a total circulation of about 900,000 per week.

The largest clusters are in southern Illinois, Missouri, western New York, Pennsylvania and California. Most of the papers were purchased before 1990 and include

some of the first community newspapers acquired by Hollinger.

Leonard Green, which specializes in organizing management buyouts of companies, has formed a new company to own the newspapers. Kenneth L. Serota, Hollinger's vice president of law and finance, will become president and chief executive of the new group.

Hollinger publishes English-language newspapers in the United States, Britain, Canada and Israel.

PUC investigating mistaken, fraudulent telephone bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Reading a phone bill might be as exciting as reading the local yellow pages, but officials at the Texas Public Utility Commission say Texans could protect themselves from fraud simply by reviewing their monthly statements.

The PUC on Monday opened an investigation into the growing problem of fraudulent and mistaken billing by various phone companies. The practice, known as cramming, is quickly becoming a top complaint at the utility commission. Officials want to know how it happens and how to stop it.

Commission Chairman Pat Wood said Texans need to scrutinize their bills and question anything that doesn't look right.

"If you've got something weird, call us," he urged Texans. "Some of this is just plain fraud."

Under federal law, local phone companies, such as Southwestern Bell, that do their own billing must provide

billing services to other telephone companies, like AT&T and many lesser known companies. Those companies can offer a wide range of services, from paging to voice mail.

Wayne Detjen, of SWB, said Bell can't verify the accuracy of charges provided by other companies on SWB bills. "We have to take the service provider's word," he said.

Detjen added that even if the billing company knows people involved with a new company have defrauded customers in the past, federal law doesn't allow them to deny billing services to the new company.

Detjen said he recalled only once when SWB stopped billing for a company that was ripping off customers. He said that landed SWB in court and took a long time and a lot of money to resolve.

Michael Nighan, a regulatory affairs representative for Frontier Communications, a small long distance company, said it's up to the PUC to identify the bad guys.

"We can't play judge and jury," he said. "You tell us who you don't want us to serve, and we'll not serve them."

Jane Briesemeister, a policy analyst for Consumers Union, said Texans won't always be protected even if they carefully read their bills.

By law, phone customers who don't pay all toll charges on their monthly bills can have their long distance and local telephone services disconnected. That means if a customer finds a bogus toll charge, they face losing local service if they fight it, she said, adding that the PUC could change that rule.

Ms. Briesemeister also suggested the PUC require companies that send the bills to fully itemize them and scrutinize the services for which other companies are billing.

Most often, the billing company refers complaints to the company that claims to have provided the questioned service.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Border manufacturing big business

Mexican manufacturing plants, or *maquiladoras*, in six cities along the Texas border employ more than 343,000 workers who produce items such as electronic and transportation equipment, textiles and apparel. The four Mexican states that border Texas along the Rio Grande are home to 42 percent of all the *maquiladoras* in Mexico and employ 56 percent of all Mexican *maquila* employees.

4-state total	Total maquilas	Employment in thousands
Chihuahua	409	236
Cd. Juárez	294	188
Coahuila	238	75
Cd. Acuña	53	27
Piedras Negras	45	12
Nuevo Leon	106	38
Tamaulipas	337	134
Nuevo Laredo	53	20
Reynosa	91	44
Matamoros	121	52
State total	1,990	482
Mexico total	2,824	991

* Totals as of March 1997.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Twin Plant News; Mexican National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information; and Dallas Federal Reserve Bank.

BEACON MANUFACTURING



Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors group welcome Beacon Manufacturing Housing Inc. to the Big Spring business community. Beacon Sales Manager Ron Becker and President Roy Taylor cut the ribbon at a recent ceremony welcoming the company to town. Beacon sells the homes manufactured by Signal Homes.

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Sheldon, Darlene, 3304 W. Hwy 80 No. 50, Big Spring
Smith, Rosemary, 711 E. 15th, Big Spring
Tate, Jonetta, 1400 Austin, Big Spring
Thomas, John Bedford, III, 3304 N. Hwy 80, No. 3, Big Spring
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Torres, Eloy Santiago, 3706 Caroline, Big Spring
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Howard County Clerk's Office:
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Valentin Calderon Quintana, 21, Cecilia Mier, 18
Jose Marcos Pesena, 19, and Lisa Ann Torres, 17
Virgil Leuy McGee, 53, and Wanda Jean Mize, 53
Jeremy Lee Jackson, 27, and Rachelle Leigh Ringnor, 23
The following marriage license is a correction:
Adam Mauricio Torres, 24, and Carey Rios, 21

County Court:
Court Records:
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: James C. Abbott, Adam M. Cisneros, Quentin Dickson, Giles R. Horton
Order: James C. Abbott, Adam M. Cisneros, Quentin Dickson, Giles R. Horton
Order amending conditions of probation: Jesse Salgado
Probated judgment fail to identify: Isbell L. Williams \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment burglary of vehicle: Gerald Wayne Darnell \$150 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over \$500/under \$1,500: Gerald Wayne Darnell \$150 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Gerald Wayne Darnell \$150 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI: Joseph Yanez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Shane Anderson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Quentin O. Dickson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: David Rodriguez \$300 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
Probated judgment flee scene of accident: Steve Scott Anderson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Quentin Dickson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI: Byron Craig Gressett (2nd offense) \$800 fine and 2 years in jail, Mary Helen Hernandez \$400 fine and 180 days in jail
Order of dismissal: Neal E. McCluskey

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grantor: Ruth G. Robinson
grantee: Robert E. Robinson
property: being a 3 acre tract of land out of and a part of the northwest 1/4 of section 12, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Nov. 17, 1997

grantor: Ruth G. Robinson
grantee: Robert E. and Debra A Robinson
property: a 3 acre tract of land out of and a part of the northwest 1/4 of section 12, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Nov. 21, 1997

grantor: Mike David Thomas, Shirley Crociani and Danny Buchanan
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: all of lot 1, blk. 5, Hathcock Heights Addition
filed: Nov. 17, 1997

grantor: Frances R. Walker
grantee: Delamer J. and Karen P. Brewer
property: lot 7, blk. 9, Washington Place Addition
filed: Nov. 17, 1997

grantor: Guadalupe D. and Maria Martinez
grantee: Anselmo and Clemencia Cano
property: 0.11 acre tract of land out of section 44, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Nov. 18, 1997

grantor: Ruth Dolores Layden
grantee: Layden Family Partnership, LTD
property: 100 acres out of the north 1/2 of section 9, blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Nov. 19, 1997

grantor: Jimmy and Barbara Martinez
grantee: Karen H. Schiller
property: lot 14, blk. 2, Colonial Hills
filed: Nov. 19, 1997

grantor: Beverly Kleiber
grantee: Loy and Linda Serrano
property: lot 7, blk. 4, Western Hill Addition
filed: Nov. 19, 1997

grantor: Chase Mortgage Services, Inc.
grantee: HUD
property: all of lot 3, blk. 26, Monticell Addition
filed: Nov. 20, 1997

grantor: Evelyn Rae Williams
grantee: Kevin Carter Junkin
property: lot 6, blk. 5, Central Park Addition

Former Microsoft exec working magic from Texas Hill Country

By LORI HAWKINS
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — As a top executive at Microsoft Corp., Mike Maples played a key role in turning the company into a multibillion-dollar software powerhouse.

Then, in the summer of 1995, after seven years of seven-day work weeks, Maples retired to a 1,450-acre ranch in the Texas Hill Country. Among his goals: hunt deer with a bow and arrow, learn to fly fish and take a safari from Uganda to South Africa.

Working with Austin software companies wasn't necessarily on the agenda. But it's happening anyway.

During the past year, Maples, 55, has become a board member of three Austin high-tech companies, and has offered straightforward advice, free of charge, to a dozen or so others. He is playing a role similar to that of Jimmy Treybig, the co-founder of Tandem Computers in Cupertino, Calif., who retired to Austin last year and has advised a number of Austin tech firms. The knowledge they share is invaluable to entrepreneurs building a company for the first time.

"Most of them don't have a lot of experience in how to real-

ly get the company going. They have a product, but don't know what to do next," says Maples, who headed all of Microsoft's marketing and development.

"I'll sit down for a half-day with them, we'll talk about strategy, where they want to be, how they plan to get there," he says. "I tell them what I think. They can either act on it, or ignore me."

At meetings with Austin companies, he has seen some promising people and technology and spotted some recurring red flags. "Most firms have this view: 'We'll build the product, then we'll hire a marketing person,'" he says. "There's still an attitude that marketing is that department on the other side of the building. They don't understand that without good marketing, you're going to miss the boat."

At a time when virtually every software company is either competing against Microsoft or trying to partner with it, Maples' connections to the Redmond, Wash., company are prized.

"He's got tremendous insights into that company and how to form a relationship with them," says John Hime,

an Austin high-tech veteran who has invested in a number of Central Texas companies. "That's stuff you can't buy with any amount of money in the world. And here's a guy who is sharing that knowledge with Austin companies."

World.hire, an Austin startup

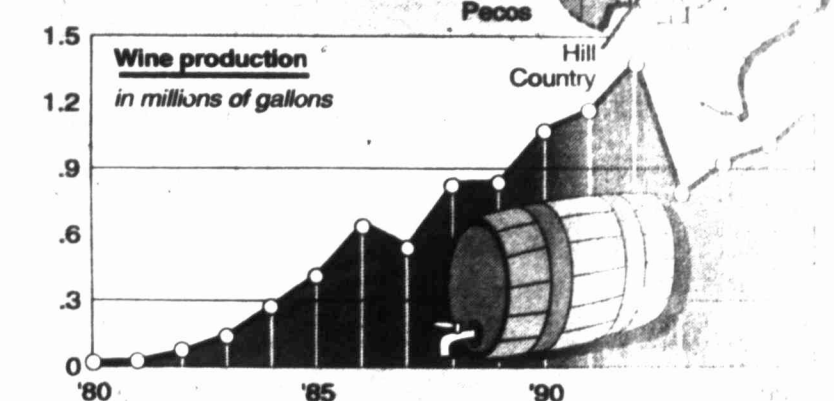
company that develops software for corporate recruiting, has taken advantage of Maples' marketing expertise.

"A very small amount of time with him was an unbelievably large help," says Hank Stringer, chief executive

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas wines make holidays sparkle

An estimated 1.2 million gallons of wine was produced in Texas in 1996 on 187 vineyards in the state.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Wine Marketing Research Institute at Texas Tech University

What You Need To Know About Furnace & Heat Pump Safety This Winter

If you're like most homeowners, you know the importance of having your furnace or heat pump safety-checked, cleaned and tuned-up at least once a year.

If you haven't had it done this year, here are 6 reasons why you should have your furnace or heat pump maintenance done right now:

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Insurance billboards helping consumers

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance is using billboard advertising to help boost interest in a statewide program intended to help homeowners fight insurance discrimination.

Billboards marketing TDI's Market Assistance Program (MAP) will go up Monday at three Houston locations as well as in Austin. Additional signs are planned for areas in the Rio Grande Valley starting Jan. 15.

The billboards, costing about \$2,000 each, will stay up for three months and are meant to inform Texans who have had trouble getting insurance for their homes that the department could help.

The message says: "Can't buy insurance? Call now! 1-888-799-MAPP. Texas Department of

The success of the Houston, Insurance."

Austin and South Texas campaigns will determine whether TDI orders billboards in other areas, the department said.

TDI set up the program last fall after lawmakers approved it in 1995. It is intended to fight redlining, the illegal practice of denying insurance policies in poor, old or minority-dominated neighborhoods.

The insurance department expected applications from thousands of homeowners. But in the first year, fewer than a dozen policies have been issued in the 427 ZIP codes targeted by the program.

Critics of the MAP, mostly insurance industry representatives, said the lack of interest shows homeowners are not having trouble finding coverage.

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